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## IMA/NDA NEWS

Ex-cadets of the RIMC have done us proud at the IMA and NDA. Gentlemen Cadets JPS Ismail, AJS Virk and PK Kumaria have been appointed Junior Under Officers in their respective battalions. At the NDA, Cadets Ajay Singh Shekhawat and Adheer Arora have been appointed Squadron Cadet Captains.

## MEDHAVI BADGES

In the first Morning Assembly of the term, the Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM, gave away the prestigious Medhavi Badges to the cadets standing first in their respective classes. Those given this honour are as follows :

IA	RD Sharma	IIIA	Sanjiva & Vishal Sharma
II	Sandeep Verma	IV	AV Joshi
IIA	Prabhat Kumar	IVA	Sandeep Singh
III	Pradeep Singh	V	RK Chaudhry

The Commandant exhorted all the cadets to work harder, emulate and even excel the achievement of these cadets.

## HMI-49th COURSE

The cadets who went for the 49th Adventure Course at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, brought magnificent laurels to the College. Cadet Sandeep Mehta was given the Principal's Medal for being the Best Cadet at the Course while Cadet Vishan Mohindra bagged the coveted prize for being Best All Rounder. Cadet RK Nair received the Consolation Prize. Thus it was an all-RIMC show in the 49th Adventure Course at the HMI Darjeeling.

We heartily congratulate the proud recipients of their respective awards for their excellent performance.

## JUNIORS' NATIONAL SQUASH

As mentioned in the previous issue, three of our Cadets Akshay Joshi, V Verma and Sandeep Singh participated in the Juniors' National Squash tournament. Cadet A Joshi lost in the first round, while Cadets V Verma and Sandeep Singh went down in the second round. However, this tournament proved to be a new experience for them. It will certainly be of use to them in future.

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Republic Day was celebrated in a very simple and unostentatious way due to the untimely demise of our Groundsman Shri Babulal on the night of 25 Jan 84.

## My Experiences At The HMI

( Cadet Sandeep Mehta Relates his Experiences at the HMI-Editor )

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The next two days kept us occupied with lectures on survival, traps and snares and map reading classes. Also, we were issued equipment for our expedition which was to start on 21 Dec 83.

On 21st, we started for our Neora Valley expedition. The first five days were spent walking for about 20 to 25 kms every day. During these days, we had to cook food ourselves as well as pitch our own tents. This was just to get us in shape for the main event that was the Neora Valley expedition.

On 25th we reached Pankhasari, the last point before the Neora Valley. On the day on which we were to start for the Neora Valley, it started sleeting. But since we had little time to lose, we continued. The going was tough probably because of the slippery rocks and our heavy packs did not help very much either. By the time we struck camp, we were all soaked to the skin. The night was extremely uncomfortable.

The next day was even tougher with a lot more slippery rocks and an even heavier pack soaked in water. But the night was comparatively comfortable than the previous one.

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The next day was a day of rest and it was really welcomed by us. On the 30th, we moved over to Torsa by a bus which was only 5 hours late. It was here that we met the section 'A' boys and exchanged our experiences.

On the 31st, we learnt watermanship and 'rescues' in water and also celebrated the 'New Year Eve' at Torsa.

We started the New Year by canoeing in placid waters. We learnt quite a few things about canoeing especially the capsizing. On 2nd, we went for the obstacles, in a Gorkha Regiment in Hasi-marrah. Needless to say that Rimcols were dominating the scene. Immediately after that, we had our first run in running water quite an interesting one. In the evening, we had the "Slalum" competition. It is a game in which one has to go round a few obstacles in a canoe. I came first clocking 3 min 50 secs defeating the second boy by 3 min 1 sec.

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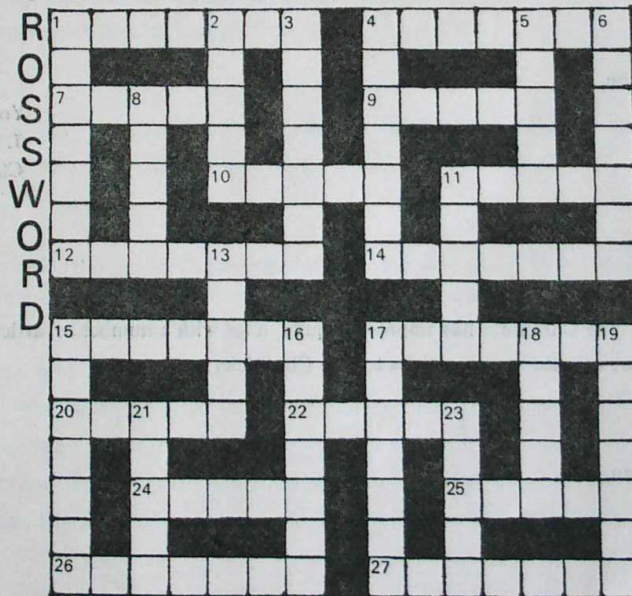
**RIMCOLLIANA**

Maj Gen AM Joglekar and Brig Ashok Mehta have been awarded the P.V.S.M. and A.V.S.M. respectively on the Republic Day. We heartily congratulate them.

Col AR Kumar has been appointed Military Attache to Nepal. Congratulations.

**CHRONICLE CROSSWORD**

**CHRONICLE -IV**



## Clues

### ACROSS

- 1 Worry (7)
- 4 Crush Underfoot (7)
- 7 Of high birth (5)
- 9 Canadian Emblem (5)
- 10 Bread baking agent (5)
- 11 Cup like spoon (5)
- 12 Give relief (7)
- 14 Happiness (7)
- 15 Mountaineers' Camp (7)
- 17 Moves and strategus (7)
- 20 Armistice (5)
- 22 Wall poster (3-2)
- 24 Mid Indian river (5)
- 25 Species of snake (5)
- 26 Bring up (7)
- 27 Water lady (7)

### DOWN

- 1 Line of height (7)
- 2 Opposite side in war (5)
- 3 Relate stories (7)
- 4 Enticed (7)
- 5 Address the Court (5)
- 6 Serious and determined (7)
- 8 Grill (5)
- 11 Kind of flower (5)
- 13 Evade (5)
- 15 Asphalt (7)
- 16 Prisoner (7)
- 17 Fit of temper (7)
- 18 Our Country (5)
- 19 Undergrown (7)
- 21 Speak (5)
- 23 Card Game (5)

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

- |             |            |             |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Resort   | 5. Folder  | 8. Moped    |
| 9. Bach     | 10. Garden | 11. Emote   |
| 12. Tender  | 15. Talked | 18. Invitee |
| 19. Private | 21. Furore | 23. Aspire  |
| 26. Sting   | 27. Mosaic | 29. Bomb    |
| 30. Acorn   | 31. Serene | 32. Access  |

#### DOWN

- |            |            |             |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Rabbit  | 2. Orchid  | 3. Temper   |
| 4. Exploit | 5. Fidget  | 6. Door     |
| 7. Ruined  | 13. Never  | 14. Enter   |
| 16. Amiss  | 17. Khaki  | 20. Tripods |
| 21. Famous | 22. Escape | 23. Agenda  |
| 24. Public | 25. Embers | 28. Ante    |

#### Correction :

In the previous Chronicle dated 15 December, 1983, the clue 28 Down was printed as 28 Across. Clue 38 was not printed. It reads "Proximity to (6)". Also, clue 8 Across should read 'motor cycle.'

## OBITUARY

Shri Babu Lal, the groundsman breathed his last on the 25th of January. The RIMC community offers its heart felt condolences to the bereaved family of Shri Babu Lal.



## Thought for the Fortnight

*Humanity means not sacrificing a person for a purpose.*

—A Schweitzer

## BOOK POST

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### A Word of Welcome

With metronomic regularity we are back with elan and vigour after a year's interval to celebrate the 62nd Founder's Day. This day is much more than a mile stone in the long drive down the memory lane of an Old Boy. This red-letter day has a niche in the mind of a Rimcol too. We celebrate the Reunion when the forces of disintegration and disruption are playing havoc with our national unity. We are compelled to almost believe in 'Hobbes' 'Social Contract Theory' which proclaims that 'all men are natural enemies'. This year has further widened the cleavages in the minds of men. Beyond the gloom of the 1984, Orwellian predictions aside, an ideal miniature India free from such frenzied passions is in the making here within the precincts of the RIMC.

As long as it is generally believed that the wealth of a country consists of its gold, the RIMC will not disappoint the seekers of the ElDorado. The sole objective of RIMC, as is of all trades, has been to increase the flow of gold.

This 'touchstone' has transformed the raw iron-ore into the precious yellow metal. The alumnus record of the RIMC has a galaxy of battle-decorated heroes. The oft-used enphemism for RIMC 'the cradle of warriors', has produced a generation of exceptionally brilliant military leaders. Men of stirring minds carrying the civilization and the glory of the Alma Mater have reason to be proud of,

for they have been the torch bearers of a great heritage and destiny. The **Arcadia**—the world of plenty and prosperity that RIMC is, is turning out a select band of Homo-sapiens to set an example for the rest of the nation. The ever-abiding bond, the fraternal relationship that permeates the minds of the Old Boys is the real strong resin that cements them. It is that spirit which gives the clarion call, to coin a motto—'Nihil-Ultra'—nothing beyond us.

We the Rimcols and the members of the RIMC community extend a very warm welcome to all the valiant sons and their ladies who have graciously come on this pilgrimage to renew and reaffirm their faith in their Alma Mater and wish them a very comfortable and enjoyable stay in the campus. It is a matter of great privilege to have Mr H Catchpole in our midst. He needs no introduction. He has left an indelible mark on all the activities of the College. The Squash Court, for which he donated Rs. one lac, will always remind us of his generosity and affection. This will serve as a living monument of his services to the College.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Approximately a month and a half of this term is over. Like a well oiled machine, the College once again hums with activity. With the Inter Section English Debate, began the Inter Section C competitions of the year. The Pratapians have every reason to feel happy as they bagged the first trophy of the year.

The College bade farewell to Maj Hiral S. Sen and welcomed the new Administrative Officer Lt Col V K Singh.

## LORD RAWLINSON'S CHAMPIONSHIP—1983

Ever since the cadets returned to the College after the winter vacation, they had been speculating over the results of the Lord Rawlinson's Inter Section Championship. The suspense was finally over on 18th February with the publication of the College Order. Pratap Section bagged the championship closely followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Ranjit Sections. The results were as follows :—

	Education	Sports	OLQ	Overall
Pratap	III	I	II	I
Ranjit	II	II	IV	IV
Shivaji	I	II	III	III
Chandragupta	IV	IV	I	II

Our heartiest congratulations to Pratap Section.

## INTER SECTION ENGLISH DEBATE

"Man is miserable more due to the happiness of others than due to his own sorrows," this was the topic for the Senior's debate on the 11th of February. Mr G W Mayer, the Principal, Cambrian Hall was the chief guest. All the speakers spoke with great confidence.

It was Pratap's day. All the prizes in seniors were won by the Pratapians. Cadets R K Chaudhri and V Sabharwal came 1st and 2nd respectively among the debaters while Cadet SM Ismail came tops among those on the rebuttal panel.

The juniors put up a commendable performance expressing their opinion on the topic "Life is a comedy-enjoy it." The audience enjoyed every moment and passed the motion in a way agreeing with John Gay.

"Life is a jest and all things show it  
I thought so once and now I know it."

Cadets Akshay Joshi (S) and S Shivshanker (R) stood first and second respectively.

The results of this interesting and lively debate were as follows:

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Pratap	IV	I	I
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Shivaji	I	IV	III
Chandragupta	III	III	IV

### SPORTS ROUND UP

A series of matches were played as part of functions organised to bid farewell to Maj HIRAK S SEN, the outgoing Adm. Officer.

A cricket match was played between the Staff XI and the College XI on 15 Feb. Capt D Choudhury, a seasoned cricketer displayed his form to the delight of spectators. Cadet RK Chaudhri, too showed a few good strokes, though he wasn't able to stay at the crease for a long time. Both sides put up a good show and the spectators enjoyed every moment of the game.

A Basketball match was played between the Cadets and the Staff. The Staff dominated the game due to their superior skill. It was interesting to witness Mr Joseph darting past everyone and popping the ball through the basket. The Staff team won the match by a comfortable margin.

A few sets of Tennis matches were played on 16 Feb. Maj HIRAK S SEN, Dr Jagat Singh, Capt D Choudhury and Mr RC Chaturvedi represented the members of the Staff while Cadets JP Laungani, Aman Nugyal and MK Gupta played from the cadets side.

### NDA NEWS

Cadets Mukul Singh and SK Jha have been made Divisional Cadet Captains and Cadet S Jha has been made CQMS at the NDA. Our congratulations are due to Cadet H Dharmrajan who has been awarded the 'Gold Torch' in academics for the second successive term. Well done Dharmrajan and keep it up.

### SQUASH COURT

It is his love for the game of Squash and the institution of which he was the Principal in '53 that impelled Mr H Catchpole to donate a sum of Rs one lac for the construction of a Squash Court in the campus. It is gratifying to note that Mr Catchpole living in Pakistan, has not forgotten his golden association with the College. And finally the Court is ready for inauguration by him.

The usefulness of this racquet game for health and recreation is undoubted. It has been a very popular game with the cadets. It is hoped that with the addition of new court the standard of Squash is bound to improve further.

### REUNION PRACTICES

We can hear the drums, the tabla and the harmonium of the 'Diamond Cutters'. All these instruments are played in perfect coordination to give out enchanting music. The practices are going on in every field to put up a magnificent show for the Re-union.

In the morning we hear the Cadet Captain's voice "Sammaan Guard.....", the practice for 'Guard of honour'. All the cadets in their smart uniforms reflect the glory of the institution. The stage in the convocation hall, withstands all the fire and fury of the rehearsals of the play to be staged this day.

### LONE GRAVE DIGGER

I once visited a village called May,  
On a Sunny beautiful day.  
Roaming idle I reached the church yard  
Where I saw a man toiling hard.

He wore wrinkles on his face and had shovel in his hand,  
Impossible to find like of him on the far stretching land.  
I told him I was Ray, he told he was Joe  
An old grave digger with no friend or foe.

All the graves were filled except one,  
For this I asked him the reason.  
He replied, "There are many white men and niggers,  
But you fool, I am the only grave digger".

Cdt Sugandh Sharma  
III-A



(The Editorial Board interviewed Maj HS Sen the out going Adm Officer)

## INTERVIEW

Q. Sir what was it that first struck you when you came here as A.O. ?

Ans. When I came here I was roped in from regimental soldiering to administration of the College. I was proud of going to my Alma Mater. I would have liked to pursue regimental soldiering as it was my duty and this was an entirely different sphere.

Q. Did you find the place greatly changed from your days ?

Ans. Naturally because change is the law of nature.

Q. What do you attribute your success here as an A. O. to ?

Ans. I do not gauge abilities with achievement. I thought it was my duty to work hard and gear up the resources. I established a rapport with everyone and mobilised everybody's cooperation to raise the standards.

Q. What do you feel about your attitude towards life here at RIMC ?

Ans. I was strict with the Cadets but had a soft corner for them. I had a human approach towards them and looked into the minutest details of their welfare.

Q. What do you feel about raising our strength ?

Ans. The strength should be increased in two phases. In the first phase it may be increased to 250 so that nothing additional is needed and subsequently in a period of 5 years the strength be increased to 500.

Q. Please comment on the material which the RIMC is sending to the NDA.

Ans. The Material that is going to NDA has improved a lot.

Q. Were you ever caught on disciplinary grounds as a cadet at RIMC ?

Ans. After we had returned from the SSB one of my friends suggested that we smoke. We were just lighting our cigarettes when we were caught by Mr Adams.

Q. Did you ever attend a Reunion ?

Ans. It is the greatest pleasure for any Rimcollian to attend the Reunion; I was able to attend it once in 1974 when Lt Col Johar was the Commandant.

Q. How do you think can we improve further ?

Ans. By improving the teacher-student relationship and having maximum involvement from both the sides. We can also improve by having the zeal to excel in both the out-door and in-door activities.

Q. What has been your proudest moment here as a Cadet ?

Ans. We in our times lived in extremely healthy surroundings. Shivaji Section remained the champion section during the entire period of my stay here. We won the Chakravorty Memorial Debate always in that period and my full stay here was full of proud moments.

Q. After being commissioned into the army what was your idea about duty to uniform ?

Ans. When I joined my regiment I felt that I had to live up to its glorious traditions and always keep its banner flying.

Q. Where and in what capacity are you going ?

Ans. I am going to the 9 Assam Rifles as a Major; my promotion is due this year.

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### THANKS !

Letters of good will to Maj HS Sen on the eve of his posting, received from Maj Gen A G Minwalla, AVSM; Dr KB Singh; Dr PK Kuschal; Shri R K Pathania and Shri V B Joshi are gratefully acknowledged.

### THIS LIFE

Life is like a battle,  
We don't know what might arrive.  
Then why to bother and care and think,  
When we know we'll have to strive.  
Thus remembering these words,  
Let's forget all our worries.  
Our problems our troubles,  
And all our miseries.  
Life is short,  
Let's smile while we can.  
For who knows what is next,  
In our life's short span.

Cdt Tanmay Kashyap  
Class IV

### “As I was Saying .....

One of the most annoying things is forgetting what you were going to say, just a split second before saying it. Sometimes the words are just poised on the threshold that leads from the realm of thought to that of speech. You do not know what it was that you were going to say, yet you do know, if you see what I mean. It may have been something quite unimportant and trivial yet you will be haunted by that nagging feeling of regret at not having “had your say”. Somehow you feel you've been outdone or cheated in some way, and deplore your absent mindedness.

At times if such a thing happens to someone else, we find ourselves saying to each other, “Oh, what a muddlehead! How absent minded he is !” and generally degrading the status of all our fellows in no uncertain terms, not forgetting, however, to set ourselves aside as models of precision and alertness. Little do we realize that such things happen to all of us quite often.

“Blank Spells”, some call them. These are short intervals of time when (according to them) the mind finding itself overcrowded like a chalk covered blackboard, rubs itself clean, the same way as some annoying teachers do, leaving the “diligent” student in the middle of a copied down sum asking himself, “What next?  $\sin \ominus \cos \ominus$  is equal to.....there, he's rubbed it out; Does it everyday !”

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Quite a similar situation I would say, to the "what-on-earth was-I-going-to-say" question.

By this I do not equate the human mind with a blackboard, for reasons which abound and due to their abundance do not afford discussion at present, but a certain similarity does exist between the two, no doubt.

Food for thought, eh ?

Cdt S. M. Ismail  
Class V A

## SPRING

The happiest moment that nature brings  
Is the coming of the month of Spring  
The Spring has come, winter has ended;  
With beautiful weather the earth is blended.  
The flowers are colourful, the sun is bright;  
On the earth dawns the divine light.  
Green are the fields, golden is the hay;  
All beings are beautiful, happy and gay.  
The breeze is soft to which the trees cling;  
From morn to eve the birds happily sing.  
The streams are flowing, the sky is blue;  
It seems the happiness is between me and you.  
The high skies are clear;  
And glistening is the water of the mere  
But Alas ! the Spring will end,  
And summer will be seen round the bend.

Cdt Sugandh & Cdt Gagan Rathi  
Class III A

## WHAT IS LIFE

You come in the world without your consent and leave it against your will. In between, you are constantly being misunderstood and misjudged. If you have a wife and a family you are a fool. If bachelor you are inhuman. If you have a brain you are considered dishonest. If you have none, you are branded useless.

If you enter a bar you are a drunkard. If you don't, you are a coward. If you go to a temple you are a hypocrite. If you stay away you are a sinner. If you give charity you are a self advertiser. If you don't, you are a miser. If you die young you have a great future before you. If you live to ripe old age you have outlived your time.

When you come into the world every body wants to kiss you, before you go out every body wants to kick you.

'Still Life is a Gift'

Cadet Rohit Choudhary  
Class IV

## A TREK TO MUSSOORIE

On 20th Feb. we got up at about 6 A. M. and saw the white snow covering the lofty peaks of Mussoorie. We were very anxious to see the snowfall. We went to the new A.O. and requested him to let us go to Mussoorie. It was 11 O' clock then. The new A.O. Lt col V K Singh advised us not to go on that day but had promised to send us the next day. We waited for 21st to come. We all prayed throughout the night that it should snow in Mussoorie. At last our prayers were heard. Next day classes III, III-A, IV and IV-A set out trekking to Mussoorie. Luckily we were allowed to wear our private clothes. All the cadets were looking smart. We thanked our stars for this. On 21st we all started after breakfast at about 10 A.M. We went quite fast, sweat sticking to our body. At last, we reached our destination at about 1.30 P. M. As we entered the queen of hills, Mussoorie, the fresh cold wind welcomed us. We weren't feeling cold at all as we were warmed up because of fast trekking.

We entered its interior and saw the white milky snow which was piled up like cream. We felt like having it ! We entered a cafe as soon as we could, made ourselves comfortable and ordered for snacks and tea.

After having our fill we went out to see the scenery of Mussoorie. Some of us hadn't seen snow, so it was really exciting and thrilling.

We played with snow. Some of us were walking boldly with raincoats on without any fear of snow flakes.

Small kids were Jumping in their funny furriers. Snowballs landed on many of us thrown by kids. We chanced to see a snowman wishing us a happy snowfall.

The valleys and the tree tops were covered with snow. The snow clad plantation presented a breath-taking scene. The roads were topped with snow. Our heavy legs were almost skating on roads. There was nothing else to see. We had to return by 5.30 P.M. Captains R.S. Khatri, T.R.S. Nair and Mr. C.A. Joseph went along with us and made sure that we enjoyed as much as we could.

We started trekking back to Dehradun at 5.30 P.M. A few returned by bus. We all reached here safely by 9.45 P.M. We had our dinner, went inside beds and started studying for the monthly exams to be held on the following day i.e., on 22nd Feb.

This trip to Mussoorie was really wonderful and marvellous. It was more enjoyable than a hike. Such trips refresh our minds and body for more arduous journey that life is.

Cdt. Vishal Sharma  
Class III-A.

## VAGABOND

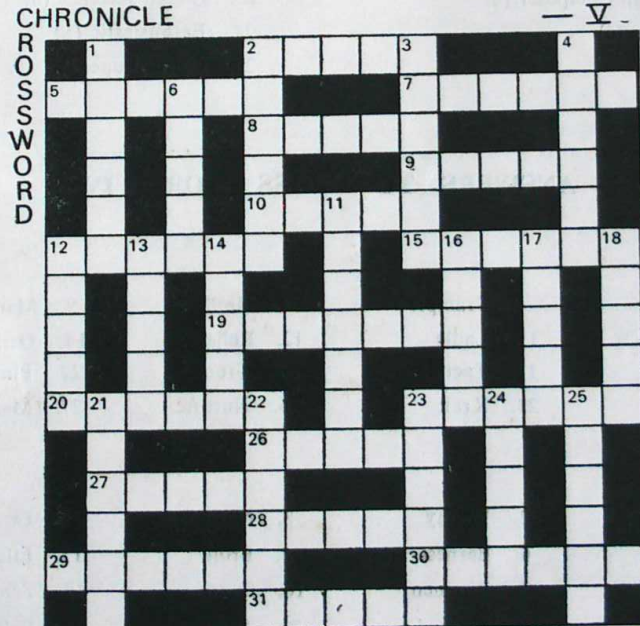
He roams in the streets  
When everyone sleeps,  
Drunk without a drink  
Aimless, staggering in vain;  
A vagabond.  
He has a bottle in his hands,  
Some French-de-cologne;  
Puts to his lips  
Seeing this a maid shrieks,  
He laughs and falls  
A Vagabond.

Cdt Sanjiva  
III-A

## CHRONICLE CROSSWORD

CHRONICLE

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## Clues

### ACROSS

2. A term used at Bridge (5)
5. Something that is puzzling (6)
7. A character from Dickens (6)
8. Juliet's Lover (5)
9. Have fear and anxiety (5)
10. Throw out (5)
12. Put money in business enterprise (6)
15. Mistakes (6)
19. The part which remains (7)
20. Quiet (6)
23. Gloomy (6)
26. Lesser in density (5)
27. Loan to someone (5)
28. Hitler's first name (5)
29. Famous German Composer (6)
30. Root vegetable (6)
31. Wise men (5)

### DOWN

1. Naval banner (6)
2. Objective (6)
3. A breed of dogs (6)
4. One who leads (6)
6. Goblin (5)
11. Fore-runner (7)
12. Thoughts (5)
13. Important (5)
14. It scares the day-lights into you (5)
16. Helicopter propeller (5)
17. Greek letter as a resistance symbol (5)
18. Slippery to touch (5)
21. Eskimo homes (6)
22. Cures a patient (6)
23. Rough sketches (6)
24. Enthusiastic (5)
25. Dried grapes (6)

## ANSWERS TO CROSS WORD - IV

### ACROSS

- |             |             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Concern  | 4. Trample  | 7. Noble    | 9. Maple    |
| 10. Yeast   | 11. Ladle   | 12. Relieve | 14. Delight |
| 15. Bivouac | 17. Tactics | 20. Truce   | 22. Pin-up  |
| 24. Tapti   | 25. Krait   | 26. Nurture | 27. Mermaid |

### DOWN

- |            |             |             |             |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Contour | 2. Enemy    | 3. Narrate  | 4. Tempted  |
| 5. Plead   | 6. Earnest  | 8. Broil    | 11. Lilac   |
| 13. Elude  | 15. Bitumen | 16. Captive | 17. Tantrum |
| 18. India  | 19. Stunted | 21. Utter   | 23. Poker   |

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## THE EDITOR'S MAILBAG

To,

The Editor,

Sir,

I feel that prizes should be introduced to encourage the boys to write articles. In this way there will be a regular supply of articles.

Thanking You,

Yours etc.

Cadet G. S. Mann

Class IV-A

[Instituting prizes as incentive for writing articles is not correct. One should feel proud to find his article published. This is a sufficient incentive. —Editor]

To,

The Editor,

Sir, as we are a defence oriented institution, efforts should be made to publish patriotic articles that would inculcate unity and feelings of nationalism. There can be a short writing on the lives of great men, to be published in every issue of the chronicle. In the above list the lives of some famous Rimcollians can also be highlighted. I also find that the various issues of the Chronicle are lacking in Hindi articles.

As Hindi is our national language, articles written in Hindi should be encouraged.

Yours faithfully,

Cadet D. S. Bhattacharya

Class IV-A

[We haven't received so far a single article in Hindi from the Cadets. If we receive good Hindi articles we shall gladly publish them. —Editor]

### RIMCOLLIANA

Our Congratulations to—

—Brig P D Sherlekar on his promotion to the rank of Maj General.

—Brig R S Deol on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier.

—Maj PSK Chaudhry on his promotion to the rank of Lt Colonel.

—Capt BK Sinha on getting married. The RIMC

Community wishes the couple a long happy and prosperous married life.

## Thought for the Fortnight

*Strive to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire—your conscience.*

—George Washington

## BOOK POST

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## The Chronicle

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#### News in Brief

After a long spell the winter has finally spent itself and has given way to the spring. Change, it is said begets charm, but for us many more joyful events and news have added to this atmosphere of charm and joy. The month of March has always remained an eventful month for this great institution. The month brings in its fold; the keenly awaited Re-union, the festival of colours 'Holi', the mid-term examinations and above all the UPSC results; the fruits of our five years of hard work at this College.

The Reunion was celebrated with the usual enthusiasm, fanfare and gusto. A good number of ever young Old Boys of the College attended the Reunion. Among a host of activities e.g. Inter Section Boxing Competition, Hockey and Cricket matches between the Old Boys and the Rimcols, Guard of Honour, Inauguration of the third squash court built with the generous donations of Mr Catchpole and the cultural evening on 13th were the highlights of the Reunion 1984.

Immediately after the Reunion, the College revelled in colours—yes it was Holi.

The Inter Section Cricket Competitions started on 16th March. Pratap Section won the Inter Section Cricket trophy followed by Shivaji and Ranjit (joint seconds) and Chandragupta Section.

Then came the mid-term examinations and the examination fever gripped the College. The College hospital no longer gave a deserted look. The fever did not last long as the silver lining in these clouds was that of the mid-term hikes. Hemkund, Nainital, Roorkee, Kalsi-Mussoorie and Mussoorie hikes have been planned for this term.

### UPSC RESULTS : HISTORY REPEATED

29th March proved to be an auspicious day for the Class VA cadets and also for the College. In the fourth period when we were undergoing the monotony of chemical equations and reactions, the Class VA cadets heard the Librarian Shri B D Thapa, calling out, "Class VA, the results are out." The effect was electric. Before the Class Teacher Mr Dwivedi could utter a word, the entire class had rushed out. Some ran wildly and got hold of the "Indian Express" from Shri B D Thapa. Some for reasons best known to themselves walked pensively towards the library and some just looked on and at every thing patiently but anxiously. Hardly two minutes of tense silence and then the mad euphoria "100% results once again! All have passed, all have passed." This news spread in the college like wildfire. Congratulations, and 'Well done!' were the words on everybody's lips. A hundred per cent score is a magnificent achievement in itself but what has made it doubly creditable is the fact that it is a repeat performance within the span of one year. This proves beyond doubt that RIMC does not rest on its past laurels. True to our traditions we preserve, create and repeat history.

Now all eyes are set on the SSB Interviews going to be held shortly. We hope that the cadets repeat this performance at SSB interviews too.

### REUNION 84 - A RESUME

After a long period of 365 days the Reunion once again reached our doorstep. About 30 Old Boys from different parts of the country attended the Reunion.

On the 12th evening a hockey match was played between the cadets and the Rimcollians. Both the teams played a spirited game and the spectators also played their role by cheering their respective teams as lustily as they could. Experience prevailed over agility. The Rimcollians beat the cadets 3-1.

After the hockey match the College and the Rimcollians gathered at the open-air theatre to witness the finals of the Inter Section Boxing Championship. The cadets displayed an excellent standard of boxing and Pratap Section won the trophy closely followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji.

The morning of the 13th March began with the ceremonial Guard of Honour followed by the wreath laying ceremony at the Martyrs Memorial.

After that Mr. H Catchpole inaugurated the squash court which he had donated to the College. This generous donation from Mr Catchpole speaks volumes of his love for RIMC and the game of squash. The inaugural game was played between Maj Ran Manchanda, Arjuna Award winner and GC Ravindra Mallick.

The Cricket match was played after that and the College XI was outplayed by the Old Boys XI.

In the afternoon the Annual Exhibition was held where various Cadets Clubs had displayed their exhibits.

In the evening a variety entertainment programme was presented by the Amateur Dramatics Association and the Music Club. The play 'Dear Departed' was staged. The audience enjoyed every bit of it. The roles played by the cadets were commendable. The Diamond Cutters as usual put up a lively performances.

On the morning of 14th March the Old Boys said 'Good Bye' to their Alma Mater and left for their respective destinations, carrying with them rich memories of the reunion.

## Interview-Brig PCT, MT 6, Army HQ

Brig PCT, Brig BS Dagar, VSM, visited the College on the 23rd and 24th March. The Editorial Board interviewed him. We reproduce excerpts of the interview.

Q. Where did you have your early education ?

A. I had my education in Delhi.

Q. When were you commissioned into the army ?

A. I joined the IMA in July 1953 and was commissioned in June 1955.

Q. Any regrets for not having joined the RIMC ?

A. No, none at all.

Q. During your army career so far, did you have an opportunity to serve under a Rimcollian ?

A. Yes, a number of them.

Q Please tell about your best tenure during army service so far ?

A. That is rather a difficult question as one has to see from many angles. I have been lucky to have a fairly smooth and rewarding career in the army.

Q. What do you think of the cadets here ?

A. I've seen too little of you to offer any meaningful comments.

Q. Please comment on the contribution of the RIMC to the armed forces.

A. Well, RIMC has produced a large number of senior officers. Qualitywise also, Rimcollians are very good.

Q. What do you think of the expansion scheme of the RIMC ?

A. It's a good idea.

Q. Do you think RIMC is a wasteful luxury ?

A. No, certainly not. It is a very good career cum residential public school.

Q. There's a feeling that RIMC is tradition bound. What is your opinion on this ?

A. Well, it depends on the type of tradition. Generally good institutions have good traditions and I am sure you must be having good traditions.

Q. Which battalion of the Paras did you join first ?

A. I was commissioned in the first Paras.

Q. Was it your option ?

A. Yes, of course. One has always to be a volunteer to join the Paras. Nobody is ever taken who does not opt for it.

## Extracts from the Diary of a Boxer

7TH MARCH. With only a few days left for the boxing competition, I have started practising seriously. Weighing myself after breakfast, found out that I have to reduce two Kg more. Went for a run to Tapkeshwar gruelling exercises followed. Then an hour under 10 blankets. God, was I wet! Had

bouts after dinner. My sparring partner was injured, therefore I fought with a heavier boxer. That guy gave me a black eye. O, God why did I let myself into this. Went to bed very exhausted. My left eye is troubling me.

**8TH MARCH.** Was woken up by the "Manager" at 4 a. m. Doesn't he ever sleep? Went for seniors route, with three pullovers on. Outsiders looked at me with awe. Gruelling exercises. Breakfast consisting of only porridge, while others relished their "omelets and pancakes". Tried to flick a piece of bread but was caught red-handed by the "Manager". Went with the Captain to the CH to take weights. Sigh: 1½ Kg more to go. Wasn't even allowed to go for lunch. Stomach empty. Ran during games and after tea (not ours). Was late for Roll Call. Round around the Section for 10 minutes. Feeling extremely hungry.

**9TH MARCH.** Feeling very weak. One week without any solid food is no joke and I am no "Mahatma". Ran during PT, ran after lunch, ran during games and ran after tea. "Today is the last day for reducing, you chaps" says the heaviest boxer. The only thing he knows is 'demand'. And he himself is increasing. lucky guy. Even the Section Master made "Alu ka Paratha" for him. Boys; don't I envy him. Went to CH to weigh myself. Found to my great horror that I had decreased 3 kg, 1 extra Kg. And tomorrow I have to be dot on the irony of fate. The Manager then told me to stand on the weighing machine and eat dozens of bannanas and potatoes. I looked closely to the needle and I saw it slowly increased.

B S Rawat, Class II

## On Record .....

1. All the power goes to the people who shout "All power to the people." That's democracy.
2. A stamp album is the only place where nations stick together peacefully.
3. You must do everything you can; then trust God to fill in the blanks.
4. Some people live with realities so long, that they become shockproof.
5. No politician should be written off till he is burried or cremated.
6. Secret is something which a person tells everyone not to tell anybody.
7. Nothing lives than an error which you refuse to correct.
8. Worry is today's mouse eating tomorrow's cheese.
9. Battle of the bulge starts with the palate!
10. Satire is giving a sharp edge to a blunt truth.
11. Successful marriage requires falling in love with the same person again and again.
12. Governments have a finger in every pie and a hand in every pocket.
13. Speak the naked truth and you're accused of exaggeration.
14. When elephants fight the grass suffers.
15. Being unwanted is the worst disease any man can suffer from.

Compiled by  
Cdt. A Bhatia

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## The Solitary Vigilant Flier

Up in the blue sky,  
To eternity does he fly,

With no hinderances above,  
Soaring does he love,

Love in his super sonic jet,  
He flies on with his mind set,

Through the storm and darkening night,  
Not a moment does he fright,

For, his Motherland is all for him,  
From heart soul to mortal skin,

All the decisions are his own,  
For he is sitting in his cockpit alone,

He keeps vigil all around,  
And about the things in his surround,

With numerous instruments at him stare,  
With each he deals with a personal care,

He manipulates.....'dog-fights',  
With his companion...'knight',

With all his manoeuvres complete  
He caters for a landing neat,

So does his routine 'sortie' end,  
With thrilling experiences at every bend,

And so is the solitary vigilant flier,  
Raising the name of his country ever higher.

Vivek Jaswal  
Class IV

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## Letter to the Editor

Sir,

The Re-Union number of the chronicle was highly appreciated by all of us. There were a lot of interesting articles. However, I don't find any new names. Everytime, the articles from the same set of cadets are published. Other cadets should also be encouraged to give articles.

Thanking you.

Your's faithfully

Cadet Sundeep Verma

Class II

Reply : Thank you for your compliments. Yes, other cadets are being encouraged to write. You have made the beginning for instance.

—Editor

## Commandant's Mail Bag

Major General J P Verma  
Commandant

Officers Training School  
St. Thomas Mount  
Madras-60007.

4566/OTC/84

20 Mar 84

Dear Colonel Chaudhry,

I am glad to inform you that GC Mathew George who is from the RIMC and passed out with SSC (NT) -37 on 10th March this year won the coveted Sword of Honour.

With my warm regards.

Col. O. P. Chaudhry, VSM  
Commandant  
RIMC Dehra Dun Cantt  
PIN 248003

Yours Sincerely

Sd/-



## Thought for the Fortnight

*The world wisely prefers happiness to wisdom.*

— Will Durant

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#### News in Brief

After the gruelling exams the Cadets were all agog for the news of hikes. The College wore a deserted look after their departure to various places. The Cadets returned on 4th Apr. and the Campus burst into life once again.

Soon after the mid term break came the Inter-Section Basketball competition. All Sections practised with great gusto. Basketball, after the last year's memorable Triangular Meet has come a long way in RIMC. The competitions were held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of April. All Sections showed a high degree of skill in which Pratap emerged the victors, followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Shivaji Sections.

The Inter-Section P. T. competition was held on 18 April. Cadets of Class VA prepared hard for the SSB interviews and most of them have already left to face the SSBs. We wish them the best of luck !

#### INTER-SECTION BASKETBALL COMPETITION

At last the long awaited day of the Basketball competition arrived on 9th April. After rigorous and regular practices the basketballers were anxious to show their skill during the Inter-Section Basketball competitions.

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The opening match of the series was between Ranjit and Pratap. Each team appeared on the court in bright coloured vests and with a determination to win the match. Both the teams played equally well, planning their own moves and foiling the opponents' moves. Pratap came out victorious but by a basket only. Six matches in all were played in a period of three days. The players showed great enthusiasm and sportsman spirit. Cadet JS Bhinder, V Mohindra, S Mehta and D Ahluwalia showed excellence in the game.

Pratap came off with flying colours and annexed the trophy. It was followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Shivaji Sections.

### BAISAKHI CELEBRATIONS

Baisakhi was celebrated on the 13th of April. The College Gurudwara was decorated tastefully in the traditional style for the function in the morning. The music hobby sang shabads; Cadet J S Brar spoke on the significance of Baisakhi. In the end Mr. Baldev Singh spoke at length about the festival. The delicious 'Kerha Parshad' and the packet of sweets were perhaps, the most befitting end to an interesting function.

In the evening the College witnessed the movie 'Katha' on Video.

### THE WAY WE WENT ... -- ...

It was on a nice cool Sunday, April fools' day that we started off on our hike to Roorkee, Haridwar, Rishikesh, and back—home on bicycles.

One moment that bright morning, we were wishing "Happy hikes" etc., and the next, we were rolling in the front lawn. Not a bad way to start a hike. The time given to us was 5.30 a.m. We in our usual way, walked in casually at six and got what we deserved. So after one round of the quadrangle we got up, adjusted our things and forty minutes later waved good bye to the College for four days.

Roorkee was seventy three kilometres away. The first few kilometres proved to be tough. We had to paddle uphill all the way to Mohand pass. Luckily it wasn't very warm so we made it to the tunnel without much sweat and after that cycling was fun. It was all slope after the tunnel and we were whizzing down it at break neck speeds; we had eight kilometres of high speed joy. The rest of the way was through the plains. Some stopped at all places and had a ball, while others sped on regardless.

### **SPECIALIZATION IS NECESSARY FOR RIMC**

To strive for perfection is an embedded quality of an ardent Rimcollian, and justice can be done to this statement by achieving perfection in one or the other field. It is commonly said, "A Jack of all trades is a master of none". Therefore, it is useless to try your hand at everything and end up as a poor mediocre.

It is only in RIMC that we hear of term games, but in other schools, there are teams that practise a particular game throughout the year and thus become a master in it.

When a cadet of RIMC becomes an officer, his men will not like to see him just managing to play every game. Rather, they'd love to see him excelling in one or two games. In this way he will rise high in their esteem. With the facilities that are available in our College, it should not be difficult to bring about specialization. Our College teams should be given encouragement to practise in their respective games. With this, we will see the College standard soaring to dizzy heights.

To conclude, I say that the need of the day is "Do not be a Jack of all "but be a master of one".

Cadet C. Desai  
Class IV A

### **SPECIALIZATION SHOULD NOT BE THERE AT RIMC**

In my opinion, 'Rimcollian' and 'success' are 'synonyms'. A Rimcollian is therefore, expected to be good at every thing. The training at RIMC is expected to produce all-round cadets. That is, cadets who are good at everything.

Specialization at RIMC, will never help. A Rimcollian commanding a battalion is not expected to say, "As I find swimming uninteresting, no swimming from today onwards. In this case, what is the use of this expensive training at RIMC? An Adm. Officer, have, who had been a non-swimmer during his time and a good Squash player, will never help improving the swimming standards of the College. There is no point in conducting various competitions here if it is not ensured that every cadet participates in at least a few of them. It will not be tough for a cadet to pass P.T. tests if he has been practising for it through the year. But when the hockey season comes in, such a cadet cuts a sorry figure on the

hockey field. A basketball team which has been practising the game throughout the year would deprive the other cadets from playing the game because the courts would be occupied by that team. This would result in a dual loss; the boys of the College team will not play other games and the boys of the College will not be able to play basketball. So how far is specialization feasible ?

Specialization will restrict a cadet to one game. But if he is capable of mastering many effectively then we will be depriving him of gaining some experience in other games. Thus if you bring in specialization you will be bringing a general lowering of standards in the RIMC.

Cadet Rohit Choudhary  
Class III A

### **LEARNING FROM FAILURE**

Failure can be instructive, it can be an incentive to work and explore. It can be called success if it shows the way to new ideas and discoveries. Kenneth Boulding has edited the proverb "Nothing succeeds like success" to read "Nothing fails like success" because there is little that is learnt from success. One learns from failure whereas success only confirms ones' beliefs.

Failure is education, a step to something better. It is wrong to say that men succeed through success, on the contrary they succeed more through failure.

In a sensible person, failure invites self assessment. A sensible man fails in an endeavour, he singles out his weaknesses and shortcomings, works upon them to strengthen himself and thus equipped tackles the problem again,

Some argue that failure demoralizes and frustrates. This is the case with those who give up easily and get disheartened too soon. In a way failure is a dig at the ego. Subconsciously, a man with an inflated ego thinks he is 'A-One' and when he fails it is a big jolt.

One should treat one's goal as an adversary, overestimate it, and under estimate one's own ability; in the union of the two lies success - to a limit, of course.

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In some ways a man who succeeds after having failed a few times is a better end product than the one who makes it the first time.

One who is used to success gradually begins to take things for granted and a sort of complacency sets in, which finally leads to failure. When such a person encounters failure he gets psychologically upset and mentally disturbed. It can even leave permanent scars on his personality.

After tasting the sweet fruit of success, very often the bitter pill of failure is too unpleasant. However, to a person used to failure eventual success comes as a pleasure and is welcome.

The ladder of success too is like a mountain; the peak representing the ideal. One should never quite reach the peak as from there any further movement means decline; if one is still a little below the top one can keep trying to get there.

Failure and success alike should not be allowed to go to the head as this leads to over confidence on one hand and a defeatist or a pessimistic attitude on the other. Cats, when eluded by a rat do not sit down and cry or have a nervous breakdown, instead they try afresh.

Kites rise higher against the wind than with it.

Cadet S M Ismail  
Class V A

### POKE A JOKE

( 1 )

Cityman : You are a farmer. What does your son do ?

Farmer : He is a boot black.

Cityman : Oh ! you make hay while the son shines !

( 2 )

Seeing an old man carrying a huge clock (for repairs) an old lady said, "Don't you have a wrist watch ?"

( 7 )

( 3 )

As a woman entered a packed bus a man got up offered his seat and went out.  
Woman, (to others) "Chivalry still prevails."

The man - turned back and said, "Sorry, Madam, I got into the wrong bus!"

Cadet S K Upadhyay

Class III A

### ACROSS

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|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. Purpose  | 2. Acrobat | 8. Idol     | 9. Elder    |
| 10. Anthem  | 11. Point  | 13. Rashly  | 16. Scroll  |
| 19. Wailing | 22. Assert | 24. Oddissi | 26. Asses   |
| 27. Corner  | 29. Zebra  | 30. Opal    | 31. Entrant |
| 32. Ascends |            |             |             |

### DOWN

- |              |             |              |              |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| (1) Primary  | (2) Polish  | (3) Sleepy   | (5) Carats   |
| (6) Bath     | (7) Trample | (12) Implies | (14) Socks   |
| (15) Lower   | (17) Caged  | (18) Oasis   | (20) Pancake |
| (21) Pimples | (23) Tarzan | (24) Oscars  | (29) Impose  |
| (28) Riot    |             |              |              |

### OBITUARY

We regret to record the sad demise of Maj Gen H. M. Mohite an illustrious and ardent Rimcollian. May his soul rest in peace.



### Thought for the Fortnight

*Men make counterfeit money; in many more cases money makes counterfeit men.*

Cadet Sydney Harris

### BOOK POST

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#### Editorial

The RIMC is an obsession with most of its alumni. More so, when they step out of its corridors of excellence and glory. The long spartan road that one traverses isn't at all an easy journey particularly so when set out at a tender young age. But the gruelling ordeal of five years has its healthy and fat compensations to give. Whether it is the chill of the mid winter or a parched summer night so suffocatingly still or turbulent 'cats and dogs' days, the idyllic surrounding of this premier institution is sheer poetry in its purest. As one enters the Thimayya Gate, the visitor is instantly awed by its splendour and serenity. The alleys and the streets, the towering buildings, the oaks, the pines the eucalyptus and the willows in the sprawling 140-acre profusely green complex have all an elegance and beauty of their own. To the new entrants the heights beckon - the heights by great men reached and kept. To the Rimcol, the pinnacle of the profession of arms is the acme of his desires. The precincts of the College are a fountain - head of inspiration. The young colts have to run the race with a determined grit. The college family extends them felicitations on their selection to this institution and wishes them a very exhilarating stay in the campus.

#### BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE AT THE UPSC EXAMINATION AND THE SSB INTERVIEWS

Our results at the UPSC examination for the entry to the 72nd NDA course have been exceptionally brilliant. A total of 23 Cadets appeared and all made the grade thereby giving us HUNDRED PERCENT results.



This bonanza is a repeat performance for the second time within a period of one year and the second time best after 1965 for entry to the 34th NDA course. Against the back drop of this splendid performance, our boys have bagged six positions among the top ten (1st, 4th, 6th, 7th in the combined list for Army and Navy and 2nd and 6th in the order of merit for the Air Force) in the All India Merit list for entry to the 72nd NDA course. Taking into account a very small number of RIMC boys fielded (i.e. only nineteen) this undoubtedly is a sparkling performance and quite a rich haul of superb distinctions unmatched by any single institution. Indulgence in self eulogy should normally be avoided but such brilliant results aggrandize the RIMC. WELL DONE BOYS AND LET RIMC FLAG CONTINUE TO FLUTTER HIGHER AND HIGHER

### EXCELLENT RESULTS AT THE SSE

That one believeth has faith, one who honestly and persistently tries would achieve the objective regardless of the obstacles and odds. Following close to the foot steps of their seniors, the Cadets of class IV A have done equally well at the SSE. Twenty appeared and twenty passed, 17 of whom secured first division and 3 were placed in second division. By securing 24 distinctions, this course has shown the best ever result since the introduction of RIMC SSE in 1978. Undoubtedly a very fine achievement. It can be unequivocally deduced that the main thrust of the battle lies in the 'operation study' of course it goes without saying that a sound mind develops only in a sound body and that is what RIMC indeed epitomises.

### Campus News

After a long spell of two and a half months' summer vacation, the College welcomed the boys back to its fold. The rains greeted one and all. The Campus pulsated with life and was the scene of brisk activity. The RIMC Barber perhaps was the happiest person to reap the rich harvest of long hair and along with that was over, the Cadets holiday mood.

The day started with the Commandant giving the appointment tabs to the Cadet appointments. A new set of appointments has been introduced in order to curb the almost non-existent ragging in the College. The hitherto known Section NCOs were made Section Sergeants depriving them of powers of punishment. For better coordination two new appointments of the College Cadet Adjutant and the College Quarter Master have been introduced. On this occasion the Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM exhorted the appointments to follow the noble path and urged them to be righteous in their duties to bring glory to the College.

### FOOTBALL MATCH : STAFF V/S STUDENTS

The traditional football match, the first of the season was played between the members of the Staff and the Cadets 11 on 04 Aug. The sustained drizzle of the afternoon, sensing the importance of

the event, stopped exactly before the start of the match at 1630 h. The first goal of the match was scored by Cadet C Konwer in the first five minutes and it was sufficient to leave the packed pavilion reverberate with the thunderous applause of the Rimcols. The staff team were no match to the young boys and all through it was a one sided spectacle. Cadets S Mehta, CS Dewgun, HS Bainsla were the star scorers. The match ended with a score of 5-0.

### MORNING ASSEMBLY

On the first Morning Assembly of the term the Commandant gave the Medhavi badges to the top scorers in the academics in their respective classes. The winners of the Medhavi Badges are as follows :

Class IA	Cdt Ashim Mittal	Class III	Cdt Prabhat Kumar
Class II	Cdt TS Dhillon & Cdt VK Sharma	Class IV	Cdt Vishal Sharma
Class IIA	Cdt Sandeep Verma	Class IVA	Cdt AV Joshi
Class IIIA	Cdt Pradeep Singh	Class V	Cdt Sandeep Singh
		Class VA	Cdt RK Nair

In his speech the Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM appreciated the results of the UPSC examination and various positions that our boys had bagged in the All India Merit list and said that this was due to sheer hard work of the boys and such performance should be kept up. He was also full of praise and admiration for Cadet Sandeep Singh Class V who had shown an all time best performance in the SSE since its adoption by the College in 1978. Collectively too, the SSE results have been the best ever. The Commandant told the Assembly that the Junior Cadets have to measure up to the performance of their predecessors in the forthcoming Sub Juniors National Squash Championship which the College will be hosting in the first week of October. Welcoming the new entrants, the Commandant congratulated them on their selection to the College and assured them that their stay at RIMC would be most educative and rewarding.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The College woke up on the morrow of 15 Aug to find torrents of rain greeting. The Cadets had chalked out an elaborate programme of celebrations and the inclement weather was not to dampen the spirits. The members of the Staff, their families and the Cadets got together over a glass of cold coffee and plenty of sweets. Soon after, one could see the PT JCO Nb/Sub Karam Singh, dressed as a 'Cow-boy' in the quardrangle, preparing for the Competitions. A modified version of the 'Malkhambh' and not the tight rope but the 'tight-bar' lay fixed in the middle of the quardrangle for showing the acrobatic feats of the cadet competitors.

The preliminary rounds of the 'pillow-fight' on the wet and slippery bar, were fought in the true fashion of the Boxing bouts. Cadets D Ahluwalia and Sandeep Singh emerged winners defeating Cadets SK Dubey and RK Singh respectively.

The first round of the 'pillow-fight' between Ahluwalia and Dubey was quite interesting though in the second bout Sandeep Singh pinned down RK Singh just in two minutes. To give the competitors a bit of rest for the finals, in another item the top of the flag staff serving as Malkhambh was to be reached by the competitors and the juicy tin of pine-apple slices that hung there was to be won. Two competitors from each Section had to participate. The Sections had fielded their best runners. All the competitors ran as if hungry for pine-apple slices, surrounded the pole and wanted to climb. Tact and brains made all the difference for Cadet Sanjiva the hero of the event, who stood silently away from the gathering. In a split second decision he jumped on the shoulders of the other competitors like an adept monkey, climbed the top of the Malkhambh and reached the pineapple tin, leaving whole lot of the rest gasping.

The finals of the weird 'pillow-fight' were to culminate into one bottle of orange squash for the winner. Cadet Deepak Ahluwalia met with tough resistance in Sandeep Singh. Sandeep believed in more of 'brawn' and his opponent seemed to rely more on 'brains'. It soon appeared that the discretion was the better part of valour and Deepak Ahluwalia won the game and of course the bottle of Orange Squash.

*Thus parted the inmates after witnessing an hour's entertainment packed programme.*

### **THE HMI COURSE**

Six of our boys attended the 49th adventure course at the H.M.I. Darjeeling. The course started on the 1st of June and terminated on the 21st of June.

The highlights of the course were the bagging of the first six-positions in the Obstacle Race by all the six 'Ramcols'. In cross country Cadet C Desai stood second and Cadet RS Manaise 3rd. Cdt RS Manaise was also awarded a consolation prize.

### **DOON - DARSHAN**

Unlike Door-Darshan the programme of 'Doon-Darshan' for the new entrants was received with unusual enthusiasm. After two weeks of settling down in the campus, the young new entrants joy knew no bounds when they were told about their outing to Dehradun and its surrounding areas.

The young cadets were taken out for 'Doon-Darshan' on 12 Aug 84. The august Indian Military Academy with all its splendour and glory, the famous Forest Research Institute—its deer park, the head quarters of the Survey of India, the Malsi Deer Park and the Tapkeshwar Mahadev Temple were a few of the places touched in the 'tour-de-valley.'

Reproduced below are reflections of some of the boys :-

"It was a delightful trip. I felt like a bird on the mast of a ship in the sea, which flew to the nearby island, soared high and low, saw its beauty and came back to the ship"

Cdt Manav Sehgal  
Class I

"We were told on Friday about Doon-Darshan being organized on Sunday. Saturday passed at the speed of a flying saucer"

Cdt Pankaj Sinha  
Class I

"In life, sorrows are less, joys are countless - one such joyful event was Doon-darshan"

Cdt SK Johri  
Class I

"On Sunday I felt like a bird let off from a cage"

Cdt Devanshu Rastogi  
Class I

"Slitting in the truck called 3 Ton was a big jolt"

Cdt S S Pundir  
Class I

## They Brought Laurels

*(These are some of the impressions read out to them on the eve of their departure from the College-written by present class VA.)*

1. J Saikia — This short legged 'chimp' had his bark worse than his bite, and no wonder it gave him a high blood pressure. (Got medically rejected - Editor).
2. Nasser Prakash — He was an inventive genius of the College, popularly known as 'noosy'.
3. SM Ismail — He was Oh! we won't like to argue with him for he was an unbeatable Rebuttaler.

4. **JB Thapa** — was popularly known as 'Nathu.' For his passing in the NDA, we would like to say 'no pains all gains'.
5. **R Negi** — Known as 'Naag', was very popular among the juniors for he had boxing muscles.
6. **Jaidev Singh** — This man machine from Punjab was the President of the RIMC Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee.
7. **DS Nehra** — Wanted to become a waiter, he almost proved it to all of us.  
(Got the best actor award in the 'Fancy Dress Competition—Editor).
8. **A Nugyal** — This myopic Shakespeare tried hard to become the Editor of the Chronicle.
9. **JJS Bhinder** — About leaving the college he said "leaving the College is like falling from a cliff". A cliff? What cliff? Which cliff? He himself is a cliff.  
(He is only 6'2" tall at this not so tender age of 17—Editor).
10. **Sanjay Kumar** — This 'Bihari Babua' was an expert in delivering extempore speeches. Was he?
11. **S Sreekanth** — Popularly known as 'Jaws' in the RIMC crime circle had a fine collection of meat over his body. Never shake hands with him for they won't be yours any more.
12. **HPS Dhillon** — Popularly known as 'Chatrath', had the Dhyan Chand's skill and improved the hockey standard of the College.
13. **MK Gupta** — The motto of this Tall, Dark and Handsome '(TDH)' Section Commander was 'to greater heights'.
14. **JP Laungani** — Was popularly known as 'John'. We are very sorry for you John that your entry to NDA foiled your chances of being a Hollywood Star.
15. **V Maniktala** — Popularly known as 'Ale-yaal' was a Joshi kid.
16. **S Uniyal** — Known as 'Halwai' was surprisingly good at Cricket.
17. **PR Jaychandran** — This chemistry wizard was a ray of hope for all the Cadets appearing in the NDA
18. **A Kochchar** — Better known as 'Khachchar' was generally overheard saying "Don't talk of hardwork it gives me labour pains".
19. **B Ajay Kumar** — This IAS (Invisible After Sunset) type was an adept mathematician, would even give a tough fight to Mrs. Shakuntala Devi.
20. **V Sikander** — The golden voiced Sikander was an Olive Green (OG) Cadet.
21. **A Bhatia** — Rightly called 'Pappu' was a strongly built artist.
22. **A Bisen** — We are proud of him that he lived true to his name 'Bison'.
23. **R Bhattacharjee** — Bhattacharjee was a 'Brahamchari' in the true sense of the term.

## TOWARDS MORE PICTURESQUE SPEECH

### Wit Bits

Play ground : tot lot  
Cocktail party : blathering gathering  
Snake charmer viper piper  
Bird feeder : tweeter treater.

### On the move

Morning shadows climbing down the mountain.  
Rain stopping by to scribble a note on the window pane.  
Sparks broad - jumping in the fireplace.  
A fine wind asking the trees to dance.

### Home Truths

The best thing about window-shopping is that it does n't take up any place in your cupboard.  
Some people do wonderful things with leftovers. They throw them out.  
One housewife says even herself cleaning oven hates the job.  
Pigeons gargling on a fire-escape.  
I Could Have Been.....  
I could have been a chauffeur, but I didn't have the drive.  
I could have been a poultry man but that would mean putting all eggs in one basket.  
A book'keeper but I always returned those I borrowed.

Salil Mongia  
Class V A

## Thirty Years After

I joined the school in 1954 not knowing that I would be back as Administrative Officer after a lapse of thirty years. We have a natural tendency to condemn the younger generation and to worry about them unnecessarily. Consequent upon the younger generation becoming old with the passage of time, they too will start worrying about their youngsters. I certainly do not intend to glorify the good old days of my school time; nor do I wish to pick holes in the existing system.

Memories of those brighter, happier days when I was a cadet are always things of joy. When I step on the soil of RIMC, I know that I am at home. I feel her warm embrace in the beckoning air and I let my fancy take wing. And if I am permitted to paraphrase Shakespeare, "Age cannot wither her". RIMC has a superb campus and there cannot be two opinions on this; one gets intoxicated with the fragrance of its flowers. There is a generation 'gulf' between me and the present cadet but in the 'Rimcollian' family, such gaps are immediately bridged. I have been often asked these questions — "When did you pass out Sir?" "Any changes since you left, Sir?"

I do not know what answer to give to such a sensitive questions. Admittedly, I am an Old Boy but being now on the Administrative Staff, I have to weigh whatever, I say. It is, no doubt, a very hard task to keep pace with the heels of the galloping creature called modernisation, but I can assure all the Old Boys and parents that RIMC has certainly not decayed or succumbed to the inexorable journey of time. The average cadet is just the same as he was years ago. Son will find the same experience and thrill as his father did. RIMC cadets have improved on their performance, they continue to top the All India Merit List for NDA. Ninety percent of cadets make it to the NDA in their first attempt. In my days when one got 60 per cent, all used to look admiringly at you, if you get the same marks now, they shall be looking down their noses. It will be considered a low first. Number of boys getting first division in CBSE is much more than earlier days.

Thirty years is a long period and changes are bound to take place. What disturbs one at first sight is that the campus which was once surrounded with tea garden on one side and orchards on the other, has been greatly affected by the excessive urbanisation. This growing ecological imbalance has stripped the school of its enchanting splendour. However, one cannot miss to notice the War Memorial and The Thimayya Gate which have come up in the last fifteen years. In 1984 we have added another asset a 'Squash Court' presented by Mr H Catchpole our ex Principal. These structures are now the land marks of the school. Noticeable painful change, is that the tub bath arrangements have been taken away and one time effective hot water arrangements are now non-existent. Thanks to paucity of funds and austerity policy of the Government.

There cannot be a school without a school bell. I remember one cold wintry morning we had removed the bell and hidden it. The school routine was upset and confusion prevailed the whole day, in the process we saved ourselves from the morning PT. But now we have a 'Siren' which is so annoying to ears, giving an impression that you are in a bonded labour camp. Whoever introduced it, is certainly devoid of aesthetic taste.

With the departure of Mr Singhal, the teachers of my time have gone. The trio Mr RC Singhal, Mr RC Sharma and Mr GS Bisht have left. They will be missed by the school. The gap created has been suitably filled by Mr K Kumar, Mr VG Nene, Mr LN Thakur and Mr UN Singh as Section Masters. It is heartening to note that bond of respect and affection between the student and teacher

still survives in RIMC. Nannu who used to ring the school bell still limps around as a retired man. Thaple our head waiter has also retired. Though there has been sea change in the class III and IV staff, yet many like Mr Khanna, (Lab Asstt), Mr Thapa (Librarian), Duli Chand, Bachhan Singh, Prem Singh and Padam Singh (Cook), are links in the chain. The 'Changing Room' still smells the same and the scotch egg still tastes the same. The cadets are still very fond of movies and they won't mind being awake whole night seeing movies on video. On smallest pretext they still wish to be excused morning PT.

In conclusion, it is so heartening to note that corporal punishment has been practically eradicated. Ragging was an integral part of our school life. I only hope its total removal doesn't make life dry and mundane. With all this RIMC has stood the test of time. Let all of us contribute to this institution to retain its unique image and enviable record.

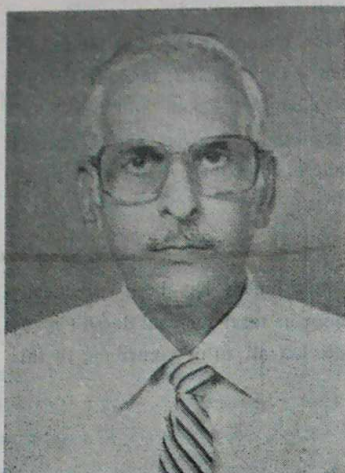
Lt Col V K Singh

### Staff Notes



With the retirement of the Vice Principal Mr RC Singhal and two Section Masters Mr GS Bisht and Mr RC Sharma within a short period of one year, an era has come to a close in the history of the RIMC. Mr RC Singhal's tenure has been the longest so far in the college. Though Mr GS Bisht remains at home (he sought premature retirement on account of ill-health) it is gratifying to note that both Mr Singhal and Mr Sharma have got high challenging assignments. Mr RC Singhal adorns the chair of the Principal of the nearby Cambrian Hall and Mr RC Sharma occupies the chair of the Vice Principal in the Children's Academy. The college family wishes them the best of luck in their new assignments.





Another old stalwart Mr AN Sharma our accountant in the office, retired on 31 July 84 after 37 long years of service at the RIMC. Mr Sharma was an honest and dedicated man, would never let the accounts shrink. We wish him a very happy retired life.

We welcome Mr Nirankar Singh, Mr Ram Gopal Arya, and Mr D. N. Thaplial to our fold. They fill vacancies created by Har Gajanand AEC in Biology; Shri SK Mukhopadhaya Ph.D. in Geography; and Mr R C Singhal in Mathematics. We wish Mr Nirankar, Mr Arya and Mr Thaplial the best of luck in their new assignments and hope that their Stay in RIMC is both enjoyable and rewarding.

### Farewell - Mr RC Singhal

Mr RC Singhal, the Vice Principal of RIMC joined the College on 01 Aug 1948 and retired on 30 July 1984, after 36 years of long service. The digits in the years 48 and 84 have incidently been reversed. Not long before the College closed its shutters for the summer vacation, an elaborate week - long programme was chalked out to bid farewell to Mr RC Singhal. This programme was interspersed with foot ball, hockey, squash and tennis matches. The farewell - dinner in the Cadets' Mess was laden with emotional overtones. The academic staff had also organised a superb dinner in the Convocation Hall besides a numbers of private dinners were also hosted for Mr RC Singhal.

Speaking at the Special Assembly to bid him farewell the Commandant, Col OP Chaudhry VSM eulogized his services to the RIMC. In a touching farewell address, the Commandant paid glowing tributes to Mr RC Singhal who had been a witness to an era of vicissitudes in the history of the College from the days of the preponderance of British masters to a complete Indianisation of academic staff. The Commandant recalled and reminded the gathering that Mr RC Singhal was a genre of now almost an extinct class of public school masters, who during his long innings with RIMC contributed his might towards an all round excellence of the Institution. In his retirement the College will lose a veteran, the void thus created would never be filled.

These events to bid farewell to Mr RC Singhal culminated into the most appropriate grand finale — the dinner organised and hosted by the Delhi based Old Boys of RIMC. This grand dinner was attended by a galaxy of ardent Rimcollians, serving and retired. It was the most thoughtful, heart-warming and gracious gesture on the part of the alumni to have invited so endearingly Mr RC Singhal and the Commandant Col OP Chaudhry, VSM to the grand dinner. Presentation of a silver salver to Mr RC Singhal at the end of the function was the most befitting climax to his illustrious and eventful career.

P.S. : Mr Singhal has not gone very far distance-wise. He is definitely not out of mind nor is he out of sight as he adorns the chair of the Principal of Cambrian Hall just across the 'hedge'. We hope he continues his association with the College.

— Editor

## Mr RC Singhal Interviewed

**Q. How many years of service did you have at the RIMC ?**

**A.** 36 years.

**Q. When did you join RIMC as a teacher and when did you become the Section Master ?**

**A.** I joined the RIMC as a teacher in Mathematics on 1 Aug in 1948 and became the Section Master in 1957 after 9 years.

**Q. We hear that you went abroad. When and in what capacity did you go abroad ?**

**A.** I had gone to the United States of America in 1960-61 as a Fullbright Scholar for advance teaching of Science and to teach Maths in the Baltimore Public Schools. I taught Mathematics to senior high school boys and girls and delivered lectures on India to various professional and literary associations.

**Q. What differences did you notice in the system of education between our country and the States ?**

**A.** Our educational activities are all geared towards the final examination whereas their examinations are based on internal assessment spread over the whole year and there is no board examination. Their evaluation is more objective and graded.

**Q. What was your contribution to Baltimore Public Schools ?**

**A.** I tried to establish personal equation through informal teaching. Propagation of Indian Culture and starting of a Mathematics Club were two things that I did. I presented a set of books on

India to the school library where I was teaching. I delivered a demonstration lesson to the first year teachers in Mathematics for this entire city (150 of them). I also organised a get-together on India's Republic Day.

Q. Sir, you had an opportunity to serve with the British school teachers. What in your opinion were their plus points ?

A. The British school masters with whom I had an opportunity to serve, were very thorough and proficient in their fields. They were devoted teachers and worked very hard. Betterment of students, education and games was their only concern. They used to play and mix with the boys. In saying so I do not mean that our own teachers lack in any way.

Q. What were your subjects at the school and college level?

A. Well, I passed High School in the first division with distinction in Maths. I was a science student. I did M.Sc. Mathematics in II Division. I passed my L.T. (equiv to B. Ed) from Govt Training College, Allahabad.

Q. What differences did you notice in RIMC since the British teachers left?

A. There have not been many changes and yet there have been. As far as the buildings are concerned there have been no significant or major changes but academically there have been rapid changes that have placed the RIMC in the mainstream of the nation's educational activity. During British days there was less emphasis on co-curricular activities. The boys used to have dramatics, photography, stamp collection and driving as the only clubs.

Q. Sir, Do you have any memorable incident to tell us?

A. I haven't any exciting experience to narrate but for my teaching which was always a matter of joy. I have sent 72 batches to the NDA and I feel very proud of it.

Q. Sir, As the Vice Principal of the RIMC, what are your contributions?

A. I am very happy to say that I enjoyed full freedom in the education block and functioned very well. Smooth running of the organisation; conduct of examinations and revision of syllabus are a few of the things; but the results are for you to deduce. I laid a lot of emphasis that the cadets go up in studies. I am happy to note that our cadets have shown excellent results both in SSE and the NDA written examination.

Q. Sir, we know Mathematics is your love, what else did you teach?

A. I taught Physics and Chemistry to senior Cambridge classes for 6 years. Physics is my second love.

Q. Sir, Do you think we are getting the best material for the RIMC through the entrance examination?

A. Yes, on paper but actually not. There are hardly 7 to 8 boys from several states and they do not fare well.

Q. Sir, who is the senior most student taught by you ?

A. Maj Gen VP Yadav. He was the winner of the "Sword of Honour" at the IMA from the first JSW Course.

Q. What are your thoughts at this juncture ?

A. I enjoyed my stay here tremendously. I spent my entire youth in the youthful company of you boys and never felt old. I wish the retiring age in India were 65 like what it is there in the USA. The loss of leaving RIMC can never be compensated. I shall cherish these fond memories.

Q. What is the contribution of the RIMC to the nation ?

A. Old boys of this institution have risen so high both in India and Pakistan that it is for every one to see and this record can not be matched by any single institution. This is no place and there is no time to place on record all the achievements of our old boys.

Q. What are your plans on retirement ?

A. If I get some teaching assignment commensurate with my status and experience, I will take it. I also propose to take to writing books on Mathematics.

Q. Would you keep in touch with us ?

A. Yes, I shall always be in touch and of course I shall never miss the Rimcollian meets.

Q. Sir, what is your advice to us ?

A. The cadets of RIMC are a special class. They should aim high and never be satisfied with mediocre performance because they have the potential. The cadet must remember that they are the students of this renowned and great institution and must exhibit so in all their dealings

## Excerpts from Mr Singhal's farewell Address

The Commandant, Members of the Staff and the cadets,

Standing as I do, at one of the major turning points of my life and career, my memory dips back into the distant past when on August 1st, 1948 I joined this college as one of the first batch of Indian Masters at the young age of 22 years. This is about the age when a man is filled with high ideals, hopes and aspirations for the institution he is called upon to serve, and for similar ideals and

hopes etc for shaping his own career. Now I retire at the age of 58 years in 1984. The digits in the years 48 and 84 have incidently been reversed.

My duties as a Section Master of Pratap Section (old Rawlinson Section known for having housed the elite of Rimcollians in Maj Gen Hira Lal Atal, Late Gen KS Thimayya, late Lt Gen PS Bhagat, late Major Som Nath Sharma, Maj Gen Virendra Singh, Mr Bikram Singh and late Gen Shahnawaz Khan etc). Since 11 May 1957, gave me an opportunity of coming into the closest contact with the cadets. I have always regarded a Section Master's job as a very challenging one - for it is as a Section Master that one can study the needs and requirements of the cadets individually and help them blossom forth into good gentlemen and gallant officers.

Partings are proverbially painful, and all the more so when one has to part from an institution to which one has given the best period of one's life and where one has grown up and learned a lot, and from individuals with whom one has spent some very pleasant moments. I shall cherish the fond memories of my long association with the RIMC for the rest of my life. It will be difficult for me to say good bye because one does not say so to one's home. I had the protection of RIMC all these years but I am sure your blessings and good wishes will stand me in good stead in my retirement. You all have been so good to me.

Thank you for the grand and touching farewell I have received. I wish all the cadets the best of luck and all happiness in their future career. Keep the RIMC flag always flying high. Long live RIMC and may it continue to shine in its own glory.

## Rimcolliana

Mrs Malvinder Singh, wife of late Maj Malvinder Singh Dhillon of 5/11 Sikh who was killed in 1942, on the eastern borders, laid wreath at the Martyrs Memorial on 12 Aug 84.

Our congratulations to Col D K Khullar Commandant HMI on award of Padma Shri to him

Our congratulation to Col A N Luthra on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier.

## Commandant's Mail Bag

Reproduced below is a letter from Padama Shree Col DK Khullar Principal HMI Jawahar Parbat Darjeeling.

Dear Colonel,

It is a matter of pride for me to have received the felicitations from my old school. There have been many other congratulatory messages but the one from the Alma Mater stands out in personal significance. It has been nearly thirty years since I left school, but we all are what the school makes us into. I do not think there is a better school any where and it is with nostalgia one remembers Mr. Catchpole, Mr. Watson, Mr. Sang, Mr. Kaul, Mr. Singhal, Mr. RC Sharma and Mr. Bhist and I believe only the last of these names is still with the School. I do hope the School has been replenishing its teaching staff with an equally talented lot. There was a time when things appeared to be bad on this front but from the performance of the boys on our adventure courses, the standard once again appears to be excellent. God Bless.

May I take this opportunity to send the best wishes to the School in its onward pursuit of high values and perfection. I Am looking forward to joining the reunion in March, 1985.

With the Best wishes Regards

Yours Sincerely

Col D K Khullar

## OBITUARY

We offer our heart felt condolences to the bereaved family of Shri Mathura Prasad on the sudden demise of his father Shri Amichand.

Popularly known as 'Baba' Shri Amichand was a 'private' at the tailor-shop, who served RIMC for 62 years.



## Thought for the Month

*"I swear to the Lord I just can't see why democracy means everybody but me"*

Langston Hughes

## BOOK POST

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the grade. Of the fourteen Cadets who appeared before various Services Selection Boards for 73 NDA Course, as many as thirteen have been selected. As per available school records such an outstanding success performance at SSB has been achieved after a lapse of many years

### RESULTS OF INTER SECTION EVENTS

#### Inter Section Quiz (Seniors)

Ranjit	—	I
Pratap	—	II
Chandragupta	—	III
Shivaji	—	IV

### INTER SECTION CROSS COUNTRY

#### Overall Championship Position :

Section	Points	Position
Chandragupta	1592	I
Ranjit	1602	II
Pratap	1615	III
Shivaji	1735	IV

#### Individual Performance : Juniors

Name	Section	Time Taken	Position
Cdt AK Vashisht	C	19 m 10.5 Sec	I
Cdt DS Bisht	P	20 m 30 Sec	II

#### Individual Performance : Seniors

Cdt NCO RS Manaise	R	21 m 49 Sec	I
Cdt WJK Singh	C	22 m 26 Sec	II

### Results of Inter - Section Hindi Debate Competition held on 27 Aug 84

#### Individual Positions : Seniors

Cdt Adjutant RK Chaudhry	P	I
Cdt Tanmay Kashyap	P	II



**Individual Positions : Juniors**

Cdt DS Bisht	P	I
Cdt Prabhat Kumar	R	II

**Rebuttal :**

Cdt AV Joshi		I
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**Section Positions :**

Pratap	I
Chandragupta	II
Ranjit	III
Shivaji	IV

**Results : Inter Section Water Polo and Swimming Competition 1984.**

**Water Polo :**

Chandragupta	I
Shivaji	II
Pratap	III
Ranjit	IV

**Swimming :**

Section	Points	Position
Shivaji	96.5	I
Chandragupta	67.0	II
Pratap	49.0	III
Ranjit	44.5	IV

Cadet Captain RK Nair (S), Cadet A Joshi (S) and Cadet Lovekesh Thakur (R) were adjudged best swimmer in C, B and A division respectively.

**COLLEGE NEWS**

Cadet Adjutant RK Chaudhary has won third prize in the English Essay Competition organised under the auspices of Kendriya Vidyalaya ONGC.

RIMC team has won the Team Trophy in the group song competition organised by a local cultural centre. A number of Schools, local as well as from outside took part in the competition. In the Senior group RIMC team was placed first and in the Junior group the team was placed second. Ex-Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Dil Bagh Singh presented the trophy to the winners.

Cadet A Chatterjee has won second prize in 'On the Spot painting Competition' organised by Akhil Tarun Bhartiya Sangh on 2nd Sept 84 at Childrens Academy Dehradun. Cadet JS Bisht has also been given a consolation prize.

## Staff Notes

Capt RC Laddah has been posted out as Brigade Education Officer of HQ 474 Engr Bde. His dedicated services to this institution for about three years will be remembered for a long time to come. The void created by Capt RC Laddah has been filled very suitably by Capt Ashok Kumar. We all wish him a happy and fruitful stay at the College.

Mr KS Ahlawat, master in Geography is going to Pune in November to attend Foundation Coaching Course in Basket ball.

## Rimcolliana

The commandant, staff and the cadets congratulate Maj Gen KS Kohli on his promotion to the present rank. Maj Gen KS Kohli (1948-50-Shivaji), an ardent Rimcollian has taken over the command of 27 mountain Division. We wish him all success in his new assignment.

## From Administrative Officer's DESK

### *After-noon Preparation*

Our main thrust remains on all round development of cadet's personality with due stress on academics. Since competition has become very stiff, the present cadets need certainly to put in harder work. With this aim in view one period of preparation class has been increased in the after-noon without affecting any school curriculum.

### *Sports*

We have produced sportsmen of high calibre. There is a need to shift our emphasis from "Jack of all trades" to specialisation or excellence in one or two games. We took the help of Mr NS Kharola football coach of ONGC for improving the standard of our football teams.

### *Sub Junior National Squash Championship 1984*

It is going to be hosted by the RIMC from 4 to 7 Oct 84. It was because of keen interest of Maj Raj Manchanda, VSM (Shivaji-1957-61) that our school was chosen as the venue for the competition. Renovation to all the three courts has been carried out and they are in much better shape now. Brief account of the tournament will appear in the next issue of the Chronicle.

### *Loan for CSD Canteen*

With the kind courtesy of Commodore TS Khurana (an old boy of this College) we have been sanctioned loan of Rupees fifty thousand for further expansion and improvement of our Canteen. We shall have now a much better stocked canteen.

### *School Tuck Shop*

We have re-started a tuck shop and named it 'EATS'. I have found cadets visiting it even during fifteen minutes break which proves its popularity.

### *Coloured TV & VCP*

We have at last acquired a coloured TV and VCP. It has certainly added colour and charm to the school life. One positive sign that I have noticed that after dinner kit parade and punishment have suddenly declined. Cadet Appointments prefer to watching TV to watching cadets doing five rounds.

## Gallup Comes to RIMC ( An analysis of the Opinion Poll. )

Last term we conducted an Opinion poll consisting of thirteen questions concerning various Facets of the College life and administration. The questions and the suggested answers were as follows :

Q-1. Given a free choice, what would you like to do on Saturday night ?

- (a) See a movie.
- (b) Read a book.
- (c) Listen to music.
- (d) Anything else (Legal).

Q-2. Should there be appointments in the RIMC ?

- (a) Yes.
- (b) No.

- Q-3. Which type of food do you like best ?
- (a) Chinese.
  - (b) Mughlai.
  - (c) Western
  - (d) Indian
- Q-4. Which place do you find best for eating out ?
- Q-5. What type of mid term would you enjoy the most ?
- (a) Cycling
  - (b) Trekking
  - (c) By Bus or Train
- Q-6. What type of banking system do you prefer ?
- (a) RIMC SBI Bangk
  - (b) The House Masters
- Q-7. Is School a juniors paradise ?
- Q-8. Is School a seniors paradise ?
- Q-9. What type of punishment is better ?
- (a) Mental
  - (b) Physical
- Q-10. What type of films do you prefer ?
- (a) English
  - (b) Hindi
- Q-11. Do you get enough Home work ?
- (a) Yes
  - (b) No
- Q-12. Do you get sufficient time to study ?
- (a) Yes
  - (b) No
- Q-13. Should there be PT everyday in the morning or only thrice a week ?
- (a) Daily
  - (b) Thrice a week.

### AN OPINION POLL : AN ANALYSIS

- Ans-1. 65.5 percent of the cadets preferred movies to book reading or music listening on a Saturday night.
- Ans-2. 92 percent of the cadets reposed their faith in the time tested cadet appointment system of the College.
- Ans-3. Majority seems to be infatuated with the Chinese food. 33.4 percent of the cadets expressed their liking for the Indian food. Their next favourite was the Mughlai food followed by the Western food.
- Ans-4. Since no answers were suggested to this question, the responses were varied and no definite conclusions can be drawn from the answers given by the cadets.
- Ans-5. Cycling has emerged to be the most popular mode of mid term hikes. The percentage for bicycles, treks and bus/train excursion is 69.3, 15.3, and 9.3 percent respectively.
- Ans-6. The boys have unanimously approved of the RIMC Banking system, yet there are some cadets who want to operate their accounts independently ;i.e. without any control of the Section Masters.
- Ans-7 & 8 RIMC remains senior's paradise. Only 7 percent of the cadets think RIMC to be a junior's paradise. The remaining cadets know it very well that it has been and will remain a senior's paradise.
- Ans-9. More than eighty percent of the cadets prefer physical punishment to written assignments.
- Ans-10. English films are relished more than the Hindi films. The ratio is 56-44.
- Ans-11. Out of 224 responses, only 15 have favoured the notion that the home work given to the cadets is not adequate.
- Ans-12. The opinion on this question is sharply divided. Out of 224 cadets 109 are of the opinion that they do not get sufficient time for studies.
- Ans-13. More than 56 percent of the cadets here want PT everyday in the morning.

Though this opinion poll was the first exercise of its kind, the responses provide food for thought.

## Commandant's Mail Bag

Maj Gen KS Kohli  
GOC

7014/KSK/DO

Headquarters  
27 Mountain Division  
C/O 99 APO  
21 Sep 84

My dear Chaudhry,

I have just received the Chronicle No 15 re-directed from my previous address and take this opportunity of conveying my heartiest congratulations to you, the staff and the successful candidates in the UPSC examination for entry to the 72 NDA course. You have obtained exceptionally brilliant results, the credit for which goes to you and your team of competent instructors.

I wish you all the very best in your endeavours which have already brought credit to the College.

Col OP Chaudhry, VSM  
Commandant  
RIMC  
Dehra Dun (UP)

Sd/-



### Thought for the Month

*Experience is the name every one gives to his mistakes.*  
Oscar wilde

### BOOK POST

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### Editor's Notes

October was a very hectic month. Events followed in quick succession. The month began with the mid term **hikes and excursions**, with five different hike parties proceeding to five different places; e. g. Chakrata-Simla, Agra-Delhi, Haridwar-Rishikesh, Paonta-Mussoorie and Nainital. They went to explore the wide world outside and they did come back refreshed and better equipped for the hard work ahead. On their return from the hikes, the Cadets had the privilege of watching the fourth Sub Junior **National Squash Rackets Championship** which was very convincingly won by Cadet Pradeep Singh of RIMC. On 13th of October we hosted **All India Inter School Hindi Debate Competition**. The teams from some prestigious Public Schools like Mayo College, The Doon School, Delhi Public School, Sports School-Rai took part in the competition but our cadets Tanmay Kashyap and JS Brar stole the march over others. Then came the **Triangular Basket Ball Meet**. And once again the supremacy of our Basket Ball Team was established. The **Inter Section Athletics Competition** held on 19 and 20 Oct, was as thrilling and exciting as ever and the competition was so keen that the spectators and the rivals had to keep their fingers crossed till the last event. The **Diwali** was celebrated with solemn gaiety and traditional enthusiasm. The variety entertainment programme put up by Ranjit Section on the eve of Diwali lent lustre to the festival of lights. The joy of this festive month was going to run its full ambit when the tragic news of our beloved leader Mrs Indira Gandhi's death stunned the nation and our College community was overwhelmed by the unspeakable enormity of grief. At the death of Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru said, "**light has gone out.**" The history has repeated itself and his words spoken for Mahatma Gandhi are equally relevant for Mrs Gandhi's death. In the special

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assembly called to mourn her death, the Commandant paid rich tributes to her. Then the staff and the Cadets observed two minutes silence and prayed to the Almighty to bestow eternal peace to the departed soul in her heavenly abode.

#### RIMCOLLIANA

Congratulations to our following old Boys on their promotion. Lt Gen <sup>VN</sup> ~~VS~~ Sharma, AVSM, Lt Gen SV Giri, AVSM. Naval Commodore H Sahni, Naval Commodore Rs Huja.

Our heartiest congratulations to Air Marshal S Raghvendra, AVSM on his assuming the charge of Air Officer Commanding in Chief-South-Western Air Command.

A good crowd of Rimcollians consisting of seven instructors and nine trainees is presently at staff College Wellington. The Directing Staff list consists of Col IN Luthera, Col Aloka Bhaumik, Lt Col C Narain, Lt Col VB Batra, Lt Col A. K. Chawla, Commander P. M. Mathews.

Brig. Narjit Singh has been appointed Military Advisor to SBI.

#### SQUASH TITLE FOR RAJ MANCHANDA

Our illustrious old boy, former national champion and seven times services champion Major Raj Manchanda has won the title match of inaugural **Charminar Challenge Squash Tournament**. Manchanda won against Yogendra Singh of Delhi — 9-4, 9-2, 9-2.

#### SUB JUNIOR NATIONAL SQUASH

4th National Sub Junior **Squash Rackets Championship** was conducted from 4 to 7 Oct 84 at Squash Courts of our School. Boys below the age of 14 years were eligible for the competition. 17 players in all took part in the competition—nine from The Doon School, five from the hosts RIMC and three individual entries from Bombay.

2. In order to encourage all the players and keep them engaged throughout the tournament, the following four events were contested :—

- (a) **Main event**
- (b) **Losers Plate**
- (c) **Special losers plate**
- (d) **Classic plate.**

In addition to this, the National Champion Major Raj Manchanda set up a coaching clinic to teach the finer points of the game. The response was tremendous and all the boys took an enthusiastic interest in it.

3. The first round matches were played on the 4th of Oct — the winners entered the quarter finals and the losers went on to play the first round of the losers plate.

4. In the quarter finals played on 5th Oct, Pradeep Singh of RIMC, Dilip Chawla of Doon School, Adrian Ezra and Arif Patel of Bombay emerged victorious and entered the semi finals. The



outstanding match of the day was the Classic battle between DS Bajaj of RIMC and Dilip Chawla. The latter took the first two games quite easily but then Bajaj rallied round in splendid form and made a stunning comeback by winning the next two games. In the fifth game, Bajaj was leading — 8/7 when he lost the service. Be-spectacled Dilip always ready to grab such opportunities lost no time in turning defeat into victory and went on to win the game and the match.

5. In the semi finals held on 6 Oct, Pradeep Singh stormed through the match and scored an easy victory over Dilip Chawla -9/0, 9/1, 9/1. From then on he became a hot favourite for the No. 1 position. In the other semifinal match between Arif Patel and Adrian Ezra, Arif led in the first two games but began to slacken in the third one. Sprightly Adrian showed superior stamina and grabbed the next three games thus winning the match and entering the finals.

6. The much awaited final match, played on 7 Oct did not turn out to be as interesting as the spectators expected it to be. An otherwise active Adrian Ezra was no match for the well built, Pradeep Singh. Adrian, after putting up a slight resistance in the first game, merely limped through the other two. The scores were 9/7, 9/1 and 9/4.

7. The final results were as follows :-

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|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| (a) Pradeep Singh  | (RIMC)          | —Winner of the 4th National Sub Junior Squash Championship. ✓ |
| (b) Adrian Ezra    | (Bombay)        | —Runner up  |
| (c) Arif Patel     | (Bombay)        | —No. 3  |
| (d) Russel Gardner | The Doon School | —Winner-Special Losers Plate                                  |
| (e) JS Sawhney     | (RIMC)          | —Winner-Special Losers Plate ✓                                |
| (f) DS Bajaj       | (RIMC)          | —Winner Classic Plate ✓                                       |

#### INTER PUBLIC SHOOOL BASKET BALL TOURNAMENT

**Inter Public School Basketball tournament** was organised by our school on 15 and 16 Oct. 84.

The college team played a good number of pre-tournament matches. Our team was so good this year that many army units in station were keen to play friendly matches and some of them did play inspite of our busy schedule. All the matches were won by us with considerable ease. However, Cambrian Hall posed a solid threat and put up a stiff resistance.

As Welham Boys School dropped out at the eleventh hour, the pentagonal tournament was reduced to a quadrangular tournament.

Unfortunately, Delhi Public school, the holders could not field a team due to some last minute problems and so the tournament began on a rather dull note with the holders conceding a walk over to Cambrian Hall.

In the next match, RIMC, the last years runners up took on the Doon school. The Doon school team could not stand the attack and technique of the RIMC team. The forwards S Mehta, V Mohindra and HS Dabas combined well with defenders CS Dewgun and D Ahluwalia. They attacked and defended with proper co-ordination. The team moved like a well oiled machine. Resultantly, RIMC team won the match 55-39. Cadet V Mohindra exhibited his technique and prowess to the delight of spectators as well to the opponents by scoring 20 points.

Cambrian Hall won the next match against Doon school by 49-40.

In the final match between RIMC and Cambrian Hall, RIMC excelled and scored a convincing 42-22 victory with S Mehta, HS Dabas and D Ahluwalia clicking so well right from the start that the College team raced away to a commanding lead early enough. The College could not be denied an easy victory. The rock defence of C.S. Dewgun and D Ahluwalia will long be remembered. For the winners S Mehta, the college captain was the top scorer; and for the losers D Rana scored some scintillating baskets.

Amidst lots of cheers and applause the Commandant <sup>gave</sup> gave away the trophy to the college team captain S Mehta. We are now the proud winners of the Inter School Basketball Tournament.

Deepak Ahluwalia

#### INTER SECTION ATHLETICS

The Inter Section Athletics Meet 1984, was held from 18 Oct to 20 Oct 84. Weeks of practice put in by the athletes enabled every section to put up a good show and the standard of performance in all the events was quite high. The old boys race added fun and gaiety to the show.

Maj Gen Bachittar Singh G.O.C., 14 Div took the salute at the March past and Mrs Bachittar Singh gave away the prizes.

The Athletics shield for the year 1984 was bagged by Shivaji with 90 points followed by Chandra Gupta with 78.5 points, Pratap with 62.5 points and Ranjit with 59 points. Gen Hira Lal Atals Trophy for the best athlete was awarded to cadet Vikram Verma of Shivaji Section.

Cadet Kumar Saurav (S), WJK Singh (C), and Vikram Verma (S) were adjudged the best athletes in 'A', 'B' and 'C' Divisions respectively.

#### NATURE CAMP

Now a days, erosion of natural resources and upsetting of the ecological balance by the excesses of human interferences has become a global phenomenon. Resultantly, the problem of environmental degradation has become very serious. In order to develop a sense of awareness among the cadets of RIMC about the need to preserve the ecological balance and to improve the environment through theoretical learning and practical training, a camp was organised in the Shiwalik forest area of Dholkhand Range, Distt Saharanpur by Wild Life Institute of India, Dehra Dun.

On 16 Oct 84 the cadets of Class II attended the camp which highlighted the need for preservation of Wild life for the sake of environmental balance. The cadets were given to understand the productive and protective functions of the forests. Forests are the home of wild life which includes both plants and animals. Wild animals and forests inhabitants are inter related in a set of essential ecological process which constitutes the balance of nature. The cadets were told about the wild animals and various plants specially found in Dholkhand forest area.

R. G. S. Arya

### DELHI-AGRA-HIKE

Three cheers for Delhi-Agra Hike : Hip Hip hurrah . . . these were the only words one could hear when we started on our memorable hike. On 1st Oct we saw a number of historical places of great importance. At 10 A. M. we left for Fatehpur Sikri and reached there within an hour. We all were greatly impressed by the first glimpses we had of the city walls. Afterwards we could see the places and remains of this beautiful city which was built by Akbar in the 16th Century AD within a short period of only 12 years. We saw many places like khwab Gah, Panch Mahal, Diwan-e-am, Diwan-e-khas, the palaces of Akbar wives and many other buildings. The buildings were beautiful and carving on them were still intact. In Fatehpur Sikri we also saw Buland Darwaza, the highest gateway in the world and the tomb of Sheikh Salim Chisti made of sandalwood. We spent 4 hours in sight seeing in Fatehpur Sikri and took also many photographs. We returned for lunch and after a tasty lunch we left for Agra Fort. This fort was built in a period of 8 years and is beautifully built. We saw the rooms where Raja Todarmal kept his revenue accounts and the room in which Shah Jahan was held captive by his own son. From this room one can have a nice view of the Taj Mahal.

After seeing The Agra Fort we went to see the Taj. Every one was very happy to see the Taj and greatly impressed by its majestic beauty. We roamed there for hours and saw every detail of it. When we were having our dinner that night two Rimcolltans of the Para Regiment joined us and we had a nice chat with them.

On 2nd morning we packed our things and before leaving for Delhi, we decided to see Sikandra. It is a beautiful place. There were a lot many deer and apes roaming in the open. We left Agra at 10 A. M., On 3rd Oct we first went to see the Parliament houses. Even though it was a holiday, we were able to see most of it. We saw the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. The central hall was closed and we could see it only from the outside. A person was there who explained us everything about the functioning of the two houses.

After seeing the parliament house we went to see Qutab Minar. We could see it only from outside. We also saw Quwatur Islama massid mosque, Alai Darwaza, Alai Minar (which is an unfinished minar) and the iron pillar which had still not rusted since the time it was installed there by Alauddin-khilji. We returned for lunch to DPS and after that we were taken to connaught place and allowed to roam about. After an hour we went to Red Fort. Major PKK Raju had arranged a lovely tea for us in the 5th Garhwal Mess. After the tea we saw the sound and light show in the Red Fort. The show was about the Indian history from the Mugal period and we all liked it very much. At night after our dinner some of us went to sleep and the rest went to see a movie.

On 4th oct we went to Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The Stadium is beautifully built and is very big. After seeing the Stadium we saw the sports Museum also which is in the stadium itself. We went to see Shantivan and Rajghat. At 6 'O' clock we started on our return journey to Dehradun.

D S Bisht

### NAINITAL HIKE

On 30th of September classes II and II A left for Nainital Hike. in the early morning, we reached Nainital at about 9.00 PM. The next morning was quite pleasant. That day we were supposed to roam about and do shopping. Luckily, a film party had come there and the shooting of the movie 'Hukumat' was going on. Many of us took the autographs of many actors. Next day after breakfast we started in our bus with packed lunch to see distant places in Nainital. We visited 'Bhimtal'

where there is a very big lake. We also did boating here. We then saw the 'Saat Tal' where we could see seven lakes meeting together. Next morning after breakfast all the boys including the teachers trekked to 'Snow view' which is about 2.4 km from the ASC Training school. From snow view we could easily see the Himalayan Mountain Ranges. From here some of the boys further trekked to 'Naina Peak' which is about 2.9 km from snow view. The path was difficult because we had to climb steep mountains and land slides. Naina peak is 8622 feet high. From there we could easily see the China Peak, Mt Kamet, Nanda Devi, Badrinath, Trishul, Pindari Galcier and many other mountain peaks. We came back at about 1.30 PM and had our lunch. After lunch we did boating, horse riding and shopping. We also visited the 'Nanda Devi' Temple. We had our dinner at about 8.30 PM and went to sleep.

The next morning we left Nainital.

#### HARIDWAR-RISHIKESH HIKE

The midterm hikes and excursions have always been fascinating and exciting for the Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College. The cadets of Classes I & IA who were supposed to go to Haridwar-Rishikesh during the midterm break were so excited at the prospect of their proposed excursion that they did not have a usual sound sleep on the night of the 29th September '84 lest they should be late for their next day's journey. The party left for Haridwar after breakfast on 30 Sep '84 by a chartered bus.

On the way to Haridwar we halted for lunch at Lachhiwala, which is a beautiful picnic spot. We reached Haridwar at about 1530 h and the first place we visited was 'Shantikunj'. Shantikunj also known as Gayatri Nagar on account of the extensive work and 'Sadhana' on 'Gayatri Maha Mantra' by Swami Shri Ram Sharma, Head of the Ashram, is a huge complex having its own meditation laboratories, Yoga Training Centre, Video film studios, herbal garden and of course a well managed cafeteria where the medicated pink coloured and flavoured tea is served under the name 'Pragya'. One of the members of that mission took us around. Our next visit was the 'Dudhadhari temple'-a series of white marble temples, all looking as white as 'doodh'-the milk, and thus justifying the name.

On 1st Oct 84 we had a very busy programme of seeing all the important places of Haridwar. Some of the places which we saw include— (a) Pawan Dham, (b) Parmarth Ashram (c) Sapt Rishi Ashram, (d) Avadhoot Mandal, (e) Chitrakuta Akhandashram, (f) Bharat Mata Mandir, (g) Bhimgoda tank, (h) Har ki Paidi and (i) Manasa Devi Mandir. The trip to Manasa Devi by rope way trolley was really a memorable event. We also went to see the famous, 'Gurukul' at Kankhal. In addition to the Academic Institution of Gurukul we also visited the famous Gurukul Kangari Pharmacy. The Cadets here enjoyed the freshly prepared Chyavanprash and saw the various Ayurvedic process in action.

The various places we visited at Rishikesh include (a) Laxman Jhoola, (b) Geeta Bhavan, (c) Swargashram, (d) Parmarth Niketan, (e) Raghunath Mandir, (f) Bharat Mandir, (g) Shivanand Ashram, (h) Venkateshwar Temple & (i) Tirumala Tirupati Temple. We also visited the Durga Mandir and saw the Dussehra festival being celebrated there.

We returned to RIMC on 4th Oct at about 1830h. The trip to Haridwar and Rishikesh was quite interesting and enjoyable. Cadet, specially the first termers, thought that there could not perhaps be better excursion for them.

S K Dwivedi

## अखिल भारतीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता

काशी - नरेश श्री विभूति नारायण सिंह अखिल भारतीय अंतर विद्यालय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का बाइसवां आयोजन १३ अक्टूबर १९८४ को कालेज के सदन में सम्पन्न हुआ। वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का विषय था "न कुछ अच्छा है न कुछ बुरा है, सब कुछ दृष्टिकोण पर निर्भर है।"

काशी - नरेश ने इस प्रतियोगिता के लिए हाथी दाँत से निर्मित चल - विजयोपहार प्रदान किया है

इस प्रतियोगिता के मुख्य अतिथि श्रीमती बिलिमोरिया एवं मेजर जनरल एफ० एन० बिलिमोरिया डिप्टी कमान्डेंट आई. एम. ए. थे।

इस प्रतियोगिता के निर्णायक गण निम्नलिखित थे :-

१ - कुमारी विमला वर्मा	प्रधानाचार्य डी. डब्ल्यू. टी. कालेज, देहरादून
२ - डा० राम मोहन सिंह	प्रधानाचार्य डी. वी. एस. पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट कालेज, देहरादून
३ - डा० पंजाबी लाल शर्मा	अध्यक्ष हिन्दी विभाग डी. ए. वी. पोस्ट ग्रेजुएट कालेज, देहरादून
४ - श्री बुद्धि वल्लभ थपलियाल	जिला विद्यालय निरीक्षक (अवकाश प्राप्त)

इस प्रतियोगिता में निम्नलिखित विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया :-

- १ - देहली पब्लिक स्कूल, मथुरा रोड, नई दिल्ली
- २ - दून स्कूल, देहरादून
- ३ - सैनिक स्कूल, तिलैया (बिहार)
- ४ - मेयो कालेज, अजमेर
- ५ - वेल्हम गर्ल्स हाई स्कूल, देहरादून
- ६ - मोती लाल नेहरू स्कूल आफ स्पोर्ट्स, राय (हरियाणा)
- ७ - कॅम्ब्रियन हाल, देहरादून
- ८ - सेंट जोजफ एकादमी, देहरादून
- ९ - आर. आई. एम. सी. देहरादून

प्रत्येक स्कूल से तीन प्रतियोगियों ने भाग लिया। एक प्रतियोगी ने विषय के पक्ष में तथा दूसरे ने विषय के विपक्ष में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किये। प्रत्येक विद्यालय के तीसरे प्रतियोगी ने तर्क-वितर्क द्वारा इस प्रतियोगिता को और भी मनोरंजक बना दिया।

प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम इस प्रकार रहे।

जगमोहन सिंह बरार,	आर. आई. एम. सी. देहरादून	प्रथम
तन्मय कश्यप,	आर. आई. एम. सी. देहरादून	प्रथम
रश्मि भारद्वाज	मोती लाल नेहरू आफ स्पोर्ट्स	द्वितीय
श्रवण कुमार	सैनिक स्कूल, तिलैया	द्वितीय
सपना चौधरी,	मोती लाल नेहरू स्कूल आफ स्पोर्ट्स	तृतीय
रंजन बागची,	दून स्कूल ने तर्क वितर्क में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया।	

चूंकि यह प्रतियोगिता आर. आई. एम. सी. में सम्पन्न हुई थी, इसलिए इस कालेज को चल विजयोपहार पाने का हक नहीं था।

इस वर्ष का चल विजयोपहार दून स्कूल देहरादून ने प्राप्त किया।

मेजर जनरल एफ.एन. बिलिमोरिया तथा डा० पंजाबी लाल शर्मा ने अपने भाषण द्वारा इस प्रतियोगिता की शोभा में चार चांद लगा दिये। उनके भाषण के द्वारा प्रतियोगियों में जो आत्म विश्वास, मार्ग दर्शन तथा उत्साह वर्धन हुआ उसके लिए शब्दों की परिधि में मैं आभार प्रकट करने में असमर्थ हूँ।

□ रमेश चन्द्र चतुर्वेदी

## Commandant's Mail Bag

(Extracts of the letter received from Maj KS Rao-SM)

I passed out from RIMC in Dec 63 and joined NDA 31st Course. I was commissioned in Dec 67 in to Engineers. We are six Engineer Officers sailing in a 34 ft long yacht TRISHNA from GOSPORT (UK) to Bombay. We left UK on 12 Oct and hope to reach Bombay by the end of Jan 85. Presently this phase of our sailing is a part of training. We shall start our main adventure, ie sail around the world—from Sep 85 from Bombay and complete by Sep 87. We have another Rimcollian Capt A.K. Singh on board. He left School in Dec 69 from Chandragupta Section and was commissioned in 73, I shall give you more details once we reach back Bombay.

Mr RC Singhal was my Section Master and may be he would remember me.

We sailed in here (GIBRALTOR) yesterday evening and shall be sailing off on Sunday. Our tentative route is FBIZA, MALTA, PORT SAID, PORT SUDAN, ADEN-MUSCAT and BOMBAY.

### OBITUARY

The staff and the Cadets of the Rashtriya Indian Military College Dehra Dun deeply mourn the death of their beloved leader Smt. Indira Gandhi and pray to God to bestow eternal peace to the departed soul in her heavenly abode.



### Thought for the Month

*"The desire of appearing clever often prevents our becoming so."*

—La Rouch efou cauld

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