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### **Yanme Kang, South Face**

Nepal, Ohmi Kangri Himal

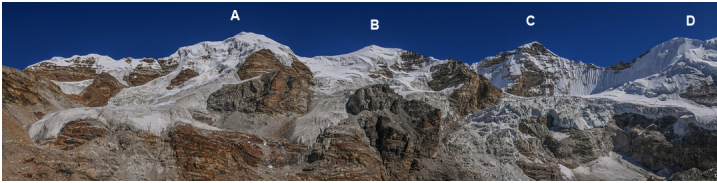
**Approaching via Yangma and the lakes of Nangamari Pokhari and Pabuk Pokhari, Grégoire Lestienne and Floriane Pugin (France) established base camp on October 24 at 5,400m.** On the 28th they moved up to a bivouac at 5,800m on the south face of unclimbed Yanme Kang (6,206m, 27°56'59.64"N, 87°50'29.08"E), a peak opened in 2003 that lies on the border with Tibet to the northwest of Nangamari. On the following day they climbed the south face to the summit, comparing the route to ascending the Dome du Goûter in the Mont Blanc Range. There was little danger except for a large crevasse that cut across the whole face at 6,000m and was passable via a snow bridge. Their GPS measured 6,220m on the summit.

On the 30th they attempted the first ascent of Lang Chung Kang (6,475m), another border peak at approximately 27°56'20.19"N, 87°51'32.28"E, between Yanme Kang and Nangamari. The western flank of this fine pyramid is objectively very serious, and the access to it is very exposed to huge serac falls, as shown by a drone reconnaissance. Instead, the two tried to climb the peak by crossing the border north of Nangamari and reaching the east face. They climbed 500m to an altitude of 5,300m, where it began to snow and they retreated.

They left base camp and moved south of Pabuk Pokhari, then on November 2 climbed a 400m northeast-facing ice/mixed couloir that led to a col at about 5,700m on the east-southeast ridge of Senup (6,265m). They named this ascent Les Brasseurs Savoyacks (M3 75°).

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## Images



A panoramic view north to northeast of peaks on the Tibetan border. (A) Yanme Kang. (B) Peak 6,206m. (C) Lang Chung Kang. (D) Peak 6,371m.



En route to the summit of Yanme Kang via the south face. In the background the Tibetan side of the Makalu–Everest ridge.



Yanme Kang south face and route of ascent seen from the Ghang La (5,746m) on the Nepal-Tibet frontier.





Nearing the top of Les Brasseurs Savoyacks, with a magnificent panorama of largely unclimbed peaks to the northeast. Dominant, more or less in the center, is Nangamari I. The high, triangular-topped peak near the left edge of the image, with an almost rocky summit area, is Lang Chung Kang.



Nangamari from the northwest. This peak was first climbed by Australians in 2010 via the southwest ridge (right skyline).



Les Brasseurs Savoyacks to a ca 5,700m col on the east-southeast ridge of Senup.



Looking south from the col reached by Les Brasseurs Savoyacks at peaks in the little-known Chhochenphu Himal, rising to around 6,000m.

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