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SCALING THE PEAKS OF SUCCESS

On the 13th of March 1922, a young sapling was planted by the British to help Indian boys climb to success. 75 years later it stands tall and firm with poise and confidence and reflects the glory that it has seen and the echelons that it has reached in all fields.

And when the carriers of its glory, the men from three nations who have carried the flag of their alma mater to the peak of success decided to get together, the task at the hands of the authorities was as big as it could ever be. Thus started the preparations for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the erstwhile Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College, now the Rashtriya Indian Military College. To be held on 13th of March 1997, the celebrations would include events that would make everyone of over 2000 guests remember their times at the College and also show them the new heights that it has reached.

Some two years before the final event the preparations for it were started. The first phase consisted of a large number of adventure activities undertaken by the cadets to highlight the event. Among others these include :

- i) The mountaineering expedition to Mt Kedar Dome where 4 cadets set a world record and were awarded the COAS commendations.
- ii) The twin assault on Mt Thelu and Mt Koteshwar where cadets were awarded the COAS commendations.
- iii) Two naval cruises to the western and eastern coasts.
- iv) An expedition to Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- v) A River Rafting expedition on the Ganges.
- vi) A Car Rally covering entire India.

The second phase consisted of massive renovations all over the College. Roads and buildings were rebuilt. The entire College was given a new look. These renovations continued right till the end and when the Rimcollians finally arrived a neat and brand new looking College was there for their welcome.

The arrangements for the President's visit also started a long time in advance and the postal stamp and the book on the history of the College were also sanctioned. A team of photographers under Maj K C Anand clicked hundreds of photographs for the audio visual show to be presented to the Rimcollians.

The Sections started with the boxing practise a long time before the final event and also cleaned up their dormitories. The College teams began practise for the Cadets vs Old Boys matches. The preparations for the cultural evening also started. From the 1st of March onwards the classes were off and cadets were trained for the guard of honour to be given to the President of India.

The authorities also began arranging for the accommodation and transport of all the visiting guests. The cadets were divided into small teams to look after the various aspects of the celebrations. Large scale sales of the raffle tickets were started to collect money to be used in the celebrations.

Soon the tents were put up and all was ready for the final day. The reception had set up its stalls at various places and the intensive intercom system established in College by Maj Gen BK Kataria helped them to remain in contact with the other departments. A large number of vehicles were hired and a new MT section started.

And thus dawned the morning of 11th March. The celebrations had begun. The hectic activity could be seen at all places. Everyone was working harder to ensure that all went as planned. The Rimcollians were arriving in large number and the arrangements for accommodation were preplanned and everything went on smoothly.

At 4 30 the PT gate presented to the College by ROBA was inaugurated and the RIMC Sadbhawna Car Rally reached the College to a cheerful welcome. The same evening the boxing finals were held and as Rimcollians watched, Pratap Section lifted the trophy. The prize distribution at Boxing finals was presided by Taj Mohd Khanzada.

The next day in the morning the ROBA meeting was held in the Bhagat Hall and then there was a skydiving display in which two Rimcollians also participated. The Cadets Vs Old Boys matches then started in Cricket, Hockey and Squash and while Cadets lifted the Cricket Cup, the other two went to the Old Boys.

In the evening was the audio visual show and as the audience sat mesmerised the history of RIMC unfolded in its full glory. That night was the Commandant's dinner where a large number of guests had been invited.

The next day i.e. 13th March was the real Platinum Jubilee day and promised to be the most hectic and memorable for all concerned. The day began on a high note with the guard of honour to the President. The President gave away awards following which the RIMC stamp and first day cover were released. The book on the history of RIMC was also released by the President. Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma then addressed the cadets and made a couple of suggestions to the College. The President had a group photograph with the College followed by high tea with the guests. The wreath laying ceremony was held after that.

That evening was the variety entertainment show preceded by the Commandant's address and the prize distribution ceremony. The ex-principals, AOs and two masters, Mr SP Bhatia and Mr RC Chaturvedi were honoured on the occasion. Then was the ROBA dinner at the make shift mess. It was followed by a dance for all the guests and the cadets.

The next day the Rimcollians left having enjoyed the three days of their stay and having met friends of long ago, friends and times they would never forget. Suddenly the College had become empty and there was this sense of unity and glory among all cadets.

The successful organisation of an event as mega as the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations became possible only because of the concentrated efforts of the Commandant, Staff, Cadets and everyone else at the RIMC.

Here, a special mention must be made of Mrs Gita Parab - who was always busy ensuring that suitable arrangements had been made for the guests - without whose guidance and support the uphill task could not have been accomplished successfully. What is most striking here is the manner in which all resources of RIMC were stretched to their maximum limit. Just imagine, organising such a successful function of such large proportions !

- Editor

**NOMINAL ROLL OF RIMCOLLIANS WHO ATTENDED
RIMC PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS HELD FROM
11 MAR 97 TO 14 MAR 97**

PRATAP SECTION

1	Maj S M Ismail	31	Maj Gen Atal	61	Col R Pandalai
2	Mr Sanjiv Tandon	32	Gen VN Sharma	62	Mr Sahir Bhalla
3	Maj Gen BK Kataria	33	Col J Chanda	63	Lt Col BK Borooah
4	Brig KS Rao	34	Brig AS Bedi	64	Mr Ashish Sunder
5	Lt Cdr A Chauhan	35	Maj VK Choudhary	65	Mr Saurabh Chopra
6	Cdt Saurabh Saxena	36	Lt Col S Mani	66	Mr Sidharth Jyoti
7	Cdt Saurabh Batta	37	Mr C Banerjee	67	Col AK Kapur
8	Cdt Anuj Wadhwa	38	Air Marsal V Patney	68	Mr Navin Malhotra
9	Cdt Kapil Khandelwal	39	Gp Capt A Dhar	69	Maj Pranav Kumar
10	Mr Ajay Mahrotra	40	Col RTC Gohain	70	Maj Ved Prakash
11	2 Lt AJS Jauhal	41	Cdr PK Chatterjee	71	Lt Santosh Kumar
12	Mr Kunaal Mahanti	42	Col Bhupendra Singh	72	Mr Bikram Singh
13	Mr Joy Mowar	43	Col PSC Nair	73	Col SK Singh
14	Plt Offr M Trikha	44	Mr Ramday Kakati	74	Col YC Gupta
15	Dr Rajan Bhatia	45	Maj Gen PD Sherlekar	75	Mr Satish Bhoomi Reddy
16	Cdr IM Krishnan	46	Lt Col GK Gojale	76	Capt (IN) VN Chitnavis
17	Maj PS Gurung	47	Maj Gen BD Kala	77	Mr Sudipto Das
18	Mr SS Chopra	48	Maj Gen N Chatterjee	78	Gp Capt SK Jaiswal
19	Maj Gen Bilu Neogy	49	2 Lt S Chakraborty	79	Lt Col Manu Bhalla
20	Capt Ajay Ramdev	50	Maj Sanjay Singh	80	GC BG Reddy
21	Lt Col MV Raj	51	Maj V Bhagat	81	GC R Ahlawat
22	Lt Cdr A Satyanarayan	52	Mr D Batta	82	Maj Shivender Singh
23	Lt Gen K Chimman Singh	53	Mr Dharendra Singh	83	Col AK Chakraborty
24	Col VK Sinha	54	Mr AK Paul	84	Col CS Thapa
25	Capt P Bhardwaj	55	Lt Col TK Guha	85	Mr Salm Sarat
26	Cmdr TS Khurana	56	Brig MM Zaki	86	Capt Ajay Ramdev
27	Brig NS Pathania	57	Maj Rajiv Negi	87	Capt Ravi Kapoor
28	Brig BS Pawar	58	Lt Col AK Sethi	88	Lt Col JS Mangat
29	Col P Mittal	59	Lt Col Sher Singh	89	Maj Gen B Choudhari
30	Col JK Khan	60	Maj RD Sharma	90	Capt Karan Dixit

33	Cdr KS Aiyappa	76	Maj Gen YK Yaqub Khan	119	Col Rajneesh Gossain
34	Brig S Vijay Kumar	77	Cdr V Mohindra	120	Brig SP Sinha
35	Col CH Bal	78	Air Marshal S Raghandran	121	Maj Gen SK Gupta
36	Cdr AP Bhattacharya	79	Mr RF Kewalram	122	Maj Gen HRS Mann
37	Mr Manjeet Singh	80	Brig DK Khullar	123	Lt Gen MA Zakir
38	Cdr RS Juja	81	Brig SC Khullar	124	Lt Upmanyu Singh
39	Brig KD Issar	82	Maj Mishra	125	Lt GS Dhillon
40	Brig YS Yadav	83	Maj Gen VC Dubey	126	Lt Simon Mathai
41	Capt IS Bhalla	84	Maj Ajay Gupta	127	Brig RK Bose
42	Mr SR Das	85	Mr KN Pal	128	Mr Prem Sagar
43	Maj Vishal Agarwal	86	Wg Cdr KC Cherian	129	Maj YA Singh
44	Lt Gen MA Zaki	87	Sqn Ldr SR Swaroop	130	Lt Col N Ghose
45	2Lt Kamil Rana	88	Mr Balaji Kartha	131	Col PVK Choudhary
46	Cdr PC Kar	89	Brig Fazir Mohd Khan	132	Maj KS Sanewal
47	Maj SK Verma	90	Maj A Banerjee	133	Vice Admiral Harinder Singh
48	2Lt C Basu	91	Mr PP Hingarani	134	Lt Col Hudda
49	GC Dheeraj Ramanand	92	Cdr BB Tapuria	135	Cdr Inderjit Singh
50	Maj CK Choudhary	93	Lt Gen Vinay Sharma	136	Gp Capt D Yadav
51	Brig Rajendra Singh	94	Sqn Ldr RS Bhatti	137	Cdt S Nayak
52	Mr Manjit Singh Gosal	95	Maj Avinanda Ghose	138	Lt Col Swapan Bhadra
53	Maj Tejinder Singh	96	Mr DS Chauhan	139	FI Lt Ravi Sharma
54	Mr Zia-ul Hussain	97	Lt (IN) Sumeet Sinha	140	Col SS Jog
55	Brig Raman Sehgal	98	Col SS Jog	141	Lt Col SK Sharma
56	Lt Gen HM Khanna	99	Wg Cdr VS Chhikara	142	Saurav Verma
57	Mr DS Chauhan	100	Maj SC Patri	143	V Jacob Kurian
58	Capt Subodh Kumar	101	Lt Rohit Teotia	144	Sidharth Ranjan
59	Brig AK Chatterjee	102	Lt Anuj Kalia	145	Chetan Singla
60	FI Lt D Ahluwalia	103	Mr S Mukherjee	146	Vikram Kadian
61	Vice Admiral AR Tandon	104	Brig U Kumar	147	Mr V Ramaswamy
62	Col BK Laroia	105	Mr Umesh Sood	148	Mr SS Dhanoa
63	Brig Narjit Singh	106	Col AK Sharma	149	GC S Kannoth
64	Brig Kulwant Singh	107	Brig JP Khanduri	150	Cdr SD Sinha
65	Mr PN Talwar	108	Maj S Sabharwal	151	GC Shishir Kumar
66	Col PAR Choudhary	109	Lt Col PP Roy	152	Brig BD Man Singh
67	Lt Col AK Sharma	110	Maj S Patole	153	Col MS Baidwan
68	Mr Dharminder Nayal	111	Brig Suresh Dutt	154	Col AK Sinha
69	Mr Umesh Sood	112	Maj AK Kochhar	155	Capt SK Yadav
70	Maj Gen C Narain	113	Wg Cdr Y Singh	156	Col KS Jaswal
71	Brig VS Yadav	114	Maj Prem Prakash	157	Lt Col Kedarnath
72	Col Vinay Sagar	115	Brig Habib Akabar	158	Mr MV Maduani
73	Maj AJS Virk	116	Cdr BK Verma	159	Lt Col SK Dhar
74	Capt JJS Bhinder	117	Capt V Singh	160	Mr Rajesh Ranjan
75	GC Anshuman Narang	118	Lt Gen MM Lakhera	161	Capt AS Mallapurkar

SHIVAJI SECTION					
		43	Maj RN Maira	86	ACM NC Suri
1	Col BM Baweja	44	Capt RK Kapoor	87	Lt Col KS Khurana
2	Maj Gen Fazli Razid	45	Maj Mittlesh Kumar	88	Lt Col BS Khurana
3	Cdr BK Mohanti	46	Mr Muthu Jagannath	89	Capt Himmat Singh
4	Maj NK Fhankar	47	Col SC Sharma	90	Flg Offr KK Sukhdev
5	Col RK Manucha	48	Brig AI Kochchar	91	Maj JS Thakur
6	Maj RSN Singh	49	Col SVP Singh	92	A Cmdr Satwant Singh
7	Lt Cdr PK Khosla	50	Col Padamjit Singh	93	Mr SS Sandhu
8	Col Mohd Zarif Khan	51	Lt Col P Barua	94	Mr BS Grewal
9	Maj Gen MA Gurbaxani	52	Col Rajinder Kapoor	95	Lt Akshay Joshi
10	Mr JS Malhotra	53	Lt Cdr A Katoch	96	Lt HS Dogra
11	Mr Sunil M Garg	54	Mr Dewan Singh	97	Brig DS Dhillon
12	Sqn Ldr H Gupta	55	Pilot Offr N Kanwar	98	Mr Gurpreet Singh
13	Col KR Rao	56	Sqn Ldr Rajesh Kumar	99	Col Bhanwar Singh
14	Mr VN Jain	57	Maj Shailesh Nanda	100	Mr Raj Bedi
15	Mr Rakesh Rai	58	Brig Raj Manchanda	101	Wg Cdr YS Tomar
16	Mr SS Butalia	59	Gp Capt KS Bewoor	102	Lt Raghunath Nair
17	Brig SS Dhillon	60	Col Harjeet Singh	103	Lt Col PK Satish Kumar
18	Maj Dilip Kumar	61	Brig HS Seghal	104	Col D Dawar
19	Cdr VK Kochhar	62	2 Lt Salil Bisht	105	Mrs Onkar Singh
20	Col MM Malik	63	Lt (IN) Sauvira Rajender	106	Maj YS Meitei
21	Capt MPS Gill	64	Saurabh Gupta	107	Lt A Vadhira
22	Sqn Ldr Harish Solanki	65	Maj AS Shekhawat	108	Brig AK Samantray
23	Maj Gen Virendra Singh	66	Maj Sandeep Singh	109	Capt Rahul Pathania
24	Lt KJ Singh	67	Lt Pradeep Singh, IN	110	Maj KK Jagtiani
25	Maj Gen Karan Singh	68	Lt Vikram Manitala	111	Mr Anil Jagtiani
26	Maj RS Bedi	69	Capt UD Sinha (Retd)	112	Capt R Parmar
27	Plt Offr Sanjay Pal	70	Col PF Kewalramani	113	Brig AN Luthra
28	Lt Col B Krishna	71	Cadet Gaurav Hamal	114	Lt Vardhan Kumar
29	Maj A Banerjee	72	Mr L R Srivastava	115	Maj Rajan Chopra
30	Lt Col KK Singhal	73	Maj AK Mitra	116	Col VY Gidh
31	Brig JB Singh	74	Col Arun Mangain	117	Maj Gen AR Kumar
32	Flt Lt Gagan Rohit	75	2 Lt KS Reddy	118	Maj Gen AR Raikar
33	Col NS Brar	76	Maj CP Mohanty	119	Brig JS Chandel
34	Maj KM Sharma	77	Maj MS Bedi	120	Maj Gen TS Verma
35	Maj Nitin Raj	78	Brig U Dasgupta	121	Maj Gen S Mangat
36	Maj Vikram Singh	79	Cdr Ranbir Singh	122	Mr RK Gulati
37	Mr Sajey Raj	80	Maj Gen MPS Mann	123	Mr D Kapoor
38	Rear Admiral PD Sharma	81	Col Padamjit Singh	124	Col Omit Sarkar
39	Capt MPS Gill	82	2 Lt ERN Prasad	125	Mudit Mahajan
40	Col BP Singh	83	Maj DS Bajaj	126	MP Naveen
41	Brig JU Matai	84	Lt Manav Sehgal	127	Maj Gen IN Luthra
42	Maj HS Sahni	85	Col Paramir Singh	128	Brig BS Chimje

**LIST OF PAKISTANI AND BANGLADESHI OLD BOYS WHO ATTENDED
THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

S/No.	NAME
1.	Lt Gen Sahibzada Yaqub Khan
2.	Air Marshal Nur Khan
3.	Air Marshal Asghar Khan
4.	Maj Taj Mohammed Khan Khanzada
5.	Lt Gen Gul Hassan Khan
6.	Mr Inayatullah Hassan
7.	Lt Col Istiaqual Rahman Khan
8.	Brig M Mokhtar Karim
9.	Air Vice Marshal Sadruddin Mian
10.	Brig Habib Akbar
11.	Maj Nazir Fatehuddin
12.	Maj Gen Mohd Mumtaz Khan
13.	Lt Col M Hassan Durrani
14.	Mr Murad Abdullah
15.	Brig Faqir Mohd Khan
16.	Col Zarif Khan
17.	Maj Gen Fazli Raziq
18.	Mr Amir Mohd Khan
19.	Maj Muzzafar Khan Malik

**LIST OF OVERSEAS OLD BOYS WHO ATTENDED
THE PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

1.	Brig (Retd) Viscount JD Slim	(UK)
2.	Mr Peter M Will	(UK)
3.	Mr Gordon James Scott	(Switzerland)
4.	Mr Ernest Nigel Ross Magenty	(UK)

RIMC PLATINUM JUBILEE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Commandant, Staff and Cadets.

It gives me special pleasure to be present here today on the occasion of the Founder's Day and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Rashtriya Indian Military College. I always welcome an opportunity to visit good educational centres and see how our young generations are taught and trained to become the worthy citizens of the country.

I am doubly happy to note that Rashtriya Indian Military College - a unique institution in the country - completes 75 years of its eventful existence today. During the period of these 7½ decades, the College has made an epoch in history by Indianising the top ranks of the Army and rendering yeoman service to our country by producing worthy officers and able leaders.

I am happy to note that the alumni present here today include many senior members from Pakistan and other countries. On behalf of the people of India I extend a very hearty welcome to all of them and hope that their stay here would be enjoyable. I am sure their visit here will improve relations between our countries and shall pave the way for further similar exchanges. I compliment all Rimcollians from India as well as from other countries on this historic occasion and convey my best wishes to all of them.

Truly national in character, the College draws cadets from all parts of the country on the basis of merit. It is an excellent example of 'Unity in Diversity' which is the hallmark of our national life. You are miniature India and the lustre in the eyes of cadets reflects the hopes and aspirations of our teeming millions. I am glad to hear the account of distinguished record of ex-cadets of this College and hope their glorious examples will inspire you to ever greater heights. You, who are fortunate to receive education here, are expected, in due course of time, to shoulder the tremendous responsibilities that are thrown upon you to protect and defend our country.

It is gratifying to learn that, run on the pattern of a first - rate Public School, the College has become a 'Nursery for Officers' and has made significant contribution not only to our defence forces but also to other walks of life and can be justly proud of it.

The Indian Army has always displayed a high sense of discipline, courage, bravery and the spirit of sacrifice. You are well aware of the conspicuous gallantry and splendid heroism that our Army has shown in the past. We are proud of its magnificent role in zealously guarding the territorial integrity and honour of our motherland. You, young cadets, who are embarking on a career in the Armed Forces must learn lessons of valour, sense of duty and sacrifice from their heroic examples.

Remember, that the progress and prosperity of a nation depends, to a great extent, on its youth. It is therefore essential that the character of young men should be so shaped and moulded that they develop a well-integrated personality and acquire basic values of life such as adherence to truth, justice and uprightness in thoughts and deeds. They must be enabled to cultivate in them discipline, devotion to duty, selfless service, the spirit of sacrifice and a passion for excellence. In view of the rapidly changing circumstances of today, it behoves everyone of us to equip himself with courage and capability to weather all storms and steer the nation clear through innumerable tasks that lie ahead of us. I am happy to observe that sound foundations for building character are laid at this College.

Our ancient scriptures tell us - वीर भोग्या वसुंधरा (Vir Bhogya Vasundhara) - that is, the earth belongs to the brave and strong and not to the idle and weak. In this world of tough competition and rapid changes each one of us must be strong and must lead life of discipline, self-control and duty.

You must be strong - strong in body, mind and spirit - to play a vital role in shaping the destiny of our nation.

This is the most formative and profitable period of your life and you must direct all your efforts to grow into self-reliant and worthy soldiers of India and thus fulfil the hopes that we have built upon you. You must live up to your College motto - Bal, Vivek- that is, you must cultivate in yourselves strength and wisdom to fight the battle of life. Work hard, preserve the best traditions of our Armed Forces, make our country stronger and guard her honour in war and peace. I wish all of you a bright career in the Defence Services and I trust you will work for the same with single-minded devotion and diligence. If you do that, with the excellent training and teaching available at this College, the cadets here will go far in life. I wish you all success and prosperity in life. Good luck and May God bless you.

COMMANDANT'S WELCOME ADDRESS

His Excellency the President of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma. Mrs Vimala Sharma, distinguished guests, ladies, gentlemen and my dear Cadets.

It gives me great honour and pleasure to welcome his Excellency, The President of India, Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, to the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the Rashtriya Indian Military College. Founded in March 1922 as the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College as a public school to train Indian boys for British Defence Academics at Sandhurst and Woolwich and to Indianise the officer cadre of the Armed Forces, the College today completes 75 years of illustrious service to the nation. Over the last seven and a half decades of dedicated service, the College has produced the finest of military leaders for our Armed Forces. Four old boys have risen to the rank of Chiefs of the Army and Air Force. In addition, a very large number of the alumni have occupied and are still holding most of the senior positions in our Defence Services. Those in Pakistan and other countries have also done their countries proud by rendering the most outstanding services. Quite a few amongst them have headed their country's Air Force and Army besides doing exceedingly well in other fields. We are indeed fortunate to have some of them back with us today. We are all happy and thrilled to see that they are present here at this historic occasion.

It is indeed a great moment for all of us at the RIMC today to have in our midst His Excellency the President of India, who also is the Supreme commander of our armed forces. We are most grateful to him and Mrs Vimala Sharma for honouring us by their presence at this 75th Founders day of this great institution. The College has been a dedicated feeder to the Defence Services for the last 75 years - each of which has been full of glory, dedication and service to the nation. The large number of gallantry and other awards are testimony to the exemplary courage, dedication and sacrifice shown by generations of old boys. In Maj Somnath Sharma we had the first recipient of the Param Vir Chakra - while Lt (later Lt Gen) PS Bhagat was the first Indian officer to be awarded the Victoria Cross. Gen KS Thimayya was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for distinguished service of the highest order.

We at the school have always drawn motivation and inspiration from our rich past. It has led us to the road to excellence and continuously inspired us to live up to the great standards and expectations of our predecessors. The school continues to excel in studies, games, adventure and other co-curricular activities. A consistently large number of our cadets are joining the NDA each term and are doing us all proud by their performance in various academics. The standards of education are comparable to the best in the country. In games our cadets have represented the

country in Junior World Cup Squash. In the field of adventure, the boys have been on two mountaineering expeditions to over 6000 m. peaks viz, Mt Kedar Dome, Mt Thelu and Mt Koteshwar in the Garhwal Himalayas, a feat appreciatively acknowledged by the Guinness Book of World Records. All the 16 summiteers have been awarded the COAS Commendation Cards.

Today, on the occasion of the Founders' Day and the Platinum Jubilee, we dedicate ourselves once again to the service of the nation and pursuit of excellence.

May I now request His Excellency, the President, to give away the awards -

- (a) The President's Gold Medal to the best overall passing out cadet :-
 - (i) For the Spring Term 1996 - Cadet Avnish Malik (R)
 - (ii) For the Autumn Term 1996 - Cadet Deepanker Nautiyal(S)
- (b) The Air Vice Marshal Kanwar Singh Trophy for the best sportsman of the year - Cadet Ritwick Bhattacharya(R). Incidentally Cadet Ritwick Bhattacharya represented India at the World Cup Junior Squash held at Cairo (last year) and the Asian Junior Championship held at Chennai in February this year.
- (c) Finally, the Rawlinson Cup for the Inter Section Overall Championship - Ranjit Section.

EXCERPTS FROM COMMANDANTS'S 75TH FOUNDERS DAY ADDRESS

It gives me the greatest honour and pleasure to welcome you all to this historic 75th Founders Day of our institution. The presence of all of you today in such magnitude, crossing all borders, speaks volumes for the spirit which is RIMC. It is this spirit, this bond, which got us all together and will continue to steer this College of ours to greater and greater heights of achievement and glory. I'm sure many of you today must be making this nostalgic journey down memory lane after a long gap. Let me take this opportunity to express the sentiments of everyone present here at this happy reunion which has been possible only because you all made it possible. Thank you all for this.

The success of any function is counted to a great extent by the attendance it has. For this I must make a special mention of our Rimcollians from abroad, mainly Pakistan and U.K., for taking the trouble to come all the way and making this event a memorable one for everyone. I must acknowledge on behalf of all Rimcollians the work that has been done by our evergreen, diehard Rimcollian Maj Gen Virendra Singh, in this. He has been instrumental in keeping the old contacts across the borders alive and been our major link with them and making their presence here today possible. He is today the sheet anchor for all activities connected with the RIMC and also the Association and can most aptly be called our 'godfather'.

The first and most important step that has been taken, has been the revision of the complete organisation of RIMC at the highest level.

Financially RIMC is on sound footing today, thanks to the raising of a Corpus to the tune of 15 lakhs at the initiation of the then DGMT, Lt Gen Ashok Joshi. A second corpus of 11 lakhs for sports and adventure activities was the brain child of Lt Gen Batra, Lt Gen Gulati and Lt Gen Lakhera.

Our unique Tudor styled aging bulidings, which for most of us are a reminder of our yester years here, breathed a sigh of relief when major works upto 2 crores were allotted, which was all due to our own General Gulati, the then Central Army Commander. All this also eased out the bathroom problems and the acute water shortage due to the old and defective pipelines.

Coming to the aspect of academics, there has been a welccme change in the trend which

may surprise many of the Rimcollians present here. The top priority is today accorded to academics by the boys which is quite evident from the fact that the board results are hundred percent.

The performance of our boys at the NDA and subsequently the IMA and Naval and Air Force Academies have been excellent with a large number of top appointments and top awards being bagged by them.

Many of you may not be aware that of the twenty masters we are deficient of twelve. With ad hoc measures, though they are totally against teaching norms of a Public School, we have functioned and not let any dilution come about in the standards. On our academic staff we also have five old boys and two AEC Officers. In fact thanks to Vice Admiral Harinder Singh who bulldozed his way through Naval hierarchy, we now have a Naval Officer too. In true Navy style the posting order read - "Lt H S Sandhu to board INS - RIMC".

Despite the boys according top priority to academics they have not relegated themselves to becoming book worms and are continuing to excell in the sports arena too. Squash today has strongly become our forte and from school and regional level the scene has now shifted to National and International level. We have Ritwick who is today ranked number two in his category in the country. He represented the country in the World Cup at Cairo in July 1996 and was part of the Indian team that won a Bronze at the Asian Juniors Championship at Chennai in Feb 1997. The Chief has honoured him with his Commendation Card. In the cricket match played against the RMA, Sandhurst team, our boys shocked them by beating them with a margin of 74 runs. In football too, we have reached till the quarter final stage of the prestigious Limca Soccer Tournaments for schools in India.

On the co-curricular front the Hindi Debating Team has been excelling by winning all the major debates held in the Valley. The quizing team has become a force to reckon with and always has a victory to report at every inter-school quiz. The artists too have had their share of the limelight in inter-school art competitions. The Hobby Clubs which are now equipped with the latest gadgetry are coming up with some excellent outputs.

Adventure sports which cannot be pursued to such a great extent by any educational institution have been possible at the RIMC due to the assistance given by the Army Adventure Cell and the HRD Ministry. Thus we were able to launch the Mt Kedar Dome Mountaineering Expedition and the Twin Peak Assault to Mt Thelu and Koteshwar, both of which created history. The Guinness Book acknowledged the summiting of the Kedar Dome by boys so young as a commendable feat. In the most rare case of its kind all the fifteen summitters of both the expeditions were decorated with the Chief of the Army Staffs Commendation Card. The other adventure sports pursued have been Camel Safaris in the expanse of the Thar desert, Para Sailing, Hot Air Ballooning and Mountain Cycling. White Water Rafting has become one of the most popular adventure sports. In the prestigious International Four Square White Water Challenge, the College Team, despite being pitted against teams of National and International repute, finished tenth over all out of thirty five teams. They were the only school team to rank so high.

At the end I must thank all Rimcollians who may not have been individually named but have been supporting us at all times.

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IN PICTURES

RIMC PLATINUM JUBILEE



The Pakistani Rimcollians being welcomed by the Commandant



The Platinum Jubilee Gate - moments before the inauguration



Winners at the Inter-Section Boxing with the Chief Guest, Taj Mohammad Khanzada DSO



In a cheerful and intimate conversation (L to R) the Commandant, Air Chief Marshal NC Suri, Gen VN Sharma, Lt Gen Yaqub Khan and Capt Taj Md Khanzada DSO



Gen and Mrs Padmanabhan at the Inter-Section Boxing



Cheering their Section to victory- Pratap Section at the Inter-Section Boxing finals



Ranjit Section egging on their boxers



Sivaji Section at the Inter-Section Boxing finals



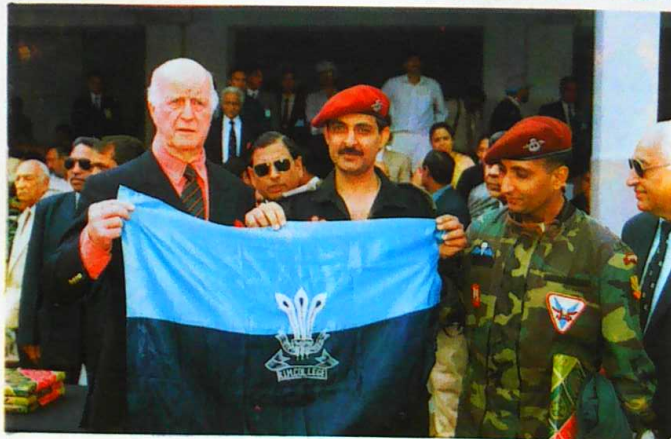
A few tense moments for Chandragupta Section during the boxing finals



The RIMC and Old Boys teams before the cricket match



Maj Gen and Mrs Kataria immediately after inaugurating the EPABX at the office complex



Lord Slim, Maj Bains and Capt Kairon with the RIMC flag after the Sky Diving show

The old boys and cadets hockey teams
before the match



Lt Gen Gul Hasan, Gen VN Sharma and
Commandant during the ROBA meeting



The President, Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma
arriving for the Guard of Honour.



The President, Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma
with the Commandant and Mrs Parab



In readiness for the wreath laying
ceremony

The war memorial in all solemnity





The Rimcollian ladies from home and abroad posing together for a photograph

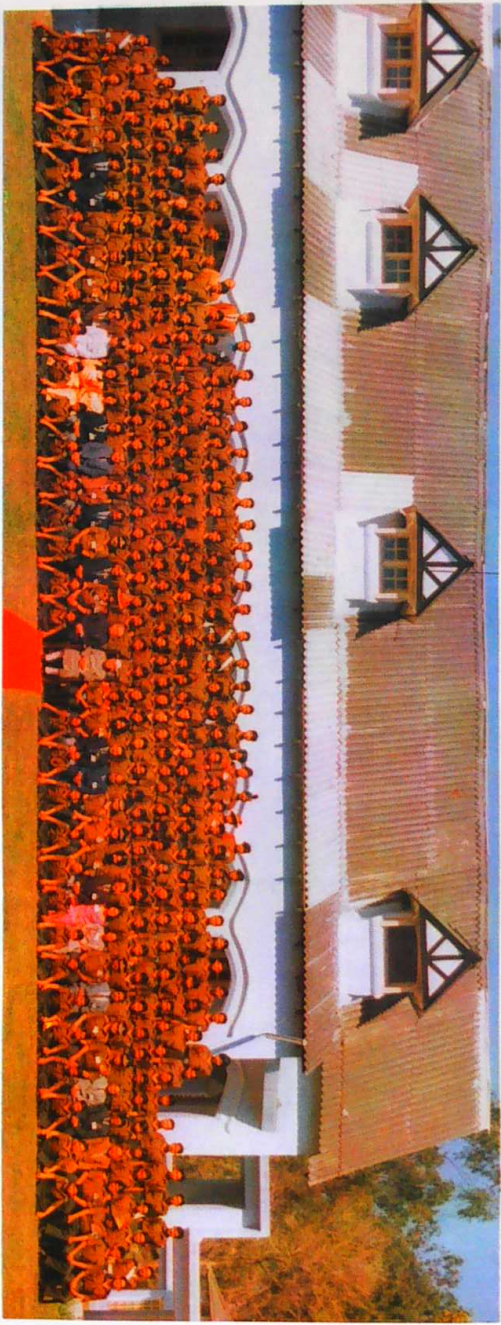


A scene from the play



The artists and choir group with and Mrs Virender Singh

Gen



The President with staff and the cadets



The dream team - Commandant and Mrs Parab with the members of staff



Lt Gen HM Khanna with Mrs Gita Parab

RIMC PLATINUM JUBILEE - THE OTHER VIEW

In the cradle of excellence - The RIMC - the Government runs an institute capable of producing the best and the better than best. The alumni of this institution have proved beyond doubt, time and again, its capacity of bringing out the most in a person and of making him capable of using his talents in the utmost way.

To achieve this, the institution has to pack in five years, activities and events good enough to give a young boy enough experience for him to act in a mature way and to face the realities of life. In fact so hectic is the schedule that one often finds two activities going on simultaneously and in such a hectic schedule, this term the College had to fit in the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of such magnitude invariably required a large amount of effort and money and a large amount of time.

The entire College schedule for this term was changed to accommodate the Platinum Jubilee Celebration as a result of which we had to leave out mid term exams as well as hikes. For 15 days all normal College activities came to a total standstill. Obviously, there was a lot of loss in terms of academic activities.

As youngsters we were told that re-unions are the occasions when all of us cadets can interact with senior officers. However, not many senior Rimcollians had time for cadets - most of them were most of the time found with their own timers. I realise its a great experience for a youngster like me to walk up to a very senior officer and speak to him. I wonder how many of us had this honour this term.

In today's times when there is so much to do, how justified is it to spend so much time and energy on celebrations like this?

- Cdt D.S.Lamba

INTER SECTION BOXING COMPETITIONS - 1997

The Platinum term Inter-Section Boxing Competition - 1997 was held from 8th March to 11th March. The Boxing Competition was very important as it was the first competition for the Sports Cup. All the sections had practised very hard for it. Many Rimcollians from India and abroad had come to see the Boxing in RIMC. The Boxing started off on 8th March and finals were fought on 11th March. The boxers fought with 'josh' and there were some very interesting bouts fought. In the end, Pratap Section emerged victorious with 31 points, thus lifting the Boxing Cup for 26th time. During the bouts, many Rimcollians also joined their Ex-Sections in cheering up. All the bouts were very keenly contested. The chief guest for the prize distribution ceremony was Capt Taj Mohd Khanzada, DSO who is also the senior most among the Pakistani Rimcollians. Cadet Karan Sagar was adjudged the best loser and Cadet Kshitij Raj Solanki, was given the best boxer award. In the end, Capt Taj Mohd Khanzad, DSO gave an interesting speech and complimented all the boxers for putting up a very good show and showing good sportsman spirit. He also congratulated Pratap Section for winning this prestigious cup for the 25th time. With this, the Platinum Jubilee Term Inter Section Boxing Competition - 1997 came to an end. A special mention must be made of Mr Padma Bahadur, Gold medalist in Asian level boxing who has done a lot to improve the boxing standards.

- Cdt Anoop Sharma

INTER SECTION ENGLISH DEBATE - 1997

Since it was the January term so English Debate was conducted and was held on the 7th of Feb' 97. The topic had been given about a week ago. This year too a very interesting topic was chosen - 'U.N. has done well as an agent of international peace and co-operation, which gave the debaters a very good opportunity to bring forth their debating skills. The seniors topic was 'Judicial activism is the only solution to the problems which our country faces today'.

The debate started at 5.00 pm and finished at 8.00 pm. A very high standard of speeches could be seen which clearly displayed the hard work put in by the debaters.

The individual positions were :

Seniors

1st D.S. Lamba (S)

2nd A. Gupta (R)

Rebutting

1st N. Nayal (S)

2nd D. Sharma (R)

Juniors

1st. M. Golmes (S)

2nd A. Bhatt (C)

The final positions were :

Shivaji - I

Ranjit !!

Chandragupta III

Pratap IV

- Cdt A. Bhatt

INTER - SECTION CRICKET CUP 1997

The Inter-Section Cricket Cup -1997 started off on 20th March. All the sections had practised hard for it even though they just got around 8-9 days.

In the Junior section there was a tough competition between Chandragupta, Shivaji and Ranjit. However Shivaji section emerged 1st in juniors. The most interesting match was between Chandragupta and Ranjit Junior which had a nail biting finish.

In the middles section, Chandragupta section proved too good for others as there was no one to give a challenge. Chandragupta won all three matches convincingly and came 1st. There was a lot of good cricket by some players. Cadet Anand Bahuguna scored a century against Pratap and Cadet Ashish Kumar made a crackling 57 in 22 balls.

In the seniors there was very good cricket played by all four sections. In the seniors section Ranjit section emerged victorious. In seniors section it was very tough to tell that who would come first. There were many exciting matches played like that between Pratap and Ranjit in which Pratap section after struggling in the beginning won the match, thanks to a great innings by Sumit Bhatt, who was 103 not out. Again there was a very exciting match between Chandragupta and Pratap in which no one could say anything till the last over. Cadet Rochak Sethi did wonders to capture 5 wickets in the match and 3 in his last over. On 31st March cricket finals were held.

At last overall Section positions were as follows :-

Shivaji Section I

Ranjit Section II

Chandragupta Section - III

Pratap Section IV

In this way Inter Section cricket competitions came to an end with many youngsters coming up which will be a bright aspect for future.

-Cdt Raman Singh

INTER-SECTION BASKETBALL COMPETITION '97

The Inter-Section Basketball Competition began this time with high expectations since most of our boys were wonderfully coached in Basketball Division by Mr JC Katoch.

The teams of all sections were very good and well prepared. The juniors and seniors of Ranjit were expected to make a sweep in their categories. They did manage to do so though the other sections gave them a tough competition.

The Rabbits were also to play an important role and ultimately Chandragupta team won in this section. There was to be a deadlock between Ranjit and Chandragupta in the final decision but as Chandragupta juniors lost to Shivaji the section position were now partially clear since Chandragupta had lost out on points from that match

In the finals, Chandragupta Seniors defeated Ranjit but the Championship positions were already decided and Ranjit Section emerged victorious with 10 points followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap.

-Cdt M Kanuigo

INTER-SECTION HOCKEY '97

'Hockey'- The game of skill has now turned out more as a game of speed and stamina. Like every year, this year too, we could see a high standard of hockey, despite the new rules of the game which make it even more dangerous. The 'No offside' rule was followed in the College which has paved way for a number of goals through fast breaks. The new coach, Mr Prem Singh from the Sports Authority of India, with his valuable tips did bring a remarkable change in the College standards of hockey.

This year, all the matches were played in evenings so that the cadets of classes III A, V and VA were not disturbed during their morning preps. The competitions were stretched for as long as 10 days till April 30. The RIMC 'Dream Team'- staff which took part in seniors, did manage to beat the section seniors teams.

The opening day was a disaster for Pratap as it lost 2 matches in the juniors and seniors to Shivaji and Chandragupta respectively. In what followed was a tough fight among all four sections. It was Chandragupta middles team which emerged victorious in their category. In juniors, Ranjit won the title, followed by Shivaji, Pratap and Chandragupta.

In seniors, every match was a turning point as the Cup was now just a few points ahead of all the sections. The 'Rabbits' matches initially gave no points. But later, it was decided that Rabbits shall also give 0.5 points for a win and the matches which were already played were replayed. This added a few more points which ultimately made Chandragupta lift the cup. This is a landmark in history as Chandragupta section lifted the Hockey Trophy for the first time ever since its inception. The overall section positions were :-

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| (I) Chandragupta - 11.25 | (II) Shivaji - 10.75 |
| (III) Ranjit - 9.5 | (IV) Pratap - 7.5 |

In the seniors category, Cadet Gaurav Verma of Shivaji scored the highest number of goals while Cadet Karan Sagar, also of Shivaji, was adjudged 'the most upcoming, player' of the year. The competition was conducted very nicely by Captain JS Karanwal alongwith his organising committee of Cadets Nepolean, Deepak, Thomson and Manish.

RIMC CHALLENGE ROUND OF QUIZZING

The 6th RIMC Challenge Round of Quizzing was held in College on 29th April, 1997. Like every year, this year too a number of schools keenly took part. A total of eight schools, including the College team, participated in the competition.

The RIMC College team was headed by cadet Manish Mahlawat (Class V), cadet B. Diwakar (Class IV) and cadet B. T. Z.S. Appu (Class III A). The schools which took part included the Mayo Girls, the Doon School, the BCS, Scholars' Home, Brightlands, Welham Girls and Lawrence School. Of these the teams from the Mayo Girls College, the BCS and Lawrence School arrived in the college a day earlier. Scholar's Home had a last minute entry into the competition.

* The quiz was scheduled on 29th evening. The Chief Guest this time was Mrs. Shanti Verma, Principal, Welham Girls. Mr Virendra Sharma and Mrs Chandra Joshi were the quiz masters.

All the teams were well accomodated and arrangements were made for their receptions and transport. The cadets made the utmost efforts to ensure that all the teams had a good time and enjoyed their visit to the RIMC.

The quiz comprised eight rounds which were the general round, the RIMC round, the visual round, the audio round, the 'guess your way out' round, the spotlight round, the video round and finally the buzzer round.

The Lawrence School and the Scholar's Home had a good start and they were leading from the very first round. RIMC however had a bad start but soon we recovered and started covering up. During the rounds, questions were also asked to the audience who were awarded a chocolate in case one replied correctly. By the end of the video round, RIMC equalised with Scholar's Home to reach the top. The Buzzer round was finally held and at the end of it, three schools- RIMC, Schoiar's Home and Lawrence School were tied at - points each. In the tie-breaks, RIMC managed to beat others and bag the tittle. However the trophy was given to Scholar's Home who came second as being host, we do not qualify for the award.

Finally the prize distribution was done and with this the 6th RIMC challenge round of quizzinjg came to an end. Speaking at the end of the quiz Mrs Shanti Verma complimented everyone associated with the successful conduct of the quiz.

The Commandant thanked Mrs Verma and Mr Verma for attending the function.

- Cdt Aditya Joshi

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WELHAM BOYS ASSOCIATION BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On 4th of April the College Basketball 'A' team left for Welham Boys at morning six 'o'clock to attend the tournament that was being held by Welham Boys' Basketball Association. The team went there a day before to have the feel of the Court and get adjusted to the fibre glass court. There we came to know that we were to have the match the next day with Y.P.S. (Patiala). The following day we reached there around 6.30 A.M. The team warmed up and started off with the match. We played very well but somehow lost in the match fighting till the last moment. The score was 54-37. In the evening again, we had a match with Woodstock School from Mussoorie. Their team was much tougher than Welham Boys' team. But still we gave a very tough fight till the end and lost out very narrowly. Commandant and all those seeing the match praised the cadets team for their excellent fighting spirit. The team came back and this time we were much more determined to win the forthcoming tournaments.

- Cdt Raman Singh

SPORTS ROUND - UP

In RIMC, sports are a major part of everyone's life and achievements in sports are always a means to lift up spirits and increase brotherhood amongst the cadets. The Sections practice harder and perform better with each event.

BOXING - Like all winter terms this term too had our time divided between various sports with one major difference - the Platinum Jubilee made boxing the most prestigious and sought after Cup. Being the first event it could give Sections the much sought after good start in the term. All the Sections performed excellently and till the very last bouts the final positions were up for grabs. In the end Pratap Section emerged winners followed by Shivaji, Chandragupta and Ranjit respectively.

Cdt K. Solanki was the best boxer and K. Sagar won the best loser's award.

CRICKET - The next event was the inter section Cricket Cup. And with no mid terms, this term the Sections got down to hard practices and thoughtful planning.

Cdt A Bahuguna and S Bhatt, scored centuries while a number of half centuries including a brilliant 72 by K. Sagar in junior section were scored.

Once again the final day matches were the Cup - deciding ones and Shivaji Section lifted the Cup followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap respectively.

The College Cricket Division also showed its worth by winning numerous matches against various clubs and schools from all over the Valley. The notable ones being the wins over St Josephs, the Council champions and DPS, Delhi. The match against Doon School could not be organised. In the cadets vs staff the score stood even in the end with both having won one match each.

BASKETBALL - The next game was Basketball, a sport which has recently become popular at all levels and everyone expected a very high standard of game. The hopes were rewarded and some brilliant games were seen. As expected Chandragupta won the seniors and Ranjit the juniors. The overall Section positions were Ranjit followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap respectively.

At inter school level our team showed excellent improvement and did well against several better known teams. Of the various tournaments, notable was the Runners up as the Kashyap Memorial Cup.

HOCKEY - With the new rules at international level being brought to RIMC, the next game Hockey has gained popularity. Several new talents had come up and were expected to perform well. The competition was very close with Chandragupta bagging the trophy followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and

Pratap respectively. Gaurav Verma was the highest scorer.

At inter school level RIMC drew with IMA while we beat the Council champions, Welham Boys. The match against Doon School unfortunately went against us but the overall performance of the team was above par.

Thus the term ended on a good note for all cadets. The sections stood as follows in the Sports Cup.

Chandragupta - 27 Shivaji - 24 Ranjit - 20 Pratap - 14

All in all the term was a period of achievements for the College. We hope it continues in the same way.

- Cdt DS Lamba

CO-CURRICULAR ROUND-UP

In recent times the co-curricular side has picked up momentum in the College and the teams have become a force to reckon with. This term too saw a very high standard being maintained in the co-curricular side. The term began with inter-section English debate. Being the very first event of the term it was a very popular one. All the Sections had put in a lot of hard work and a lot of talent was up on stage. The final results were :

Juniors	(1st) Malcolm Gclmes (S)	(2nd) Anshul Bhatt (C)
Seniors	(1st) D.S. Lamba (S)	(2nd) Amit Gupta (R)
Rebuttal	(1st) N. Nayal (S)	(2nd) D. Sharma (R)

The overall trophy was lifted by Shivaji Section followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap respectively.

At inter school level the cadets participated in various debates, notable being the Slater Memorial at BCS. The College performance won praise at all places.

In Hindi debate the College participated at Welham Girls and Welham Boys debates and did extremely well. The College team came 3rd at the Welham Girls Hindi debate.

On the Quizzing front we hosted the Inter School Challenge Round of Quizing and after a formidable duel of brains, the RIMC triumphed and won the quiz. We also participated at various interschool Quizzes and won a number of prizes. Notable was the 4th position at the Rajeev Khanna Memorial Inter School Quiz at Scholar's Home.

The College Dramatist Hobby put up the play 'Ala Afsor' at Reunion which was an instant hit. The practices are on for the forthcoming graduation ceremony play.

Thus all in all it has been a great term for the College on the the co-curricular front with our achievements and glory reaching further heights.

- Cdt D S Lamba

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NEWS IN BRIEF

A) In a splendid performance RIMC cadets team came second at the WC Kashyap Memorial Basketball tournament due to the hard work of the cadets and the coach Mr. JC Katoch. He has since left.

B) In Doon School staff vs RIMC staff matches we narrowly lost in Cricket and drew in Hockey.

C) In the other Hockey matches,

RIMC cadets bt. staff 2-1

RIMC drew with IMA 1-1

RIMC bt. Welham Boys 3-2

RIMC drew with 10 Bihar 0-0

RIMC lost to Doon School 5-2

RIMC bt Doon Hawks 3-1

D) In Cricket we beat the Council Champions St. Joseph's Academy. In the other matches

RIMC Cadets bt. Staff

Staff bt. RIMC cadets

RIMC bt. ONGC

RIMC Jrs bt DPS

E) In Basketball the cadets bt staff team convincingly.

F) A group of French students visited the College on an educational tour.

G) Boys from Sainik School Kapurthala and DPS, Delhi visited the College.

H) Though the Mid-term hikes were not held Class 4A went for Rafting.

I) All cadets above 15 yrs completed the intermediate course in Parasailing.

J) RIMC Quiz team came 4th in the Rajeev Khanna Memorial Quiz held at Scholar's Home.

K) College team took part in the Cambrian Hall Debate and the Welham Girls Quiz and did well at both places.

L) In inter-section Squash the final results were

I Ranjit

II Shivaji

III Chandragupta

IV Pratap

COMMANDANT'S MAILBOX

Please accept my heartiest felicitations on the excellent conduct and organisation of the RIMC celebrations. Very well done.

Also convey my compliments to all the staff and organisers. It was beautifully done. Great credit goes to "Mamadant" for the same.

Well done! We are proud of the College, the conduct of the function and you two and your staff at the helm.

- Lieutenant General N S Malik

It was indeed a great pleasure to be back at the RIMC for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The arrangements made were terrific and I extend my sincere thanks to you for making the event an absolute success.

It was indeed a stupendous effort and one must compliment the staff and the cadets to have put in such great effort to make the show as brilliant as it was.

- CDR L M Krishnan

I fully realise the herculean effort that would have gone into making the Platinum Jubilee celebration such a grand success. I must admit that every minute detail was taken care of to make our stay comfortable and memorable.

The College campus, beautiful as it otherwise is, was at its glorious best and painted a picture of paradise on earth.

- Lt Simon Mathai NM

I take this opportunity of congratulating you and your staff for the excellent show put up and the lovely arrangements made by the College during the mega event - Platinum Jubilee Celebration from 11 to 14 Mar '97. It was a grand show and many of us who were fortunate to attend, will never forget the same. Please do convey our gratitude to all the members of Staff, as also to Mrs Parab for ensuring that all the Rimcollians thoroughly enjoyed the same.

- Col V Y Gidh

It was a tremendous effort and you and Mrs Parab deserve all credit for it. Any amount of appreciation for you, Instructors and staff to make the PJC a grand success is less.

- Col V K Sinha

Our heartiest congratulations and warm felicitations to you and Mrs Geeta Parab on the mammoth preparations and an excellent get-together of us old boys. We could see your total commitment alongwith that of your wife towards making this a wonderful reunion.

- Brig Ashok Samantaray, VSM

You can justifiably congratulate yourself for a successful 'Mega-event'.

- Pushpa Khanna

I wish to take this opportunity, Sir in extending our heartiest congratulations and warmest greetings for a spectacular show on the eve of Platinum Jubilee celebration.

- Lt Col OS Kaushal

Please accept my heartiest felicitations and deepest gratitude for the wonderful Platinum Jubilee celebration. It speaks volumes for your organisational abilities and total dedication.

- Brig U Dasgupta

Our heartiest congratulations to you both, in particular, and all of them who assisted you in running the three-day celebration programme so efficiently and smoothly.

- Col J D Katkar (Retd.)

We got back here about 6 pm after three wonderful days at Dehra Dun, rather weary but full of memories of the Platinum Jubilee. It was very well organised and efficiently run thanks to you, your wife and your staff - all of whom must be glad its all over. I understand that one or two people had minor complaints but I suggest you ignore them for there are some people who are never satisfied.

- Lieutenant General K P Candeth, PVSM (Retd)

Kindly accept my appreciations for all the efforts put in to make the Jubilee a success.

- L N Thakur

I take this opportunity to convey my felicitations for successful conduct of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Considering the gigantic proportions of the celebrations, unmanageably large attendees and variety of events I must say you came out with flying colours as each single event and function in totality were superbly organised. Indeed, the most commendable feat. I am sure you would eventually leave behind a legacy which others may find difficult to live up to.

- Brig N K Gupta, SM

Having got back to the unit, I can't stop wondering how it all went off so very splendidly. I would like to express myself most indebted to you and Mrs Parab, as a Rimcollian, for letting us all enjoy such a memorable Platinum Jubilee.

- SM Ismail

It was really great being back at the RIMC for the PJC. Thank you very much for the wonderful arrangements.

- Col P C Singh

Please accept our heartiest congratulations and grateful thanks for one of the most wonderfully and meticulously organised functions ever in the services that I have seen. One can understand how much of hard work must have gone into it behind the scene.

- Maj Gen A R Kumar, VSM

Please accept my hearty congratulations on the marvellous job you and your team accomplished conducting the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at the RIMC. It was a frightfully intricate and complex task requiring a cool head, infinite patience, deliberate planning and organising.

- Brig B D Mansingh (Retd)

I write to extend my heartiest congratulations to you on the excellent conduct of the 'Platinum Jubilee Celebrations' of the RIMC from 11 Mar to 13 Mar 97.

I as a parent do feel extremely proud that I have two of my sons in this wonderful organisation, possibly one of the few who would have given both his sons to the RIMC.

- Lt Gen R J Mordecai, AVSM

We had a wonderful Reunion and all of us spent memorable four days at our 'Alma Mater' at Dehra Dun. The ceremonies were very well organised and both ROBA and RIMC deserve all the praise.

- Brig S P Sinhe (Retd)

I have just returned from a visit to Zagreb (Croatia) and am taking the first opportunity to write you a line of thanks from my wife and myself for the superb Platinum Jubilee celebrations which will surely go down in the illustrious history of RIMC as a signal event. We were all overwhelmed by the great kindness and warmth of hospitality so generously extended to us. The sight of those buildings kept in such fine form, brought back nostalgic memories of a vanished past which will always stay with us. I would be most grateful if our thanks could kindly be conveyed to all those concerned with the meticulous arrangements worthy of so unforgettable an occasion.

With warm greetings and deep appreciations and thanks from my wife and myself to you and Mrs Parab. We were deeply touched by the unfailing kindness and thoughtfulness with which you looked after our every comfort. May RIMC continue to flourish under your command.

- Sahibzada Yaqub-Khan

It gave me the greatest pleasure to have attended the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of RIMC. I was extremely impressed by the manner in which you and your team are running our 'Alma Mater' and the excellent manner in which you had organised the celebrations. I extend to you my sincere compliments for this excellent work and shall be grateful if you could convey this to all the members of your team.

- Lt Gen S Padmanabhan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM

First of all, let me congratulate you for organising and coordinating the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations so well. It wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of the Management Committee.

- Brig S P Sinha (Retd)

As the Commandant of the School during this momentous occasion, you had a Herculean task of organising the various functions and events including the visit of the President of India, Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma during the celebrations. All the events had the hallmark of excellence and well carried out with clockwork precision, befitting the occasion.

It was a great feeling to be back at RIMC last week. The organising committee under your stewardship deserves the highest kudos for the excellent show put up and for all the functions so well done in the best traditions of the College. We once again thank you for all the arrangements made during our visit to the RIMC which made my first visit to RIMC for a reunion most memorable and unforgettable.

- Vice Admiral Avnish R Tandon, PVSM, AVSM

This is to congratulate you on the way you organised the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of the RIMC. We shall be failing in our duties if we do not make a mention of Mrs Parab, the members of your staff and the cadets who worked so hard to make this grand occasion a total success.

- Lt Col Prosenjit Barua (Retd)

Please accept our heartiest felicitations for the excellent arrangements for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of RIMC. Please convey my 'SHABASH' to your team.

- Maj Gen V B Batra, VSM

This is just to let you know how wonderful it was to spend those four days at the RIMC. It wouldn't have been possible without the hard work which you and your staff had put in to make all of us so very comfortable.

I will only be echoing the feelings of other Rimcollians and friends in expressing our appreciation to your wife who was always on her feet to lend a helping hand to the ladies and their children. Thanks.

- Brig(Retd) S P Sinha

We had a wonderful time during our memorable visit to Delhi and Dehra Dun. It was a personal pleasure to renew old friendships.

- Brig Faqir Mohammad Khan

We had hectic four days at the RIMC. The credit for all this goes to you and the well knit band of officers, masters & staff you have. It was a gigantic task to put up such a show. The gathering was the biggest ever and to look after all of them needs a lot of planning months ahead.

On the unofficial side, a great amount of credit goes to your wife Geeta and other ladies in the campus who were equally involved and took a lot of burden on themselves to relieve the pressure on you all. In spite of all odds, one always saw them smiling continuously and meeting people.

- Maj K C Anand

NEW COMMANDANT

As we go to the press we hear that Col AK Mangain (Ex Shivaji 1962-66) has been appointed as the new Commandant, in place of Col DH Parab who moves to his new assignment after 6½ most rewarding, satisfying and fruitful years at the helm of this great institution. Of the innumerable feathers in his cap the successful conduct of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations shall remain the most prominent achievement of his very successful tenure as Commandant. A detailed report shall be given in our next issue.

BOOK POST

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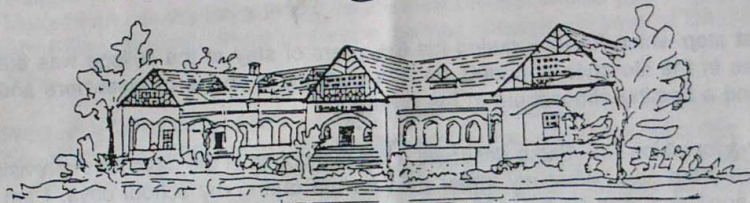
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To 'The Editor'
With warm Regards

From
The Commandant



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Editorial

As the college began setting down after the Mega PJ celebration, the news of conclusion of the tenure of Col Parab came as a shock. He is the person who steered the college to greater heights for the past 6½ years and was behind the mega success of PJ celebration. We will miss him.

But the change was inevitable and Col Parab left the College on July 6th after handing over the reins of the college to Col AK Mangain (ex-Shivaji). We welcome our new Comdt and new AO, Lt Col Dilip Prasad (ex Ranjit) and wish them a successful tenure.

As for the latest, the monsoons have acquired a strong hold over Doon Valley, but despite their best efforts life in college goes on as usual. Cross Country, Swimming & Hindi Debate have concluded; Quiz and Football would soon commence and yet to come are Hikes, PT, Athletics and last of course, the so called spider-web, the mid term exams.

NEERAJ NAITHANI

OUR OLD COMMANDANT COL DH PARAB

Col DH Parab took over as the 2nd Rimcollian Comdt of the RIMC, after Col (now Maj Gen) SD Mahanti in the year 1991.

He was a very dynamic personality and under him the College towered greater heights of glory. Col Parab was a thinker and a visionary who brought about various changes in the college machinery. The positive outcome of these have already begun showing signs and shall be benefitting the college in the years to come.

The first step which he took during his 6½ years of stay at the college was bringing about major changes in the life style of cadets be it in classes, in dorms or elsewhere and advocated friendliness and a healthy atmosphere in the college.

The thing for which Col. Parab deserves a big mention is in the case for the revision of tuition fees. He would often say, "What my father paid for me during my school days, I am paying the same for my son," and thus he brought about the much required change in the fees. Apart from this he got the peace establishment (PE) and the Peace Equipment Table (PET) revised; thus completing a work which will impact favourably on the Alma Mater.

Col Parab projected the College on the National scene. Be it academics, squash, quiz, debates, games or adventurous activities, the college was always on the top. He deserves special credit for reviving the squash standards and for promoting adventure activities. In squash, the RIMC team was rated 'Number One' in India with players such as Ritwick and Awish, who are currently 2nd and 4th in the under-19 national seedings.

In adventure activities RIMC left no stone unturned, especially in the field of mountaineering where the cadets went for two mountaineering expeditions and scaled Mt. Kedar Dome in May 1994 and Mt. Thelu and Mt. Koteswar in July 1996. The peaks were all over 6,000 mts. and thus RIMC created a landmark in the history of mountaineering. The cadets were eventually honoured with COAS and GOC-in-C commendation cards.

Col Parab was a person who was always involved in the betterment of the college, it was all evident in the manner he used to run around towards obtaining scholarships for the boys or funds for the college. Also, his great devotion for the college can be seen by the fact that the number of vehicles when he arrived was three and by the time he left, it had risen up to three times that number. This article would be incomplete without a special mention of Mrs. Parab. She was like a mother away from home, a constant source of guidance and encouragement, and it was her motherly love that kept us sailing all these years.

Last but not the least, the last work that Col Parab did for the college was the successful organisation of the PJ celebrations. The celebrations were a mega success and the full credit goes to him, who carried out all the works under constant pressure with a cheer.

We will certainly miss Col and Mrs Parab. We thank them for their contributions towards the college and wish both of them all the best for their future endeavours.

NEERAJ NAITHANI

OUR NEW COMMANDANT

Col Arun Mamgain has taken over the reins as Commandant RIMC from Col DH Parab who has been one of the most outstanding Commandants in the 75 years history of the college.

Col Arun Mamgain (Ex-Shivaji) is a Rimcollian of '66 Vintage. A Veteran of the Indo-Pak Conflict of 1971 and of 'OPERATION MEGHDOOT' in Siachen, he is also an alumni of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington. He has held instructional appointments at Indian Military Academy, Infantry School and College of Combat. Col Mamgain has also served on important staff assignments as the Brigade Major of an infantry Brigade and as the senior most General Staff Officer at Directorate General Assam Rifles, Shillong. Whilst in service, he has obtained degrees of BA, MSc and MBA (with distinction).

Col Mamgain is a keen sportsman and is currently pursuing golf. He won the 1st All India Police Golf Tournament in 1996. He is happily married with his wife Mrs Shakuntala Mamgain and two school going sons, Abhishek and Bharat. Interestingly, his father Lt Col HS Mamgain who is also of the Mahar Regiment, was in RIMC as the Adm Officer from 15th Sep 1955 to 26 Mar 1958.

We wish him and his family a very fruitful and successful tenure in RIMC and hope that RIMC will go from strength to strength under his able guidance.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Lt Col Dilip Prasad, SM has taken over as the new Adm Officer from Lt Col Diljit Singh, SM. Lt Col Dilip Prasad, SM (Ex Ranjit-1972-1976) was commissioned into 20 Kumaon on raising. He has participated in operation Rakshak. In addition to his battalion, he has served at the Kumaon Regimental Centre, Young Officers Wing at the Infantry School and IMTRAT (Bhutan). He is a keen sportsman and is happily married to Mrs Sangeeta Prasad. He has two school going daughters.

THIS DAY THAT AGE


The Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College celebrated this glorious event of India's Independence by organising a cinema show, followed by a dinner (Bara Khana) and a conjurer show in the Convocation Hall. Most of us would be wondering as to what happened in this great college of ours during the struggle for independence and during the year 1947. To be frank and in simple words, the college was not affected by the happenings of outside. The Principal of the college and all the other masters were British. Even when the entire country was celebrating the happy moments of independence on 15th August 1947, there was just a simple cinema show and a dinner organised here. Nothing more.

The daily routine of the cadets was quite similar to what is being followed today. Reveille that time was at 6.20 am There were extra drill classes everyday during the academic periods. Physical training had its own importance. This is evident from the very fact that besides morning PT, in the evening, on every alternate day classes continued even after lunch till 3.45 pm. Another event of that daily routine which is quite surprising is that of the religious parades. We do not know what exactly took place but religious parades were held everyday before the 'preparations'(what we call as preps today). Academics did not carry the importance as it is today and the preps were for an hour only.

Coming to other aspects of the college there were two libraries - The Junior Library and the Senior Library. There were something called as RSM Drills for punishment, RSM means Regimental Sergeant Major. The college teams used to play matches against I.M.A. and the Doon School. Section Colours (what we now a days call college Blue) were awarded to cadets who excelled in games. Today, we are lucky to wear the same uniform which the army officers wear. But in those days, the cadets had to dress themselves in olive green bush-shirts, drill trousers, olive green stockings and boots. Lanyards were given only to the NCO's. In August 1947, the college strength was not more than 150. Mr H Catchpole who was the Section Master of Robert's Section (Ranjit) then, was a part and parcel of this college. His services to this college, through out his life are great and our feelings for him cannot be expressed in mere words.

It was in this year when India was partitioned into two countries. During this time, refugee camps were set up at Prem Nagar and these camps were out of bounds for the college. Seeing the past and present, many of us would be thinking about the various changes that have taken shape in the past five decades. But, let me remind everyone that changes occur with time and one has to change with time.

B DIVAKAR



INTER SECTION X - COUNTRY CUP - 97

Cross Country is known as a game of stamina, speed and will power all over the world. This sport has been one of the major sports for RIMC as is evident from the first ten positions in District Athletics also. Even in RIMC, the Inter Section X - Country Cup is considered as the most prestigious cup among all the other sports cups.

The Inter Section X - Country 1997 was held on 9th August 1997. All the sections had practised very hard for this event. The chief guest for the event was Gen NS Malik, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff and new ROBA President. He was a champion long distance runner in his younger times and has been a good athlete too.

The route for the X - Country this year was quite the same as that of the last year. For juniors it was one round of DSOI Golf Course and for seniors it was two DSOI Golf Course rounds.

The race started off at 6.00 am with juniors running first. The first eight runners were disqualified as they missed out the second checkpoint and thus, their sections had to face disastrous results.

The individual positions in Juniors were :-

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|-----|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| I | Cdt Basant Sewada | - | CHANDRAGUPTA |
| II | Cdt Gaurav Tripathi | - | SHIVAJI |
| III | Cdt Samuel L Sangzuel | - | CHANDRAGUPTA |

The Seniors race was held after that.

The individual positions were :-

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| I | Cdt Vedvyas Samal | - | PRATAP |
| II | Cdt Gaurav Yadav | - | CHANDRAGUPTA |
| III | Cdt Praveen Kr Aggarwal | - | SHIVAJI |

The over all section postions were :-

- | | | |
|--------------|---|-----|
| PRATAP | - | I |
| CHANDRAGUPTA | - | II |
| SHIVAJI | - | III |
| RANJIT | - | IV |

With this, Pratap Section lift the Inter Section X - Country Cup for the third consecutive year.

The prizes were given away to the winners by Lt Gen NS Malik and with this, the Inter Section X - Country Cup, 1997 came to an end.

Commenting on the regular practice of RIMC cadets on the Golf Course Lt Gen Handoo, (Retd), the patron of the Golf Course said "We only permitted the cadets to run around the golf course, but your cadets seem to have adopted it .

ANOOP SHARMA

TEMPLE FUNCTIONS AT RIMC


The temple functions at RIMC are as important as other events in RIMC. But they basically serve as a past-time rather than a way of concentrating on god. But the temple functions are a boon to those cadets who are called for rounds as they can always sham it out.

The temple function begins with a fall in, in front of the temple. The report is taken and the cadets are allowed to enter the temple. The functions begin with the Panditji reciting some "shlokas" again and the same old story of "Satya Narayan Ji", during which almost everyone goes off to sleep. Then there is an "Aarti" for which everyone crowds around the board on which the "Aarti" is written followed by the "jai" of various gods & goddesses like "Satya Narayan" etc. Sometimes it also includes RIMC, the Comdt and the AO.

The hot favourite topic of talk for the cadets is "what will be the prasad today". Then the cadets get prasad which is enjoyed by everyone discussing whether it was better than last time & the improvements that should be made.

Then the cadets go back to their dorms or for preps hoping that there would be another temple function soon.

ANOOP SHARMA



RIMC - DOON SCHOOL MATCHES

This time, the RIMC Vs Doon School match was played on 30th August. It was raining even as the match started. The DOSCOS started off with a real flyer. Two quick successful moves from their right flanks found the corner of the net and the score was 2 - 0 in favour of Doon School. The RIMCOS' spirit kept the match alive as our number 10 Wati Jamir got the ball. A quick kick which found the corner of the DOSCOS net and score read 2 - 1 in favour Doon School. But another good move by the Doon School's left flank left the score at 3 - 1. Another good pass to Wati Jamir and a good kick from the 25 - yard line left the Doon School goal keeper astounded and the score at 3 - 2 in favour of Doon School. This brought us to the end of the 1st half.

Rain poured down in buckets throughout the interval and also during the second half, but our lion - hearted and devoted spectators braved the storm.

The second half was entertaining to say the least. Rain caused the ball to float as the Doon School ground filled up. Eventually a foul was committed in the penalty box. Despite all the problems, floating ball and everything, Wati took a beautiful kick, thereby bringing up his, and RIMC's 3rd goal. It was a hat - trick for Wati which will be remembered for long. Eventually the floating ball was just too much and the match was stopped leaving the tie without result.

RIMCO'S came off the field with much fan fare as another interesting meet between the two rivals was over.



AT RIMC GROUNDS

The return match was played on the 2nd of September on RIMC grounds.

The draw in the first match made this an important tie. It would be the match to decide the series winner for this year.

As goes the tradition, it began drizzling as the teams took their places.

This time the RIMCO'S took off to a flyer. Within the first 15 minutes the RIMCO'S took a 2-0 lead courtesy Ritest Singh's centres and Raja Sherpa's headers.

The scores remained the same till the final moments of the first half. At this point, a well earned penalty ended up with RIMC still on top, but with a reduced lead of 2-1.

The second half saw some excellent football, on both sides. By the first 30 minutes the DOSCO's aquired a 3-2 lead. This acted as a spark for a fire which caused Wati to equalize.

The dying moments of the match saw the Doon School firing in another goal. This gave the Doon School a 4-3 lead which remained till the final hooter blew.

Credit must be given to both teams for the excellent standard of football seen. It is expected that our team will maintain this form for the remainder of this season.

JOE VARGHESE

P.S. A tear was seen on Divya's (AO's daughter) cheek during the 1st match when the score was 2-0 in favour of DOSCO's. She insisted it was the rain.

INTER SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION - 97

Swimming is known worldwide as the best game and exercise. Even in RIMC, Swimming is a major sport. The Inter Section Swimming Competition held every year in the college are really very interesting. The cup is considered as one of the most prestigious cups after Football, Boxing and X - Country Cups.

This year too, InterSection Swimming Competitions were held from 26th August to 28th August. The events started off on 26th August. First day, the qualifying events of the competitions were held. All the section swimmers participated in them. Cdt Kariappa Bhemiah of Chandragupta Section took his Section way ahead of all the other sections. Chandragupta Section could be seen concentrating completely on cheering up Cdt Kariappa Bhemiah. At the end of the first day, Chandragupta Section was leading outright followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji. In the evening, Chandragupta Section looked very confident of winning the cup. On 28th the final day of the competitions, the events started off at 2.30 pm. Cdt Kariappa Bhemiah won all the events in which he took part. The most interesting event of the day was 4x25m relay in which Chandragupta was coming third but when Cdt Kariappa jumped in the pool he overtook all the other swimmers and made Chandragupta win the race. He gave a total of 22 points to his section thus, making his section win. It was a one sided conflict for the cup, but there was a tough struggle going on between Ranjit and Pratap section for the second position. At last Pratap Section came second in the overall positions.

The prizes were given away by Mrs Mangain who was the chief guest for the event. The overall section postions were :-

CHANDRAGUPTA	—	I
PRATAP	—	II
RANJIT	—	III
SHIVAJI	—	IV

The Best swimmer award went to Cdt Kariappa Bhemiah for the second time and the most promising swimmer was Cdt Panchal Barua of Shivaji Section. With this, the Inter Section Swimming Competitions 1997 came to an end with Chandragupta Section winning the cup once again. We do hope our filtration plant continues chugging along to see us through many more such swimming competitions.

SUMIT KUMAR



INSPECTION PARADE

Thursday is the busiest day of the week for a cadet because the routine is such that a cadet hardly finds any time to rest. On every Thursday morning we have what we call the inspection parade or simply the "IP". The night preceding an IP is very busy as immediately after dorm preps we have to prepare our uniforms which we will put on the next day.

"College! - Savdhan". The Cadet Captain gives the command and asks for section reports as the IP begins. The Asst. Adm. Officer commands the IP after he gets the report. After this, the sections separate out into smaller squads and practise drill. Some times, the uniforms of cadets are also inspected and the defaulters are subsequently punished.

IP is the only day when cadets get to do drill hence it helps us to learn the same and it will certainly help us in future at NDA.

ADITYA JOSHI

अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता अगस्त सत्र-६७

अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता 1997, 29 अगस्त को आयोजित की गयी। वाद विवाद के विषय थे :-

- कनिष्ठ वर्ग - सशस्त्र सेनाओं में प्रवेश के प्रति युवाओं की उदासीनता विवेक पूर्ण नहीं है।
वरिष्ठ वर्ग - भारत की भाषाएँ अनेक होते हुए भी साहित्य एक है।

प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक इस प्रकार थे :

डा० ब्याला	-	दूनस्कूल
श्रीमती वी० जुगरान	-	वेल्हम गर्ल्स
सुश्री एन० नेगी	-	स्कूलर्स होम।

मुख्य अतिथि

श्रीमती शकुन्तला ममगाई थीं।

प्रतियोगिता शाम को पाँच बजे भगत हॉल में शुरू हुई। पहले कनिष्ठ वर्ग के वक्ताओं ने श्रोताओं को अपने विचारों से अवगत कराया। उसके बाद वरिष्ठ वर्ग के वक्ताओं ने अपने विचार प्रकट किये। वाद विवाद का स्तर बहुत ही ऊँचा और अच्छा था। वाद विवाद के बाद तीनों निर्णायकों ने दोनों विषयों के बारे में सदन को अपने विचारों से अवगत कराया। उसके बाद प्रतियोगिता की मुख्य अतिथि ने विजेताओं को पुरस्कार वितरित किये।

प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम इस प्रकार थे :-

कनिष्ठ वर्ग	कैडिट अरुण सिंह	-	प्रथम	-	प्रताप कक्ष।
	कैडिट अनूप शर्मा	-	द्वितीय	-	प्रताप कक्ष।
	कैडिट कृष्ण कबीर	-	तृतीय	-	रणजीत कक्ष।

वरिष्ठ वर्ग	कैडिट दिग्विजय सिंह परिहार	-	प्रथम	-	रणजीत कक्ष।
	कैडिट रितेश सिंह	-	द्वितीय	-	चन्द्रगुप्त कक्ष।
	कैडिट ध्रुव कुमार पिलानिया	-	तृतीय	-	शिवाजी कक्ष।

प्रतिवादक वर्ग का पुरस्कार चन्द्रगुप्त कक्ष के मनीष महालावत को मिला।

अन्त में कक्षों की स्थिति इस प्रकार थी।

प्रताप कक्ष	-	प्रथम
रणजीत कक्ष	-	द्वितीय
चन्द्रगुप्त कक्ष	-	तृतीय
शिवाजी कक्ष	-	चतुर्थ

और इसी के साथ प्रताप कक्ष ने पिछले आठ सालों से विजेता रहे रणजीत कक्ष को हरा कर हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता जीती और अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता 9६६७ इसी के साथ सम्पन्न हो गयी।

अनूप शर्मा

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. Col DH Parab left college on 6th July 1997 after 6½ yrs. of successful stay.
2. The New Comdt Col AK Mangain arrived on 15th June.
3. Adm Offr Col Diljit Singh left for his unit in- July.
4. Capt AK Mallapurkar left for JC Course on 13th August.
5. Deputy Chief Lt Gen NS Malik, President of ROBA visited the college from 7th to 9th July.
6. Heavy rains in the Doon valley have taken their toll on the RIMC with all the dorms 'flooded'. Physics, Chemistry, Bio labs and Chandragupta Section have become partially non functional due to severe leakage.
7. Computer hobby has been dissolved for the time being due to the mal-functioning of hobby computers.
8. College drew with Doon School 3-3 in a foot ball match at their grounds.
9. College lost to Doon School 4-3 on our grounds in the return match.
10. College came 3rd in a football meet, on the occasion of 150th anniversary of Lawrence School, Sanawar where 7 major public schools of India participated.
11. The College had a talk on the topic 'Romance of Soldiering', by Maj Gen Vinod Sehgal (Retd)
12. The college had an interesting lecture by Mr Khuswant Singh, the topic being "Environment".
13. The college put up a nice skit on the Teachers Day. The Day was celebrated in a very different manner wherein the boys put up an 'imaginative' portrayal of their masters. It was followed by a presentation of gifts to the Teachers and later a Lunch in their honour.
14. In a debate held at IIRS, RIMC came first. Individual positions were:- Anshul Bhatt (1st), Gaurav Soni (6th).
15. The NDA written results saw 18 cadets clearing the exam out of 20 of Class V A, 6 ex cadets have also passed.
16. A few cadets went to the Hira Lal Atal Park as part of tree plantation campaign and 'SHRAM DAN'.
17. A sum of Rs. 35,000 has been given to the college by the Sub-Area Cdr for buying a new audio system.
18. A talk on 'Guru - Sishya' relationship took place in Mandir on the 2nd of August. The talk was conducted by Chinmaya Mission, Dehra Dun.
19. 42 Cadets went to Rishikesh as part of the selection for White Water Rafting Expedition to Zanskar which will start by the end of this month.

20. The following are the hike destinations for the respective classes.

CLASS	DESTINATION
I	Kanesar
IA	Hari ki doon
II	Chandigarh (Cycling)
IIA	Patiala, 1 Armd Div
III	Amritsar, Jalandhar, 11 Corps.
IIIA	Lansdowne, Garhwal Regimental Centre.
IV } IVA }	PUH (HP), all encouragement by Brig A Malhotra (Pratap).
V } VA }	

21. Acquaguards have been installed in college for ensuring pure drinking water.
22. There has been 20% drop in the prices of Maggi & Cold Drinks; the AO is on the prowl to check inflationary tendencies whether they be in Tuck Shop prices or the girth of the plumper cadets.
23. Lt Col VK Singh (Retd) our doctor, has decided to continue. He had no choice because the cadets wouldn't let him go!
24. As a change after many years, the cadets of V & VA will be going for their UPSC NDA written exams to Bareilly.

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BOX

My heartiest congratulations to you on assuming the leadership of RIMC. I and indeed all Rimcollians look to you to nurture our Alma Mater so that it may continue to serve our Armed Forces and the Country in the years to come. I assure you of my whole hearted support and good wishes in all your endeavours.

Lt Gen S Padmanabhan, PVSM, AVSM VSM



I am very thankful to you for your kind letter of felicitations. The training received in early and formative years of my life at the RIMC has made me what I am today. I owe it all, to my teachers who taught me with affection and firmness since 47 to 51.

Lt Gen M A Zaki, PVSM, AVSM, VrC

Heartiest congratulations on your taking over the RIMC. So far, the experiment we started of regular military officers becoming the Commandant since 1989, has been a success. I am sure you will further improve the RIMC, not only in educational studies and discipline, but in adventure sports, extra-curricular activities and character building of our young people- to make them top - class achievers and good citizens of our great country. I wish you all success and good luck.

Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM



Wishing you and the staff of RIMC all the very best in your future endeavours to strengthen the foundation of this excellent alma mater of service officers.

Vice Admiral Avnish R Tandon, PVSM, AVSM, ADC



The Vice-Chancellor is pleased to accept your invitation and he will attend the Graduation Ceremony on 27th November, 1997 as desired.

Mr ZN Hashmi
Secretary to Vice-Chancellor
Lt Gen M A Zaki

(Replying on behalf of Lt Gen MA Zaki to RIMC invitation for the Graduation ceremony)



Capt Yadav called yesterday with a box of ROBA items. I was delighted to meet him and get news of you and RIMC. The 'Goodies' received in the box are excellent quality and will always remind me of the great regard RIMC and ROBA have for me even after I left the College 35 years ago. Thank you for taking all the trouble over getting these valuable gifts delivered to me. More than the gift, I value the kind thoughts behind them.

Mr Din Dayal



The Commandant has received messages of good luck and congratulations from the following :

Gen VN Sharma PVSM, AVSM (Retd)

Lt Gen HB Kala PVSM, AVSM, SC - Goc-in-C, HQ Western Comd

Lt Gen V Shankar, AVSM, VSM - Col Comdt, School of Arty

Lt Gen (Dr) GS Rawat, PVSM, AVSM (Retd)

Maj Gen RPRC Naidu, AVSM, VSM - Offg DGMT, Army HQ

Maj Gen V Jayshankar-Comdt Offrs Trg Academy, St Thomas Mount, Chennai

Maj Gen N Chatterjee-AVSM, SM, VS - Addl Dte Gen, Army Aviation, GS Branch, Army HQ

Maj Gen VB Batra, VSM -GOC HQ UP Area

Brig RK Manchanda, VSM-President SSB, Allahabad

Brig AK Datta, VSM-Dy GOC 23 Inf Div

Brig KVM Nair-Dy Comdt & GI, OTA Chennai

Brig SS Dhillon-Cdr HQ 340 (I) Inf Bde Gp

Brig HS Gill

Col GS Rathore-Comdt 221 Coy ASE (Sup) type 'G'

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Col BK Sinha - Recruiting Offr Gorkha Recruiting Depot - Ghoom, Darjeeling

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Editorial

Dear friends,

Since we last met , a lot has happened in the College. The euphoria over the Platinum Jubilee celebrations has completely died down and half a term has passed under the new Commandant, Col Arun Mangain.

The cadets had their first and greatest experience when they were packed off to highly 'adventurous', (need I say that ?) hikes. Every hike was unparalleled upto the young second termers who had an early experience of the 'romance of soldiering', or something of the sort, having done intensive trekking and crossing rivers and streams the tough way.

Hikes apart, the Kashi Naresh Inter School Hindi debate was held ; an interschool Quiz and the 'aspiring Manchandas' . went to Delhi for Nationals . This part of the term also saw the College participating in the Military Schools Pentangular Meet.

Aayush Giri

MID-TERM HIKES

The mid term hikes this term were advanced by a week , thanks to early exams. A number of hikes and expeditions set out for their destinations on 20th September with all the cadets bubbling with excitement, looking forward to the days ahead. The most important one was Zanskar White Water Rafting Expedition. It will be unfair to call Zanskar a hike .It was an expedition in all aspects. The aim was to raft down the river Zanskar which finds its way through the cold reaches of the Himalayas. The group of 25 cadets led by Capt Rajan Khosla and Capt Munendra Gupta left for Ladhak on the 20th. The Commandant also accompanied them. They were taken to Ladhak by IL-76, provided by the Air Force, thanks to Air Marshal Patney, a highly spirited Rimcollian. From there they moved to Padam where another Rimcollian, Major YA Singh greeted them. The next day they were flagged off by Lt Gen Padmanabhan GOC-in-C Northern Command and a Rimcollian on whom we can always depend. He was very much involved in this expedition. Mrs Padmanabhan travelled all the way to one of the remotest part of Ladhak to encourage the cadets.

The next three days saw the cadets clearing more than ¹⁵⁸~~132~~ rapids ,braving extremely cold conditions without even having a glimpse of the sun. The only person to fall into a rapid was Cdt AS Panwar who escaped unhurt. The Air Force did an excellent job in evacuating Cdt Shoury Kuttappa who had problems in acclimatizing there. The expedition was a major administrative success, all thanks to the officers and Rimcollians involved.

Another 'expedition ' that took off was the class IV and IVA hike to Puh. Both the classes were looking forward to some fun and relaxation after the midterm examinations. It was only after they reached a place called Thangi (HP) that Brig Anil Malhotra (Ex-Pratap) a very spirited Rimcollian flagged them off for an adventurous trek which was to cover 92 kms in a span of just 3 days! Their destination was Chitkula pass at an altitude of 5530mts. It was a stupendous feat considering the fact that the cadets were minimally equipped for such a trek. The teachers with them ,Mr KS Alahwat ,Mr Virendra Sharma and Mr Brijesh Gupta showed great courage and determination during the trek and helped make the hike a success. A very special and grateful mention is made of Brig Anil Malhotra (Ex 'P') and his staff for the excellent manner in which the trek was organised. Capt Sajal Jain (Ex-Shivaji) did a good job as the trek leader. RIMC is also grateful to other Units of the 36 SECTOR located at JHAKRI and KALKA for their contribution in making this hike successful.

It was not to be the end of 'adventurous 'hikes as class IA under Capt JS Kaberwal realized when they reached Sankri on the 22nd. Their first trek was from Sankri to Taluka , a distance of 12 kms.

The next day they proceeded to Sima at a distance of 14 kms. On the way the bridge across the Tons River had collapsed, so they used an uprooted tree and seat harnesses to cross the river ! They stayed at Sima and proceeded to Har-Ki-Doon the next day. The guest house was locked so they returned to Sima on that day and trekked more than 30 kms.

On 26th they returned to Sankri , again doing the adventure crossing on the way. They left for Dehradun on 27th and stopped at Mussoorie before returning home. A lot of enthusiasm shown by the young cadets of IA helped make the hike joyous and successful, and every member of the team had a great sense of achievement.

The last of the trekking hikes was that of the first termers to Kanesar under Capt Krishna Yadav . They did various treks and stayed in tents to help them know about the life outdoors. Some of the treks which the cadets did were to Deoban, Koti and Tyuna. During their stay in Kanesar they also visited the Rock Climbing School, Chakrata of the special frontier force. Other activities which were 'first' for the newcomers were wood collecting, bonfires, night guarding etc. all at an altitude 6540 ft.

Class III paid visit to Amritsar under OIC Capt Ajay Sharma and Mr. SK Tyagi . They were excellently accommodated in the Panther Institute. Col MMS Talwar (194 Art. Regt) looked after them during their stay. A lot was learnt from this hike, as is evident from their visit to the Air Force Station, Rajasansi (where they were greeted by Wg Cdr PS Gill), and their visit to Wagha Border. They saw various other places of interest in Amritsar including the Golden Temple and the Jallianwala Bagh. They also had a tea party at the residence of Offg Corps Cdr Maj Gen Gunjekar who saw to it that they were accorded excellent treatment. The RIMC is very thankful to him.

A similar hike was that of class II A to Patiala . Their OIC was Lt HS Sandhu (IN) . They were accommodated in the 68 Armd Regt and saw a lot of the same. They were shown T-72 tanks and also given rides on them apart from briefings on both the BMP I & BMP II . The cadets also drove the BMPs. The officer responsible for cadets in Patiala was Maj Alok Kler. The cadets met Col Daljit Sood , a Rimcollian and had dinner with Col Manvendra Singh, CO 14 Guards also a Rimcollian. Col Manvendra Singh was the AO in RIMC just a few years ago.

The cadets also saw some advanced weapons of the Indian Army . They were shown the Bofors gun, Combat Missiles, launches and all sorts of rifles and pistols. They also did some firing. The class also had tea with Brig Pran Chibber. The hike was highly educative and the class was kept busy for the entire duration of the hike.

A traditional hike very different from the other hikes was class II's cycling hike to Chandigarh. They left for Chandigarh on the 21st in the morning with their OIC Sub NB Guring . After 160 kms of cycling they reached Chandigarh the next day after a night halt at Kala Amb. In Chandigarh , they stayed at the Transit Camp of the ITBPF. They were welcomed by the CO Northern area, ITBPF Maj Baldev Raj.

In the three days that they stayed in Chandigarh, they visited various places of interest like the Sukhna Lake , Pinjore garden , Nek Chand's famous Rock Garden, Mansa Devi Temple and ofcourse, sector-17 where they shopped, ate and made merry.

On their visit to the Air Force station , they were very lucky to see MIG 21's landing and taking off . They were also shown the IL-76 and AN - 32 . Three days went in a wink and they found themselves cycling back into the gates of RIMC.

Dr Paul Samy led the class III A hike to Landsdowne . They were accommodated at the Garhwal Rifles Regimental centre. The Garhwal rifles is said to have one of the most beautiful officers messes. The cadets were shown the mess which has innumerable shikar trophies including white tiger and ancient lions. The mess also boasts of a number of silver trophies and silver ware. Class III A was also shown the war museum which had many souvenirs and captured weapons from the various wars the regiment has fought. Two treks were also organised under Nb /Sub LS Negi, who accompanied the RIMC mountaineering expeditions. The day before they left they had tea with the officiating Commandant Col TS Binopal . A very quiet hike with lots of fun.

SUMMARY

	UPSC	SSB	%
Class V A	20	18	90
Old Boys	04	02	50

Medical casualties have been reported ; appeals against medical board are being filed.

KASHI NARESH VAGVIBHUTI NARAYAN SINGH INTER SCHOOL HINDI DEBATE

The Kashi Naresh Vagvibhuti Narayan Singh Inter School Hindi Debate was held at the RIMC on 3rd October 1997. This time five schools participated in the debate.

The individual positions were :-

Ist	Cadet Anoop Sharma,	RIMC
IInd	Cadet Anshul Bhatt,	RIMC
IIIrd	Surendra Singh,	ARPS , SHILLONG

In the rebuttal first position was accorded to Mritunjay Singh of ARPS , Shillong who was followed by Ashish Chauhan in the 2nd place.

The Overall Positions were:-

Ist	RIMC , Dehradun for the sixth consecutive year.
IInd	Assam Rifles Public School , Shillong
IIIrd	Alwar Public School , Alwar

Cadet Anoop Sharma

A CRAZY CRITIC

Men go into the army, atleast they do in this country thinking they will enjoy it. They do it for a year. At least the stupid ones do, walking back and forth quite dully on route marches. The bright ones learn they don't like it in half a year. But there's always the thought of that pension, if only they do stay in. So, they do stay in. They stay in and are promoted as a matter of time, if not of course.

Gradually they become crazy, crazier and crazier. Only the Army has no way of distinguishing between the sane and insane..... Only about five percent men in the Army have olive green in their veins. These are one's who become Colonels. Therefore they are segregated in their units. If they are not mad before this, they go mad then. And the maddest of them become Generals.

(Taken from Ranjit Section Board)

MILITARY SCHOOLS PENTANGULAR MEET 1997

It is for the first time that RIMC has taken part in the Military School Pentangular Meet. RIMC was the special invitee to this meet. The results for RIMC were :

Football _____ Ist
Declamation _____ IIIrd

NEWS IN BRIEF

- RIMC won the Maharani Gambhir Kumari Smriti Hindi Debate at the Cambrian Hall School. The College was represented by Cadet Arun Singh and Cadet Anoop Sharma.
- Cdt BTZS Appu and Cdt Dhruv Yadav represented the College at the Chakrabutty Memorial English Debate at the Doon School.
- The squash team went to Delhi for the National Junior Squash Championship. The under 16 and under 19 teams were 3rd and 4th respectively.
- Rimcollian Ritwik Bhattacharya won the National under 19 title in Delhi recently.
- The Friends of Doon Quiz was hosted by the College. The College was represented by Cdt B Diwakar, BTZS Appu and Varun Gidh, who lost in the Semi-finals.
- Six 133 DCM Computers have arrived in College for the Computer hobby. Computer education for the college is also expected to start.
- October 10, 11 and 12 were holidays on occasion of Dusshera. Almost all the classes organised mini-hikes for the period to places in a 100 kms radius.
- Cdt B Diwakar left for Scotland where he will be attending an advanced mountaineering course. His air fare has been paid by ROBA. He has since returned.
- These days teachers at RIMC are getting opportunities to attend various seminars organised in Dehradun and elsewhere.
- Dr Paul Samy and Mr Brijesh Gupta went to Delhi to attend a Seminar on 'Growing Confidence' organised by Vasant Valley public school.
- Col MP Yadav (Ex - Pratap) was awarded the National Adventure Award for his contribution and excellence in the field of mountaineering.
- The painting competition organised by Col Brown's Cambridge School saw N Manjunathn winning the second prize and Syamantak Roy and Varun Gidh the consolation prizes.
- The Commandant Col AK Mangain was in Delhi for a few days from 16th to 19th and also attended a ROBA dinner.

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- Col DH Parab former Commandant has gone to SSB Allahabad on a three month attachment as an interviewing officer.

- Padam Shree Dr Mrs N Rajan gave a violin performance at the college on 19.10.97. The program was organised by the SPICMACAY. Brig PSK Chaudhary (Ex-Pratap) Sub Area Commander was the Chief guest of the function. He was accompanied by his wife. The program was a grand success. Speaking at the end of the program the Commandant thanked Brig PSK Chaudhary for having presented the audio system which played a key role in the success of the show.

- Swami Satyarupanandaji of Ramakrishnan Ashram ,Raipur (MP) spoke on 'Bhagwat Gita in the context of defence services' on 17 Oct 97. His program was coordinated by Swami Admavidanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission ,Dehradun.

- Capt Rajan Khosla stands posted to 105 Engr Regt. He will be leaving in Jan '98.

- After a lot of dilly - dallying Capt Munendra Gupta was finally "bowled out" and got engaged on 12 Oct 97.

- Mr RC Chaturvedi has finally settled down in his own newly built house behind the Campus and has taken up Golf seriously.

- Mr Brijesh Gupta has purchased a new car and seriously intends taking part in the Himalayan Car Rally next year !! Mr Yashbir Singh has very kindly agreed to go as his navigator.

- Miss Poonam Sangal has finally got down to the nitty-gritty of stock-taking in the CSD and the Cadets mess.

- Mr Prashant Sharma seems to have completed the task of giving names to all the plants and trees on the campus. Most of the names are 'botanical', some 'common' and the rest 'his own'.

- Vice Admiral AR Tandon plans to visit the College on 3rd Nov'97.

Cadet CSK Varma (C) had written to the Guinness Book Of world Records requesting them to include his work on numbers as a new world record .

The following is the reply he got from Guinness Publishing .

Thank you for your patience in awaiting a response to your letter concerning your mathematical achievements.

We should be interested to receive a copy of the certificate from Andhra University and would also like to see the video you mentioned . As far as establishing a Guinness Book of Records record , we are awaiting a response from our Mind and Memory **contributor** before we discuss this matter as a possible new category.

With a record of this type it would be necessary for the feat to be repeated under controlled conditions if a new category is created . If this is the case, we will contact you with the guide lines that would have to be followed.

On a personal note, my father was born in Dehra Dun !

Clive Carpenter



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