

# First expedition to Mt Khang Karpo succeeds

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Eight persons, including three women successfully reached the peak of Mt Khang Karpo (6,704m), becoming the first expedition to climb a virgin peak of Rolwaling Valley, Dolakha.

According to Dreamers Destination Trek, the trekking agency that organised the expedition, the team led by Nima Tenji Sherpa summited the peak on November 10. The peak was opened for climbing in 2014.

Talking to *THT* after returning from the summit, team leader Sherpa said that Squash Falconer (UK), Alison Levine (US), Kath Staniland (UK), Gopal Shrestha, Phurba Tenzing Sherpa, Tsering Pemba and Lakpa Nurbu Sherpa made the first ascent of Mt Khang Karpo.

American climber Levine said that the summit of the peak gave a closer view of Mt Everest, Lhotse, Makalu, Cho Oyu, Sisha Pangma, Gyachung Khang, Nuptse, Cho-Guru (Melungtse) and many more peaks around Khang Karpo.

She said that the team began the trek to the mountain on November 1 and reached the summit on November 10 at 2:00pm via the north

ridge. "The summit push took more than ten hours because there were numerous hanging glaciers."

Alison Levine, a *New York Times* best-selling author and filmmaker, said the team first met while climbing Mustagh Ata (7,509m) in 2007. Levine has also completed the Explorer's Grand Slam (Seven Summits and both Poles) and was part of the first ascent of Antarctica's Hall Peak in January.

Staniland is an accomplished sportswoman, business owner and mother of three children. During the trek to Khang Karpo base camp, she and Falconer paraglided from 4,500 metres above Na and are believed to be the first people to ever paraglide in the area.

Falconer is an adventurer, speaker and presenter and the first British woman to successfully paraglide from the summit of Mont Blanc. "She has summited both Mt Everest, Cho Oyu and various other peaks around the world."

Team leader Nima Tenji is a renowned international mountain guide. He summited Mt Langdak (6,220 m), Mt Raungsiyar (6,224 m) and Mt Thakar-Go East (6,152 m) leading the first ever Nepali team to the top of Rolwaling peaks in 2015.



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वि०सं० २०७३-७-२५ मा United Kingdom निवासी Ms. Samantha Louise Falconer (517813941) ले Nepal का नागरिक Mr. Nima Tenji Sherpa को नेतृत्वमा **First Ascent on Khang Karpo-6646m (Women Team Exp 2016)** नामक पर्यटारोहण दलको सदस्यका हैसियतले 6646 मिटर अग्लो **Khang Karpo** हिमाल सफलतापूर्वक आरोहण गरेको हुँदा यो प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान गरिएको छ ।

This is to certify that Ms. Samantha Louise Falconer (517813941) resident of United Kingdom as a member of **First Ascent on Khang Karpo-6646m (Women Team Exp 2016)** team led by Mr. Nima Tenji Sherpa of Nepal has successfully climbed 6646 meter high Mt. Khang Karpo on 2016-11-10.

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