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RIMC Opens A New Chapter

The year 1986 steamed past with tremendous speed and before we could realise, we had already landed in 1987. The chill, the shivers and the unusual rains were all a bit in a hurry to usher in 1987 with greater challenges and novel promises. The winter God probably decided to descend a bit early this time in this picturesque valley with probably the singular wish in the mind "to make it possible for the cadets to have a taste of his presence", before they deserted this place on their winter vacation. The college wore a dreary, desolate look and was impatient to get in its fold its young energetic friends.

The campus started vibrating from 19th Jan onwards with the young ones pouring in from all sides of the country. It was quite amazing and heartening to find some over-enthusiastic RIMCOLS in their dormitories much before schedule with scant regard for the resident spirits of the dormitories. The campus, barring its prevalent biting cold remained quite colourful with the arrival of new-comers. The first few days witnessed the homesick tearful eyes of the limited few; who just entered their would be second home. The term started with the solemn oath taking ceremony of the office-bearers in the Bhagat Hall. The college appointments, who play a vital role in the day to day administration of the college are :-

- Cadet Captain—Cdt DS Bisht (Pratap Section)
- Cadet Adjutant—Cdt A Vijayant (Chandragupta Section)
- Cadet Quarter Master—Cadet Sanjay Kumar (Ranjit Section).

The Section Commanders of the four different sections for the term are :—

Shivaji	—	Cadet M Jagannath
Pratap	—	„ SK Dubey
Chandragupta	—	„ AK Vashist
Ranjit	—	„ Prabhat Kumar

The institution passed through a routine phase of settling down without much of fan fare till the much awaited cricket match between the Staff Vs Cadets on 07 Feb 87 which set the ball rolling. The limited overs cricket match (16 overs) commenced with Captain of the staff team Col CV Venugopalan deciding to bat after winning the toss. The team displayed helplessness at the very outset to the relief of the cadets. But with the arrival of Col Dutta and Capt Ashok Kumar in the scene, the situation turned in favour of the Staff. But with the fall of these two wickets all hopes of the staff team were almost shattered. Finally the staff team was back at the pavilion with 101 runs.

Amassing this score was child's play for the cadets with stalwarts like KPS Sirohi, DS Bisht, RD Singh and Sanjay Bhardwaj. The cadets won the match with a comfortable margin of 7 wickets with 5 overs still to spare. Cadets were more fascinated in watching the fielding by the staff team than keeping an eye on their score. The unusual and unconventional fielding generated bursts of laughter and applause from the audience.

Two days later on 9th Feb the college was busy in some more serious intellectual stuff—the Inter Section English Debate 1987. The juniors with a topic of their choice, spoke with gusto and fervour and left the judges with little option to choose the best. The final positions were :—

1st—Cadet SA Sharma (R)
2nd—Cadet Ashish Sharma—(P)

The seniors battled on the topic "Generation Gap Inhibits Parent—Teenager Inter-action" which was baffling and out of the common run. The debators baffled their counter - parts as well as the audience to a lamentable extent with their high sounding words. However the rebuttal panel lent a touch of colour and humour to the ordeal of the audience. The final standings were :—

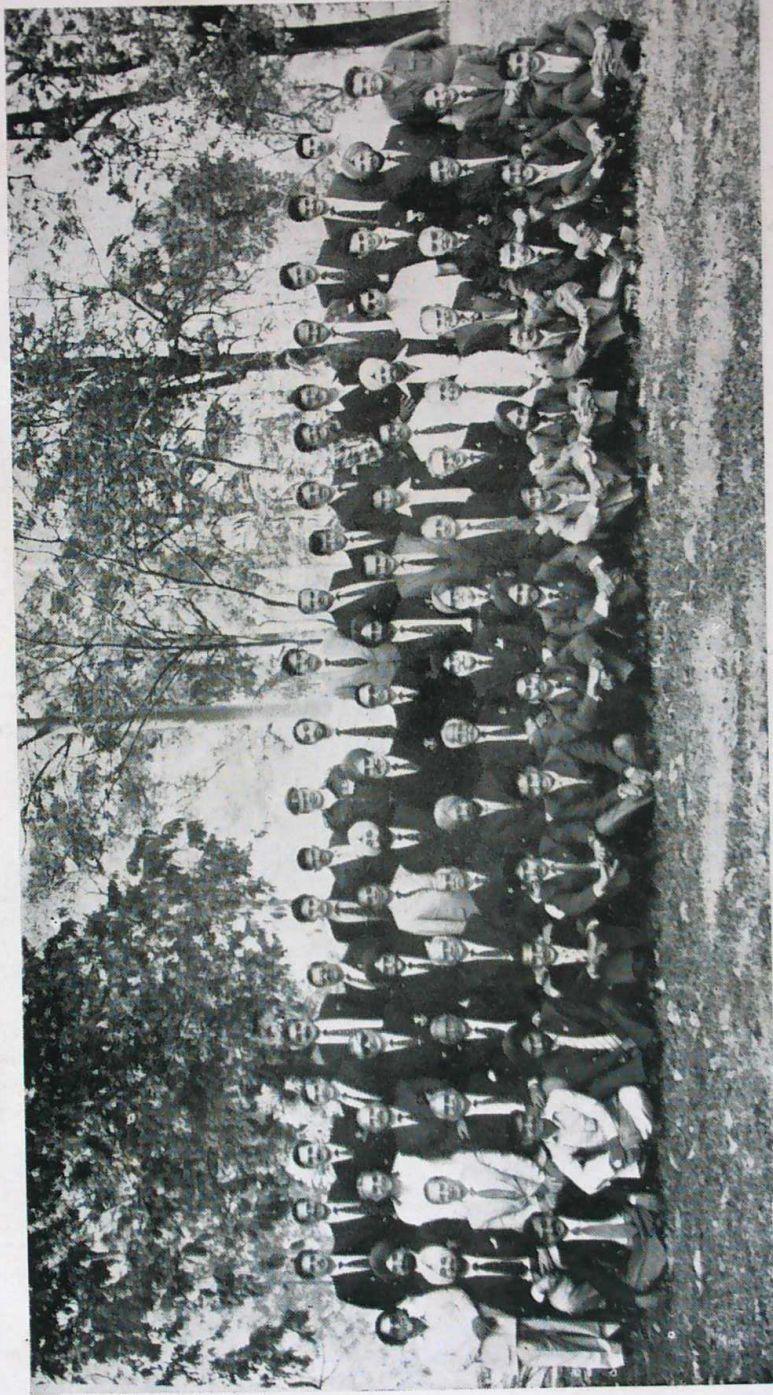
1st—Cadet S Sivasankar (R)
2nd—Cadet P Pawsey (C)
Out of the members of the rebuttal panel :
1st—Cadet Vivek Singh (R)

Ranjit outshone the others by making a clean sweep of all the top positions. They were closely followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Shivaji Section.

Maj A K Singh (Chandragupta) an old boy of "Trishna" fame, who cruised round the world in a 37 feet long yacht braving the vagaries of nature, visited us with a TV team consisting of Mr Gopal Sharman and Mrs. Jalabala Vaidya, belonging to Akshara Theatre on 14th Feb. Some of the college events were shot to be included in the TV serial "India Alive," which is eagerly awaited by us on the TV screen. It is worthwhile to mention that Maj Singh is the first person with one leg to go round the world in a small boat. He lost one leg while venturing out on a similar dangerous sport—"Hang Gliding". However the physical handicap could not restrict his undaunted spirit.

SPIC MACAY, the Society for Promotion of Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth in its relentless pursuit to take the best of Indian classical music and dance to the youth no matter where they are at this juncture of deculturisation obliged our college authorities, and the outcome—performances by Smt Shaila Piplapure on 18th Feb and by Pt Hari Prasad Chaurasia on

Reunion — 12th to 14th March '86



23rd Feb. Reposeful alaaps, well-knit taans and sparkling sargams characterise Shaila's music. The concert of young Shaila was very appreciatively received by the audience. Flute maestro Pt Hari Prasad Chaurasia brought a new emotional ambience to the classical music. Quietly, yet with the fierce determination of a man possessed, he bewitched the jampacked audience of the "Bhagat Hall" which also lured the GOC UP Area, Maj Gen GL Bakshi from his busy schedule.

The campus wore a new look on the occasion of the visit of the GOC Maj Gen GL Bakshi who graciously spent an evening and a portion of the day with us. We also had the privilege of organising a friendly cricket match of limited overs against the officers team of IMA headed by Maj Gen S Chengapa, the Deputy Commandant. But the play had to be abandoned in the middle as the unruly downpour wished otherwise.

Now coming to the basic nature of RIMC we hear, that quite a few things are on the anvil and the future years may bring in several changes with the introduction of class XII as the prerequisite qualification for the National Defence Academy. The college is gradually gearing itself up for the new task.

Our Exploits

Our Old Boys, an unfailing source of inspiration have made their Alma Mater proud by their rich exploits on Republic Day '87.

PVSM

1. Air Marshal NC Suri, AVSM, VM.
2. Air Marshal SK Mehra, AVSM, VM.

Kirti Chakra

3. Maj Ashok Kumar Singh, SM.

AVSM

4. Cmdr AR Tandon, IN.

Shaurya Chakra

5. Lt Col KS Rao, SM.

VM

6. Wg Cdr P Hari Mohan

VSM

7. Brig RN Batra
8. Col Narayan Chatterjee, SM
9. Lt Col UB Ghosh

We are also proud of the Rimcollians, who have been detailed to bring HMS Hermes (INS VIRAAAT) the second Air Craft carrier to India :—

1. Cdr Sarvottam Handa
2. Cdr Ranbir Talwar
3. Lt Cdr Deswal
4. Lt VK Verma

Promotion

1. Brig NV Subba Rao, AVSM promoted to the rank of Maj Gen.

Rimcollian Prize Winners

Autumn Term 1986

National Defence Academy

VI Term

(115 RIMC Course) BCC AR Saluja

- Best Air Force Cadet
- Silver Medal (for coming IInd in overall order of Merit)
- Gold Torch (Academics)
- Wings (for proficiency in Gliding)
- Best Naval Cadet
- Best in overall Service Training
- Best in Outdoor Training
- Best in Drill
- Academy Hockey and Boxing.

(115 RIMC Course) BCC Jasbir Singh

V Term

(116 RIMC Course) Cadet Milan Khurana

(116) Cadet R Bhattacharjee

(116) Cadet PK Jayachandran

(116) Cadet Aman Nugyal

(116) Cadet Rajeev Negi

(114) Cadet JS Kairon

(116) Cadet HS Dhillon

(115) Cadet R Parmar

- Academy Squash
- Bronze Torch (DCC)
- Silver Torch (DCC)
- Silver Torch (SCC)
- Best Boxer (DCC)
- Squash (Academy Team) (CSM)
- Academy Hockey (BCA)
- Academy Hockey

IV Term

(117) Cadet Vishan Mohindra

(116) Cadet J Laungani

(117) Cadet Amitabh Dutt

(117) Cadet RK Nair

(117) Cadet Sandeep Mehta

- 1st in Social Science Stream in IV Term
- Silver Torch
- Best Swimmer
- Academy Basketball (DCC)
- Academy Sailing
- Silver Torch
- Best Diver
- Silver Torch
- Academy Boxing

IIIrd Term

(118) Cadet Sandeep Singh

(118) Cadet Rasdeep Singh Manaise

- Silver Torch
- Academy Team Squash
- (IInd in Junior Nationals)
- Bronze Torch

IInd Term

(119) Cadet AV Joshi

(119) Cadet V Jaiswal

(119) Cadet V Verma

(119) Cadet Mohit Gandhi

- Bronze Torch
- Bronze Torch
- Academy Squash
- Academy Boxing
- Silver Torch

VI Term

(115) DCC SK Yadav

(114) Cadet RPS Gill

- Academy Athletics
- Academy Rowing

IIIrd Term

(119) Cadet RK Singh

— Academy Boxing

— Best Promising Boxer

(119) Cadet JS Bisht

— Best Loser (Boxing)

V Term

(115) Cadet JS Kairon

— Academy Cross Country (Medalist)

— Academy Riding and Polo

Rimcollian Prize Winners

IIIrd Term 1986

Indian Military Academy

1. Gold Medal for standing first in order of merit. —GC SUO Atul Rawat (Pratap)
2. Rajputana Rifles Medal for the best Gentleman Cadet in tactical ability, initiative and leadership during camps in III term. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan (Chandragupta)
3. Corps of Signals Medals for the best all-round Gentleman Cadet in science stream. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan
4. Ninth Gorkha Rifles Medal for the Gentleman Cadet adjudged best in Military History. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan
5. Pollock Medal for the best Gentleman Cadet among those commissioned into Artillery, Engineers and Signals. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan
6. Rajput Regiment Medal for the Gentleman Cadet adjudged best in Academics. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan
7. Kumaon Regiment Medal for standing third in the order of merit in Regular Course. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan
8. Education Trophy presented by HQ Northern Command best in Academics. —GC BUO H Dharmarajan

It gives us immense pleasure to proclaim that the young Rimcols are following suit and have brought laurels in their respective fields of activity :

Our erstwhile Cadet Captain Pradeep Singh won the 1st position in "on the spot essay writing competition organised by the ONGC to celebrate "Quami Ekta Saptah". Regimentation has never suppressed our creative urge and to vouchsafe the statement we have the following list of Cadets, who bagged the product prizes and merit certificates in the Painting competition organised by the "Camelin Private Limited" 1986.

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Cadet Belu Gurung | 9. Cadet SK Sinha |
| 2. " Nitin Kanwar | 10. " C Basu |
| 3. " Vivek Sharma | 11. " Harjinder Dua |
| 4. " Rahul Kesar | 12. " Videep |
| 5. " Kapil Rana | 13. " Sritanu Guru |
| 6. " Sumeet Kapoor | 14. " A Chatterjee |
| 7. " Kanwarjeet Singh | 15. " D Rastogi |
| 8. " Anurag Bijalwan | 16. " M Grewal |

RIMC SSE (Class X) & SSCE (Class XI) Results

In the 1st term '86, out of 23 cadets, who appeared for the SSE examination, as many as 16 were placed in the 1st Div and the rest in 2nd Div and in the 2nd term of the same year out of 19, 16 were placed in the 1st Div and the rest in 2nd Div. In the SSCE Exams of 1986 out of 48 cadets 20 were placed in the 1st Div and the rest in 2nd Div.

NDA Results

The prime aim of this institution, being to act as a feeder institution to NDA, it would be fair if we place the results in a tabulated form. However we are justly proud of our three cadets I S Samyal (3rd), Ketan Bhatt (4th) and A Bhattacharjee (8th), who could grab three places amongst the top ten in the All India merit list.

NDA results at a glance :—

No of Cadets appeared in UPSC	Passed in UPSC	Passed in SSB	Joined NDA	Course
22	19	18	16	76 NDA Course July '86
24	23	23	22	77 NDA Course Jan '87

Letters Sweet & Sour :—

In the course of our business we come across correspondence of innumerable variety. Some try to expose us and some expose themselves. A few extracts are produced below which speak a lot for themselves and bring to light the problems of a la Carte Service to parents—May God have mercy on the Commandant.

“.....he may be given special diet as per doctors advice to increase his height.

(b) He may be given boiled egg in place of omelette, in case this is not feasible, he may be converted to vegetarian... ..”

x x x x x

“.....I requested you not to grant leave to my son for going outside RIMC campus, when my relations (EVEN THE BOY'S MOTHER) happen to see him in the campus.....”

x x x x x

“.....Please note that with immediate effect, no extra expenses should be permitted to my son. Specifically, he should not be permitted to draw any extra cash, or get any coupons from Wet Canteen, or purchase any sports gear or sports clothes/shoes etc. Also, I would request that he should not be taken for mid term hike in Mar/Apr '87.....”

x x x x x

Hope our readers will be able to decode the letter that follows and guide us in discharging our duties :—

‘ At the outset I would *obsecrately* submit that with a hope of high-result and immense *credibility*, competition has been increasing year by year at your disposal for admission in the college and being a middle personality of result oriented *precipitation* expecting my son to be and should be a ablest and efficient, I have been waiting for his *excellency* in the academic field, which became rather sour to *my end*.....”

x x x x x

To quote a few lines more :—

“.....At the end, I would like to submit that my eagerness in the regard of *Expertising* my son in the academic section has been slowly deteriorating because of his inability and I beseech you to take special attention to *fruitful* my expectations.

I find time for making his capability a success during his stay in vacation. So you can *manipulate* the uneasiness and the most vexity formed in me and hence to end the obscure, please treat this letter as the grave torture being faced by me.....”

x x x x x

Now A Peep Into The Past

“..... I am delighted to receive a copy of “the Chronicle” dated Oct 15 and to see that the “mini journal” (started in 1962 under my principalship) is flourishing to celebrate its silver jubilee anniversary. The chronicle has indeed served a useful purpose as a link and source of information of the achievements of the cadets, past and present, to its readers”.

(Letter received from Mr SP Sharma, Rctd Principal, RIMC 1949-68)

You and Me

Remember M
Remember E
Put them together
Remember “ME”.

Some love one
Some love two
I love only one
and that is you.

When you see a monkey
Sitting on a tree
Pull its tail
And think of me.

When you are lonely
Sit on a rock
Take off your shoes
and smell your socks.

Tea is for cup
Cup for tea
I am for you
You for me.

—Cadet Devanshu Rastogi
Class III

Why Worry !

There are only two things to worry about, either you are ill or you are well.

If you are well, there is nothing to worry about.

But if you are ill, there are two things to worry about,

Either you will get well or you will die.

If you get well, there is nothing to worry about,

But if you die, there are two things to worry about,

Either you will go to heaven, or you will go to hell.

If you go to heaven there is nothing to worry about.

But if you go to hell, you'll be so damn busy shaking hands with friends you won't get time to worry.

So why worry !

—Cadet T.S. Dhillon
IV A

A Tribute To My Alma-Mater

You groomed us with such loving care,
You were our friend and guide;
Our joy and sorrow you did share,
You nurtured us with pride.

In the class or playing field,
You asked us to be fair;
You gave us courage as our shield,
And invincibility as our prayer.

You taught us not to lose or win,
But how to play the game;
You taught us to desist from sin,
And uphold your noble name.

You taught us how to sweat and toil,
You taught us not to fuss;
"Nothing", you said "was impossible",
Integrity was your gift to us.

You taught us how to be a man,
How to stand and fight;
You've made us part of such a clan,
Who'll always support the right.

You've instilled in us a spirit rare,
A spirit of sacrifice;
To do our duty everywhere,
No matter what the price.

Ungrudgingly you've served this land,
As an Alma-Mater of soldiers brave;
In your traditions, true and grand,
We'll face all dangers however grave.

A befitting tribute, what can be?
From us, mere mortal men;
You are immortal RIMC,
You are the nation's gem.

—Lt Col Rajendra Singh
A M I E

Col Singh was in RIMC from Jan '58 to May '62. He is a proud Ranjitian and was the Section Commander of his section. Commissioned in to the Corps of EME on 15 June '66 is presently posted as Chief Maintainability Engineer. IRD Dehra Dun.

Obituary

We, with profound grief, mourn the sudden and sad demise of the following Old Boys, who left us for their heavenly abode at an age, when it was most unexpected :—

1. Lt R Ramakrishnan (Chandragupta) Indian Navy
He met with a road accident while in Singapore.
2. Flt Lt Atul Verma (Ranjit), Indian Air Force, met with a road accident in Delhi.
3. Lt KB Singh (Ranjit), Army Ordnance Corps, met with a road accident.
4. Lt Cdr & Mrs VKS Chandel (Pratap) Indian Navy, met with a road accident, in Delhi.

Welcome "The Old Veterans"

RIMC has laid out the reddest of red carpet for its Old Boys and stand trimmed and pruned to project its best and to lure them in great number. It was quite heartening to have as many as 71 Old Boys last year and we sincerely hope that this trend should make an upward turn year after year. The college community looks forward to the arrival of the stalwarts with their characteristic beam writ-large on their faces.

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Editorial :

The term opened with the rise of the phoenix again from its ashes. UPSC written results for the entry to NDA placed us in a comfortable position by giving us 100% results once again reassuring us for coming challenges. All our 12 cadets came out with flying colours and smiles writ large on their faces to restore the lost confidence amongst their younger brothers due to the slump in the results last term. The results this time came out a bit too early and with the announcement the College witnessed a few rarest of the rare hand-springs and front-rolls with cries of victory. From the very beginning of the session SSB preparations are on with renewed vigour and a sense of achievement.

The new comers to this institution in this term have come in a large group and have been placed under the stewardship of Mr CA Joseph in the holding dorm. We are happy to note that there has been no running away from the campus as on date. However some gloomy, morose and tearful faces cannot be ruled out. Hope that the mid term hikes will do them some good and wipe off their tear.

The cadets on their arrival in the campus were exhilarated to find, a new deluxe bus parked in front of the QM's stores with "RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE" written on it with big bold letters. This demand was long overdue and has amply been met. We are thankful to the higher authorities for this nice gesture and timely action.

We are highly obliged to 11 Maratha Light Infantry and especially to Col AK Bakshi, the CO of the unit and an ardent Ranjitian for the glittering trophy that they have presented to be awarded to the best cadet joining army. We also place on record our heartfelt thanks for all their cooperation during the last reunion.

There has been some change in our staff; both expected and unexpected. Capt S Ashok Kumar, Instructor in English has left this College during the vacation to assume his new appointment as SO 3 Edn, HQ 67 Inf Bde and so also Maj PRS Bisht, Instructor in Maths. Major Bisht, comparatively had a very small tenure and had to leave as SO 2 Edn, HQ 39 Inf Div. Both the officers were very likeable and amiable in their habits and had carved out places for them in the hearts of the cadets. The College community wishes them the very best of luck and welcomes to its fold Maj Chandranarayan and Capt Mathew Muricken.

This term alongwith its brighter aspects also brought in some very disheartening news. Mr Gopal Singh Bisht, an ex-Section Master, Ranjit Section left us for his heavenly abode on 01 Sep 87. The news of the sad demise of this great academician and sports man came as a severe blow to the college. A special assembly was called and two minutes silence was observed praying for the departed soul. A tribute to Late Shri GS Bisht from Mr Din Dayal, ex-principal, RIMC also features in this issue.

The College curriculum has undergone some change to make it more NDA oriented in deference to the wishes of the Commandant. One additional paper of GAT (General Ability Test) on the lines of the UPSC has been introduced in each class. Cadets response to this has been very encouraging and we are sure it would yield results in the long run.

This year's Quiz Competition instead of being a conventional ritual was a lively and engrossing experience by itself. The college authorities went into the minutest details and the stage of the Bhaghat Hall in the evening of 15th Sep 87 appeared to be a replica of the stages we find on the TV. Audio-visual aids and the thought provoking questions kept up the interest of the audience till the very end. The role of the slide projector and the tape-recorder from the Commandant's cupboard were quite interesting and captivating. The active participation and keen competition was quite but natural. The results in a tabulated form appear elsewhere in this issue.

At the end the chronicle wishes all the 12 cadets going for their SSB the best of luck and good going and rest of the college proceeding on hikes "Bon Voyage".

College Appointments :

(i) Cadet Captain	—	Cadet Peush Pawsey (C)
(ii) Cadet Adjt	—	Cadet KR Singh (P)
(iii) Cadet QM	—	Not appointed

Section Appointments :

	<i>Section Cdrs</i>	<i>Section Sergeants</i>
(i) Pratap	P M Raju	Sandeep Singh Santosh Kumar V K Sharma
(ii) Ranjit	R S Randhawa	Vivek Singh S K Sinha Sumeet Sinha
(iii) Shivaji	Dewan Singh	A J S Sandhu R D Sharma B B Pati
(iv) Chandra Gupta	S Verma	M. Sain A Chatterjee T S Dhillon
(v) Holding Dormitory	—	K Mukherjee

Medhavi Winners :

1. Cadet Amit Jain (S)—Class I A
2. Cadet Prabeer Kumar (R)—Class II
3. Cadet Vijendra Kumar (P)—Class II A
4. Cadet Sanjeev Gupta (R)—Class III
5. Cadet Alok Raturi (P)—Class III A
6. Cadet Devanshu Rastogi (S)—Class IV
7. Cadet Asheem Mittal (C)—Class IV A
8. Cadet TS Dhillon (C)—Class V
9. Cadet Sandeep Verma (C)—Class VA

Results—Inter Section Cross Country Competition—1987**1. Individual Results :**

(a) Juniors	<i>Name</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Position</i>
(i)	Cadet Harjinder Dua	Pratap	22 m 56 Sec	I
(ii)	Cadet Belu Gurung	Chandra Gupta	23 m 28 Sec	II
(b) Seniors				
(i)	Cadet Anurag Uniyal	Shivaji	29 m 12 Sec	I
(ii)	Cadet Alok Raturi	Pratap	30 m 06 Sec	II

2. Overall Championship :

<i>Section</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Points</i>
(a) Pratap	I	8
(b) Shivaji	II	6
(c) Ranjit	III	4
(d) Chandragupta	IV	2

THREE

Results—Inter Section Quiz Competition Sep 1987

Sections	Points
1. Shivaji	22
2. Ranjit	20
3. Chandragupta	17
4. Pratap	11

The following cadets bagged the prizes in the Inter School G K competition conducted by Pragatisheel Club on 6th September 1987 at D AV College, Dehra Dum.

Group B (Class VII & VIII)

1. Cadet C Ashok—IIInd
2. Cadet K Vijay Singh—IIIrd

Consolation Prizes :

1. Amit Jain
2. Sanjay Pal
3. S S Singh
4. Pravir Kumar

Consolation Certificates :

1. Rishi Raj Singh
2. Pradyot Kumar Bora

Group C (Class IX & X)

1. Samar Singh Pundir—Ist
2. P Bertrand Midag—IIInd

Consolation Prizes :

1. C Anand Mohan
2. Shritanu Gugu
3. Prashant Kahlon

Consolation Certificates :

1. V Kumar
2. Rana Virendra Singh

Group D (Group XI & XII)

1. G D S Khurana—IIInd

Consolation Prizes :

1. S K Sinha

Consolation Certificates :

1. B B Pati
2. Pawan Kumar :

Rimcolliana :

1. DSSC Ser-44

The following Rimcollians have been nominated for DSSC Ser 44 commencing with effect from June 88.

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|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| (a) Major D Sood | } | Pratap Section |
| (b) Major Bhupinder Yadav | | |
| (c) Major Manu Bhalla | | |
| (d) Capt Sher Singh | | |
| (e) Capt KM Balsara | } | Shivaji Section |
| (f) Capt YV Gidh | | |
| (g) Major MB Saxena | | |
| | | Chandragupta Section |

Royal College of Defence Studies

We are proud to announce that the following Rimcollians are undergoing a course in the prestigious institution, Royal College of Defence Studies, Seaford House, London :—

- (a) Brig HM Khanna
- (b) Commodore A R Tandon

News from NDA

Our old boys by their personal examples have remained a perennial source of inspiration to the Rimcols and have occupied challenging and key posts in all spheres of activity. In the National Defence Academy we have been amply represented by the following :—

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (a) Academy Cadet Captain | — RK Nair (Shivaji) |
| (b) Academy Cadet Adjutant | — Sandeep Mehta (Pratap) |
| (c) Cadet D Ahluwallia (Ranjit) | — Gold Medal in Boxing. |

Swimming and me

After reading the heading you sure must be wondering that I am some great "Matts Biondi". Well no sir I have remained a perpetual so called non-swimmer since the time I joined RIMC. As like poles repel each other so also barrack no 26 (the Swimming pool at RIMC) and self have unfailingly maintained the same relationship as on date.

Since I entered RIMC this menace (All non-swimmers may be thinking likewise) has plagued me. The months from January to April are wonderful. But as the summer season sets in my B.P. seems to rise high and heart beat doubles up. So also the frequency of my visit to the college hospital. My condition is like that of a wounded tiger looking for a shelter. I too look for an escape route. Well I am at times desperate, longing for a break. Proportionately my visits to temple are also on the rise. Finally the day comes without fail and there I am half dead. Food no more seems tasty and when the order for swimming is passed my stomach churns, wriggles and revolts.

Well, my friends say, "Hey pal ! why so pale"? I usually reply, Er ! just nothing yaar; of late my hunger has died down. After lunch when the real trouble begins I almost pray for something to happen, out of the blue—the A.O. to call me, someone to come to meet me, the heaven to break loose, even for that matter the swimming pool roof to collapse and to comedown with a great thud extending peace and solace to my troubled heart.

But, no sir how possibly can this happen. I finally find myself in front of the pool. The order for changing comes. (It is now on, that the minutes become years and seconds turn to hours) Well to cut the story short, sooner or later I find myself on the top board. Well, as usual I am told to jump, Given Josh ! given ideas ! But poor me. I just freeze and nod, and am determined not to budge. I face everyone's stare with cold courage. To their queries—I normally reply, well sir, It's this way sir. As far as learning is concerned I can do it below too, if you please sir. Till finally I do have to go down and what a fall ! The same ghastly feeling, the splash, the water going all over the body, the surfacing, the struggle to reach the side, panting, acting tired and then again back to square one on the board. This cycle continues. Well, you will be glad to know that now I have mastered swimming to some extent, cleared my test. Thanks to the Swimming God.

Cadet SS Pundir Class IV

Looking into your eyes today

Looking into your eyes today I see
the way you loved me till now.
Madly but silently.
You showed your love in ways
more than one.
And yet I was blind to them till
I looked into your eyes
Your eyes seemed black and simple
but I was mesmerized by them.

Looking into your eyes I saw your dreams.
Dreams for you and me.
Dreams that I saw in your eyes
Full of colour like a rainbow
colours of emotion, of love and desire.

Looking into your eyes I saw
Your desire.
Desire for a home.
A home in true sense
warm and snug.
with love not fire.
And in front of home
I see the dawn of our
future breaking
The future we hope to make ours.
The future we hope to share.

And yet as I go on,
looking into your eyes.
I see
Fear and anxiety.
Fear for these dreams may
never come true.
Anxiety, for our home may break
and the future be lost.
For whatever I saw
looking into your eyes
were dreams
till now far from reality.
But at least I have learnt a thing or two
looking into your eyes today
I have seen that you loved me

Cadet Lovekesh Thakur

Class-IV A

Hours of Frustration

We had been to Naini Tal,
and we were happy after all;
we were coming back from Tiffin Top
and that without a stop or a hop;
It was shady because it was the leeward side,
I was deceived by this and taken for a ride;
Because of the shade there was a bit of frost.
We kept playing there till it was
dark and were lights at the post;
I panicked and broke off from the rest
Because I thought it was best;
Now I was uncertain of the way
which was no reason to be gay;
I plodded on and on, on my way
And me and nightfall were in the fray;
finally I won by reaching the destination
which put an end to
hours of uncertainty and frustration.

Cadet C A Mohan

Class-III A



Mr G S Bisht—A tribute

It is with feelings of utter distress and great shock that I pen down these few lines to mourn the death of my old friend and colleague. Mr Bisht—popularly known to us as Gopal—served RIMC loyally and devotedly for many years as a Hindi teacher, head of Hindi faculty, football coach and Section Master. He was recruited on the academic staff of RIMC by Mr H Catchpole on merit of his academic qualifications and proficiency in sports. During the year 1955 to 1962 when I had the privilege of serving in RIMC, Gopal worked his way up from the position of a junior teacher to that of a section master of the newly started Chandragupta House and saw the house through many of its teething problems. His contribution to RIMC in the sphere of teaching of Hindi, organisation of the College library, House/section management and coaching cadets in football in which he brought so many wins was indeed significant and vital. Mr Bisht was a great asset in the social life of the college.

The members of this family have suffered a grievous and irreparable loss by the departure of their affectionate and loving leader. We, his colleagues and I am sure many of his pupils also share their loss and send in heartfelt sympathies to them. May his soul rest in peace and may the memory of the work put in by him remain evergreen in the life of RIMC which he greatly loved and adored.

J. P. Dya
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