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The Chronicle extends to its readers our sincere Greetings and Best Wishes for a very Bright, Prosperous and Happy New Year.—Editor.

RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to our old boy GC A.K. Singh on the award of President's Gold Medal as well as Sword of Honour to him by Gen. G.G. Bewoor, Chief of the Army Staff, for his being adjudged the Best All Round GC at the Passing Out Parade of the Indian Military Academy held on 22nd December 1973. It may be recalled that 2/Lt. A.K. Singh had also received President's Gold Medal at the Passing Out Parade at the N.D.A. before he joined the I.M.A. Dehra Dun.

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College News

N.D.A. Results—51st Course

The following cadets deserve our warmest congratulations on their having passed out of the College to join the 51st Course of the National Defence Academy. We wish them all luck at the N.D.A. and thereafter.

1. Rajeev Kumar 6th in Army/Navy & Air Force
2. R. Ramaswamy 14th in Army/Navy
3. T.S. Mahadeo 25th in Army/Navy
4. A.K. Sharma 28th in Army/Navy
5. Atul Verma 35th in Army/Navy
6. I. Narayan 37th in Army/Navy
7. T.K. Guha 46th in Army/Navy
8. H.S. Mangat
9. Dalip Kumar
10. Virendra Singh Chhikara
11. Rana Dutta
12. Gajendra Singh
13. Pankaj Kumar
14. N.K. Baruah
15. R.S. Sethi
16. R.K. Paul
17. S.K. Sharma
18. J.S. Mangat
19. G.K. Ghosh
20. Pankaj Sewal

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Dr. S.K. Chakrabarty, M.B.B.S., our Resident Medical Officer, who served the College for 7 years and a half left the

College on his posting at Panagarh (West Bengal). ✓

Mr. Y.C. Sharma, Master in Physics, who completed his temporary tenure of one full academic year, chose to join N.A.S. Postgraduate College, Meerut from where he had come to the RIMC.

We wish Dr. Chakrabarty and Mr. Sharma the best of luck in their new assignments.

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REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Republic Day celebrations at the College commenced with the Cadets' parade and the unfurling of National Flag by the Commandant at the Parade Ground at 09.15 in the morning. This was followed by the singing of National Anthem by Cadets and the Staff present on the occasion.

In his short, thought-provoking address the Commandant said—"We assemble here every year this day to rededicate ourselves to the principles enshrined in our constitution and pledge to uphold the integrity and sovereignty of our nation." He reminded the Cadets of innumerable glorious sacrifices made by our patriots and fighters for freedom and called upon the cadets to remember and respect them. He exhorted the cadets to cultivate a high sense of discipline and guard themselves against the present tendency of violating rules and breaking laws. Stressing the significance of discipline he cited an example from Shri M.C. Chagla's autobiography—'Roses In December' where the author recollects having been punished for violating a College rule unintentionally and where he underscores the tremendous value of discipline in every sphere of life for success. Describing cadets and young men as the future leaders of the country on whom rests the responsibility of

national reconstruction, he expected of them disciplined and well-regulated life to achieve the objectives lying ahead of them.

In the evening a guest night dinner was arranged in the Cadets' Mess and it was attended by all members of the Staff.

We welcome our cadets back to the 'Community of the campus' after the Winter vacation and expect of them zealous work and dedicated efforts in academic as well as co-curricular spheres which hold out their own charms.

We look forward to welcome the

new cadets also who are expected to join the College shortly. The names of all new cadets will be published in the next issue of the Chronicle.

We congratulate Section Commander A.K. Bishnoi of the Shivaji Section on his rotatory appointment as Cadet Captain of the College with effect from 20th January and hope that he conducts himself capably in this capacity.

Our congratulations are due to the following cadets also on their Section Appointments. We hope they will acquit themselves well and contribute their best to the Section and the College:

Section	Section Commander	Section NCOs
1. Pratap	Cadet A.K. Ghosh	Cadet S. Mukherjee " R. Abraham " A.K. Prasad " G.G. Kumar
2. Ranjit	Cadet K.B. Singh	Cadet M.S. Bisht " R.K. Singh " Harpreet Singh " Ram Kumar
3. Shivaji	Cadet A.K. Bishnoi	Cadet A.K. Gupta " Dinesh Syal " G.P. Singh " Pradeep Yadav
4. Chandragupta	Cadet Harbhajan Singh	Cadet Harinder Singh " S. Upadhayay " B.S. Dhanoa " H.S. Pathania

Our warmest congratulations to Chandragupta Section on annexing the coveted Lord Rawlinson's Championship Cup for the year 1973.

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A Family Picnic I Enjoyed Most

New Year's Day was just two days ahead and as it was a day for real fun, we decided to go on a picnic. But where? This question made all stare blankly at each other. It couldn't be Elephanta Caves nor Juhu Beach because

we had been there too often. Nor could it be the too crowded National Park or Aarey Milk Colony. An idea struck me. We could go where Mr. Sharma's family had been on Christmas Day. It was Marve Beach on Madh Island which is about twenty Kilometres away. My choice was unanimously accepted and we started preparing for the big day.

Mother went to the grocer's and father to the fuel pump. My sister Anju collected all the spices and napkins. I

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went to the cold storage to get some cockrolls, hamburgers, hot-dogs, sausages and chicken. Father and I collected wood for cooking. We were all ready for the next morning. It was difficult for me to get sleep that night as I was very anxious about the picnic. At last the sun's rays drove away pitch darkness and we were all up in our beds at the same time. We all bathed and ate a little and then prepared for an enjoyable day.

We all waved to our neighbours who had come out of their houses to see us off. Father started the car and our picnic began. Father steered the car through crowded streets and it was not a good scene outside the window until we had driven clear out of the city's streets. We had reached the outskirts of Bombay and the silvery clouds enhanced the beauty of the green pastures and the bulky hills. The crows were cawing and the fog clearing away under the effect of sun's rays. After driving for an hour we reached the sea-side. Then we drove along the shore under the shadows of coconut trees till we reached the beach. As we all came out we gave a loud cry of joy.

Marve beach was not bad at all. It was different from Chowpatty or Juhu but it had a natural beauty of its own. The golden sands shone under the morning sun. The sea was calm and its water ebbed and flowed after regular intervals. We walked towards the sea till the waves washed our feet. One could see the sea-gulls gliding over the surface of the sea and diving in the water to catch their prey. I caught mother's hand and she bent down to kiss me. Father had picked up Anju and was showing her some shells which had been washed ashore by the sea. She was delighted and she started collecting a variety of shells which were hidden under the sands.

I wandered more into the sea till the water was up to my knee. I felt as if I was the sea-god. I had the power to control the rhythmic rise and fall of the waves. I thought about the adventures of pirates about whom I had read in my comics. I resolved that I would join the Navy. My day-dream spell was broken when father shouted at me. I grew pale and afraid when I saw how much inside the sea I had dared to enter. I ran towards my father and splashed the water over my clothes. I was happy

when father took me up in his strong arms and we walked towards mother and Anju who were waiting in the car.

After partaking of some snacks, we came to the more populated end of the beach. There were some stalls made of wooden cabins on the beach, a merry-go-round and some horses and camels. Anju wanted to go on the merry-go-round but I chose horse-riding. As Anju enjoyed the merry-go-round, I was galloping on the sandy beach. At first I was afraid but then I got used to the harmonic motion of the horse. The ride was very exciting. After Anju got down from the merry-go-round, we went to our car and there we lighted a fire and mother began to cook food for lunch.

Father and I went for a short walk while Anju helped mother in cooking. After half-an-hour we returned and the food was ready. We were all hungry, so we began our lunch. We had a variety of dishes which made our picnic more enjoyable. Mother was always a good cook but the food she had prepared that day was very delicious. After finishing our sumptuous lunch we rested for some time and listened to "Vividh Bharati" songs. Father's frequent jokes created a humorous atmosphere and we all laughed till our stomachs ached.

In the afternoon we all decided to swim. Mother chose to stay in the car and enjoy her usual siesta. So Anju and father came along with me to bathe in the sea. As I dived for the first time I tasted saline water. So the next time I shut my mouth but then my eyes started burning. The inflammation also was due to the saline water. Anju did not enter the sea because she was still a learner. Father was teaching her to swim. I swam towards them and splashed water on Anju. She was furious and a real 'water-fight' ensued, until we both grew tired. Father was enjoying our fight and when we stopped he lifted both of us on his broad shoulders and walked towards the shore. We dried ourselves under the hot scorching sun and then began to dress again. Mother had also finished her short nap. Then we all decided to go to those stalls. We had hot coffee there and then returned to our car. We packed up our things and put them at the back of the car. Anju had collected many shells of different shapes and colours. They were very interesting to watch. Father started the car and we had a last view of the

beautiful Marve beach. I told father that we would go there again next year. We drove through the coconut orchards and the green pastures. Soon the scenes turned monotonous and sometimes sinister too.

A great day was over, full of fun, enjoyment and entertainment. Our school re-opened the next day. We saw the grim days before us. Another dull, barren school-week was ahead, mere routine and mechanical activity.

Ex-cadet Rajeev Kumar

Food For Thought

I keep six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why
and When
And How and Where and Who.

—Rudyard Kipling

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There comes a time, when, with
earth's best love by us,
To feed the heart's greatest hunger
and desire,
We find not even this can satisfy us;
The soul within us cries for
something higher.

—E. Wheeler Wilcox.

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ईश-प्रार्थना

मेरे प्रभु ! तू मुझको बता, तेरे सिवा मैं क्या करूँ,
तेरी शरण को छोड़ कर, जग की शरण को क्या करूँ ।

चन्द्रमा बन के आप ही, तारों में जगमगा रहे,
तेरी चमक के सामने, दीपक जला के क्या करूँ ।
कलियों में बस रहे हो तुम, फूलों में हैंस रहे हो तुम,
मेरे तो मन में हो बसे, मंदिर में जाके क्या करूँ ।

मेरे प्रभु.....

बनकर अमर पे आप ही, फूलों में गुनगुना रहे,
सुन्दर संगीत सामने, कीर्तन सुना के क्या करूँ ।
बादल में बन के मेघ-धनु, खुद ही जगत सजा रहे,
चन्दन अबीर रोलिका, तुझ पर चढ़ा के क्या करूँ ।

मेरे प्रभु.....

[श्रु मेरी शारदा पीठ के जगद्गुरु शंकराचार्य स्वामी
सत्यमित्रनन्दगिरि, निवृत्त शंकराचार्य विरचित प्रार्थना
जिसका पाठ उन्होंने मोशी, तंजानिया (पूर्वी अफ्रीका) में
स्वयं किया था —सम्पादक]

(श्री महेश प्रसाद मेहरोत्रा के सौजन्य से)

OBITUARY

We, members of the Staff and Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, place on record our profound sorrow at the sad demise of our Old Boy Lt. Gol. Ashok Datta. He was a very promising officer of the Indian Army. He had stood first at the N.D.A. in its first batch of J.S.W. and had received the President Gold Medal. He had received the President Gold Medal at I.M.A. also in 1952.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to God Almighty that the departed soul may rest in place and those left behind may have the strength to bear the irreparable loss.



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Visits

Major General S.S. Kaul, GOC, U.P. Area, paid a visit to the College on 29th January.

We are grateful to Gen. Kaul for his kind visit.

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Col. M.S. Chehal, VSM, DDMT (B), Army Headquarters, New Delhi was on an inspection visit to the College on 2nd and 3rd February. He was received at the office by the Commandant and taken round the entire Education Block while teaching was in progress. Members of the Staff were introduced to him over a cup of tea. He was thereafter conducted round Cadets' dormitories, College hospital and other important buildings. He took lunch with the Cadets and Members of the Staff before he went back to I.M.A.

We are grateful to Col. Chehal for his visit.

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Maj. Gen. K.V. Pillai, PVSM, Deputy Director of Medical Services, Central Command, visited the College on Saturday, 9th February in connection with the general health of cadets at RIMC.

We are grateful to Gen. Pillai for his visit.

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College News

Quiz Competition (Saturday, 9th Feb. 74.)

Under the auspices of the Current Affairs Association a Quiz Competition was held in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hrs. The competition was presided over by Cadet Captain A.K. Bishnoi and conducted by Sec. Com. A.K. Ghosh.

Class IIIA, IV and IVA formed one team while Classes V and VA another. From the very beginning the team of Class V and VA had an edge over their rival team and, as was expected, won the competition by a comfortable margin. Class V and VA secured 7 points against the losers who could secure only 2½ points.

The winners deserve our congratulations and the losers the best of luck next time.

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Cadets Rahul Chaturvedi and D.N. Singh represented the College at the Inter-School Hindi Debate held on Wednesday, 13th inst., organized by the Rotary Club of Dehra Dun and did very well.

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The following Cadets represented the College at Dr. Shome Memorial Inter-School English Essay Competition held on Sunday, 17th inst., organized by the Rotary Club of Dehra Dun at Col. Brown's Cambridge School.

1. Cadet D. Syal
2. Cadet S. Mukherji
3. Cadet B. Charles
4. Cadet R. Ramakrishnan

NEW CADETS

S. No.	Name of Cadet	Section	State	Previous School
1	Shivender Singh	P	U.P.	St. Mary Academy, Meerut
2	Sunil Kapoor	P	U.P.	S.G.R.R. Public School, Dehra Dun
3	Sanyog Jain	P	Rajasthan	St. Xavier School, Jaipur
4	Sarat Laskar	P	Assam	Cotton Collegiate School, Gauhati
5	S. Harish	P	Mysore	St. Germain's High School Bangalore
6	Nitin Vaidya	P	M.P.	Carmel Convent School, Gwalior
7	Inderdeep Singh Huja	R	Maharashtra	Visakha Valley School, Visakhapatnam
8	Rakesh Kumar Huria	R	Bihar	St. Michael's, Patna
9	Bani Brata Chandra	R	W.B.	St. Mary's School, Barbil
10	Ajay Krishan Kochher	R	Punjab	Sacred Heart Convent School, Ludhiana
11	Deepak Gosain	S	U.P.	Central School, Delhi
12	Sanjiv Nakra	S	Haryana	Senior Model School, Chandigarh
13	Jitendra Singh Thakur	S	H.P.	Central School, Poona
14	Partha Pratim Dutta	C	W.B.	Hijli High School, I.I.T., Kharagpur
15	Mothi George Jacob	C	Kerala	Rajagiri High School, Kalamassary
16	Gajendra Prasad	C	Bihar	St. Michael's High School, Patna
17	Sanjay Jalit	C	Maharashtra	B.R. High School, Katol
18	Vivek Kumar Pandit	C	Punjab	St. Mary's Academy, Saharanpur

Sportsfolio

Cricket: vs Delite Club

On 2nd February the College cricket team played a match against the Delite Club, Dehara Dun. It was our first encounter of this term with any outside team.

Having won the toss the Delite Club chose to bat first. The home team's H.S. Pathania and R.K. Singh bowled to their opening batsmen who, although in the beginning a little hesitant, played confidently later till Oka came to bowl and took their wicket in his second over. Our next successful bowler was Prasad who claimed 4 wickets that day. The Delite Club's Captain scored 29 runs but scored fast and played technically. Due to our loose fielding the visitors were 92 till lunch and 114 till twenty minutes after lunch, for the loss of only 6 wickets. It being a time match they had to stop and we to begin.

Our opening bats were A.K. Bishnoi and K.S. Aiyappa. Soon our first wicket fell and S.S. Roy came to replace Aiyappa. A few boundary strokes of Roy helped the RIMC raise their score a little.

However, after our 5th wicket fell it suddenly started raining heavily and the match had to be stopped. We were 44 for the loss of 5 wickets.

Batting: Bishnoi 14; Aiyappa 1; Roy 13; Harinder 1; Pathania 7; R.K. Singh 3; Tomar 1; A.K. Prasad, A. Oka, R.S.N. Singh and R.K. Yadav didn't bat due to rains.

Bowling	Overs	Maiden	Wickets
H.S. Pathania	5	1	—
R.K. Singh	9	4	—
A. Oka	16	—	2
R.K. Yadav	1	—	—
A.K. Prasad	9	1	4
D. Tomar	2	—	—

Cadet V. Ramaswamy, Class III

Commandant's XI vs College XI

In the afternoon of 6th February Cadets played a cricket match against the teaching staff. Although the match started at 2.30 p.m. yet it was a very interesting brief encounter.

Commandant's XI was the first to bat with their opening batsman Mr. R.C. Chaturvedi and Capt. Jathoul. Capt. Jathoul after batting for a short time was made out by our team and Mr. Chakraborty came to bat. Quickly he made quite a few runs but then he was both caught and bowled by G.D. Chowdhry. The partnership between Mr. Chaturvedi and Mr. Chakraborty was quite exciting but was soon broken.

Mr. Mahrotra was quite uneasy at our bowling and was out in D.V. Tomar's first over of bowling. Mr. L.N. Thakur now replaced Mr. Mahrotra. He seemed to be very confident on the first ball delivered to him. He made two runs. Unfortunately, he was soon bowled out. After him Mr. G.S. Pandey came and scored quite a few runs but one ball from S.S. Roy he tried to hit blindly and was caught in the slips by A.K. Prasad. Mr. Singhal and Mr. R.C. Sharma were soon out after Mr. Pandey. When Mr. G.M. Khan went in to bat 7 runs were required to complete 50. His partnership with Mr. Nene raised the Staff score to more than 50. Mr. G.M. Khan was bowled out as he tried to hook a ball from S.S. Roy. Mr. V.G. Nene played very well but was clean bowled like Mr. Khan.

The Staff team was out for 68 runs. The Commandant, being busy in the office, could not bat but came to field. Mr. R.C. Sharma, Mr. Nene, Mr. Pandey and Mr. Thakur bowled for the Staff. The College team had very little time left to play. However, our four batsmen S.S. Roy, H.S. Pathania, D.V. Tomar and R.K. Singh made only 81 runs. Roy and R.K. Singh came with bat in hand.

Cadet A. Banerji, Class III

Hockey: College XI vs Commandant's XI

The match was played on Tuesday, the 5th February. The two teams struggled very hard. The RIMC XI played very well in the beginning when Cadet R.K. Singh getting a pass from our left out M.S. Sodhi scored RIMC XI's only goal. After this the forwards of the rival team attacked many times

but all these attacks were repulsed by the backs of our team, P. Yadav and H.S. Pathania. None of the two teams scored any more goals for a long time. But when the match was about to finish the opponent's right-out scored equalizer. A few minutes after this goal the match ended in a draw.

Cadet S. Warty

मूर्खों की आवश्यकता

आप मानें या न मानें, वर्तमान-युग में मूर्खता आवश्यक ही नहीं अनिवार्य भी है। मुझे खेद के साथ कहना पड़ता है कि बहुत से लोग इस बेचारी के पीछे पड़ गए हैं, इसकी जड़ ही खोदने पर लग गए हैं। यह भी एक कारण है कि आज मुझे विवश होकर इसकी बकालत करनी पड़ रही है। सच-मुच दिल से सोचने पर आपको पता चल जाएगा कि बगैर मूर्खों की सहायता बड़े, आज की प्रमुख समस्या—गरीबी हटाओ का समाधान हो ही नहीं सकता। आज सभी जानते हैं कि धन की देवी है लक्ष्मी—उलूकवाहिनी। अब बताइए कि बगैर उल्लू बने धन आए तो कैसे आए। आप यह भी जानते हैं कि मूर्ख का ही दूसरा नाम उल्लू है, परन्तु यदि आप किसी को उल्लू कहें तो मुख-भंजन को तैयार हो जाएगा। हाय रे जमाना, लोग खाए बिना मरेंगे, परन्तु धनदात्री देवी की आराधना नहीं करेंगे। जिनके यहाँ महीनो एकादशी रहती है, उन्हें आप यदि यह राय दें तो भड़क उठेंगे। लाख कहिए, समझाइए, परन्तु लोग समझते कहाँ हैं। आप पंच-वर्षीय योजना बनाए या सहस्रवर्षीय उससे कुछ होने जाने का नहीं है। जहाँ लक्ष्मी के बाहन का ही इतना आनादर हो, वहाँ लक्ष्मी, क्योंकर टिके ?

पहले मैं भी आपकी तरह गर्दन टेढ़ी कर घंटो लेक्चर देता था, परन्तु जब से तिलंगी मिश्र से मित्रता हुई, मैं भी मूर्खता का महत्त्व समझ गया। आज मूर्खता के सोपान पर चढ़ कर मूर्खाधिराज की अखिल भारतीय उपाधि भी प्राप्त कर ली है। तिलंगी मिश्र के अनुसार भारत के लोगों की यह दयनीय दशा मूर्खता के हटने से ही हुई है। वे कहते हैं, आप ब्राह्मण जाति को ही लें। जब तक जनता मूर्ख थी, यह जाति मजे में थी। मुफ्त का माल मिलता था, ये लोग खूब उड़ाते थे। बड़े-बड़े राजा महाराजा भी इनके सामने सिर झुकाते थे। और आज ? शूद्र भी उनके सर चढ़ने को तैयार हैं।

पुरातन काल से ही मूर्खों ने संसार में सुख-शांति लाने में सहायता पहुँचाई है। श्री राम को ही देखिए। अगर विभिन्न जैसा महामूर्ख उन्हें न मिलता तो क्या वे रावण पर विजय पाते ? श्री कृष्ण को भी अपना उल्लू सीधा करने में मूर्खों से क्या कम सहायता मिली थी ? हिन्दू-धर्म के अनुसार तो ईश्वर को बुलाने का अन्तिम और अमोघ अस्त्र है अघर्म की बुद्धि और आप जानते ही हैं कि मूर्खों के सिवा धर्म पर लात मारने की शक्ति किसी में नहीं।

संसार के दुख दो ही उपायों से दूर हो सकते हैं या तो सभी चलाक बन जाए या मूर्ख। पर मैं तो मूर्ख बनने पर ही जोर दूंगा क्योंकि चालाक बनने से मूर्ख बनना बिलकुल आसान है। सभी जन्म से ही मूर्ख होते हैं। मूर्खता हमारा जन्म सिद्ध अधिकार है। और थोड़े से चालाक लोगों को मूर्ख बनाना आसान है। यह विधि की सृष्टि के अनुकूल भी है। मैन-मैन्युफैक्चरिंग कारपोरेशन के मैनेजिंग डाइरेक्टर ब्रह्म ने ६५% लोगों को जन्म से मूर्ख ही बनाया है परन्तु आज सभी चालाक बनने की प्रतियोगिता में लगे हैं जो ईश्वर-द्रोह है। फिर भी जब से मूर्खता-आंदोलन ने जोर पकड़ा है मूर्खों का बोलबाला बढ़ता जा रहा है — यह बड़े संतोष की बात है।

गीता में भी मूर्खों का महत्त्व बतलाया गया है। मूर्खों को वहाँ स्थितप्रज्ञ कहा गया है। जो दुख से दुखी न हो एवं सुख से सुखी न हो उसे स्थितप्रज्ञ कहते हैं, और यह बात हम मूर्खों के अतिरिक्त किसी में नहीं पाते। काश ! यदि सम्पूर्ण भारतवर्ष स्थितप्रज्ञ बन जाता तो दुख-सुख का प्रश्न ही न उठता।

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Visits

Major General Gizaw Belaineh, Commandant, H.S. Military Academy, Harar, Ethiopia (South East Africa) paid a visit to the College on Saturday, 16th February. He arrived at the College from the I.M.A. at 1500 hrs. He was received by the Commandant and conducted round the Hobby Clubs while Cadets were at their work. He was taken to the Cadets' Dormitories before Members of the staff, Cadet Captain and Section Commanders were introduced to him in the Senior Ante Room. After tea he was shown round the games fields where Cadets were at play.

We are deeply beholden to Maj. Gen. Gizaw Belaineh.

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Lt Col B.K. Das, Principal, Shishu Niketan, Dehra Dun and Wing Commander J.K. Gandhi, Principal, Sainik School Kapurthala, paid a visit to the College on Stanrday, 23rd February.

We are grateful to them.

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Brigadier H.S. Seth, ADMS, HQ U.P. Area paid a visit to the College on Tuesday, 26th February.

We are grateful to Brig. Seth for his kind visit.

College News

At a special Morning Assembly held for this purpose on Wednesday, 20th February, Lt. Col. B.V. Shivane donated a precious and very beautiful silver trophy (which shows Chhatrapati Shivaji mounted on his horse in a gallant posture with his sword brandished aloft) in the loving memory of his son 2/Lt. D.B. Shivanne, who was a Cadet of Shivaji Section at the College from 19.1.63 to 10.12.67 and who met with an accidental, tragic death by having been struck by thunderbolt while he was on a patrolling duty. The trophy having been donated,

two minutes' silence was observed to pay homage to the departed soul.

We express our deep gratitude to Col. Shivane for this noble gesture and assure him that Dilip Shivane Memorial Silver Trophy will ever serve as an un-failing source of inspiration and strength to the RIMC Cadets.

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The following Cadets deserve our warm congratulations on their being awarded the College Colours for their creditable performance in Football:—

1. Cadet A.K. Gupta (Captain) Full Blues
2. „ Rana Dutta (Vice Captain) Full Blues
3. „ D.V. Tomar Full Blues

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We Congratulate Section Commander Harbhajan Singh Sandhu of Chandragupta Section on his being appointed Cadet Captain with effect from 25th February vice Cadet Captain A.K. Bishnoi (Shivaji) who did a very good job indeed. We expect C.C. Harbhajan Singh to conduct himself suitably in this capacity.

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Section Commander A.K. Bishnoi has been appointed Captain of the Cricket XI and NCO Harinder Singh its Vice Captain. We congratulate them.

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Cadets Rajiv Anand (Pratap) and Sanjog Jain (Pratap) represented the College at the Inter-School English Debate organized by the Rotary Club of Dehra Dun on Wednesday, 27th February at the Doon Club and did very well securing IV and VI position respectively.

Inter-Class Juniors' English Declamation Contest

Saturday, 16th February

Under the aegis of the English Literary Society the Inter-Class Juniors' English Declamation Contest was held in the Convocation Hall at 1815 hrs. Each Class from I to III was represented at the Contest by two speakers. Each speaker

was given 4 minutes to speak. The Contest was presided over by Cadet Captain A.K. Bishnoi and conducted by Sec. Com. A.K. Ghosh, President of the Society. Col. H.K.L. Johar, Mr. R.C. Singhal and Mr. R.P. Dwivedi kindly acted as judges of the evening. Names of the speakers classwise and the topics chosen by them appear below:—

S. No.	Name	Class	Topic
1.	G.S Bains	II	Modern Youth is given to fashion.
2.	V. Ramaswamy	III	Childhood is the best period of life.
3.	R.S.N. Singh	III	Country life is better than city life.
4.	N. Vaidya	I	Games and sports are essential in life.
5.	S. Rosario	II	Who teaches children most—mother, father or teacher?
6.	A. Chaturvedi	IA	Games and sports are essential in life.
7.	S. Jain	I	Who teaches children most—mother, father or teacher?
8.	S. Kohli	IIA	'Simple living and high thinking' is a hurdle to our nation's progress.
9.	S. Nanda	IIA	Who teaches children most—mother, father or teacher?
10.	N.D. Sinha	IA	Games and sports are essential in life.

Results

1.	Class II	203 points	First
2.	Class III	168 "	Second
3.	Class IIA	151 "	Third

Individual Positions

1.	Cadet S.S. Rosario (Class II)	106 points	First
2.	Cadet Sanjog Jain (Class I)	102 "	Second
3.	Cadet G.S. Bains (Class II)	97 "	Third

At the close of the contest, our Commandant, Col. Johar, commented upon the performance of the speakers and gave them much valuable advice for a still better achievement in future.

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. G.M. Khan for a successful organization of the contest. Last but not the least, we congratulate the participants on their creditable performance.

Sportsfolio

Hockey vs F.R.I.

On Thursday, 14th February, our College XI played against the F.R.I. team. The match began at about 4.30 p.m. under cheerful heaven. The F.R.I. team being short of four players borrowed from us Capt. Jathoul and Cadets K.B. Singh, A.P. Singh and T.K. Das.

In the beginning Capt. Jathoul advanced straight towards our goal-keeper, Pradhan, and tried to shoot, but unfortunately for him one of our backs Pathania, intercepted and cleared the ball.

After about ten minutes a goal was scored by one of the F.R.I. forwards who got a pass from Capt. Jathoul. Now the tension among our players increased and our forward, K.R. Singh, tried a lot to score but could not.

Again Capt. Jathoul came swiftly with the ball and passed it to another F.R.I. forward who hit a clean goal. The score being 2-0, and we losing badly, our players decided to pull up their socks and after about five minutes our forward, K.R. Singh, shot a goal. Till halftime the score was 2-1.

No sooner did the game start again than one of the F.R.I. forwards scored

the third goal. K.R. Singh, our right in, in a retaliating move shot another goal and brought us to 3-2. He even tried to equalize the score but he was quite exhausted.

Our team played very well under the captainship of Pathania but the F.R.I. team had all the luck. Our right-in K.R. Singh and the F.R.I.'S centre-forwards played extremely well.

Our team consisted of Team captain H.S. Pathania, S. Pradhan, P. Yadav, K.R. Singh, R.K. Singh, B.C. Singh, A.K. Singh, A.K. Bishnoi, D.V. Tomar, A.K. Gupta and R.K. Yadav.

Cadet N. Mehrish Class III

Hundred Kms on Bikes

As dawn was breaking on a wintry Sunday, Cadets from Class V were ready for moving to Rishikesh on their College bicycles. We had an early breakfast and were hale and hearty. Within an hour we were far away from Dehra Dun and were cycling on the road with sugarcane fields on its both sides. There were small accidents such as bicycle tyres getting punctured as soon as we reached the Dun town but they were taken care of and now we nine were travelling in two batches, five in the front and four a few yards behind.

The first of the mishaps came when one of the Cadet's pedal came off. After pondering a few minutes over what to be done, it was decided that one cadet would carry the bike along with his bike while the unfortunate cadet rode doubles on another's bike. Soon the second mishap occurred when one of the tyres punctured. That was also carried by a cadet while those cadets either ran or rode doubles. Next, the chain broke which we ourselves fixed with not much difficulty. A car passed by and we put out our thumbs and they stopped and after a bit of persuasion we managed to get one of our cadets into the car and we asked him to drop him at the next town or village where we could find a cycle shop. Even though we met with so many odds our spirits were high and by noon we reached Ranipokhri which is 14 Kms short of Rishikesh. There we had some snacks while our bikes were being repaired.

We pushed off as soon as our bikes were ready and then we made a few raids on the sugarcane fields and we were chewing the sugarcanes and sucking the sweet juice as we moved forward. By 2 p.m. we had reached Rishikesh. From there we immediately set off for Lakshman Jhula which is 5 Kms and had to

climb all the way. We had our lunch at a small hotel near Lakshman Jhula. After lunch our spirits rose high and then we took a few snaps on the bridge and thereabout. After that we decided to push off for return.

While returning we had a pleasant journey as it was nearly all down hill route. The air had become colder and the sun was setting. We increased our speed as we wanted to cross the mountains before dark. After light tea at one of the stops on the way, we moved on. By the time we reached Lachhiwala range it was dark. There were no street lights, so we covered our way cautiously. At two places we again made "Ganna Raids", and armed with sugarcanes, we moved on. By the time we reached Dehra Dun it was 9 o'clock. We had taken about 4 hours on our way back.

One of the cadets of our batch, a local cadet, invited all of us to his home for dinner and we had a sumptuous dinner. We thanked his parents and rode to the college and reached by 11 p.m. We woke our Commandant up and reported to him of our arrival. As soon as our heads touched the pillows we all fell asleep, tired but indeed very pleased and happy.

A word about the bikes before I conclude. All of us were happy to note that the bikes stood a big test in carrying all of us for 100 Kms, a test which has been the first of its kind. Most of the bikes had their pedals off, brakes broken, handle bars bent and so many other deformities. We are all thankful to the Commandant for kindly permitting us to undertake this adventure and for having supplied us with the bikes.

Cadet R. Ramakrishnan
Class V

Duty

Duty is duty, whether it be the smallest or the greatest matter. He is on the highway to nobleness of character who has learnt to be scrupulous concerning the smallest things. He that is careful in little things rises everyday a step higher. He who is faithful in little things is then entrusted with larger responsibilities. It is the units of life that are most important. Look after the little units and the greater aggregates will be right. Make the minutes beautiful and the hours and days will be radiant.

जहाँ नारियों की पूजा होती है, वहाँ देवताओं का वास होता है

वीरकुमार राहुल चतुर्वेदी

'यत्र नार्यस्तु पूज्यन्ते रमन्ते तत्र देवता' कहकर मनु-स्मृति के रचयिता मनु ने नारी की अभ्यर्थना की है। मनु की यह उक्ति नारी को एक सम्मानीय एवं महत्त्वपूर्ण स्थान प्रदान करती है। जिस समाज तथा राष्ट्र ने नारियों के सम्मान को महत्त्व दिया वह राष्ट्र अपनी नींद से जाग उठा। सृष्टि का उद्गम नारी है और उसकी सबसे महान विशेषता है कोमलता, लज्जा और सहनशीलता।

मेरे विचार में जहाँ नारियों का सम्मान कम हो, जहाँ वह नरक का द्वार समझी जाने लगे, जहाँ उसे केवल विलास की मूर्ति समझा जाने लगे वह राष्ट्र मृत हो जाता है। महाकवि रविन्द्र नाथ ठाकुर के शब्दों में—'एक पावन नारी ईश्वर की सर्वश्रेष्ठ कृति है और वह सृष्टि के सौन्दर्य की अभिवृद्धि करती है।' विद्वान् सन्त और दार्शनिक लूथर ने भी नारी की पावनता के सामने मस्तक झुकाया है—उनका कहना है कि पृथ्वी पर एक नारी हृदय से अधिक कोमल-तर कोई वस्तु नहीं, जबकि उसमें कोमलता का वास हो।"

वास्तव में नारी राष्ट्र की प्रगति की सूत्रधार है, वह उसकी संचालिका है और यदि उसी का अनादर हो तो राष्ट्र किस बल पर प्रगति करेगा। नारी ही नर को जन्म देने वाली है, यदि वही जर्जर हुई तो उसके स्तनों में वह पुष्ट दूध कहाँ से आ सकेगा जो उसकी संतानों को देश के लिए जूझ जाने के लिए प्रेरित कर सके?

देश और समाज की प्रगति के लिए नारी के सम्मान की अत्यधिक आवश्यकता है। नारी का सम्मान समाज व देश के लिए, व्यक्तिगत रूप से मनुष्य के लिए सुख एवं शान्ति का सूत्रक है। नारी को सम्मान पूर्ण प्रतिष्ठित स्थान दिला कर अपनी माता प्रियतमा और पुत्री के प्रति अपने दायित्व का निर्वहण करने वाले राष्ट्र ही आज संसार के प्रगतिशील राष्ट्रों की श्रेणी में हैं। इन राष्ट्रों में राजनैतिक, सामाजिक, साहित्यिक सभी क्षेत्रों में नारी का योगदान अमिट है।

नारी का चित्रण सभी रूपों में मिलता है। नारी का सबसे उत्तम रूप माता का है। सज्जनों में पूछता है कि हममें से कौन ऐसा व्यक्ति है जो माता का अनादर करना चाहेगा? जन्म से लेकर यौवन तक वह सहारा बनती है और अपने शिशु के लिए वह क्या नहीं करती। उसके लालन पालन में वह अपना जीवन न्यौछावर कर देती है। माता की गोद में बच्चा स्वर्ग का आनन्द लेता है। नारी कभी पति को पथ भ्रष्ट नहीं कर सकती, उसके लिए पथ प्रदर्शक ही होती है।

नारी राष्ट्र की चेतना है। उसकी पूजा राष्ट्र की पूजा है। वह देश के लिए, सन्तान के लिए बड़े से बड़ा त्याग करती है। जिस समय सीमा पर दनदनाती गोलियाँ चलती हैं, दिन रात खून की होली खेली जाती है, माँ अपने हृदय पर

पत्थर रखकर अपने पुत्र को स्वयं देश के लिए अर्पित कर देती है। वैदिक युग भारत का स्वर्ण युग था जब कि नारी वदनोय थी, पूज्य थी तथा सम्मानित थी। मंत्रयी, मार्गी तथा अनुसुया उम युग की देदीप्यमान नारियाँ थी। नारी साहित्य की प्रेरणा है। यही माया, यही मोह और यही मुक्ति है। हर साहित्यकार को प्रेरणा नारी से मिली है। साहित्य और संसार की नारी अश्रुनिर्झरणी और पयस्वनि धारा है। गुप्त जी के शब्दों में—

अवला जीवन हाय ! तुम्हारी यही कहानी,
आँवल में है दूध और आँखों में पानी।

अब प्रसाद साहित्य की नारी के दर्शन कीजिये। कामायनी की श्रद्धा, इतिहास की स्वयं में समाकर प्रकट होती है। वह भावना और अभिनेत्री है। वह प्राणी जगत की भाषा और दर्शन जगत की सत्या है। मन के प्रतीक 'मनु' को मृत्यु-लोक के टेंडे-मड़े पथों पर दीपक दिखाती है। ऊँगे हुई जिन्दगी में वह शक्ति बनकर कौंधी है। कामायनी काव्य का प्रत्यक्ष, जान लोक, इच्छा लोक और कर्म लोक में है। कामायनी की श्रद्धा, स्कन्दगुप्त की देव सेना, तितली उन्म्यास की 'तितली' एवं 'आकाशदीप' की चम्पा नारियाँ शक्ति की माक्षात् तम्बीरे हैं। वास्तव में प्रत्येक भाषा के साहित्य की प्रेरणा नारी है। कवि के संसार में वह श्रद्धा है। कवि हृदय अनायास ही गा उठता है—

नारी तुम केवल श्रद्धा हो, विश्वास रजत-तग पग-तल में,
पीयूष छोट सी बहा करो, जीवन के सुन्दर समतल में।

शक्ति की प्रतिमा के रूप में नारी पुरुष की रक्षा भी करती है। वह केवल 'सत्यं, शिवं और सुन्दरं' को ही सयत्न सुरक्षित रखती है और शेष सभी असुन्दरताओं का वह पूर्ण रूप सहार करती है। वह कोमल होते हुए भी अजमर पड़ने पर कड़ोर बन जाती है। कलिंग की वीरांगनाओं की गाथाएँ भुल ही नहीं जा सकतीं, जब कि मातृभूमि की रक्षा के लिए वीरांगनाओं ने महान् सम्राट अशोक को भी ललकार दिया था। रानी दुर्गावती और पद्मिनी की गौरव-गाथाएँ इतिहास के पृष्ठों पर सदा अमिट रहेंगी। भ्रांति की रानी लक्ष्मीबाई की वीरता तो इतिहास के पृष्ठों का अंगार बन चुकी है।

शब्दों की सीमा में नारी के सम्पूर्ण तत्वों को स्पष्ट नहीं किया जा सकता।

अन्त में सभापति महोदय मैं तो यही कहना चाहूँगा—

पति के लिए-चरित्र, सन्तान के लिए-ममता, समाज के लिए-शील, विश्व के लिए-दया तथा जीवमत्र के लिए-कल्याण संज्ञान वाला महा प्रकृति का नाम ही नारी है—नारी का तिरस्कार तथा अपमान राष्ट्र का अपमान है।

[उपयुक्त भाषण स्थानीय रोटरी क्लब अन्तर विद्यालय भाषण-प्रतियोगिता में दिया गया था—सम्पादक]



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College News

At the Morning Assembly on Monday, 4th March, the Commandant invested the following cadets with 'Medhavi' badges, which are awarded to cadets who secure first position in their respective classes. These 'Medhavies' deserve our warmest congratulations and blessings for their continued progress:

1.	Cadet D. Syal	VA
2.	" G. Girish Kumar	V
3.	" Rahul Chaturvedi	IVA
4.	" Jitender Singh Gill	IV
5.	" A.K. Sinha	IIIA
6.	" Gurbinder Singh	III
7.	" A. Swaminathan	IIA
8.	" G.S. Bains	II
9.	" R.S. Bangari	IA

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Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Chaturvedi have been recently blessed with a daughter. Our warmest congratulations to the couple.

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Nb/Subedar Gopal Singh (Catering), who served the College for about 3 years has been transferred to 88 A.F.C. Battalion. We wish Nb/Subedar Gopal Singh the best of luck in his new assignment.

We welcome Subedar V. G. Alexander as our new J.C.O. (Catering). He comes to us from A.F.M.C., Poona. We wish him a pleasant stay at the College.

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On Saturday, 23rd February, Pratap Section presented a variety entertainment programme which consisted of an English One-act play, a Hindi skit, mono-acting, a mock election scene and a few items of vocal and instrumental music. The highlight of the evening was the English comedy entitled—'The Cockerel, the Cock and the Candle' which exposes one of our weaknesses—forgetfulness—and the ludicrous and highly embarrassing situations that flow from it. The play

was ably directed by Cadet Rajiv Anand and it won the well-deserved applause. The roles of Cadets Rajiv Anand, Ajai Mehta and S. Banerjee were particularly commendable and they deserve our warm congratulations. A Hindi-skit—'Dehati Programme of All India Radio' presented by Cadets D.N. Singh and Rajiv Anand was fairly entertaining, while the mono-acting of Cadet R.S. Chaudhary proved very dramatic and sensational. Cadet A.K. Prasad played two tunes on the mouth organ. Cadets S. Varty and Sunil Kapoor sang English and Hindi songs respectively which were highly appreciated by the audience. Cadet S. Kapoor's shrill and sweet voice added a dreamy charm to the haunting melodies that seemed to spring rapturously from the depth of his heart.

The evening was altogether a success and the credit for it goes to the Cadets who took pains to organize the programme successfully.

Sportsfolio

RIMC vs Cambrian Hall

On Tuesday, the 5th of March, the RIMC 2nd XI played against the Cambrian Hall on our grounds. The rival team lost to us by 3 goals to nil. All the goals came in the first half. Just after the start our centre-forward Bisht scored the first goal. A few minutes later Harinder, getting a pass from one of his right wingers, scored the second goal for Rimcols. Then there were a few offensive attacks by the rival team which could do us no harm. Just before the breather A.K. Singh, dribbling his way past the rival defenders, scored a brilliant goal.

After the breather the game was dull. There were a few good moves by both the teams which were not fruitful. Thus after a barren second half the final whistle blew.

S. Warty, Class III

Inter-Section Boxing Competition — 12 March 1974

The Inter-Section Boxing Finals were held in the Amphi-theatre on Tuesday, 12th March—the eve of our Founder's Day and the Rimcollian Reunion.

The function was fairly well attended by Rimcollians, guests, Gentlemen Cadets, Members of the Staff, some Doon School boys and Cadets.

Lt. Col. V.P. Yadav and Major Darshan Singh acted as Referees whereas Lt. Col. Bilu Neogi, Lt. Col. B.K. Laroia, Mr. Darshan Singh, Capt. Ravinder Singh and Flg. Offr. R.L. Tikku were the Judges.

We are grateful to all Officials.

Following are the details of the bouts held:—

	MATCH (under 28 Kg)			
R.P. Rawat	(S)	beat	M. George	(P)
	BUTTERFLY (under 33 Kg)			
S. Chako	(S)	beat	N.D. Sinha	(R)
	WAFER (under 36 Kg)			
J. Chatterjee	(R)	beat	Balraj Singh	(C)
	GNAT (under 40 Kg)			
I.P. Singh	(P)	beat	A. Banerjee	(S)
	PIN (under 43 Kg)			
R. Chaudhary	(S)	beat	B.K. Yadav	(P)
	MIDGET (under 45 Kg)			
T.K. Das	(S)	beat	K.S. Mankar	(P)
	FLY (under 47 Kg)			
A.K. Prasad	(P)	beat	K.R. Gazmer	(C)
	BANTAM (under 49 Kg)			
K.B. Singh	(R)	beat	A.K. Sharma	(S)
	FEATHER (under 55 Kg)			
M.S. Sodhi	(R)	beat	A.P. Singh	(S)
	LIGHT WELTER (under 57 Kg)			
S. Upadhyay	(C)	beat	P. Rongmei	(S)
	OPENS (under 62 Kg)			
K.R. Singh	(C)	beat	G.P. Singh	(S)

Hockey vs Parvatiya Ekadesh

On Tuesday, 9th February, against the Parvatiya Ekadesh Hockey XI we played a 2-2 draw on our College ground. The rival team was the first to score in the first few minutes of encounter. The home team equalized it through K.R. Singh. Soon after this equaliser the

The Rimcollians, in particular, were zealous in raising lusty cheers for the contenders of their respective Sections. As was expected, Shivaji won the Boxing Championship Cup with a comfortable margin. The next in race was Pratap Section followed by Chandragupta and Ranjit respectively. The Boxing Cup was given away to the winners by Lt. Gen. K.P. Candeth. Our heartiest congratulations to Shivaji for annexing the Boxing Championship.

Results

1. Shivajii	24 points	First
2. Pratap	19 "	Second
3. Chandragupta	17 "	Third
4. Ranjt	12 "	Fourth

Best Boxer—Cadet M.S. Sodhi
(Pratap)

Best Loser—Cadet K.R. Gazmer
(Chandragupta)

visitors' agile right-in scored the second goal for his team. The second equalizer was by N.J.K. Singh who, dribbling his way through the opponents, turned the defeat into a draw.

S. Warty, Class III

Hockey vs F.R.I.

On Thursday, 21st February, we defeated the F.R.I. XI by 1-0 on our ground. The visiting team consisted of a few seasoned players. The solitary goal was scored by Cadet K.R. Singh. The visitors in spite of their brilliant team and stickwork could not materialise their efforts into goals as our strong backs, P. Yadav and H. S. Pathania, and the goalkeeper S. Pradhan foiled all their attempts.

S. Warty, Class III

Hockey vs RIMC Old Boys at the I.M.A.

On Saturday, 23rd February, we played hockey against the Old Boys at the I.M.A. and lost to them by 2 goals to nil. The goals were scored by R.S. Rathee and C.S. Rathore respectively. The Old Boys' team consisted of only ten players, namely, R.S. Verma (goal-keeper), C.R.K. Singh (back), D. Sood (righthalf), Suman Misra (left-half), Manvinder Singh (centre-half), R.S. Rathee (center-forward), K.S. Makin V.S. Negi (right-in), C.S. Rathore (right-out) and (left-out).

There were a few other Old Boys too who came to witness the match.

The RIMC XI: S. Pradhan, H.S. Pathania, Rajan Singh, A.K. Bishnoi, A.K. Gupta, P.G. Rongmei, D.V. Tomar, K.R. Singh, A. A.K. Singh and R.K. Yadav.

S. Warty, Class III

Cricket vs I.R.D.E.

On Sunday, February 29, we played against the I.R.D.E. Cricket XI on our ground. The visitors on winning the toss chose to bat and bagging 85 runs were all out half an hour before lunch. Their bowling was not as effective as their batting. But when our three most reliable wickets, Bishnoi, Harinder and S.S. Roy fell having scored nearly 24 runs by lunch, the visitors seemed to be overjoyed being placed in a happy position. After lunch Renchi and Choudhuri also couldn't do much and were soon out one after another. The dramatic turn in the situation, however, came from Pathania's bat whose gradually increasing boldness and confidence, shot the RIMC score to 62. The winning runs were scored during the partnership of Tomar and Gupta.

Two weaknesses were prominent in our team—the occasional half-hearted

knocks, the hanging bat and double-mindedness and tendency to getting bored leading to mis-fielding especially when the visiting team's Malhotra and Manjeet in their brilliant partnership were making us run after the ball to the boundary lines.

RIMC XI:—Harinder Singh (13), A.K. Bishnoi (6), S.S. Roy (0), Renchi Abraham (2), G.D. Choudhary (15), R.K. Yadav (2), Ranjan (1), Pathania (34), Gupta (9) not out, Tomar (not out), Oka (not out)

—C. Hari Kumar, Class IV

Believe It or Not

In Nicharc district there is a temple of the 'Nag Devta' or a snake-god. There are two doors to the temple. The outer one is made of ordinary bronze, but the inner door is made of glittering silver. The silver door leads to a room, the abode of the Nag Devta. The bronze door is opened by the priest early in the morning and closed at twilight, while the inner door made of silver is never opened. There is a very small hole to the room which is connected with a pipe through which the head priest passes milk into the room everyday at sunrise and dusk. There is a large strip of barren land outside the temple, littered with thousands of holes, the abodes of many snakes. Worshippers go to the temple and after putting milk in the pots provided for the snakes they enter the outer door and after praying they ask for a boon. If the Nag Devta is pleased a little milk comes out of the pipe and the worshippers have the milk as 'Parsad' and think that their prayer has been rewarded. A couple of years ago some scientists were able to get this Parsad somehow by persuading a follower. On analysis the milk was found to have a large amount of snake venom but it is a known fact that all those who drank this milk are still living happily but the follower who had given his share of milk to the scientists was found dead bitten on the ankle by a poisonous snake in his house. I also found out that before the head priest of this temple is appointed, he has to pass a test, in which, strangely enough, he has to open the silver door and peep inside for a full minute. If he does not die or faint then he is appointed the head priest.

Cadet Rajiv Sharma, Class IV A

The Salvation of Mankind and Literature

The salvation of mankind lies only in making everything the concern of all. People in the East should without exception be concerned with what people are thinking in the West; people in the West should without exception care about what is happening in the East.

Literature, one of the most sophisti-

cated and sensitive instruments available to human beings, has been one of the first to pick up and to join in expressing this feeling of the growing unity of mankind.

The persuasiveness of a true work of art is completely irrefutable; it prevails even over a resisting heart.

(Excerpts from the Nobel Prize Lecture of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Russian Nobel Laureate)

जहाँ नारी की पूजा होती है, वहाँ देवता वास करते हैं। (विपक्ष में)

नारी नर को जन्म देने वाली है। हमारे लिए उसका महत्त्व है, लेकिन महत्त्व तो उस कीचड़ का भी होता है जो कमल को जन्म देता है, उस सड़ी खाद का भी होता है जो गुलाब को उपजाती है। लेकिन क्या, इसीलिए चंदन की जगह माधे पर कीचड़ और रोली की जगह खाद लगानी चाहिए? महत्त्व अपनी जगह है और पूजा अपनी जगह। इडा ने आदि पुरुष को पथ-भ्रष्ट किया था, आदम को स्वर्ग से निकाल जाने में हव्वा का कितना बड़ा हाथ था, यह किसी से छिपा नहीं है। द्रोपदी की व्यंगत्मक हँसी ने महा-भारत करा दिया, दशरथ की कँकेयी पूजा ने अयोध्या को जिस विपत्ति में डाल दिया, उसे हम और आप सभी जानते हैं। पृथ्वीराज यदि संयोगिता की पूजा में न फँस कर जयचंद को अपना शत्रु न बना लेता तो आज भारत का नक्शा ही अलग होता। तुलसीदास जी नारी के पीछे मुँह को मशक एवं साँप को रस्सी समझे।

उन्होंने ठीक ही कहा है—

“ढोल, गँवार, शूद्र, पशु, नारी,
ये सब ताड़न के अतिकारी।”

कबीर भी नारी के मोह को बड़ा ही विपला मानते हैं—

“नारी की भाँई पड़े, अंधो होय भुजंग,
कबीरा तिन की कौनगति जो नित नारी-संग।”

गालिब को भी निकम्मा बनाने वाली नारी ही थी, वे कहते हैं—

“इस्क ने गालिब निकम्मा कर दिया,
बरना हम भी आदमी थे काम के।”

लोग सारी बुराइयों की जड़ जर, जमीन एवं जोरू को ही बताते हैं। लेकिन मैं समझता हूँ कि जर, जमीन तो केवल अनुप्रास के लिए रख दिए गए हैं, मुख्य कारण एक ही है और वह है—“जोरू”। मनुष्य जर किसके लिए चाहता है? जोरू के गहरों के लिए, जमीन किस लिए चाहता है?—जोरू की सुन्दर आरामगाह के लिए। नारी की देह में काम, वाणी में क्रोध, रूप में मोह नेत्रों में लोभ, हृदय में मद एवं बुद्धि में मत्सर का वास होता है। अर्थात् नारी षट्-विकारों को खान है। जब जयसिंह जैसे राजा नारी की पूजा में लिप्त हो जाते हैं तो राज्य-प्रबन्ध सब चौपट होने लगता है और बिहारी जैसे शृंगारी कवि को भी कहना ही पड़ता है:—

“नहीं पराग, नहीं मधुर मधु, नहीं विकास यहि काल,
अली-कली ही सौं विष्यो, आगे कौन हवाल।”

इसलिए सज्जनों! मेरा विचार है कि केवल हीन-भावना-ग्रस्त मनोविकार के रोमी पुरुष, नारी की पूजा

करने वाले होते हैं। इतिहास साक्षी है कि जब-जब नारी ने नर की पूजा की है, तब-तब उसे स्वर्गिक सुख मिला है, जब-जब उन्हें नारायण एवं पति को परमेश्वर माना है, समाज उन्नति के शिखर पर पहुँचा है। पूजा नारी की नहीं, नर की हीनी चाहिए।

सज्जनों! पैर की जूती चाहे मलमल की बनी हो या कमलाव की उसमें चाहे हीरे जड़ दिए जाएं या मोती, वह पैर में ही शोभा पाती है, सिर पर नहीं। आधुनिक युग में बीसवीं शताब्दी की नारी ने समाज के ढाँचे को ही खोखला कर दिया है। पुरुष की अवहेलना कर, शिक्षा पाकर, स्वतन्त्रता एवं प्रेम-विवाह के बन्धन में फँस कर विलासिता में पागल हो गई है। यही कारण है कि आज के सभ्य कहे जाने वाले संसार में इन्हीं पथ-भ्रष्ट नारियों के कारण रगरलियाँ होती हैं, नृत्य होता है और विलासिता की धूम मची होती है। जहाँ नारी वात्सल्य से सून्य होकर केवल प्रेम प्राप्त करना चाहती हो, भला वह राष्ट्र कैसे उन्नति कर सकता है? चल-चित्रों में नारी की लुभावनी सूरत एवं प्रणय-भावना से राष्ट्र के नवयुवकों का चारित्रिक-पतन हो रहा है। प्राचीन काल में भी नारी की मोहिनी ने बड़े-बड़े ऋषियों एवं मुनियों को भी पथ भ्रष्ट कर दिया था। नारद जैसे ब्रह्मऋषि ने माया-रूपी नारी के मोह में बन्दर सा मुँह बनवा लिया। नारी वह छलना है जो हर स्पन्दन में प्रतिबिम्बित है पर पकड़ में नहीं आती। तुलसी के के शब्दों में—

“विधिहु न नारि हृदय-गति जानी।”

वर्तमान-युग की नारी ने तो समाज में ऐसे विपले कीटाणु भी छोड़ दिए हैं जो अनन्त काल तक आगे चल कर संसार के अनिष्ट का रूप धारण कर सकते हैं। सज्जनों! आज की मॉडर्न के इस युग में भी फैशन में डूबी हुई भड़कीले कपड़ों के दाम, कधी, शीशा, ओटो, लेवेण्डर, सोप, पाउडर, बेल-बॉटम तथा मिनी-स्कर्ट के पैसे बेचारे गरीब पति की कमाई की धौली से ही निकलते हैं।

अंत में सभापति महोदय, मैं तो यही कहूँगा कि यदि समाज में नारित्व से भरी हुई भावनाओं की झूठी मोतियाँ भीरोई गईं तो वह दिन दूर नहीं जब कि संसार एक बार फिर पाषाण-युग का क्रीड़ा-स्थल बन जाएगा।

व्यववाद।

(बोरकुमार दिलीप नारायण सिंह द्वारा अन्तर विद्यालय वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता, रोटरी क्लब, देहरादून में दिया गया भाषण—सम्पादक)



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Founder's Day and Rimcollian Reunion

This year, celebrations connected with Founder's Day of the College and Rimcollian Reunion started with a hockey match on 12th afternoon between the Rimcollians and the present Cadets. The Rimcollians, who had started arriving at the College since morning, managed to form a formidable team which consisted of a few seasoned hockey players among Old Boys and Gentlemen Cadets from the IMA. The game started on a brisk pace and remained fairly exciting throughout. Theirs being a slightly superior team, Rimcollians won the match by 4 to 1 goal.

The hockey match was followed by the Inter-Section Boxing Finals held in the Amphitheatre. Shivaji Section won the Boxing Championship Cup for the year. The cup was given away to the winners by Lt. Gen. K. P. Candeth (Retd.) A detailed account of the Boxing competition has already appeared in the columns of the previous issue of the Chronicle.

Soon after Boxing a cocktail party and dance preceded dinner in the Convocation Hall with 11 G. R. Band in attendance. The gathering, though small this year, was nevertheless characterized by close affinity and warmth among the Old Boys who gave themselves up to jollity and fraternal tempo of merry making consistent with their reunion on the eve of Founder's Day.

Next morning at 9. 45 the Old Boys and the College assembled at the War Memorial for the Wreath-Laying Ceremony and memorial service to pay homage to the valiant Rimcollian war-heroes who laid down their lives in defending the honour and integrity of our motherland. The wreath was laid at the memorial by Lt. Gen. K. P. Candeth and silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed braves while the last post was played by the buglers.

The wreath-laying and memorial service having been over, Mrs. Onkar Singh, whose husband Lt. Col. Onkar Singh died in the war of 1971 with Pakistan, donated a precious and impressive trophy in the loving memory of her valiant husband, who besides being an illustrious Old Boy, had served the College capably as the Administrative Officer from 1958 till 1961. The Commandant, Col. H. K. L. Johar gratefully accepted the trophy on behalf of the College. In a short speech of acknowledgement which was charged with emotion, Col. Johar lauded the Career, capability and achievements of Lt. Col. Onkar Singh and the deep love that he had for his alma mater and assured Mrs. Onkar Singh that the trophy donated by her would ever act as an impetus to the young Cadets to reach the heroic heights of our Old Boys like Col. Onkar Singh of whom we are justly proud.

Then the Old Boys and their families were taken to the Education Block where various hobby clubs had organised exhibitions. Worthy of mention here are the Art exhibition, Current Affairs Gallery, Aeromodelling and Science Laboratories. The spectators were very much impressed by the good show put up by Cadets under the able guidance of their Masters-in-Charge. We are thankful to all of them for taking pains to organise the exhibitions.

After visiting the exhibitions put up by various hobby Clubs, the Rimcollians formed a strong Cricket team and entered the field to play a match against the College XI. The match was very exciting indeed and in spite of the scintillating performance of a few seeded Rimcollian players, the College XI won the prestigious match by 5 (five) runs and thus annexed the coveted Cricket trophy, which was given away to our College skipper A.K. Bishnoi by Lt. Gen.

K.P. Candeth, President, Old Boys Rimcollian Association.

The Cricket match was followed by drinks and lunch in the gaily decorated garden facing the College ground. Besides Rimcollians, members of the Staff and Gentlemen Cadets, many guests, who had been invited for the occasion, also attended the lunch. It was a pleasant, lively gathering and Rimcollians, in particular, were seen busy exchanging pleasantries and notes besides recollecting the good old days that they had enjoyed at the College.

Later, in the evening, the Rimcollian Dinner was held in the Cadets' Mess. The dinner was preceded by a cocktail party arranged by the Rimcollians in the Ante-rooms. The Candle Light dinner was held with usual pomp and lustre with 11 G.R.R.C. Band in attendance though many a seat lay vacant owing to a relatively small number of Old Boys who attended Founder's Day and Rimcollian Reunion this year. At the close of the dinner, Lt. Gen. K.P. Candeth read out the messages of greetings and best wishes of a few very senior and illustrious Rimcollians including Gen. G.G. Bewoor, Chief of The Army Staff, who could not attend the function because of his pre-scheduled trip to Iraq. Gen. Candeth then in his presidential speech called upon the Old Boys to strengthen their association in whatever capacity they could and wheresoever they might be serving and hoped that their community, which was characterized by fraternal bonds and close camaraderie would grow in strength day by day. He thanked the Commandant and the Staff for taking pains to make the stay of Rimcollians comfortable at the College and hoped that the Rimcollian Reunion would attract more and more Old Boys next year.

Next morning, a meeting of the General Body of Old Boys was held in the senior Ante-Room. Gen. Candeth was re-elected President of the Old Boys Rimcollian Association and Lt. Col. Sherleker was elected Secretary. Our heartiest congratulations to them. The General Body meeting having been over, the Rimcollians left for their respective destinations and with their departure came to a close the function so soon after it had started.

The following Rimcollians attended the Reunion and Founder's Day Function:—

1. Lt. Gen. K.P. Candeth (Retd)
2. Maj. Gen. B.P. Wadhera

3. Maj. Gen. Virendra Singh (Retd)
4. Maj. Gen. S.C. Sinha
5. Brig. I.J.S. Johar
6. Brig. L.S. Negi (Retd)
7. Col. G.S. Sodhi
8. Col. H.S. Mamik
9. Shri S. Brar, I.P.S.
10. Lt. Col. Jasbir Singh Khurana (Retd)
11. Lt. Col. N.V. Subbarao
12. Lt. Col. M.M.L. Tripathi
13. Lt. Col. P.D. Sherlekar
14. Lt. Col. V.P. Yadav
15. Lt. Col. Malvinder Singh
16. Lt. Col. B.K. Laroia
17. Shri N.N. Khanna
18. Shri P.N. Talwar
19. Shri A.N. Khattar
20. Major M.S. Baidwan
21. Major H.S. Sen
22. Major S.P. Das
23. Major H.S. Mangat
24. Flg. Officer M.H. Zaki
25. Capt. M.M. Zaki
26. Capt. Raman Sehgal
27. Capt. B.S. Pawar
28. Capt. D. Mukherjee
29. Capt. Gautam Chopra
30. Capt. Ravindra Singh
31. Capt. S. Balachandran
32. Capt. A.K. Vashist
33. Capt. Harjeet Singh
34. Flg. Officer R.L. Tikku
35. Lt. P.P. Agarwal
36. 2/Lt. L.K. Bhatia
37. Shri B N. Misra

College News

Inter-Section English Declamation Contest, 1974

Under the auspices of the English Literary Society, the Inter-Section English Declamation Contest was held on Saturday, 23rd March, in the Convocation Hall at 1830 hours. Each Section was represented at the Contest by a team of four speakers—two Seniors and two Juniors. The Contest was presided over by Cadet Captain Harbhajan Singh Sandhu and was conducted by Section Commander A.K. Ghosh, President of the Literary Society.

Professor G.D. Shukla, formerly Professor and Head of Department of English and also Principal, D.A.V. Postgraduate College, Colonel D.N.

Chhibber, Head of Academics Department, Indian Military Academy, and Professor R.R. Sudarshan, retired Professor of English, D.A.V. College were kind enough to act as judges of the evening. We are immensely grateful

to these gentlemen. We are also grateful to other guests who kindly graced the occasion by their presence.

Names of the speakers and the topics chosen by them appear below:—

Sl. No.	Name of speaker	Sec.	Topic
1.	R.S.N. Singh	S	Travelling is a part of education.
2.	Anjan Das	C	Reading of fairy tales is harmful.
3.	A. Banerjee	S	Modern films do us more harm than good.
4.	V. Ramaswamy	R	Pleasures of cutting bounds.
5.	S.S. Rosario	P	Modern films do us more harm than good.
6.	G.S. Bains	R	Modern films do us more harm than good.
7.	S. Jain	P	Telling a lie is necessary at times.
8.	Gajendra Prasad	C	Travelling is a part of education.
9.	K.S. Aiyappa	R	The woods are lovely, dark and deep But I have promises to keep (Robert Frost)
10.	B.S. Kohli	S	War is an inhuman institution.
11.	A.S. Gosain	P	Heroes are the loadstar of people.
12.	N. Imam	S	India is marching towards modernity.
13.	B. Charles	C	The woods are lovely, dark and deep But I have promises to keep (Robert Frost)
14.	S.R. Swarup	R	India is marching towards modernity.
15.	C. Hari Kumar	C	Men make houses, but women make homes.
16.	Rajiv Anand	P	Parents are too strict with teenagers.

Following are the results of the competition:—

A Individual Positions

(i) Juniors

1. Cadet V. Ramaswamy (Ranjit) 90/150 First
2. " R.S.N. Singh (Shivaji) 88/150 Second
3. " S.S. Rosario (Pratap) 86/150 Third

(ii) Seniors

1. Cadet B. Charles (Chandra-gupta) 99/150—First
2. " B.S. Kohli (Shivaji) 95/150 Second
3. " Rajiv Anand (Pratap) 89/150 Third

B Team Positions

(i) Juniors

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|------------------|------------|--------|
| 1. Ranjit | 175 points | First |
| 2. Pratap | 165 " | Second |
| 3. Shivaji | 161 " | Third |
| 4. Chandra-gupta | 148 " | Fourth |

(ii) Seniors

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|------------------|------------|--------|
| 1. Chandra-gupta | 180 points | First |
| 2. Shivaji | 178 " | Second |
| 3. Ranjit | 171 " | Third |
| 4. Pratap | 158 " | Fourth |

C Overall placing

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|------------------|------------|--------|
| 1. Ranjit | 346 points | First |
| 2. Shivaji | 339 " | Second |
| 3. Chandra-gupta | 328 " | Third |
| 4. Pratap | 323 " | Fourth |

Towards the close of the contest, Prof. Shukla was requested to comment upon the performance of Cadets and give the young speakers some suggestions for further improvement and he graciously agreed to do so. He said he was very pleased with the young Cadets' performance but advised them against complacency. Quoting the definition of declamation from OUD he told Cadets that whereas debate implies a reasoned approach and aims at convincing the audience, declamation means speaking rhetorically and in an impassioned manner and aims at appeal-

ing to the emotions and feelings of the listeners. He further advised the Cadets to guard themselves against overacting or standing as a robot at times. He reminded the speakers of the golden rules of practice and perseverance which have enabled laconic and diffident persons like Winston Churchill to become great orators. The function drew to a close with the award of Principal S.P. Sharma English Declamation Cup to the Winners—Ranjit Section—by the Commandant. Our heartiest congratulations to Ranjit on winning the English Declamation Cup.

Words of Wisdom

They are slaves who will not choose
 Hatred, scoffing, and abuse;
 Rather than in silence shrink
 From the truth they needs must think;
 They are slaves who dare not be
 In the right with two or three

—James Russell Lowell

Obituary

We, members of the Staff and Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College place on record our sense of profound sorrow on the passing away of the father of our Administrative Officer Major M.S. BAIDWAN.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to Major BAIDWAN and his family and pray to God Almighty that the departed soul may rest in peace in the heavenly abode and the bereaved ones may have the strength to bear the irreparable loss.



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Rimcolliana

Major M.S. Baidwan, our Rimcollian Administrative Officer, who served the College for one year has left R.I.M.C. on his transfer to 15 Tripura Bn., National Cadet Corps, Agartala as its Officer Commanding.

We wish Major and Mrs. Baidwan the best of luck in their new environment.

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We welcome Major P. Barua, another Rimcollian as our Administrative Officer in place of Major M.S. Baidwan. Major Barua comes to us from 2/5 Gorkha Rifles (FF). We wish him a very pleasant stay at the College.

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College News

Our warm congratulations to Section Commander K.B. Singh of Ranjit Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the College with effect from 8th April. We hope he rises to the occasion.

Cadet Captain A.K. Ghosh of Pratap Section who passed the tabs to K.B. Singh on the completion two week's responsible job in this capacity also deserves our congratulations for doing his job well.

Sportsfolio

Table Tennis

On 3rd April the College Table Tennis Team went to play a tournament at Rajpur. The College players gave a very good performance and three of the players A. Subramaniam, R.K. Singh and R.S.N. Singh reached the quarter finals. R.S.N. Singh and R.K. Singh lost to District No. 1 and 2 respectively in the quarter finals. In the doubles Renchy and Subramaniam reached the semi-finals. The College players put up a good show and we expect that they would do even better next time.

N.C. Mahrishi

Inter-Section Rifle Shooting Competition, 1974

Following are the results of the Inter-Section Rifle Shooting Competition held on Sunday, 17th March:—

1. Ranjit Section	136 points	First
2. Pratap Section	132 „	Second
3. Shivaji Section	125 „	Third
4. Chandragupta Section	105 „	Fourth

Our heartiest congratulations to Ranjit.

Inter-Section Cricket Competition, 1974

Following are the results of the Inter-Section Cricket Competition held from 18th to 27th March:—

Sections	Matches played	Won	Lost	Points
<i>Seniors</i>				
Pratap	3	2	1	3
Ranjit	3	2	1	3
Shivaji	3	X	3	1
Chandragupta	3	2	1	3
<i>Juniors</i>				
Pratap	3	1	2	2
Ranjit	3	3	X	4
Shivaji	3	2	1	3
Chandragupta	3	X	3	0

Final Position

	Points	Position
Ranjit	8	I
Pratap	6	II
Shivaji	4	III
Chandragupta	2	IV

Our heartiest congratulations to Ranjit Section on annexing the Cricket Championship Cup.

Inter-Section T.T. Tournament, 1974
15th, 16th & 17th of April

Vs	Pratap	Ranjit	Shivaji	Chandragupta	Position
Pratap	X	Won 4-1	Won 3-1	Won 4-1	I
Ranjit	Lost 1-4	X	Won 3-2	Won 3-2	II
Shivaji	Lost 1-3	Lost 2-3	X	Won 3-2	III
Chandra- gupta	Lost 1-4	Lost 2-3	Lost 2-3	X	IV
Champion- ship Points	4	3	2	1	Pratap won the Cup

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap Section. ✓

A Trip to Rajgir

It was the cold morning of 7th January. The sun had just come out of the clouds which were floating gently in the sky. I took my pack in which I had few clothes, socks, fruits and eggs. I took with me a small pocket transistor also for entertainment and walked up to my friend's house which was 5 km. from my house. I found him ready, waiting for me with his sister, who too had a pack on her back and was ready to hike with us. The weather was favourable. As we walked some distance we asked for a lift from a truck which was going to load bricks from a kiln. The driver was a Khalsa. We had Rs. 40 only in our pocket. We were going to Rajgir and Nalanda. We thanked Khalsaji and now we were 12 km. away from our house. It was at 10 a.m. when we started walking along the road for some time and then we met a villager from whom we enquired about any short route. He told us a short cut and in the next few minutes we were walking in green rice fields. Even women and children were lending men a helping hand in the fields. We went to a well and drank little water and again we moved. We passed by many small villages. Children cheered us and stared at us as if we were from another planet. We went to a tubewell, washed ourselves and by now we had hiked 7 km. and we were now 19 km. away from our house. We took a little refreshment and some rest, asked people about the route and walked again. The topic of our conversation on the way was our schools, co-education and so on. In another

hour we were again on the road and now we all started praying to God for a lift. Many cars and trucks passed by but no one gave us a lift. No one stopped but at last God heard our prayers and a foreigner came to our rescue. He had a Mercedes Benz car and was with his wife. He was happy to know about us and about our hiking. We reached Rajgir at 4.30 p.m. We thanked him a lot. We all were exhausted by now. My friend's sister knew a girl who was her classmate. When we went to her house we all were greeted. We had snacks and then at 6 p.m. we left for a hot water bath. There was a great rush. After taking bath we four went for a walk in the jungle. We returned by 8, had dinner and went to bed. Next morning we left for the aerial ropeway which is better than that of Mussoorie. It has been built by the Japanese Government. We went to Shanti Stupa. Here the Buddhist monks were praying. We went to some other religious, historical places and then left for Nalanda on our host's old model open Ford, with myself on the steering wheel. We had our lunch there and liked the place. I hope many of you might have been to this famous University of Nalanda. We left at 2 o'clock in our Ford for the long journey to Patna. It all went off very well but at a place called Biharsharif, the car broke down because the engine was over heated. After some time we made our move again after taking some light refreshment. We all were enjoying the trip when a nail went into the left back tyre and now we had to change the tyre. As

we were nearing Patna petrol in the car finished and now my friend had to go to a petrol pump by a truck and was back in an hour. Then we moved and reached Patna within half an hour. I got down at my house and thanked God for my safe arrival. I expressed my gratitude to my friend for having provided me with such an opportunity for a trip.

Cadet V.K. Gupta,
Class-IA.

Lightning Addition

$$\begin{array}{r} 45623 \\ 54376 \\ 27043 \\ 72956 \\ 48765 \\ \hline 248763 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Anyone can be lightning-fast in calculation if he knows the secret of this addition trick.

Ask someone to write any five-figure number on the blackboard. You then write a five-figure number beneath it, apparently at random. Actually, you choose your digits so that each one, added to the digit above it, will total nine. For example:-

His number	4 5 6 2 3
Your number	5 4 3 7 6

Tell the person to put a third five-figure number beneath your number. You then write a fourth number using the same nine principle. After he has written a fifth number, you draw a line under it and without a moment's hesitation write the correct total. More startling still, you write it from left to right.

How do you do it? Just subtract from the fifth number and put 2 in front of what is left. For example if the fifth number is 48765, the total will be 248763.

Cadet G.K. Dwivedi,
Class II-A.

An Ugly Dream

A house in the town of Boston was haunted. People did not dare to go near it. I had gone to Boston to spend my holidays there. I came to know about that house through men who were talking about it in a hotel. I asked them where the haunted house was situated and the

way to go to that house. The next morning I went to see that house. It was really a dreadful sight. Grass and trees had grown all over the place, the walls had cracked and the roots of some trees were coming out through that. Most of the doors were broken. There wasn't a piece of furniture in the house, except in the room where there was a cellar and an empty bottle of wine was lying on a table. The doors of that room were in a sound condition and strong enough to be used. The door on the opposite side was bolted from inside and the bolt was in a good condition. There were no chairs, no tables and no bed. I made up my mind to spend a night in that house.

I took a room in that house in the afternoon and with the help of my servant arranged a chair and a bed. I took a torch with me and armed myself with a pistol. My pet dog also came with me to stay there at night, as if he knew about the danger. As the sun set I came into the room and bolted both the doors from inside and went to my bed to relax.

Shortly afterwards I felt sleepy and for the last time I got up and checked the room thoroughly. Then I went to bed. I slept there for a short time when I heard a blasting sound and I got up to see what had happened. The room next to that in which I was sleeping was blown off. I did not dare to go out, but I took out my pistol from under my pillow and stood there shivering. The dog was just near my leg. Then suddenly I saw some plants grow in the room and within five minutes the room was filled with plants. Then I saw the plants creeping towards me and finally I was in the tight grip of these plants. I gave a loud cry and ran in panic from my bed. My mother and father rushed to my bed and asked me what had happened. I told them that it was nothing but an ugly dream which had driven me to such an agitated state of mind.

Cadet Gajendra Prasad,
Class I-A.

Bowled Out

A ball came crashing through Mrs. Smith's kitchen window. Soon afterwards, a small boy rang the door bell and announced, "My father will be here in a minute to mend the window."

Sure enough, a man came up the steps and Mrs. Smith gave the boy the ball back.

After the man had replaced the broken pane, he said, "Madam, Rupees 25 for repairs." "What?" Mrs. Smith gasped, "Was not that your son?" "Do not tell me you aren't his mother?" came the startled reply.

Cadet M. Paramasivan,
Class III-A

Believe it or not

In the Mahasu District of Himachal Pradesh large population consists of Khadus, that is 90% are Khadus, and the rest 10% consist of various immigrants from plains. Nearly all the Khadus, are the faithful devotees of Goddess Kali, but it is a known fact that only a couple of centuries ago they were a mere nomadic sect. Modern historians are of the opinion that they are all Mongols, with a few exceptional cases, that is those who were affected by inter-marriages. These people did not have any God and did not believe in idol worship, but in the 16th century their belief was shattered and they had to believe that there is some kind of a God over them. This incident happened while a road was being constructed under a British officer. The road was meant to connect some important trade centres like Rampur-Bushair. The British officer tried to build the road some five times but every time there was a heavy avalanche, and many of the labourers died and all the machines and material were destroyed. The British officer lost hope, and started making preparation to give up the nigh impossible project, but the same night the dejected Major had a dream in which

Goddess Kali instructed him to build her temple facing the road. Then and only then would he achieve success. The British Major did as he was told and within a few days he completed the roads. But it so happened that after the road was built and the task accomplished, everyone forgot the presence of the temple on the lonely cliff. The wrath of the Goddess knew no bounds and from then onwards whoever passed by that road was destroyed to pieces, by rumbling huge stones. Even the smallest pieces of destroyed vehicles were not found anywhere. The people then had to believe that there was something like a Goddess. They apologized to the Goddess by sacrificing thirty sheep and seven yaks. Since then there have been no accidents on that road, and the head of the goddess keeps turning from east to west covering in its range of sight, the full road; and today in every Khadus home the replica of Kali's statue can be found. Today they are the most religious people of Himachal Pradesh.

Cadet Rajiv Sharma,
IV-A.

Words of Wisdom

1. Since God made us to be originals, why stoop to be a copy.
Billy Graham
2. Most of the shadows of this life are caused by our standing in our own sunshine.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



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We welcome Lt. Col. G.P.S. Waraich, A.E.C., as our new Commandant.

Lt. Col. Waraich, who holds two Master's degrees—M.A. in Economics and M.A. in Political Science—a degree in Education—B.Ed. and has to his credit a doctorate—Ph.D. in International Relations—has a brilliant academic career and a distinguished record of service at the various officer producing institutions of the Indian Army. He comes to us from the Officers Training School, Madras where he was Head of the Academic Department. He has been an instructor at the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, AEC Training College and Centre, Pachmarhi, the Army Cadet College, Pune and the Officers Training School, Madras and has distinguished himself by his keen and abiding interest not only in academic affairs but also the administrative spheres at these institutions.

We wish him and his family a very happy stay at the College.

Rimcolliana

Our heartiest congratulations to Colonel Karam Singh, S.M. and Colonel S.V. Giri, both Rimcollian Officers, on their being promoted to the rank of Brigadier.

Variety Entertainment Programme

Ranjit Section presented a variety entertainment programme on Saturday, 4th May in the Convocation Hall at 1800 hrs. The programme consisted of many items of vocal and instrumental music,

comics, monoacting and a Hindi play entitled "Chakkar Hi Chakkar," which was based on innumerable, complex problems which stem from a heavy influx of guests and keen competition among house wives as faced by the occupant of a centrally situated house on a hill-station like Mussoorie. The highlights of the evening were the play, monoacting and songs. Worthy of remark were the performances of Gadet R.S. Yadav, who sang haunting, melodious tunes, Cadet Kalyan Chakraborty for his remarkable monoacting and Cadets S.R. Swarup, R. Chaturvedi and Bimal Verma for their outstanding roles in the drama. It was a very enjoyable evening and the success of the programme lay in thorough preparation which was made for the occasion.

We congratulate the Cadets of Ranjit Section and particularly those who took part in the variety entertainment programme on their creditable performance.

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This term, due to certain unprecedented administrative problems caused by the railway strike regarding the dispersal of the cadets, adequate provision was made for a special curriculum consisting of P.T., extensive reading facility in the College library, friendly matches and cultural programmes in the evening for the cadets who had to stay back. Such a curriculum was designed in order to keep the cadets fruitfully occupied till the railway situation improved. Most of the cadets were despatched by buses, airways and such other means as were available and the rest were very well looked after at the College. In this context we appre-

ciate the indulgence of parents and guardians who cooperated with us and beg forgiveness for any inconvenience caused to them owing to circumstances beyond our control. We wish to assure all parents and guardians that all possible steps would be taken in future to guard against such an inconvenience to them.

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Special Message From Lt Col HKL Johar, A.E.C.

On relinquishing the command of the College, I wish to express my very deep gratitude and grateful thanks to the members of the Staff, Cadets, Officer staff, Service personnel and employees of all categories for all the affection, regard and respect that they gave me and shall always cherish the happy memories of my association with them for a period of about six years.

The College has a great future and I am sure you will continue to work with same zeal, devotion and sincerity for my very able successor Lt. Col. G.P.S. Waraich not only to maintain the high traditions and standards of the College but to improve upon these.

May God always guide and bless you all with the very best of luck and prosperity in whatever capacity you serve the College. My fondest regards and best wishes will always be with the College.

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Character

Remember, it is character that is the only test, and the only true fruit of living. It is not knowledge; for knowledge will fail. It is not money; for money cannot be carried away from earth. It is not fame; for fame's laurels fade at the grave's edge, and its voice gives no cheer in the valley of shadows. It is not culture or education or refinement. It is life—not what we have or what we know, but what we are—that we can carry with us into the eternal world.

Farewell address to Lt. Col. H.K.L. Johar, A.E.C. by Cadet Captain A.K. Bishnoi

We have assembled here this evening to bid farewell to our worthy Commandant Col. H.K.L. Johar who ably served the College for 6 years during which he looked after all of us very affectionately like a father. He spared no pains in ensuring our maximum welfare not only academics but also in all other spheres of College life. He has been a very successful and effective teacher and those of us who were fortunate to be his students can realize his sincerity of purpose, high sense of duty and complete devotion to the task of shaping us into what we are today. He always set personal example of simplicity, hard work, integrity and above all love and affection and guidance that are so necessary in moulding our character. It is very difficult for me to describe his many qualities of head and heart which made him so popular and so respected. As young Cadets we made many mistakes and on occasions our actions caused him anxiety and pain but his attitude to us has always been forgiving and noble. We beg his forgiveness once again for our lapses and wish to assure him that he will always be held in the highest esteem by all of us and we will ever draw inspiration and strength from him. We request him to keep a soft corner in his heart for us and the College. Incidentally, I must mention that we wanted to give him a humble present as a token of our love and regards for him, but he, in the highest traditions of guru-chela relationship of our culture declined it, because he maintains that the respect and honour which a teacher gets from his students remains the most enduring and valuable gift for him.

On our part, we will ever remain obedient and respectful to him wherever he may be and look forward to receive his blessings.

✓ Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Basketball Tournament, 1974

Results of the Inter-Section Basketball tournament 1974 are as under:—

Ranjit	First
Shivaji	Second
Chandragupta	Third
Pratap	Fourth

Our heartiest congratulations to Ranjit Section.

We Congratulate the following Cadets on their being awarded the College Blues and Half Blues for their outstanding performances in the games mentioned against their names:

(a) Cricket

Cadet Capt AK Bishnoi	} Blues
Cadet NCO RK Singh	
Cadet NCO Harinder Singh	
Cadet NCO R Abraham	} Half Blues
Cadet G D Choudhary	
Cadet A K Prasad	

(b) Hockey

Cadet NCO HS Pathania	Blues
Cadet S Pradhan	} Half Blues
Cadet B C Singh	

(c) Table Tennis

Cadet NCO RK Singh	} Blues
Cadet NCO R Abraham	
Cadet NCO BS Dhanoa	Half Blues

✓ Inter-Section Hockey Competition, 1974

Result of the Inter-Section Hockey competition are as under;—

Section	Seniors							Juniors						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ranjit	3	-	3	-	2	2	3	3	2	1	-	7	1	5
Shivaji	3	2	1	-	4	2	5	3	-	1	2	2	4	1
Pratap	3	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	1	2	1	2	7	2
Chandra- gupta	3	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	2	-	2	1	4

	Position pts.		Position pts.		G. Total
Shivaji	4	Ranjit	4	Ranjit	6½
Pratap } Ranjit }	2½ 2½	Chandragupta Pratap	3 2	Shivaji Pratap	5 4½
Chandragupta	1	Shivaji	1	Chandra- gupta	4

Final positions and points

Ranjit	First	8
Shivaji	Second	6
Pratap	Third	4
Chandragupta	Fourth	2

Our heartiest congratulations to Ranjit Section on winning the hockey cup. ✓

धन और सुख

संसार में चार प्रकार के बल माने गये हैं—घन बल, शरीर बल, बुद्धि बल तथा तप बल। इन सभी में घन को सबसे नीचा स्थान दिया गया है। कारण स्पष्ट है—सांसारिक घन आनी-जानी वस्तु है जिसका एक स्थान पर केन्द्रित होना असम्भव माना गया है। इसीलिए तो लक्ष्मी को, जो घन की अधिष्ठात्री देवी हैं, चञ्चला भी कहा गया है। कविवर रहीम ने व्यंग्यात्मक ढंग से ठीक ही कहा है—

लक्ष्मी धिर न रहीम कह, यह जानत सब कोय,
पुरुष पुरातन की वधु, क्यों न चञ्चला होय ॥

प्रायः देखा गया है कि संसार में राजा रंक हो जाते हैं, बड़े-बड़े करोड़पतियों का ध्राए दिन दीवाला निकल जाता है तथा कभी-कभी 'रंक चलें सिर छत्र घराई' वाली उक्ति चरितार्थ हो जाती है। सारांश यह कि भौतिक समृद्धि नाशवान, क्षणिक, भोग प्रधान तथा अधोगामी होती है, जिसकी उपलब्धि तथा वास्तविक सुख का कोई विशेष सम्बन्ध नहीं। सुख तो मानव की एक आन्तरिक अनुभूति या भावना है। सुख का उदय सन्तोष की भावना से होता है तथा व्यक्ति के हृदय में सन्तोष की भावना जितनी ही गहरी होगी वह उतना ही अधिक सुखी होगा।

संक्षेप में हम वह कह सकते हैं कि सुख की प्राप्ति घन से न होकर सन्तोष की भावना से ही हो सकती है। इसीलिए—'सन्तोष परमं सुखं' अर्थात् सन्तोष ही परम सुख है कहकर महापुरुषों ने हमें सन्तोष का पाठ पढ़ाया है। हमारे घमं ग्रन्थों में कहा गया है कि गरीब वह है जिसकी तृष्णा बड़ी है तथा अमीर वह है जो सदा सन्तुष्ट रहता है। रहीम ने भी कहा है—

गोधन, गजघन, वाजिघन,
और रतनघन खान ।
जब आवे सन्तोष घन,
सब घन घूरि समान ॥

सन्तोष के बिना संसार का कोई भी घन मनुष्य की कामनाओं की तृप्ति नहीं कर सकता। प्रायः देखा गया है कि घनाढ्य व्यक्ति लोभी होता है। घन का संचय करने का लोभ उसमें इतना प्रबल होता है कि वह कर्त्तव्याकर्त्तव्य, उचित-अनुचित पर ध्यान न दे असंख्य प्राणियों का शोषण करता है, उनका रक्त चूसता है और घन के घमंड में संसार की सभी भोग-वासनाओं में अपना अमूल्य जीवन नष्ट करता है। आइये देखें घन से हमें क्या मिल सकता है? केवल क्षणिक सुख, न कि वास्तविक आनन्द। घन से सुन्दर, स्वादिष्ट पकवान, मिठाई अथवा भोजन मिल सकता है, भूख नहीं; कीमती दवाइयाँ मिल सकती, शक्ति नहीं; चढ़मा मिल सकता है पर दृष्टि नहीं; कोमल शय्या मिल सकती है पर निद्रा नहीं; आभूषण मिल सकते हैं पर सौन्दर्य नहीं; डिग्रियाँ मिल सकती हैं पर विवेक नहीं; नौकर मिल सकते हैं, पर सेवा नहीं; यार-दोस्त मिल सकते हैं, पर सच्चे मित्र नहीं; चापलूसी मिल सकती है, पर प्रेम नहीं। भला आप ही बताइए कि ऐसे घन से क्या लाभ।

अतः हम सभी को आज के भौतिकवादी युग में सतोष की खोज करनी चाहिए तभी हमें सुख की प्राप्ति हो सकती है। सन्तोष भावना की वस्तु है तथा हम सभी को इस भावना का विकास करना चाहिए।

वीरकुमार गोपाल कृष्ण द्विवेदी
द्वितीय 'ए'



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Visit

Major General S.S. Kaul, G.O.C., U.P. Area, Bareilly paid a visit to the College on 11 July 1974.

Members of the Staff were introduced to him in the Staff Room before he took tea with them in the Commandant's office where he discussed matters concerning the administration and progress of the institution. We are grateful to Gen. Kaul for his kind visit.

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College News

The XXVIII Army Physical Training Corps Day, 1974 was celebrated at the College on 1st July with a marked enthusiasm. All APTC instructors at the College organized a function and had a lively get-together over a cup of tea.

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N/Sub. H.N. Wali, APTC, has left the College on his posting to the Artillery Centre, Hyderabad after serving the College for about two years.

Hav. Sardul Singh, APTC, who served the College for two years has retired from active service.

We wish them the best of luck.

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We welcome Hav. P.P.S. Nair, APTC, who has come to us from Officers' Training School, Madras.

We wish him a happy stay at the College.

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'Vana Mahotsava' was observed at the College in the first week of August. Saplings of many flower and fruit trees were planted by roadside as well as in the premises of all members of the Staff.

Our sincere thanks are due to Capt. H.S. Jathoul, A.E.C for taking pains to arrange and supervise the entire programme which is expected to pay rich

dividends soon by adding floral charm and lustre to the lush-green, idyllic setting of the College and also by providing us with certain fresh fruits in a couple of years.

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We welcome our cadets back to the College and hope they would rededicate themselves to their work and play with renewed zeal and vigour after enjoying a long and happy summer vacation.

We welcome those cadets also who have joined the College this term and wish them a happy and rewarding stay at the College. We hope they will soon acclimatize themselves to the new environment and derive maximum benefit from this great institution. Twentyone new cadets have arrived and a few more are expected to join us shortly. The names of all new cadets appear elsewhere in the Chronicle.

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The Commandant has been pleased to appoint Cadet Section Commander K.R. Singh of Chandragupta Section Officiating Cadet Captain of the College with effect from 1st Aug.

We congratulate CC K.R. Singh and hope he would shoulder his responsibilities capably.

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The following Cadets also deserve our congratulations on their being appointed Section Commanders and Cadet NCOs of their respective Sections

We hope they would rise equal to their task and ensure the maximum welfare of the Cadets under them.

Section	Section Commanders	Cadet NCOs
Pratap	M.S. Sodhi	A.K. Prasad G.G. Kumar A. Oka M.S. Patil N.I. Singh Rajiv Anand

Ranjit	Mayank Malik	B. Kartha Ashok Kumar S.S. Rana B.K. Verma S.C. Aiyappa R. Chaturvedi
Shivaji	P.G. Rongmei	N.K.G. Shah A.K. Sharma B.S. Kohli T.B.C. Singh D.V. Choudhary A.P. Singh
Chandra- gupta	H.S. Pathania	B.S. Negi P. Deb R. Ramakrishnan B. Charles S. Bhatia

Sportsfolio

Football Match—Staff vs Cadets

We started our football season with a bang and played a friendly match against the Staff team, captained by our worthy Commandant Col. Waraich.

As soon as the whistle blew the Cadets attacked Mr. Pandey, the Staff goal-keeper and soon the score board read 1-nil in favour of the Cadets. It seemed that Mr. Pandey was not in form and soon another goal was scored by Cadet Captain K.R. Singh who also happened to be our team Captain. Col. Waraich, Captain Jathoul and Mr. Sharma, the custodians of the Staff defence put in their best efforts to check

the influx of the forwards but in vain. Soon another goal was scored by Cadet B.C. Singh. Mr. Bisht thought of replacing Mr. Pandey and amidst loud cheers by the spectators, Major Barua, the Adm. Officer took his place at the goal mouth.

The spectators, specially the cadets, seemed to be enjoying the valiant attempts of Captain Jathoul to score and also the slips and falls of the various masters

Soon Mr. Bisht had a penalty shot at the Cadets' goal. Pradhan, our goal-keeper tried to stop the ball but it slipped from his hands and landed in the net.

After the breather, Cadet Prasad, determined to score, soon found his mark and though Maj. Barua was being cheered by one and all because he really did stop a number of goals, which seemed to be sure. Captain Jathoul now came up as a forward and amongst greet pulling and pushing finally managed to score a goal and the score now read 4-2.

A few minutes before the whistle blew K.R. Singh managed to score the third goal of the match, thus giving the Cadets a victory of five goals to two.

Cadets' Team—S. Pradhan, K.R. Singh, B.C. Singh, S.S. Rana, S. Banerjee, A. Gosain, A.K. Prasad, B.S. Kohli, H.S. Pathania, A.A. Oka, M.S. Sodhi, P. Deb and Daljit Singh.

Cadet NCO B.S. Kohli

OUR NEW CADETS

S.N.	Cadet's name	Section	State	School last attended
1	Kalyanraman Guru Prasad	Pratap	Tamil Nadu	Central School, Madras
2	Sarabjeet Singh	"	Delhi	Central School, Delhi
3	Hari Krishna Dwivedi	"	U.P.	Cambrian Hall, Dehra Dun
4	Rajiv Sharma	Shivaji	U.P.	Cambrian Hall, Dehra Dun
5	Arnab Banerjee	"	W. Bengal	St. Xavier's School, Calcutta
6	Shashi Raj Verma	"	U.P.	St. Aloysious High School, Kanpur
7	Devinder Jeet Singh	"	Punjab	St. John's High School, Chandigarh
8	Brajesh Singh	"	Bihar	Loyala High School, Patna
9	Anil Jaytiani	"	Delhi	St. Pauls', Calcutta
10	Ashwani Kumar	"	Haryana	F.C.I. Model High Sec. School, NayaNangel
11	Abhaya Deep Singh	Ranjit	U.P.	Doon Cultural Centre, Dehra Dun
12	Vikram Vjayram	"	Rajasthan	Nirmala School, Jaipur
13	Rajesh Mohan Sharma	"	U.P.	St. Edward School, Simla
24	Narinder Nath Sharma	"	Tamil Nadu	Padma Sheshadri Bal Bhavan, Madras
15	Sunil Patil	"	Maharashtra	Central School, Broda Gurat
16	Navin Kumar	Chandra- gupta	U.P.	Rajeshwar Vidyalaya, Mhow
17	Romeo Anthony	"	Assam	St. Edmumnd's Shillong
18	Ravinder Iqbal Singh	"	J & K	H.M. High School, Jammu
19	Sanjay Chaddha	"	Delhi	Indian Embassy School, Rangoon
20	V.K. Srinivas	"	Andhra Pradesh	St. Goseph's School, Nandyal
21	Akhilesh Kumar Sinha	"	Bihar	Loyala H. Sec. School, Jamshedpur.

Book Review

IN PRAISE OF LEARNING—John Colet And Literary Humanism In Education—by Dr. Kalyan K. Chatterjee; published by Affiliated East-West Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, First Edition 1974; pages vii+121 (including Appendices, Bibliography and Index); price not mentioned.

Here is a book which originates from Dr. Kalyan K. Chatterjee's doctoral dissertation devoted to John Colet, a "theologian-turned-educator" of the early Tudor era in England. In presenting a lively and coherent picture of John Colet, who represented humanism as a great intellectual force in the early Renaissance, this little volume serves two useful purposes—it brings together not only the background, origin and development of Colet's theological, literary and educational concepts by removing the dust of obscurity that seemed to have settled on this great humanist educator, but also inspires in its readers love for "*studia humanitatis*", which may prove an integrating force in today's world which is pervaded by a sense of doubt, disillusionment and even crisis of identity.

Born in an age which marked a slow transition from the rigid medieval scholasticism to the zest for "new learning" in the early Renaissance in Northern Europe, Colet "was educated in grammatics, partly in London or Westminster before he entered the University of Oxford in 1483 (p.7)," where he "eagerly devoured the works of Cicero, and diligently searched into those of Plato and Plotinus; while there was no branch of Mathematics that he left untouched." (p.9) Besides being "well-instructed in all those Arts and Sciences that are called humanity, he applied himself to the study of divinity..... both at Oxford and Cambridge." At Oxford he met and made lifelong friendship with Desiderius Erasmus, William Grocyn, Thomas Linacre and William Lily—all celebrated scholars and Grecists, who strengthened his humanistic learning and shaped his educational ideas. He had close 'intellectual affinities' with Thomas More and regarded him as 'the finest intellect' in England particularly because More's ideas on humanistic education bore striking resemblance to his own. His continental travels which included Paris, Rome and possibly Florence and his study of Platonic philosophers and theologians including Pico Della Mirandola and Marsilio Ficino deeply influenced his entire mental ori-

entation. On his return to England, he condemned the Scotists for their "poor and barren intellect" and Thomists for their "rash and overweening manner" of using abstract philosophy to explain everything (p.93) and advocated the mastery not only of Latin but also Greek and Hebrew for a thorough understanding and comparative study of the true meaning of the Bible and the scriptures written in these languages. Imbued with a passion for the revival of classical *humanitatis*, he set his face against the traditional scholastic education and theology and recommended the cultivation of 'classical eloquence', stylistic attraction and intensive learning of the Church Fathers. Thus he reconciled the Christian with the Classic ideal by propagating the ideal of secular humanistic education which was based on his firm conviction that "eloquence" and the study of "good literature" were not a contradiction of the Christian religion, but an aid to it. He looked upon humanist education as a source of necessary intellectual equipment for a proper understanding of the Christian theology, for 'the moral wisdom and intellectual brilliance of the classics was an aid to the conduct of a virtuous and enlightened life. Hence the motto of his school: '*Fide et honis litteris.*'

A great crusader for children's education at a time when schools were under absolute sway of the clerics and clergymen, John Colet, Dean of St. Paul accomplished a pioneering task by founding in 1510 New St. Paul's School with the lofty aim of 'bringing children in faith and charities, in wisdom and good living, in good letter, and laudable conversation, good manners, virtuous life and clean literature' (p.89). The school, founded by this great educator, was a magnificent building, large enough to hold 153 students, had renowned teachers like William Lily and John Rightwise and advanced courses and curricula which were deliberately geared to the humanistic conception of learning classics. Unconventional in theory, methods of education and the courses of study, Colet's school furnished a model for founding many schools, independent of clerical control and devoted primarily to the new conception of the value of language and literature in education. St. Paul's school was, therefore, a living edifice 'planned to remedy the sad state of learning in England and be a model to entire Christendom'.

Dr. Chatterjee's perceptive study of John Colet will prove interesting and instructive not only to all students of

education, but also other readers and particularly those who are interested in the literary history of Renaissance.

The author has divided the book into eight discriminating chapters besides prologue and epilogue. His style is lucid and exposition analytical, but it would have added flavour, had the author made the book a little more interesting by reducing the number of references and setting the established

facts in a brighter perspective. The Appendices, up-to-date Bibliography and Index at the end of the book are its very helpful constituents. The publishers deserve appreciation for accurate printing and elegant get-up.

We wish the book gets a place in the hands of many readers and on the shelves of many libraries.

R.P. Dwivedi

राखी का ऐतिहासिक महत्त्व

राखी का त्योहार बड़ा ही महत्त्वपूर्ण है। भाई बहन के प्रति अपना प्रेम प्रकट करता है। यह तो जातव्य है कि बहन, भाई के हाथ में राखी के कच्चे धागे बाँध कर उससे अपनी रक्षा का वचन लेती है। भाई भी बड़ी तत्परता से उसकी रक्षा के लिये सहर्ष तैयार रहता है।

राखी हिन्दुओं का ही परम पर्व है, मैं इसके विरुद्ध हूँ। यही इस लेख की मुख्य विशेषता है। रक्षा-बंधन के बारे में कई किंवदन्तियाँ प्रचलित हैं। पुराणों में दी गई एक कथा इस प्रकार है:—

यमुना के तट पर मृत्युदेव यमराज की बहन ने उसे बड़ा ही स्वादिष्ट खाना खिलाया एवं सेवा सुश्रूषा की। ऐसा कर उसने अपने भाई के हाथ रक्षा-सूत्र बाँधा। मृत्यु के देवता यमराज ने, जो कि अपने स्वभाव के अति कठोर माने जाते हैं, प्रसन्न होकर अपनी बहन को उसकी भक्ति के लिये चिरंजीवी होने का वरदान दिया। पुराणों की इस कथा को आदर्श मानकर हमारे पूर्वजों ने भाई-बहन को एक पवित्र सूत्र में बाँधने के लिए रक्षा-बंधन का पर्व मनाना आरम्भ किया था। यह रहा राखी-बंधन मनाने का मुख्य कारण।

राखी के कच्चे धागों का इतिहास में भी विशेष योगदान रहा है। पाठकगण, सम्भवतः आप को यह हास्यास्पद लगे कि राखी का कच्चा धागा इतने विशाल इतिहास में क्या स्थान रख सकता है। राखी ने हिन्दू-मुस्लिम एकता को बढ़ाने में भरसक प्रयत्न किया है। राखी ने एक ही जड़ से उगी दो शाखाओं को एक बनाने की कोशिश की। परन्तु यह हमारा दुर्भाग्य है कि ये दो लताएँ अपने विभिन्न पथों पर अग्रसर रहीं। मुगलकालीन और उसके उपरान्त हुए रक्तपात का कारण, मेरे विचार से राखी के इस प्रयत्न की असफलता ही थी। यदि राखी की यह पहल सफलता की कली बनती तो उसका फल आज हमको कुछ और ही मिलता। आज जो ऊँच-नीच जाति-पाँत के कट्टर समर्थक हैं, वे एक अमित भारतीयता की भावना से अत-प्रोत होते। तभी सम्भवतः बापू के सपनों का राम-राज्य साकार हो पाता। परन्तु विधि को कुछ और ही मंजूर था। फिर

विधाता के विधान को कौन टाल सकता है? भारत का वह स्वरूप आज हमारे सम्मुख है जिसमें देश के कोने-कोने से प्रान्तीयता, जातीयता एवं जाति-पाँत की ध्वनि हमारे कानों में आ रही है।

अब वह प्रसंग सम्मुख लायें, जिससे राखी को इतिहास में इतना महत्त्वपूर्ण स्थान मिला। यह तब की बात है जब दिल्ली सल्तनत पर मुगल बादशाह हुमायूँ का शासन था। राजपूताने में उस समय राणा सांगा का दबदबा था। दुर्भाग्यवश राणा सांगा, शेरशाह सूरी के आक्रमण का वीरता-पूर्वक सामना कर वीरगति को प्राप्त हुआ। अब शेरशाह का सामना करना था विधवा रानी कर्मवती को। कर्मवती एक वीरांगना थी, किन्तु केवल साहस, बल का सामना कब तक कर सकता है। उसने बड़ी दृढ़ता से शेरशाह का मुकाबला किया परन्तु अन्त समीप जानकर उसने मुस्लिम बादशाह हुमायूँ को राखी भेजी। रानी कर्मवती के इस साहसी कदम ने सम्पूर्ण राजपूताने में तहलका मचा दिया। दरबारी एवं मन्त्रीगण भौचक्के रह गये। बड़ा विरोध हुआ क्योंकि कौन राजपूत अपनी माँ या बहन को एक मुसलमान की बहिन बनने की अनुमति दे सकता था। परन्तु रानी ने भीष्म-प्रतिज्ञा कर ली थी, वह अपने इस कदम से टस से मस न हुई।

हुमायूँ ने भी अपना दायित्व पूर्ण रूप से निभाया और अनेक दरबारियों की इच्छा के विरुद्ध, राखी की महानता को समझते हुए, कर्मवती को अपनी बहन बनाकर उसकी रक्षा की। यह भावना हम में जातीय सद्भावना एवं राष्ट्रियता जागृत कर सकती है।

इस घटना को घंटे तीन सौ वर्ष व्यतीत हो चुके हैं। समय के साथ वातावरण बदल जाता है किन्तु यह दो बर्ग एक न हुए। हिन्दू हिन्दू ही रहे और मुसलमान मुस्लिम ही। आज भी यदि भारतीय मुस्लिम राखी के त्योहार को हुमायूँ की पवित्र भावना से मनार्यें तो सम्भवतः हिन्दू-मुस्लिम ऐक्य में एक नया मोड़ आयेगा, अवश्य आयेगा।

वीरकुमार राहुल चतुर्वेदी

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We feel proud of our illustrious Old Boy Air Vice Marshal D. Subia, PVSM Vr.C., and extend to him our heartiest congratulations on his promotion to the rank of Air Marshal.

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Under the auspices of the Geography Association Lt. Col. A.K. Mehta, Commanding Officer, 2/5 G.R. (FF) gave a talk on NEPAL at 1845 hrs. on Wednesday, 21st Aug. in the Geography Lecture Room.

The talk of Lt. Col. Mehta was very interesting and instructive and the evening was altogether a success.

We are very grateful to Col. Mehta for kindly finding time to enlighten us with such an informative and lively talk. Our thanks are also due to Mr. R.C. Sharma, and the office bearers of the Geography Association, who organized the function.

College news

Shri Krishna Janmashtmi was celebrated with marked enthusiasm and religious fervour in the gaily decorated College temple on Sunday, the 11th instant. Worthy of remark were the religious discourse by our revered Panditji Shri B.D. Pandey, an illustrated lecture by Cadet D.N. Singh on the life and teachings of Lord Krishna and the recitation of two devotional verses by our Music Teacher to the accompaniment of harmonium and drum (dholak).

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. R.C. Sharma for taking pains to organize the function. The Cadets who took active part in putting up a good show and particularly Cadets Rahul Chaturvedi and D.N. Singh deserve our warm congratulations. Last but not least are our thanks due to the acting priest Shri Dumri for doing all that he could to make the function a success.

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We welcome Capt. B.D. Saini, A.E.C. to our academic family as Master in Physics and wish him a happy and rewarding stay at the RIMC.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Lt. Col. H.K.L. Johar, A.E.C., on his well-deserved promotion to the rank of a Colonel.

Col. Johar, who directed the affairs of this College for six years as its Commandant and who left RIMC on 10th May on his transfer to Officers' Training School, Madras as its Head of the Academic Department is now taking over as Col. (Edn) in the Western Command with its headquarters at Simla.

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Mr. A.K. Chakrabarty, Master in Chemistry, successfully completed a Sequential Summer Course in Chemistry organized by the National Council of Educational Research and Training and Directorate of Education, Delhi Administration. The course was held at Gargi College (University of Delhi) from 14th June to 11th July.

Our warm congratulations to Mr. Chakrabarty.

Mr. and Mrs G.M. Khan have been blessed with a daughter. Our heartiest congratulations to the couple.

Cadet NCO H.S. Pathania of Chandragupta Section has been appointed Cadet Games Secretary of the College.

We congratulate Cadet Pathania on this achievement.

The following cadets deserve our warm congratulations on their being selected Presidents and Secretaries of their respective Societies, Associations and Hobby Clubs at the College. We hope they will do a good job in their respective spheres of activity.

ENGLISH LITERARY SOCIETY

President—Cadet B. Charles (C)
Secretaries—1. Cadet R. Anand (P)
2. Cadet B.S. Kohli (S)

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Secretary—S.R. Swarup

RIFLE SHOOTING

President—M.S. Sodhi
Secretary—M. Malik

ALCHEMIST

President—B.S. Negi
Secretary—D.N. Singh

The Commandant has been pleased to appoint Cadet Section Commander M.S. Sodhi of Pratap Section Officiating Cadet Captain of the College with effect from 19th Aug. We congratulate C.C. Sodhi and hope he rises to the occasion in this new capacity.

Independence Day Celebrations

Celebrations connected with our twenty seventh Independence Day commenced at the College with Cadets' parade and the unfurling of national flag by the Commandant at 0900 hrs. at the Parade Ground.

In the address that followed the Commandant called upon the cadets to rededicate themselves to the task of national reconstruction by overcoming the slavish mentality that our countrymen inherited from the British who ruled us for more than three centuries. Defining a slave as one whose irks hard work, lacks moral courage and places his own interests above those of his country and countrymen, he advised the cadets to guard themselves scrupulously against such negative forces and temptations and live up to the proud traditions of their great institution which produced great generals and administrators who added lustre to the glory of our motherland by their noble deeds and glorious sacrifices. He reminded the cadets of the very good care that was

being taken of them by the nation even when the country was faced with a grave economic crisis in the hope that they would prove worthy of the task entrusted to them. He told them that one way of doing their duty was by living cleaner life, keeping healthier and doing better work.

The Commandant's speech was followed by tea in the Staff Room. In the evening a Guest Night Dinner was arranged in the Cadets' Mess and it was attended by all members of the Staff.

N.D.A. Results - 52nd Course

Our warmest congratulations to the following cadets on their having passed out of the College to join the 52nd Course of the National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla (Pune). We wish them all luck at the N.D.A. and thereafter.

Ser. No.	Name	Position		
		Army	Navy	Air F.
1.	Shekhar Upadhyay	2nd		3rd
2.	Harbhajan Singh		7th	11th
3.	Ranjan Kumar Singh	22nd		30th
4.	Kabiramangol Singh	26th		137th
5.	Berinder Singh Dhanoa	27th		21st
6.	Harpreet Singh	40th		28th
7.	Dinesh Syal	47th		31st
8.	Anil Kumar Bishnoi	79th		62nd
9.	Gurpreet Singh	236th		

RIMC Diploma Higher Secondary Examination, April 1974

It is a matter of deep satisfaction that all the 20 cadets who appeared at the RIMC Diploma Higher Secondary Examination held in April 1974 have come off with flying colours giving us hundred per cent results. Of the 20 cadets 11 secured First Division with as many as 11 distinctions to their credit and the remaining 9 cadets obtained Second Division. The successful cadets deserve our warmest congratulations on their creditable achievement. Their names appear below in order of merit:—

1.	Cadet D. Syal	I	Division
2.	Harbhajan Singh	I	"
3.	P.K. Sinha	I	"
4.	R.K. Singh	I	"
5.	S. Upadhyay	I	"
6.	B.S. Dhanoa	I	"
7.	A.K. Ghosh	I	"
8.	Harpreet Singh	I	"
9.	S. Mukherjee	I	"
10.	M.S. Bisht	I	"
11.	A.K. Gupta	I	"
12.	Gurpreet Singh	II	"
13.	Pradeep Yadav	II	"
14.	K.B. Singh	II	"
15.	A.K. Bishnoi	II	"
16.	S.S. Roy	II	"
17.	Ram Kumar	II	"
18.	Harinder Singh	II	"
19.	D.S. Tomar	II	"
20.	R. Abraham	II	"

Correspondence

From

Air Marshal D. Subia,

PVSM, Vr.C.,

Vice Chief of Air Staff

Air Headquarters,

NEW DELHI.

May dear Waraich.

Thank you very much for your letter congratulating me on my promotion and appointment.

I agree that the RIMC is a great institution and always to be foremost in my mind. Could you also convey to all members of the staff and cadets my sincere thanks for their good wishes.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- D. Subia

Lt Col GPS Waraich
Commandant,
Rashtriya Indian Military College
Dehra Dun Cantt. (UP)

Obituary

We, members of the Staff and Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College place on record our deep sense of sorrow on the sudden and untimely death by heart attack of Shri R.C. Saksena, father of Cadet Gaurav Chandra Saksena on 6th August at S.S.G. Hospital, Baroda.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and pray to God Almighty to bestow eternal peace on the departed soul in the heavenly abode.

मंसूरी की गोद में

माघ मास की अन्तिम तिथि, ऊषा रानी की मुस्कुराहट के साथ ही हमारा हृदय आनन्द विभोर हो उठा। हमने उदित होते हुए सूर्य का प्रफुल्लित नेत्रों से स्वागत किया एवं मंसूरी प्रस्थान की तैयारियाँ आरंभ कर दी। सुबह करीब आठ बजे ट्रक में हमने कप्तान जठौल की संरक्षता में विद्यालय से मंसूरी के लिए प्रस्थान किया। ट्रक से हम लोग राजपुर पहुँचे एवं पुनः वहाँ से मंसूरी की पैदल यात्रा आरंभ हुई। हम वीर कुमार दो तीन दलों में विभक्त होकर अपने लक्ष्य की ओर दृढ़ कदमों से बढ़ने लगे। मंजिल का मार्ग जितना ही दुर्गम था उतनी ही तीव्र गति से हम उसकी ओर बढ़ रहे थे।

दो घंटे की निरंतर पैदल यात्रा.....कभी किसी शिला के सिर पर गिर जाने का भय होता, तो कभी पाँच सौ फुट नीची घाटी के बगल का चार इंच चौड़ा मार्ग। पैरों का तीक्ष्ण पत्थरों से टकराव, कण्टों से भरपूर यह पैदल यात्रा पहाड़ों पर पगडंडियों का मार्ग.....कभी चट्टानों के बीच से बिल्कुल सीधी चढ़ाई तो कभी लुढ़कती रोड़ियों पर जूतों की खतरनाक फिसलन। परन्तु हम वीर कुमारी को कष्ट का जरा सा भी आभास न हुआ। इसका एकमात्र कारण है—अद्भुत प्राकृतिक छटा का मनोमुग्धकारी रूप। सचमुच ऐसे प्रदेशों की यात्रा करने के बाद ही यह महसूस होता है कि, भारतवर्ष पर प्राकृति की विशेष कृपा है। मार्ग की ऊंचाई से दृष्टिगत होती सपिल डगर और चारों ओर हरियाली। ज्यों-ज्यों मंजिल नजदीक आ रही थी, हमारी उत्सुकता और भी बढ़ती जा रही थी। अंत में हम अपने गंतव्य तक पहुँच ही गये, जहाँ पहुँच कर खुशी एवं आनन्द की कोई सीमा न रही। मंसूरी हम करीब दिन के बारह बजे पहुँचे। वहाँ पहुँच कर हमने जीवन की सबसे आनन्दमय घड़ी को महसूस किया। मंसूरी में करीब हम पाँच घंटे ठहरे। इस अल्प अवधि में हम वीर कुमारी ने जिस आनन्द का अनुभव किया वह आनन्द काश! जिन्दगी के हर पल में प्राप्त होता। वहाँ पहुँच कर मानों हम अपने जीवन के सारे दुःख ददों को भूल गए। हृदय अनायास ही पुकार उठा—कितनी निराली है, पर्वतों की रानी मंसूरी, कितना अनुपम है उसके चारों ओर निखरा, अनन्त सौन्दर्य।

समय अपने विशाल पंखों को फैला कर बड़ी क्षिप्र गति से क्रूरता पूर्वक उड़ गया, एवं वह घड़ी भी आ ही गई जब हमें विद्यालय को लौटना था। एक नई स्फूर्ति के साथ मंसूरी से विदा लेकर हमने विद्यालय की ओर प्रस्थान किया।

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VISIT

Brig. S.S. Nakra, D.A.E., visited the College on Saturday, 21st Sept.

Members of the staff were introduced to him over a cup of tea. He saw the Education Block while teaching was in progress and met the Cadets at lunch. He called upon the Cadets to maintain the glorious traditions of the RIMC and derive maximum benefit from the ideal facilities.

Later, in the afternoon, Brig. & Mrs. Nakra graced our Inter-Section Swimming Competition and Mrs. Nakra kindly gave away the prizes.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cadet Section Commander S. S. Rana of Ranjit Section has been appointed officiating Cadet Captain from 19th September.

Congratulations.

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The Inter-Section Hindi Declamation Contest was held on Saturday, 14th Sept. in the Convocation Hall at 18 30 hrs.

Brigadier T. S. Verma kindly presided over the function and Mrs. Verma gave away the prizes.

It was a successful evening. The results of the Contest appear in the Hindi columns of this Chronicle.

Sportsfolio

Inter-Section Swimming Competition Sept. 74

The Semi-finals and finals of the Inter-Section Swimming Competition were held on 20th and 21st Sept. at 15.30 hrs. The competition was very well contested and Chandra Gupta Section seemed to emerge with an edge over the other Sections on the very first day of the Competition.

The final day witnessed mounting excitement as the Cadets of different Sections raised the tempo of lusty cheers for their respective Sections.

Brigadier S. S. Nakra, DAE, kindly presided over the function and Mrs. Nakra gave away Swimming prizes. We are grateful to them and to all our guests for finding time to encourage our young swimmers.

The results of the Swimming Competition appear below:—

Div.	Event	Position	Name of Cadets	Sec.	Dist Time	Records
A	30 Yds Free Style	1	J Gamlin	P		22.4
		2	R Sharma	S		
		3	R Anthony	C		
	30 Yds Breast Stroke	1	R Anthony	C		27.1
		2	J Gamlin	P		
		3	R Sharma	S		
	Dive from Spring Board	1	N N Sharma	R		
		2	R Sharma	S		
		3	J Gamlin	P		
	4x30 Yds Free Style Relay Race	1	Pratap Sec		1.42	IM 52 S
		2	Ranjit Sec			
		3	Shivaji Sec			
B	60 Yds Free Style	1	JS Naryan	S		49 S
		2	DS Gill	C		
		3	RS Choudhary	P		
	30 Yds Breast Stroke	1	P Roy	R		26.1
		2	SK Dasani	S		

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Div.	Event	Position	Name of the Cadets	Sec	Dist Time	Records
		3	J Chatterjee	R		
	30 Yds Back Stroke	1	P Roy	R	24.7 Sec	24.9
		2	RS Choudhary	P		
		3	J Chatterjee	R		
	Dive from Spring Board	1	S Bhattacharya	C		
		2	P Roy	R		
		3	R Choudhary	P		
	4x30 Yds Medley Relay race	1	Shivaji Sec		1 M 37 S 1 M	39.9
		2	Pratap Sec			
		3	Chandragupta Sec			
C	60 Yds Free Style	1	KR Singh	C		35.S
		2	JS Choudhary	P		
		3	A Tangri	R		
	30 Yds Breast Stroke	1	DV Choudhary	S		21.4
		2	JS Gill	C		
		3	A Gosain	P		
	30 Yds Back Stroke	1	KR Singh	C	20.7	21.2
		2	DV Choudhary	S		
		3	VK Chandrasekharan	C		
	30 Yds Butterfly Stroke.	1	KR Singh	C	19 S	18.5 S
		2	JS Gill	C		
		3	DV Choudhary	S		
	Treasure Hunt	1	M Kumar	S		
			SS Rana	R		
		2	GD Chaudhary	C		
		3	DS Dutta	P		
	Obstacle Race	1	DV Choudhary	S		30.5 S
		2	BS Negi	C		
		3	NI Singh	P		
	Dive Spring Board	1	KR Singh	C		
		2	SPatra	R		
		3	A Gossain	P		
	Dive Fixed Board	1	MS Sodhj	P		
		2	A Tangri	R		
		3	S Bhattacharya	C		
	Plunging	1	DS Dutta	P		50.-2"
		2	A Ranjan	R		
		3	Gurpal Singh	C		
	4x30 Yds Medley Relay Race	1	Chandragupta Sec		1.26 Sec	
		2	Pratap Sec			
		3	Shivaji Sec			

Best Swimmer in A Division—JGamlin Pratap
 „ „ in B Division — P Roy Ranjit
 „ „ in C Division — KR Singh Chandra gupta

RESULTS — SWIMMING COMPETITION

Section	Points	Position
Chandragupta	63 ₂	First
Pratap	59 ₂	Second
Shivaji	50 ₂	Third
Ranjit	43 ₂	Fourth

Our heartiest Congratulations to Chandra gupta Section on annexing the Swimming Cup and to all winners of prizes.

FIBONCCI AND HIS NUMBERS

Leonardo of Pisa discovered a new number series after the following experiment .

He bought a pair of rabbits. Another pair was born to them the next month. Those pairs gave birth to another pair in the month that followed. And thus he was able to find in 12 months 233 pairs of rabbits with him. He also found a formula to find out how many pairs would be given birth in any succeeding month.

It was arranged in the following order:-
1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144
.....

The formula was that he took one pair and added it to the pair which was found in the next month. He added those two and found the number for the third month.

The pair bought was 1. In the next month the new pair was 1. So for the 3rd month the pair was $1 + 1 = 2$. And thus he found the production in a year. The similar mathematical system is closely associated with branches of trees. Now let us know something about this great Mathematician. He was born in Pisa in the year 1175. His real name was Leonardo Fibonacci. He was the son of Bonacci. He wrote a book of Algebra called Hindu-Arabic. In 1202 he published a book and explained in it the Arabic number symbols and pointed out its great advantages over Roman numerals ideas of place value. He also wrote a book called Practica Geometrica. He calculated the value of $\sqrt{5}$ in between 3.141 and 3.1427. But the people of Pisa were plunged in grief in the year 1230 when they lost one of their great Mathematicians named Leonardo Fibonacci.

—Cadet Sanjay Kishore. IIIA

अन्तर-कक्ष हिन्दी भाषण प्रतियोगिता १९७४

साहित्य समिति के अन्तर्गत इस वर्ष १४ सितम्बर को अन्तर कक्ष भाषण प्रतियोगिता का सोलहवाँ समारोह सफलता पूर्वक सम्पन्न हुआ। प्रतियोगिता प्रथम वर्गीय तथा उच्च वर्गीय दो भागों में विभाजित थी। भाषण प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने वाले वीरकुमारों की कुल संख्या सोलह थी।

इस वर्ष अन्तर कक्ष भाषण प्रतियोगिता की मुख्य विशेषता यह थी कि हमारे विद्यालय के सुप्रसिद्ध भूत-पूर्व छात्र त्रिगेडियर टी० एस० वर्मा तथा श्रीमती वर्मा हमारे मुख्य अतिथि थे। वास्तव में त्रिगेडियर वर्मा तथा श्रीमती वर्मा जी की उपस्थिति से हमारे वीरकुमारों का उत्साह बढ़ा। हमारे लिए यह वर्ष का विषय था कि इस शुभ अवसर पर हमारे अन्य भूतपूर्व छात्र कप्तान जकी, कप्तान मुखर्जी, कप्तान, रमन सहगल, कप्तान बालाचन्द्रन तथा इन्डियन मिलिट्री अकादमी में प्रशिक्षण पाने वाले हमारे भूतपूर्व वीरकुमार भी उपस्थित थे। अपने विद्यालय के इन भूतपूर्व छात्रों को अपने बीच पाकर हमें अपार हर्ष हुआ।

वास्तव में हम अपने विद्यालय के उज्ज्वल भविष्य के लिए अपने भूतपूर्व छात्रों की शुभ कामनाओं की सदैव आशा करते रहे हैं और हमें पूर्ण विश्वास है कि भविष्य में भी वे सदा अपने प्रिय विद्यालय के प्रति अपना अटूट स्नेह एवं सम्पर्क बनाये रखेंगे।

साहित्य समिति निर्णायक गण श्री सुमन जी श्री के बहुगुणा जी (कन्वियनर हाल) तथा श्री पी०

एन० राइना जी (इन स्कूल) की विशेष रूप से कृतज्ञ हैं जिन्होंने इस प्रतियोगिता के सफल आयोजन में अपना सक्रिय सहयोग प्रदान किया। प्रतियोगिता का स्तर सराहनीय था। विषयों का चयन भी बड़ा ही सुन्दर था। भिन्न-प्रदेशों के वीरकुमारों का हिन्दी भाषा के प्रति अटूट प्रेम राष्ट्रीय एकता का परिचायक है और यह विश्वास के साथ कहा जा सकता है कि राष्ट्र भाषा हिन्दी का भविष्य उज्ज्वल है।

समारोह की समाप्ति से पूर्व हमारे हिन्दी विभाग के अध्यक्ष श्री जी० एस० विष्ट जी ने हमारे मुख्य अतिथि त्रिगेडियर वर्मा, श्रीमती वर्मा जी तथा निर्णायकों को विद्यालय की ओर से हार्दिक धन्यवाद दिया। श्री विष्ट जी ने राष्ट्र भाषा हिन्दी की महत्ता पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि राष्ट्र भाषा का अनादर राष्ट्र का अनादर होगा। वास्तव में वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है जिसमें अपनी राष्ट्र भाषा के प्रति प्रेम तथा आदर की भावना नहीं है। यह निश्चित है कि 'राष्ट्र भाषा' के अभाव में कोई भी राष्ट्र विकसित उन्नत, सुखी एवं समृद्धि शाली नहीं हो सकता। हिन्दी भाषा की प्रसार, वृद्धि एवं प्रगति के लिए उदार एवं व्यापक दृष्टि कोण अपनाना ही समय की मांग है।

इस वर्ष की भाषण प्रतियोगिता की एक और विशेषता यह थी कि हमारे वीरकुमारों को देहरादून के दो सुप्रसिद्ध कवियों एवं साहित्यकारों श्री सुमन जी तथा श्री जीवनसारी जी की सुन्दर कविताओं का पाठ सुनने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ।

प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम इस प्रकार रहा—

प्रथम वर्गीय

वक्ता	कक्ष	विषय	प्राप्तांक(१५० में से)	स्थान
वीर कुमार के० मेहता	शिवाजी	वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है जिसमें स्वदेश का प्यार नहीं !	१००½	प्रथम
" संजय कुमार	रंजीत	आधुनिक युग में सफलता का मूल मंत्र प्रचार है ।	९६½	द्वितीय
" ए० के० मित्रा	शिवाजी	विज्ञान मानव जीवन के लिए अभिशाप है ।	९५½	तृतीय
" आर० एस० यादव	रंजीत	जहाँ न पहुँचे रवि वहाँ पहुँचे कवि ।	९५	चतुर्थ
" आर० तिवारी	चन्द्र गुप्त	मेरा जीवन स्वप्न ।	९२	पाँचवा
" गजेन्द्र प्रसाद	चन्द्र गुप्त	वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है.....!	९०	छठा
" वाइ.के. गुप्ता	प्रताप	वह हृदय नहीं है पत्थर है.....!	८७	सातवाँ
" एस० वरती	प्रताप	मेरा जीवन स्वप्न ।	८३	आठवाँ

उच्च वर्गीय

वीर कुमार हरी कुमार	चन्द्र गुप्त	भारत में प्रजातंत्र सर्वथा असफल रहा है ।	११०	प्रथम
" एस० आण० स्वरूप	रंजीत	विद्यार्थियों को राजनीति में भाग लेना चाहिए ।	१०६	द्वितीय
" राहुल चतुर्वेदी	रंजीत	हमारी वर्तमान शिक्षा प्रणाली दोषपूर्ण है, उसमें आमूल परिवर्तन होना चाहिए ।	१०६	तृतीय
" आर० एस० एन० सिंह	शिवाजी	भारत में प्रजातंत्र सर्वथा असफल रहा है ।	१०६	तृतीय
" डी० एन० सिंह	प्रताप	भारत में प्रजातंत्र सर्वथा असफल रहा है ।	१०२	पाँचवा
" अभय प्रकाश	चन्द्र गुप्त	युद्ध और शान्ति ।	१००½	छठा
" एल० के० पाण्डे	प्रताप	वीर भोग्या वसुन्धरा ।	९२½	सातवाँ
" राजेश कुमार	शिवाजी	साहित्य और समाज का सम्बन्ध अटूट है ।	८९	आठवाँ

सम्मिलित रूप से परिणाम—

स्थान	कक्ष	प्राप्तांक(६०० में से)
प्रथम	रंजीत	४०६
द्वितीय	चन्द्र गुप्त	३६३
तृतीय	शिवाजी	३८२
चतुर्थ	प्रताप	३६४½

हम श्रीमती टी०एस० वर्मा जी के विशेष रूप से कृतज्ञ हैं जिन्होंने विजेता दल (रंजीत कक्ष) को विजयोपहार तथा व्यक्तिगत रूप से प्रथम द्वितीय तथा तृतीय स्थान पाने वालों को प्रमाण पत्र देने की विशेष कृपा की। साहित्य समिति के अध्यक्ष वीर कुमार राहुल चतुर्वेदी तथा मन्त्री वीर कुमार श्री दिलीप नारायण सिंह विशेष बधाई के पात्र हैं जिन्होंने भाषण प्रतियोगिता का सुन्दर एवं कुशल संचालन किया।

वीरकुमार राहुल चतुर्वेदी—५



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RIMCOLLIANA

Our heartiest congratulations to:—

Col. M. P. Mann on his promotion to the rank of a Brigadier.

Commander T. S. Khurana, I. N. on his promotion to the rank of a Captain. (He is perhaps the first Rimcollian to reach this height in Navy).

VISIT

Major P. K. Gupta and Major G. Prasad (both Rimcollians) visited the college. We are grateful to them.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cadet NCO A. K. Prasad of Pratap Section has been

appointed Cadet Captain of the College with effect from Monday, 14th October.

Congratulations.

During the five-day Mid-term Break which commenced on Sunday, 29th Sept and lasted till Thursday, 3rd Oct educational excursions including hikes & trips were organized and parties of cadets visited various places of science beauty, socio-historical importance and tourists' attraction. This term batches went to Badrinath, Hemkunt Sahib, Valley of Flowers, Chakrata, Simla, Mussoorie and Delhi. Cadets seem to have enjoyed the break and benefited a lot not only by much interesting and instructive information but also by cultivating in themselves initiative, self-reliance, stamina and the spirit of adventure which these outings involved. Detailed accounts of cadets' venture penned by them will appear in these columns off and on.



A Trip To Mussoorie

All of us heaved a sigh of relief when the mid-term examinations came to an end. All of us were eagerly awaiting our well-deserved hikes. The day was bright and clear with no traces of clouds in the sky. This was an auspicious day for us— Sunday 29th September. There was a great hustle and bustle going on in our dormitories. Most of the cadets' faces were aglow with joy.

I have a liking for hills. The hills have fascinated me right since my very childhood. I opted to go to Mussoorie which is a holiday resort at the height of 7,000 feet. We had our breakfast hurriedly and anxiously waited for the truck which was to take us to Rajpur.

At last the truck arrived. We left the college at 10'0 clock. We reached Rajpur which is a sleepy little town at the foothills of the mountains on which Mussoorie stands.

Most of us chose to hike up to Mussoorie which is at a distance of about 8 miles from Rajpur. It was not a tough trek. We enjoyed the trek thoroughly. We reached Mussoorie tired, hungry but happy. We were immediately served sumptuous lunch. We fell to it as terrible hunger was gnawing at our stomachs.

On the first day we were left to our own and we roamed about the town till dinner. At night we chatted amongst ourselves until sleep came over us.

Next day we went to Lal-Tibba which is the highest point in Mussoorie. From Lal-Tibba we had a magnificent view of the majestic snow-capped Himalayan

peaks towering above us. It was really a bewitching spectacle of those great peaks. That evening we enjoyed a movie. Thus the second day also passed happily.

It was very cold that evening and we wrapped ourselves in three blankets each and went to sleep.

Next morning we did not feel like getting up but the will of seeing the mountain peaks again made us dress up and have our breakfast.

Mr Bisht, our party in charge took us to the Gun Hill from where we could again see the mighty Himalayan peaks. It was indeed exhilarating to have a glimpse of those peaks. We returned to our hotel and spent the rest of the day eating softies and sweets. The main attraction for us in Mussoorie were the softy ice-cream machines which made delicious ice-creams. The day that followed was clear and sunny. It was a suitable time to visit a garden. The Municipal Garden is a garden which is worth visiting. Unfortunately, the season of roses was over. There are many varieties of roses in these gardens. There is a small pond in which we can do a little boating. That day was our last day in those hills. We enjoyed that day most. I saw a movie also that day.

Next day we all were ready to leave Mussoorie for Dehra Dun. We left at 4.30 p.m. by bus and reached Dehra Dun at 6.30 pm.

Thus our mid-term break ended. We were all fresh and ready to get down seriously to our studies. (We hope they do so.—Ed.)

—Cadet A. Subramanian—IIA

XIX Adventure Course At HMI, Darjeeling

Life is an adventure. Man is always in quest of some new feats to accomplish. A life without adventure is as dull and insignificant as mere existence of vegetables, plants and trees. Says Mr. G. K. Chesterton, "It is this adventurous spirit which differentiates man from all other animals."

An adventure is full of initiative and thrill. It is a challenge to man and to test his ability, his power and last but not least his confidence.

Here I am going to narrate my twenty-one day course at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. We were fifty young students from various parts of the country.

On the first day at H.M.I. we observed the usual formalities of mixing up with all others. We were briefed about the aim and objective of the course and were also supplied with the necessary equipments. At 6 next morning we fell in for P.T. without using W.C. for want of water. We requested the instructor to exempt us from P.T. but his reply was, 'Why have you come here?'

We used to have P.T., obstacle training, indoor classes regarding the trekking, mountain rules, photography, first aid, pitching of tents, cooking, rope knots every day.

The first week was spent in rigorous field training. We had to go up and down the valley of Darjeeling which was a very difficult task and we got no rest except during the meals. But the instructors were very experienced and somehow kept us feel happy. The P.T., Cross Country and Obstacle training made us physically fit for the trekking that followed.

The next week we started going on expeditions. The first one was to Tiger Hill. It was about 20 miles from Darjeeling and stood at a height of 8400 ft. We spent the night there, cooked our food and slept in the open air. Early next morning we went up

the hill and saw the sunrise. By noon time we were back at the H.M.I.

Next we were trained for rock climbing at Tenzing and Gombu rocks. It was a nice experience for us. Rock climbing needs confidence and alertness. Then we had another expedition to Manzitar which is at a height of 2000 ft. H.M.I. is at a height of 7500 ft. and therefore in this expedition we went down the valley and it was a very steep descent. At Manzitar a river separates Sikkim from India and we swam in that river. One of our friends received a deep cut on his leg and could hardly walk. But next morning he accomplished the ascent very bravely.

For the next few days we played indoor games, did P.T. and took part in debates. Hobbies were organized for which prizes were given. We then started preparing for the final expedition, that is, to Sandakphu, which lasted for six days. We felt very proud of our packs weighing about 25 kg. on our backs and the long knives dangling from our waists. There were many tea gardens on our way and they looked like velvet green carpets. We halted at many villages and cooked food for ourselves and took shelter. We used to trek for an hour and rest for fifteen minutes. Here we were told 'Never show off on the mountains' and we understood it very well. We crossed the Nepal boarders and had tasty tea.

On the third day we reached Sandakphu. It was raining heavily there, so we could not have a view of the great Mt. Everest and Kanchenjanga. While we were returning it was raining and we had to fight with leeches. On the fifth day we reached a village which is about 30 Km. from Darjeeling. There we had our solo expedition. Here we had to survive for one night in the unknown jungle. I had my meagre provision with me and had managed to collect a bit of dry firewood which I stored in all my pockets. Dry wood was a scarcity in those wet forests and my store of dry

wood was a great boon. I pitched my small tent and then walked around a bit. Luckily, I found a big log which was dry and thus I had sufficient firewood. We were told to pitch our tent, light fire and cook our food. I cooked a few chapatis and contented myself with the tinned food. That day I consumed about half a Kg. of sugar. I had hardly got into my sleeping bag after the tiresome repast when a torch light flicked on my face. I was afraid because it was too late for my friends to come. I did not expect my friends because we were not allowed to meet one another. But it was our Instructor. He asked me to get up and pack up my things and be ready to get moving. I packed up and started off with him to find out the rest of the boys. The reason for awakening us at the dead of night was that the jungle was full of wild animals. I had to walk through the cluster of trees and wade through muddy water. Sometimes I was told by the Instructor to go down the hill and find the boys. I did it. When we had found

out fifty four boys we felt relieved. Then all of us went into a wooden cabin and spent the rest of the night. Next morning we were picked up by a jeep to H.M.I.

Thus our expedition had come to a successful end. We felt proud and happy. On the last day we were awarded the XIX Adventure Course badges, followed by a grand dinner.

Such adventure courses are, in my view, a stimulus to the abilities and capabilities of the energetic youth. If our nation could promote mountaineering and such other useful activities in all parts of the country they would yield very good results. Fortunately, our country has such ideal geographical features and climatic conditions as are best suited to such types of activities. We can therefore attract young people from all parts of the country and the world and train them together to promote a feeling of fraternity, goodwill and unity.

—K. R. SINGH, VA

Food For Thought

I keep six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why
and When
And How and Where and Who.

—Rudyard Kipling

There comes a time, when, with
earth's best love by us,
To feed the heart's greatest hunger
and desire,
We find not even this can satisfy us;
The soul within us cries for
Something higher.

—E. Wheeler Wilcox

CORRESPONDENCE

An extract from the Do letter received by us from our ex-Commandant, Colonel HKL JoHAR, AEC, Head of the Academic Department, Officers' Training School, MADRAS

"I am most grateful to you, the members of the staff cadets and administrative staff of the College for their affectionate and kind felicitations on my promotion. I owe this advancement in my career to the College wherein I spent the most memorable years of my service.

बद्रीनाथ की यात्रा

२= अक्तूबर को ११ बजे हमारा आखिरी पर्चा समाप्त हुआ और हम भूमते हुए बाहर आ गए। प्रत्येक वीर कुमार अपनी ही धुन में चला जा रहा था जैसे अचानक बसन्त आ गया हो। चारों तरफ कुछ अजीब सी खुशी झलक रही थी।

३ बजे हमें हाइक का सामान मिला और यह तय हुआ कि सबेरे जितनी शीघ्र हो सके बद्रीनाथ के लिए प्रस्थान कर दें हमने वह रात्रि करवटें बदलते काट दी और ४ बजे प्रातः तैयार हो गये। ठीक ५ बजे हम सभी वीर कुमारों ने कप्तान तिवारी तथा श्री ठाकुर के निरीक्षण में बद्रीनाथ के लिए प्रस्थान किया। ऋषिकेश में हमने चाय पी और रुद्रप्रयाग में हमने भोजन किया और ठीक छः बजे कर ३६ मिनट पर हम लोग जोशीमठ में पर्वतों के मध्य थे। जोशीमठ समुद्रतल से छः हजार ५०० फीट की ऊंचाई पर स्थित है। वहां पर हमने खाना खाया और सो गये। सबेरे सात बजे हम लोगों ने बद्रीनाथ के लिए प्रस्थान किया जो कि जोशीमठ से ४० किमी० की दूरी पर है। हम लोगों ने वहां पहुंच कर गमं जल के कुण्ड में स्नान किया और मन्दिर में बद्रीविशाल जी के दर्शन किये तथा प्रसाद चढ़ाया। फिर हम लोग माना कैम्प गये। वहां पर हमारा विचार रात भर ठहरने का था परन्तु उसी दिन हम गोविन्दघाट गये और गरुद्वारा में हमने लंगर में खाना खाया।

दूसरे दिन हम घघरिया गये और वही पर रात बितायी। रास्ते में ले० ज० अरोड़ा से मुलाकात हुयी। घघरिया समुद्र तल से १० हजार फीट की ऊंचाई पर स्थित है। वहां पर हम टेन्ट में रहे और फिर दो ता० को हम हेमकुण्ड गये। वहां से वापस घघरिया आये। श्रीमती तिवारी की श्रमशीलता तथा धार्मिक भावना सराहनीय है क्यों कि उन्होंने सारा पर्वतीय दुर्गम मार्ग पैदल ही नंगे पैर तय किया। वे साहस पूर्वक चलते हुए नौ बजे गोविन्दघाट पहुंच गयी। फिर ३ बजे हमने गोविन्दघाट से वापस आना शुरू किया। दूसरे दिन हम लोग जोशीमठ आये। रास्ते में हमारा ट्रक खराब हो गया। इस लिए रात भर हम रुद्रप्रयाग में ठहरे और ४ ता० को शाम के ४ बजे हम फिर से अपने विद्यालय आ गये।

हमारी सारी यात्रा बड़ी ही मनोरंजक, उपयोगी तथा शिक्षाप्रद रही। हमारे जितने वीर कुमार इस यात्रा पर गये उन्हें यह मनोरंजक यात्रा कभी नहीं भूलेगी।

वीर कुमार भूपेन्द्र कुमार
कक्षा ४—अ

स्वावलम्बन

एक बार कलकत्ते के स्टेशन पर एक नव युवक इधर उधर सामान ढठवाने के लिये कुली की खोज में परेशान था। इतने में पंडित ईश्वर चन्द्र विद्यासागर उधर से निकले। नव युवक की परेशानी जानते ही उन्होंने सामान अपने कन्धे पर रक्खा और स्टेशन के बाहर चले गये। जैसे नव युवक ने पैस देते

समय पण्डित विद्यासागर को पहचाना तो वह उनके चरणों पर गिर पड़ा।

पण्डित विद्यासागर ने कहा—“अपना काम करने में कभी शर्म न खानी चाहिए।”

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VISIT

The Principals of all the Central Schools of the Northern Region, who were in Dehra Dun in connection with their Regional Meet, visited the College on 23 Oct. They witnessed Cricket match between our College XI and their selected XI, met members of the staff over a cup of tea and went round the Ante rooms, Dormitories and Education Block (Convocation Hall, Current Affairs Gallery, Art Room and Science Laboratories). They went back highly impressed by the distinctive feat-

ures of the R. I. M.C. of which we are justly proud. We are grateful to the visitors.

COLLEGE NEWS

Cadet Section Commander A.K. Prasad of Pratap Section, who was appointed Cadet Captain of the College for two weeks, did a good job, before he handed over the tabs to Cadet NCO H.S. Pathania of Chandragupta Section, who deserves our congratulations on his appointment as Cadet Captain.

INTER SECTION ATHLETIC COMPETITION—1974 RESULTS

Ser No	Event	Position	Name	Sec	Time Distance	Record	Remarks
'A' DIVISION							
1	100 Metres	1	S' Kapoor	P	14.4"		
		2	J. Gamlin	P	14.8"		
2	200 Metres	1	S. Kapoor	P			
		2	J. Gamlin	P			
3	Broad Jump	1	J. Gamlin	P			
		2	S. Kapoor	P			
4	4 X 100 Metres	1	Partap Sec				
		1	Ranjit Sec				
'B' DIVISION							
1	100 Metres	1	A. K. Singh II	S			
		2	Parnav Kumar	P			
2	200 Metres	1	Parnav Kumar	P	24.4"	24.8"	Record
		2	A.K. Tingh II				
3	400 Metres	1	P. Kumar	P			
		2	A.K. Singh II	S			
4	110 Metres Hurdles	1	B.K. Singh	R			
		2	R.S. Choudhary	P			
5	4 X 100 Metres Relay	1	Ranjit Section				
		2	Partap Section				
6	High Jump	1	U.R.S. Bisht	C			
		2	P.B. Singh	P			
7	Broad Jump	1	P.B. Singh	P			
		2	R.S. Choudhary	P			
'C' DIVISION							
1	100 Metres	1	M.S. Sodhi	P	12.0"		
		2	B.S. Kohli	S			
2	200 Metres	1	B.S. Kohli	S	23.00s	23.2s	Record
		2	M.S. Sodhi	P	23.1s		

Ser No	Event	Position	Name	Sec	Time Distance	Record	Remarks
3	400 Metres	1	M.S. Sodhi	P	53.4 Sec	54.2 Sec	Record
		2	D.N. Singh	P			
4	800 Metres	1	D.V. Choudhary	S	2'10.8"		
		2	R.K. Yadav	S	2'13.8"		
5	1500 Metres	1	D.V. Choudhary	S	4'34.8"		
		2	A. Ahluwalia	P			
6	3000 Metres	1	D.V. Choudhary	S			
		2	L.K. Pande	P			
7	100 Metres Hurdles	1	K.R. Singh	C			
		2	B.C. Singh	S			
8	4X100 Metres Relay	1	Partap Section				
		2	Shivaji Section				
9	High Jump	1	N.I. Singh	P			
		2	B.S. Kohly	S			
10	Broad Jump	1	N.I. Singh	P			
		2	B.S. Kohli	S			
11	Triple Jump	1	A. OKa	P			
		2	K.R. Singh	C			
12	Discuss Throw	1	A.K. Singh	S			
		2	H.S. Pathania	C			
13	Javeline Throw	1	K.R. Singh	C	151' - 3"	146' - 8"	Record
		2	J.K. Singh	P			
14	Putting the Shot	1	K.R. Singh	C			
		2	M.S. Sodhi	P			
15	Pole Vault	1	R.K. Yadav	S			
		2	A.K. Burman	C			

OLD BOYS

1	100 Metres	1	Col. H.S. Mammick
		2	Col. K.S. Khurana
Best Athlete			'A' Division—S. Kapoor 'Pratap Sec'
			'B' Division—Pranav Kumar 'Pratap Sec'
			'C' Division—K.R. Singh 'Chandragupta Sec'

RESULTS

Section	Points	Position
1 PRATAP SECTION	116	1st
2 RANJIT SECTION	41	4th
3 SHIVAJI SECTION	84.5	IInd
4 CHANDRAGUPTA SEC.	48.5	3rd

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap Section on winning the Coveted Athletic Shield.

Mid Term-Trip To Delhi

We, a group of 30 Cadets with Mr. Kumar as officer-in-charge of the party were scheduled to leave on the morning of 29th of September but unexpectedly on 28th afternoon, we were told to pack hurriedly and leave for Delhi, the same morning by Mussoorie Express due to unavoidable circumstances. We were thrilled and excited and were very anxious to reach Delhi as soon as possible. And with high spirits we boarded the train in the evening. We had; nt got reservation, we travelled in the Military Bogey and somehow all of us managed to reach Delhi on 29th morning in one piece.

Elaborate arrangements hadn't been laid out, and in any case we were'nt expecting Mahara-ja treatment, but we made ourselves pretty comfortable at the AUCHENLEX ARMY REST-HOUSE at Old Delhi railway station. By the time breakfast was served it was noon and we had a hearty lunch and helped ourselves to the eggs and toast, accompanied by piping hot sweet tea. Some of the cadets were very tired after their sleepless night in the tram and soon went off to sleep. The more energetic ca lets went out to see the sights of in and around Chandni Chowk which was planned by Princess Jahanara of Shah-Jahan fame opposite the Red Fort. Some of the film-fans went to the neighbouring cinemas and in the evening were seen humming the tunes of their favourite heroes and off course heroines. They soon realised how tired they were and immediately after dinner they hit the sack.

In the morning, neither the dreadful college bell nor the siren was nearby to disturb our snooze and it was with much difficulty that we managed to wake everyone up by 0800hrs. and after a heavy breakfast, by the kind courtesy of Catering Havildar Thapa, we started to go around Delhi. First we thought of paying homage to the remains of the great men: II Gorkhas had attached two 3 tons for us. We put in some benches and soon reached Shantivana, the crematorium ground of Shri J. L. Nehru our first Prime Minister. Then we proceeded on to Vijay Ghat, the crematorium ground of Prime Minister Shastri, under whose leadership our soldiers brought glory to their motherland by defeating Pakistan in 1965. Then we went to Raj Ghat and saw the Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi—the father of the Nation. Two minutes silence was observed to mark our respect at all the three Ghats. We then went on to the zoo. Seeing the monkeys some of us were reminded of our ancestors, as a mark of respect to our ancestors we fed them with nuts. We also had the opportunity to see the hyena being fed with horse-flesh and the glorious white tiger walking with all his pride even inside the cage. By the time we finished most of us, especialy the younger lot were exhausted and we replenished our energy with cold drinks at the restaurant inside the Zoo. We then came back for lunch at the Rest-house. Mr. Aziz Imam M.P., father of an ex-cadet Sartaj Imam, who is at the moment in N.D.A. had arranged passes for us to visit the Rashtrapati Bhawan and the Lok Sabha. It was one of the finest moments of cadet V. Jain when he seated himself on the President's chair in the dining hall of the Bhawan. Hectic preparations were going on, for the occasion of the Shah of Iran's visit. We checked up and found out that the Rashtrapati was having his seista and could not be disturbed. We also saw the

Ashoka Hall, where the honours are given to various people for sports, gallantry, etc. Also the hall where the various visiting dignitaries present their credentials to the President. Then we saw the Moghul Gardens and proceeded on to the Lok Sabha. The Parliament not being in session, we had the opportunity to go the lower hall where the M.P.'s sit. It is out of bounds for visitors. The hall is highly electrified with computers, calculating machines, microphones, translators, etc. Each member has three buttons in front of him with 'AYE' written on one, 'ABST' (Abstain) written on the second and 'No' written on the third. The moment a motion is passed the M.P.'s press whichever button they choose. Automatically the number of 'Ayes', 'NOES' and ABSTAINED is calculated and written on the electric board and thus the Speaker comes to know the majority, of 'Noes' or 'Ayes'.

Also there are two buttons with the microphone of each member. He can either listen to english or hindi translation of whatever another member is saying, as he desires. The language which comes over the electric speaks either english or Hindi. On the way back, we stopped for an hour at Connaught Place, and the cadets were fascinated at seeing the jazzy dresses of the teenagers, whose resemblance with our narrow bottomed pleated trousers is miles apart.

The next day we proceeded on to the All India Radio and were fascinated by the various studios and the electronic arrangements. On the way back to the Rest-House, we stopped for a short while at Jantar Manter and saw the various sun-dials built by Prithvi Raj Chauhan in the 17th century. After lunch we went to see the amazing Kutab Minar, And then we went to the Birla Mandir.

On the 2nd morning we went to Teen Murti, the residence of our late prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru, which has now been converted into a museum in his memory. We saw the various halls, rooms and Chacha ji's other personal belongings. We also stopped for a short while at the National Stadium though no games were in progress. We had our lunch on the lush lawns at Buddha Jaya ti park, which was very enjoyable picnic. In the evening the cadets went to the Gandhi Jayanti Mela which was being held in Old Delhi, opposite the railway station. Many of us tried our luck at the games of skill which seemed very attractive but were deceptive and we soon parted with our money. After this, we went on to Red-Fort and saw the Diwan-e-Aam, Diwan-e-khas, the Hamams of the queens and the chambers of the princes. At night we saw the 'Sound' and 'Light' show wick was really excellent. The sounds were so good and the stereo system was so well placed that we got up to see whether Nadir Shah was really approaching Delhi at that moment. Hearing the shriek of a woman, I got up to see, who had been murdered behind me, only to see that my nerves were playing tricks and it was only one of the sounds of the show. We returned much wiser about history and thought that this was a much better teaching method.

The next day, we left in the morning at 11,30 hrs. and reached Dehradun in the evening. After a most enjoyable and memorable mid-term. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Kumar for arranging all these educative outings for us.

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बांका हिमाचल

संसार के अन्य किसी भी देश में भारत की तरह विभिन्नता नहीं पायी जाती। रहन सहन और रीति रिवाज की यह विभिन्नता हमारे जीवन को आकर्षक बनाती है। यदि संसार के सभी लोग एक सा पढ़ें, एक सा खाएँ और एक ही प्रकार के त्योहार मनाएँ तो जीवन कितना नीस हो जाए। हमारी इच्छा उन लोगों के संपर्क में आने की होती है, जो हमसे भिन्न रीति रिवाज से रहते हैं। उनके जीवन के अध्ययन से हमारी जानकारी बढ़ती है और नयी नयी बातें सीखने को मिलती हैं।

इस दृष्टि से अपने देश के उत्तर पश्चिम भाग में स्थित हिमालय प्रदेश की ओर हमारा ध्यानविशेष तौर से जाता है। हिमाचल भारत का एक छोटा सा राज्य है जिसकी स्थापना २६ जनवरी १९७१ ई० को हुई थी। यह हरियाणा तथा पंजाब के उत्तर में, उत्तर प्रदेश के पश्चिम में तथा जम्मू व काश्मीर के दक्षिण में स्थित है। हिमाचल का क्षेत्रफल कुल ५५, ६५८ वर्ग किलोमीटर है। सारा प्रदेश पर्वतीय है। यहाँ वर्षा भी काफी होती है जिसके फलस्वरूप पहाड़ों पर सीढ़ीनुमा खेतों में अच्छी फसल होती है। हिमाचल में जारों और प्रकृति का मोहक दृश्य दिखायी पड़ता है।

प्रकृति की तरह यहाँ के निवासी भी मोहक हैं। सन् १९७१ की जन गणना के अनुसार यहाँ की जन संख्या ३५ लाख ६४ हजार है। यहाँ के निवासियों की वेष-भूषा, भाषा, खान-पान और रीति रिवाज बाहर वालों के लिये अद्भुत आकर्षण के विषय हैं। यहाँ के निवासी पहाड़ी कहे जाते हैं। इसी लिए आर० आई० एम० सी० में भी मुझे पहाड़ी कहा जाता है।

पहाड़ी लोग कई उप जातियों में बटे हुए हैं। जिनमें से डोगरा, परमार, ताड़, धीरथ, नेगी तथा गुज्जर प्रमुख हैं। इन उप जातियों के रीति रिवाजों में काफी अन्तर रहता है। पहाड़ी लोग छोटे-छोटे गावों में रहते हैं। गांव में एक प्रमुख आदमी होता है जो प्रधान के नाम से जाना जाता है। प्रधान का अनुशासन सब गांव वाले मानते हैं।

अशिक्षित पहाड़ी लोग पारंपरिक वस्त्र धारण करते हैं जिनकी बनावट और रंगों का चुनाव देखने योग्य होता है। पहाड़ी महिलाएँ अपने घर के छोटे छोटे करवों से बड़े कलात्मक कपड़े बुनती हैं। वनों के भीतर रहने वाले पहाड़ियों का रहन-सहन आज के पढ़े लिखे पहाड़ियों से अवश्य भिन्न है।

बहुत से पहाड़ी लोग भूत प्रेत में अब भी विश्वास रखते हैं। और उनकी पूजा बड़ी श्रद्धा के साथ सब गांव वाले मिलकर करते हैं। शिक्षित पहा

ड़ी जब अपने गांव में जाते हैं तो उनके लौटने पर ये सब लोग सर्व प्रथम शराब पीते हैं और फिर नाच-गा कर प्रेत पूजा करते हैं। यहाँ तरह तरह की शराब पायी जाती है। यह लोग सेब की शराब जिसे घंटी कहते हैं, आड़ू की शराब जिसे गैहमी कहते हैं, चावल की शराब जिसे चांग कहते हैं और पहाड़ी जौ की शराब जिसे अलवर कहते हैं, बनाते हैं।

पहाड़ियों का प्रमुख व्यवसाय भी कृषि ही है। अपने परिवार के लिए प्रत्येक पहाड़ी के पास खेती योग्य भूमि होती है। भूमि की कमी होने पर यह जंगल काट कर खुद खेती योग्य भूमि बना लेते हैं। खेती में मुख्य रूप से आलू तथा पहाड़ी जौ उपजाई जाती है। इसके अतिरिक्त सेब, आड़ू, अमूर, चावल तथा अखरोट भी उपजाए जाते खेती की नवीन विधियों का प्रचार भी अब

इनमें होने लगा है। पहाड़ियों का प्रमुख भोजन मक्की की रोटी एवं साग सब्जों है। वैसे ये मांस भी खाते हैं।

आधुनिक समय में अन्य आदिवासियों की तरह पहाड़ियों में भी तीव्र गति से परिवर्तन आ रहा है। शिक्षा के प्रचार के साथ-साथ वे अपने पुराने अधि-विश्वासों को छोड़ कर जीवन के प्रति वैज्ञानिक दृष्टि को अपनाते जा रहे हैं। देश के अन्य भागों के लोगों के साथ पहाड़ियों का संपर्क बढ़ रहा है। सभी दृष्टिकोणों से पढ़ले कुछ वर्षों से इनके जीवन, संस्कृति, एवं व्यवहार में महान् परिवर्तन हुए हैं।

हिमाचल में भी पंच वर्षीय योजना आरम्भ हो गयी है। यातायात के साधनों को उन्नत बनाने के लिए उन पर अत्याधिक जोर दिया जा रहा है। स्वास्थ्य, पीने का पानी एवं शिक्षा आदि ऐसी समस्याएँ हैं जिनकी ओर सरकार तत्काल ध्यान दे रही है। कृषि तथा पशुओं के विकास पर भी ध्यान दिया जा रहा है। शिक्षा में सन् १९५७ के बाद आश्चर्यजनक उन्नति हुई है। प्राथमिक, माध्यमिक एवं उच्चतर माध्यमिक स्कूलों की संख्या दिन पर दिन बढ़ती जा रही है। स्वास्थ्य की दिशा में भी तीव्रता से विकास हो रहा है। स्थान-स्थान पर अस्पताल खोले गये हैं। विजली का भी विस्तार तेजी से हो रहा है।

इस प्रकार हम देखते हैं कि आज के पहाड़ी लोग सभ्य, उन्नतिशील तथा आधुनिक होते जा रहे हैं। भारत की उत्तरी तथा पश्चिमी सीमा पर पहाड़ी लोग एक बुदल सिपाही हैं। अब वह दिन दूर नहीं जब पहाड़ी लोग दूसरे लोगों के साथ कन्धे से कन्धा मिला कर चलेगें

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VISIT

Brigadier P. N. Khanduri, Sub-Area Commander, Dehradun was on an inspection visit to the College on Saturday, 9th November. He went round the whole College including Cadets, Mess, Dormitories, C. H. Stores and the Education Block and met members of the Staff over a cup of tea in the Staff Room.

Later, he had lunch with the Cadets. We are grateful to Brig. Khanduri for his visit.

COLLEGE NEWS

We welcome Mr. Abid Mustaqim to our academic family as Master in Physics and wish him a happy and fruitful stay at the College:

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JUNIORS' QUIZ COMPETITION

On Wednesday, 30th October, the Juniors Quiz Competition was organised under the auspices of the C. A. Association. There were many interesting and intriguing questions pertaining to various subjects like Geography, History, everyday Science, Current Affairs, Sports and topics of general interest. The Quiz was presided over by Cadet Captain H. S. Pathania and conducted by Cadet N.C.O. B.S. Kohli. The Commandant was kind enough to throw light on various topics, which baffled us. Team A consisted of classes II and III A while Team B of II A and III. Team B won the competition with a comfortable margin. Our warm congratulations to the winners and sincere thanks to all the participants and the organisers.

Cadet P. S. Kohli V

CHM. M. Bhosle, APTC, who served the college for two and a half years as a Physical Training Instructor has been posted out to National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla, PUNE. We wish him the best of luck.

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We welcome Hav-Inst. Raja Ram Pawar, APTC as Physical Training Instructor vice CHM Wali. He has come to us from the N.D.A. We wish him a happy stay at the College.

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Major G.S. Sandhu, gives us an illustrated talk on Games and Sports.

'India has the potential to win golds at the Olympics' feels Major G. S. Sandhu, India's Decathlon champion for three consecutive years and also a football and basketball player of high standard, now Physical Training Officer at the Indian Military Academy. In an illustrated talk, the outstanding sportsman rated the availability of modern equipment and regular, intense training as vital conditions for India to find a more respectable place in the sports world. 'The introduction of the fibre-glass poles and reco-tartan (rubber) tracks has improved the performance of the Western Athletes well beyond the reach of South Asians', he said; he ridiculed the use of primitive bamboo-poles and mud-tracks here in India.

Speaking to the cadets on 3rd November, he called upon them and the coaches to imbibe the spirit of regular and intense training. For example, the German Democratic Republic who reached the top in the Olympic Athletics Medal tally, have 80 percent of their population on the sports field every evening where he had been on an athletic coaching course which he passed with distinc-

tion. He also emphasised upon the need of good, balanced diet and scientific training for the athletes who wanted to bring honours to their country in the world of sports. As the Chief Athletics Coach of the Services, his advice should be of immense significance to every service athlete.

Later, he and his wife had lunch in the cadets mess and went round the College. We are very grateful to Major Sandhu for sparing some of his valuable time and giving us a very informative and educative talk.

B. S. Kohli (v)

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Class IV employees and their families staged two Hindi plays entitled 'Deewar' and 'Uljhan' in celebration of Dussehara on 2nd and 3rd Nov. respectively. Based on the socio-economic complexities of today's life, the plays shed light on the sad plight of lower middle-class people. Both the plays were highly entertaining and the evening were altogether a success.

On the second day the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Waraich.

Our sincere thanks are due to all participants and organizers

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SPORTS FOLIO

The 34th Dehra Dun District Athletic Meet was held on the 1st and 2nd of Nov. at the Loken School Grounds. A team of twenty Six Athletes from our College participated in the Meet. The College Athletes kept up the glorious traditions of the RIMC by putting up a memorable show of sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Worthy of special mention are Cadet M. S. Sodhi, B. S. Kohli and D. V. Choudhry for proving their excellence in different field and track events and contributing largely to the over all performance of the College. We feel proud of cadet M. S. Sodhi, who set a new district record in the 200 metres sprint. The College athletes were able to bag more than 40 certificates of merit and C Division Championship Trophy.

R.S.N. Singh IIIA

A Trip To Simla

As soon as our Mid-term Examinations were over we set out on our educational excursions. Our aim was to hike to Simla via Chakrata. Our batch consisted of eleven cadets and we were under the guidance of Mr. S. Bhatia and Hav. Bhosle P. T. I.

We started from the bus stand at three in the afternoon. The road to Chakrata is very dangerous and the drivers who drive in hilly areas are effi-

cient and experienced. We reached Chakrata at about eight in the evening. We had our dinner and then we retired to a rest house.

Next day we planned to hike some distance, but due to dense forest in our way, we had to go by bus. The bus route is very risky. The roads have very sharp and blind turns and there is hardly any room for the bus to run. The way was down the hill so we had to descend from about 7000ft. to about

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3000 feet. The roads are made of stones and granite rocks. If we slip off the road we may fall down into deep valleys. All prayed to God Almighty for a safe journey. To keep our minds free from fear and to hold our heads high we sang songs and joked. We reached a place called Tuni at about five in the evening. From Tuni we hiked to Arakot which is a village nine miles away from Tuni. We were received at Arakot by one of our master's friend who is the owner of houses and apple orchards. We stayed there for the night.

The cold, sullen morning dawned and we got ready for our journey to Simla. We hitch-hiked to Simla and reached there at about seven in the evening. We hired two big rooms and after a good, refreshing bath went for a film.

Next day we all went to see the places of tourists attraction. we were all impressed by the beauty and surroundings of these places. Mall Road Ridge and Scandal Point are the places where one can roam about. We took many photographs of the places. Then some cadets went for a film, while others kept on watching the beauty of the hills and the roads.

On 2nd Oct. we set out for the Jakohoo temple of Hanuman. It is about 2 Kms. from our lodging. It is situated on the highest peak of Simla - 8050 feet. From here one can see the panoramic view of the hills, roads, bazars and buildings of Simla.

While coming back from the

temple, we bought some offerings with us. There were many monkeys on the way, who, seeing our packets of offerings charged at us, snatched the 'prasad' and started eating it. Others rushed forward and tried to snatch our camera and caps. We held our caps tight and after a desperate struggle the monkeys knew their efforts were in vain. The gibbering monkeys somehow left us but seemed to say 'we won't leave you the next time'.

After lunch we went to Jatta Pani, situated at a distance of eight kilometres from Simla. Its scenery is very beautiful because of hot water springs and a river flowing by. Near it is situated the town Soni where we saw the native people and their way of living. This place is surrounded by hills on all sides. Then we went to Annadate which is actually a heliped, but also a good picnic spot. Here horse riding is very enjoyable. Early in the morning of 3rd Oct. we boarded a bus to go to Ambala Cantt. We reached Ambala Cantt. at about two and from there we came by bus to Dehra Dun. We reached the college at about seven in the evening.

We thirteen were indeed the luckiest of all other batches. We saw nearly the whole of Himachal Pradesh and some places of Haryana. It was very sad to return to our daily routine after enjoying these palmy days. The beauty of Simla is still fresh in our minds and we hope to go there again if situations permit.

Cadet H.P. Rajkumar
class III

“हेम-कुण्ड की ओर”

२६ सितम्बर—का वह शान्त दिवस, उस शान्त दिवस की वह सुबह: की बेला, उपा रानी के आगमन के पूर्व, शीतल-मन्द-सुगन्ध पवन से स्पर्शित हम वीर कुमार कप्तान तिवारी तथा श्री ठाकुर की संरक्षता में अपनी मंजिल की ओर चल पड़े। आदरणीय गुरुजन एवं श्रीमती तिवारी का साथ हम वीर कुमारों के लिए बड़ा ही सहायक, आनन्द-मय एवं शिक्षा-प्रद सिद्ध हुआ। उसी दिन हम जोशीमठ पहुंच गए जहां हमने रात्रि-विश्राम किया। दूसरे दिन हम ब्रह्मीनाथ पहुंचे जहां पहुंच कर हमारा मन बचन एवं कर्म तीनों पवित्र हो गया। मार्ग की प्राकृतिक छटा सचमुच ही अचरणीय है। विशाल ऊँचे पर्वतों की गंभीरता उनसे विछुड़ते भरने एवं भरनों का कल-कल करती बहती हुई नदियों में परिवर्तित होना, सचमुच भारत की नैसर्गिक सुन्दरता में चार चांद लगा रहे थे। हम वीर कुमारों के हार्दिक उल्लास का कोई सीमा नहीं रहीं। जगह-जगह हम वीर कुमारों ने प्राकृतिक तत्वों की छटा को अपने कमरे में अंकित किया, हृदय में तो वे सदा-सदा के लिए अंकित हो ही गए हैं।

ब्रह्मीनाथ, जो समुद्र-स्थल से करीब १०,००० फीट की ऊँचाई पर है, हिन्दुओं का एक बहुत बड़ा तीर्थ स्थान है। पहाड़ों के बीच एवं प्रकृति की गोद में बसा यह पर्वतीय-प्रदेश देश के प्रत्येक कोने से हर साल बहुत से यात्रियों को आकर्षित करता है। उसी दिन हम वीर कुमार वापस गोविन्द-घाट आ गए एवं रात्रि विश्राम वहां के गुरुद्वारे में किया। गुरुद्वारे में सिक्ख महान्-भावों के मानवीय गुणों को देखकर हम दंग रह गए। उनकी महान् बन्धुत्व की भावना, परोपकार की भावना एवं सहयोग की भावना से हमें अपार शिक्षा मिली। दूसरे दिन हमने सुबह हो

घघरिया के लिए प्रस्थान किया एवं करीब १२:३० बजे दोपहर में हम वहां पहुंच गये। वहां पर हमने रात्रि विश्राम किया एवं सुबह हेमकुण्ड की ओर चल पड़े। रास्ते का पहाड़ी चढ़ाव बड़ा ही कठिन एवं दुर्गम था, परन्तु हम वीर कुमारों ने अपने आत्मबल से हर मुश्किल को आसान कर दिया। १½ घण्टे की कठिन चढ़ाई के उपरान्त हमारे पांव हेमकुण्ड की पावन-भूमि पर पड़ सके। वहां पहुंच कर हमने महसूस किया कि जीवन में सफलता केवल आत्मबल के माध्यम से प्राप्त होती है। वहां पर बर्फ के समान शीतल नीर से परिपूर्ण सरोवर सचमुच ही प्रकृति की सर्वोत्तम कला का परिचायक है। हेमकुण्ड की उचाई समुद्रतल से लगभग १५,००० फीट है। यहां करोड़ों की लागत से एक गुरुद्वारे का निर्माण हो रहा है। शारीरिक-थकावट से तूर हम वीर कुमारों ने शान्त सरोवर में डुबकी लगा कर शारीरिक थकावट के साथ-साथ मानसिक थकावट को भी दूर कर लिया। घण्टों बैठ कर हम वीर कुमारों ने हेमकुण्ड की प्राकृतिक-छटा का दृष्यालोकन किया। नहीं चाहते हुए भी हमें अन्त में विरह के चन्द आंसुओं के साथ साथ हेमकुण्ड से विदा लेनी पड़ी। वापसी यात्रा घघरिया गोविन्द घाट, एवं जोशीमठ होते हुए कायम रही, ३ अक्टूबर को हमने रात्रि विश्राम रुद्रप्रयाग में किया। १ अक्टूबर की रात सचमुच ही बड़ी आनन्ददायक सिद्ध हुई। हम वीर कुमार कप्तान तिवारी श्रीमती तिवारी एवं मि० ठाकुर के विशेष आभारी हैं, जिन्होंने हमारी यात्रा में सचमुच प्राण भर दिये। ४ अक्टूबर की संध्या की मलिन बेला, हम वीर कुमार पुनः अपने विद्यालय को लौट पड़े।

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RIMCOLLIANA

Brig. V. D. Jayal, DSO (Retd), a Senior Rimcollian, paid a visit to the College. We are grateful to him.

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Lt. Col. K. S. Kohli and Mrs. Kohli paid a visit to the College on the occasion of Guru Nanak's birthday.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Our Cadets distinguished themselves at "On the Spot Painting Competition" organized by the Lions Club on 17 Nov. at the Pavilion Ground. The following Cadets deserve our warm congratulations on securing the positions mentioned against their names.

Group 'B'

1. Cadet. B. K. Singh, II First
2. ,, R.S. Bangari, II Consolation prize

Group 'C'

1. Cadet. Raj Kapoor, III A First
2. ,, R.S. Yadav, IIA Second

Group 'E'

1. Cadet D. S. Dutta, V Third

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Preparations are in progress for the End of Term Function to be held on Sunday, 8th December. The whole College is humming with activity and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of Lt. Gen. K.P. Candeth, PVSM (Retd),

President of the Rimcollian OldBoys' Association, who has kindly consented to preside over the functions.

VISIT

Dr. D. N. Sen, an eminent educationist, Ex-Vice Chancellor of Calcutta University and Chairman of the Committee for Reorganization of Sainik Schools visited the College on 3 Dec. He was accompanied by Shri Mahinder Singh, IAS, Deputy Secretary (Training), Ministry of Defence. Soon after their arrival at the College, they went round the Education Block and saw the Hobby clubs, Art Room, Library, Science Laboratories and the Current Affairs Gallery drew considerable appreciation from the distinguished visitors. They also visited Cadets' dormitories and other important places. They met members of the Staff and senior cadets in the Senior Ante-room and had lunch with us.

We thank Dr. Sen and party for their kind visit and also for their laudatory remarks.

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Cadet NCO A.K. Prasad, Pratap Section, has been appointed Cadet Captain of the College with effect from 20 Nov. Congratulations.

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Our cadets took part in the Mathematical Intelligence Test organized by the Doon Mathematical Society on 17 Nov. at the Doon School. Our congratulations to the following for their fine performance;—

1. Cadet V. Chandrashekharan, V
2. A. Swaminathan, III

GURU NANAK'S BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATED

Celebrations connected with the 505th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak, started at the College on the morning of 29 Nov (Kartik Purnima) with the recitation of Asa-di-Var by the Sikh Cadets and gentlemen in the College Gurdwara.

The unique feature of the Celebrations this year was that the entire function was organised and conducted by the the cadets without, any professional help.

In the evening, the cadets, all members of the staff and guests, assembled in the Gurdwara, where Shabads and devotional hymns were sung to the accompaniment of musical instruments played by Cadet H. K. Sharma, K. R. Gazmer and our music teacher. Mr. Abid Mustaquim sang two shabads. Cadets Sodhi, Arora, Jagmohan, Gurpal, Gill Bains, Parminder, Devinderjit, D. P. Singh Amarbir, Gurmit and Master Navjot sang fine shabads. Cadets Kohli and Inderpreet gave informative talks on the life and teachings of Guru Nank.

Our old boy Lt. Col. K. S. Kohli and Mrs. Kohli were also present. Mrs. Kohli and Miss Jaya sang shabads.

Our thanks are due to the members of staff and cadets who organized the function.

All the participants deserve congratulations for their fine performance.

Cadet B.S. Kohli, V.

A MATHEMATICAL GIANT

One of the greatest mathematicians of all time was Carl Fredrich Gauss. He was born in 1777 in a poor family in Brunswick, Germany. When he died in 1855, he was world famous as a man of Mathematics, Astronomy and Physics.

Gauss showed his talent for mathematics when he was very young. Once, at the age of three, young Carl listened to attentively as his father, the foreman of a group of brick layers calculated his wages. Every one was astonished when the boy pointed out that one of his father's figures was wrong, and then he gave the correct figure.

In an elementary school, his teacher once asked the class to add all the numbers from 1 to 100. As soon as the teacher finished stating the problem, Gauss who was then nine years old wrote the answer on the slate and put it on the teacher's desk. He had worked it out mentally, taking his own short cut.

Two of his, earliest discoveries are among his best known. In 1796 he proved that a regular polygon of 17 sides can be constructed by means of a straight edge and compass. In 1799 in his Ph. D thesis he gave his first flawless proof of what is known as Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, that is every algebraic equation has a solution. Gauss made great

contributions to many branches of mathematics. He did outstanding work in the theory of numbers, functions, probability and statistics and the geometry of curved surfaces.

He was one of the pioneers of constructing a new system of Geometry, now known as Euclidian Geometry, in which the sum of the angles of a Δ (triangle) is less than 180° .

At the time when he was making discoveries in Pure Mathematics Gauss took a lively interest in its practical applications. He spent many years working as an astronomer. He was active as a surveyor and map-maker working closely with Wilhelm Weber, the Physicist. He studied electricity and magnetism. He studied the structure of crystals also.

In 1801, after the planetoid Ceres was discovered, astronomers lost track of it when it passed by the sun. Gauss calculated the orbit of the planetoid, using a new method he had devised.

Gauss made a study of the magnetism of the earth on the basis of his observations and calculations, and predicted where the South magnetic pole could be found.

Gauss was an inventor as well as theoretical Scientist. He invented the heliotope, a surveyor's instrument that uses mirror for flashing sunlight across a great distance;

Together with Weber he invented telegraphy at about the same time when Samuel Morse, working independently, developed the telegraph in America. Later on he invented a kind of magnetometer, an instrument that measures the strength of a magnetic field.

Gauss has been called the Prince of Mathematics. In honour of his memorable work his name has been made the part of international science. The unit of magnetic field strength is known as a Gauss.

Cadet S. T. Upasani, III
and
Cadet Ved Prakash, III
(Mathematics Association)

Gleanings From The Great

"Real education consists in drawing the best out of yourself. What better book can be than the book of humanity."

—Mahatma Gandhi

"Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man."

—Swami Vivekanand.

"A teacher can never truly teach unless he is still learning himself. A lamp can never light another lamp unless it continues to burn its own flame."

—Tagore

छोटी बातें, बड़े लोग

होनहार विरवान के होत चीकने पात—छोटी-छोटी बातों से ही उठकर ही व्यक्ति महापुरुष के रूप में पूजे जाते हैं। कौन जाने हम में से कौन, कब, कैसे उन्नति के शिखर पर जा पहुँचे। कुछ महापुरुषों के जीवन के दो-तीन प्रसंग यहाँ दिये गये हैं।

बाल गंगाधर तिलक एक समय शिक्षक का काम करते थे। उन्हें ३० रुपए मासिक वेतन मिलता था। किसी ने कहा इतने से तो मरने पर दाह-कर्म के लिये भी कुछ नहीं बचेगा।

तिलक ने जवाब दिया—इसकी चिन्ता मैं क्यों करूँ? और नहीं तो बदबू के डर से ही कोई लाश को तो जला ही देगा।

क्या सादगी थी! वे चाहते तो अच्छी से अच्छी नौकरी पा सकते थे और टाट-बाट के साथ आराम का जीवन बिता सकते थे। पर तब क्या यह महान गौरव जो उन्हें आज मिला है, मिलता?

आज हम उन्हें 'लोकमान्य' के रूप में पूजते हैं और भविष्य में भी पूजते रहेंगे। 'स्वतन्त्रता मेरा जन्म-सिद्ध अधिकार है और मैं इसे लूंगा' इस मन्त्र को देने वाले लोकमान्य ही थे।

पंडित मदन मोहन मालवीय जब बालक थे तब वे एक दिन दौड़े हुए दूध के पास पहुँचे और बोले—'एक कुत्ता है। उसके कान से ही सटा हुआ बड़ा धाव है। धाव में कीड़े पड़ गये हैं। वह पीड़ा से छटपटाता हुआ इधर-उधर भागता फिरता है। कोई दवा दीजिये। दूध ने दवा दी।

मालवीयजी दौड़ते हुए कुत्ते के पास पहुँचे। एक बांस से कपड़ा लपेटा। उसे दवा से तर किया और दूर

से कुत्ते के धाव में दवाई लगाने लगे। कुत्ता पहले तो जोर से गुरगुरे लगा, पर मालवीयजी डरे नहीं। दवा लगाते ही रहे। दवा के लगाने से थोड़ी देर में कुत्ते को आराम मिला और वह आराम से सो गया।

दया सब के हृदय में होती है, पर सब जीवों के लिये समान रूप से दया होना बिरलों में ही देखा जाता है।

गांधीजी जो बात दूसरों से करने को कहते, उसे वे स्वयं करने को तैयार रहते थे उनकी पत्नी कस्तूरबा बीमार रहती थी। गांधीजी ने कहा कि नमक छोड़ दो अच्छी हो जाओगी।

कस्तूरबा—नमक के बिना अन्न कैसे खाया जायगा?

गांधीजी—नमक छोड़कर देखो तो सही।

कस्तूरबा—पहले आप ही छोड़ कर देखो तो सही।

गांधीजी—बस आज से छोड़ दिया।

और सचमुच ही उसी दिन से गांधीजी ने नमक खाना छोड़ दिया वे अपनी बात के खुद उदाहरण बन गये 'पर उपदेश कुशल बहुतेरे' की उक्ति को चरितार्थ करने वाले व्यक्तियों की इस दुनिया में कमी नहीं है। पर अपनी बात को अपने ही जीवन में उतारने वाले इस संसार में कितने होंगे?

ये कितनी छोटी २ बातें हैं। हम सबके जीवन में ऐसी अनेक घटनाएँ रोज ही घटा करती हैं पर क्या हम कभी उन पर ध्यान देते हैं? एक एक बूँद से ही तालाब भर जाता है। हम भी जीवन में कुछ बन सकते हैं, हमारा भविष्य हमारे ही हाथ में है।

—वीर कुमार एन० एस० मंगत

कक्षा २ अ

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