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sceningly conspire to bring you down. This could be the electricity, the transportation or simply the their incompetence of one of the workers. But he every one of these esperiences, there is something equally crazy that will make you laugh and smite. But Back in Stringer, Liftigge and his term made a borshown or sunsaing, Lake Dal third bace camp, turning small per-belled stores to book warmers and sam decks into ransing workshops. Then came the long with of the feed held helding out fire gat in an timely workshops. Then came the long with the properties of the size of the contraction of prevented chance was again narready by anxystence or instanting borstagers, meaning that the cram was landered to using landing pads—and stating long landing the size of the contraction of

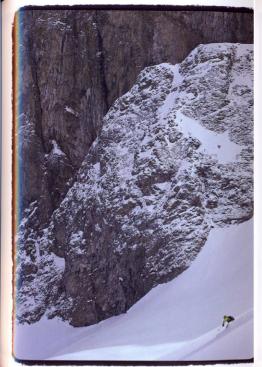
THE REWARD was not an anticlinus for Lafarge. "I've sked all over the world but sking in the Himalays is different—it is the unknown," just 10 minutes held tenne from Stringar, the Himalays unfold and open their arms—receiling souring-visca, product fields as for as the eye can see and immunes vertical depos." "I've seens a low of outseathers to the Himalays is very bigger and higher then anything due", reguled Buptine. "It is so impressive and makes you feel small—once you'ce."

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Despite tales of suffering, tears and woe, Lafarge's team found the Kashmiri ski experience to be a unique, even peaceful one. "Skiing in Kashmir is something really special. The evocation of the word Kashmir itself is mystical".

By night, watching the blazing orange sunsets across the still waters of Dal and by





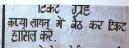
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Kashmir should and indeed could be a very rich state. Local people are peaceful, agriculture is prolific and the natural beauty of the region has always attracted tourism. The reality of the is that a huge amount of Jammu and Kashmir's govern

day, boancing into unrouched Himalayan powder, allowed the team to foger the cutracofluors yistuacion in which this corner of the Himalayan finds itself. It removed doubte of security and telled the team into Trigille sense of claim. to make a huge difference".

Skiing, no matter how grass-roots, can help bring crucial positive attention to the state. Whilst the Foreign Office strong by advises against any visits to the area (and I certainly do not



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vise you to cash-in your family's tickers to Andorra in favour of Srinagar), the attention that Kashmiri skiing is currently receiv-ing is very beneficial. Things are moving in the right direction. New Delhi, home to Gulmagé closest laternational zirport, is the host city of the 2010 Commonwealth Games and international hotels are starting to appear in Srinagar. We are now 3 years into a cease-fire, which has at times been destabilized but not dissolved, and long may it last.

India has never been synosymous with sking. However, wist by skier from India: anterior to pros such as Lufage's team have confirmed the pendigues potential of Kashmir sking. There is a long way to go and Kashmiris, millerars, scentry forces and the government must still mad a long pith to peace, ladeed, thy, say that travelling is about the journey rather than the elements of the light period to the period of the still period to the still pe



AUTHOR'S NOTE I had at first intended to write this article as an encouraging massac to all adventurous skiers. Visit Kashmir! I was to write. You'll have the time of your lives! It was after many hours of research that I came to the sad conclusion that I simply could not deliver that message. The truth is that Jammu and Kashmir, India's northernmost state, is not yet wholly safe to visit as a tourist. Srinagar, J&K's garden-filled, lakeside mountainframed capital, is the victim of regular terrorist activity and the recent Mumbai atrocities were a salutary reminder of the region's struggle for independence. Yes, things are safer than they were 10 years ago; many western visitors may have no trouble at all here. Yet, whilst Kashmir may be home to the world's highest gondola, it is also home to the "world's highest battlefield". I therefore write this as a message of hope, supporting the notential of the region and the anodyne capacity that tourism and sking in particular, may have upon the development of what was once dubbed "the most dangerous place