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Bansa Hill Climbs

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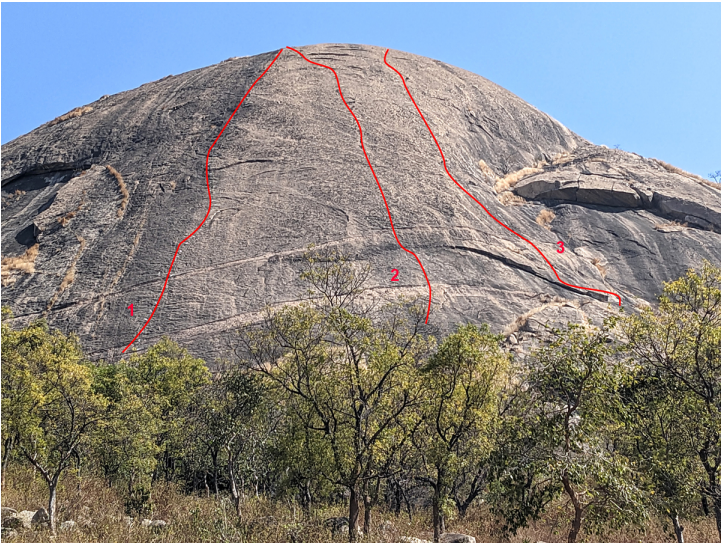
New rock routes have been established on the granite dome known as Bansa Hill (about 280m high, 23°21'59.19"N, 85°55'35.89"E), near the village of Tulin in eastern India. The first long routes here were climbed by Sandeep Maity and Sudipto Pal (India) in late 2021. They climbed Padmasambhaba (270m, 6a) and Bodhisatya (220m, 6c+/7a) on the eastern aspect. Sport climbs and boulder problems also have been developed at the base.

In January 2023, we traveled to Tulin and joined Indian climbing legend Mohit Oberoi. On the southwest aspect of the dome, Mohit and friends established Welcome to Bansa (240m, 5.8), while we established The Lounging Langurs (260m, 5.7+) and The Soaring Kite (260m, 5.8). All routes are bolt-protected.

There are dozens of similar formations in the area, and if permission were granted to climb on more domes, the region could be a slab climber's paradise.

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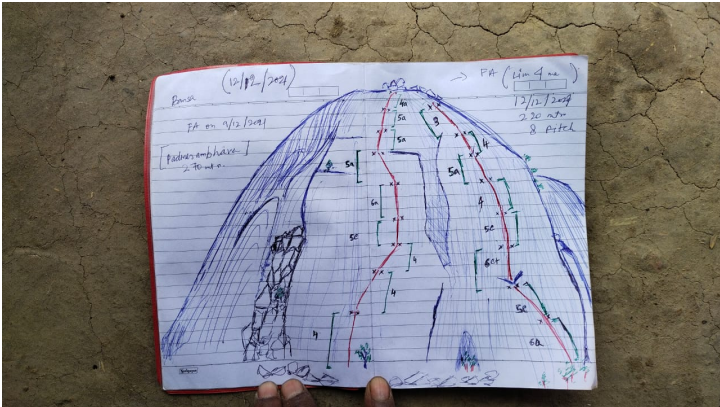
The southwest face of Bansa Hill with approximate lines of (1) The Lounging Langurs, (2) The Soaring Kite, and (3) Welcome to Bansa. The dome is about 260 meters high, and each route has seven pitches.



Bansa Hill from the southwest; the dome is about 260 meters high. The approximate line of The Lounging Langurs is marked.



Short climbs at the base of Bansa Hill.



Topo of the December 2021 climbs Padmasambhava (left) and Bodhisatya on the east side of Bansa Hill.

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