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OBITUARY

It is a regret to inform about the sad demise of Maj Gen Madhav Rao Anpatrao Rajwade, MC, PVSM, M. He studied in the college from 1934 to 1940. He was the Cadet Captain of the College and was exceptional in cricket. A well built and cheerful cadet he was very active both at work & games.

It is a regret to inform the sad passing away of an old Rimcollian, Brig M K Verma (Retd.) on 25th November 2002. He was commissioned from Sandhurst in the late twenties into 5th Cavalry Li Royal. He captained the British hockey team. May God rest his soul in peace.

With profound grief we mourn the passing away of Shri Shyam Lal Chavhan, college gardener. He had sincerely served for the last 20 years till he expired. Envious fate snatched him. His family members are inconsolable and we pray to God to give them enough strength to bear his loss. May his soul rest in peace.

Shri P K Palit, Managing Trustee of RIMC, passed away in Mumbai at Hinduja Hospital on 9th Jan. He is survived by his wife Mrs Usha Palit, his sons Prabodh, Ishan and daughter Tora Das. May God grant his soul eternal peace.

QUOTE - UNQUOTE

"If the officer has any legitimate children".

- confused CGOS while filling proforma of service records

One horse "Nayab" of the Bhula Riding Club has been admitted in the VH due to severe injury caused by "Royal Star".

News in Brief

◆ **4th National Science Olympiad 2002** - A cash award of Rs. 1,000/- along with Discount Coupons worth Rs. 6,000/- from Laxmi Publications and MTG Learning Media, New Delhi were awarded to Cadet Vijesh Kumar for ranking 1st and scoring the highest aggregate.

◆ An 'On the Spot Painting Competition' was organized by Col. Brown Cambridge School, Dehra Dun on 9th October 2002. Cadet Leopold Aranbam stood first and a consolation prize was awarded to Cadet Lalrin Sanga.

◆ Inter-section Quiz Competition was held on 29th October. Chandragupta Section emerged winners by scoring 243 pts followed by Shivaji (237), Ranjit (184) and Pratap (143).

◆ Cadets went on a winning spree and continued their good show in the National Shooting at Bangalore and carved a niche by qualifying for the Nationals 2003.

◆ Indian Public School Conference was hosted from 21st - 23rd November 2002 where Lt Gen T S Shergill graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and eminent speakers like Salman Khursheed, Prof Niharika from IIM Ahmedabad and career counsellor Dr Amrita Das, gave talks to 54 Principals of various Public Schools.

◆ Cadets Gautam Kumar and Aseem Chatterjee participated in the ESPN Quiz held on the 22nd of November at Delhi. They were adjudged second in this Inter-school event.

◆ 48 Cadets along with two Masters attended their Basic Mountaineering Courses at NIM Uttarkashi and HMI Darjeeling.

◆ Miss Somi Tandon, Additional Secretary, MOD, Army HQ was the Chief Guest for the graduation ceremony on 27th November.

◆ On the 16th of January a Swedish Delegation comprising of 27 members visited the college.

CITATION

Lt Rochak Bakshi, (Pratap 1992-96) has been awarded the COAS commendation card on 15 August 2003 and is presently posted in 169 Fd Regt (OP HILL).

WELCOME

Mr Miel Surya, joined us from Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry. He is a Black Belt in Taekwondo (Korean Karate). He spent a month interacting with the cadets teaching them Martial Arts.



COMANDANTS MAIL BAG

"I look forward to our cadets making waves in the world of squash".

- Brig Raj K Manchanda

"We have been honoured by laying a wreath at the War Memorial of the college, wherein my son's name has been added by virtue of his having laid down his life for the cause of the country in the hostile areas of Siachen Glacier, Ladakh. It was very thoughtful of you to have made all the arrangements for the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the College War Memorial at a very short notice".

- Col J R Trikha

"It is indeed a laudable achievement that the cadets have taken to the sport with such enthusiasm and achieved adequate standards, so as to qualify for the National Championship 2002-2003. Keep up the work of popularizing the sport, through achievements".

- Maj Gen Ashok Vasudeva, VSM

"Congratulations for the success of the conference, which was very well organized".

- Dr. Pallavi Bhatnagar

Department of Psychology, Lucknow University

"I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt compliments to you and all ranks of RIMC for conducting the 63rd Annual Session of the IPS Conference so successfully".

- Lt Gen T S Shergill, PVSM
Commandant IMA

"I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your cadets for putting up a fabulous show for hosting one of the finest IPS Conference".

- Mr R P Devgan
Principal, Yadvindra Public School, Patiala

"The calendar is very well designed to enlighten the history of RIMC through photographs".

- Mr S G Ranade

"Indeed, the clockwork precision, the affectionate welcome, warm send off, so gracefully punctuated the proceedings of the conference".

- Col N S Rawat
Principal, APS, Dagshai

HUMANISM At stake

Darkness, despair loomed the day,
With innumerable people going astray.

Cry, misery was all around,
with every victim being confound
Help! Help! Echoed the streets
Yet the city remained totally discreet.

Hatred, rage filled every heart
Which led the united oppression start
The outbreak of revolt was ferocious
Which gradually turned more voracious

Lack of trust was totally prevalent
In such a situation, was it really relevant?
Humanism's led, that, for sure
But is there really a cure???

- Cadet Atish Negi
Class II A

PARENT TEACHERS MEETING

with a purpose beyond

It was the end of the academic term. On Friday the 18th October, we had a parent-teacher meet, the first one to be held in the college. It was an unusual occasion for us since it was the first of its kind.

The discussion that began was however the usual, rather pedantic kind in which parents aired their anxieties and apprehensions about what was in store for them, since their teenage boarders were stepping into a more academically oriented world.

The need for dialogue

Some parents wanted more dialogue with teachers to get an on-going feedback about their ward's progress. The teachers assured them that such a dialogue was very much part of the 'College Culture' especially in case of students who needed more attention. Apparently most matters, not all of them 'academic' are quite important, serious and complicated for cadets and are especially compounded by peer pressure, adolescence and expectations of teachers & parents. The problems assume greater proportions when parents and teachers are not fully aware of the conflict and anxieties that children face.

Parent-teacher-student meetings held at least once every academic term, would be a very important way of ensuring that we discuss things and listen to other's points of view which are equally valid, and arrive at some sort of consensus about issues that concern us. All of us and probably cadets more than parents and teachers have a stake in their education.

WE Will Miss You

Cdr A K Bhattacharya
VSM.



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My dear Arun,

In continuation of our telecon of this morning may I share the following thoughts with you:

- 1a) At the present juncture my family would find it difficult for me to be away whole time.
- 1b) Aronica goes into 12th this year and it does help for her father to be around.

It may therefore be difficult for me to be at RIMC for the whole term. This I say with a heavy heart, for the last three years were wonderful to be at the alma mater and those lovely boys.

Whatever I can do from here, it would be my honour and pleasure. Whenever there may be any requirement for me at D'Dun for a short stint of any specific task or project, I shall be there. Overleaf a poem for the New Year.

With best wishes and regards to all
yours affly
Arun

Col A K Mangain, Cndt RIMC

GRATITUDE

"Your advice of scholarships to the children of RIMC Group 'D' employees have been put to action now by presenting the cheque for Rs. 50,000 as an investment with the Sainik School Karamchari Samiti Ltd. RIMC will remind us of "Maheesh Trikha" who laid his life for the Motherland, being a true "Rimcollian".

- Col J R Trikha
Director, Hotel Security

APPOINTMENTS

Mr P K Jain Master has been appointed as the new staff secretary for the January term 2003.

IPSC Fixtures for Riding, Shooting and Athletics will be organized by our College.

A THOUGHTFUL ACT

Mrs & Col J R Trikha, parents of late Flt Lt Maheesh Trikha (a Rimcolian of 1986 - 1992 vintage) have instituted an annual scholarship in memory of their late son, for giving financial assistance to the children of RIMC Group 'D' employees.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS

Lt Vedavyas Samal
Maj Sumeet Bathla
Capt Siddharth Ranjan

We welcome you as new readers

JOYS OF READING

Books are the best friends, companions of solitude and a window to the outside world. If you are not involved anywhere, just open a book, peep through the lines and dive into the world of knowledge. Books are the collection of almost everything. Reading not only provides you a companion but also lets you expand your vision and widen your scope. Let that be the mischief of Swami or the invention of a machine from the theories. The presentation is such that it will create ripples in your mind and take away your sleep. As your mind mainly searches for adventures and mysteries, once we find such books they are like a magnet. What's happening next? What will happen to him? Questions such as these do not allow us to leave the book and this is the reason, teachers catch us and what happens next is well known! Reading gives an invisible boost to our personality and language. The joys of reading also include staying awake late in the night and bunking classes. Reading is a habit and also a hobby. Most of the orators were bookworms. Reading books builds confidence as it increases your knowledge and gives you an insight into the unknown. Reading not only teaches you concentration but it boosts your imagination and takes you into another world. This world is very different from our world. So if you want to see and enjoy that world, just open a book, dive in, and experience its pleasures.

- Cadet Gautam Kumar
Class I A

WELCOME AT RIMC

Pratapbhanu



From Sawai Mann Singh Vidyalaya, Jaipur. Pratap is great at the computer and likes to skateboard in his free time. A keen sportsman, he loves to play tennis and golf. He is grandson of a Rimcollian, Maj Gen Zorawar Singh, MC

Vikram Singh Dangi



Brother of Cadet Mahipal Dangi, Vikram went to the Govt. Middle School, Vishnunagar, Jodhpur. Unlike his brother, he is fond of cricket and loves to read. Vikram has also got green fingers with which he does due justice to gardening - his hobby.

Siddharth Mohan Sharma



From the Ann Mary School, Dehra Dun, this young cricketer is also interested in Philately and Numismatics. He enjoys playing T.T. and Basketball when he is not solving Maths questions.

Amrit Pal Singh Khara



A student of St. Josephs' Convent School, Hoshiarpur, Amrit likes to read and play on the computer. Has won prizes in Football and also loves to play Basketball. Stood first in the All-India Pro Com Computer Quiz.

Vishu Mahajan



A student of the St. Stephen's School, Chandigarh, Vishu is keen about Philately and Numismatics. This young mathematician is also good at playing chess. He is a keen quizzer too.

Pratap Singh



Another Mathematician from the Seven Oaks School, Dehra Dun, Pratap is fond of Chemistry. He is also good at cricket and swimming. Pratap loves reading Sherlock Holmes when he is not reading Charles Dickens.

Ramiz Raja



This student of Seven Oaks School, Dehra Dun shares the same enthusiasm for cricket as his namesake. He also likes riding and maths. Loves to dance in his free time.

Mohit Sharma



This Himachali from the Sacred Heart High School, Sidhpur likes to play football, cricket and basketball. A good singer, he is also good at writing and loves to read.

Bethun Bhowmick



Named after Dr. Norman Bethun, who helped during the Chinese war, this young lad from St. Xaviers', Durgapur is fond of reading books and playing football. A keen quizzer, he also collect stamps and coins.

G. Manoj Kumar Vartha



From Sainik School Korukonda, Manoj is a keen footballer and swimmer. Has won many prizes for drawing, which he does when he is not reading.



Rajdeep Singh

Has come to RIMC from Govt. High School, Sahuwala, Haryana. Was the best all rounder in cricket in his district in the under 14. His hobbies include Horse-riding and Shooting, apart from drawing and fancy dress shows in which he has often won awards.



Deepak Suhag

From the University Campus School, Rohtak, Haryana, Deepak scored the first position in district level Yoga Competition. He was the best athlete at school and he is also fond of Swimming. Deepak is keen on Riding.



Ankit Sharma

A student of St. Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun. Reading fiction and cycling are prominent among his list of hobbies. Was awarded the first prize in cycle racing at district level and second in relay.



Ankur Kumar

From the Sadbhavna School, Lucknow, Ankur is fond of reading and collecting stamps. A keen debater, he wants to join the Navy when he grows up.



Shaunak Nivargi

Coming all the way from the Abihav Vidyalaya English Medium School, Pune, Shaunak loves Art and Mountaineering. His interests are as varied as Cricket and Swimming. Shaunak has won several awards for his prowess in the pool. His drawings are displayed in Japan.



Anuj Jindal

From the St. Pauls' Academy, Ghaziabad, Anuj is fond of Cricket and Photography. This young scientist received a prize for his Physics Project.



Abhijeet Singh

A product of the Army School, Kaluchak, Abhijeet is fond of reading. A boy of varied interests ranging from Mathematics to Shooting.



Sandeep Kumar

From Middle School, Noorsarai, Bihar, Sandeep loves mountaineering, trekking and computers.



Vaibhav Bhardwaj

Vaibhav comes to us from the St. Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun. Genuinely fond of reading, he has read a host of books. When not reading, he loves playing cricket and acting in plays. He has represented his school in various inter school drama competitions.



Kaushik Parasuraman

A product of the Army Public School, Kolkata, this young musician loves to sing and play the synthesizer. He is fond of playing cricket and badminton. He seeks a future in the Air Force.

**Profile of
1st
Termers**

IPSC Conference : 21st to 23rd November 2002

PRESS RELEASE

RIMC hosted the Annual session of the heads of schools of the IPSC from the 21st to the 23rd of November. A total of 75 schools are members of the IPSC. Of these 54 Principals participated this year. There were also a number of Special Invitees as well as Observers. The theme of this year's conference was "Roots and Wings - Student Development".

Indian Public Schools Conference, formed in 1939 is known for its glorious traditions. The Indian Public School has a distinct identity and it should not be confused with the large number of schools, which have liberally adopted the words 'Public School' with their names. Confusion exists in the minds of people, and sometimes even in well informed educated parents, about how to distinguish between a public school and schools imparting an ordinary classroom education only, with 'Public' prefixed to their names.

Technically, an Indian Public School is one which is a member of IPSC. The IPSC which started in 1939 with a few residential schools has now a strength of 72 schools including Sainik Schools and Military Schools. The Conference deliberated on the educational problems of residential schools and endeavours to promote the efficiency of such schools keeping in mind the changing trends in the educational technology and maintaining our traditions and heritage. In these schools not only the all round quality education based on Indian life and culture is taken care of but co-curricular activities, sports, hobbies, dramatics, music and literary activities have also been the integral and important part of the school curriculum.

A number of guest speakers were also invited to discuss the various aspects of student development. The conference was scheduled to be inaugurated by the Chief of Army Staff, General S. Padmanabham, an alumnus of the host school. Due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to attend and so Lt. Gen. T.S. Shergill, Commandant, Indian Military Academy inaugurated the conference and released the IPSC Journal, the Souvenir and a Code of Ethics for schools before reading out the message of the COAS.

Mr. Salman Khursheed, President DPS Society delivered the first talk on Intellectual Development, while Professor N.Vohra of IIM, Ahmedabad addressed the Principals on incorporating change in their schools. The afternoon session resumed after a dare devil display of riding skills by the Dispatch Riders of the Corps of Military Police on their motorcycles. With a talk on the Leadership role of Principals by Professor Jahar Saha of IIM, Ahmedabad followed by a syndicate discussion the first day of the conference concluded.

The second day began with a talk on Spiritual Development by Shri Akhileshji, Director, Association for Scientific Spirituality. The thrust of his message was that the spiritual development should not be overlooked because without a sense of morality a student in his later life would seek happiness only through material means. Next Dr. Amrita Dass spoke about the necessity of career counselling for students. According to her it is time for the students to have careers by choice rather than by chance. Besides it is also time to explore other streams other than the traditional Sciences or Commerce.

The afternoon session resumed after a superb display of Horsemanship by the Riders of RIMC.

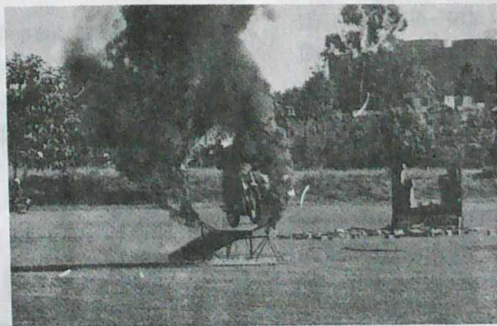
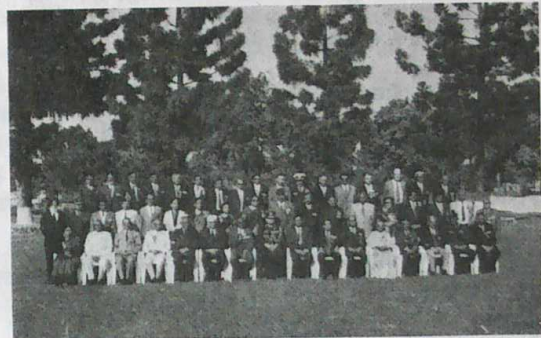
The official website for IPSC - IPSC.com which has been developed by Mr Ajay Sharma and his team, was launched by the Chairman. The aim of this website is to provide information as well as easier exchange of information between the Principals of Public Schools. Following another talk by Professor J. Saha and a syndicate discussion the delegates took a break before attending a musical

evening put up by the students of the four IPSC schools of Dehradun, RIMC, The Doon School, Welham Girls' School and Welham Boys' Schools.

From there they proceeded to the IMA where the Commandant had invited them for an official dinner.

The conference on the third day began with a talk on Emotional Development by Dr. Pallavi Bhatnagar, Reader, Dept. of Psychology, University of Lucknow. The conference concluded with the Annual General Meeting.

The global scenario is changing very fast in almost all the fields of human life. Education as a mindsetter and trendsetter, cannot afford to take the back seat or remain just a spectator. The Public School education should take a lead and act as a trendsetter to make the child a complete individual. The IPSC being the elite body in education is ready to take up new challenges and guide the destiny of the nation. Our total educational programme should revolve around equipping the students with such qualities of mind and heart that they daringly plunge into any field of activity which is socially useful, intellectually elevating, and personally ennobling to remain proud of their glorious cultural heritage and remain fully aware of the complex expansion of the world of knowledge.



मुक्ति

मनुष्य एक सामाजिक प्राणी है। उसे समाज में स्वतंत्रतापूर्वक जीने का पूरा अधिकार है। संसार में सभी प्राणी मुक्त रहना चाहते हैं, यहां तक कि पिंजरे में बंद पक्षी भी मुक्ति के लिए निरंतर अपने पंख फड़फड़ाता रहता है। उसे सोने का पिंजरा, सोने की कटोरी में रखा स्वादिष्ट भोजन भी अच्छा नहीं लगता। वह भी स्वतंत्र होकर मुक्त गगन में स्वच्छन्द उड़ान भरना चाहता है। फिर मनुष्य तो पशु-पक्षियों की अपेक्षा अधिक बुद्धिमान और संवेदनशील होता है। उसे गुलामी की जंजीर सदा ही खटकती रहती है। सभी देशों में इतिहास में आजादी के लिए अपने प्राणों की बलि देने वाले वीरों के उदाहरण हैं।

लोकनायक तुलसीदास जी ने भी कहा है।

“पराधीन सपनेंहु सुख नाहीं”

मुक्ति-जीवन और बंधन-मृत्यु के समान है। कथा आजादी की कीमत में कुत्ता मालिक के घर में बंधकर हलवा-पूरी खाता है और एक जंगली भेड़िए को भी यही करने की सलाह देता है, पर जब भेड़िए को पता चला कि उसे बंधकर रहना पड़ा तो उसने कहा गुलामी की हलवा-पूरी से आजादी का हवा अधिक अच्छा है और वह अपनी आजादी किसी भी कीमत पर नहीं छोड़ सकता।

तेजस्वी पुरुष स्वर्गीय पंजाब-केशरी लाला लाजपतराय की कलम और वाणी में तेजस्विता की अद्भूत किरणें थीं। वे एक अपूर्व मनुष्य थे। कौन था इस दुनिया में जिस पर वे मिलते ही छा न जाते, पर संसार के देशों में घूमकर वे अपने देश में लौटे, तो उन्होंने अपना सारा अनुभव एक ही वाक्य में भरकर बखेर दिया। उनका अनुभव यह था।

“मैं अमेरिका गया, इंग्लैंड गया, फ्रांस गया और संसार के दूसरे देशों में भी घूमा, पर जहां भी मैं गया, भारतवर्ष की गुलामी की लज्जा का कलंक मेरे माथे पर लगा रहा।”

क्या यह एक ही वाक्य ‘मुक्ति का महत्व’ बतलाना काफी नहीं।

किसी मनुष्य के पास संसार की ही नहीं, यदि स्वर्ग के भी सब उपहार और साधनों को उपलब्ध करा दिया जाए, पर अगर वह गुलाम हो, तो वे सारे उपहार और साधन उसे गौरव नहीं दे सकते।

मनुष्य क्या, पशु-पक्षी भी अपनी आजादी को

किसी कीमत पर बेचना नहीं चाहते। इतिहास साक्षी है।

‘अपनी आजादी को हम हरगिज लुटा सकते नहीं’ सर कटा सकते हैं, लेकिन सर झुका सकते नहीं।।

यहां तक कि पंछी भी कीमत पर अपनी मुक्ति नहीं छोड़ना चाहते। अगर उन्हें पिंजरे में बंद कर दिया जाए, तो वे मुक्ति के लिए पिंजरे से टकराकर अपने को उन्मुक्त करना चाहते हैं। उन्हें कनक कटोरी की मैदा से कटुक निबोरी आजाद रहकर खाना अच्छा लगता है। कवि ‘शिव मंगल सिंह’ ने कविता ‘हम पंछी’ उन्मुक्त गगन के में उन्होंने एक पंछी की आवाज में लिखा है।

“हम पंछी उन्मुक्त गगन के पिंजरबंद न गा पाएंगे,
कनक तिलियों से टकराकर पुलकित पंख टूट जाएंगे।”
“नीड न दो, चाहे टहनी का आश्रय छिन्न-भिन्न कर
डालो,
लेकिन पंख दिए हैं, तो आकुल उड़ान में विघ्न न डालों

पशु-पक्षी भी मुक्त रहना चाहते हैं। परतंत्रता सदा उन्हें खटकती है। वे बंधन में भी मुक्ति का स्वपन देखते हैं। मुक्ति की कल्पना ही कर पाते हैं क्योंकि मुक्ति से उन्हें प्रेम है और ‘मुक्ति’ शब्द से उनके शरीर में एक खुशी की लहर दौड़ जाती है।

“स्वर्ण-श्रृंखला के बंधन में अपनी गति, उड़ान सब भूले,
बस सपनों में देख रहें हैं, तरु की फुगनी पर के भूले।
ऐसे थे अरमान कि उड़ते नील गगन की सीमा पाने,
लाल किरण-सी चोंच खोल चुगते तारक अनार के
दाने।
होती सीमाहीन क्षितिज से इन पंखों की होड़ा-होड़ी,
या तो क्षितिज मिलन बन जाता, या तनती सासों की
डोरी”।

एक स्वतंत्र और मुक्त व्यक्ति अपनी मर्जी के अनुसार उठ सकता है। वह अपनी मर्जी के अनुसार काम करता है। उसे रूखी-सुखी खाने को भी मिले, तो परतंत्र रहने की बात नहीं सोच सकता है। पर एक परतंत्र व्यक्ति को अगर हलवा-पूरी भी दिया जाए, तो उसी गुलामी की जंजीर सदा ही खटकती रहती है। परतंत्रता का जीवन मृत्यु से कम नहीं।

“हम एक ऐसी जंग लड़ रहे हैं; जिसकी जीत हमारी मृत्यु में है।” यह पंक्ति सरदार भगत सिंह ने अपने साथियों से तब कही थी जब वे भारत की आजादी के लिए लड़ रहे थे। सभी को आजादी इतनी प्रिय है कि

वह उसे अपनी मृत्यु के बाद भी पाना चाहता है। उसे पराधीनता से मृत्यु ज्यादा अच्छी लगती है। यह कोई पागलपन या दीवानापन नहीं था न ही वे मोक्ष प्राप्त करना चाहते थे। यह तो मनुष्य की प्रकृति है कि वह मुक्त रहे। सभी का दिल चीखता है कि तुम आजाद हो।

एक भिखारी को कई दिनों तक भोजन नहीं मिलता। वह भोजन के लिए चोरी करता है। उसे पुलिस पकड़ लेती है। उसे जेल हो जाती है। वह बाहर निकलना चाहता है। वह मुक्ति पाना चाहता है। क्या उसे जेल में भोजन नहीं मिलता? नहीं ऐसा नहीं है। वह जेल में इसलिए नहीं रहना चाहता क्योंकि वह मुक्त नहीं है। वह आजाद रहना चाहता है। जेल के अधिकारियों के पराधीन नहीं रहना चाहता।

भगवान ने इस दुनिया का निर्माण किया। पशु-पक्षी, इंसान इत्यादि बनाए। सभी को प्रकृति में छोड़ दिया। सभी मुक्त थे। जब भी कोई जन्म लेता है वह मुक्त रहता है और सारा जीवन मुक्ति में ही गुजारना चाहता है। मुक्ति में जो सुख, चैन और आराम है वह गुलामी के ऐश में कहां? जब मनुष्य अपनी मर्जी के अनुसार जी नहीं सकता, उठ नहीं सकता बैठक नहीं सकता तो क्या वह भी कोई जीवन है? यह जीवन उसका नहीं, बल्कि उसका है जिसका वह पराधीन है। दूसरे का जीवन जीने से अच्छा अपनी मृत्यु है।

अतः हम कह सकते हैं कि इस ब्रह्माण्ड में सभी मुक्त रहना चाहते हैं और मुक्ति की खुशी को कोई शब्दों में नहीं कह सकता। यह ऐसी खुशी है। जो बांटी नहीं जा सकती सिर्फ महसूस की जा सकती है। अतः हमारे जीवन में मुक्ति का महत्व उतना ही है जितना एक पक्षी को उड़ने के लिए पर की।

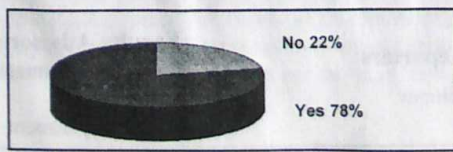
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OPINION POLL

The result of last RIMC opinion poll -

Should Cadet Council meeting be held every month?

- A total of 250 cadets voted.



'मेरे सपनों का भारत'

'यूनान, मिश्र रोमां सब मिट गए जहां से,'
बाकी मगर है अब तक, नामों निशां हमार।
कुछ बात है कि हस्ती मिटती नहीं हमारी,
सदियों रहा है दुश्मन दौरे जहां हमार।

गालिब द्वारा कहे गए ये शब्द भारत वर्ष की महानता दर्शाते हैं। हमारा देश संचार में शांति, प्यार भेदभाव फैलाने वाला पहला राष्ट्र था। हमने ही संसार को त्याग, बलिदान का पाठ पढ़ाया था। इस देश में सम्राट अशोक, अकबर, गांधी जैसे युग पुरुष चले थे। यह देश नहीं बल्कि एक रत्न है, जो अपनी चमक से पूरे विश्व में प्रकाश फैलाता है।

आज के इस आधुनिक युग में भारत बहुत बदल चुका है। शांति, प्यार, त्याग, बलिदान जैसे गुण जो भारत ने पूरे विश्व को दिए, वे आज भारत से खत्म हो रहे हैं। परंतु अभी भी कई लोग ऐसे हैं, जो इन गुणों से भरपूर हैं आज समाज में राजनेता भ्रष्टाचार फैला रहे हैं। गरीबी से गुनाह बढ़ रहा है, बलात्कार, दहेज आदि जैसे बुराईयाँ हमें अंदर से क्षीण कर रही हैं। जहां जाओं, वंहा त्राहि-त्राहि। जो व्यक्ति चोर, कपटी है वह समाज का प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति है और जो सच्चा, शांत, भोला व्यक्ति है, वह समाज के शोषण का शिकार है। अतः भारत में आज स्थिति गंभीर है।

परन्तु मेरे सपनों का भारत बिल्कुल ही अलग होगा जो वास्तविक भी होगा क्योंकि :-

"भाव, मूर्ख न कोई रंग रूप से कहलाता है
नजर का भेद ही सब गुण दोष बतलाता है
कोई देखता है कीचड़ में कमल को किसी को चांद
में भी दाग नजर आता है।"

मेरे सपनों के भारत में समाज में, नागरिकों में प्यार होगा, जागरूकता होगी तथा जीवन में आराम होगा। मेरे भारत में हर जगह सफाई होगी, ऊँची-ऊँची इमारतें होंगी, चौड़ी सड़कें होंगी, आधुनिक विद्यालय, अस्पताल होंगे। नागरिकों के लिए हर तरह की सुविधा होगी। मेरे सपनों के भारत में पुलिस बहुत शक्तिशाली होगी और हर जगह फ़ैली होगी। आधुनिक विज्ञान से वे हर मुजरिम को पकड़ सकेगी और समाज में दंगों का कोई भय न होगा। मेरे सपनों के भारत में बहुत कम गरीबी होगी और उन्हें पूरी सहायता दी जाएगी। देश से किसी वैज्ञानिक को विदेश काम करने के लिए नहीं भेजा जाएगा। जिससे हमारा देश प्रगति करेगा। मेरे सपनों के भारत में खेल-कूद को अत्यधिक बढ़ावा दिया जाएगा ताकि किसी के अन्दर प्रतिभा छिपी न रह जाए। बच्चों को खेल-कूद के लिए उत्साहित किया जाएगा और उन्हें अच्छी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जाएंगी।

मेरा भारत एक ऐसा देश होगा, जो सब की जलन का कारण होगा। पाश्चात्य संस्कृति पर मेरे भारतीय संस्कृति का राज चलेगा। अतः मेरा भारत इस विश्व को शिखर पर होगा। मेरा देश सत्य, त्याग, बलिदान प्रेम आदि का एक जीता जागता पुतला है।

— गौतम कुमार

सच्चा मित्र

शायद किसी ने सच ही कहा है कि सच्चा मित्र वही, आपका जो मुसीबत में मदद करे। सच्चे मित्र की परिभाषा देने के लिए शब्दों की कमी नहीं है, सच्चा मित्र वो होता है जो हमेशा दुख, विलाप एवं कष्ट के दिनों में हमारा साथ निभाए और अभिन्न मैत्री के बंधन में जीवन पर्यन्त बंधा रहे। जो कि हमारे जीवन को अवनति के रास्ते से हटाकर उन्नति पर लाकर खड़ा कर देता है। वह हमारी भरसक रूप से मदद रूपी खुशी प्रदान करता है। हमारे जीवन में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण किरदार निभाने वाला एक मित्र ही होता है। हमारे सबसे नजदीक एवं अपने आपको सबसे ज्यादा समझने, परखने एवं सोचने वाला भी एक मित्र है। मित्र कोई ऐसा-वैसा मनुष्य नहीं होता, ये वो इंसान होता है जिसके साथ हम अपना दुख एवं हर्ष पूरी तरह से बाँट सकें। क्योंकि वो यह सब परखने की शक्ति रखता है, एक ऐसी शक्ति जो परिवार, कुल, संसार से भी भिन्नकर ऐसा परिणय है जो हमे सीधा सफलता की ओर अग्रसर करने के लिए प्रेरणा स्रोत है।

जीवन में प्रत्येक मनुष्य के मित्र होते हैं किंतु सच्चा मित्र तो केवल एक ही होता है। इस मित्र को वह मनुष्य के मित्र की संज्ञा भी देता है। वह मित्र जो हमारा मार्गदर्शन करे और सदैव हमारे हित में ही सोच-समझकर कदम उठाए, एक सच्चा एवं परोपकारी मित्र है। सच्चे मित्र की मानवीय विशेषताएं होती हैं। जैसे कि त्याग, निस्वार्थ, कृतज्ञता, पथ-प्रदर्शक जो कि उसे अपने मित्र यानि इंसान की मदद करने में सहायता बिंदु होते हैं। सच्चा मित्र जैसे अंलकार कविता के साथ जुड़कर उसकी सौंदर्य में वृद्धि करता है, उसी प्रकार वह अपने मित्र की प्रशंसा एवं प्रसिद्धि में चार-चांद लगा देता है। मनुष्य अपने परिवारजनों एवं स्वजनों से उतना भरोसेमंद नहीं होता, जितना भरोसा वे अपने अभिन्न मित्र में करता है। इसके फलस्वरूप उसका मित्र भी उसके आदर्श पूर्ण जीवन में उसकी परीक्षा में खरा उतर के अपनी मदद, शक्ति विवेकादि को उजागर करता है। सच्चे मित्र की प्रशंसा से कई कवियों ने ग्रथियां रंग दी हैं। उनकी प्रशंसा-पात्र ये मित्र कभी भी घमण्ड की हवा को सूंघते भी नहीं। इतिहास गवाह है, जब-जब दुनिया में कोई मित्र न हो, तो वह अपने आपको अकेला महसूस करता है। सच्चा मित्र जीवन में एक अमिट छाप छोड़ जाता है। उसके न होने पर अधूरापन महसूस होता है। मित्र शैली अदृश्य रूप में सभी को मोहित कर लेती है और अपने स्वर्णिम पद-चिह्नों की छाप छोड़ती है, जिससे आने वाली पीढ़ी उसका समर्थन करे और सच्ची राह अपनाए। यह जीवन थोथे वचनों और घटनाओं से परिपूर्ण है। ऐसे समय में जब हमें सावधान रहने की जरूरत है। तो एक सच्चे मित्र की आवश्यकता होती है। जो बिना किसी क्लेश एवं द्वेष के अपना काम बखूबी तरह से निभाता है। उसके अंदर स्वार्थ का भी विचार पनप नहीं पाता। वह अपने जीवन में हमेशा खुद तो प्रगति करता ही है, दूसरों की भी निष्ठापूर्वक बिना किसी दौलत के अपनत्व को टुकराकर एक लगन और परिश्रमी युवक की तरह अपना काम करता है। कभी-कभी मित्रता में भी धोखा होता है किंतु वो मूर्ख व्यक्तियों के साथ होता है। बुद्धिमान व्यक्ति तो सदैव सच्चे एवं ईमानदार पुरुष को ही मित्र बनाता है। सच्चाई यही है कि मित्रता जिंदगी की ऐसी नींव है, जिस पर सभी टिके हुए हैं।

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RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRA DUN

**ADMIRAL MADHVENDRA SINGH, PVSM, AVSM, ADC
CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF**

Chief Guest on 12 March 03



Admiral Madhvendra Singh

Admiral Madhvendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, is the son of an eminent Rimcollian, late Maj Gen K Bhagwati Singh, who was the first Cadet to pass out of the Indian Military Academy (IC 1). He hails from Chomu in Jaipur District of Rajasthan. He is a Graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and a postgraduate of the Naval War College, Newport, USA and the National Defence College, New Delhi. He has commanded the Missile Frigate Talwar, the Naval Academy at Kochi, the Missile Destroyer Ranvir and the Aircraft Carrier Viraat, besides holding important staff and training appointments, both afloat and ashore. He was appointed the Chief of the Naval Staff on 29 Dec

2001 and Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee on 31 Dec 2002.

Admiral Madhvendra Singh has twice been commended by the Chief of the Naval Staff and is a recipient of the Param Vishist Seva Medal and the Ati Vishist Seva Medal for distinguished service of a very high order. The Admiral is very fond of the outdoors and enjoys golf, yaching, riding and skeet shooting.

An enthusiastic environmentalist, he is keen on preserving our maritime heritage and history and was recently awarded the Individual Achievement Award by the World Ship Trust, London for the restoration and conservation of Bombay Castle.



Mrs Madhvendra Singh

ROBA CORPUS FUND

The Trustees of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust have approved a grant of Rs 40L (Rupees forty lakhs only), to Roba Trust, for supporting two chairs of the Arts stream at the +2 level, and towards the education fees for one underprivileged student as a TATA STUDENT to join the armed forces.

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◀ A 'Jugal Bandi' performance by Mrs. Kamala Shankar on guitar and Mr. Rajiv Javardhan on sitar, was witnessed by the parents of the first termers and cadets on 28th Jan 03.

◀ Our thanks to Mr. Madhup Shrivastava, Area co-ordinator of the "Petroleum Conservation Society, Ministry of Petroleum" for giving a talk on Oil Conservation. On this occasion an elocution contest was organized in which Cadet Asoom was adjudged the winner, followed by Vinoth Vanya and Anvesh Murthy.

◀ The College congratulates Cadet Vikas Kumar on being awarded the Gold Merit Certificate for ranking 1st in Uttaranchal in the Cyber Science Olympiad Competition. 14 cadets were awarded Silver Merit Certificates for ranking in the top 10% of All India rankers.

◀ On 31st Jan, 8 classes went out on visits to important establishments in Dehra Dun like the FRI, IMA, Wildlife Institute, IRDE, Petroleum Institute etc..

◀ We acknowledge Mr. Hukum Chand Jain (Ph.D.,History), a senior reader in the University of Delhi, for delivering a two day audio-visual talk on the heritage of Indian Monuments.

◀ The following teachers attended workshops at The Doon School :

- a) Empowering the Teacher (14 Feb 2003)
 - i. Major G Tripathi, ii. Mr Prashant Sharma iii. Mr S P Dhobal
- b) Career Counselling (18 & 19 Feb 2003)
 - i. Mr Dharendra Singh ii. Mr Brijesh Chauhan
- c) Hindi-Listening Comprehension (22 Feb 2003)
 - i. Mr C S Vishwakarma ii. Mr Sanjay Kumar
- d) Creative writing (24 & 25 Feb 2003)
 - i. Ms Mamta Gautam ii. Ms Nilakshi Sharma

◀ Round I of Inter-section Quiz was held on 19th of February in which Chandragupta and Shivaji had a tie followed by Pratap and Ranjit also tying for the second place.

◀ Inter-section Squad Drill was held on 27th of Feb., with Shivaji lifting the cup followed by Pratap with a very close margin of 0.05 points. Ranjit and Chandragupta were adjudged third and fourth respectively. Brig B P Patnaik, (Pratap 63-67), was the Chief Guest. He quipped that even in his time Shivaji 'inexplicably' eased past with the narrowest of margins.

◀ Inter-section shooting was held on 21 Feb. Pratap won the cup followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta.

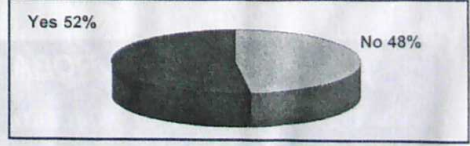
◀ Cadets S Karwasra and B Pranrith participated in the Science Quiz conducted by IRDE on 28 February and secured the runners-up trophy.

◀ We congratulate Mrs and Mr Selvan on the birth of their son.

OPINION POLL

The result of last RIMC opinion poll -

Do you favour the introduction of college colours for all extra-curricular activities?
- A total of 250 cadets voted.



Next opinion poll -

ARE ACADEMICS YOUR FIRST PRIORITY IN SCHOOL?

COMANDANTS MAIL BAG

"It was a very great pleasure to receive the lovely RIMC calendar. It has been very well brought out and its depiction of RIMC down the ages has precisely highlighted the uniqueness of our great institution. The RIMC magazine 2002 was marvellous and received fine remarks from the NDA senior officers and other cadets."

- Col V V Gidh, VSM

"The RIMC calendar 2003 is a collector's item and will be cherished by one and all."

- Sandeep Dutt, *The English Book Depot*

"Congratulations and best wishes for the re-union. Both my wife and I will attend - Do we have any other option!!!"

- Col H N Handa

"Glad to hear that the dye has arrived safely. There is no question of trying to reimburse me for the cost. I am donating it to the college in the hope that it will earn some money and please those who wear it. I look back at my time at the college with great affection."

- Mr Peter Will
(Wavell Section)

"I am currently in Jerusalem. I have been composing and singing devotional songs for some years now."

- Mr Ramaswami

NEWS-Ex MOS

Mr. Virendra Sharma (Ex-section Master, Pratap) has been selected as the Head of Administration, National Institute of Bank Management, Pune. It is an internationally acclaimed establishment and the only one of its kind in India.

ANSWERS

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TO SIR WITH LOVE

Hugh Catchpole, who died on 1st February, taught his boys how to be a gentleman.

Hugh Catchpole, who died at Rawalpindi, Pakistan, aged 89, dedicated his life to the service of education on the sub-continent.

Hugh Catchpole was born at Ipswich, Suffolk on May 26, 1907 and was educated at Ipswich School. More interested in games than studies, young Hugh was the captain of the Hockey and Athletics team.

Catchy, as he was affectionately called, came out from England in 1928 to teach English and History. He was only 21, just a little older than his students.

He became the Principal of RIMC from 1948-1953. What a great Principal! Whether at the Cricket nets or in the squash court or even in his office, his shots had a touch of class. The English language, was his forte, and simplicity, his greatest ornament.

By 1953, Catchpole was facing difficulties in renewing his contract with RIMC, which was funded by the Government of India. The Pakistanis promptly hijacked him to start a look-alike, the first cadet college in Hassan Abdal.

This is what he thought of the student of today:

"He the present day student,
thinks education is merely a bore,
And political matters concern him much more.
But a sensible student should stick to his books,
And leave politics to professional crooks."

- Gaurav Hridaya
Class IIA

QUOTE - UNQUOTE

"I have no life history".

- Class II pessimist, on being tasked to write
'The Story of My Life'.

"If you play for the Nationals, you get a Games Blazer".

- First term, the know-it-all

"The air is flowing".

- An observant Siddharth

"Write a destructive essay on the house".

- Mahipal Dangi in Grammar class



"Boys, I thought the obstacle race got over in the morning."



"Oh, I say! I didn't know Unarmed Combat was part of their syllabus."

- Fizi Yadav
Class IIA

Self - A Raindrop

I come from the clouds,
From the mother sky's womb;
Some of us escape into,
An unknown tomb.

The lucky ones reach down,
Some in forest, some in town;
Seeing the sunbow, find path of life,
Thirsty, tasting us, receive drop of life.

I fall in thirsty lands,
Fulfilling thirst of water;
I fall in flooded trenches,
Leading houses to shatter.

I flow through hills, valleys,
Lands and trenches;
I flow through marshes, swamps,
Slums and drainages.

I bring along the dirty water,
Some minerals make me stronger;
Some praise for filling empty pot,
Some blame for shattering hopes, a lot.

I continue my journey to the sea,
Reaching there I wish to flee;
God picks up the lucky ones,
And takes them back to their mother.

The left ones giggle, saying -
'Everyday is not a Sunday'.
Stay there, singing -
'Jingle all the way'.

- Sandeep Hanchanale

ENGLISH DEBATE

On 11 Feb, Bhagat Hall was the venue of the Inter-section English Debate. For the first time the debate was in the parliamentary form in which there were two semi-finals and a final between the winners of the semis. Each Section was represented by three cadets to argue either for or against the motion. The topics were decided a day prior through lots. The change in the pattern wasn't able to subdue the enthusiastic cheering by the cadets for their respective Sections. The subjects of the debate were some of the burning topics of the modern world. The 1st semi final between Pratap and Chandragupta was dominated by Chandragupta while Ranjit performed the same against Shivaji in the 2nd semi final. The topic for the final was "US is world's Bully or World's Policeman". Chandragupta argued for and Ranjit against the topic. After a fierce verbal battle and a perfect display of communication skills, Ranjit was able to snatch victory from the tight clutches of the Chandraguptians. One of the peculiar features of the debate was that the jury consisted of the Section Masters whose decisions were impartial and based solely on merit. The new step towards parliamentary form of debating was a sheer success and the untiring efforts of the Cadets and Masters involved are worth acknowledging.

- Swagat Das
Class II 'A'

IN MEMORIAM

NEWSLINE ANCHOR Viceroy Mountbatten's car was violating curfew, Sheriff ordered that it be shot at

All good shots: Quelling '47 riots to winning war

A YOUNG Muslim officer was called in from Pune to Delhi to control riots during Partition.

By the end of it, he had shot at Viceroy Lord Louis Mountbatten's car, fallen in love with a pretty Hindu doctor and earned commendations from his seniors.

From a Lieutenant Colonel, Mohammed Khaliullah Sheriff became a Brigadier - getting a not too common "double promotion."

This can only be put to preface Brigadier Sheriff's 92 well-lived years which came to an end on 25 November 03. He was cremated at an electric crematorium in the Capital amid prayers by a maulvi and a pandit. "His last rites were performed as per his wishes," said his son Shamsheer Sheriff, an IAS officer. Courageous, a man of conviction and secular to the core - there was much more to the life that spanned nearly a century.

Sheriff was nearly court-martialled for giving orders to fire at Mountbatten's car that broke curfew orders in 1947.

When a jawan informed Sheriff that a vehicle carrying the Viceroy's emblem was moving without permission, he ordered the hesitant jawan to shoot. An enquiry was ordered and the jawan was to be court-martialled.

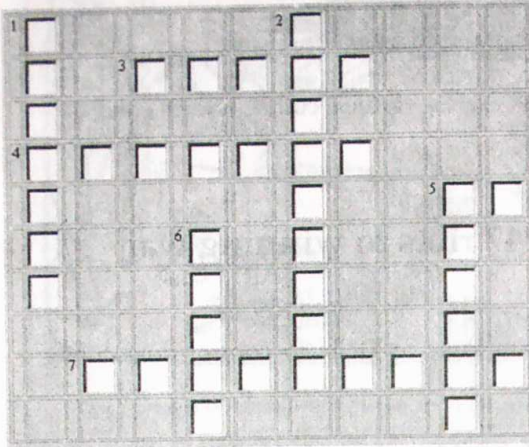
Sheriff said that if anybody had to be court-martialled it should be him since the jawan was only following orders.

And then he went on to say that if he was court-martialled, his troops would rebel. Hearing of the temerity and the courage of the young officer, the Viceroy summoned him and said, "Colonel, your jawan is a bad shot and we will let it go at that."

Sheriff also excelled himself during the 1948 war when he was asked to raise the crucial 164 Brigade at Gurdaspur. He recaptured the critical Dera Baba Nanak bridge which had fallen into Pakistani hands.

- extracts from *The Times of India*

Phrases with 'Make'



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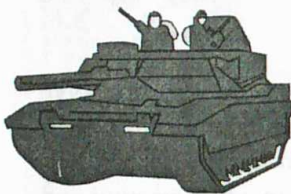
3. make over change
4. a remake a new ____.
5. how did you make out? How did you ____?
7. make-up products

Down

1. make into: change
2. make up with someone
5. make for a destination: go straight to a place.
6. unmade not tidy

- Saurabh Chaudhary
Class III

My Experience on the LOC



"It was a shattering blast which seemed to destroy all its surroundings. This blast woke me up as guns roared into life. It was then that everything came back in place. I was commanding a battalion on the LOC with an AK-47 in my hand and with the enemy on our heels. Now and then there were ear deafening blasts followed by the sound of the blazing guns. The battalion under my command leapt into action, but luck was not in our favour. We were running out of supplies and I was doubtful as to how long we would be able to hold on to our post. Nevertheless, with high spirits and great courage we kept on fighting. Suddenly, there was heavy fire from behind our lines and the enemy was baffled. It was the reinforcement which had come to our rescue. The enemy retreated in haste. Victory was ours, but fire across the LOC was still on. In my excitement I leapt out of the bunker and a stray bullet hit me. I went down thinking of how I had served the country." I kept down my pen and finished writing my essay on 'My Experience on the LOC'.

- Debangshu Roy
Class II 'A'

FLAVOUR OF THE MONTSCOTCH EGGS (25 Eggs)

INGREDIENTS: 1 Kg Mutton minced

Dry Spices : Clove 1 gm, Cardamon 5 gm, Cinnamon 5gm

Green Spices : Chillies-100 gms, Coriander – 100 gms, Garlic 50 gms, Ginger 50 gms, 200 gms Black Gram Powder, 100 gms Corn flour, 200 gms Bread Crumbs, Vinegar Worcestershire sauce, Chilliie sauce(100 gm pack), 30 Raw eggs, 1 kg refined oil

Method:

Boil 1kg of minced mutton with salt and dry spices .Let it cool and then add green spice paste along with corn flour and roasted green powder .Break 5 raw eggs over the contents and grind it to thick paste. Add vinegar , Worcestershire sauce and chillies sauce according to taste. Boil 25 eggs and after peeling them, cover the eggs with the prepared paste. Apply bread crumbs on their surface and place them in a separate container. Head the refined oil in a frying pan and deep fry the eggs prepared above. Scotch Eggs are ready. Serve with tomato sauce.

- Mr D Bahuguna

My experience during the 'NATIONAL GAMES'

After doing my practices ,along with a few other sportsmen I left for Delhi from here on 9th Dec. We reached Delhi the very next morning, where Mr. Subhash Rana came to receive us. He took the shooters to his residence where we refreshed ourselves, had our breakfast and then went to Tughlakabad range for practice.

We boarded our train to Hyderabad in the evening. We were horrified when we came to know, that our reservation was still in the waiting list, so we had to travel in the 'general class', an experience of a life-time. The next day, at around 9 p.m. we reached Hyderabad. The reception committee received us at the station and took us outside where a waiting counter was set-up for all the participants. Some refreshments were organized for the participants and then, the team boarded a bus which took us to the games village. Seeing all this, I felt extremely proud that I was taking part in such an event.

It was around 10 p.m. I saw the apartments where the arrangements for our accommodation were made. I could not believe my eyes because it looked like a huge palace from afar, beautifully lighted. When we entered the place, we could see hundreds of buses and cars parked outside for transportation. We roamed around the next day in the village, saw all the stadiums, and other places. The food was very

sumptuous. The following day, we went to our shooting range. It was under repair. In the evening, we went for the opening ceremony. We marched along with the teams. A wonderful show was organized, which everybody enjoyed. On 14th Dec, we went to our shooting range, practiced there, roamed around and came back. For the next two or three days, we used to go and practice, visit stadiums, watch different sports like Boxing, Swimming, Athletics, Badminton, etc.

On 17th, was our shooting match. Our team comprised of three members. One from ITBP(Mr. Nandan Kumar), the other from CRPF(Mr. Praveen Rawat). Mr. Nandan scored 569/600, and I scored 573/600 and Mr. Praveen scored 578/600. Our overall team score was average. The team which came 1st had average scores of around 591, 586 and 582. our team stood 8th out of a total of 16 teams. I was very satisfied with my score more than my average which was 570/600. I enjoyed myself the most that day, talked to many good shooters, took some tips, made a lot of friends, and at around 11:30 p.m., went to bed, tired yet satisfied.

Next day my escort and I woke up early and, got ready, packed everything, said goodbye to everyone, and boarded the bus being provided by the 'National Games Transportation Wing' along with some sportsmen from Punjab and reached the station at around 5:30 a.m. Our train (Andhra Pradesh Express) started off from there at around 6:40 a.m. and the very next day, at around 8:45 a.m., we reached New Delhi railway station.

This was an experience of a lifetime in which I did many things like travel in 'general-class', met many good sportsmen, not only of shooting but of many other disciplines, like Dhanraj Pillai, Anjali Vedpathak, P.T.Usha , travelling almost alone, staying at a totally new place amongst strangers and also participating in such a big competition, which is of the highest level in India, and being a part of the team comprising only of 3 members to represent the state.

A memorable one indeed.

- Cdt. Ishitab Vashisht

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Jan, 2003

(i) Cadet Rishiraj Choudhary(2072/P) has been appointed as the President of the Journalism club.

(ii) Cadet Aditya Sharma(2078/S) and Cadet Kunal Rai(2108/S) have been appointed as the President of the International Award for Young People (IAYP).

(iii) Cadets Gaurav Hridaya and Saurabh Chaudhary have been appointed as the club reporters of the Chronicle.

आखिर क्यों ?

तूने क्या सोचकर के दुनिया ये बनाई है।
भलाई वहाँ, तो यहाँ पे क्यों बुराई है ॥
मेरे मालिक भी तूने खेल ये कैसा खेला।
मिलते हम आज हैं, कल फिर से क्यों
जुदाई है ॥
तूने क्या सोचकर

कैसी अद्भुत रचाई तूने प्रभू माया है।
कहीं तो धूप है, कहीं पे मगर छाया है ॥
कोई कौए की तरह काला बना फिरता है।
किसी की दूध से भी उज्ज्वल क्यों काया है ॥
जरा अब एक बात मुझे भी बता मौला।
कहीं पे झूठ तो कहीं पे क्यों सच्चाई है ॥
तूने क्या सोचकर

उजाला दिन में तो रातें क्यों काली होती हैं?
प्यार की तू बता दुनिया क्यों खाली होती है।
कहीं तो अन्न पेट भर के खा रहे कुत्ते,
कहीं पे बोल तू क्यों रिक्त थाली होती है।
'वृजेश' को जरा इसका जवाब भी देना,
आखिर क्यों लड़ रहे आपस में भाई-भाई हैं?
तूने क्या सोचकर

घर कहाँ है जरा ये भी जरा बता मुझको,
अपने आवास का दे दे जरा पता मुझको।

सकल ब्रह्माण्ड ही नहीं तो कहीं घर तेरा,
या किसी कोने में बैठा है झांकता मुझको ॥
मैं तो धरती के एक क्षुद्र कोने में रहता,
तूने अपनी बता नगरी कहाँ बसाई है ॥
तूने क्या सोचकर

बड़े ईमान धरम से जो यहाँ रहते हैं,
वही क्यों कष्ट और जुल्मों को सहते हैं।
ध्यान देकर सुनो सवाल मेरा अन्तिम है,
लोग किस आधार पे भगवान तुझे कहते हैं ॥
समाप्त करता हूँ प्रश्नों का सिलसिला तुझसे,
क्योंकि आँखे मेरी अब अश्रु से भर आई हैं ॥
तूने क्या सोचकर

तेरी महिमा को ये वृजेश नमन करता है,
आज अर्पण तुझे ये तन, मन, धन करता है।
मेरे मालिक जरा तू सबका भला कर देना,
तेरा गुणगान ये धरती व गगन करता है ॥
राम तू हिन्दू का, मौला है मुसलमानों का,
कर रहे अभिनन्दन सिक्ख व ईसाई हैं।
तूने क्या सोचकर

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EDITORIAL

"If winter comes can spring be far behind" spring has come back with all its glory. Come 13th March and the so called generation gap visibly disappears. The old, the not-so-old and the young intermingle freely as if they had been doing so for ages. The annual re-union strengthens the bond of eternal brotherhood and evokes memories too sweet, too deep for words for a Rimcollian to express. Time and again, year after year Old Boys wend their ways to the college to re-strengthen the bond of love with their Alma Mater. To these homing pigeons who come to relive the joys, the tears of boy-hood years, and to their families who accompanied them to share sweet memories, the College community extends heartfelt gratitude for gracing the occasion.

MAIL BAG TO UK

To. The Rimcollians in UK from where Mr Peter Will has sent us a dye of the rimc of which we have made a Souvenir for the ladies, and which Maj Gen Manoharan has promptly worn on his Rimcollian Cap announcing himself as the RIMCOLLIAN OF THE MILLENIUM

"M TRIX" SCHOLARSHIP

Late Flt Lt Mahesh Tirkha joined RIMC on 1st August 1986 and passed out on 31st May 1992. During his stay at RIMC, he was always a well-behaved, smart and mischievous cadet. After getting commissioned into the Indian Air Force, his first posting was to the 114 Helicopter Unit Leh. He was with the unit since April 2001. During an operational sortie on 16th August 2002 at Siachen glacier, the highest battle field in the world, his CHEETAH helicopter, crashed at 0941 hrs.

As a token of remembrance, his parents have instituted a scholarship of Rs 50,000. This scholarship has been named 'M TRIX' and will be awarded annually to the wards of RIMC employees who excel in academics.

The scholarships for the first year were awarded by Mrs Tirkha, mother of Flt Lt Tirkha. The proud recipients of the scholarship were:

Kumari Alka D/o Sh Ramesh Kumar	8th	KV, ONGC
Kumari Geetanjali D/o Sh Rajan Dhanik	9th	KV, ONGC
Kumari Reena Chauhan D/o Sh Daya Ram	12th	Doon Valley

FOUNDATION STONES LAID

Mansarovar (Swimming Pool) Shopping Centre Officers Mess	Admiral Madhvendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of Naval Staff Maj Gen Virendra Singh (1929-34) Kitchner Lt Gen JS Varma, AVSM (1956-60) Shivaji, GOC in C, Eastern Command
Arjuna (Sports Complex)	Maj Gen K S Rao, Arjuna Award, SC, SM (1959-63) Pratap

MID TERM BREAK

Excursions were organized from 28th - 31st of March and parties of cadets were taken out to Agra, Amritsar, Chakrata, Pune and Cycle Safari to Rajaji National Park. Cadets seem to have benefitted a great deal by Hiking, Trekking and engaging themselves fruitfully in a number of educative experiences which outdoor life so amply offers to them. They are back, refreshed and reinvigorated and it is hoped that they would devote themselves to their studies with great deal.

REUNION

RIMC lives not in its idyllic surroundings, nor its Victorian roofs under which it is sheltered but in the quality of the students it trained and their remarkable and imperishable achievements in later life. A stream of men, illustrious and valiant celebrated the reunion with the usual gusto and enthusiasm.

The traditional hockey match on 12th of March added colour to the beautiful fabric of the Reunion. The old boys proved too strong and superior to their juniors in hockey. Their was wild enthusiasm among old boys when they cheered up their respective sections in boxing. Chandragupta Section walked away with the coveted cup while Royal Shivaji followed close behind. Col H S Mann gave away the prizes to the winning section and the boxers.

The Commandants address to the august assembly of Old Boys was followed by a very colourful cultural programme. The English play and the musical evening added a fresh dimension to the celebration. The medals and awards for the year were given away by Admiral Madhvendra Singh.

The floral homage paid at the War Memorial on 13th morning was a fitting prologue to the days events. The Cricket Match which followed the wreath Laying ceremony was witnessed by one and all. The College XI beat the Old Boys, fairly & squarely. The long and laborious game was followed by lunch.

The evening witnessed the Rimcollian meet where Old Boys and their families went around the college archives. The dossiers in the archive section retold unforgotten tales of the years they spent in RIMC; and some were seen lost in meditative moods. All this was followed by Old Boys dinner. The dinner time was in Rimcollian style- all the sumptuous and varied dishes adorning the table was a treat to watch. During the ceremonial dinner the President of the Old Boys Association made a brief speech and thanked the Commandant and the members of the staff for excellent arrangement for the comfortable stay and the success of the Reunion. On 14th March the Rimcollians held their Annual General Body Meeting. Thus came to a close the Rimcollian Meet. Long live the association.

- Gaurav Hridaya

SNIPPETS

Late Bikram Singh's last wish - "My Golf set and the trolley to be presented to RIMC by Maj Gen Virendra Singh at the AGM".

Pee pots for the boys should be lowered. - Gen Manoharan when asked to give comments on the new dorm

Cricket

- ▶▶ Old Boys team comprised of 22 players, 11 to bat and 11 to field.
- ▶▶ Rimcollian Umpiring-- "A wide ball, bat and pad ----- LBW"
- ▶▶ Score Book was hijacked by the RIM-COOL-LIONS
- ▶▶ Sqn Ldr Rakesh Rai was the wicket keeper while his son Cadet Kunal Rai batted, he tried his best but couldn't stump him out.
- ▶▶ Capt Aiyappa on being asked of his run out said, "When the Army Commander tells you to run you jolly well do".

VISIT HOBBIES

In the Alchemist Club

Maj Gen Bilu Neogy, VSM "Do they make wine?"

Maj Gen T V Manoharan : "You think they make Viagra"

Lt Col N P Sharma: "Where is the artificial volcano and the snowfall? You can't afford not to have them this year, after having them all these years."

R E U N I O N C U L T U R A L E V E N I N G

Culture is the beauty of intelligence, characters and mellowing sounds of music. It is the charisma in which everything is blended and refined. So, in pursuit of the cultural ethos, the cultural society of RIMC presented an evening under the aegis of 'Srijan' on the auspicious occasion of the Re-union. The Chief Guest of the function was Admiral Madhvendra Singh.

The programme commenced with a prayer to Goddess Saraswati. The programme was titled Saraswati Vandanam. The lead singers were Shashank, Abhishek, Kaushik, Shirshendu, Vineet, Vedant and Ramiz. On the tabla were Tuhin and Harshal and on the harmonium was Ms Neelam Kala. This was followed by a "Flute Recital" by Cdt Y Romen Singh, he played Raag-Bhoopali.

Ninad - a classical orchestra performance was given by the artists.

On Santur - Ankur Tiwari
On Sitar - Shirshendu and Swarnima
On Tabla - Tuhin and Harshal
On Surmandal - Kaushik
On Mandolin - Atish Agarwal and
On Indian Classical Guitar - Rohan R Kulkarni

In the Western Orchestra, they performed two songs titled "Walk down & run" and "Bird's call Private Tune". The artists were Asoom, Sadananda, Siddharth, Samananda, Wabang and Roshnikanta.

The last item was an English play titled "Good Morning and Welcome to the last and Final test of Berlin Oval". It was very well organized and enacted.

With this the cultural show came to an end and was loudly applauded

Cdt K Vinoth Vanya

COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

"I wish the occasion a grand success".

- Prosenjit Barua,
Director (Personal), Oil India Limited

"So very kind of you to invite us to attend 81st Founders Day Celebrations on 12th March 03".

- Col. H K Johar (Retd.)

"RIM College is an article of faith with me. My congratulations on the excellent manner you organised the reunion".

- Maj Gen Virendra Singh

"Wishing you a Happy Reunion. May the Rimcollian bond grow stronger and stronger. God bless all Rimcollians and their families".

- Ali Ahmed

"Heartiest greetings to all on the occasion of 81st Reunion".

- Parikshit, Sony i-Semicon, Japan

"Many Happy Returns of the Day. May the school prosper and attain greater glory in the years to come".

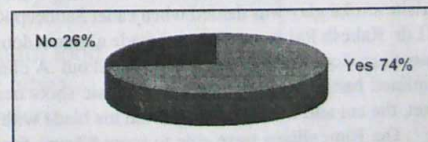
- Brig Gautam Dutt (Pratap 1961-65)

"These wishes come to you from the Democratic Republic of Congo or the erstwhile Zaire, I am here as a Military Observer in the UN Mission (called the MONUC) and there are three Rimcollians here - Ali Ahmed Zaki (Pratap) and Vivek Jaswal (Shivaji) being the other two. Enjoy yourself and Congratulations".

- Major Deepak Singh Bisht (Pratap 82-87)

OPINION POLL

The result of last RIMC opinion poll -
Are academics your first priority in School?
- A total of 250 cadets voted.



Next opinion poll -

SHOULD HUMANITIES STREAM BE INTRODUCED AT +2 LEVEL?

HOCKEY MATCH BETWEEN CADETS AND OLD BOYS

RIMC Founders Day is a day when the RIMCO's get an opportunity to reach and discover the foundation of RIMC. All the old boys with their memories and experiences share their feelings with the cadets. Their endeavour is to spend lots of time with the cadets trying to explore the changes. To keep this spirit high a traditional hockey match was organized between cadets and the old boys. The match started off with the cadets making good moves but got no result. Cadets continued with the display of their talent and agility and put a lot of pressure on old boys. But the old boys came back



strongly after the first half and in the penultimate minutes Cdt Amardeep (NDA) scored a goal. The Old Boys lifted the trophy, which was instituted by C R Ramaswamy and presented by Col Amrik Singh (Shivaji).

- Atish Negi
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RJMC Squad drill cup

After a long period of day and night practices for the squad drill cup, came the day long awaited. 27th of February was the day when all the sections were to give a performance based on a years practice of drill.

All of us were ready in our 'Olive Green' uniforms on the parade ground. It was time for the chief guest, Brigadier Patnaik and Mrs Patnaik to arrive. As soon as they arrived, without wasting any time the competition started with the Ranjit section. The squad was commanded by Cdt Sec Com G R Sahoo. Smartly they marched into the parade ground and displayed great enthusiasm in the way they marched. The next section was Chandragupta led by Cdt Sec Com Chinmoy Choudhary. Their squad displayed great confidence and did prove to be a good match for the Ranjities. It was a wonderful sight to see how the cadets marched past smartly the chief guest, saluting him. Then it was the Pratap section led by Cadet NCO Rishiraj. It was indeed very interesting to see the cadets obeying their commanders commands without looking left or right. The best part of it was that the entire thing was very well synchronized. Last of all was the Shivaji section led by Cdt. NCO Aditya Sharma. The Shivajians did a great show. After all the teams were done, the scores of all the sections were submitted to the teacher in charge of the scoring. The long awaited results were as follows :

First	Shivaji
Second	Pratap
Third	Ranjit
Fourth	Chandragupta

Gautam Swaroop
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CADETS VS OLD BOYS CRICKET MATCH

On 13th of March the traditional match between college XI and Old Boys XI got underway with the Old Boys winning the toss and they put RIMC to bat.. The match added a lot of fun, colour and frolic to the general festivities going all over the college campus. The weather was ideal and the cricket field which resembled the billiard table like surface probably prompted the old timers to field and give first use of the wicket to the young stars.

The Rimcollege had a formidable side which contained a number of ardent cricketers. The Skipper of the Rimcollian XI Lt Gen Jat Varma set up an attacking field for Maj R S N Singh who opened from the canal end. Cadet Abhishek Tyagi faced the first over and flicked the second ball dangerously past over the long slip for four runs and then Karan Sharma drove the same bowler towards mid wicket for a brace. Lt Shoumik Chaudhary opened from the bindal end. Abhishek Tyagi made a very solid start against him and then Karan took over the change from Abhishek and thrashed almost every bowler. They managed to carry the score to 60 by some sensible batting. Sensing that the batsmen were dragging themselves in, the skipper of the Rimcollian XI made a double bowling change. In one of the forward prods Abhishek Tyagi missed the time of the ball and there was a loud appeal for L B W and promptly up went the finger of Col Bedi. Thanks to some real guard action by Cadets Sandeep Karwasra and Karan Sharma who by some finely executed strokes and adventure in batting gave a merciless pounding to the Rimcollian attack and helped the college XI to reach a respectable total of 122 in 16 overs.

The Rimcollian opened their innings with Sqn Ldr Pundir and Mr Zia. The spectators were anticipating some bright cricket, particularly from Mr Zia, who has a reputation of being a hard hitting batsman. However the delight of watching his exquisite stroke play was denied when cadet Sandeep Karwasra's bowling uprooted his middle stump with a beautiful inswinger. Sqn Ldr Rakesh Rai came next and made a tremendous contribution of 30 runs including a sixer. Lt Gen Jat Varma came to the crease when Sqn Ldr Pundir was declared out .A clinched field was set for him. But this had very little effect on him. By his disciplined batting he executed some classic shots treating spinner and the seamers as he liked. Drives on either side of the wicket, the cut and the pull flowed from his blade with the grace of a seasoned batsman.

The Rimcollians were able to score 87 runs for the loss of 07 wickets. At the end of the match Lt Gen. Vinay Shankar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM President ROBA presented the cricket trophy to Abhishek Tyagi, Captain of college XI. The match was followed by luncheon in the Cadet Captain's Quadrangle.

Tuhin Mukherjee
III-A

RIMCOLLIAN'S WHO ATTENDED THE REUNION

Cmde H Sahney, NM
 Maj Gen Ashok Samantaray, VSM
 Col Jasbir Singh Bajwa
 Wg Cdr RK Sinha, VM
 Maj Gen TV Manoharan (Retd)
 Maj Gen Bilu Neogy, VSM
 Cdr AK Sood
 Col VK Chaudhary
 Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM
 Lt Gen JS Varma, AVSM
 Capt KS Aiyappa (IN)
 Dr NM Ghatate
 Maj TAS Bedi
 Col Gurkeerat Singh
 Cdt B C Bulle
 Cdt C K Kothari
 Cdt Deevaj Thapa
 Cdt R V Anand
 Cdt Om Kelkar
 Col JR Trikha
 Lt Gen Yash Malhotra
 Col AK Sharma
 Maj Gen BS Pawar
 Wg Cdr BK Prusty
 Brig AK Kapur
 Col PP Singh
 Gp Capt A Dhar
 Col AS Khaira (Retd)
 Maj Gen BP Wadhwa (Retd)
 Lt Col P Barua (Retd)
 Col KK Mowar (Retd)
 Lt Col MG Jacob
 Col JK Khan, VSM (Retd)
 Lt Col Jasbir Singh (Retd)
 Lt Col MV Raj
 Sqn Ldr RS Bhatti (Retd)
 Flt Lt M Faisal
 Sqn Ldr GRS Reddy (Retd)
 Col AK Singh
 Lt Gen Vinay Shankar, PVSM, AVSM, VSM
 (Retd)

Brig AK Chatterjee
 Brig AK Dutta
 Brig GS Kochhar
 Lt Col MS Natu
 Sqn Ldr Rakesh Rai
 Mrs Zorawar Singh (W/o Late Maj Gen Zorawar Singh)
 Maj KC Anand
 Lt Col RC Virmani
 Maj Munendra Gupta
 Lt Col Hirak S Sen (Retd)
 Col Rimmo Carbak
 Col Anup Kumar Tiwari
 Gp Capt A Sen
 Wg Cdr Rajbir Yadav
 Col Prabhakar N Chaudhary
 Wg Cdr Ajay Ram
 Rear Admiral PD Sharma
 Maj Ravi Maira
 Col GS Bhullar
 Flt Lt Guarav Mishra
 Lt S Chaudhary
 Maj Gen KS Rao, Arjuna Award, KC, SM
 Flt Lt Nitin Kanwar
 Col NK Sinha (Retd)
 Col HS Mangat
 Lt Anil Jagtiani (Retd)
 Wg Cdr SR Swarup
 Mr Rajesh Kumar
 Mr RN Sah
 Brig BP Patnaik
 Lt Col NP Sharma
 Mr VK Singh
 Mr Zia-ul-Hussain
 Cdt Bhawani Singh
 Cdt K Varun Prakash
 Cdt Krishna Kabir
 Cdt Prashant Singh
 Cdt R Prakash
 Mr AS Panwar

In hasty flight of celestial bright
 Clouds may drop amidst moonshine aglow
 In a night full of delight
 Time may stop or years may go.

Let there be joy and peace for long
 In this world and many other
 Now is the time but I belong
 To you my friend who goes on forever.

- Cdr A P Bhattacharya
 New Delhi 23.12.2002

PHOTO GALLERY



Commandant & Mrs Mangain with the CONS Admiral Madhvendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC



Old Boys paying homage at the War Memorial



Maj Gen Virendra Singh (Retd.) laying the foundation stone of 'Shopping Complex'



Naval Chief at the College Indoor Shooting Range



Final recipients of 'MTRIX' Scholarship



English Play in progress



The jubilant Old Boys Hockey Team



The proud Ranjities receiving the 'Champion Section Trophy'.

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Results Novices Boxing

Best Boxer	-	(a) Sanjeev Timsina (R) (b) Sumeet Kumar (P)
Well Fought-	-	(a) Varun Agarwal (P) (b) Mohit Sharma (C) (c) Rohit Shekhar (P) (d) Abhijeet Singh (P) (e) G Satish Kumar (R) (f) Kaushik Parsuraman (C) (g) Yashpal CH (C) (h) Samrat Achra (S)
Consolation Prize	-	Vishnu Mahajan (S)
Most Entertaining Bout	-	Zulfiquar Hasan (R) Vs Vasu Banathia (P)

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Inter Section Boxing Competition RESULTS

<u>Weight Category</u>	<u>Name of Winners</u>
30 - 33 Kgs	Cadet Vijay Prakash Singh (C)
30 - 36 Kgs	Cadet Lalrin Sanga (S)
36 - 39 Kgs	Cadet Neikhotso Secu (S)
39 - 42 Kgs	Cadet Kavi Kashyap (S)
42 - 45 Kgs	Cadet Amrit Hundal (R)
45 - 48 Kgs	Cadet RP Singh (C)
48 - 51 Kgs	Cadet Lokesh Shukla (C)
51 - 54 Kgs	Cadet Hari Om (R)
54 - 57 Kgs	Cadet Manjit Kataria (S)
57 - 60 Kgs	Cadet Lenin Pal (C)
60 - 63 Kgs	Cadet L Binoy Singh (C)
63 - 66 Kgs	Cadet Abhishek Kumar (C)
Consolation Prize	- Cadet Vikram Singh Dangi
Best Loser	- Cadet Bhavya Tyagi
Best Boxer	- Cadet Lokesh Shukla

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The college team has the undermentioned cadets -

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| (a) Cadet Lokesh Shukla (C) | (k) Cadet Neikhotro Secu (S) |
| (b) Cadet L Binoy Singh (C) | (l) Cadet Vijay Prakash Singh (C) |
| (c) Cadet Hari Om (R) | (m) Cadet Vikram Singh Dangi (R) |
| (d) Cadet RP Singh (C) | (n) Cadet Bhavya Tyagi (R) |
| (e) Cadet Lenin Pal (C) | (p) Cadet Y Romen Singh (C) |
| (f) Cadet Abhishek Kumar (C) | (q) Cadet Kalyan Mainocha (R) |
| (g) Cadet Kavi Kashyap (S) | (r) Cadet Somay Munde (C) |
| (h) Cadet Amrit Hundal (R) | (s) Cadet Pranay Chandra (S) |
| (i) Cadet Manjit Kataria (S) | (t) Cadet Ashok Garg (P) |
| (j) Cadet Lalrin Sanga (S) | (u) Cadet Aditya Sharma (S) |

Inter Section Shooting Competition

Section	Group/Category	Agg. Score	Position	Points	Total Points	Overall Position
Pratap	Senior (O.22)	581	Ist	4	12	Ist
	Junior (Air Rifle)	600	Ist	4		
	Junior(Air Pistol)	919	Ist	4		
Ranjit	Senior (O.22)	578	IIInd	3	8	IIInd
	Junior (Air Rifle)	495	IIIrd	2		
	Junior(Air Pistol)	857	IIInd	3		
Shivaji	Senior (O.22)	537	IVth	1	6	IIIrd
	Junior (Air Rifle)	533	IIInd	3		
	Junior(Air Pistol)	838	IIIrd	2		
C/Gupta	Senior (O.22)	568	IIIrd	2	4	IVth
	Junior (Air Rifle)	455	IVth	1		
	Junior(Air Pistol)	667	IVth	1		

Inter Section Cricket Competition

(i) Best Batsman (JR)	-	Cadet Aditya Shahi	MP - 03	RS - 116	NO - 02
(ii) Best Bowler (JR)	-	Cadet Mahipal Dangi	MP - 03	W - 08	
(iii) Best Fielder (JR)	-	Ankush Vashistha	03 Catches	02 Stump	
(iv) Most Upcoming	-	Cadet Vaibhav Bhardwaj	MP-03	RS-63	W-7
(v) Best Batsman (Sr)	-	Cadet Abhishek Tyagi	MP- 03	RS 148	
(vi) Consolation Prize	-	Cadet K Kanungo	Batting		
(vii) Best Bowler (Sr)	-	Cadet Lokesh Shukla	W - 12		
(viii) Best Fielder (Sr)	-	Cadet Karan Sharma	Catches - 04	Stump - 02	

MUSINGS

Sitting in the corridors, leaning against the pillars and basking in the morning sun is absolutely one of the finest things in the world, which is what I am doing right now. Outside the music room, that is. The room however is locked and the keys safe in the hands of Mr Vishwakarma. Let me tell you about the room.

It is a medium sized room, housing musical instruments of all shapes and sizes. There are two entrances and doorways. The exit is yet to be made 'Most unfortunate' are the first words that emerge out of the mouths of a large number of cadets the moment you tell them that you are in the music hobby.

But things are not all that bad. I assure you. Things go pretty awry when graduation comes around. But apart from that, though not a bed of roses, life isn't exactly hell.

Since I am writing about my hobby, I might as well tell you what I do in the activity. Apart from not attending which accounts for 75% of the time, I actually do play an instrument. Quite a few as it were. The guitar being the foremost. I don't claim to be an Eric Clapton or Bryan Adams. But I do know the basics.

AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO GET STUCK HERE!

AMIHE SWU

Flourescent Flowers

When I was ten, we had one of the coldest winters in Sikkim. Though it did get cold, it was quite unusual to find frost early in the morning. Khang-chen-dzonga had been scaled, and I think the people were very unhappy about it, since it was considered a sin to climb the peak. The story begins somewhere here. Legends and myths have always found a strong place in Sikkim; so, it would really be one tough task to count the number of stories there.

There is an old legend in the deep forests of west Sikkim, that there is a strange type of flower that emits light and has miraculous healing powers. People have gone deep inside these dense forests to get this plant, however they have not yet returned to tell us of their adventures. They just disappeared and slowly people forgot about them. Phosphorescent lights flickering in the deep regions of the forest were observed by the people of the tiny villages of Uttaray and Varshey. Campers?.. well, it was quite odd for people to venture out in the dark, late at night. I guess the story here becomes quite similar to that of the X- Files.

Eight weeks later, two campers were found dead on the shore of Khecho Palri, a mysterious lake in the region. ('Mysterious' in the sense, it's renowned for its numerous tales of magic and myths.) The campers died due to severe hypothermia and shock or maybe after seeing something really out of this world! Well, the stories, which went around the area, seemed strange to most of us. They said ghostly figures of masked dancers appeared on the shore of the Khecho Palri. I'm sure that would have been one thing which most of us wouldn't have liked to have seen.

Each one of us, at some point in time has felt 'depressed'. Depression has, I guess, a cause that may seem a bit out of this world. People believe that depression is caused by spirits. The stories of the ghostly figures or 'Dancers of the Night' became increasingly popular. There was a cloud of depression that spread all over Sikkim. However, tourists kept pouring in from all parts of the country and as the number of religious sites open to the public increased, there was a sudden rise in the occurrence of various natural calamities---landslides, everywhere. It was obvious that the deities were angry, and all this wouldn't end until they were pleased. Then, another strange thing happened.

Deep within the same forests, there were loud beating of drums and blowing of bone-horns in the middle of the night. Unless you were there yourself, it is indeed very difficult to believe such a story. It is quite an experience to hear these sounds. The next thing reported was that a number of cattle had been slaughtered within a night. The folks believed it was a strange creature of the mountains that had come down to the villages to prey upon the cattle. It was also believed that the creature had been sent by the deities to punish the people of the villages, who had been uprooting trees and plants, for their own profit. The creature was indeed a strange one, it was said to be a cross between a yak and a tiger.

A few days later, a vast and extensive ritual was carried out in the ancient monasteries of Dubdi and Pemayangtse. Since it was carried out late, as the people said, the sacrifices couldn't be made. The deities were still very unhappy, since the people had failed to please them. What happened next was one incident no one would ever forget. Fifteen mutilated bodies of children were discovered in the same forest. They had all been brutally tortured and beheaded. Even though a

vast investigation was carried out, nothing was done & nothing could have been done. A month later, a gray-clouded leopard was spotted in the outskirts of Yuksom, by the edge of the same forest. The demon and his league of evil spirits had indeed left the forest. There was a grand celebration at the nearby villages. It was then followed by a heavy rainfall that went on for a few days. It was said that the forests were being cleansed of all their filth and sin. It was strange, rain in spring but at least it was a lot better than strange creatures running around.

1997 was the year when all this happened. It had all happened within a time span of half a year. It was weird though; it was a question of a massacre in the forest. Many investigators were brought in. People thought the Chinese had infiltrated inside and all this was a result of the experiments carried out by them, or maybe there were terrorists in the deep regions of the forest where they carried out their training. Anyway, there wasn't any strong evidence to prove all this. It also was a terrible co-incidence that the world witnessed several tragic events within the same time period, like the passing away of Mother Teresa and Lady Diana, the princess of Wales. Being an atheist, I still do not believe that all this had a supernatural cause, however sometimes it really makes me think. The search for the fluorescent flower had begun it all. It was indeed the greed that had been a root for all the suffering, greed for money and fame. Discovering such a plant would have indeed made a lot of money. Anyway, till now the myth of 'The fluorescent flower' has not yet been solved.

& & believe it or not & &

-MARCUS PRADHAN

WHY EMINEM RULZ

The teenage life. A life brimming with tension, drugs and relationships. Then there are the worries, problems, family and responsibilities. Then there's Eminem. Always Eminem. The boy next-door Rapper. Reaching out to the hearts and minds of the teenage. Eminem truly means the world to many.

Rapping is an art. You've got to do it right or you get the boot. So they say! Eminem got the boot too. The first people he went for producing his music said his 'type' would never sell. They wanted rap. God! They must be regretting the day. Kicking themselves in the face at the very thought of having let a billion dollar prospect go. He revolutionised the art of rapping. Rap is now Eminem.

His rap reaches out to millions. No kidding. People worship his garbage. To describe his rapping in one word, many would use Explicit. Let me know who isn't in today's world of music. Except your friendly neighbourhood Phil Collins, Elton John or Celine Dion. People have tried to curb the Eminem 'epidemic' plaguing the youth but to no avail. The more they criticize, the more he includes their criticism in his numbers making them hits. They just can't get him off the music channels. If he gets banned the public go riotic. They just have to bring him back. People made bookings three weeks in advance to catch his latest flick in which he co-stars with Brittany Murphy of 'Don't Say A Word'. The movie portrays his journey to becoming a worldwide icon. Just who can compete? Probably the ones explicit enough. Yes you just have to be explicit to get on top in this world full of teenage music fans. Except 'The Ketchup Song' with brought Eminem down to number two. Not for long I think. Linkin park, Limp Bizkit and Blink are the most probable but they don't seem to be making much headway when it comes to dethroning Eminem. Guess its always going to be Eminem as the king; his would be dethroners mere paupers. Well as some of them say, if you can't get to the top no matter how hard you try, stop trying, live n let live. If you're never going to be able to dethrone this king of rap until maybe he's carrying a walking stick along..live n let live.

TILL THEN EMINEM STILL RULES

SHARYF BHONSLE

बचपन

बचपन न याद दिलाना मित्र,
आँसुओं को रोक न पाऊँगा।
याद फिर से आएँगे वो दिन,
मैं फिर से उनमें खो जाऊँगा।।

क्या दिन वो हुआ करते थे प्यारे,
सपनों में खोया रहता था।
दिन - भर खुली हवा में नाच -- कूद,
माँ के आँचल में सोया करता था।।

पढने का बोझ न था सर पे,
न ही जीवन एक भार था।
हिंसा के तो अर्थ से अनजाना,
हर चेहरे से दिल को प्यार था।।

मासूम सा था जीवन मेरा,
फूलों से बातें करता था।
छोटी बातों पर रोने लगता,
थोड़ी देर बाद हँस पड़ता था।।

फिर सूरज ढल रहा है,
और कुछ क्षण में रात हो गई।
सुबह हुई तो उठकर देखा,
फिर से वही बात हो गई।।

मैं और मेरे मित्र खड़े थे,
वह देख रहा था मेरी आँखों को।
मैं फिर से खो चुका था यादों में,
समेटे उस प्यारे बचपन को।

— सिद्धार्थ

INTERVIEW WITH THE CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

E.B: WHAT IMPRESSED YOU THE MOST AT RIMC?

CNS: The dedication, discipline, sincerity and uniqueness of the cadets. There are plenty of opportunities available to the cadets here and they are utilizing it fully.

E.B: HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO DESCRIBE RIMC IN A SENTENCE?

CNS: It is a very good institution. I haven't seen any school with just 250 cadets and so many opportunities.

E.B: YOUR FATHER WAS IN THE ARMY. SO, WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO JOIN THE NAVY?

CNS: 23 members of my family including relatives were in the Army from Cadets to Generals. Thus, I decided to do something new - I joined the Navy.

E.B: IF THERE IS A WAR BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN, WHAT WILL BE THE ROLE OF THE NAVY?

CNS: The Navy has a tremendous role to play. For example during the 1971 war, Karachi was blockaded by our Navy and then Pakistan couldn't support the war for more than two days as their oil resources were exhausted.

E.B: HOW CAN YOU COMPARE OUR NAVY TO THAT OF AMERICAN NAVY?

CNS: "Give me the amount of money they receive from the government for their infrastructure, and I will build a whole new Naval empire."

E.B: DID YOU EVER THINK AS A CADET THAT YOU WOULD ONE DAY BECOME THE CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF?

CNS: No, I never thought so. I believe in enjoying whatever work I do and not asking for any reward or award. You should always enjoy your work whatever it may be.

E.B: HOW IS NAVY BETTER THAN OTHER FORCES?

CNS: They work inside our border whereas we work Nationally as well as Internationally.

E.B-Editorial Board
CNS-Chief of Naval Staff

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CHIEF GUEST: 153rd GRADUATION CEREMONY

Shri P C Hota is the 21st Chairman of the UPSC since its inception in the year 1926. He belongs to the 1962 Batch of the Indian Administrative service of the Orissa Cadre. An alumnus of Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, he did his BA (Hons) in History in 1957 and MA in Political Science in 1959. He got a first class both in his BA (Hons.) from the Utkal University and the MA from the University of Allahabad (1957-59). He successfully competed for the IS examination in October-November 1961 and was among the first ten candidates in order of merit. He joined the Indian Administrative Service on 21 May 1962. A senior fellow at the Sloan School, MIT, Boston, USA, he also held several important positions in the Government of India as well. He was Additional secretary in UPSC from 1984 to 1989 and was Member Secretary of Dr Satish Chandra Committee for Review of the Scheme of Civil Services Examination (1988). In 1990, he became Additional secretary, Ministry of Labour and in 1993 the Secretary, Ministry of parliamentary Affairs. Shri Hota had led the Indian delegation to the International Labour Conference in Geneva in May 1991. As Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, he led the Indian delegation to the Eastern Regional Organization of Public Administration at Tokyo. In 2001, he led a delegation of the UPSC to Singapore and Australia to study and report on the scheme of selection to public services in those countries.

A historic event.....

Tarangini is a square rigged ship of displacement 500 tons. It is powered by sails and it is embarking on a maiden round the world voyage carrying messages of peace and friendship from the shores of India to 37 ports in the six continents of the world covering a distance of over 30000 nautical miles. A historic event, this is the first time that the Navy is rigging up Tarangini's three mast's to venture beyond. Our cadets Abhishek Gargmukh and Vinoth Vanya shall be a part of this circumnavigation voyage for a period of five weeks. The cadets would embark on 25 June at Hamilton, Canada, and disembark at Chicago, USA on 2 August. The invitation to embark these two cadets was made by the kind courtesy of Admiral Madhvendra Singh, CNS during the 81st founders day celebration. This unique adventure will be an excellent platform to widen the horizons of our cadets and all that they will learn on board will be without any parallel.



News in brief

1. Brig Raj Manchanda visited the college from 22-23 March..
2. The Commandant presented Wipro wrist watches and discount coupons worth Rs 6000/- each as prizes, won by **Fizi Yadav, Atish Negi, Ateesh Aggarwal and Abhishekh Tripathi** in the 4th National Science Olympiad. A wipro wrist watch was also awarded to **Mr S K Tyagi** for co-ordinating the event on behalf of the organizers.
3. The college authorities have invited class IV to go ahead with the waste paper re-cycling program.
4. Cadets **Amrit Kumar, Class IV and Alok Bhaskar, Class IA** were felicitated for scoring highest aggregate in the 1st Unit Test. CLASS IIA was awarded treat coupons for scoring the highest class average.
5. **Ishitabh Vashist and Pawan Bhardwaj** were offered scholarships worth Rs 4000 and Rs 3000 respectively for their outstanding performance in Pre-National shooting.
6. **Mr S Kandhari**, former Principal Welham Boys' School delivered a talk to classes II and IIA on 16 April on *History and Geography of Doon Valley*.
7. **Asoom Sharma and Anvesh Murthy** participated in the **Miss Saroj Srivastava** English Debate at Welham Girls School on 18 April.
8. College Cricket team participated in The **Dhruv Pandove Memorial YPS SIXES CRICKET TOURNAMENT** from 12-13 April at YPS Patiala and were adjudged runners-up in a well fought match against YPS Mohali.
9. **KIDS FOR TIGER PROGRAMME:** 11 cadets were awarded participation certificates. **Siddharth Mohan** won second position in a Slogan contest and was awarded a coupon worth Rs300/- While Vedant Pun and G Satish Kumar won third position in clay modelling contest and were awarded a coupon worth Rs 200/-.
10. **English Creative Writing Contest** was held on 30 April. Pratap Section won the Cup followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Chandragupta.
11. **2 Round of Inter Section Quiz Competition** was held on 21 April, Pratap section won and Ranjit section was runners-up.
12. **Pallava Jha, Himanshu, Aditya Sharma, Anvesh Murthy, Anshuman Jayadev, Kunal Rai, Rohit Tanwar, Vaibhav Gupta, Rakesh Kumar, Ronnie Chowpoo, Anubhav Bhattacharya** have attained the Silver Medal of the International Award for Young People (IAYP). **Amihe Swu, Kunal Rai, Aditya Sharma and Karan Sharma** attended the **Annual IAYP presentations held on Thursday the 24 April** at the Delhi Police Public School.
13. Scholastics India has presented complimentary books worth Rs 4000/- to the college as incentive under their Book Reading programme.

Commander A P Bhattacharya (Rimcollian 1956-60) who has been teaching at the RIMC since April 2000 presented a manuscript of his book "The Vrindavan Express" to our library on 4th May 2003 at a simple function in the morning assembly in the Bhagat Hall. It is a book about the future society of humans and life in the planets and the cataclysmic events that took place at the turn of the century. The Commander is a prolific writer. He has written over 3600 poems and translated over 1100 lyrics of Prabhat Sangeet, Bengali spiritual songs into English. His book "In Luv with God" published by Minerva Press London in 1999 was presented to the library during the Re union on 13 Mar 2000. We wish him God speed and all success in publishing his literary works, which he says gets a great boost due to the sylvan surroundings of RIMC

COMMANDANTS MAIL BAG

"I have enclosed a copy of the book "Marketers Options in Rural Areas" authored by me, it will be a ready reckoner for the students of economics after class X. I am certain that my alma mater will be the best place for my book."

Lt Col Kaushik Sircar

"The Inter section results for the year were a big cause for cheering and jeering, and the school's achievements both in academics and sports were lauded by all. A special cheer went out to Mrs J Pavri whose kind indulgence has made Sir Dorabji Trust Corpus of Rs 40 lakh possible. The chapter resolved to make good all individual views to the ROBA (including the Shivajians if you please).

Jagdeep Kairon

QUOTE- UNQUOTE

1 "It has been noticed that a number of shoes are being stored by the cadets under their beds and also additional bedding are being laid on the beds, also more hats are kept in the dormitories, than actually required."

During His Excellencies the Viceroy and the Countess of Reading proposed visit.
(College order of 14th April 1972).

2 "We didn't know so many birthday boys have taken place....."

AO's assembly

3 Happy Mahavir Jayanti to dedicated MOS
Thought for the day

4 The biggest fear of a man is his WIFEEEE.
Rajdeep Singh during Assembly

5 "The holiday will be observed, only classes will be held, later on a hockey match followed by the IPSC shooting competition....."
College Authorities to Class V cadets



Newz

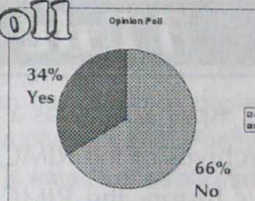
Lt Col Bansal, OIC Project, has been posted to ESD Delhi Cantt to take up his new assignment. We thank him for his efforts to ensure that all the projects are cleared by the Govt. Mrs Mamta Gautam after a short and fruitful stint at RIMC has joined Welham Girls School, as an English Teacher. We congratulate them and wish them the best of luck.

Lt Col T K Chakravarti has been posted to Tezpur as GSO I (SD), HQ 4 Corps. He has been a tough AO; mature, devoted and always a step ahead (some say behind) the plotters amongst cadets. We extend our heartiest welcome to Lt Col RPM Panghal, (Chandragupta 1976-81) as our new AO, he is from 3 Rajput. A fine gentleman of disarming humility, he has to his credit a brilliant record of service. Besides being imbued with an abiding interest in education, his interests are Hockey, Soccer and Squash.

Opinion Poll

Do you get a minimum of eight hours of sleep?

A total of 243 cadets voted



Award Introduced

"I love your walk"

Eligibility: Resident of RIMC campus, no humps, no slouches, no turns, no curves

Last Date: 27th May

Entry Forms: Available at ILUW@yahoo.co.in

NABBED

- ✓ The Cadet Captain Jamming assembly.
- ✓ Pranay Chandra killing an ant.
- ✓ Mr R T Selven with high heeled shoes.
- ✓ Mr Bhatia with a pocket mirror.
- ✓ 70% MOS moving with cell phones (overcrowding the AO's radar)
- ✓ Leopold Arambam and Neikhotso Sekhu speaking in Hindi.
- ✓ Mr B Chauhan with painted nails.
- ✓ Pratap Section tutors 'Dabaoing and Chabaoing tea shares.

Gallup Poll

How many times a week do you brush your teeth?	Once a Week 12% Twice a Week 43% Three times a Week 5% More than three times 18%	Favourite School Activity	Maroing 12% Chaboing 13% Daboing 11% Doping 55% Shamming 9%
How many times do you take a bath?	Every day 1% Once in two days 60% Once a Week 26% Once a month 3%	Favourite drink	Coke 15% H ₂ O 40% Fresh Juice 40% Others 5%
Favorite Cereal:	Dalia 41% Chapati 35% Dal 20% Others 4%	Favourite Ragging	Rolling 40% Haunching 20% Push-ups 30% Others 10%

A Date With National Archives of India

07 April 2003 was a red letter day for the archives of the RIMC. For the first time in its history the RIMC initiated a dialogue with the National Archives of India (NAI), New Delhi to learn from their vast experience of keeping records of the nation well over the last one hundred years. Their records run into crores and in their Record Room at Delhi alone it runs into a distance of 45 Km. Some of their records are as old as sixth century BC. And most extraordinarily NAI have valuable records of the RIMC from the early days of 1901, which include 342 files available about the Imperial Cadet Corps era. They have

agreed to share all records with us.

Commander Bhattacharya and Mr Selven visited the NAI and their various departments on 07 April with a view to learn how to improve upon record management and preservation of our archives. On 8-9 May Mr Sanjay Garg Asst Director NAI visited our archives, library and rendered valuable advice. We have a follow up plan in place and hope that this historical interface between the NAI and RIMC's archives would be of great value for the future.

Make no mistake...

Make no mistake; I am not trying to undermine the enormity of human tragedy in Iraq right now. I was appalled, pained and deeply shocked at what happened. For one full day, glued to the TV my sensibilities were completely eroded. The extent of individual human tragedy is unimaginable to comprehend. My immediate emotional reaction was, get the culprits and bring them to book, torture them and skin them alive. Quite a strong reaction! Isn't it? But as tempers and emotions cooled down my sensibilities came to the fore. And I asked the question why? Why innocent people all the time? And in exasperation I knew the answer, it is always the innocent who suffer. But can any political cause or mission, be reason enough to bring about so much of pain and suffering to innocent people. The answer is still no! But then there is another question, which started bogging my mind. What did the Iraqis do to incite such an act of terror against them? Were their policies hurting certain section of people? What happened, why were they made the target? It is an act of hate. But one cannot hate someone or even a nation unless and until one is given a reason to do so. It is time that the policy makers in America look inwards as well. Going and getting the culprits bringing them to book is understandable. The guilty should be punished. But along with it, looking inwards in retrospection and reflecting on past history and the incidents leading to this horrible acts of terror is something which every American should introspect about. So that such type or acts of terror is averted in future. As the people who are suffering had nothing to do with the policies and the decisions of their government.

In this hour of need, the entire European, American world stands united. But why are the Middle-East

and the Asian countries divided. Now I do not say that we should unite and support the terrorists group, which is certainly not what I mean. But can't we all get together and find a peaceful solution to all this and have a strong voice of our own. Peace in this region would mean stopping of the arms race, and finance getting canalized towards the economic development of the area. Progress and with progress and development comes power economic power to the people which the western world does not want to be centralized here understandably.

Terrorism is a menace in today's world and did it have to take such huge and colossal human tragedy in Iraq for the world to wake up to it! I wish this menace were addressed earlier. It would have saved a lot of human tragedies. And US as a world power and a leader that it proclaims it to be, has to take the lead and come out clear with their intentions too. I speak for no one, no country, I speak for mere mortals human beings and people in position of power have forgotten just that. For them the common man's blood is water, it does not matter how much it flows before their ends are met. Politics has been a dirty game over the ages. What happens there no one knows. Over the table we see and hear but underhanded deals, we never get to know most of the time. But in this hour when the whole world is gunning for Iraq, my heart goes out only for the Iraqi people, who would ultimately get affected. It is not their fault; they are humans just like any one of us and the common man feelings and their conditions are same everywhere. It is the stand of their military government for which they will suffer. I do not know if there is a way out of all this, but if there is, the Americans should find one, before even a single innocent is killed again!

M Arun

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DUSTBIN-MULTIPURPOSE OBJECT

A dustbin is an object of great use. That is not because it has that 'USE ME' sign on it which conveys that all the garbage can be thrown inside but because it can be used for many other purposes which are beyond a normal man's imagination and only a wise man can think of them.

A dustbin helps basket ball players of short stature to dunk in the basketball with as much ease as O'Neill. Therefore a dustbin helps as an object for motivating basketball players. A dustbin also helps criminals to escape from the police as they can find a very comfortable place to hide in i.e. the big public dustbins. It can also entertain children who play hide and seek as it can act as an efficient hiding place. They are great friends of nature. They also act as nourishing homes for cats, mosquitoes and others of the same ilk. They also are a big storehouse of food for pigs. We can also get unused oxygen to breathe near the dustbins because the place stinks a little bit and so people do not trespass in that area.

The dustbin has many other uses but I can't describe all of them. One way to improve it is growing flowers near the dustbins to counter the stink.

VIBHORE SINGH

Things you're Guaranteed to do - freshman term

Go to the BAREFOOT FORMAL PT.

Get to know your MOS.

Sink or Swim in the RIM-TAL.

Eat a cheesling for a mid-day snack.

Fall asleep over a book in the tudor classrooms.

Stop and smell the stinking socks in the dorms when lights are switched off.

PRIMAL-SCREAM students collectively realizing exams are on Monday(done the Sunday night before exams start).

Read (and then walk over)chalkings.

Become more aware of yourself and the campus around you.

Sit in one of the corners,and watch the leaves turn.

Look like a model by applying coconut oil.

He Says "PT., what's that?"

Nap in the Bhagat Hall.

Play Dorm Soccer.

1985

in the month ninth,
on the twenty ninth,
nineteen hundred and 85,

i came here,
sure fire.

well i wanna tell you 'bout me,
my story's not too long u c,
at five i didn't know who i was,
at ten i didn't know what i was,
now 15 i still dont know what to b,
since nineteen hundred and 85.

i grew up in the village,
didn't have too much a privilege,
to be refined like a city boy,
there i learned my A,B,C's,
and lotsa lotsa shinnying knees,
no, i couldn't be called a city boy.
studied junior high in a small town,
you could number the population if you could count,
nineteen hundred and ninety five,
made my research on birds and bees,
and that was where i kicked off my teens,
well that was nineteen hundred and 95.
at fifteen i had denounced the world,
i'd seen everything unannounced,
couldn't have been more oestantious,
but look where i am now
and then again, where i was ,
i'm with the military.,
and thats why i'm right here .
RIGHT NOW!

-Amihe Swu

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Teach in the strength that can't seek
By deed or thought to hurt the weak
That under thee we may possess
Man's strength to comfort man' distress

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

1st IPSC SHOOTING COMPETITION

"All the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the restless force of perseverance."

Samuel Johnson.

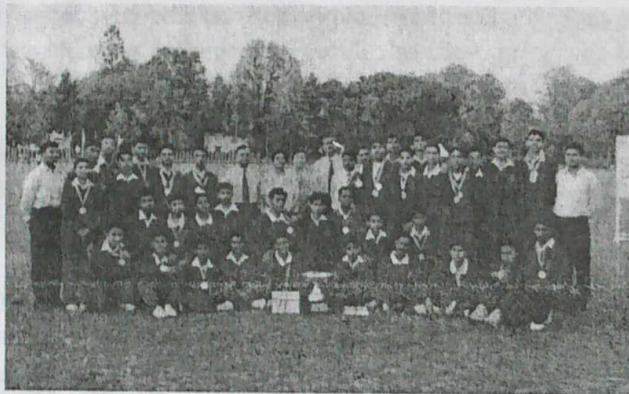
The 1st IPSC Shooting competition was held at RIMC from 15 to 17 April 2003. The college was privileged to host such a prestigious event. After a month of assiduous practice, the moment of trial finally arrived. All the participating schools arrived and were comfortably accommodated in the college campus. On the afternoon of 15 April, the IPSC meet was formally declared open by the renowned international shooter-cum-coach, Dr Rajpal Singh. The highlight of the opening ceremony was the exuberant march past by the participants, holding aloft their college banners along with a band display.

On 16 April morning, the first detail started at 8 AM. The participants and their managers were much captivated by the electronic range at RIMC and the equipment used by the cadets. By 6.30 PM, all the seven details were over. In the evening we got time to socialize with the students of the other schools. We showed them around the RIMC campus and had dinner together in the Cadets Mess.

The next day was again full of activities and the rest of the matches were conducted in quick succession. By noon the final results were put up on the score board. The shooters benefited immensely from the short lecture given by Dr Rajpal. This was followed by an exhibition match, involving the best shooters of RIMC.

The same evening, after a march past of the teams, the event was declared closed by Brig S K S Negi, Brig Training, IMA. The prize distribution ceremony followed, with RIMC lifting the trophy with a convincing lead, followed by Lawrence School, Sanawar; YPS, Patiala; Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi; BMS, Nasik and The Doon School. The audience was also enthralled by a marvelous display by the IMA Band.

There was a demonstration of trap shooting and some of the enthusiastic boys tried their hand in this new event. The meet concluded with tea and a photograph session of the winners with the trophy presented by former-COAS Gen



Padmanabhan.

The laurels won by the RIMC cadets were the outcome of their unstinting efforts and practice. We have won coveted championships like the All India Inter School and State competitions and have produced 18 national shooters, including a representative of Uttaranchal in the National Games 2003. Three cheers for RIMC! The first IPSC tournament hosted by us proved good. We hope the IPSC equestrian meet (31 May - 1 June) and Athletics for boys (early Dec) will be a success too.

Gaurav Hridaya & Swagat Das

Matrimonials

A feather weight Punjabi girl for plump **Simran Singh**. Apart from being able to look any conceivable thing in vast quantities, she should also be able to plait his hair into two long braids.

An unusually quiet girl for **Arun V**. She should be well versed in mono-syllabic replies.

A gentle instrumentalist with hands of magic for **Amiya Shankar**. After all, if music be the food of love, play on.

A maths book for the carefree **Shubham Lakhera**. Should be covered with blues in academics. As dowry, a fx-821 calculator is demanded. All applicants will have to pass a preliminary examination.

A Campaign Manger cum-Army Officer-cum-Management Secretary-cum skin specialist.....for the multifaceted **Abhishek Tyagi**. All applicants must come with a LIVON HAIR WASH.

A disciplined Bihari kudi for the hardliner **Pallava Jha**. The average day may consist of doing anything from household chores to reminding the husband to carry out orders passed. Must have the skills of an average Secretary.

A baby girl interested in child marriage for the dashing **Himanshu**. Should be committed to changing diapers and must join him day and night for baby sitting.

Little Mermaid **Ashish Kulkarni** says : The little mermaid loves more than just the sea. No doubt Goa is his fav break away place... but he does love the hills too... seems confused. Well he is not. It's just that he knows what he likes and have no qualms about stating it. Be his friend and U'll realise.

CRAZY SAGGI says : It takes two to tango... Hi there. He is the very sentimental **Brijesh Mishra**. I would not say he is the perfect guy but yes his positives outnumber his negatives. Is always on the run, very restless and likes knowing new people. His dog is first love followed by good food and is crazy about poetry and can watch mooovies too.

Matrimonials

Farewell

Let time stop today
For just an hour or two

As we try to say goodbye
To friends old and new
But how do you say goodbye
To friends who mean so much
With them we have shared everything
From pen to lunch.

We hope to keep in touch
As the years go by,
Although it hurts inside
We try not to cry.



Seems yesterday we were in class I

Our first day
Its hard to believe
We are going away
We'll always have the memories
Of everything we have done
Let's not think of it as an end
But as a new life that has just begun.



BRIJESH MISHRA

Wall clock



Wall clock, the thing I see everywhere and every time. In different places. It may be of different colours but my eyes concentrate only upon the black needles, which give me the reason for watching it.

It's of great importance in my life. My breathing, my heartbeat, my hunger, my thirst, my anxiety, my happiness everything depends upon it. During classes the wall clock of my class is the godfather of my wandering thoughts. "Oh! Just after 2 minutes there is maths period. O needle! Please don't go ahead, I haven't completed the homework" but when it's chance of the computer period my thoughts are just the opposite. "Please, progress fast. I've got to send a e-mail to my girlfriend." When it's the turn of the history period, the clock informs us to be ready for sleeping parade. At the end of the classes, "Yaahoo! It's going to be lunch time." During lunch the clock again becomes dreadful when the lunch time is getting over and I haven't got my share yet. Again the same pleading starts, "Don't go ahead, please, or I will remain hungry." During preps, when one is struggling to keep his eyes open, suddenly it brings grand news by striking at 8.00PM. It's time to enjoy the delicious dinner. After filling up the breadbasket, its really a herculean task to keep our self aware of the outer world. Sitting in bed under the blankets with a book in our hands, and eyes fixed at the wall clock watching the needles moving very slowly. We are sanguine that in a matter of few minutes, it will be lights out time and the most awaited moment would come when we close our eyes and reach the elegant world of magic.

Alas! The reveille bell has rung, the needle of the wall clock has reached 6 and the heart becomes mournful. "Oh no! The PT bell has rung and I'll have to acquiesce the truth. My thoughts are shattered and I have nothing to do but to give a rueful smile to the clock. I wish that for one-day at least all the clocks of RIMC were stopped.

-Abhinav Gargmukh

OBJECTIVES OF ROBA TRUST FUND

The Objectives of the trust are outlined in the Trust Deed. In brief the primary objects of the ROBA Trust are:

- a. To promote, conduct or patronise or assist in promoting activities for the advancement of RIMC and the cadets studying in RIMC and particularly conduct, patronize through instruction all such character building activities.
 - b. To establish or run and assist in establishing or running libraries, training centres including the RIMC.
 - c. To conduct or assist in conducting activities of military ,literary ,scientific, cultural and charitable nature conducive to all or any of the aforesaid objects and for achievement of the aforesaid objects.
 - d. To promote or conduct through instructions the ideology and sound nation building nurtured in ROBA including instructions through persons who have devoted to the promotion of these objects.
 - e. To acquire and maintain properties for the purpose of providing facilities promoting the residence of the above dedicated persons taking the pledge for furthering the above objects and to provide such cadets and staff of the RIMC all subsistence and maintenance by way of honorariums or otherwise for their well being including payments in this behalf after retirement.
 - f. To diffuse useful knowledge by assisting in all possible ways newspapers, periodicals, literary societies , etc by publishing or assisting to publish literature consistent with national heritage conducive to the welfare of the of the RIMC.
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One master and three cadets
will participate in the
Round Square Services Project
in Nubra Valley, Ladakh from
2nd July-28th July

Lookout
Lookout

Mountaineering Expedition to
Mt Bhagirathi - II (6512m) and
Mt Gangotri - I (6672m)
in June 2003

RIMC will host the IPSC
Horse Riding Competition
on 30 May-1 June.

Join us as we count the days until these exciting events.

Student Exchange

The student exchange offers are coming in steadily for Canada (Applebee), Scotland (Gordunstoun), Germany (Birklehof Schule), Australia (Ballard Grammar School) and so on. Most often these will be term-length exchanges of one student for another for a period of three months, worked out on a school-to school basis, with no tuition money changing hands and students travelling on tourist visas. The cadets will be enriched by an annual inflow of visitors bringing the views and values of other nations and cultures, and by returning cadets whose perspective on society, education and the world will be deepened through personal experience.

Obituary
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In the everlasting memory of LT GEN K P CANDETH, PADMA BHUSHAN, PVSM, (RETD) (23 Oct. 1916 to 19 May 2003)

He was commissioned in The Regiment of Artillery on 30 Aug 1936. The distinguished General Officer held various prestigious appointments such as Commandant School of Artillery, Director General Artillery, GOC of two infantry divisions, the Military Governor of Goa, Daman & Diu & retired as the GOC-in-C Western Command. He maintained close association with the Regiment & provided inspiration & guidance till he breathed his last. His departure has left an irreparable void amongst the Gunner fraternity. May his soul rest in peace. Lt Gen R S Nagra, VSM & BAR, Director General & All Ranks of The Regiment of Artillery.

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Brigadier M. M. Karim
Bungalow # 10, Street 62,
Shalimar 8/4,
Islamabad, Pakistan

Phone 0092-51-2852475

08 May 2003

My dear Arun,

Long Time - No Contact. Passing away of Suman Sinha has been a personal tragedy. Lost a wonderful person and a sincere friend. Am in touch with Mukul - letters & phone. Since his demise - information channel also gone!!

I understand RIMC has a website. I do hope you were able to record my Service Career a unique one. The Name Boards should indicate my Commissioned Service in the IAF, RIN, IMA & then Pakistan Army. Details for your Memory are :-

- a. RIMC - 01 August 1937 to 15 May 1943
Robot's Section - Section Commander & Cadet Captain • Football Captain Colonel
- b. RIAF 01 August 1943 to 05 September 1944
ITW Poonah, EETS Jodhpur, SFTS Ambala. Commissioned Pilot Officer on 23 April 1944. Flew Tiger Moths & Harvard. Total Flying 213 • 240 Hours
- c. RIN 09 February 1945 to 06 August 1946
Served as Volunteer Reserve.
Midshipman 09.2.45 to 08 Aug 45
Sublieut 08 Aug 45 to 06 August 45
- d. IMA 07 August to 13 Oct 1947. Migrated to Pakistan 14 Oct 1947. By Air SARSAWA near Shimla to Lahore. DAKOTA Aircraft
- e. Pakistan Army Commissioned 2LT 20 Oct 1947. Joined Artillery & later Air 08/Army Avn.

My name should be on the 3 Boards Army, Navy & Air Force.

I do also hope that the Maqae is being looked after. I had arranged for Cdr Bhattecharya to visit Pakistan & Haran Akhal Cadet College. Unfortunately our Countries relation became

Sour after that. What a pity!! I do hope FUTURE will see Better Days. There appears to be NO Law & Order worldwide Even the UN has been made redundant!! I am keeping my finger crossed.

At 1700 hours on 06 April 2003 we had a ^{at Islamabad Club} Runicollian Get Together Host was Air Marshal Nur Khan Previous Get Together was held at 1700 hours on 20 April 2001 at Air Marshal Asghar Khan's residence - He was the host. List of those who attended are (06 April 2003):-

1. Major Gen M. Anwar Khan
2. Lt Gen Ahmad Kamal Khan
3. Colonel Ahmad Qayyum
4. Air Marshal Asghar Khan with wife.
5. Air Marshal Nur Khan (Host)
6. Captain U.A.G. (Same with wife)
7. Brig S.M. Ilyas with wife
8. Mr. Nayabullah Hassan of INA fame with wife
9. Lt Gen Jamal Said Mian
10. Major Gen Hunter with wife & son
11. Mr. Hamidullah Khan with wife
12. Brig Faiz Mirza
13. Lt Gen S. Yaqub Khan
14. Ghairat Hayat with wife
15. Brig Karim with wife

Please inform the Editor of The Runicollian to publish this in a when convenient. Previous to the 20 April 2001 Get Together was held at my residence - I was the host Date 26 NOV 2000 lunch party.

A number of our colleagues are no more with us. Those who left us recently are:-

1. Lt Gen Gul Hassan Khan
2. Hassan Amin
3. Feroz Shah
4. Major Gen Sher Ali Khan of Patandi
5. Major Gen Wajid M. Shams Khan
6. Col M. Zari Khan
7. Col M. Akbar Mulla
8. Lt Gen Hayat Khan
9. Brig Heber Akbar
10. Brig MA Nageem
11. Malik M. Zaffar Khan
12. Anwar H. Hidayatullah
13. Brig S.M. Aslam
14. Brig Luqman Mahmood

Rest of us are writing ~~off~~ with our Boarding Cards in hand for a good "SOFT LANDING" (Hot Air Balloon Term - For flying we say "Happy Landings") - Pessimist - NO - Realist. If we meet again, we shall smile, If NOT the last meeting was well made.

How is Shakuntala. Give her our love & Doa & the Children. Reminds us to Runicollians. Do keep in touch. Affectionately
P.S. when will you be a Brigadier. God Bless. Moshkar Khan

शास्त्रीय संगीत

आर.आई.एम.सी. में आयोजित शास्त्रीय संगीत संध्या के पश्चात कैंडेट के विचार:-

आपने हमें हँसाना चाहा, जुल्फें हिला-हिला के।
अजी सह रहे हैं आपको, ताली बजा-बजा के।
संध्या की है बेला, शास्त्रीय वादकों का लगा मेला।
उधर वो तार फिराये जा रहे हैं, इधर हम आँसू बहा रहे हैं।
नींद आ रही है, आपके वादन को सुनने के बाद।
जागना है जरूरी, क्योंकि 5'A' आ गई याद।
समा हो गया और भी भयानक।
वादक से जुड़ गया शास्त्रीय गायक।
दोनों जोर लगाए जा रहे हैं।
और हम पछताए जा रहे हैं।
उन लिया हमने अपने धैर्य को आजमाएँगे।
तोड़के सहनशीलता के रिकार्ड,
गिनीज में नाम लिखवाएँगे।



...राकेश



साथ



मेरे ख्यालों का था ख्याल,
जो है यहाँ का वहाँ पर भी हाल,
चाहा था हमने कि हम पास जाएं,
पर डर था कि हम जुदा हो न जाएं,

हमें तो यकीं था के वो कुछ तो कहती,
दूर रहते हुए भी करीब वो रहती,
जाने कितने सदियों से था इन्तजार,
चाहें तो फिर भी न हो हमको प्यार,
हम कुछ दूर गये, पर ये हम तो पास,
जुड़ी तो हुई थी साँसों से साँस,
कौन जुदा कर पाया उन्हें,

आखों से आँसू बहाकर अब,
अलग हो न जाएं हम तुम जब,
जो साथ निभाने को जन्में,
तो साथ निभाएँ जन्मों तक।

- गौरव हृदय

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EDITORIAL

The bells have begun to toll again, ringing in the beginning of another term.

The overgrown grass and the dark greenery of the campus proclaim the seasonal changes. It is a change for the better, symbolic of a newer dedication and deeper commitment at the outset of another term. The boys are in a hilarious mood inspite of the nostalgic memories of the days spent at home. The term begins on a cheerful note with gaiety and jubilation despite the wet weather.

Editors

Seven Hours to Summit

Our College has a rich tradition of mountaineering. In 1994 when our boys summited the Kedar Dome (6993m) under the leadership of Col M P Yadav, an old boy of RIMC, who was then Principal, Nehru Institute of Mountaineering Uttarkashi. Since then there have been four summits, twin assaults in 1996 to Mt Thelu (6002m) and Koteswar (6162m) as part of RIMC's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations followed by Mt Black Peak (6387m) and Jogin-III (6116m). This year we saw yet another successful summit attempt of Gangotri-I at an altitude of 6672m by 16 young boys of RIMC in the age group of 13 ½ - 15 years.

The expedition consisting of 20 boys was flagged off on 27 May by Mr PC Hota, Chairman UPSC. The leader was Col MP Yadav once again (his Silver Jubilee Expedition) with 2 masters as Deputy Leaders. Incidentally Gangotri-I is a very difficult peak and is used by most mountaineers as a training platform for Everest expeditions. It has all the characteristics of mountainous obstacles of rock, snow and ice. In the words of the leader, "The young boys though not technically competent were full of confidence." Mountaineering is an adventure sport which trains young minds to become very robust. It channelises their energies in the correct direction, inculcates qualities of tolerance of their colleagues who may not be as strong, and other moral qualities of forgiveness, helping others and the spirit of cooperation in a hostile environment.

After arriving at Gangotri the road head, the expedition accompanied by 14 porters reached the Base Camp on 05 Jun. In between the summit assault on 12 Jun, the period was spent in arduous trekking from an altitude of 4400m to spread over one week and pitching 3 camps enroute; the advance base camp (5000m) Camp - 1 (5600m) and the summit camp (6000m). This was a rapid advance. What normally takes 12

days to summit from Gangotri shrine the young boys of RIMC did it in 8 days!

The summit assault began at 4 am with pearly grey skies. 45 mins later a blizzard blew across the mountain face increasing the wind chill factor with temperatures plummeting to minus 30°C. Still the morale of the boys was high and despite the blizzard they pressed on to the 60 degree slope to ultimately summit at 10.45 am, holding aloft the tricolour and the RIMC flag.

The team returned to RIMC for the Flag-In Ceremony performed on 17 June by Brig BP Patnaik the Uttaranchal Sub Area Commander, also an old boy, adding yet another feather in the cap.

Gaurav Hridaya, III

International Award For Young People

The IAYP, formerly the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme was introduced in college a short while ago. An International programme, it allows students to set their own targets in four different areas. The difficulty level of the target depends on the level they are enrolled in. The four areas are Skill, Social Service, Adventure and Physical Recreation. 38 cadets have already attained their silver levels, 40 more students are in the process of attaining the silver and bronze level while 15 are striving for the gold. 4 of our students also participated in the Award presentation ceremony held in the Delhi Police Public in April and received their awards from the Lt Governor of Delhi.

WELCOME

It was a surprise home coming for Fg Offr VS Dangwal, Ex-Master, who had a short stint at RIMC from Aug 1999 to Mar 2000 as a Master in physics. After two years at Belgaum, he is back to enrich the cadets with the wonders of science. An unflinching flair for teaching induced him to do his MEd and take a commission in the Education branch of the IAF. We are thrilled to have him back and wish him a very prosperous and fruitful tenure.

FLASH

Cadet Tuhin Mukherjee left for an international student exchange to Ivanhoe Grammar School, Victoria, Australia. The exchange period will be from 21 July to 26 Sep. An individual study program will be designed for him on arrival. He will be allocated to a pastoral group supported by a tutor. He shall participate in an Ice Camp and a social services project under the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Co-operative Society

During the Financial Year 2002-2003 the society has given a dividend of 18% to its members. It has earned a profit of Rs 87937.00 during the year. The shares of members stand at Rs 5.37L. Loans given are Rs 31.3L and deposits are worth 24.93L.

News in Brief

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. MOS, at a tea party arranged in the staff room on Friday 11 July, bade a hearty farewell to Lt Col and Mrs T K Chakravarti and also to Sqn Ldr and Mrs V S Pundir.
2. Our congratulations to Cadet Ashok Garg of Pratap Section on his appointment as Cadet Captain of the college and we hope he will rise to the task entrusted to him.
3. We congratulate the Cadets who have been appointed Section Commanders and NCOs and hope they will conduct themselves suitably.
4. 29 new cadets arrived with their parents. They were shown around the campus and the college film was also screened for them.
5. MOS attended a talk delivered by Group Captain Kapoor the technique employed by Service Selection Board on 11 and 12 July.
6. Football season of the college got underway with the traditional football match between the Staff and the cadets. This time the match was a one-sided affair as it ended in the victory of the cadets' team by a wide margin of 8-2.

The College Football team is practising seriously, despite the fury of incessant rains, for the Soccer Cup to be held in August.

7. Inter-section squash competition was held from the 27-29 July. The probables practised hard for the encounters. Brig Raj Manchanda inaugurated the glass squash court on the 21 July. We thank him for all his guidance and help that he extends to the college.
8. We bade farewell to Mr Vivek Bhardwaj, Master in Computers, who left us to join "Hughes". Also to Ms Nilakshi Sharma, Master in English, who is currently doing a postgraduate course in MA (Linguistics) from JNU, New Delhi.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Commandants Mail Bag

"On behalf of GOC-in-C Central Comd, I take this opportunity to convey our heartiest felicitations to the Expedition Team of RIMC for successfully summiting Gangotri - I Peak. I am sanguine that in times to come boys of RIMC will attempt and scale higher peaks. We wish them success in their future endeavours."

**Maj Gen M C Bhandari, AVSM & Bar
MGGS**

"It is not a victory over nature, it is victory over oneself when one does something, which requires one to go the extra mile. Please do share this with our girls someday and inspire us all."

**Ms J Brar
Principal, Welham Girls School
(On the Gangotri I Expedition)**

"Thank you so much for sending me the college Magazine of 2003. Needless to say that the get up is hugely impressive and here are my congrats to you for that. I am sure the contents too will be equally impressive and interesting as well."

Brig O P Chaudhry, VSM (Retd)

"Many thanks for sending me a copy of your Annual Magazine. Please congratulate your Editorial Staff in bringing out a very fine Magazine."

Lt Gen (Retd) Dr G S Rawat, PVSM; AVSM

"The Magazine is excellent in all its aspects and I congratulate you, your staff and cadets for a highly creditable piece of work"

**Maj Gen K N Sardana, AVSM VSM
Ivy League Academy, NISA Hakimpet Hyderabad**

"Here in Visakhapatnam, we got together onboard INS Rajput (a destroyer) commanded by Capt Chatterjee (IN). There were 22 Rimcollians in all (40 members in all including families). The warm hospitality, the cozy ambience, afloat a formidable ship and free flowing spirits together made a heady mix that rekindled nostalgic memories. For those uninitiated by the Scotch, the scotch eggs did the trick."

**Lt Cdr Simon Mathai NM
Commanding Officer**

"I am just back from Leh after a lovely and thrilling trip on a bullet machismo to Laddakh. We drove upto Khardungla pass, 18,300 ft and thereafter also over Changla pass to Pangong to lake on the Indo-Tibet border, and by far it was the most beautiful place I have seen in my life."

Shailender Arya

"I would like to thank you for the warmth & hospitality extended to the participants of Higher Command Course Sr1-6 (BSF) during their visit to your College on 10 May 2003. It was indeed very kind of you & your staff to spare time for the participants of the course who have been immensely benefitted from the interaction & visit."

**Brig (Dr) B K Khanna, SM VSM
Dy Director & Chief Instructor**

"The essence of being a Rimcollian is to be unique. How you achieve that is left to your enterprise. The bottom line is that you should make your brotherhood proud of you."

Col Rajeev Kumar
Faculty, Defence Services Staff College.

"The Memorial: It is a show piece and a befitting monument in the memory of the cadets who sacrificed their lives in wars. The idea of memories was mooted by Late Lt Gen P S Bhagat VC, who was in 1971-72 GOC in Central Command and a highly decorated ex cadet of the college. He took personal interest in its design and construction. The memorial was unveiled by Late Maj Gen Hira Lal, the oldest Rimcollian at the Golden Jubilee on 13 Mar 1972."

Col H K L Johar (Retd)

Expedition to Gangotri



Ours was the youngest team ever, the youngest being just thirteen-and-a-half years. We climbed in the shortest period. We were the largest number to have scaled the summit on a particular day (17 members plus 11 high altitude porters). We fixed 27 ropes. This record-breaking feat by Rimcos to Mt Gangotri-I (6672m) in the Garhwal Himalayas was more than a test of endurance.

Says the leader of the expedition, Col M P Yadav, VSM, FRGS, "Nearly half the cadets at RIMC have graduated in the basic course of mountaineering. This enabled them to attain the smooth transition from normal routine to adventure and allied activities. For an expedition of this magnitude, thorough planning along with training was required. The trek to the base camp itself is a test of endurance". Col

Yadav was the principal of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi as well as the leader of the first successful ascent of Mt Chaukhamba-II.

Adventure activities are a significant part of the curriculum. Every year the college sends cadets to the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, and the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi. Most of our cadets have completed their basic and adventure courses from these two premier institutions."

Four teachers of the college have also qualified in the basic mountaineering course and have actively participated in the expeditions organized by the college. This time 20 cadets and two masters U P Dalvi (Dy Leader) and T Selven have made the college proud.

CADETS' QUOTE

- "An exhilarating experience for all of us." Jitendra
- "A daring and challenging task full of risk and romance." Vijesh
- "Out there the air was so cold that one didn't feel like taking it in." Fizi
- "Respect the mountains and they will respect you in turn." Sandeep
- "Challenges don't daunt me, they spur me on." Amrit
- "You don't, you won't." Sahil
- "A life time of experience." Maninder
- "You really don't care whether tomorrow will come." Shraavan Kumar
- "A tiresome but memorable journey." Swagat
- "When we got going, the going got tough." Abhinav
- "Mountains are teachers." Gaurav
- "If you think you can, you will. If you think you can't, you won't." Mahipal

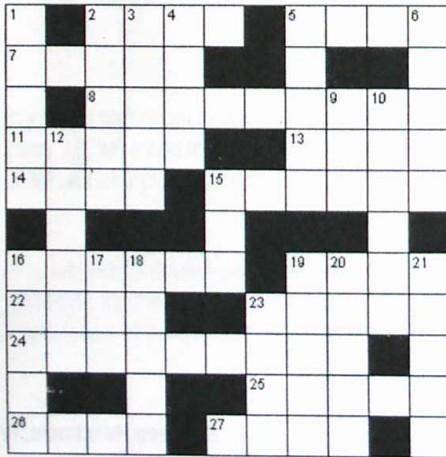
Sandeep Hanchnale, IV

YOUR *Smile*

The last time I saw you,
 You wore a red dress,
 And your hair was down,
 You walked with a light, sprightly carefree step.
 Your eyes, they sparkled with life,
 And your face it glowed with the positive shimmer of life, and
 When you smiled it lighted up everything.
 Since then quite some time has passed,
 Many winters I have seen,
 Countless brown leaves, they have fallen,
 You now wear a serene white robe,
 Your hair lies hidden in a dignified hat,
 You tread carefully yet softly still
 Your eyes, they gleam with wisdom within,
 Wrinkles, they've left their mark on your face,
 Yet through all this I see only one thing,
 And it's every time you smile that
 I feel the old memories rushing back,
 Flooding my very being,
 And your smile, it lights up my life
 AGAIN.

Amihe Swu, V

Crossword



Across

- 2. Travel on foot
- 5. Run-down part of a city
- 7. Florida city
- 8. Sugar substitute
- 11. Entrance
- 13. Solitary
- 14. Appear
- 15. Completely dirty
- 16. Of inferior quality
- 19. Boy or man
- 22. Hire
- 23. Titled
- 24. Flower with edible leaves and heart
- 25. Inward feeling
- 26. Wait in concealment
- 27. Dweeb

Down

- 1. Pierces with horns
- 2. Squander
- 3. Fright
- 4. Fine and delicate
- 5. Little
- 6. Medium of exchange
- 9. Decay
- 10. Breathe in
- 12. Closer
- 15. Move through the air
- 16. Track
- 17. Insect
- 18. Slender piece of wood
- 19. Manufacturer
- 20. Rephrase
- 21. Borders
- 23. Facial feature

Pawan Bhardwaj, III

Why so Many Classes

Whew! Three gone four more left. These are some of the famous sentences, which are heard during academic time and the number pertaining to the classes left. Many times I wonder why we have so many classes on so many subjects. Some of which I believe are of very little use to most of us in achieving our aim. For e.g. History. I really do not understand what am I to gain from learning (or mugging up, to be honest) all those funny names but their not so funny works. Or subjects like chemistry and physics. I believe they should be optional. After all what am I going to do by knowing what happens with the particles, which I cannot even see (atoms, molecules etc.)? All those tensions (surface and otherwise). I think my exam tension is more than enough for me, but then I think that my ancestors knew more than me and my father always says, "whatever your elders do they do for your good". So I rise from my seat as I always do when my history teacher goes out and I think, Whew! Four gone three more to go!!

Amine Swu V

12th IPSC *Equestrian Championship 2003*

The sun was ablaze with all its fury. Despite the heat, the audience was sitting in the stands anticipating what was going to be an extravagant performance by the riders. From out of nowhere the clang of a bell broke the silence and out came a rider from behind the screens. The awe struck audience witnessed the thumping of horses' hooves on the ground suppressed by the cry of the rider which shot through the air.

Such was the atmosphere at the 12 IPSC Equestrian Championship-2003 held from 31 May to 1 June at the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun. Young riders from four schools namely PPS Nabha, YPS Patiala, Mayo College Ajmer and the hosts RIMC took part in the meet. PPS Nabha, the defending champions were the cynosure of the meet because of their excellent performance in the recently concluded Delhi Horse Show.

The meet started with a march past by the riders of all the participating schools and was declared open by the chief guest, Brig B U Kumar followed by the first round of tent pegging where the cadets of the RIMC secured a comfortable lead. The second part of the day's program consisted of Show Jumping where only five boys were able to give a clear round and qualify for the final Jump Off. During the jump off all riders gave a superb display of horsemanship and contended neck to neck with their peerless performances which manifested through their agility and skilful management coupled with the consummate control of the horse. The day ended with Cadet Manjeet Kataria of RIMC winning the gold while all other positions went to the riders of Nabha. The winning horses were adorned with Rosettes. Misimara the winner horse and the crowning glory RIMC were the most graceful of all.

The next day concluded the meet preceded by tent pegging and show jumping for seniors. RIMC squandered their early lead and their riders except Ashish Kumar seemed off-track. Jaspreet Singh of PPS Nabha won the gold narrowly while there was a dramatic tie for the silver between Ashish (RIMC) and Sandeep Singh (PPS) which was decided ultimately by the speed of their horses on the track. Sandeep astride Duke emerged victorious and won the silver while Ashish settled for the Bronze.

The Show Jumping in the senior category witnessed the dominance of maneuverability over speed. We looked to pull things back as they outclassed PPS. The gold was bagged by Ashish Kumar atop the graceful Misimara followed by Aditya (RIMC) and Sandeep Singh (PPS).

The meet concluded with PPS Nabha emerging as champions for the 12th consecutive time. They were followed by RIMC, Mayo College and YPS (Patiala). Ashish Kumar was unanimously adjudged the best rider for his excellent performance in both Show Jumping and Tent Pegging while. Manjeet Kataria was proclaimed as the best junior rider. The grace and the majesty of the riders while doing the victory lap on their resplendent horses equaled none.

The chief guest Lt Gen TS Shergill, PVSM, Commandant IMA lauded the performance of all the riders in his speech while Col Mangain, Commandant RIMC was beaming with pride, Mr Bedi Principal PPS Nabha was astonished at how his seasoned riders were given so close a competition by the novice, RIMC. Although the indomitable PPS Nabha had won the competition but nevertheless the hearts of all were captivated by the riders of our college.

Aditya Swarup, V-A

Cadet Captain Pallawa Jha Bids Adieu to RIMC

"Respected Brig Patnaik sir, Commandant Sir, distinguished guests members of the staff and my dear fellow cadets. As I stand here today, I turn back in time to see the day of our admission. We were standing on these very stairs posing for a group photograph with our parents. Little did we know that the coming five years would be the greatest five years of our life. It seems as if it was just yesterday that we had stepped in this great Institution. Time has really flown very fast past us.

These five years have not only shaped our personality but nurtured us in such a manner that we are ready to face the challenges of the outside world. Believe you me, just the very thought of stepping out of these portals brings tears to our eyes.

On behalf of my course I would like to thank each and every member of this RIMC family who have made us what we are I would specially like to thank:

- ✓ Commandant Sir - who has always been a very great man and has always shown us the right path.
- ✓ Mrs Mamgain - who was more of a mother to us than the Commandant's wife.
- ✓ Our Administrative officer - who always worked hard to make our stay a great one.
- ✓ Our Section masters - who always took care of us in all the fields.
- ✓ Members of staff - who not only ensured that we were sound academically but also inculcated the right virtues in us.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped us to become RIMCOLLIANS.

On behalf of my course, I would like to apologize for any wrong step which we may have taken but I assure you that we never meant it. I also promise that wherever we may go we would strive hard to keep the flag of RIMC fluttering high.

Words are all we have to express our gratitude but I know that it is not only difficult but impossible to do so.

Ladies and Gentlemen... it took me a very long time to decide how I should end my talk today as these moments mark the end of a splendid tenure of five years. At last I arrived at the conclusion that there are only four words best suited for the purpose. Let me assure you that these are not merely four words but all our love and gratitude put together."

WE LOVE YOU RIMC, THANK YOU ONE AND ALL.

-PALLAWA JHA
CADET CAPTAIN

Paani Morcha

Commander Sureshwar D Sinha left the RIMC in 1949 to join the 2nd course of the J S W (fore runner of the NDA). After training in the UK's Naval College at Dartmouth, he joined the Indian fleet, and later commanded, INS Kadmatt, a Petya class anti submarine destroyer acquired from the Soviet Union. He acted as the Director Naval plans for a few months prior to retiring pre-maturely in 1976.

Later on seeing the deteriorating condition of the rivers Ganga and Yamuna, he formed "Paani Morcha", a non-governmental organization for preservation and proper usage of the natural water system. He also filed a suit in the Supreme Court of India for ensuring adequate treatment of sewage, before the discharge into the rivers.

As an old boy of the college, Commander Sinha selected the Bindal Nala flowing through the college for the first 'Stream Revival cum Water Harvesting Project' of Paani Morcha.

Projects are being continuously set up by the Paani Morcha to show how alternative technologies can be used to solve the problem of water shortage in a more eco-friendly manner. It is also pertinent to note that the cost of these projects is usually one-fifth of the cost of those being implemented by the government through dams, barrages and mechanical sewage treatment plants. These take a heavy toll of the country's ecology and in addition put a heavy financial burden on the people. It is thus imperative to follow alternative eco-friendly and economical systems available to us.

Recently he undertook a pilgrimage to Mt Kailash and Mansarovar, and spoke to the cadets on maintaining one's integrity and seeking a higher level of evolution through various endeavors during one's life.

Quote - Unquote

"Mam, I too will address you as Miss, if you give me a chance to go abroad on an exchange"
Mr Vivek Bhardwaj to the teacher incharge of student exchange.

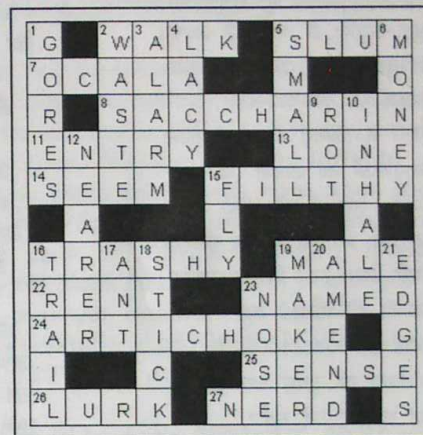
"My paunch is my status symbol"
Mr Khushi Ram to the MOS.

"I was trotting on my scooter when I met with an accident....."
Mr P K Jain, OIC riding club.

"Lagao, banana and we will split it"
Gaurav at the ice-cream parlour.

"I will compete in the weightless category"
First termer to his class mates.
"Is this an all boys and three girls school "
First termer scoping.

Answers



NDA Results

...Dedicated to all those who tried but in vain.

24 July 2002, 4:35 PM life came to a stand still for the class 5A batch for this year. Eagerness, tension and panic flooded the atmosphere to an extent that it was hard to breathe. As the computers slowly flashed the results expectations came crashing down, hopes went rising up, mixed emotions were expressed and lives were about to change. What was common among nearly all was the frustrations that burns one up from the inside if it does not find a vent. The frustration that develops when you do not get what you have expected, what you worked so hard for. The frustration that develops when you have that helpless feeling inside as there is nothing you can do about it, the frustration that develops when you cant find anyone to blame for what has happened. The frustration that develops when you have not been able to stand in front of others, the frustration that develops when you cant stand in front of the mirror satisfied with yourself. The frustration that has been built up in me cannot be pacified, the frustration that has been stirred in me cannot be controlled. It will vent in some form, in some form of pain and when that escapes from inside me nothing will remain the same in me ever again.....

Selfanxiously frustrated

होली

रंगों की रंग रेलियों में,
पुष्पों की मुग्ध वर्षा में,
कपित बदन त्याग आदर्शवाद,
संसार हो चला उत्कर्षा में।
यही सुखद क्षण करता आनंदित है,
धरा की आभा भी प्रमुदित है।
क्षण भर में ईश्वर के आशीष का फल,
नैसर्गिक, आलोकित, ज्वरित ये मद,
रह-रह कर पराकाष्ठ तक पहुंचे गर्जन,
हंसमुख लीलाओं सा मनुजोचित वर्धन,
सुख-संतुष्टि से त्वरित है जनपद,
अभिलाषाओं में उदयाचल संपद।
अज्ञ हो, कर पाप-दहन,
होली में अभ्यर्थ हो आत्म-वरना
कल्पनाओं का सारांश पद,
प्रगति, भाईचारे की कीर्ति गढ़,
आतिथ्य प्रयोजन में कर ईश-कामना,
होली नित्य लाए विष्णु-साधना।
देवन्दी की धाराओं का,
प्रवाह इसके उद्देश्य में है,
मानवता की सुवर्ण रचनाओं में,
यह त्यौहार सर्व सर्वदा,
मांसिक पटल पर अंकित है।
धन्यवाद।

कवि कश्यप

धन और इंसान

आज इंसान क्या गजब है सोचता,
बाप माँ क्या मर्जी है पूछता
पैसा सबका ध्येय सबकी मांग है,
क्या इमान क्या बेइमान है।

सड़क किनारे पड़ा जो किसान है,
उसका पथ उसका वो इमान है,
कहतो लोग मन सन्तुष्ट हो अगर,
क्या गरीब क्या धनवान है।

दोस्त दोस्त की खुशी में झूमता,
फिर भी स्वार्थ उसके मन में है धूमता,
भाई-भाई का गला है काटता,
दीवत, संपत्ति ही सिर्फ मांगता।

आज एक गरीब, एक अमीर है,
कोई व्यापारी तो कोई फकीर है,
गरीब और गरीब होता जा रहा है,
अमीर तो अमीर है, अमीर है।

आज सबके मन में एक रक्बाव है,
अपने घर में धन का कुछ अभाव है,
रात दिन इसके पीछे भाग भाग कर,
सपने देखे दिन में धन के जाग कर।

ऐ इंसान! धन से न इतना प्यार कर,
कि इमान रबो, उठा सके न अपना सर,
भुरभुरी के बोझ से जो दब रहे,
कभी तो तू उनका ध्यान कर।

गौरव हृदय



पतंग

मैं बन के रह गया वो पतंग,
उलझी जो तार से है तंग तंग,
उड़ने के प्रयास में वह पतंग,
लिपटती, फटती जा रही, करे है ध्यान भंग।

कभी इधर, कभी उधर हिलती जा रही,
पवन का वेग उसे डुलाए जा रही,
यहां वहां उड़ने की चाह में,
न बची अब उसकी जान, जान में।

जब असंभव उड़ना उसे है लगा,
न गिरना हो उसके भाग्य में लिखा,
वो चाहती टकराऊँ डाल तार पर,
अपने अस्तित्व को मिटाऊँ फाड़ कर।

पर जिन्दगी नहीं चले अपनी आकांक्षा से,
न जो रहा न मर रहा निराशा से,
जो कोई मुझको आज दे कष्ट से विदा,
तो उड़ जाऊँ पंखियों की राह पर सदा।

गिरा जो साथ आज दे,
आशा के पथ पर जीवन को साथ दे,
मैं कृतज्ञ बन रहूँ उसकी अपनी मौत तक,
कलियुग में ऐसा देव हो, नहीं है संभव।

कवि कश्यप

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Editorial

This month has flown in a flurry of activities with days filled with exams, music, field events debating and quiz competitions. As the cadets gear up for their mid-term exams, everybody is waiting for just one thing - a break, that we get by going on hikes. Our soccer team gave a good account of themselves and reached the finals for the first time in our very own RIMC Soccer Cup. In the finals, we went down fighting to MP Sports College 3-2. Gloom descended on the campus but we soon bounced out of it as there were many other activities to engage our attention and to go on.

Editors

2nd Uttaranchal State Open Shooting Championship

On the 18 morning, we left for Rana Institute of Shooting Sports (RISS), Pondha, the venue of the shooting championship, which was open for all ages



and several categories - such as the handicapped etc. We participated in two categories - Sub juniors and juniors. For the first time, from RIMC, a girl Cadet Swarnima Thapliyal, scored 321 and won gold. In their maiden attempt in 0.22 air rifle, cadets won many medals, the performance of Cadet Gaurav Hridaya, who won a gold medal, scoring 303, in this category stands out, though. Putting up an inspiring performance, cadets won 32 medals in the peep-sight category; 8 cadets qualified for the pre-Nationals. In air pistol, cadets did well and many of them qualified for the pre-Nationals.

Mr Sanjay Kumar, Mr U P Dalvi and Mr Khushiram participated in peep-sight air-rifle and air-pistol category. They too won medals in their respective categories. This competition was a great success for our young marksmen just as it was for us last year, mainly because of the sincere efforts of our coach, OIC, masters and the cadets. The pre-National competition will be at Chennai in which a team of 8 cadets and a coach will be participating. We hope to win many accolades in different categories and bring laurels from there also.

Cadet Shashank Bhargawa

Class II A

Commandant's Mail Box

"It's always a special delight to interact with Rimcollians. This year at boxing, the school had the privilege of having Brig's H S Gill, Raj Manchanda and D K Khullar very much at hand. I addressed the school to say that I've yet to come across a Rimcollian who is not worthy of the highest respect and trust."

Kabir Kumar Mustafi
Headmaster, BCS, Shimla

"It has been a sigh of relief after having laid the wreath at the RIMC war memorial to offer our prayers to our beloved son "Flt Lt Maheesh Trikha", a Pratapian, on 16 Aug 2003."

Col S R Trikha (Retd)

News in brief



Flash

Cadets Swarnima Thapliyal and Vedant Pun bagged bronze medal in the rifle category. B Jena won a silver medal in pre-National shooting championship at Chennai.

- ✓ 1 August - Inter section X-country championship; Pratap section came first and was followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta.
- ✓ 10 August - Lt Gen JBS Yadav, DCAOS visited.
- ✓ 3 August - Col Eugene Palka, Dr John Malnowski, Cadets Shann Reass and Adam J Bojarski from the US Military Academy, West point, visited.
- ✓ 26 Aug - Mr Ashok Ganguly, Chairman CBSE, visited us. He addressed a "Special Assembly" and was the Chief Guest for the 4th RIMC Soccer Cup.
- ✓ 4th RIMC Soccer Cup was lifted by MPS College, Dehradun.
- ✓ 4 August - Inter-Section swimming competition; Shivaji section lifted the trophy. Old boy Cdr S D Sinha addressed a special assembly.
- ✓ 7 August - RIMC Soccer team defeated Nirmal Deep School, Rishikesh 5-2 in a tournament organized by Scholar's Home. College Squash team comprising Cadets Prateek Tomar, Vinayak Gupta, Aditya Raj Shahi, Rajdeep Singh, Ankur Mishra, Vaibhav Bhardwaj, Sandeep Kumar left for BCS Shimla to participate in the squash competition.
- ✓ 9 August - Inter-section Hindi Debate, Shivaji won and was followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Ranjit. In juniors, Cadets Ashish Sharma, Pawan Bhardwaj and Siddhartha Rawat were adjudged first, second and third respectively. While in seniors, Cadets Siddhartha Gupta, Asoom Sharma bagged the first and the second prize respectively. Cadet Ruchir Khajuria was awarded the Commandant's Special Prize.
- ✓ Our college shooting team of 8 cadets escorted by Flg Offr S Dangwal left for the pre-Nationals shooting championship to be held in Chennai from 18 August to 2 September.
- ✓ A workshop on "Conservation of Bio-diversity of Food Grains and Organic Farming" was organised from 15-17 August by Navdanya, an NGO headed by Vandana Shiva, and was attended by Mr Prashant Sharma, Mr Dharendra Singh and Mr U P Dalvi.
- ✓ On 14 August, Cadets Asoom Sharma and Adil Ahmed participated in the IV Anuj Mehta Memorial Inter-School English Debate at St Joseph's Academy. Cadet Asoom Sharma was adjudged the Best Speaker and the Best Interjector.

We acknowledge the immediate help rendered by the Rincollians, for Shri Radhey Shyam, especially Mr Abir Samuel (Chandragupta 1971-74) for donating \$500, Mr Prabir Kumar for Rs 2,500, Capt R K Awasthi for Rs 2,000 and others who in their magnanimity wish to stay anonymous.

Rim Tal

In July 2002, 10,000 fingerlings of four varieties were introduced, which now weigh up to 500g. As of June 2003, water is holding beautifully. It is about 10 feet deep. Bougainvilleas of 18 shades and bottle-palm blossom on the banks. A boat for upto 15 boys is available. The horses are also allowed to enjoy the lake after their morning workout. Cormorant, Egrets, Kingfishers and other birds can also be spotted. Cadets often come to study in the shade of the Mango trees. The setting sun is a grandiose sight from RIMTAL. The initiative has given us much more than we had bargained for. The most important result is that the young boys have seen what their ideas and efforts can achieve. In subsequent issues, we shall keep you informed of the check dams that we are building to harvest rainwater and to revive a dry *nala* into a running stream.

English Bytes

"We are provided with **pooding** spoons instead of tea spoons."
- Rakesh Kumar

"The milk was not good. It should have been hot if without flavor or with **flavor with cold.**"
- Aseem Chatterji

"The breakfast should be **carried on...**"
- Vaibhav

"Puri and Sabji should be served twice a **weak.**"
- Dhruv Jain

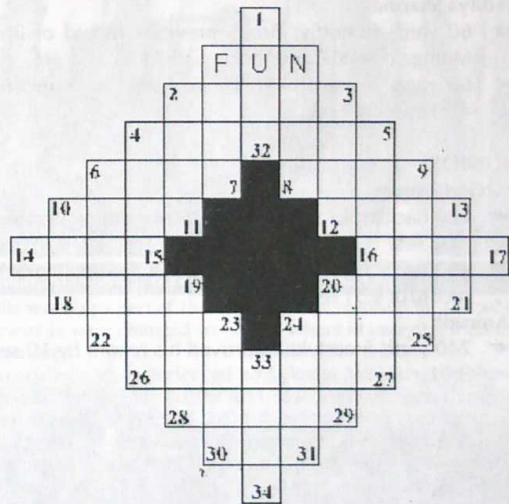
"Cadets are not getting all **food stuffs** within time but everything else is fine."
- Yougank Panwar

"Thank you for **putting new jam.**"
- Pratik Joshi

"Today morning, the **scorched eggs** were really delicious."
- K B G Samrat

(From the suggestion book in the Cadets Mess)

Crossword



Fill in the small squares with words which agree with the following definitions.

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2-3. What bargain hunters enjoy. | 6-22. What we all should be. |
| 4-5. A written acknowledgment. | 4-26. A day dream. |
| 6-7. Such and nothing more. | 2-11. A talon. |
| 10-11. A bird. | 19-28. A pigeon. |
| 14-15. Opposed to less. | F-7. Part of your head. |
| 18-19. What this puzzle is. | 23-30. A river in Russia. |
| 22-23. An animal of prey. | 1-32. To govern. |
| 26-27. The close of a day. | 33-34. An aromatic plant. |
| 28-29. To elude. | N-8. A fist. |
| 30-31. The plural of is. | 24-31. To agree with. |
| 8-9. To cultivate. | 3-12. Part of a ship. |
| 12-13. A bar of wood or iron. | 20-29. One. |
| 16-17. What artists learn to do. | 5-27. Exchanging. |
| 20-21. Fastened. | 9-25. To sink in mud. |
| 24-25. Found on the seashore. | 13-21. A boy. |
| 10-18. The fibre of the gomuti palm. | |

K B G Samrat
III - A

Inter-section Swimming Competition

Swimming is great, a universal sport - a sport enjoyed throughout the world by millions. Its appeal is all embracing and is the healthiest and most invigorating of all summer pastimes. It is an excellent, all the year round, exercise. In RIMC too, the swimming competition is one of the favourite competitions for which all the sections encourage their cadets to take part and practise fervently. The inter-section swimming competition was held from 4-6 August 2003. Many records were challenged and many others broken.

Phase-I of the competition was the swimming tests in which Shivaji took the lead followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap. Many first termers too gave a commendable performance in the pool, Charandeep Rana and Shakti Singh were praise worthy. As expected Aditya Sharma won the best swimmer's award and Harshal Borole won the 2nd best swimmer's award. Charandeep Rana was awarded the most promising swimmer. Cadet Anirudh got the best swimmer award among the juniors.

Here are some of the records set:

SENIORS

Aditya Sharma

- 60 yards Butterfly: Broke previous record of Bharat Mamgain (44:07) by clocking 39:84 sec.
- 60 yards Breaststroke : Broke Kunal Rai's record of 45:39 sec by 1 sec.

JUNIORS

Arvind Raman

- 120 Backstroke : Improved his own timing by 1 sec to 1:38 sec.
- 480 yards Freestyle: Broke Aditya Sharma's previous record of 6:51 sec to 6:41 sec.

Anirudh

- 240 yards Freestyle: Improved his record by 10 sec to 3:01.



- 30 yards Butterfly: Improved his previous of 23:15 sec to 20:13 sec.
- Individual Medley: Broke Arvind Raman's record of 1:43 sec by 6sec.

Deepak Suhag

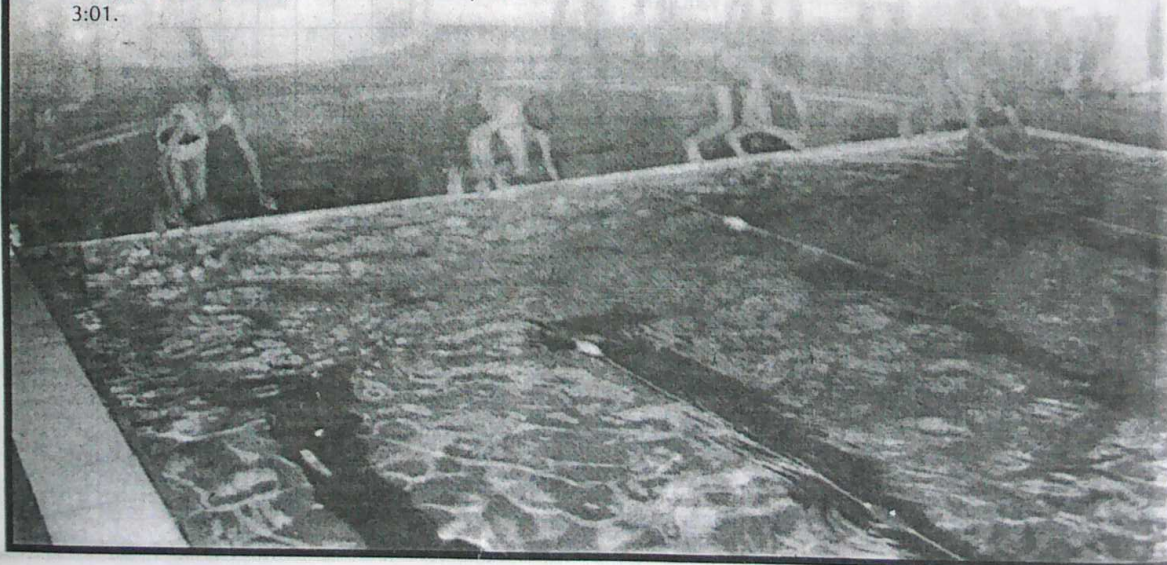
- 60 yards freestyle: Improved Aditya Sharma's record to 38:27 sec.

Cadets had their own share of fun watching the masters compete amongst themselves in the staff relay. The 'Staff Relay' was won by Chandragupta section tutors' team comprising Lt Col R P M Panghaal, our admn officer, Major Gajendra Tripathi, Mr Selven, and last but not the least Mr P Naik, our OIC.

The other members of the staff who participated were:-

Ranjit

1. Col Arun Mamgain
2. Mr U P Dalvi
3. Lt Cdr AJS Sandhu
4. Mr Keshav Anand



Shivaji

1. Mr Balbir S Chauhan
2. Mr Mishra
3. Mr P K Sharma
4. Mr S K Tyagi

Pratap

1. Mr Dharendra Singh
2. Mr P K Jain
3. Mr Brijesh Chauhan
4. Mr Ahlawat

The Inter-section swimming competition once again highlighted the ZEAL of Rimcos. The coveted cup was finally won by Shivaji section which was followed by Ranjit by a narrow margin of 2 points, and Chandragupta and Pratap bagged III and IV positions respectively. Hope our team wins at the IPSC swimmers meet to be held from 4-7 Sept in Patiala.

Pratik Joshi
II A

Answers



Experiences on Board Tarangini at Sea

We got the first sea experience when INS Tarangini cast off and set sail from Hamilton, Canada on 27 Jun at 0930 hrs with the CNS on board for Toronto on lake Ontario. Tarangini being a sailing ship, uses her engines for entering and leaving harbour, while out in the open sea she is propelled by wind power acting on her sails. The ship arrived Toronto at 1500 hrs and the same evening there was a reception on board for local dignitaries, the Canadian Coast Guard and members of the Indian diplomatic community. The CNS remained on board with all of us for the next three days and disembarked on 30 Jun. One of the first things we had to learn was about the ship we were sailing on. The name Tarangini is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Tarang' which signifies waves. It is the only sail training ship of the Indian Navy. It was designed by a yacht designer Mr Colin Mudie of UK. The ship was built in the Goa Shipyard Ltd. and was commissioned on 11 Nov 1997 and can train up to 30 cadets in the art of sailing in a sail ship. It has a sail area of 1000 sq m. Tarangini sailed from her home port of Kochi on 23 Jan 2003 and returns after circumnavigation of the earth on 16 April 2004, carrying the banner, "Unfurling the message of friendship across the globe." While at sea all forms of training were imparted and we participated in the various evolutions along with the midshipmen and other sailors. We were given lessons in basic sailmanship and seamanship; parts of sail, different lines, halyards, tacks, types of knots, furling and unfurling of sails; sail drill's, basic sail skills like bracing stations etc. We actually handled and manned duty stations with midshipmen and sailors. Brief instructions were given about ship's engines, propellers, and alternators that generate electric power; navigation and fixing of ship's position with the GPS. We also kept watches for short durations during day and night for one hour at a time. We did look out duties, taking gyro and magnetic compass bearings to fix the position of the ship when in sight of land. Each one of us was given a chance to steer the ship; and manned the steering wheel as a quater master would. I, Vinoth Vanya also learnt how to blow the pipes, to a small extent. We regularly performed cleanship duties, sweeping, washing and swabbing decks, brassoing, chipping painting. Washing of



Cadets on board "Tarangini" with the CNS

sails was also a part of the drill, we were involved in, and when new sails were changed we joined others in carrying it on our shoulders. Surprisingly we experienced no sickness. We were also shown around the Engine Rooms and saw the Kirloskar Cummins marine diesel engines of 320 HP each and also the Alternators that generate electricity. Other equipment of interest was the Reverse Osmosis Plant which converted sea water into fresh water, i.e. salt water into sweet. Environmental consciousness was another important lesson, which we learnt in USA and Canada. We saw for ourselves how garbage was disposed of in bags and put ashore in the jetty after entering harbour. Nothing was ever thrown into the sea to pollute the waters. We disembarked from INS Tarangini at Chicago on 01 Aug 03 after an exciting stay on board from 20 Jun onwards. During this period we saw a lot, heard a lot and learnt a lot. An exposure that would stay with us for the rest of our lives. We returned to India from Chicago to New Delhi via London, arriving on 02 Aug. So ended our memorable sojourn, courtesy the Indian Navy, which added another feather in the cap of adventure training and outward-bound activities of the college.

Vinoth Vanya, II A &
Abhishek Gargmukh, IV A

We acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the courtesy extended by the CNS, Admiral Madhvendra Singh for arranging a fully funded trip including pocket money; also to the Captain and Crew of INS Tarangini.



Inter-Section Squash Tournament 27 to 30 July, 2003

Scores

	U-13	U-15	U-17	Position
Pratap	02	02	18-1	22-III
Ranjit	12	14	04	30-II
Shivaji	08	04	02	14-IV
Chandragupta	14-I	16-I	12	42-I

Most Promising player	:	Cdt Ankur Mishra (R)
Best player (U-13)	:	Cdt Rajdeep Singh (S)
Best Player (U-15)	:	Cdt Aman Singh (C)
Player of the tournament	:	Cdt Prateek Tomar (P)
Children MOS	:	
a) Runner Up	:	Master Kshitij Panghaal, (S/o Lt Col R P M Panghaal)
b) Winner	:	Master Lalit Thapliyal (S/o Mr D N Thapliyal)

Pratik Tomar,
IV - A



Officer students (Rimcollians) of 58 Staff Course, Wellington

Visit RIMC

Mr Ashok Ganguly
Chairman CBSE
26 August 2003

He was highly appreciative of the holistic education imparted here. He commended the RIMC as a rare school which is providing education far beyond the limited sense in which it is often understood; i.e. mere class room teaching. He accepted the request for calling up RIMC in important CBSE programmes, especially those related to teacher development.

The Chairman felt that it is unrealistic to expect a cadet to achieve grades, which pure academic scholars are getting in other schools, because of the host of critically useful character building activities which are in place at RIMC. He said that every possible help should be given to RIMC to retain its exceptional character as a rare school, which has provided outstanding military leaders. The CBSE would be quite willing to offer any help and guidance to Army HQ / RIMC.

ALERT

A malicious computer programme aimed at the most recent versions of the Microsoft Windows Operating System rapidly spread around the campus over the internet on Tuesday, infecting all the computers of Lab-II. W32/LOVSN, the virus like programme, called a WORM, first appeared on Monday. Even though the possibility of such an attack had been anticipated by computer faculty, the WORM managed to invade many computers.

News from **NDA**

CADETS

Bendang Toshi
GMS Khatri
Amardeep
A D Roy
R S Pathania
Roland Singh

MEDALS

Gold & Best Boxer
Gold
Silver
Silver
Silver
Silver

Visitors' Book speaks

Obituary



It is with deep sorrow we inform about the tragic demise of Cadet R Vijay Anand on 10 August

2003. Vijay was representing the Naval Academy team in the Goa University X-country championship on 9 August 03, when he collapsed after having run about 12 kms. He was rushed to the hospital and was put on life support systems but due to suspected brain and heart damage, could not be revived and passed away.

An excellent Rimcollian who will be fondly remembered for his strong overall abilities. May God grant peace to this departed soul and give strength to the members of his family to bear this irreparable loss.

He was a cadet at RIMC from January 1997-2001. A soft spoken, jovial, strong willed and a determined boy. He was a keen cricketer and a member of the college Arts Club too.

'Defence of India' is the first item in the Union list of the 7th schedule of the Constitution of India. This shows the importance, the founding fathers gave to defence of the country against external aggression and internal subversion. I am confident that the founding fathers will achieve their dreams through the Rimcollians.

27.7.03

P C Hota
Chairman, UPSC

It was an honour to get a chance to work with the alma mater and the cream of the pudding were the people at the helm of affairs. Wish the school 'Glory Always'.

11.7.03

Sqn Ldr V S Pundir
Instructor on posting

It was a great pleasure to serve the alma mater. Long live RIMC.

11.7.03

Lt Col T K Chakravarti
Ex-Adm Offr

It was a great honour for me to have led the RIMC expedition to Gangotri-I. The spirit displayed by the Commandant and his cadets was unimaginable. Great institution.

16.6.03

Col M P Yadav
Gangotri Expedition Leader

It is a tremendous experience to visit the place in which I had the most enriching one year of my teaching career.

28.5.03

Mrs Mamta Gautam
Welham Girls' School

The college is growing beautifully and I liked the Equitation expansion.

26.4.03

Cdr S D Sinha
Rimcollian

RIMC definitely has tremendous potential and pro-active attitude towards work.

28.5.03

Ruchira Ghosh
Exchange Manager, British Council

RIMC is a heritage institution and all the endeavours to uphold its historical data deserve our heartfelt commendations.

9.5.03

Sanjay Garg
Asst Director, National Archives of India

Personal Impressions



Round Square Services Project at Leh

It was for the first time our college decided to participate in the services project. We were looking forward to meeting people from all over the world and use our vacations constructively.

We met at our destination, Leh, to move together ahead. It took two days for people from different cultural background to interact (probably each trying to gauge the other). Once the barrier was broken there was laughter, leg pulling and sharing of goodies.

The four hour long drive to Nubra seemed unending as everyone was excited to reach the place of work. It was dark by the time we arrived. So the next day we saw the location, which was rather picturesque. A river flowing on one side and the paddy fields on the other. The people of the village were warm and curious to know our whereabouts. We used the sign language in the beginning but gradually picked up the Ladakhi language.

People living here are as religious as in any other part of India, having their own local rituals. The 'Puja' or offerings are made all through the day.

The 'campsite' our home had all possible comforts far off from the urban centre. Each group doing duty at mealtime added creativity to the food being laid and served. The seating arrangement, camp fire in the evening and Mr Peter Cole's (Project Leader) inspiring words left one to think or have a reflection of one thing that's 'YOURSELF'.

Our daily work schedule was flexible as required although generally the whole group worked three to four shifts a day. I couldn't have ever learnt to mix cement, whitewash walls or fish with a rod made by the villagers, standing in line passing bricks and cement. I have also learnt to respect each one's identity and hard work.

In the initial days there was a mixed bag of health concerns, nothing major-constipation and gut pains, loose motions and vomiting. The majority of injuries treated were small cuts, blisters and abrasions.

Last but not the least how can a 'Project' report be without any mention of food. The 'kitchen' ran in clockwise efficiency thanks to the constant guidance of the 'Anapuranas'. The menu was Indian because that was the cook's forte but the vacations soup, fish, prawns, Chinese and continental need to be appreciated.

As the day for our departure drew nearer, I believed I had thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from the project. The sleepy hamlet away from home, the sunrise and sunset, the folk music, the Buddhist monasteries, simple village folk warm and effusive, have left an indelible mark in my mind. Experiences come to you as you move ahead in life and you learn and take your lessons from them because learning is a continuous process.

Kavi Kashyap,
Class III

*We would like to acknowledge the arrangements made by Col P P Singh, CO 508 ASC Bn for arranging our transport and stay for four days, before we proceeded to Nubra Valley for R S Services Project. During the stay we visited Kargil, Drass, Pengongso Lake and Magnetic Hill. We are also grateful to Col S K Ahuja, CO 3 SE, Col S K Singh and Lt Col M Singhal for making us feel at home.

What makes an inspiring teacher

Today I woke up just to live another day of my life, but, dear me, it is going to be an important day as I have made up my mind to write this essay at last. You know it takes a lot to make up one's mind to do something worthwhile. Words just do not flock around my brain.

Never in my life have I come across a teacher who is so dear to me, so cheerful and so helpful. I have dreamt of many qualities in my whole life (whole life? Well, my teacher says I have a lot further to go and lot more to do). I have dreamt of becoming an honest man, which, up to an extent I am.

Like others I too like not to study. I take the responsibility of the class i.e. every one is on top of me when the test results are declared. Well, in sports it is the other way around. I do not blame my teacher for it. I hate doing homework. My teacher insists, it develops one's mind power. So, I do it. I have to agree at times, if not frequently, he keeps on reminding me of the consequences of not doing hard work. I do listen to his cautions but sometimes I get carried away into my own world of fantasy. After all I am also a student and my ideas are similar to the ideas of other students. Is learning social science, mathematics and other related subjects everything that we need?

Our world is based on mutual understanding and

everybody wants to be happy. I always share my thoughts with my teacher because I like him. I need him in every walk of my life. My teacher encourages me to think positively. So, I am optimistic. I get enraged when my friends tease me, he sympathizes with me and teaches me the value of non-violence and toleration. I feel sad when I hear news about school going children gunning down innocent people. I feel sad about children falling prey to deadly drugs. Do their teachers never love them, understand them and give advice to them?

One day I asked my teacher as to what makes him so inspiring? He says it is his respect for his parents and willingness to serve for good. He loves everyone, especially those who are lonely. So, why not reveal the identity of my inspiring teacher?

He lives in everyone's heart. We all know him. All we need is to follow him because everything he says is right. Well, he is no one else but my 'conscience', the inner self that makes me do the right things. He can make the difference. We can expect a better world, devoid of hatred, envy and desire to earn something at the cost of others.

In the end I am happy that I could finish my essay, successfully evading the attention of my hawk-eyed math teacher.

PRABIR GOGOI
V-A

The problem with raincoats

When you need something, it's usually not there, but when in dire need of anything rest assured that it will not be anywhere to be found and thus it has been since...

...since...well since man started inventing things.

And the same goes for raincoats, those ding blasted thingies that you find everyone else wearing when it's raining cats and dogs [and possibly hailing taxis], except you of course.

Oh now don't tell me that you don't know what raincoats are. They're those green/brown rubbery coats you wear to stave off the rain. They come in all shapes and sizes and in every hue and colour. There are raincoats for all seasons and for every purpose under the biiiiig blue sky.

There are transparent raincoats and designer raincoats and raincoats which you can use as cycle covers when not being used. Others still that you can fold into incredibly small shapes and carry around in your pocket.

Raincoats also happen to be the bane of a rimcos life. If you have one you are bound to lose it sooner or later and if you don't have one, you'll have to buy one. Usually one finds nothing useful to do with raincoats other than to lose them. So at the end of a wonderful meal you find yourself outside the cadets mess befuddled by the loss of your raincoat.

And as you stand there muttering under your breath, cursing the imbecile who stole your raincoat it's all you can do to stop yourself from picking up the nearest raincoat.

Anyway you fight off the urge and trudge along to the tailor shop.

Ah! There you are. The proud owner of a brand new raincoat labelled 'duckback' you safely tuck it away in your box thinking "at least i'll have something to show the next time a kit inventory comes around".

Anyhow the rains come again and you take out your raincoat, smartly don it on and go out ready to rough it out with nature.

Unfortunately, the label duckback sticks true. It keeps as much off your body as a duck's back would. And at the end of the day you find yourself drenched to the bone. As wet as you would be if you went into the rain without anything on at all.

And you wonder how ironic it is that your raincoat does all that is possible under the sun. Sadly the same can't be said about keeping the rain off.

Amihe Swu
V

First Termers' Profile



Nishant Mamgain

This Garhwali had won medals in cartoon making and roller skating. Keen on horse-riding, he is also a budding shooter. He aims to join the Army.



Hem Prakash

Gifted in academics, Hem is a superb all rounder excelling in various sports and activities. In sports his interests include football and hockey. Cheerful yet determined, he puts in hard work and takes initiative in trying to better himself.



Himanjan Sarma

This lad from Lakhimpur, Assam aspires to become an Army officer. He is interested in football, cricket, badminton and swimming. His hobbies are painting and reading books.



Sumeet Kumar Singh

This "eco-friendly" Bengali from Durgapur is keen on gardening. He is also a budding athlete and aspires to join the Indian Army.



Karnee Pratap Singh

Coming from the "pink city" of India, Karnee is interested in polo, football and swimming. His other hobbies are reading story books and horse-riding.



Richard Singh

Richard comes to us from Martin Grammar School, Kakching, Manipur. He had won certificates for his performance in the Inter-Club Cricket Tournament. A good cricketer and footballer, he also enjoys reading books.



Dhruv Gautam

Dhruv is from Faridabad and has great interest in roller-skating. He has won 67 golds, 24 silvers, 15 bronze medals, and represented Haryana at the National Games, Hyderabad and won a bronze medal. He was ranked first among the first termers in the cross country. He enjoys the challenge of enrichment activities. We hope he "roller-skates" smoothly at RIMC.



Gunjan Kishore

'Ronaldo' from Jamshedpur, is a soccer enthusiast. Apart from playing football, his other interests vary from cricket and basketball to reading books. Interest, enthusiasm and diligence are reflected in Gunjan's excellent results. He was chosen as the most promising footballer in the 4th RIMC Soccer Cup.



Yuvraj Pratap Singh

From Rohtak, Haryana, Yuvraj is a fervent boxer. He is also very fond of music and enjoys playing basketball.



Charandeep Rana

Charan comes to us from MNSS Rai, Sonapat. He started his tenure with a bang, setting the pool ablaze in the "Inter section Swimming competition" and also won the 'most promising swimmer' award. Apart from swimming he is an ardent rider who enjoys gardening..



Ashutosh Pandey

Coming from City Montessori School, Lucknow, he has been to Bangkok for a Mathematics Olympiad. He's also won a gold medal in science Inter-City competition. A gold medalist in football, he is a keen cricketer too.



Eeshaan Singh Dod

A quiet and a reticent boy with a disarming and ingenuous smile. Eeshaan is from Shimla and is the son of Brig KNS Dod. He is fond of philately and numismatics'. An enthusiastic footballer and an ardent reader.



A Phani Bhushan

Coming all the way from Hyderabad, this lad is interested in swimming, shooting, riding and skating. A keen debator and quizzer, he is also very interested in reading books and novels of seas and ships. He obviously aspires to join the Indian Navy.



Sunny Lawrence Francis

Hailing from Muzzaffarpur, Bihar, Sunny is interested in books and computers. He is also keen about swimming and shooting. He aspires to join the Indian Air Force. He is well versed in mental mathematics.



Yimvolong A O

Coming from Dimapur, Nagaland, Yimvolong loves playing football and basketball. He also likes reading books and listening to music. Works effectively and assumes responsibility for his learning. His ability to grasp new vocabulary is reflected in his creatively written assignments. For him guitar time is happy time.



G Aditya

Aditya has come to us from Hyderabad. Apart from being a state level athlete, Aditya also enjoys reading books. He is of course, a keen cricketer too.

First Termers' Profile



Nikhil Jayanth Prabhune

Nikhil comes to us from Air Force School, Vimannagar, Pune and is interested in practical sciences. Apart from football and swimming, his interests include philately and painting.



Vikram Singh Shekhawat

An avid footballer, Vikram takes keen interest in medieval entertainment. Daily reading is his strength. Volleyball is his sporting love.



Himadri Thapliyal

Following the footsteps of her elder sister, Swarnima, the first girl to join RIMC. She is the daughter of Mr D N Thapliyal. Happy to dance and swim, she likes playing squash too.



Devina Chaudhary

Devina is the 3rd girl cadet to join RIMC. She is the daughter of Mr K S Ahlawat. She is fond of reading books and aims to join the Indian Air-force. Squash and athletics are her interests.



Vijay Singh Thakur

Interested in arts and crafts, Vijay is from Military School, Chail and takes pride in the fact that two of his uncles are Rimcollians.



Aravind Chachu Paul

Coming from Sainik School, Kazhakootam (Kerala), Aravind has green fingers and is interested in gardening. His other interests vary from sporting activities to being a keen quizzier.



Akshat Agnihotri

Son of Maj S K Agnihotri, Akshat is from Brightlands School, Dehradun. Basketball and Squash are his favourite games. A keen cricketer and swimmer. He also likes to paint.



Sawan Kalyan Karan

Sawan comes to us from the land of Goddesses, Bengal. A keen footballer, he also likes art and craft.



Akshay Thakre

Akshay comes to us from Gadchiroli, Maharashtra and is keen on cricket and football. An upcoming quizzier and a good basket ball player. A voracious reader who likes to paint and draw caricatures.



Shakti Singh

A product of Brightlands School, Dehradun. A school level swimmer who is keen on basket ball and gardening.



Yogesh Tiwari

Yogesh Tiwari from Pratapgarh UP, who joins rimc has a firm ambition to become an officer in Defence Forces. He has a strong love for gardening and reading story books, and plays hockey and cricket.

अंतर्कक्षीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता-2003

आखिर वह दिन आ गया, जिसका कैडेटों को बेसब्री से इंतजार था। जी हाँ! मैं बात कर रहा हूँ अंतर्कक्षीय हिंदी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता - 2003 का जो कि दिनांक 09 अगस्त 2003 को आयोजित की गई। इस प्रतियोगिता के लिए कैडेटों ने दिन-रात मेहनत की और इसका फल भी उन्हें मिला। उन्होंने विषय की हर जटिलता को नेस्ताबूत करते हुए इतना सरल बना दिया कि निर्णायकों को भी पसीना आने लगा। उन्हें यह तय करने में काफी समय लगा कि किसने सबसे अच्छा बोला।

इस बार कनिष्ठ वर्ग के विषय "किशोरावस्था में पाबंदी बच्चे का विकास रोकती है" ने बच्चे के मनोविज्ञान को समझाने की कोशिश की तो वहीं वरिष्ठ वर्ग के विषय "आतंकवाद की समाप्ति के लिए राजनैतिक इच्छाशक्ति जरूरी है" ने राजनेताओं में समर्पण की भावना के न होने का संकेत दिया तथा देशवासियों से आह्वान किया कि वे आतंकवाद की समाप्ति के लिए आगे आएँ।

इस बार कनिष्ठ वर्ग में शिवाजी कक्ष के आशीष शर्मा तथा पवन भारद्वाज ने क्रमशः प्रथम व द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त किया तथा रंजीत कक्ष के सिद्धार्थ रावत ने कमान्डाण्ट का विशेष पुरस्कार ग्रहण किया। वरिष्ठ वर्ग में प्रताप कक्ष के सिद्धार्थ गुप्ता ने प्रथम, चंद्रगुप्त कक्ष के कैडेट असूम शर्मा ने द्वितीय तथा शिवाजी कक्ष के कैडेट रुचिर खजुरिया ने कमान्डाण्ट का विशेष पुरस्कार ग्रहण किया।

गत वर्ष की तरह इस बार भी शिवाजी कक्षा 879 अंको के साथ चल वैयजंती पर कब्जा बरकरार रखा। 830 अंकों के साथ प्रताप कक्ष द्वितीय स्थान पर, 792 अंको के साथ चंद्रगुप्त तृतीय स्थान पर तथा 785 अंकों के साथ रंजीत कक्ष चतुर्थ स्थान पर रहा।

इस अवसर पर मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्रीमती शकुंतला ममगाई तथा निर्णायकों के रूप में श्रीमती सुमन वर्मा, श्रीमती संगीता रावत तथा श्रीमती अर्चना भरथरिया की उपस्थिति तथा उनके ओजस्वी विचारों ने सभा को विचारमग्न कर दिया। श्रीमती भरथरिया ने यह संभावना जताई कि आर आई एम सी के कैडेट ही आतंकवाद को समाप्त करने का बीड़ा उठाएँ।

मेरा अनुभव गंगोत्री-१ पर

पर्वतों की टेढ़ी-मेढ़ी, ऊँची-नीची राहों से अनजान जब मैं पर्वतारोहण के लिए निकला तब न मेरे पास तकनीकी ज्ञान था और न ही वक्त, पर आंतरिक साहस, मन में उत्साह, दिल में आशा और उमंग तथा साथ में माता-पिता का आशीर्वाद लिए इस क्षेत्र में कदम रखा और ईश्वर की कृपा से इसमें मैंने सफलता ही नहीं, बल्कि रिकार्ड कायम कर डाला। कभी-कभी पर्वतारोहण के दौरान अन्य साथियों को आगे देख ऐसा लगता था, मानो अब मुझे लौट आना चाहिए। कभी सोचता कि उनके पास तो बेसिक कोर्स भी है और पर्वत से पूरी तरह परिचित भी, पर मैं तो पहली बार बिहार के समरतल से निकलकर पर्वतों के बीच आया था। इतना सोचने के बाद भी मेरे हृदय ने मेरे मन को काबू में रखा। ऐसा लगता था मानो हृदय कह रहा हो जवान करते हैं या मरते हैं। पीछे तो कायर मुड़ते हैं। मैं आगे बढ़ता रहा। ईश्वर से सदा कहता रहा "ऐ ईश्वर इन पहाड़ों में अगर कोई

सहारा है, तो वो तू है। मेरी मदद करना। मुझे कामयाब करना"। अतः ईश्वर ने मेरी सुन ली। मैं सफल हुआ। तेरह तारीख की किरण मेरे लिए सफलता की किरण लेकर आई और वहाँ मैंने अपने 16 साथी, 1 लीडर तथा 3 इन्सट्रक्टर के साथ हवा को साक्षी मानते हुए, सूर्य किरण पर विश्वास करते हुए अपना परचम फहराया और खुले आकाश में निर्भीक होकर कहा "हम हो गये कामयाब"। वास्तव में ये मेरा पहला पर्वतारोहण अभियान खतरों से भरा था, पर हमारे आत्मविश्वास ने इसे सफल बनाया। नीचे जब वापस लौटा तो पूरी तरह घायल था फिर भी मैं गर्व से फूला न समा रहा था। व्यक्ति को अपने वतन, संस्थान और खुद और ईश्वर पर विश्वास हो, तो मानव कुछ भी पलक झपकते ही कर सकता है खासकर पर्वतारोहण में इसकी सबसे ज्यादा जरूरत होती है।

कैडेट जुल्फकार हसन

यादों के साथ जीना

मोर होती है और हर व्यक्ति अपने कर्म में संलग्न हो जाता है। अपने कार्य को पूरी निष्ठा और ईमानदारी से करने का प्रयत्न करता है वह सायं होते होते अपने कर्म के प्रति संघर्षशील रहता है। संघर्ष उसके लिए तब और अधिक संघर्षमय हो जाता है, जब उसे उच्चकोटि का जीवन व्यतीत करना हो, क्योंकि हर व्यक्ति के मन की अभिलाषा होती है कि वह प्रगतिशील जीवन निर्वाह करे किसी से हटकर कुछ नया करे, जो किसी ने नहीं किया हो, चाहे फिर गलत हो या सही। किन्तु मेरे विचार से अच्छे कार्य का अंजाम अच्छा हो होता है और वह परिणाम अधिक समय तक लोगों के सामने रहता है। फिर लोग गलत क्यों करते हैं? लेकिन फिर भी हर कोई अपने को अलग मुकाम पर खड़ा देखना चाहता है, चाहे मैं हूँ या अन्य कोई आप मेरी बात से असहमत नहीं होंगे। इसी आशा के साथ मैं भी अपने अस्तित्व को खोजने लगी। अपना एक अलग मुकाम ढूँढ़ने लगी किन्तु मेरा मन अस्थिर नहीं था। मैं अपने अन्तरमन में सोचती कि आज मैं कहाँ पर खड़ी हूँ। मैं भी अपना अलग मुकाम चाहती हूँ। मुझे लगा जैसे मैं मेहनत तो कर सकती हूँ। लेकिन ऐसा कोई विद्यालय मिलेगा जिसमें पढ़कर मैं अपने जीवन को सार्थक सिद्ध कर सकूँ फिर मेरे मन में कॉलेज का ध्यान आया और लगा कि यही वो विद्यालय है जिसमें पढ़कर मैं अपने मुकाम को पाऊँगी और इसी उद्देश्य से मैंने यहाँ प्रवेश ले लिया।

मेरे पिता जी यहाँ सेक्शन मास्टर हैं इसलिए मुझे यहाँ प्रवेश के लिए ज्यादा संघर्ष नहीं करना पड़ा और मेरा प्रवेश हो गया। सच मानिये, मैं उस समय इतनी उत्साहित थी कि मैं पृथ्वी पर सबसे खुश इन्सान थी। आप मेरी खुशी

का अन्दाजा नहीं लगा सकते, क्योंकि उत्साह इसलिए भी था मैं कॉलेज की अकेली छात्रा हूँ। लेकिन मन में एक अजीब सी भ्रम था कि इतने लड़कों में, मैं अकेली रह पाऊँगी। कैसे अपने आप को उनके साथ मिला पाऊँगी। इतने लोगों में मिलना मेरे लिए आसान नहीं था, फिर भी मैंने पूरी कोशिश की। शायद मैं लड़कों के साथ मिल नहीं पाई हूँ। अभी भी ऐसा लगता है कि मैं उनसे काफी अलग हूँ। परन्तु ऐसा लगता है कि सब सामान्य हो जाएगा। यहाँ के पल मेरे लिए खास मायने रखते हैं। यहाँ के पल कुछ खट्टे कुछ मीठे हैं। जिन्दगी का आनन्द इसमें ही तो है। यहाँ की छोटी से छोटी बात भी मैं भूला नहीं पाऊँगी।

इस स्कूल के अनुभव मेरे लिए कुछ खास हैं। इन पवित्तियों में कुछ कहने का प्रयास किया है

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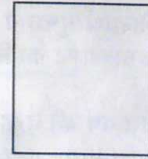
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Shravan Kumar's hat trick helps to MPS to lifts RIMC Cup

DEHRADUN AUG. 26: MPS lifted 4th RIMC Cup in a closely fought finals by defeating the host team (3-2) in a rain affected finals.

RIMC took the early lead in the match by scoring a goal in 10th minute of the 1st half through Pinku Singh. MPS replied very soon by scoring a goal in 19th minute through Sharvan Kumar in 1st half the score was (1-1) in first half.

In second half RIMC gave the defensive policy which gave MPS to attack and move their players in opponent half and they were again able to score through Sharvan in 14th minute of 2nd half.

After getting down by 1 goal RIMC started to attack and again their star striker George equalled for them in 38th minute of 1st half with his solo run and a beautiful right footed shoot on the left of goal keepers.

In the added time Sharvan scored his third goal which was gifted to him due to the crowded goal area and this goal also helped MPS to secure prestigious RIMC Cup.

Chief guest for the finals were Mr Ashok Ganguly (Chairman CBSE) Col. Arun Mangain, Sports Dean (RIMC) Mr Brijesh Chauhan.

Tournament best players went to George (RIMC) best goalkeeper Navleen Singh of MPS and highest scorer award to Vivek Negi of MNSS Rai.

RIMC fought back victory

DEHRADUN AUG. 24: RIMC lived up to its reputation of winning back the game in the last minute of the game. In a semi-final closely fought by RIMC pulled a victory in the golden goal with 2-1 win over MNSS Rai.

In a match played at fast pace MNSS Rai scored the first goal in the 30th minute of the first half through Saurabh Negi. After getting down by one goal RIMC started to attack but was not able to score.

Rai was shot down by a foul tackle in second half and the lead from front marker many

score a simple goal in the 18 minute of 1st half.

The final score till last minute remained 1-1 and golden goal rule was applied. In golden goal period remained 1-1, but in second period RIMC was able to score in 2nd minute and they reached semi finals.

In another match MPS college defeated Doon School 3 Sunil Yadav scored a hat-trick

RIMC Soccer Cup

DEHRADUN AUG. 18: Fourth RIMC Soccer Cup started today at RIMC ground. In all 16 schools are participating from all over India to fight for this prestigious cup.

Sports College, Raipur, lifts RIMC Soccer Cup

By OUR STAFF REPORTER

DEHRADUN: In a closely contested final of the RIMC Soccer Cup - 2003 Sports College, Raipur, defeated RIMC 3-2. Sravan scored all the three goals for the Sports College.

George of RIMC was declared the best player, while Navin of Sports College was declared the best goal keeper of the tournament. The best scorer title went to Vivek of Moti Lal Nehru Sports College, Rai.

The match started with both the teams adopting an attacking game. The first goal was scored by Pinku Singh for RIMC in the 10th minute. RIMC, however, could not hold on to the lead for long as Sravan equalised in the 14th minute. Sravan did not miss an opportunity to score again in the 19th minute. At half time, the score stood at 2-1 in favour of Sports College.

The beginning of the second half saw RIMC going all out for the equaliser and it was rewarded in the 32nd minute through a goal by George. However, Sports College again surged ahead with Sravan scoring his third goal in the 38th minute.

The prizes were distributed by the Chief Guest, CBSE Board Chairman Ashok Ganguly. The match was refereed by VS Rawat, Bhim Rai Thapa, Radhesh Joshi and Vikram. Eminent guests included Sub-Area Commandant Colonel Patnayak, RIMC Commandant Colonel Arun Mangain and Brijesh Chauhan.

DOONNEWS

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2003

R.I.M.C. snatches victory

DEHRADUN AUG. 23: In the third R.I.M.C. cup held in R.I.M.C. ground all quarter final matches were played today.

In an exiting match RIMC defeated Carman School in a penalty shoot out (7-4). Carman School opened the scoring in the first half in 6th min. Abhishek scoring a beautiful goal. Again Carman was able to score in 18th & 19th min. with the help of Lal Ram & Ankit. R.I.M.C. was able to pull one back in 24th min. with the help of Sandeep.

In second half Lal Din and Vinoo Singh scored in 16th min. & 1st min. to level the score. In 1st half the score remained 1-1 and penalty shoot out was held, in which RIMC emerged victorious with (7-4) final result.

In other matches M.P. Sports College defeated Moravin (4-2), Doon School defeated Cambrian Hall (4-2) in last match. St. George's defeated St. George's (5-3).

Two more semi-finals will be held. First between M.P. Sports College vs Doon School (4-30 p.m.) & R.I.M.C. vs Doon School (4-30 p.m.) in R.I.M.C.

The final score was (3-1) in favour of RIMC.

In another match there was a major upset and St. George's Mussoorie last year winner lost (3-2) to Cambrian Hall. Cambrian Hall's Ishwar, KC Ravinder and David scored the goal and Gaurav Thapa and Amar were the scorers for St. George's College.

Today match will be played between Mayo College Ajmer & MNSS Rai & Doon School vs The Scindia School.

Editorial

Come September.....its uncanny how even in these raintrodden paths there still doesn't cease to be a spring in every step. There are many people that we take for granted everyday. The Mess is one such department that we overlook, an area that encompasses the fulfillment of our acute desire FOOD.

There is much that we hope to thank.....KUDOS to an untiring effort of constant improvement to the bearers, the cooks, and most of all the catering JCO..... THANK YOU! As academic pressure is gradually on the rise there's more to work forward to say and do.....The Intersection Variety Competition lived upto the meaning of drama to cater to the expectations of a complacent, comfortable audience.

Commandant's Mail Box

'I did not realise that you will 'Print out' my hand written letter of 8 May, 2003 in the May Chronicle. My hand writing is horrible-you should have warned me- I would then have made some attempt to write more legibly!! Thank you very much all the same'. I will certainly send a copy each for Lahorewalas and Karachiwalas. Remainder I will circulate here for 'Living Rimcollians'. Remember me to all who know me.

Brig M M Karim
Islamabad, Pakistan

'After nearly a year of trying to trace Jack Uppal, we finally met in Ottawa on the 28 of August. He was in the process of moving from Toronto to Ottawa and we did talk about his unsuccessful effort at making scotch eggs, and how he would never give up trying. After a couple of beers and whisky, we had an "intellectual" conversation about why 'tipsy' pudding was the most expensive in terms of exchange rates and why fried eggs were fried again to taste the way they did!!'

Teddy Dhillon
(Chandragupta, 83-88)

'Sending a draft for Rs 1915 as subscription for Magazine and Chronicle for five years. Kindly do make a note, because I am making a note. If there are Pratap and Ranjit guys incharge who can tell me what will happen?'

Gp Capt A G Bewoor
(Rimcollian)

'The chairman CBSE's views are similar to my own and we should work towards these goals.'

Col Hari Handa
(Rimcollian)

'Please wish all the MOS a very happy teacher's day'.

Simrandeep
(Ranjit, 98-03)

'A very HAPPPPPY TEACHERS DAYYYYYY'

Rustam Sekhon
(Pratap, 96-02)

'Happy Teachers Day to all our Teachers'.

Lt Rohan Falnikar
(Pratap, 93-98)

Cultural News

Teachers Day was celebrated with gaiety and fun. A cultural show was put up by the cadets, which enthralled the audience. The Chief guest of the evening was Ms Shakuntala Mamgain. The ceremony ended with the Cadet Captain presenting gifts to each teacher thanking them for their valuable guidance at all times.

All India Kashi Naresh Hindi Debate was held on the 7 of Sep 2003. 10 schools from all over India participated. The topic of the debate was 'Shanti Sabhyata Ka Aabhushan Hai'. The Chief guest of the function was Mr Himanshu Joshi, a renowned Hindi novelist.

Debating Circuit

1. "प्रजतंत्र की सदृढता के लिए महिला आरक्षण आवश्यक है" was the topic for Inter-school Hindi Debate at Cambrian Hall, Dehradun on 13th Aug in which Cadet Amrit Singh Hundal and Siddharth Rawat participated.
2. From among 11 teams for Hindi Debate, Karan Sharma debating at Welham Girls on 16th Aug, was adjudged the 3rd best speaker.
3. Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hissar bagged the "All India Kashi Naresh; Cadet Karan Sharma was adjudged the 2nd best speaker.
4. 7th-10th Sep-IPSC Cultural Festival, Scindia School, Gwalior, Cadet Shirshendu Pandey stood 1st in Hindi Debating; Cadet Abhishekh Rana was adjudged 3rd in English debating.
5. 30th Aug - Cadet Adil Ahmad Din stood 1st amongst 17 teams which participated and won a cash prize of Rs 10,000/- when he cogently argued against, "Euthanasia should be legalized", at Pestle Weed College in the "18th All India W C Kashyap Memorial English Debate".

RIMC Soccer Cup

We hosted the 4th RIMC SOCCER Tournament from 18th-26th August 2002. 16 teams participated from all over India. The tournament was declared open by Lt Gen JBS Yadava, AVSM, Vr C, VSM the Deputy Chief of Army Staff and Shri Ashok Ganguly, Chairman CBSE did the honours on the final day. Our team gave a good account of themselves and qualified for the finals defeating Moravian Institute (3-1), Woodstock (4-1), Welham Boys (1-0) in the Pool matches. In the Quarter final our boys who were trailing by 3 goals in the first half played like true soldiers and levelled the score and won in the tie- breaker that followed. In semi-finals the 'Golden Goal' scored by Vaibhav Sinha saw us defeat MNSS Rai (runners-up 2001) 2-1. The Final Match was played between MP Sports College Raipur and RIMC, we took the lead by a goal scored by team captain Pinku Singh in the 11th min of the match. At half-time the opponents were leading by 2-1. In the second half George Francis scored a brilliant goal for our team equalizing the score. Just two minutes before the final whistle, striker Shravan Kumar of MP Sports College scored his third goal thereby winning the glittering cup. Cadet George Francis was adjudged the best player of the tournament. The best goalkeeper was Navin Kumar of MP Sports College and the highest scorer was Vivek Kumar of MNSS, Rai.

RIMC Soccer Cup

Swagat Das
III

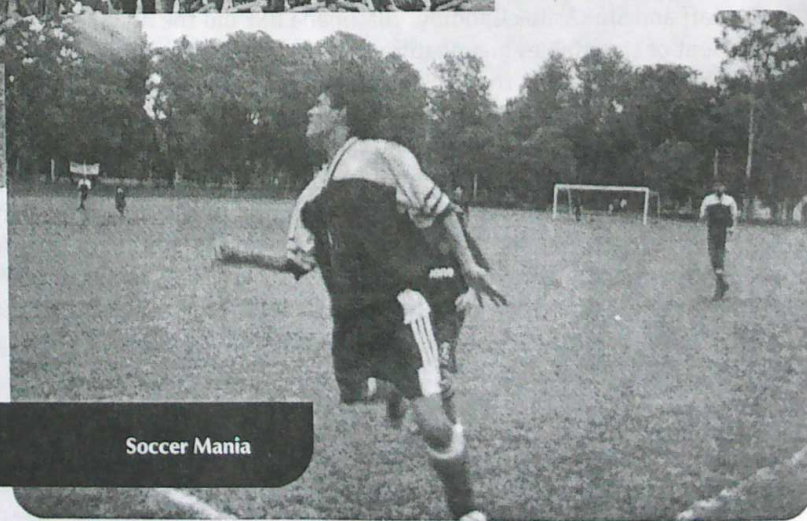


Lt. Gen J BS Yadav, AVSM, Vr C, VSM
Deputy Chief of Army inaugurating
the 4th RIMC Soccer Cup

"Maa Durga" dance drama performance
by Abhinaya Kala Manch, Dehradun



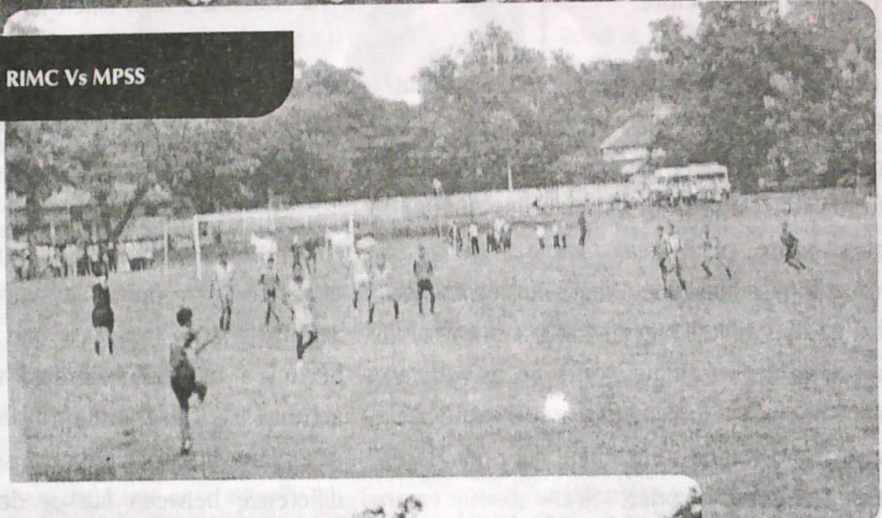
Chief Guest with inaugural teams



Soccer Mania



CBSE Chairman, Mr Ashok Ganguly with the RIMC team.



RIMC Vs MPSS



George Francis & Pinku Singh receiving the runners-up trophy from the Chief guest.

A review of Harry Potter

The fifth book in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, caused quite a stir before it had even hit the shelves. Bookies in the UK were taking bets on what was going to happen, large quantities of the books were being stolen shortly after landing and much more. I must admit I have never known so much excitement over a book release before.

So what exactly is/was all the excitement about? Well Lord Voldemort has returned, has killed someone and Harry Potter was the only witness. Unfortunately Harry is locked up at his Aunt and Uncle's house once again and is having a thoroughly miserable time. What's making it worse is that no one will tell him anything about what is going on in the wizarding world. So as you can imagine he really is looking forward to going back to school and getting some relief, but poor Harry is in for a miserable surprise.

While Dumbledore, the Headmaster at Hogwarts, believes Harry (and a few others) the local papers are trying to discredit him, making out that he's a spoilt little brat, who is constantly seeking attention. Unfortunately, doubts are also now being placed on Dumbledore and he ends up under investigation from the Ministry of Magic, with disastrous effects on Harry Potter and his friends as well.

A particularly nasty new character called Dolores

Umbridge is sent to keep an eye on Dumbledore at Hogwarts, and as time goes by she gains new powers (not magical) at the school and eventually becomes Headmistress. Umbridge also really has it in for Harry as she has bought into the idea of poor Potter being nothing more than a miscreant.

The stakes are high when you cannot even trust the Ministry of Magic, yet there is a mad-wizard on the loose trying to destroy the world. But what is this talk of a secret weapon? Can it really give Voldemort the power to exact his evil revenge?

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is a tale of adventure, responsibility and the effects of one's actions. Harry has well and truly started to become a young adult, and one with a lot of power and history. The transition from child to adult is never easy, but when your decisions can mean the difference between life or death then that is another matter altogether.

Rowling has managed to create something, that for no easy reason to pinpoint, has fired the imagination of children and adults alike, across the world. However, although the Order of the Phoenix is a great addition to the series (probably the best to date), I very much doubt that it will convert those that have tried the others and were disappointed. But for fans of the series, what are you waiting for? Go grab a copy now while you can! Right next to you in your library.

Anant Raman, III



BOND WITH THE BEST



I've walked past the cluttered library Point, along the Mall, all the way into the, not-so-picturesque Picture Palace, and the hill People are still telling me that Ivy Cottage is just a few minutes away. No one takes a cab here in the hills' - it's too touristy, So I trudge on, beyond the old Union Church, the Ghantaghar, past red-faced monkeys and pink-cheeked school children, and finally reach Mullingar Chouraha. I'm tracking the 'most famous person in Mussoorie - Ruskin Bond.'



Ruskin Bond

Onward then, up a flight of rough, cemented stairs. An old, black dog guards the stairs—hardly a Cerberus, though, for he's quite jolly and wants to say hello. At the top of the stairs, there's another sleepy brown-grey German Shepherd, inside, the sun streams in from the windows into a cosy, book-lined room. 'A cup of chai?' Ruskin Bond asks and, on cue, refreshments follow. When I had last met Bond, he was 65, this year, he'll be 74, "Oh no, 72," he corrects me, "I have decided to go on being 65," he says with disarming grin".

Bond was born in Kasauli, in Himachal Pradesh. His father had been a teacher, a tea planter and a RAF officer. Flying? "No, he was in Intelligence," he tells me, smiling: "So, you see, there was once actually a Bond in Intelligence,".

As I'm listening to this story of a young boy sent from school to school in the midst of a world war, outside, I can hear the shrill laughter of his adopted grand children, and the woofs of Sheroo the dog: Dolly, Srishti and Gautam are sharing a joke about something.

His father died in 1944. "I was 10 then. He used to get bouts of malaria in Calcutta, and finally he succumbed." Tell me about Bishop Cottons, I say, and he looks happy. "All the games were compulsory, but football was my favourite. And I was quite good at it".

When did he realize he wanted to write? "At around 13, I decided to be a writer. It started with Dickens' David Copperfield. I reached much more as a boy than I do now. My eyes bother me a bit now," he grumbled vaguely, "there weren't any writers in the family, but everyone read."

The Room on the Roof, his first novel, written when he was 17, won him the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize. The money rather than the prize was the turning point. "I got an advance of 50 pounds. The first thing I did was to buy a ticket and get on the first boat back to India. It was The *SS Batory*, a Polish ship, a jinxed one..Someone fell over in the Red Sea. And at the Ballard Pier in Bombay, the ship caught fire. But we were all safely out by then.

Bond is known as much for his children's books as for his love stories. One corner of his room is overrun with a small forest of delicate ferns. I notice a new little plant cosily ensconced in a tea tin.

"Resued it today," he laughs, "on my morning walk. It's a tomato plant. It would have never survived on the road-side. I'm hoping that one day it'll give me a tomato out of gratitude".

In the little hall, the shelves are crammed with books—Henry James, David Copperfield, Nepali short stories. A framed *Life* magazine cover of Bond's favourite baritone, Nelson Eddy, whose songs he himself sings cheerfully as he climbs the hill. There is a nostalgic tone in much of his writing, a sense of chances missed, of ships that have crossed at night. "Yes I look back a lot. All my life, I have followed my heart. I have had independence and enjoyed it. I live with the people I love, and in the country of my choice. But surely the nostalgia comes from somewhere? "Nobody has complete happiness, I have made mistakes along the way, but I have no regrets. I don't want to be a recluse, though I do not mind if people have an image of me being a recluse. I do project a loner's image, and at times I have been alone. Some solitude is a part of my nature and life. I am fairly reserved and shy".

Even as a recluse, he's become the major Mussoorie icon. Is he resigned to it— people's curiosity, even intrusiveness? Is he happy? Paaaauuse." Yes, I'm fairly contented in many ways. "With a family, a dog, friends, and evenings at the SAVOY BAR.

Ms M Chandel

Satisfaction

The chocolates there were all for me,
As I saw with my profound glee,
They were all mine, not anybody else's,
I thought of no one, but my own greedy self.

Kingly they looked, packaged in silver grey,
The more I looked at them, the more mind said,
Eat them; eat them, before they lose their shine,
So I set off, chocolates on my mind.

A solitary place I found, It was just a matter of time,
The place looked deserted, chocolates seemed fine,
As I whizzed out, I looked amidst the trees,
And so, I saw a boy squatting, head on his knees.

Sobbing he was, the reason I didn't know,
To find out why, I knew I had to go,
I looked at the chocolates in my pocket; the crying
boy won the bid.

I asked him what was his problem,
He said he didn't have any friends,
They despised him for what he didn't have,
His troubles, he felt, had no end.

Consoling him didn't take too long,
A small boy as he was,
It did take a lot of thinking, but finally I did it,
The chocolates, which were mine, were now his.
That day I lost my precious chocolates,
But to a sad face brought a smile,
I had the irreplaceable feeling,
Of walking back to school,
After doing something worthwhile.

Cadet Sharyf Bhonsle
Class IV A

The candle of light

A thousand years,
A thousand days.
I did spend,
In mending my ways.
In promising people,
A life happy and gay.
In extending help,
To people astray.
In civilizing those,
On abandoned bays.
In reaping crops,
In the sun of May.
In fighting for those,
Who silently pray.
And after all this,
People come to me and say.
Alas ! my dear,
You have whiled your life away,
For then I ponder,
In my heart a sway.
And see those grateful,
To me wave.
The vision of the Almighty,
Clearly appears.
And I see the lord,
Shed a tear.
He tells me of life,
That I extended.
And the wicked ways of people,
That I mended.
In the end,
My heart fills with gratitude.
And it compels me to wonder,
About my attitude.
And say...
A thousand years,
A thousand days.
I did spend,
In mending my ways,
And finally I did,
Light the candle.
In the lives of,
Others astray.

Debangshu Roy
III



Dear

Rohan,



Learning gives creativity
Creativity leads to thinking.
Thinking provides knowledge
Knowledge makes you great.

With best wishes from

APJ Abdul Kalam
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August 25, 2003

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Dear Commander Bhattacharya,

Thank you for your letter. The work of Cadet Rohan Kulkarni is indeed a beautiful creation with originality. I am enclosing a knowledge card for him.

Yours sincerely,
APJ
(A.P.J) Abdul Kalam

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Dear Col. Mansaram, I am responding to your appeal for Shri. Kishore Shau. I remember him while I was in school. I am not sure if it is my desire that he lives long. Please accept this small amount which may be utilised for his present health condition. I wish to visit school sometime in Durgam hope I can meet you then.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely
R.H. Awasthi
rhd

Sample Rejection Letter

Dear _____
Thank you for your letter of April 15. After careful consideration, I regret to inform you that I am unable to accept your refusal to offer me the position of teacher. This year I have been particularly fortunate in receiving an unusually large number of rejection letters. With such a varied and promising field of candidates it is impossible for me to accept all refusals.

Despite your school's outstanding qualifications and previous experience in rejecting applicants, I find that your rejection does not meet with my needs at this time. Therefore, I will plan on commencing my position as a teacher on August 25. I look forward to seeing you then.

Best of luck in rejecting future candidates.

Sincerely,

(Your name here)

Yes, this is a joke. Keeping a sense of humour is a vital part of any job search.



For OLD BOYS to see, as sweet remembrances (Ex-Matron)

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An Electrifying Start: RIMC Vs Moravian Institute

18th August : The cadets of the hosts RIMC eagerly waited for this match between RIMC and Moravian Institute to start.

It was the opening match of RIMC Soccer Cup 2003, a solemn inauguration ceremony, presided over by the Deputy Chief of the Army Staff as the Chief Guest, had preceded it; a torrential downpour was to last through to the end of the match inundating the field; not dampening the spirits of the eager players, however. Earlier the honorable Chief Guest had been escorted by the riders of Bhula Riding Club to the Pavilion, where he inspected the march past of the 16 participating teams.

The players of the Moravian Institute in their green outfit presented a pleasing sight. To match them were the Blue Dynamites of RIMC, who were welcomed by a big round of applause, scarcely when they had entered the rain soaked field.

The struggle started and in no time hereafter the atmosphere was set afire by two consecutive goals of Cadet Vaibhav Sinha within five minutes of the start of the play. Thus spurred, Moravians also netted a goal making the score-board read 2-1.

During second half Vaibhav Sinha gave more to cheer to the RIMCOS, when he scored yet another goal finishing up with a hat-trick to his credit. The deafening cheers echoed all about the Pavilion.

Moravians did indeed put up a spirited defence, but blessed by the rain God the day was ours with the score of 3-1...

YOU GANK
II-A

Rimco on the Battlefield: RIMC Vs MNSS Rai, Sonapat

Rimcos..... Rimcos was the chant that reverberated all over and about the pavilion.

The morale of the Blue Dynamites was tremendous. Semi-final of the RIMC soccer cup was to get underway! It was to be a crucial match for the two teams and the winners would be through to the finals. Each Rimco doubted the capability of the opposing team. And above all our blue dynamites were confident of a sure win.

The whistle blew and the chorus went deafening; and what else could you ask for; the ball was in our control. Somehow, their halves took the ball off our control and within no time they netted a hugely unexpected goal. Within no time, gloom descended all over the field with the score 1-0 in favour of MNSS RAI. We were left immensely dumbfounded when MNSS RAI struck again in the next five minutes. That was shocking.

Taking the initiative on behalf of the Blue Dynamites, Binoy Singh scored that seemingly hard-to-come by goal, which narrowing the score to 1-2 at the half-time, lessened the anxiety writ large on the faces of the home crowd.

Soon, the second - half started and both the teams were frantically struggling for that elusive grace saving goal.

Rimcos grabbed the opportunity and lo and behold our boys had scored one more goal. Scores stood levelled at 2-2.

The deafening chorus that had subsided over the time, shaped itself once again and boosted the morale of the Blue Dynamites just in time and to the anguish of the opponents Cadet Laldin Puia converted the pass by Cadet George Francis into a goal; the score-board read 3-2, a sigh of relief for the Rimcos. But alas! The relief was short-lived. Pankaj Rana of MNSS Rai cracked a sensational goal levelling the score 3-3.

Only God knows how close we were to the victory just a short while ago. The anxiety and the thrill was carried into the extra- time, but God was with us that day. Yes, Cadet Vaibhav Sinha had done it. After many a nail bite the score stood 4-3 in our favour.

YOU GANK PANWAR, II-A

मेरे गांव की सड़क

सड़क अर्थात् मार्ग और अगर यह सुन्दर हो तो दिल बाग-बाग हो जाता है पर अगर धूल-भरा हो तो फिर क्या कहना। कमर शायद कमर नहीं, धोबी से धुला कपड़ा बन जाता है। ऐसा एक बार मेरे साथ भी हुआ। मेरा गांव चक - अब्दुल-गनी शहर से 8 किमी० की दूरी पर स्थित है। नाम से तो बड़ा है, पर क्षेत्रफल में छोटा है और जनसंख्या में क्या कहना बस एक मुम्बई होगा। मैं अपने गांव का बहुत लंबे अरसे के बाद दर्शन करने जा रहा था, पर मुझे क्या पता था कि मैं गांव का दर्शन क्या, लोग मेरा दर्शन करेंगे। हुआ यूं कि मैं शहर की श्रीदेवी के गालों जैसी सड़क पर साइकिल चलाकर गांव की ओर जा रहा था। मैं अपनी धुन में मस्त था और मेरी साइकिल का क्या कहना? ऐसा लग रहा था मानों हवा से बाते कर रही हो और श्रीदेवी के गालों का रस ले रही हो। पर थोड़ी ही दूर जाने के बाद ऐसा लगा जैसे हवा हमसे बाते कर रही हो। कमर का ये हाल हो रहा था। मानो जैसे कोई धोबी इसे अपने कपड़ों की तरह पटक रहा हो और साइकिल का फिर क्या कहना। वह तो माशा-अल्लाह इस हाल में थी मानो श्रीदेवी के गाल से उतरकर अमरेशपुरी के गालों का चुम्बन ली हो। हैंडिल तो था पर इसकी दिशा उत्तर थी और मेरे साइकिल के चलने की दिशा दक्षिण थी। ब्रेक लो, तो पता नहीं ये खुद रूकती थी या मार्ग पर के किसी अवरोधक द्वारा रोकी जाती थी। और सीट का तो कुछ कहना ही नहीं, बिना घोड़े के ही ऐसा लग रहा था मानो घोड़े पर बैठ ट्रोटींग कर रहा है। मेरा हाल तो देखने ही लायक थी। भले मुझे दिन के दुपहरी में चांद-तारें, दिख रहे थे। कुछ दूरी तय करने पर देखा कि एक सभ्य समुदाय अर्थात् मानवों का समूह मुझ पर हँस रहा था। तब मैंने खुद को देखा, फिर साइकिल की ओर दोनों एक दूसरे को देखते रहे, मानों प्रेमी-प्रेमिका को बहुत इंतजार के बाद देख रहा हो। वास्तव में मेरी साइकिल की ये हालत थी जैसे कोई विधवा हो और मेरा क्या कहना, अशांति का प्रतीक होकर भी शांति का सफेद वस्त्र धारण किए हुआ था। ये सड़क की धूल की कृपा दृष्टि थी ऐसे में ये समूह हँसकर मेरी शोभा को आसमान में पहुंचा रहा था। तभी एक मोहतरमा ने दिलेरी पेश की-कहा जनाब इस सड़क पर साइकिल पर चढ़कर नहीं, बल्कि उसे चढ़ाकर चल पड़ता है, क्योंकि ये गांव की सड़क है। फिर किसी तरह अपने इस बेलगाम के घोड़े को इन महाशय के घर रखा फिर ग्यारह नंबर की गाड़ी से घर पहुंचा। वहां पहुंच कर ऐसा लगा मानो किसी परीक्षा में सर्वोच्च स्थान पा लिया हों। वास्तव में इस सड़क पर 5 किमी० की दूरी तय करना परीक्षा में सर्वोच्च स्थान लाने से कम न था। वैसे कुछ सप्ताह पूर्व ही गंगोत्री की चोटी पर फतेह हासिल की थी। पर इसके बाद तो ऐसा लगा मानों दो-तीन चोटी पलक झपकते मुट्ठी में कर लूंगा। घर पे जब मैं खटिया पर गिरा तो वास्तव में निद्रा देवी ने तो सुख का स्पर्श दिया कि मैं इसके प्रेमजाल में दो दिनों तक फंसा रहा। वास्तव में मेरा ये सड़क का अनुभव वो भी अपने गांव में चिरस्मरणीय रहेगा।

जुल्फकार हसन

कक्षा 2

RIMC Vs Carman School (Quarterfinal)

It was the quarterfinal match between Carman school and the host RIMC that kept the spectators agog with awe anxiety. Both the halves witnessed an even display of stamina and skill, and both the teams grappled with each other to prove their prowess over the ball. Even the extra time could not help the players into scoring goals for their respective teams. Consequently, the decision of tiebreaker had to be taken. The match started at about 4 pm in the evening. Within first ten minutes, the opponents scored a goal. We started cheering up for our college players but as ill luck would have it the opponents scored two more goals. The score read 3-0, still we had hope as the other half was left. In the second half after a lot of struggle and a superb display of excellent soccer the score read 3-3. Then came time of golden goal. Every cadet of our college was holding his breath. But in the golden goal also no decision was taken, and at last tiebreaker i.e. penalty shoot out had to be resolved to decide the winner. The responsibility of defending the goals lay solely on the shoulders of the two goalkeepers. Our goalkeeper was Cadet PRATEEK TOMAR, who incidently was also adjudged the best goalkeeper of the match. We scored four goals in the penalty shoot out and defended three shots. Thus, wining the match by 7-4. At last everyone was delighted as our team entered the semifinals after a lot of hard work and a pitched battle indeed!

Humesh Tuteja, II

Assemble for Assembly

On a Monday morning, after a Sunday late night, when a speaker tries to put a message across to a 270-dead-audience, sitting in almost pin drop silence, few cadets honestly accept speeches thus delivered, some are busy nose-picking, other dreaming and many doping. I too have taken to doping, releasing the tiredness of the morning PT and late night section activities. Some cadets just stare at the speaker and others who do manage to get the gist of the material, put on a bored expression accompanied with never ending yawning sessions, still others who forcibly keep track of what's being said, wear an expression of superiority and acknowledge it by shaking their head up and down as a gesture of approval. The most enjoyed activity is when Mr Selven requests us to dope for ten minutes and purify our lungs by P R R RAANN YUM. Whereas most cadets are in communion with god, there are others who think of the mental torture which is to begin. No matter what you speak and do, what matters is how to manage to keep that Assembly awake and engrossed.

Varun Agarwal, II

दैनिक दर्पणा

● वेदराज्य 21 अगस्त 2003

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अमर उजाला

दून यूथ

भव के शानदार तीन गोलों ने दिलाई जीत

अन्य मुकाबले में कैम्ब्रियन क्लब ने सेंट जॉर्ज्स को 3-2 से हराया। यह मुकाबला वेदराज्य के आरआईएमसी के फुटबॉल टीम के आयोजन में हुआ। कैम्ब्रियन क्लब ने सेंट जॉर्ज्स को 3-2 से हराया।



दैनिक जागरण

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स्पोर्ट्स कालेज ने कारमन को 4-1 से शिकस्त दी

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Editorial **TERRORISM**

The days passed by like a gust of wind and there was a nip in the air as the mid term exams came to an eagerly awaited end. An anxious look could be observed on the face of every cadet as they geared up for the long awaited mid-term break. The hikes were a pleasant change as our minds blended with nature and the environment around us. The hikes came to a sudden end as we returned to college and adjusted once again to the jam packed routine with the athletics competition round the corner.

Editor

To understand and destroy the root cause

It comes in the form of an irresistible offer to take revenge for those whose life and environment seems to have been destroyed by the atrocities of the so called elite class. It ruins the already half-destroyed life of these innocent people who take up arms for revenge.

The killings of the muslims in the godhara incident, the consequent illegal arrest and many more such atrocities have proved to be a blot on the name of humanity. The result of September 11 attack on the World Trade Centre; 13 December, attack on the Parliament of India, and the Mumbai blasts is a carnage on several people, who have not even dreamt of such things. Why, I ask you then, do we commit such actions?

No religion preaches that we should destroy others' life. We as fools add fuel to fire and inflict violence upon these innocent people, who are being targeted by these inhuman acts. All these facts just prove that violence cannot counter itself. The one and only solution according to me is to follow the path of non-violence. If you still think that by non violence we cannot counter this problem, it's time to get ticking and rack our brains to set non-violence to the present scenario lest we have to face the consequences of unrelenting violence; which can cover our country with dark clouds forever.

J P Naidu
II - A

RIMC BIDS ADIEU TO LT GEN T S SHERGILL

1. I write to thank you, sir, for having been such a friend and patron of the RIMC. All of us, and I think the cadets most of all, will miss your cheerful presence in our midst. So much of what our boys achieved is owed to your blessings and outstanding support we received from IMA. It is wonderful to learn that you will be in Dehradun and that we can hope to keep this relationship alive.
2. On behalf of the RIMC family, I wish Mrs Shergill and you the very best in your innings after retirement.

To
Lt Gen TS Shergill, PVSM
Commandant
Indian Military Academy, Dehradun



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COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

'RIMC Annual 2002-03 is a good example of professional excellence.'

Maj Gen H S Panag
Offg DGM

'It was a great pleasure to be hosted at RIMC. I was so happy to see cheerful faces of Cadets and was so impressed by the ease and confidence with which they interacted with me. You were generous not only in letting me address the Assembly that was a great honour indeed, but also, in having me plant a tree within the Campus. This will strengthen my association with the Warrior Creed.'

Lt Gen T S Shergill
Commandant, IMA

'I retired from service on 31 August. It has been a very long innings of 44 years in uniform since I donned the OGS as a young lad in Aug 59. I have very happy memories of my days in uniform, especially the golden days spent in the sprawling campus of our alma mater.'

Brig A K Dutta, VSM (Retd)

'I have been awarded with GOC-in-C Southern Commendation Card for devotion to duty. I dedicate this entirely to my Almamater where I have been born and brought up.'

Capt Nitin Chaturvedi
DADOS (Amn)

VISITORS' BOOK

"Always great to be back among one's roots!"

Capt Gaurav Singh Hamal

"Genuinely feel honoured to be back 'home'. Shall honestly strive to give my best to the alma mater."

Maj Anurag Chander

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NEWS IN BRIEF

1. Pre-National Shooting Championship was held in Chennai from 18th Aug to 6th September in which 8 cadets participated. B Jena won a silver while Swarnima Thapliyal and Vedant Pun won Bronze medals.
2. In the IPSC swimming meet held from 5th-7th September at Patiala, we bagged 13 medals, including 1 gold & 2 silver and stood 4th in the overall championship.
3. In the 18th W C Kashyap Memorial All India English debate held on the 6th September in Pestleweed School, Adil Ahmed was adjudged the best speaker and we won the trophy.
4. A workshop on cartooning, which was enjoyed and appreciated by the cadets, was conducted by Mr Ajeet Narayan.
5. Inter-school Computer & Science quiz was held at Welham Boys' school with Abhishek, G Hridaya and B Pranith as the participants from our college. Out of the six teams, which had taken part, RIMC stood first.
6. ESPN Quiz round was held at the Welham Girl's school on the 21st September. Gautam Kumar and Aseem Chatterji have qualified for the Zonals.
7. 14 October - Bhoomi Puja for the new Olympic size swimming pool was carried out at the site.
8. 16 October - Lt Gen Yash Malhotra, President ROBA visited the college, he was also the Chief Guest for the inauguration ceremony of Inter-section Athletics meet.
9. 20 October - Col Abbey, Principal, NIM, Uttarkashi gave a presentation on the joint Indo-Nepalese Army expedition to Mt. Everest.
10. 21 October - Maj Gen KCV GOC (UB Area) visited the college. In the afternoon a talk was delivered by Admiral (Retd) Kopikar on specially abled children.



Bhoomi Puja for the new swimming pool

THE RIMC INTERSECTION ATHLETICS COMPETITION

A calm, peaceful afternoon. The chirping of birds, the rustling of leaves was all that could be heard. Suddenly...

Dum dum dum...

Well, where is this noise coming from? Following the sound in great bewilderment, entering the Platinum jubilee gate and following the road that sound leads you to the RIMC pavilion.

Dum dum dum...

"Rashtriya Bhartiya Sainya College, tej chal."

The command is given and here we go once again. The cadets have begun marching and the show is on. Marching to the tune of "Saare Jahan Se Achcha". The whole college marches smartly around the tracks and to the centre of the ground, where they fall in for the 'oath taking ceremony' which is administered by Rakesh Kumar who is the TGV i.e the fastest athlete of the college.

"I hereby declare the RIMC Inter-section Athletics meet for the year 2002 open".

Balloons were flown; pigeons were released and the whole pavilion as if had sprung to life, as soon as Lt Gen Yash Malhotra, President ROBA and Commandant CME, the chief guest of the day uttered these words.

Three divisions meant that there were a lot of events and thus the athletic competition had to be spread over three days. The main attraction of these three days was the Special Olympics for the spastic and physically handicapped children. The children of 2 special schools/organisations attended it. This meet was also unique because there was a Parent Teacher meet. We had a race for parents too and it was won by Mr S Suhag F/o cadet Deepak Suhag. In the tug of war & peace between Masters and cadets it was 20 Vs 250 and the cadets won.

There was also a book fair put up by 'Scholastic' during the three days. They offered a 10% discount on the occasion.

Back on the tension filled sports ground we find a lot of noise when suddenly... boom!!!

A race has begun, the athletes are running for life, the sections are cheering for the athletes without even looking at the athletes (as they are cheering with the seniors hovering around them) and once the race is over the winning section cheers loudly, whereas the sections whose athletes have lost,

cheer in a very morose manner. It is a very funny sight to see the cheering teams trying to 'josh' up the athletes.

For the first two days, the competition was fought equally amongst the four sections but after the second day the competition was only between Pratap and Ranjit as both these sections had taken a lead over the other two sections.

The final day was thus tense as there weren't too many events and only one of these two sections could win. After a great battle, which went on till the last event the trophy was finally won by the Pratap Section, who with their four cheers spread the message of their victory.

The final positions of the competition were:

1. Pratap
2. Ranjit
3. Chandragupta
4. Shivaji

Our alma mater boasts of very good standards in all fields and living up to it, this time Ankush broke record in B.Div Javelin, Vijesh Kumar in B.Div 800 mtrs and Dikshant in B.Div long jump. Also Pratap Section improved upon the record of B.Div 4x100 mtrs relay.

Gunjan Kishore, Dikshant Mahajan and Vaibhav Sinha were adjudged the best athletes of the three divisions.

As soon as the competition was over there was a march past led by Pratap section, who were the previous year's champions. Ronnie who was the officiating Cadet Captain led the parade.

The evening of the competition ended with the prize distribution, with 'three cheers for RIMC' and then with the loud cheering of the sections for their athletes.

After the competition the words of John Keats crossed my mind.

'Did you tackle that came your way
with a resolute heart and cheerful,
or hide your face from the light of day
with a graven soul and fearful.

Oh! A trouble's a ton, A trouble's an ounce,
A trouble's how you take it,

It's not what hurts that counts but only how did you take it.'

When all is said and done there is only one thing in the minds of all: next time we shall win.

G Anvesh,
V-A

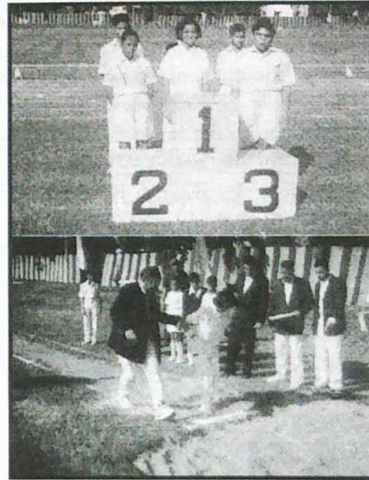
SCHOLASTIC READING CLUB

Scholastic is a Global children's publishing and media company that creates and distributes innovative and quality educational materials for use in schools. Building long-term relationships with teachers, parents and children since 1920, Scholastic has been unique in its understanding of what children want, need to read and learn. Owing to the support of teachers and parents, Scholastic has grown to be the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books. Scholastic is also the world leader in school book clubs and school book fairs.

Our school has joined this programme and has formed a Scholastic Readers Club, comprising interested teachers and students. The scholastic India Foundation will organise workshops on the importance of reading. They have helped in generating team spirit by presenting badges, folders, certificates of appreciation, etc. classes I, IA, II and IIA are a part of this club and have formed a book reading club.

Special *Olympics*

Special Olympics is a non-profit, international programme of year-round sports, training and athletic competitions for children and adults, who are specially abled. They believe that the spirit of competition stimulates the mind, develops self-confidence and supports personal growth. Thus, people who are specially abled can, with proper instruction and encouragement, learn, enjoy and benefit from active participation in sports. RIMC organised special Olympics on 18th October wherein children from Asha School & Raphael participated.



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Parent-Teacher Meet

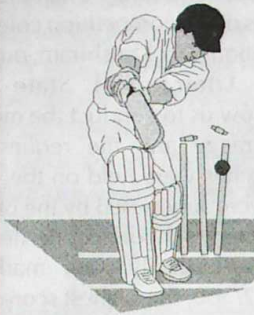
Parent-Teacher meet was conducted for the second time on 19th October. About 45 parents attended the meet. The parents appreciated the idea of the conduct of such meets and requested that they be continued in future too. Some parents were of the opinion that parents of only those cadets who are either weak in academics or those who wish to know more about their ward's performance needed to attend; arrangement to accommodate maximum number of parents who attend be made within the college campus; parents be intimated about such meets at-least two months in advance. Some suggested that the vacation assignment in all the subjects should be thought provoking and questions be framed on the pattern of NDA written exam to help cadets in the longer run. Others advocated the conduct of weekly class tests. The need to have text-books for computers and an additional period for class I was stressed by parents. Some parents felt that there was a need to reduce a few activities and give more time for academics.

Gaurav Hridaya & Pawan Bhardwaj

III

CRICKET ON THE BATTLEFIELD

This is how a cricket lover described the situation, which existed in Europe during the world war-II. The individual scores probably indicate the strength of the resistance offered by the various countries to the German advance.



A.U.Stria	Run out	0
C.Slovakia	C & B Hitler	0
P.O.Land	C Stalin B Hitler	10
D.Enmark	Run out	0
N.Orway	B Hitler	1
H.Olland	Retired hurt	2
B.Elgium	C Leopold B Hitler	3
Luxe.M.Burg	B. Hitler	0
F.R.Ance	C Mussolini b. Hitler	20
G.B.Ritain	Not out	150
	Total	186

A.Merica to bat. Close of play: - 186 for 9 wkt

Tejas B. Deshpande
Class III

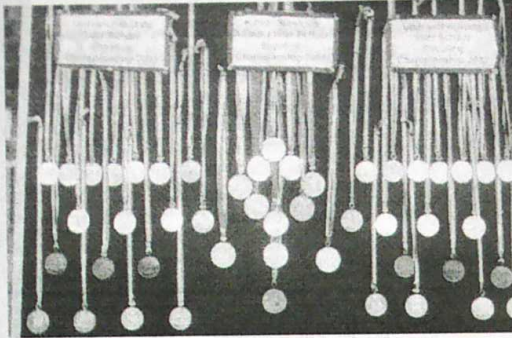
The Decision

THE COILS OF COMPLACENCY HAVE ENTANGLED AROUND ME TIGHT,
BUT I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND NOT TO GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT.
THE BOND OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS MORE THAN ONCE HAVE CROSSED MY PATH.
BUT MY MIND IS CLEAR AND I AM READY,
FOR THE DEADLY AFTERMATH.
THOSE MEMORIES OF MY HAPPY LIFE,
STILL HAUNT ME IN MY DREAMS.
BUT NOW THERE IS NO SLEEP AND REST,
'CAUSE IT'S TIME TO PICK THE CREAM.
WHEN DID I START, WHEN DID I GO,
THAT NOTHING I CAN RECALL.
BUT I DO REMEMBER THAT MY LIFE HAS CHANGED,
ON SAVING MAN'S LAST FALL.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THAT ALL WAS DONE,
I FELT THAT IT WAS NOT THE END OF THE ROAD.
SUCCESS HAD LONG AGO KNELT BEFORE ME,
BUT THE FUTURE OF THE COUNTRY I HAD TO MOULD.
THE CLOUDS OF DARKNESS HAVE BEGUN TO CLEAR,
THE CHILDREN OF THE NATION HAVE LOST THEIR FEAR.
NOW IT'S TIME TO LEAD THE MASS,
TAKE A DECISION, WIPE THE TEAR.

DEBANGSHU ROY. III

Marksmanship at RIMC

MARKSMANSHIP AT RIMC



Marksmanship has reached high standards at RIMC in no time and, cadets are encouraged to participate in as many shooting competitions as possible. We took part in the 2nd Uttaranchal State Inter School Shooting Championship 2003. As the dates of the competition coincided with our examinations, Mr Khushiram, our OIC, requested the Uttaranchal State Rifle Association to allow us to conduct the matches in our college range and the request was granted. The matches were held on the 18th of September and were supervised by the officials

of USRA. The standards of the competition reached new heights as many schools like Pestleweed, Himalayan Doon Academy & Gurukul, etc. participated enthusiastically. Our marksmen performed up to their expectations with Ishitab Vashisht scoring 292/300, the highest score of the championship. First term girl cadets participated as well and earned laurels for the college. N Mamgain did exceptionally well and almost equalled the qualifying score for the nationals with minimum practice. All the cadets who participated in this competition qualified for the VIIth All India Inter-school Kumar Surendra Shooting Championship to be held at the Deep Memorial School, Ramprastha, Ghaziabad.

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Shashank Bhargava
II A

EXPRESSIONS

How sweet is this day?

Full of love and harmony i say

Hope and faith walk hand in hand

Succour is there everywhere

Darkness is down and dawn is high

Peerable are men and stalwart are relations

What more i feel, i cannot say

Like glade is my heart and

Gleem glisters everyday.

Harmit Singh, II-A

MUSINGS

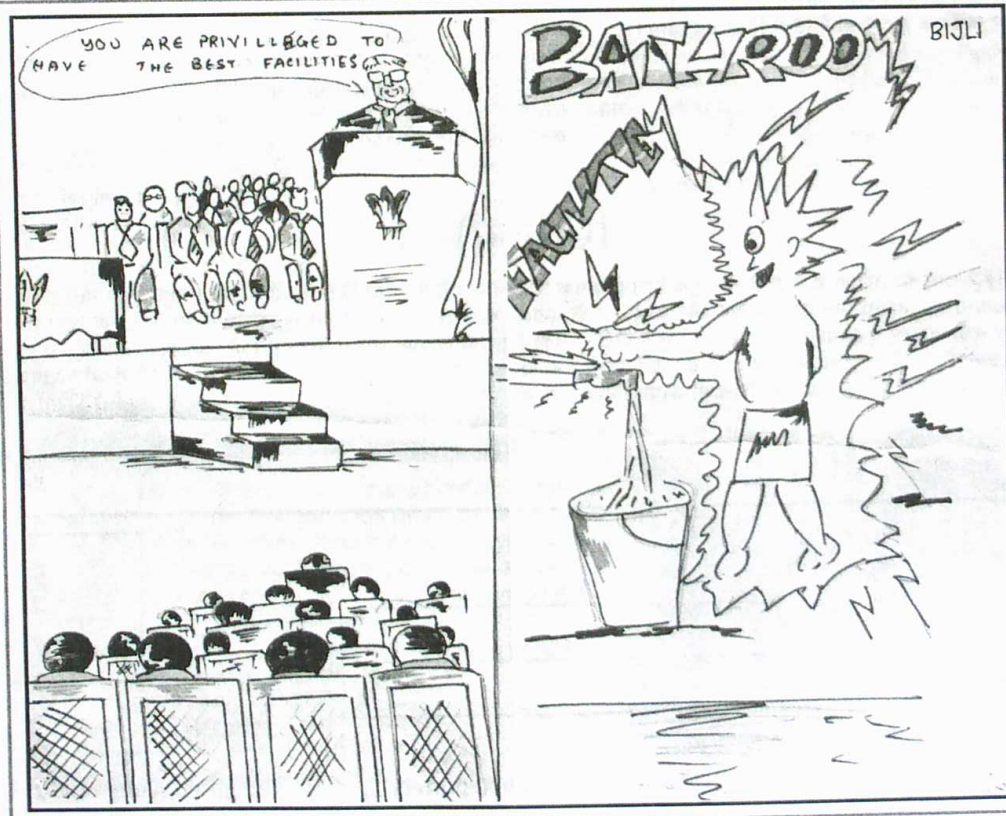
The image was haunting remembrance
Flashing like the clear blue sky in the misty fog,
Of someone never seen or heard, but,
Only dreamt and dreamt about.
It had an ever-lasting impression
On the mind of the baffled bearer.
It seemed so close, so known, yet it was so far.
It was a ray of hope in the never-ending darkness,
A hope against hope, but it was something to cheer about.
It was from the ever-present present.
It could not be expressed it had no meaning.
It could not be named. It had no name or did it?
It is for the bearer to find out.

Rana Rudrapratap, V

The Usual Evening

After evening preps, I would quickly shut my desk and try to get out of Education Block. Then I, like all my termers, sprint all the way to the mess as my seniors behind us keep howling to reach before them. While doing this, I have to wish my seniors. And if by a slip of tongue, I forget to wish them a good evening I would surely be called for rounds. Nothing unusual and it is a daily routine. Huffing and puffing, I manage to reach the mess in time. With my stomach growling, I then have to patiently wait to sit down for dinner. Order after order is passed, and I am trying my best to understand what is being ordered. After dinner I make another sprint for the dorm. My C.G. tells me to change into night-suit in next 2 minutes and I make a mad rush. At last I sit down for studies with my pen in hand and book in front. But as I try to study, my thoughts travel far, far away to distant lands where my friends are and I dream of being back at home. I suddenly wake up and resolve to study seriously. As I start, it's lights out and then there is complete darkness. Well another evening is wasted but I comfort myself that tomorrow will be yet another day. I try to think more but my eyes close and my mind goes blank, drifting to another world. a world of dreams.

Yimvolong AO, I



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LALRIN SANGA
CLASS III

हिंदी हिंदुस्तान की

संस्कृत का ये रूप अपभ्रंश
सिंधु शब्द से हुआ उद्गम
अनेक भाषाओं से घुली मिली
जब अनेक काल के किए इसने ध्रमण।

अलंकार से हुई अलंकृत,
शैली से शालीन,
छंदों से बनी छंदबद्ध,
अपनी भाषा प्राचीन।

रसों के कारण आई पाठकों को रास,
बड़ा ही गौरवपूर्ण था इसका इतिहास।

केवल राष्ट्र को ही नहीं,
अपितु हर हृदय को है जोड़ती,
वृहत साहित्य सागर समेटे हुए,
यह मूक की भाषा भी बोलती।

साहित्यकारों ने दिए इसे रूप अनेक,
फिर भी यह करती राष्ट्र को एक,
जब राष्ट्र सोये, यह करती सचेत,
इसकी वाणी गुंजे हर गली, हर खेत,
हर कण हर क्षण बयान करता इसकी दास्तान,
हर जन एक सुर में बोले हिंदी हिंदु हिंदुस्तान।

अभिनव गर्गमुख
पवन भारद्वाज
कक्षा ३

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डूब गई आशा की नइया
चीखें इनकी हवा में गुम हो जाती
हे भगवन! अब तो रहमत कर
इनकी ये विनती सुनी न जाती

भटकते दिन हैं उदास रातें
जीवन दौड़ में हार मान ली
अब न कोई सहारा होगा
हर यत्न कर यह बात जान ली

खाने को न सूखी रोटी है
बिस्तर नहीं है सोने को
पहनते धूल से सनी जोड़ी
कुछ है ही नहीं खोने को

क्यों इन्हें सुख से वंचित रखा
क्यों धरती पर असमानता छाई है
हे न्याय के पुतले कहलाने वाले
क्यों तेरे स्वभाव में पक्षधरता आई है?

इनको तूने असमर्थ किया है
अपना ये दुखड़ा किसे सुनाते
हर द्वार पर रो-रोकर भी
ये बेचारे ठुकराव ही पाते

समय अभी भी टला नहीं है
दूर कर दो भिन्नता का आभास
कुछ तो उत्तर दो इनके प्रश्नों का
डूब रही है जिनकी आस

सिद्धार्थ रावत
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जिन्दगी

आप अपनी जिन्दगी की तलाश में होते हैं और एक दिन अचानक आपको अपनी जिन्दगी दिख जाती है। आप बहुत खुश होते हैं, हर्ष से आपकी घड़कनों का चलना, मन का मचलना और ठन्डी-ठन्डी हवाओं से मिल रहे ख्यालों का खूबसूरत सपना, सब एक साथ तेज हो जाते हैं, पर तभी अकस्मात् आपको ऐसा प्रतीत होता है जैसे आपकी जिन्दगी आपको आपके विरानेपन के साथ अकेला छोड़े जा रही है, तो आप उसके पीछे-पीछे भागते हैं और तभी आप एक बहुत बड़ा धक्का, किस्मत का दिया हुआ, खाकर गिर पड़ते हैं और आपके पैर आपका साथ छोड़ देते हैं, और आपकी जिन्दगी आपकी नजरों से गुम हो जाती है और आप एक बार फिर तन्हा, अकेले विराने में रह जाते हैं।

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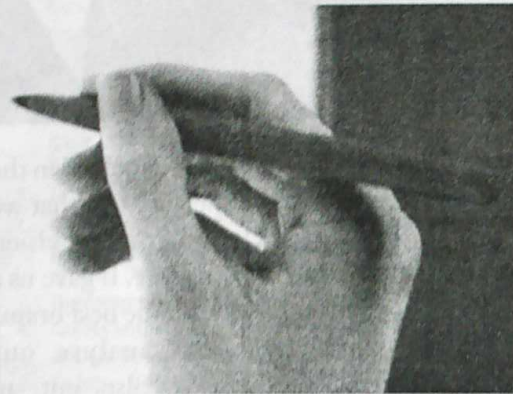
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Editorial



*What we call the beginning is often the end,
And to make an end is to make a beginning.
The end is where we start from.
We shall not cease from exploration,
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started,
And know the place for the first time.
And all shall be well, and
All manner of things shall be well.*

Editor

MAJOR GENERAL H S PANAG DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MILITARY TRAINING

Maj General H S Panag, was commissioned in the Indian Army in Dec 1968 after graduating from the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy. He holds a Master of Science degree in Defence Studies.

He has held prestigious Instructional, Staff and Command appointments. He has been an Instructor at Indian Military Training Team abroad, Indian Military Academy, Armoured Corps School, Directing Staff at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Chief Adviser /Chief Instructor at Defence Services Command and Staff College at Lusaka, Zambia and pioneered its establishment as the Team Leader. He has been a General Staff Officer Grade-1 at Directorate General of Mechanised Forces, Army Headquarters and Brigadier General Staff of a Corps. He has successfully commanded an Infantry Company in 1971 Operations, a Mechanised Infantry Battalion, an Armoured Brigade, a Mountain Brigade and an Armoured Division.

Presently he is holding the appointment of Director General of Military Training at Army Headquarters with effect from 07 Jul 2003.

ESPN School Quiz 2003, A Review

On the 20 September, RIMC took part in the written qualifiers of the ESPN School Quiz Contest held at Dehradun, along with thirteen other reputed schools of the Uttaranchal state. The team comprised of cadet Gautam Kumar of class 11 A and cadet Aseem Chatterjee of class 111. We qualified for the television round to be held in Delhi along with the Brightlands School, the only two schools from the state to make it. On reaching Delhi we were taken to Noida by the ESPN



representatives, where we spent the night in a guesthouse. The next day we were taken to the famous Eagle studio for our recording. We saw other schools battling it out in the arena. Our recording was scheduled after lunch. The studio was television 'ishstyle' and the quiz master was none other than Harsha Bhogle himself. It was a great feeling indeed!!

Around 2005 school teams across the length and breadth of the country participated in the written qualifiers out of which only 108 schools were able to make it to the television rounds. These 108 teams were then divided into four zones i.e North, South, East and West. The teams of each zone were tested over a period of three days.

Although we lost to Carman School Palampur, it was a wonderful learning

experience. Despite being so involved in the busy college schedule, the very fact that we were able to make it into the television round, in itself is commendable. It gave us a chance to meet and be with the best brains of their zone and also analyse our performance. Besides, we also got an opportunity to be quizzed by one of the best quiz masters, Harsha Bhogle, and to be a part of a television recording - a lifetime opportunity. Though we have missed a golden opportunity of winning a contest that carried a cash award of Rs 5 lakhs, needless to mention the fame and glory, nevertheless it has stirred our conscience and left in us a realization that 'nothing is impossible if we honestly try and sincerely believe'.

GAUTAM KUMAR, II A

Commandants Mail Bag

"I was the first ex-cadet to return as adjutant to the college under H Catchple in 1950.

Lt Col FDW Fallon (Retd)
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News in Brief

1. On the spot painting competition was organized by Col Brown School on 15 October, Cadets Himanjan Sharma and Banu Pratap Singh stood 1st and 2nd respectively in junior group, and cadet Swagat Das stood 1st in the senior group.
2. A Rock band from The Doon School, gave a breathtaking performance in Bhagat Hall on 16th of October.
3. In the Riverdale Quiz competition held on 5 Nov RIMC stood 3rd, scoring 146 points. A total of 18 schools from and around Dehradun had participated in the competition.
4. Cadets witnessed a Para-dropping show at IMA, Dehradun on 6th November.
5. Cadets Brijendu Bhaskar and Kavi Kashyap stood 3rd in the Chinmaya Mission Quiz held on 16 November.
6. Mr Laxman Singh (ex-teacher) has taken over his new assignment in Our Own English High School, Sharjah, UAE.
7. Cadet A P Randhawa has been accepted for an Exchange Programme to St Phillips School, Alice Springs, Australia from 28th January to 2nd April 2004.
8. Cadet Varun Aggarwal is also going on an Exchange Programme to Appleby College, Canada, from 4th January to 28th March.
9. We congratulate Cadet Ishan Sharan for standing 1st in the NDA Merit List. Also Ashok Garg, Anshuman Jaidev and Ashish Kumar for standing 2nd, 4th and 5th respectively in the AF Merit.



एडमिरल माधवेंद्र सिंह
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Admiral Madhvendra Singh
PVSM, AVSM, ADC

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25 Nov 03

My dear Arun,

1. Please refer to your DO letter No.181/6/CE dated 22 Aug 03.

2. I am delighted to learn from your letter that our young RIMC cadets found their stay abroad INS Tarangini instructive, educative and enjoyable. For his part, the Commanding Officer of Tarangini has reported their conduct and deportment in the most laudatory terms, making particular mention of their enthusiasm, discipline, and ready willingness to lend a hand. They have, indeed, been excellent young ambassadors of our country and a credit to their school.

3. It would have given me great pleasure to be able to accommodate another batch of youngsters abroad the barque, but regrettably, constraints of time and space preclude our ability to do so. This is principally because during the period Dec 03 to Jan 04 Tarangini will be transiting across the Pacific Ocean and, regrettably, there is no planned turn around of crew in the Pacific ports of call, as these are mostly small islands and difficult (or inordinately expensive) to access by air.

4. Since Tarangini will continue to build 'Bridges of Friendship' across the seas over the next several years, we would be very happy to give favourable consideration to the embarkation of some of your students as and when an opportunity next presents itself. I trust that the legacy of the ship's present voyage will live on until then.

*Warm regards,
Sincerely,
Madhvendra Singh*

Col Arun Mangain
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Old Boys News
Sqn Cadet Captain C K Kothari received the
President's Gold Medal on 23rd November
at Naval Academy, Goa.

Untitled

*The wave hit the beach full of fury,
And the beach cried in agony.
The wave beat a silent retreat
And the beach stood tall with a victor's grin.*

*The clouds shadowed the sun
And disappeared into the background.
Then came the winds and drove the clouds away
And the sun came out again with a majestic glow.*

*The bully pushed the small boy
And the boy wept in pain.
The teacher took the bully to task
And the boy wore a satisfactory smile*

*The storm came screaming
And the traveller looked helplessly for shelter.
Soon the storm abated
And the traveller started again with a new belief.*

Rana Rudrapratap, V

I Still Miss You

*With the greenery I have lived,
And I have cherished it.
With the winds I have met,
And I am missing it.
With the sun I have risen,
And everyday I rise with it.
With the rivers I've run.
And I am still not tired of it.
In the meadows I've played,
And I still love it.
In the rain, I've sung,
And I still do it.
With the flowers I have shone,
At dawn and dusk,
The pleasure in heart, I still feel it
But it has been the hoppiest with you,
And I still miss you.*

Roshnikanta Inungbam, IV

A Book Review on Ignited Minds

APJ Kalam

This book is a powerful message to all Indians especially the youth. Dr Kalam's vision of a developed India, his stress on technological and scientific engines to propel us into a higher orbit in the new millennium is well known. In this book, Dr Kalam is on mission mode - to ignite the passion in the minds of our children to achieve this vision. His numerous interactions with school children, political leaders, saints, scholars and industrialists have a common theme- India can do it.

India is a land of cultural and religious diversity and the world's largest democracy. The challenge is to harness this diversity and channelise our energies in nation building. Great leaders of all religions seem to be in perfect agreement on this. I was moved by an example Dr Kalam has cited in this book. In the southern Indian town of Kanchipuram, there exist a mosque and a Hindu mutt side by side. When there was a move to shift the mosque further away to reduce congestion, the Hindu saint vehemently protested - "In fact, when at 4:30 AM the call for namaz comes from the mosque, it acts as a wake-up call for my divine duties". This is the message the nation needs most at this moment.

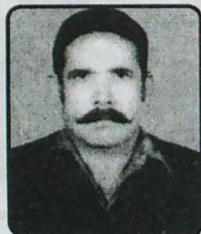
This book to some extent repeats from "Wings of Fire" and "India 2020". But to me it is not repetition, but reinforcement. The challenge to remove poverty by 2010 and achieve the status of a developed nation by 2020 is no simple task. This is a call to all Indians to join forces in this great mission.

On 30 September 2001, Dr Kalam narrowly escaped unhurt in a helicopter crash. This event seems to have had a strong impact on his mind, resulting in greater vigor and resolve to accomplish his mission. God has been kind to him and to us the citizens of India, in saving this noble man and assigning him the responsibility to the highest office of this country.

"Dream, Dream, Dream

Rohan Kulkarni, II-A

Obituaries



SHRI PADAM SINGH

With profound grief we mourn the death of Shri Padam Singh (Retd.) on 1 October 03. at the age of 82. He served the College for 39 years. Padam was a legendary head cook and generations of Rimcollians remember him with deep affection. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

PAKISTANI RIMCOLLIANS

From a letter received from
Brig H M Karim in May 03.

1. Haman Amin.
2. Maj Gen Fateh Shah.
3. Maj Gen Sher Ali Khan Pataudi.
4. Maj Gen M Shamad Khan.
5. Col M Zarif Khan.
6. Col Mataul Mulk.
7. Izzat Mayab Khan.
8. Brig Habib Akbar.
9. Brig M A Nayeem.
10. Major Malik Muzzafar Khan.
11. Anwar H Hidayatullah.
12. Brig S M Aslam.
13. Brig L Mahamood.

"Khudah unki hefazat kare."

Photo Gallery



Chief Guest interacting with the IMA GCs



Sub Area Cdr with DGMT



Mandir function



Variety entertainment show



Cadet Captain Ashok Garg receiving his parchment certificate

Flash Back

The year is 1947, darkness prevailed over our college. Many who stayed back promised that they would never forget their friends who were now on the other side of divided India. Those who live keep this promise but seem to fail in letting the others know that our brothers are in Pakistan too.

Each time a new soul sets foot in this College, many like me tell him about our history--5 Indian chiefs and 3 Pakistani chiefs. The first thing he does is to go to the senior anteroom and look for their photographs. Later, in the assembly he ponders about a person like Air Marshal Noor Khan. Disappointed, he approaches a senior cadet who takes him to the archives to show him the dossiers of so many Rimcollians now in Pakistan.

Is that just one remnant left of the famous history of ours that we boast of? What each cadet out here passes to his junior is forgotten in no time. When we glorify our college we tend to forget that while we talk of Major Somnath Sharma and the Bewoors, somewhere down the memory lane we forget those gentlemen on the other side of the border. Surely when they too remember their childhood days, they remember you, their teachers and this beautiful campus they grew up in.

As a cadet graduating on 28 Nov 03, I propose that our old boys who chose Pakistan should find the same pride of place in RIMC as us Indians. After all they are Rimcollians too and there fore why discriminate within their school where they were taught to live as brothers irrespective of any differences .

KHUDA HAFIZ.

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विजय

जो बीत गया, सो बीत गया,
जो नहीं मिला, उस पर रोना क्या,
बार बार उन्हें याद करके,
सूखा हुआ घाव भिगोना क्या।

दिन भर खोए रहते तुम,
ख्वाबों की उलझी गलियों में,
ऐसी रात में सोए तुम,
जिसका दिन आएगा सदियों में।

बन जाओ लौह मानव तुम,
तोड़ दो लौह शिकंजे को,
लोहा लोहे को काटेगा,
निकलो तुम ईंट से ईंट बजाने को,

जा दुनिया को झकझोर दे,
सब रास्तों को मोड़ दे,
इस मान, सम्मान, अपमान पर,
विजय पा, रण जीत कर।

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माउण्ट आबू

माउण्ट आबू एक रमणीय स्थल
चट्टानों के बीच एक छोटा शहर
झील, पग-पग पर जलाशय
दूर पर बहुत सुन्दर
छोटे-छोटे पर्वतों से घिरा
एक अलग ही संसार
अपना वैभव समेटता
उपवन वशिष्ठ आश्रम मंदिर
सभी कुछ है इसके अन्दर
नागिन की तरह रास्ते
जिसके द्वारपाल बन्दर
मामाशाह की सम्पदा
सुन्दर मनोहारी कलात्मक मंदिर
सूरज के दिखे प्रतिबिम्ब
रूप सलौने, सुन्दर
एक अन्जान सी घाटी
पत्थरों के बीच पौधों वृक्षों की
दिखे शोभा निराली
प्रजापिता ब्रहमा कुमारी आश्रम
अध्यात्मिक ज्ञान का सागर।।

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