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### **Sharphu VI, First Ascent, via East Flank**

Nepal, Ohmi Kangri Himal

High on Sharphu VI during the first ascent, via the east flank. Photo by Xtreme Climbers

**On March 25**, a team from the company Xtreme Climbers made the first ascent of Sharphu VI (6,076m, 27°46'26.82"N, 87°55'21.81"E), the most northerly in the main chain of Sharphu peaks. The only known previous attempt on this summit had been made in the fall of 2023 (AAJ 2024), when Japanese climbers tried the northwest ridge.

Hernán Leal (Chile), Lhakpa Chhiri Sherpa, Ngada Sherpa, and Purnima Shrestha (all from Nepal) set up base camp in the Nupchu Valley, northwest of Kambachen, at around 4,600 meters. After several days of acclimatization, they made three rotations to an intermediary camp at 5,250 meters and Camp 1 at around 5,500 meters, just below the start of the steep, convoluted glacier on the mountain's east flank.

On March 23, they left base camp and spent nights at both camps. On the 25th, they slanted southwest across the broken glacial slopes, overcoming steep ice pitches, to finish up the northeast face and final section of the northwest ridge of Sharphu VI.

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## Images



The summit of Sharphu VI from high on the east flank glacier. The top was reached via the final section of the northwest ridge (right skyline).



View of the summit area of Sharphu VI while ascending the complex glacier on the east flank.



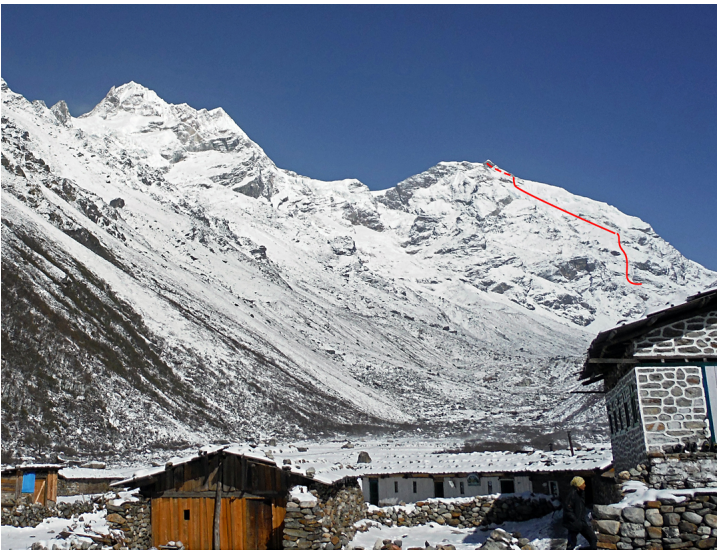
On the east face glacier of Sharphu VI. The summit is the ice-capped rock up to the left.



Approaching the top of the east face glacier and heading for the summit (the ice-capped dome on left) of Sharphu VI.



High on Sharphu VI (6,076m) during the first ascent, via the east flank. The route finished on the upper section of the right skyline (northwest) ridge.



The northern part of the Sharphu chain from the village of Kambachen. On the left are Sharphu I and II. To the right is Sharphu VI (6,076m), with the 2025 first ascent shown. See also a photo in AAJ 2025.

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