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## Reflections

*"Some people come and go and are forgotten. But there are other people who share a part in our destinies. They come, they go, but they are never forgotten. They come, they go, but even after they go.... they're still here. They never really went anywhere."*

### DATELINE

- 13 Jan Arrival of the First Termers
- 16 Jan Arrival of the Cadets
- 18 Jan Commandant's Special Assembly
- 26 Jan Flag Hoisting (Republic Day)
- 30 Jan Educational Visits
- 31 Jan Change in Command

### Editorial

You know what I have been thinking lately after the Christmas and the New Year Day? It was all about the pristine ambience that would have drifted from the heavens and now rests in the warm cockles of all the Rimcollians' hearts. The chilly mist envelops the College Campus, but there is something that sends a sense of warmth round our hand, head and heart, bolstering the inner self to pop out of the Dystopian biome and run for fun to make, maintain and modify our robust physique. A couple of days after the January Term commenced, it was the Commandant's Special Assembly which waved the College with feverous vigor and energy, igniting each and every Cadet to affix, affirm and achieve his goals in the promising times. We can see people having a lot of chin wag around as the green horns blossomed in the year, early in January, spreading delight, surprise and laughter with their humorous, emotional and innocent potpourri. Lonely lemon stems, light stiff branches devoid of leaves, dry grasses and sniffing nose serve as a motivation to warm and charm ourselves in the eve, resulting in a friendly local derby, be it in the Basketball Court or in the OT Lawn. With New Year, new Appointments and new Term's Blessings, how can new learning be left behind and thus the unveiling of Scholar Warrior Statue at the threshold of Academic Block and the Learning Resource Centre - the perfect juxtaposition of 'The Honour Code' and "IF" that ensures to make us dab handed for every challenge the Term has in store for us.

Cdt Om Ujjwal  
Class III

# Farewell

## COL VIVEK SHARMA

Commandant RIMC, Dehradun

(5 April 2016 - 30 January 2020)



Journalism Club dedicates this first Chronicle of the January Term 2020 to Col Vivek Sharma and his family. Col Vivek Sharma has had an extremely fruitful and brilliant tenure of almost more than three and half years at the RIMC. He joined RIMC as the Commandant on 05, April 2016, and today, when he proceeds on a posting to Nagpur, eloquence deserts us, as, in moments of great change, it can be hard to find words in order to express the strong emotions we feel.

As an officer, he has served in all parts of the country having acquired vast experience from his association with Mechanised Division. He has been a keen sports person of Boxing, Hockey, Cricket, Rifle Shooting and Marathons at RIMC and Adventurist who is passionate about Mountain Biking and Trekking. He has served along the western frontier and in counter insurgency operations. He has served with Staff Counseling and Welfare Section with United Nations peacekeeping forces in Sudan. A Post Graduate from Madras University, he is a Gold Medalist in M.PHIL from Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla.

During his tenure, he has worked incessantly and unflinchingly in both Scholastic and Co-Scholastic realms, simultaneously fulfilling all administrative incumbencies, maintaining inter personal relations with other schools and social commitments. Above all, the pastoral care that he rendered to each and every Cadet has been truly remarkable. The performance, behavior, well being, progress, background of all the Boys have always been matters of foremost concern to him, a responsibility that only a solicitous father fulfils out of his love and affection.

He inspired, stirred everybody's mind, widened the horizon, brought the Team together, trusting that it shall continue to do so even as he moves on. He has never assigned a work without being a part of it. It was his strength and wisdom that gave us our victories. His motivation and planning have always been admirable, accompanied by his unconditional love for his Alma Mater.

Col Vivek Sharma inspired the RIMC Soccer Team to fight tooth and nail and make a record achievement of two victories. The Cricketers, Sharp Shooters and Athletes shall be eternally grateful for his repeated endeavours towards augmenting the standards. The making of a National Champion in Squash came through with his consistent planning and motivation.

The personal interest and quality time that he has rendered to each Hobby Club is for everyone to see and appreciate. The intermingling of Drama and Debating Club was a superlative step that bore fruit, and today the D&D has become our crowning glory.

It was during his tenure that the Paper Recycling Plant received a new life, giving a fresh verve and fillip to the Alchemist Hobby. There has never been any Inter Section Quiz that has been conducted without his priceless contribution. It was his sustained and persistent motivation that propelled Journalism Club to become self reliant and produce paperless e-Chronicles. The RIMC Festilit 2019 was his mainchild that promptly grew popular with schools across the country vying for the coveted Title. The Cadets looked up to him for his expert counsel, specially the SSB candidates who were closely appraised by his discerning eyes.

In this challenging and noble endeavour, he has been ably and readily supported by the First Lady, Mrs Upasana Sharma. She has taken a deep interest in all the school activities, always inspiring us with her gracious presence, a mother incarnate for the Cadets, counseling and supporting them as and when the need arose.

On bidding him farewell, we would like to tell him that he leaves a legacy that would be cherished till eternity. He gave us direction, he gave us vision; he always led by respect: Farewell and God speed.

On behalf of the entire College, the Journalism Club wishes him ALL THE VERY BEST for his new appointment and his future endeavors.

Cdt Satvik Sharma  
Class III

## POTS IN THE MAKING

Through the lachrymose visor of parting,  
Infogged by the hand of wizardry,  
An alchemical hand wielding strength and wisdom,  
Ploughing the sacred earth with new seedlings  
Awakening to their sleeping worth,  
In the thundering skies the lightning streak  
Zig zag coursing with "Hard Work @ fun"  
Thru' choppy waters,  
O Captain, Our Captain,  
Unveiling "Scholar Warrior" with a book and a gun.  
For all our searching we couldn't find,  
Till anchor of commitment you embedded in our mind

Unearthing success that lay in simplicity,  
Exemplifying excellence, promoting synchronicity.  
Diligence in your trim frame of being,  
Spirit and substance you look forward to seeing.  
We waited for orders, you gave us directions,  
We prepared for targets, you gave us vision,  
O Potter, on the Potter's wheel,  
You sat watching,  
With the right 'set and temper'  
We are your pots in the making.

Mrs Rachna Malhotra  
OIC, Journalism

# From Inspiration to Transformation

**Col Ajay Kumar**

**Commandant RIMC  
31 January 2020**



An alumnus of RIMC from 1980 to 1985, Col Ajay Kumar of 5 Rajputana Rifles took over his beloved Alma Mater as the Commandant on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. A proud Pratapian bearing the College Number 1174, he was a smart and energetic Cadet who actively took part in all the activities. Passing out as a Senior Dorm NCO, he represented his Section in Football, X Country, Drill, Obstacles, Debates etc. He was in the NDA from 1986 to 88 and in the IMA from Jan 1989 to Dec 1989 and was commissioned in 1989. He also served as an instructor at CIJW in Mizoram and led the NCC Delegation to Russia. He has also participated in Operations like Parakram in Rajasthan and Rakshak in Jammu and Kashmir. He was married in 1998 on 21 May in Patna and is blessed with a son, Ahaan and a daughter, Dakshita. Besides having received various awards and honors, he was decorated with COAS Commendation Card by Southern Command on 15 August 2014.

## *New Decade....*

### *New Beginnings....*

New resolutions and new ambitions were all that the refreshed cadets could talk about on the chilly evening of 16 January. Exchanging notes and incessant chatter marked the reopening of the College after a rejuvenating break as they entered a new year and a new Term.

Some days later, on 18 January, Commandant, Col Vivek Sharma kick started the Term with the Special Assembly. As the tradition continues, deserving shoulders got heavier as the Appointments were embellished with Tabs to which they would then have to live up to. The RED TABS of the Cadet Captain went to Cadet Captain Aman Mishra. The BLUE TABS of the Cadet Adjutant were put on proudly by Cadet Adjutant Thanilkumar Singh and the GREEN TABS of the Cadet Quartermaster went to Cadet Quartermaster Andy L Khobung. The Section Commanders for the Term were-

Cdt Sec Com Bharat Kadian for Pratap Section  
Cdt Sec Com Ayush Agnihotri for Ranjit Section  
Cdt Sec Com Afrid Afroz for Shivaji Section  
Cdt Sec Com Dayne Thiamsangliana for Chandragupta Section.  
A thunderous applause broke as the College Appointments took Pledge. Thereafter, the cadets marched out of the Auditorium with a steely and determined look in their eyes as they looked forward to the tough, challenging yet fun filled Term ahead. Never once did they think, 'Why me...', they seemed to say, 'Try me...'

Cdt Anurag Vipin  
Class III

## **Welcome Aboard**

Gp Capt Deepak Ahluwalia joined RIMC as the Centenary Officer on 7 October 2019. He is an alumnus of Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun and NDA Khadakwasla, Pune. Gp Capt Deepak received his initial schooling at Mount Carmel School and subsequently went to boarding at St Xaviers, Nainital. He has also been the Best Sportsman at RIMC and NDA.

He was commissioned into the flying branch of Indian Air Force in the year 1991 and has over two decades of experience in the navigation of transport, helicopter and fighter bomber aircraft. He was posted to the 6 Squadron of Jaguar and Canberra.

He has held various appointments of Chief Coordinator for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of Commonwealth Games, New Delhi 2010, Manager of Services Football Team at 34<sup>th</sup> National Games, 2011 and Chief Coordinator for the 35<sup>th</sup> National Games 2015 held in Kerala. He has also served as the Secretary of the ROBA.

He has been commended by the Chief of the Air Staff, Vice Chief of Army Staff and Vice Chief of Navy Staff for his meritorious service in the year 2005, 2006 and 2015, respectively. Recently, he has been conferred with Vishistha Seva Medal. As we welcome you, Sir, we assure you of a fervent and whole hearted support for the impending Centenary celebrations.

## Pen Pics of First Termers



**CDT PRITHVIRAJ SHARMA**

This green horn hailing from the beautiful city of Gwalior is sure to bring laurels to his Section. He is a good Cricket Player and an avid reader too. He wishes to join the Indian Air Force in future. God be with you, Prithviraj...

**CDT ROHIT SARKAR**

This 'joshed up Shivajian' from the State of West Bengal is a good Basketball Player and a Swimmer too. He aims to join the Indian Army and is sure to achieve all that he aspires to be. The world is your oyster, Rohit...



**CDT LAKSHYA CHAUHAN**

Cdt Lakshya was born in RIMC and has lived more than a decade here. He is now finally a Rimco with Swimming as his passion. He is also a good Soccer Player and is sure to take his Section to greater heights. All the best, Lakshya...

**CDT ADVAY SURI**

Cdt Advay might be of a small frame but dreams big. He is sure to excel in Cricket and Basketball. He is passionate about Riding and is sure to be an asset for his Section. Incidentally, he has also set his eyes on the Medhavi Badge. Enjoy your tenure, Advay...



**CDT PARTH WAGH**

This 'Maratha Warrior' is sure to set waters on fire with his swimming skills. A great Soccer and Basketball Player, this silent worker is sure to excel. He aspires to join the Indian Navy. Welcome to the folds, Parth...

**CDT SARVESHWAR SINGH RANA**

Hailing from the scenic landscapes of Himachal, Cdt Sarveshwar is sure to set Thimayya Stage afire with his fabulous oratory skills. He is sure to rock the Shooting Range and also the Basketball Courts. An avid reader, his ambition in life is to join the Indian Army. May success be with you, Sarveshwar...



**CDT VARENYAM SAXENA**

Coming all the way from Rajasthan, this newbie is a very good Swimmer. He is sure to take his Section to greater heights in Soccer. He is also going to leave everyone surprised with his performance on Tracks. He is a skillful Cricketer too. His aim in life is to join the Indian Army. Godspeed, Varen Yam...

**CDT DEVANSH CHATURVEDI**

This native of Uttarakhand is all out to prove his mettle in X-Country and Athletics. He is a very spirited 'Ranjitian' and is sure to rock the Boxing Ring. He is going to set Cricket Pitch on fire with his awesome bowling skills. Way to go, Devansh...



**CDT PRANAD RAUT**

Journeying from Maharashtra, Cdt Pranad is a good Athlete. He is sure to perform in X-Country and Swimming also. He shall prove his worth in Swimming and other fields. He plays like a 'pro' Soccer Player and is a very good Academician too. Prove your mettle, Pranad...

**DT KEYUSH SAI**

This greenhorn from the beautiful lands of Andhra Pradesh is sure to leave everyone spellbound with his melodious voice. He is a very good Athlete. He is sure to perform in every field. He wants to join the Indian Air Force. Way to go, Keyush...



**CDT PREM CHOWATIA**

The vibrant lands of Gujarat have very high expectations from him. Sure to be a boon for his Section in Cricket and Basketball, he is certain to become good at PT Academics has also been his forte. Sky is the limit, Prem...



**CDT KARANVEER YADAV**

This newbie from the portals of Pratapgarh, UP has always been a good Runner and Athlete. His hobbies include taking care of nature and he is also a keen Photographer. He is sure to set the fields ablaze next Term with his Soccer skills. All the best, Karanveer...

**CDT MARPU SUNAND KUMAR**

This 'Medhavi in the making' from Andhra Pradesh is very clear about his goals in RIMC. Sure to take his Section to glory in Cricket, he is also a keen Reader and sports enthusiast. Have a great stay, Sunand...



**CDT DEBJIT DHALI**

This young lad from the beautiful and calm lands of Tripura is a great Musician and master of instrumentals. A sure blessing for his Section in all the Cups, he has vehemently targeted Debates. He is also a keen Sports person. Godspeed, Debjit...

**CDT ABHIJAT RAWAT**

This 'localite' shall make sure to gift his Section the Swimming Cup with his prowess in the pool. An excellent Violin Player too, he shall bring glory to his Section. In his free time, he likes to read books. Hearty stay, Abhijat...



**CDT MARCUS L**

This multit talented 'Mizo' is sure to be a boon for his Section. An avid explorer, Art has also been his forte. He is a good Athlete and Soccer Player. Besides doodling, he likes to read books. All the best, Marcus...

**CDT MRIDUL SHARMA**

From the picturesque lands of Jammu Kashmir comes Cdt Mridul, who is passionate about Debating besides being a great Academician. Enthusiastic to play and learn every Sport in RIMC, he is already a very good Soccer Player. Have a wonderful tenure...



**CDT SURYA PRAKASH SINGH**

This 'Punjabi' is a marvelous Basketball Player and a passionate Singer. With full 'josh' for his Section, he exudes a never-give-up attitude. He is also a keen Debater. Podium awaits you, Surya Prakash...

**CDT AGRIM YADAV**

As quick as lightning, Cdt Agrim is a fantastic Runner. He wants to gift his Section the Cricket Cup and play Basketball. Sure to be a deadly Boxer, he wants to do all he can to take his Section to greater heights in RIMC. Good to Go, Agrim...



**CDT SIDDHARTH BISHT**

This dynamite from Chandigarh has taken up Boxing in RIMC. Cricket is his favorite Sport and wants to excel in it. Soccer and Swimming do not take a back seat in his sports list. He shall carve a niche for himself. Sky is the limit, Siddharth...

**CDT SARTHAK JHA**

A versatile talent from Bihar, Cdt Sarthak is a fantastic Cricket Player. Basketball has been a favourite sport of his. With eyes constantly on the Medhavi Badge, he is sure to do wonders and be at the top. All the best, Sarthak...



**CDT AKSHAJ**

A 'Chattishgarhi' sportsman, has his hold over many sports including Cricket, Hockey and Football. This bibliophile does not let go of any opportunity to read. Happy stay, Akshaj...

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