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### **Chaukhamba III, South Ridge (Nearly to Summit)**

India, Western Garhwal, Gangotri

**In October, the American-Canadian team of Joel Kauffman, Jason Kruk, and Tad McCrea climbed the 1,600m south ridge of Chaukhamba III (6,974m), stopping on the summit ridge just 16m below and some distance from the top.** The team spent 12 days away from their base camp on the Panpatia Bank during their final, alpine-style push, with six days on the actual route. The only previously known attempt on this mountain, the highest unclimbed peak in the Gangotri, took place in 2004 when an Indian expedition reached ca 6,300m from the west. The 2016 route on the south ridge was named Sab Kuch Milega (5.10 A0 AI4+ 90°).

– Lindsay Griffin

## Images



Chaukhamba III (6,974m) is the summit on the right. The south ridge faces the camera. The 2016 route began on the right side of the ridge and finished left of the summit.

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