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Pangong Range, Kakstet Kangri, First Winter Ascent

India, Ladakh

Kakstet Kangri (6,561m) is an attractive mountain on the south bank of the Pangong Tso and is named after Kakstet village, from which it can easily be seen. It was climbed on September 3, 2001, by 11 young members of the Eighth Mountain Division of the Indian Army. From a camp at 5,400m, they climbed the southeast face and southeast ridge. In February 2015 this route was followed again by an 11-member expedition organized by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation to make the first winter ascent. The Pangong Range lies north of the true crest of the Ladakh Range and is an eastern extension of the Karakoram. See AAJ 2011 for a sketch map of the peaks.

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