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## WHERE GALLANTRY IS A TRADITION

### Reflections

"Do not define your success by someone else's failure  
And do not define your failure by someone else's success."

### Editorial

The portals of RIMC are once again set to welcome the cadets after vacations. Unlike other terms, this term had many peculiarities. The biting cold recorded lowest ever temperature in decades but could not in any manner quell the ardour of perky cadets. The college campus has been a centre of adieus, farewells and welcomes in the recent times. 24 young buds have already started spreading their mellifluous charm in the college campus. Once again the quiet playgrounds have become a centre of activity. The odious reducing-runs & boxing practices have started and the novices are yearning to whet their skills. Slowly but with zeal, the routine is catching up. The Manchandas & Ritwicks of RIMC are all set to put up their best show in the Squash Open. Continuing the tradition of our predecessors, Class VA has started garlanding the college crest with superb SSB results. Class V has realized that it's time to make a mark in the college history as NDA exams become their sole cause for concern. In fact, the entire RIMC family is ready to sweat it out to make the college a Xanadu in itself.



### Dateline

14th January 2008	Arrival of new cadets
16th January 2008	Wreath laying followed by Commandant's Special Assembly
19th January 2008	Muharram
22nd January 2008	Lecture by RMO
26th January 2008	Flag hoisting followed by 'Run For Fun'
27th January 2008	Class I Vs 1A Cricket Match and Cadets XI Vs Staff XI Cricket Match
28th January 2008	RIMC Squash Open Competition commenced

### Weather Forecast Bhupendra

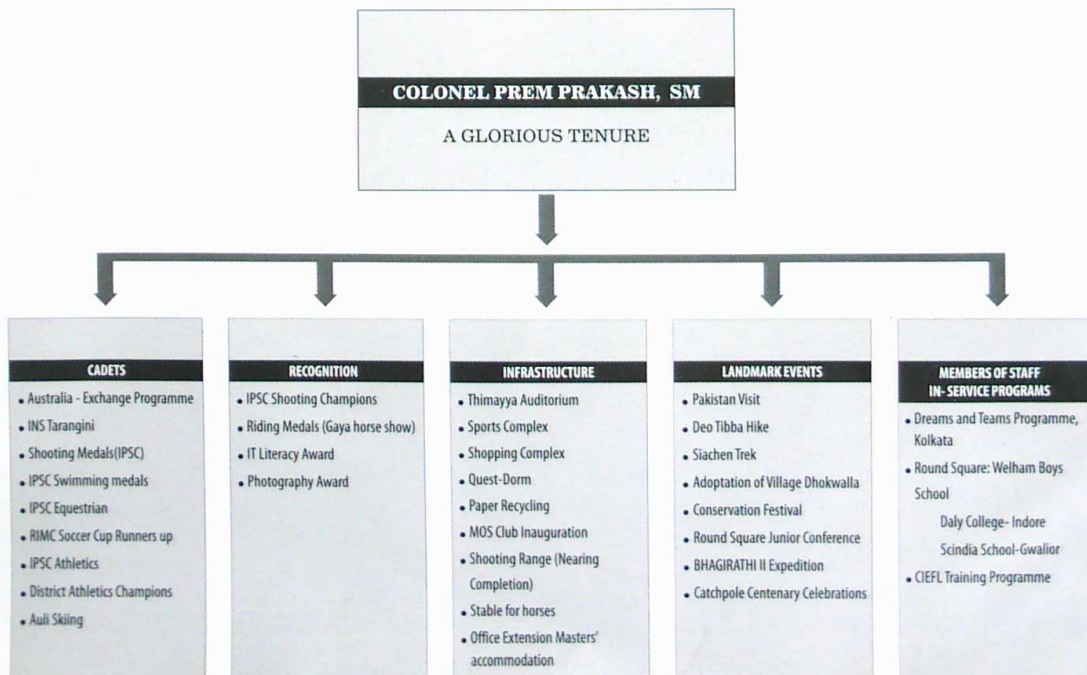
As the campus experiences an exciting 'Climate Change', furious mistrals stalk the Academic Block, preying on the weak cadets enroute. The Beaufort Scale reads 7 with boxing practices in full swing. Black clouds, like enormous serpents hover over the dormitories. While the thermometers read the lowest reaches of mercury, PT field may be awakened to life after months of inertness. Expecting clear azure skies, we hope the weather Gods favour us.



# CHANGE OF BATON



On 24th of January 2008, Col H Dharmarajan SM took over as Commandant of RIMC after Col Prem Prakash SM completed his three year successful tenure. Milestones achieved by Col Prem Prakash were innumerable and words fail to do justice towards his accomplishments. Nevertheless, we bring to you some of the outstanding highlights:





## Hands At The Helm

Col H Dharmarajan, SM, the Commandant, an iron-willed Rimcollian is armed with contagious confidence and a belief that it is not impossible to handle an intricate or a challenging situation at RIMC.

Col H Dharmarajan, SM, studied at RIMC from 1978 to 1982. He was commissioned into the Corps of Engrs in 1986. He got a 'Delta' grading in the YOs where he was awarded 'Silver Grenade'. In the Engr Officers Degree Course, he again stood first and won the Gold medal. On his Staff Course (DSSC) he won the Scudder and

Lentaigne Medals. He also secured Q(I) gradings in Senior Command and Engr Regt Cd Course, standing first on both courses. He has also done an International Liaison Course at Tel Aviv in Israel. He was recently awarded the Gold Medal in COAS Essay Competition in 2007. His achievements and experiences do not in any way obliterate his humility and modesty.

He is also a decorated soldier with Sena Medal, M-in-D and GOC-in-C (SC) Commendation Card in OP PAWAN, two COAS Commendation

Card for OP ORCHID (Nagaland) and one with his contingent in the UN Mission, in GOC-in-C tenure in Rajouri and a GOC-in-C (WC) Commendation Card during his raising of 19 Engr Regt at Jullundur. Equipped with a very strong creative streak and leadership qualities, we are convinced that he will certainly make strides to attain new heights of excellence in all his endeavours at RIMC.

## A True Rimcollian ~ Punish Trikha, Brother of Flight Lt. Maheesh Trikha

Martyr Flight Lieutenant Maheesh Trikha, A Pratapian (July 1986-June 1992) of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun gave his life for the Motherland during the Operation "Meghdoot" while being on an operational sortie in a Cheetah Helicopter of the 114 Helicopter Unit of the Indian Air Force at Siachen Glacier, the highest and the coldest battlefield in the world.

Maheesh was born at the Military Hospital, Dehradun on the 2 Jan 1975 and joined the Pratap Section of RIMC as an All India Topper during July 1986. On completion of his schooling at the RIMC, he joined N D A, Pune during June 1992 with 88 course in the Hunter Sqn. Maheesh always wanted to take up the challenges in life and therefore opted for the Air Force Academy, Dundergund and became a Helicopter Pilot in the elite service - Indian Air Force.

Maheesh successfully finished his first tenure posting after the commission at the Air Force Station, Jamnagar and then got posted to 114 Helicopter Unit as a volunteer in the month of April 2001. Maheesh did his best in the flying and attend the proficiency of Glacier Pilot while being with 114 Helicopter Unit, known as the Siachen Pioneers in the Indian Air Force. Maheesh, in his efforts to save his helicopter, which had developed

technical snags on his return to the base camp after accomplishment of his operational task at the Siachen Glacier, gave his life for the country donning his Air force Uniform at 09:41 hrs on the 16th August 2002, befitting the glorious service traditions that "The Country and the Service Before Self," becoming a Martyr.

My parents, Swadesh and Colonel Jagat Trikha have instituted the M TRIX Scholarship for the children of the Group IV Employees of the RIMC, who excel in education/Academics from the class VI to XII during the month of November 2002. The M TRIX Scholarship consisting of cash and the certificate from the donors is presented to the children of the Group IV employees every year during the RIMC Annual Old Boys meet on the 13th March by Mrs Swadesh Trikha, mother of Martyr Maheesh.

Besides, the M TRIX Scholarship, we, the family members also visit Dehradun to Leh the Wreath at the RIMC war Memorial at 09:41 hrs on the 16th August every year to pay tributes to our beloved Maheesh, "A true Rimcollian", who always believed in RIMC Motto "Cradle of Excellence- Where Gallantry Is A Tradition".

## The Die Hard Spirit

Abhishek Nand

In the deep valleys unfathomable,  
RIMC appears to be a place unimaginable.  
Its one of the numerous stars of Dehradun,  
Where nature plays the freshening tune.

It's a place very historic  
Where cadets remain round-the clock euphoric.  
Everyone has the die-hard spirit, to give his best.  
So as to come never second, but always first.

What makes them perform is the Section esprit  
de corps,  
Those, who don't have it, lag behind and flop.  
We are the ones with tremendous potential  
And we will prove it, in the situations real.

## GOOD TIDINGS!

Class V A has done extremely well in their SSB. Cadet Karnee Pratap, Cadet Savan Kalyan, Cadet Ramiz Raja, Cadet Gunjan Kishore, Cadet Yimvolong, Cadet Ashutosh Pandey, Cadet Himanjan Sarma, Cadet Bhriugu Sharda, Cadet Nishant Mangain, Cadet Hem Prakash Chamola, Cadet Yogesh Tiwari, Cadet Yuvraj Pratap Singh and Cadet Nikhil Prabhune have made it. More successful results are continuously pouring in. Well done!



# WHILST YOU WERE AWAY

## CADETS' NEWS

### UPSC Merit List

Cadet Siddharth Mohan Sharma topped the NDA UPSC All India Merit List and AF Merit List.

### Boards Results.

(a) Class X..... 18 Cadets appeared and all have passed in First Division. Cadet Praveen Mishra stood 1st with an aggregate of 83.60%.

(b) Class XII..... 22 Cadets successfully cleared the examination with Cadet Abhishek Chandra standing 1st with 77.60%.

### Adventure Course

10 cadets qualified in the Adventure Course from NIM, Uttarkashi wef 01 Dec to 15 Dec 2007.

### National Shooting Championship

Nine cadets participated at Ahmedabad from 26 Dec 07 to 05 Jan 2008.

### Round Square Conference

One Master and five Cadets participated at Indore from 05 Jan to 09 Jan 2008.

## RIMCOLLIANS' NEWS

### INS TIR

In the Pre-Commission Naval Training establishments at INS Tir, Rimcollians of 73rd Course have done extremely well. Cadet Ashok Garg topped the course and was awarded "THE BINOCULAR". Three more Rimcollians found place among the top ten ranks.

### NDA

- The Rimcollians have done it again and have lived upto the high

expectations of this great institution. During the Passing Out Parade at NDA on 28 Nov 2007 :

- ACC RS Anvesh was awarded the *President Gold Medal*.
- ACA RP Singh was awarded the *President Silver Medal*.
- BCA AS Negi was awarded the *Commandant's Motivational Award*.
- ACC RS Anvesh was awarded for being the *Best in Officer Like Qualities (OLQ)*.
- BCC A Gargmukh was awarded for being *Best in Outdoor Training*.
- CSM Udit Pant was awarded for being the *Best in Sports*.
- DCC Amrit Kumar was awarded for being the *Second Best in Naval Specialist Service Subjects and First in Computer SL Stream*.
- ACC RS Anvesh was awarded for being the *Best Passing Out Army Cadet*.
- ACA RP Singh was awarded for being the *Best Passing Out Naval Cadet*.
- BCC U Nautiyal was awarded for being the *Best Passing Out Air Force Cadet*.

### IMA

Following Gentlemen Cadets were commissioned on 10 Dec 2007 from the Indian Military Academy :

- |                     |   |               |
|---------------------|---|---------------|
| (a) Lt GR Sahu      | - | AOC           |
| (b) Lt Karan Sharma | - | ENGRS         |
| (c) Lt A Pathak     | - | ASC           |
| (d) Lt DP Chaudhary | - | ARTY          |
| (e) Lt RSR Krishnan | - | 11 MARATHA LI |

## Obituary

*We deeply mourn the sad demise of :*

- Maj UD Sinha (Retd.), (1962-67 , Shivaji) passed away on 08 Dec 2007.
- Lt Gen NK Dubey (Retd.), (1931-35 , Rawlinsons) passed away on 26 Dec 2007.
- Col Sohan Singh Wirk (Redt), (1938-45 , KIT) passed away in Jan 2008.

## COLLEGE NEWS

### Promotion

Capt Rexson Robertson, Asst Adm Officer was promoted to the rank of Major on 11 Dec 2007.

### Posting In Air Force Officer

Sqn Ldr YS Panghal joined RIMC on 05 Jan 2008 A President's Gold Medallist at NDA, he has several sports achievements also to his credit.

### International Conference of Round Square

Round Square International Conference was held at Bhopal from 12 Jan to 13 Jan 2008. Commandant and Mr PK Sharma attended the conference.

### Rimcollian from Pakistan

Brig, MM Karim (Retd) (1937-42, ROBERTS Section) from Pakistan with his family members visited RIMC between 21-23 Dec 2007. During their visit they stayed at The Catchpole Guest House. He has donated a sum of 300 US \$ towards the maintenance of Catchpole Guest House.

## Obituary

With profound grief we inform you of the sad demise of Mr Rajendra Pal, Dormitory Bearer passed away on 05 Jan 2008.

## Book Post

Chief Editor : Rakshit Sharma  
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Mrs Malhotra





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## Reflections

"In our lives there is lot to lose  
and few to choose,  
so choose accordingly and  
don't lose what you choose."

## Editorial

The cyclonic winds of Inter Section activities have started shedding the leaves of quietude prevalent in the College. The Mistrals of boxing, Levanters of shooting and the Foehns of debating are knocking at every Sections' doors. The cadets have already fitted into the groove of the College routine. The Squash Open proved to be an apt platform for the talent of the emerging Ritwiks to be spotted. The debators' selections are on a high. Where on one hand, the academicians are drowned in the sea of debating, the hardcore ones (physical brutes) are always taking out their best and the most metallic punch in the boxing sessions. Not lagging behind are our marksmen who are willing to take their Sections to the safer shore. Our drama activists and co-curricular maniacs are hundred percent involved in decorating the stage for the Reunion Carnival. Class VA have proved their worth with a fantastic SSB Result and have thus become an icon for the gallant and non-serious cadets. With the gradual revival of our long standing traditions, we Rimcos secretly vow to take RIMC to the acme of excellence.

Cadet NCO Rakshit Sharma, Class V

## WHERE GALLANTRY IS A TRADITION



## Dateline

28 <sup>th</sup> January 2008	RIMC Squash Open commenced
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2008	Visits to various Institutions
01 <sup>st</sup> February 2008	Finals of RIMC Squash Open
05 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Cadets XI vs. Staff XI Hockey Match. Cadets won 4-2
06 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Inter Section Shooting Competition commenced
08 <sup>th</sup> February 2008	Finals of Inter Section Shooting Competition

## Weather Forecast Cadet Bhupendra Class IV A

Thunderbolts hurled down straight from Mt. Olympus on the Shooting Range. Chandragupta Section braved all squalls, bringing home the Shooting Trophy. As the fresh cyclone turned its way, Cadets had a few days of respite. Heavy rains lash the shores of Bhagat Hall as orators of all four sections brace themselves for a 'stormy debate'. My weather intuit intimates me to warn you all readers of a hurricane with its paws towards the Academic Block. Beware!



## Defending The 'I' In The Indian Youth

-Cadet Avaneendra M Thakur, Class IV A

On the top shelf of my cupboard lies ... lets see, a Set-Wet hairdo gel, an Axe deodorant, a Garnier face lotion, Musk perfume, one face wash, couple of soaps and ....loads and loads of creams to keep my beautiful face away from dark circles, pimples, blisters and to keep it glowing.... You must be thinking as to why so many cosmetics? Well I just have to say 'I' am an Indian Youth.

One may say the Indians are growing metrosexuals. With the number of bare-abbid Shah Rukh Khan's fans on the rise, it only provides a solid base for their conclusion. While the youth defends itself by saying that they are globalising, the elders take it as an ill omen from the West. For them, we are losing our culture and heritage, all set to drift away. The International ventures such as the Multi-National Companies are playing the role of the

gale to set us in motion. They remind us that in today's generation, the youth like Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad are missing, the kind who would fight for their Nation's dignity and soul. The growing number of old-age homes just solidify the fact that the number of Legendary 'Rams', who went into exile just on their father's behest, are on a decline.

Yet the day I was heading towards the College from vacations, an incident turned my grey matter into motion, and a chain of thoughts followed. The bus I was traveling by was quite crowded and therefore many passengers were hanging by the straps for support. At one pick-up point, an elderly couple boarded the bus. Just in front of me a pair of teenagers was listening to loud music on their mobile, laughing and joking as if only they existed in this

world. I was quite annoyed. But what surprised me was, both of them on seeing the couple, quietly switched off their mobiles and offered their seat to them. The couple gracefully accepted the seats and thanked them while they joined my ranks.

Maybe our generation doesn't have Bhagat Singh and the likes but we do possess Sania Mirza and Pankaj Advani who are carrying our flags to different frontiers. I have joined the leagues of the educated, but my heart will always be Indian. I know how to carry my tradition in my soul despite wearing Western outfits. I know how to leave an Indian footprint on the Western shores. For in my cupboard, along with my perfumes, gels, deos, creams, etc.... lies the ensign of my deity which is closest to my heart. I am the 'I' in the Indian youth.

## Prep Isn't Easy

-Cadet Anshul Roy, Class III

A tough day at work. Working non-stop since the clang of the morning bell, and after a really tiring games period, the last thing a Rimco wishes to see on his schedule is a two hour long prep.

The human mind is inclined towards rest. A good, warm bath surely lightens up the worn-out soul but also softens the body's defenses against the outstretched hands of slumber. The two hours sprawling before my eyes seem to be a Herculean task that ever came my way. But, at the RIMC, Herculean tasks are meant to be accomplished, aren't they? So doping, standing, chatting and somehow managing to keep up with the clock, we finally get through

the first half. The second half calls for some rest and so I resign myself to the Gods of Siesta. Even if one gets a good nap, the poor chap is sure to find some bully-headed senior yelling his throats out at him. And he ensures that your night's sleep is off too.

Finally, a bell sounds in the distance. Relief and respite dawn over me and exhausted, I fall back on my bed. You look back at the past two hours and just cannot reach a conclusion over what you gained out of these tedious hours.

But, for the record, I have reached my conclusion -

PREP ISN'T EASY.

### Some More SSB Results

Cadet NCO Vijay Singh Thakur,

Cadet NCO Akshat Agnihotri,

Cadet Vikram Dangi, Cadet L.

Robotson Singh and Cadet

Aditya Awale have made it

successfully through SSB.

Congratulations!

Way to go.....

-Cadet NCO Aravind Chachu Paul

## Squash Open

RIMC Squash Open Championship was held from 28 January 2008 to 01 February 2008 and the proud winners are: -

U-13 - Cdt Prajwal Bhatt, Class II

U-15- Cdt Guninder Deep Singh Siddhu, Class III

Open Category - Cdt Sub NCO Amod Sanjay, Class V

### INTER SECTION SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIP

Inter Section Shooting Competition was held from 06 to 08 February 2008 and the medal winners are: -

#### .177 Air Rifle

Gold Medal - Cdt Sub NCO Govind Shukla, Class V

Silver Medal - Cdt Abhinav Chaudhary, Class III A

Bronze Medal - Cdt Adhiraj Ghose, Class V

#### .22 Rifle

Gold Medal- Cdt Sub NCO Siddhant Wankhede, Class V

Silver Medal - Cdt Sec Com Sawan Kalyan, Class V A

Bronze Medal - Cdt Ashish Tiwari, Class III A

#### Section Rankings

1st - Chandragupta

2nd - Shivaji

3rd - Pratap

4th - Ranjit



# Welcome Freshers

## **Aryama Yugankar(R)**

He joins us from Purnia, Bihar. He aspires to join The Indian Air Force and likes Cricket and Football. He not only has a penchant for reading short stories but has a flair for writing as well. We hope he proves to be an asset to the Journalism club.

## **Puneet Kumar(R)**

This cheerful boy from Delhi has come as a boon to the College. He is a national Judo player and aims to be good academically. We hope he attains success.

## **Piyush Pawar(R)**

This exuberant lad from Meerut seems to be the shortest first termmer in the College. Brimming with enthusiasm, he is always charged on for the next obstacle that comes his way. He encourages his seniors as well. With all this, he is sure to do well.

## **Ankit Singh(R)**

Hailing from Digboi, Assam, he has a penchant for debating and loves playing games. He is a very good Basketball player and has been interested in co-curricular activities. We wish him 'All The Best'.

## **Khangrakpam Arjun Singh(R)**

He hails from Bishnupur, Manipur and aspires to be an Officer of the distinguished Indian Army. He is very keen on playing Soccer and is a competent athlete as well. He has special liking for books and games. Hope he does well in sports as well as academics. We wish him good luck.

## **Rajnish Kumar(R)**

Rajnish hails from Lohardagga, Jharkhand. A cricketer, he aspires to be a part of College Cricket Team. He loves devouring books and his ambition is to become an Army Officer. He is also striving to get himself a Medhavi badge this term. Best of Luck!

## **Rahul Rohilla(P)**

Rahul joins us from Jind, Haryana and comes with a rich haul of prizes in Elocution and Quiz competitions. He has also participated in Lawn Tennis Tournaments at the State level.

## **Pratyush Kumar Mohanty(P)**

He comes from Bhubaneswar and has been the 'Best in District' and 'Best in State' in Talent Search Exam. An avid reader, he has a special liking for Science books. He likes playing Cricket

and Football and is just as interested in Debating and Quizzing.

## **Durgesh Salunkhe(P)**

He hails from Sangli in Maharashtra. A top ranker in various Talent Search Examinations, He has a keen interest in the Journalism Club and likes working on Computers. He plays Cricket and Football and has also excelled in Volleyball. He is very articulate and loves Debating. We hope that he does his best for the College.

## **Abhishek Kundalia(P)**

Abhishek is the latest addition of the 'Localite Community' at RIMC. In his initial strides at the College, he has taken up Boxing as a sport and has the spirit to do well in the oddest of situations. We hope that he continues with similar josh and does well in his future endeavours.

## **Deependra Singh(P)**

He hails from Orai, Uttar Pradesh and aspires to join the Indian Army. He has a keen interest in Drawing and is very fond of Cricket. We wish him a very best of luck for his future endeavours.

## **Suyash Gupta(C)**

Joining us from Bhilai, Chattisgarh, this young lad is enthused with creativity. His participation at District Level Story Writing and Painting Competitions have given him an impetus to excel in similar College activities. Aspiring to be an Air Force Officer he is sure to be an asset to the College.

## **Bhupendra Singh(C)**

Hailing from Alwar, Rajasthan, this zealous basketball player wants to excel in every arena of life and utilize the available resources to the maximum. Our very best of luck to him.

## **Jarkop Doke(C)**

Here we have one more fresher from the beautiful North-East. Hailing from West Shiang, this Arunachali has the potential to set the football field ablaze and run a cross-country without gasping for breath. He aspires to be an Air Force Officer. We wish him luck for times to come.

## **Akshay Chugh (C)**

Following the footsteps of his father and brother, he also joined this 'Cradle of Excellence'. Son of a Rimcollian, he is a true academically with a host of awards to his name in different Olympiads. Like his father, he wants to be an Air

Force Officer.

## **Nishant Rana(S)**

This singer hails from Meerut. He also has keen interest in Soccer, Hockey and likes to read books. He is expected to be among the favourites of Mr. Vishwakarma for his vocal skills. He is sure to be an asset to the College.

## **Aman Gupta(S)**

He joins us from Rewa, Madhya Pradesh. A keen footballer, he also likes playing Basketball and Cricket.

## **Ashutosh Banathia(S)**

This Punjabi joins us from Maimun. A brilliant quizzer, he also is a keen collector of coins. He also wishes to excel in sports like Soccer and Cricket.

## **Akhilesh Gupta(S)**

A Kashmiri to the very core, he hails from Kaluchak. Interested in reading books, he is also into playing Chess and Badminton.

## **Mulam Vineet(S)**

Hailing from the port city of Vishakapatnam, he is interested in Volleyball, Squash and Cricket. A good orator, he may also evolve into one of our finest speakers.

## **Hayuraksha Banik(S)**

With a good control over the Tabla, he is sure to become a favourite of Mr. Vishwakarma. He is also interested in Cricket and Drawing.

## **Anmol Rawat(S)**

Hailing from Mumbai, he is an ardent debater. A talented swimmer, he also enjoys sailing. This navy enthusiast is sure to be an asset to the Art Club too.

## **Kumar Vikram(S)**

Hailing from Purnea, Bihar, he is the second in line from his family to join the RIMC, he likes Debating and Quizzing. He is also interested in Drama and loves to be seen on the cultural stage.

## **Tabish Hasan(R)**

This bright lad hails from Samastipur, Bihar. He has a keen interest in Drama and Quizzing. We all hope that he proves to be an asset to the College Cultural Team. He is also keen to pick up Hockey. He aspires to be an Army Officer.

## **Shantanu Mohan(C)**

He hails from Meerut, Uttar Pradesh and loves Music. He is also interested in drama and debating. He is sure to become a favourite of Mr. Vishwakarma.



## Glances of Yore

Running through each day  
I rest a while and think  
What if the present vanishes  
And future suddenly sinks?

Clouds of the past will gather  
And will rain the memories down  
They will drench me to the bone  
With lots of smile and frown.

Flying through days  
And nights so profound  
I will walk down the memory lane  
Whose expanses know no bound.

The persons whom I loved  
The loved ones whom I lost  
Will welcome me back again  
Some jubilant few aghast.

I will again be a child  
With the world eternally Heaven  
Everything so interesting and colourful  
Blue, green, yellow and raven.

This can go on forever  
The glimpses of my history  
But I will march back to today  
To solve tomorrow's mystery.

~ Cadet Parth Indalkar  
Class 2 A

## College News

The Senior Regional Round Square Conference was held at Scindia School, Gwalior from 6th- 8th January, 2007. Five Cadets accompanied by Mr. Subhash Raturi attended the Conference.

## Rimcollian News

Kudos to the crème de la crème for their outstanding achievements, winning coveted laurels deservingly and doing our Alma Mater proud. We congratulate these eminent Rimcollians who were awarded most in January 2008:

### ARMY

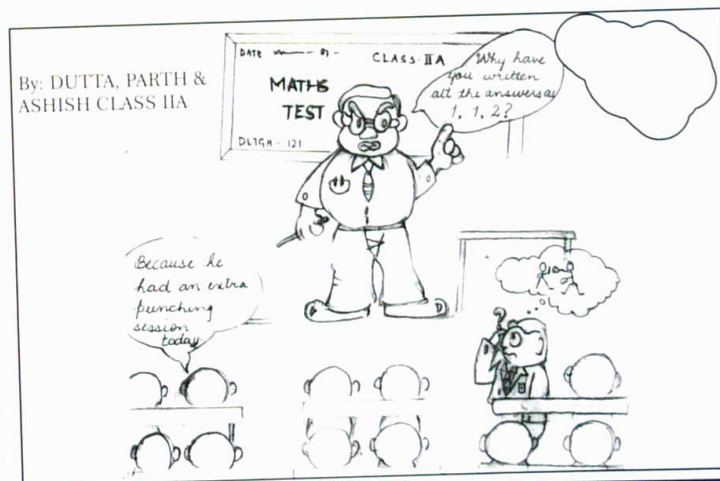
PVSM	- Lt Gen SS Dhillon, PVSM, AVSM** ,VSM
AVSM	- Lt Gen NS Brar, AVSM, VSM
	- Maj Gen SN Pavri, VSM, YSM
	- Maj Gen SK Singh, AVSM
VSM	- Brig Manvendra Singh, VSM
SENA MEDAL	- Col Hukum Singh Bainsala, SM (Gallantry)
	- Col SM Ismail, SM
COAS Commendation	- Lt Col Neel Kamal, SM
	- Lt Col Rakesh Nair
	- Maj Gaurav Singh Hamal
	- Maj Vivek Moudgil
VCOAS Commendation	- Maj Mudit Mahajan

### NAVY

PVSM	- Vice Admiral BS Randhawa, PVSM, AVSM, VSM
NAU SENA MEDAL	- Cdr Kuldeepak Mittal, YSM, NM

### AIR FORCE

VAYU SENA MEDAL	- Gp Capt N Biswas, VM
	- Wg Cdr N Tewari, VM
	- Wg Cdr AR Shendye, VM



## Book Post

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## Reflections

"Absence diminishes commonplace passions and increases great ones, as the wind extinguishes candles and kindles fire."

## Weather Forecast

Donned in nostalgia, the Chronicle intends taking ye all readers to the rapturous memories of the winds swirled by, those memorable breezes of days of yore and the flick of your imagination, strenuously extracted after rummaging through the Archives, against all gales that came our way. The Editorial Board hopes to see a rejuvenated Creative Muse in all Rimcollians, inspiring them to pick up their pens again and flooding us with a downpour of write ups. The climate in the College seems to have frozen, bracing for the sunny days of Reunion and for the Rimcollian Thunders to enliven the campus. Who knows what the Weather Gods have in store for us when the Exam Hurricane hits us immediately after the Reunion!

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# Glimpses of the year that was...



## January

- 12 January Arrival of First Termers
- 17 January Appointments for the Term Tabbed-in.
- 24 January College Squash Team leaves for Junior Squash Tournament
- 27 January Cadet Abhinav Chaudhary leaves College to sail aboard INS Tarangini.
- 28 January Cadets' XI v/s Staff XI & Class I v/s Class IA Cricket matches organized.
- 31 January Educational Trips to Institutions in the Doon Valley.

## February

- 08 February Inter Section English Debate organized. Pratap clinched the Title in Juniors while Ranjit bagged the Title in Seniors.
- 12 February Unit Tests commence.
- 15 February Inter School Indo-Pak Catchpole Cricket Tournament commences.
- 17 February Abbottabad Public School lifts the Chief's Trophy.

## March

- 03 March Holi celebrated with great spirit.
- 12 March 85th Reunion got underway.
- 16 March Mid Term Exams begin for College.
- 24 March College Riding Team leaves to take part in Delhi Horse Show.
- 26 March College leaves for Mid Term Break.

## April

- 01 April College reports back from Hikes.
- 12 April Inter Section Basketball Competition. Pratap Section emerged victorious followed by

22 April

Chandragupta Section.  
Inter Section Hockey Competition. Ranjit Section emerged victorious.

## May

- 2 May Inter Section OT Competition. Shivaji Section claimed the First Position closely followed by Ranjit Section.
- 7 May Cdt S Shyam leaves for a voyage aboard INS Tarangini.
- 26 May Hugh Catchpole Centenary Year Special Graduation Ceremony held.
- 28 May The Term ends.
- 29 May RIMC Delegation leaves for Round Square Regional Project, Jaidwar.

## June

- 02 June IPSC Joint Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Deo Tibba flagged off from DMAS, Manali.
- 09 June RIMC Delegation leaves for Pakistan.
- 10 June PSC Team reaches the summit of Mt Deo Tibba (6001 m)
- 12 June Catchpole Memorial Hockey Cup commences.
- 14 June Round Square Delegates return from Jaidwar.
- 19 June RIMC Team returns from Pakistan having taken part in the Catchpole Memorial Hockey Cup.

## July

- 13 July Freshers join College.
- 16 July College re-opens.
- 26 July Inter Section Squash Competition held. Shivaji Section took the Trophy home.
- 28 July Round Square Regional Conference commences.





31 July Round Square Conference comes to an end.

**August**

- 01 August Visit to various establishments for all classes.
- 02 August IPSC Shooting Championship starts.
- 06 August Finals of IPSC Shooting Championship . RIMC brings home Trophy.
- 09 August Inter Section Hindi Debate organized. Chandragupta Section emerged victorious.
- 10 August RIMC delegates prove their worth by excelling in the IIRS English Elocution and Science Quiz.
- 15 August Independence Day celebrated . X Country Competition won by Ranjit Section. Inauguration of Waste Paper Recycling Plant.
- 19 August NDA-NA Entrance Examination for Classes V & V A commence.
- 21 August Inter Section Quiz held . Inter Section Soccer commences. Chandragupta Section tastes double success.
- 24 August Flag in Ceremony for IPSC Team that successfully scaled Mt Deo Tibba held at Raj Bhavan, Dehradun.

**September**

- 01 September IMC Soccer Cup commences.
- 05 September Teachers' Day celebrated. Cultural Program by the Cadets. College Pugilists leave to take part in IPSC Boxing Meet.
- 06 September Finals of RIMC Soccer Cup. Army School, Clement Town emerges victorious. RIMC stood Second.
- 15 September Four Cadets left for the 'Siachen Trek'.
- 17 September Mid Term Exams commence.
- 24 September College Riding Team leaves to take part in the FEI Horse Show, Gaya.

- 26 September College Mid Term Break begins.
- 27 September IPSC Swimming Championship begins.
- 29 September Finals of IPSC Swimming. MNSS, Rai lifts the Trophy.

**October**

- 02 October Gandhi Jayanti celebrated.
- 07 October Conservation Festival 2007 was organized at the Thimayya Auditorium.
- 18 October Inter Section Athletics begin. Cadets leave for Daly College, Indore to take part in Round Square International Conference.
- 19 October Parent-Teacher Meet.
- 20 October Finals of Inter Section Athletics Competition. Ranjit Section finishes First followed by Chandragupta and Pratap.
- 26 October College Athletics Team leaves to take part in IPSC Athletics Meet held at BPS , Pilani.

**November**

- 02 November District Athletics Meet commences. RIMC clinches the U-18 Boys Title.
- 06 November Inter Section Physical Training Competition held. Shivaji Section lifted the Cup.
- 14 November College Terminal Examinations begin.
- 29 November Graduation Ceremony for the 162nd Course held.



# Some Rimcollian Superstitions

*Cadet Rajiv Daya, Class V and  
Cadet Sameer Srivastava, Class IVA*

*Reproduced from The RIMC Magazine, 1979*

The word 'Superstition' slightly adapted means unreasoning belief in a particular thing or way of behaving that can never be justified by any logic of the modern world. My observations about the Rimcollians both old and young are based on this assumption. Let me take the old Rimcollians first. To an old Rimcollian the RIMC tie is a sign of good luck, prosperity and a happy married life. He wears it against all the complaints of his spouse who fails to convince him to wear any other tie however costly and beautiful it may be. The story goes that a Rimcollian must have thirteen ties for greater luck. The passed out Cadets believe that it is a must to go to their Alma Mater to eat the scotch eggs if they want to get their promotions soon. A bowl of chicken 'marrowed' directly from the mess, especially by the GC's, on the 13th of March, keeps the hunger away round the year. Yet another mild superstition with the Old Boys is not to pay their bills if they can avoid detection by the Hony. Secretary of the Rimcollians' Association.

Our young Rimcollians, too, are no exception to the fact. Some of the superstitions in which they believe, appear to be so illogical that one would laugh if one hears of them.

Often a Cadet is heard cribbing that he has got a Red Corner in the Boxing Ring, whereas he considers the Blue one to be lucky. This is nothing except another simple superstition. A programme for cutting bounds is made if a Cadet sees two birds together. Just for a plain nursery rhyme-

"One for sorrow, Two for joy,  
Three for letter, Four for toy".

A Cadet might sit brooding throughout the day just because he happened to see a bird sitting alone. It's because 'one is for sorrow'. So, if no sorrow comes the way, "why not create it?" Rimcollians believe in taking less money while going out. It is a superstition not from an economy point of view, but because his Bank Account is close to nil.

All such superstitions are interesting and convincing to a Rimcollian. To settle a dispute, a Cadet throws up a coin and decides if it happens to be heads. He would go for a movie. If the outcome happens to be a tails, he would go for a picnic. And if by

chance the coin stands on its end then he would attend classes.

Some believe that the first face a Cadet sees in the term matters a lot to him. Someone told that the moment he reached the College the first man he saw was the doctor who became his favourite throughout the Term (He was admitted in the hospital frequently). Another said that he came across the VP first and flunked in Maths in all the tests held during the Term. There is a strong belief among the Cadets that everything enters their nuts if they do not possess text books in that particular period. With borrowed pens and papers they always fare better. Of course, the stolen bulbs possess more 'illuminating power' and stolen cutlets from the mess suddenly become a delicacy. The boys do not pluck guavas from the M.E.S. courtyard. 'It smells of diesel' is the explanation. Mr GM's guavas are also avoided 'if you don't want to fail in English at the UPSC, is the warning. Then there is the bunch of boys who always believes in breaking the eggs at the pointed ends for reasons best known to them.

The games have also not been spared. It's a general belief that the God of Victory smiles only on those boxers who go to the Tapkeshwar Temple. The four Sections, therefore, take their boxers to acquire the Lord's blessings. Swimmers are of the opinion that they increase their speed tremendously if they slip into the pool at late hours in the night and practice.

And of all things in the world there is the superstition not to change socks for about three to four weeks. "It is this stink" of my socks which is getting me on." One of the most popular superstitions with the Cadets is that they will not pass the SSB, or for that matter become a General, unless they have cut bounds at least half a dozen times during their stay at the College. Some of them appearing at the Entrance Examination for the NDA believe in spending the entire TA in Delhi itself and travelling hungry all the way home-a sure way of 'Nirvana' through starvation.

However, whatever one may call these, to a Rimcollian these are not superstitions but a style of life-"Elegant and Rimcollian".

# The Grammar Family

*Cadet Anurag Chander, Class III*

*Reproduced from The RIMC Magazine, 1979*

You must have heard about the Grammar Schools of England. Likewise there is a family in England. The Surname is 'Grammar'. The Head of the Family is Mr. 'Noun'. The Mistress of the Grammar family is named 'Verb'. She is an expert in her household duties. This couple has three children- one son and two daughters. The son is 'Master Pronoun'. He has to do all the work of his father in his absence. He always acts and plays in place of his parents. The two little daughters are 'Miss Adjective' and 'Miss Adverb'. They love each other very much but there is a great difference between them. 'Miss Adjective' loves her father and elder brother very much. She is always busy in telling about them and praising them. But the younger sister 'Miss Adverb' loved her mummy a lot. She always modifies her where there is a need. She loves other family members too, except her father and the elder brother. If one asks her why she does not like her father and elder brother, she says, "They don't love me, so I don't like them either." There are two servants in this family. The Chief Servant is 'Preposition'. He is the official servant of the master; moreover, he is the body-guard. Wherever his master goes, 'Preposition' accompanies him.

The other servant is named 'Conjunction'. He is the family servant. He looks after every member of the family. When Mrs. Grammar tells him to carry any message or the Tiffin to her husband or children, he has to carry them. He has to work very hard.

There is a relative of 'Grammar Family' who joins the family only in times of joy or sorrow. His name is 'Mr. Interjection'. So friends, I think you are introduced to the Grammar Family now. I hope you will recognize them easily.

Remember, people call the members of this family 'Parts of Speech'. May be the house that they live in is named 'Speech'.



## To Our Teachers - With Luv

*Cadet HS Bainsla, Class III A*

*Reproduced from The RIMC Magazine, 1983*

Our Commandant is Col OP Chaudhry, VSM,  
He is learned, and as an instructor - a rare gem.  
Mr RC Singhal- the Vice Principal,  
Is very particular about the laid down principles.  
In Maths Mr Sammadar is bright as the moon.  
How sad! He left us so soon.  
Mr Joseph is the most handsome of all,  
And very good at basketball.  
Mr VG Nene is most surely a cricket fan,  
He is our Physics teacher and a soft spoken man.  
Mr K Kumar is an intelligent person,  
And has weathered many a season.  
Capt MM Singh is cheerful and bubbles with life,  
Is at home with chicken, fork and knife.  
Mr KP Mandal is as good a person as you can find,  
Sometimes angry but most of the times kind.  
Mr SK Diwedi teaches us Chemistry.  
How he solves the problems remains a mystery.  
Mr SP Bhatia has an artistic hand,  
When he paints, his brush moves like a magical wand.  
Mr RC Sharma whose favorite is squash,  
Is level headed and never speaks trash.  
Mr JK Adhikari is a person who is nice and good,  
Teaches us Biology, that reminds us of food.  
Capt PC Pathy has music in his soul,  
The best musicians of the College he controls.  
Mr. RC Chaturvedi is a man with a large heart.  
With a cheerful countenance teaches us Craft.  
Mr UN Singh is healthy, happy and fit,  
Teaches us English, bubbling with wit.  
Mr GS Bisht is a person who is well known,  
Never lets anybody roam with anything which is torn.  
Mr LN Thakur is a Mathematics wizard,  
Can easily find his way through a Mathematical blizzard.  
Capt RC Laddha is the Magazine Editor,  
Give him a pen and paper - he is the best writer.  
"Keep smiling always" - says Capt RS Khatri,  
Who is a frequent visitor to theatre "Capri".  
Ladies and Gentlemen that's not the least,  
Our teachers can make a man out of a beast.

## AO In The Eyes Of A Senior

*1047/P Cadet AA Zaki, Class IV*

*Reproduced from The RIMC Magazine, 1981*

A hard day's work lay ahead,  
But still I was in my cosy bed.  
PT was on in the Parade Ground,  
But there I was never to be found.  
The first period was making others bored,  
Dream after dream on me was being poured.  
The second period was being taught,  
I realized I had slept quite a lot.  
Breakfast was being eaten in the mess,  
I opened my eyes to see an OG dress.  
And guess what I saw there!  
Nothing but an ice cold glare.  
I lost my senses for a while,  
As they deserted me by the mile.  
I had many a time done this crime,  
Caring for the AO nothing but a dime.  
Jumping out of the bed I snapped to attention,  
The abuses that were hurled I need not mention.  
"What are you doing here?" I was asked,  
With a lie the Truth I masked.  
This did not fool his prying eyes any more,  
As he had done the same things before.  
So who was he to punish at all,  
Levelling charges in his slow drawl.  
But still I had to obey him,  
Just to save my hide and skin.  
Otherwise be thrown in a dustbin,  
I leave off here lest he should fume.  
And like a bomb explode 'Boom',  
Putting me on pack-drill he did that day,  
But it was me who laughed all the way.  
Hey! I hope you won't tell him this,  
Or he will spoil my life of bliss.  
Good bye folks! Ending lest you do,  
Realise what I say is untrue.

## Delectable Delights

We present to you a couple of recipes exclusively for the Rimcollians' platter. Enjoy the enchanting aroma of these delicacies, as you take a stroll down the memory lane.

### Scotch Eggs

Mince boneless mutton or chicken. Now add bread crumbs and finely mashed and soaked (for a long time or boiled) grams and mix with the former part. Add salt to taste and Garam Masala. (Chilli etc included in the Garam Masala). Knead the mixture thus made and generously apply on a boiled egg. Shallow fry the egg (as much oil is not needed) and serve hot.

### Coffee Pudding

Boil 2 glasses of milk. Add two tablespoons Coffee powder and 5 tablespoons Corn flour along with a glass of Cold Milk to the 2 glasses of hot ones. Add 6 tablespoons of Sugar to the mixture and stir well. Keep the mixture thick. Pour into a container and sprinkle cold milk to avoid a crust forming on top. Freeze for about 10 hours and take out. Garnish it with fresh cream (also add 1 tablespoon sugar to the cream). Serve cold and relish the exquisite RIMC pudding.



# One More Feather

Col S Padmanabhan, Old Boy, Col GS, IMA

Rimcollians have distinguished themselves in virtually everything they have set out to do. Rimcollians have won the Victoria Cross and the Param Vir Chakra. Two of us rose to command our Army. In the Navy and the Air Force too, Rimcollians have won numerous laurels for their professional competence, courage and inspiring leadership. Yet, there is one more field in which I, as a Rimcollian, would like to see my 'Alma Mater' lead the field—this is by adopting a Code of Ethics or a Code of Conduct by which every Rimcollian may live and be entitled to be called a gentleman.

In this article, I shall share with the readers my idea of how the RIMC can play a pioneering role in improving the National Honour scene in the Armed Forces. Before we go further, let us first survey the National Honour scene today.

Our ancient land was once the moral giant of the civilized world. We enriched mankind by our philosophy, scriptures and our contributions to the Sciences and Arts. Yet today, we seem to have become an indolent people to whom words such as Integrity, Moral Courage, Selflessness and Loyalty convey no meaning at all. There is corruption everywhere. Political chicanery, bribery and exploitation of our people appear to be the order of the day. Truly, the National Honour scene is pervaded by the odour of decay—the moral decay of a great People.

And yet all is not lost. A Young India is emerging from our schools and colleges and from such unique institutions like the RIMC. They hold out for our country the hope of redemption from our moral degeneration. By conscious effort, by deliberately learning and practising a Code of Conduct based on our traditional values, they can become the elite whose example will serve as the rallying point for an Honour movement in our country. And we Rimcollians can be the pioneers of such a movement.

The first step towards the launching of any Honour System in our schools and colleges must be the identification of the basic values we wish to nurture. To us as the military elite of our country, the most important basic values are Integrity, Moral Courage, Selflessness and Loyalty. We could then formulate a set of simple, direct and easily remembered Commandments embodying the essence of these core values in them. For the values I have selected, our Commandments or our Code of Conduct would read thus:-

- I. You shall not lie, steal or cheat.
- II. You shall not evade responsibility for your actions.
- III. You shall always set Service before Self.
- IV. You shall not bring the fair name of your College and the Service of your Country into disrepute.

The Code of Conduct having been formulated, we should then proceed to educate our-selves about the total concept of Honour, the core values and about how we can implement in practical terms our Honour System. This, in my opinion, will be best undertaken as a short, intense capsule course of about 12 to 15 periods. The method of teaching should be rather informal and our Cadets should be allowed free rein to express their views and clear their doubts. Discussion of actual incidents which have occurred within our campus will, I feel, serve the purpose best. The initial instructional effort should be periodically re-inforced, say once every half-term, so that our Cadets constantly imbibe a dose of ethical or moral instruction throughout their stay at the College. Instructors undertaking Honour instruction should approach the task with total dedication and enthusiasm or else our entire effort will be in vain.

Let us now see how the Cadet community can get about implementing the Honour System as such. First of all, Cadets should

elect their Honour Representatives say two Cadets per Section. The eight member Honour Committee will be the 'watchdogs' of the Honour System. They will meet once a fortnight and deal with all violations of the Honour Code. They will punish those whom they find guilty of an Honour violation and in serious cases, they will refer the case to the function as a Cadets' Court and have complete authority to try and punish all cases of Honour Code violations.

We may fear that young Cadets may not be able to handle their powers judiciously. This apprehension is needless. They can and they will be judicious on most occasions. The occasional cases of arbitrary action can be handled suitably. Till such time as the system takes root in the RIMC, an officer may be detailed to attend the proceeding of the Committee as a silent observer. Later, we should dispense totally with officer participation and allow our Cadets to function in total independence.

A few words before I conclude. What do I consider will be the gains we will obtain from the Honour System? I think we all gain a great deal, for our Cadets will be of an altogether finer moral stature than they could ever have been without the Honour Code. Further, they will have learnt the art of community living within an ethical frame-work. These should represent substantial gains to any institution such as the RIMC. And will we succeed in our efforts? Let us try it and see for our ourselves. I feel that if we approach the whole experiment with zeal and dedication, we shall certainly succeed.

This is what I want my 'Alma Mater' to do in her Diamond Jubilee Year. By successfully pioneering the Honour experiment, she will gain one more feather for her cap.



# THE BALLAD OF R.I.M.C.

- Cadet A Ghosh

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Here is the College Routine as seen and interpreted by a small Cadet in his own childlike manner. A First Termer, the Balladist is gradually acclimatizing himself to the College life.

The days drag by one by one.  
Every morning before the rising sun  
The bell clangs out at six  
Dragging us out in a terrible fix.  
Why, oh, why must we suffer  
The same routine day after the other!  
At half-past seven  
With eyes so leaden,  
Boys crawl to classes  
With the hope of earning I.S.C. passes.  
Why oh! why must life be so?  
Why can't life be a go-go-go?

After breakfast boys come to classes  
Some intent on I.S.C passes,  
Others a bit more gay  
They're only studying for the N.D.A.  
They sit on their chairs far too small  
Whilst masters try to teach them all,  
Some of them are intent on chatter

Which makes the master feel like giving  
them a batter,  
At 1 O'clock, Cadets go to their Mess,  
Where no one wants to talk less and less.  
Why oh! why must life be so?  
Why can't life be a go-go-go?

At 2.15 they come to classes  
Not much intent on many passes  
All they want is to sleep and doze  
And this the Master always knows.  
At last the Master finishes at three  
Unless he has a games duty.

At 6.30 after the parade  
Again begins a little charade,  
Books and novels the boys do read  
Whilst thinking of the excuses they need,  
Why oh! who must this be so?  
Why can't life be a go-go-go?

At 8 O'clock the boys rush for dinner  
In the sincere hope of growing rather  
fatter.  
In the mess the waiters vainly try  
To answer 'more bread, more this, more  
that' which they cry  
The boys eat in 'fits and starts'  
Having to wait 15 minutes between the  
parts,  
When at last the meal finishes,  
The boys are given only two minutes  
To retire and be in their beds  
Another day is over and they must rest  
their heads.  
Why oh! why must this be so?  
Why can't life be a go-go-go?

## पनिश्मेंट

वीरकुमार राहुल चतुर्वेदी

मैया मोरी बहुत पनिश्मेंट पायो।  
भोर भये सजा चक्र ने अपना चक्र चलायो।।  
बड़े सवेरे ब्रह्ममूर्त में पीठ टोप कित में नाच नचायो।  
भाँति-भाँति में कोशिश किन्हीं फिर भी क्षमा न पायो।।

मैया मोरी बहुत पनिश्मेंट पायो  
मैं कैडिट अभी फ्रस्ट टर्म को।  
कोई न रियायत पायो।।  
ठण्डे ही में स्वीमिंग ट्रंक में।  
हन्चिंग ने जोर दिखायो।।

मैया मोरी बहुत पनिश्मेंट पायो  
थोड़ी सी ही आलस ने।  
रोलिंग शुरू करयो।।  
मेरो भाग्य बड़े ही स्वोटो।  
पुनः राउन्ड्स दे-रोक लगायो।।

मैया मोरी बहुत पनिश्मेंट पायो  
कह राहुल इस सजा चक्र ने।  
मोडि बहुते नाच नचायो।।  
अब केवल यही मन में आयो।  
किसी भाँति बिस्तर मिल जायो।।

मैया मोरी बहुत पनिश्मेंट पायो  
बिस्तर पर भी यमराज प्रकोप दिखायो।  
नाक में दम कर दिन्हीं मोरी लाज उसे न आयो।।  
राहुल जी तब अशु नेत्र से।  
कथा समाप्त करायो।।

मैया मोरी बहुत पनिश्मेंट पायो

## पनिश्मेंट में निकला नाम

वीरकुमार एस० के० वीक्षित

नादान दोस्त को बहकाने पर,  
कट कर बैठा क्लास जभी,  
हुई शिकायत कमाण्डेंट से,  
मिली पैक ड्रिल चार तभी।

स्टाफ सिंह ने बैग मंगाया,  
उसमें ईटों को भरवाया,  
लाइन में जा खड़ा कराया,  
ए० ओ० ने काउन्ट कराया।।

राउन्ड्स पर राउन्ड्स लगाए,  
हचेज के भी मजे उठाए,  
लेग्स अप हैंड्स डाउन करवाए,

हड्डी हड्डी चूर हो गयी,  
मोट-मदी काफूर हो गयी,  
बही नाक नासूर हो गयी,  
पीठ सूजकर तूर हो गयी।

ग्लानि, क्षोभ को विष को पीता,  
हर पल युग जैसा जब बीता,  
उसी समय मन ऐसा चीता,  
खाई कसम हाथ ले गीता।

हाथ हो गया काम तमाम।  
पनिश्मेंट में निकला नाम।।

खेल कूद हो गया हराम।  
पनिश्मेंट में निकला नाम।।

हुआ विधाता मुझसे बाम।  
पनिश्मेंट में निकला नाम।।

नहीं दोस्ती आयी काम।  
पनिश्मेंट में निकला नाम।।

नहीं करूँगा ऐसा काम।  
पनिश्मेंट में निकला नाम।।



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## Reflections

*"The really great make you feel that you too can become great."*

*Mark Twain*

## Editorial

Having conquered many a torrid mountain of mind boggling exams, lush green meadows awaited the Cadets on the other side. Brilliant smiles adorned the faces of all as they embarked on their much deserved break. Then on, life has been all roses for the young warriors as they sauntered across the country in their quest for some fun. Innumerable reminiscences and enthralling tales were up for the taking as each one of us had a whale of a time. These vivid memories are sure to have taken up a cherished corner in the hearts of all. Roses cannot stay in full bloom forever and ours were no exception. With time, the blossoms withered away as the Cadets returned rejuvenated and raring to go. The Cadet brethren have since then shown immense enthusiasm as it goes around scaling new heights. Basketball practices are in full swing and with the D-Day closing in, predictions too are on a high. The least one can do is to keep one's fingers crossed until the ball is in play and not to be deterred by those who have gained an uncanny interest in the art of prophesying. Whilst the College moved ahead in full throttle, it also played host to numerous dignitaries who gave enlightening talks on a vast array of topics. The Cadets were all ears as bits and bits of wisdom poured out of their everlasting cache. As the wheel of time rolls into another half of the Term, let's resolve to take on the future the way it is – chaste but capricious.

Cadet Anshul Roy, Class III

## WHERE GALLANTRY IS A TRADITION



LT GEN NOBLE THAMBURAJ, SM, WITH THE CADETS

## Dateline

- 30 March 2008 - Mid Term hikes report back.
- 01 April 2008 - Lt Gen Thamburaj visited College.
- 04 April 2008 - Class III reported back from Pune-Mumbai hike.
- 08 April 2008 - Pre Boards for Classes IIIA and VA commenced.
- 09 April 2008 - Inter-Section Basketball competition commenced.
- 12 April 2008 - Finals of Inter-Section Basketball Competition. Chandragupta Section victorious.
- 13 April 2008 - Commander GS Dhillon visited College.
- 14 April 2008 - College observes Ramnavmi.
- 15 April 2008 - Catchpole Inter-School English Debate. Doon School lifts the Trophy followed by the RIMC.
- 16 April 2008 - RIMC Inter School Quiz Competition held. RIMC bags the first spot.



The moment had arrived. It was the time to replenish our souls with a soak in holiday waters. And this time around, the destination of choice was the National Defense Academy. With an ear-to-ear smile flaunting each face, we left for Pune on the 24th of March with numerous dreams for the coming fortnight. This proved to be a journey too long as it left us all drained out by the time we reached Pune. Yet, the thrill of being in a novel territory helped us combat the fatigue and we left no stone unturned in making the most of the few hours that we had on our hands. The next day saw us visit many-a-place as we went on a trip through the bustling city of Pune which was coined as 'Pune Darshan'. Although the British War Cemetery and Parvati Hill proved of utmost interest, it were the little bits and pieces of social know-how discoursed by Major Rexson that added to our delight. Accommodated at the College of Military Engineering in the lacklustre outskirts of Pune, carefree abandon was a thing all of us looked forward to and this we got in plenty. Nothing could be more exciting than navigating

## Mystifying Maharashtra !

*Cadet Anshul Roy, Class III,  
Cadet Ankur Rawat, Class III*

through an unfamiliar city all on one's own and the thrill was unfathomable. The thoughts that flooded our minds as we rambled through the throbbing streets of Pune were no different. But with other engagements on the schedule, liberties were not to last forever. A trip to the NDA followed which further uplifted our morale. We returned with memories that are sure to inhabit some treasured corner of our hearts for years to come. The next day, we visited the Loigaon Air Base and were fortunate to see a Squadron of Sukhoi MKI 30s from extreme propinquity. We also went around the CME premises and saw some up-to-the-minute pieces of Military technology. This rendezvous with Pune was not to last forever, so we set off for Mumbai as several midnight hues engulfed the city on the 29th of March.

The vibrant city that it is, Mumbai surpassed all our expectations. With its pulsating environment gripping us from head to toe, it was high time we plunged into its vivid lifestyle. And so we did have our share of pure, unchecked fun as we strolled around on its lively streets. On 1 April, we visited the Naval Dockyard with huge expectations. It was a proud moment indeed as we stood with the 'high and mighty' of the Indian Navy Fleet. We got an opportunity to board INS Virat – Asia's only Air Craft Carrier and INS Shankush – a submarine. And so having seen the best of the Indian Navy, we left the Dockyard completely overwhelmed. Another day of unabashed gaiety was all over. Our so called 'Tryst with destiny' had come to a melancholic end. As I bade goodbye to this 'City of a Million Stories', thoughts of the near future had already enveloped my mind. And so with memories of the bygone fortnight and speculations about the future, we reached College on an unusually chilly April morning. It seemed even the Weather Gods shared our poignant expressions as we slowly came in tune with the College routine.

## The Delhi Horse Show 2008

*Cadet Jaideep Chugh Class III  
Cdt. Captain Ashutosh Pandey  
Class V A*

Equestrian Activities have always been given tremendous spur and high priority in the RIMC and the bygone fortnight was no different. Six Cadets represented the College in Delhi Horse Show conducted from 30 March to 6 April. Cadet Praveen Kumar and Cadet Aman Kumar got their names etched on the winners' scroll as they bagged a Bronze Medal each. Others who participated were Cadet Jaideep Chugh, Cadet Vijay Prakash, Cadet Navneet and Cadet Ramakrishna Sharma.

Rimcollians GC R Sai Anvesh and Cadet Sudheer Tomar who won the Best Rider Award in U-21 and U-18 Categories respectively, deserve a





## Commandant's Mailbag

Dear Col Dharmarajan

I wish to convey my personal thanks and congratulations for the excellent arrangements made during Reunion on 12-13 Mar 08. It was indeed a pleasure to see the school in good shape.

Vice Admiral BS Randhawa  
PVSM AVSM VSM

My dear Colonel  
Congrats.

School was in better shape and folks had smiles on their faces indicating a happy team.  
Col Bhanwar Singh

Dear Colonel

The 86th Reunion was very enjoyable. The atmosphere was vibrant with positive energy and full of warmth, which is found in no place other than the College. The Cadets were happy and confident. Their mannerisms were of high standard which was so encouraging. Masters were seen busy managing the show at respective levels with keenness. The experience was nostalgic and one felt that the time was ticking too fast all through.  
Lt Col Vivek Singh.

My dear Dharm

I had an extremely interesting visit to the RIMC. I was indeed touched by the warmth and hospitality by you and your Officers. Interacting with the 'Young Guys' of 'College' and talking to them was really refreshing.  
Best Wishes  
Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM

My Dear Colonel

I have the pleasure to inform you that I have successfully completed a Master's programme in 'Human Rights' from the Indian Institute of Human Rights, New Delhi with 69.16% marks. I also wish to inform you that I have been appointed as an honorary Professor of the esteemed institution.  
I owe it to my teachers and peers at the RIMC.  
Lt Col Yash Saxena.

## VISITS

- On 29 March ten Afghan Cadets from the Officers Training Institute, Chennai visited the College. Bringing to mind the fact that Indian films and songs are quite famous in Afghanistan, the Cadets extolled that military training in India is indeed of superlative quality.
- On 1 April, Lt Gen Noble Thamburaj, SM, GOC-in-C- Southern Command visited the College with his wife, Mrs Anita Thamburaj. Talking to the Cadets and Masters over an ideal student and teacher, he cited various roles to be played by both alike.
- Maj Gen SS Nair, Add Dir Gen Army Education visited the College and talked to the Cadets and Masters over tea. In his brief interaction with the Masters, he reflected that no other institution boasted of such healthy and pristine environs as the RIMC. He also felt that under the expert and able guidance of Col Dharmarajan, the College should take huge strides towards progress.
- On Sunday 13 April, the 'Blue Water to White Water Expedition' team of INS Viraat, led by Cdr GS Dhillon, a Rimcollian of Ranjit Section visited the College after being flagged off at the NHO. The team started off from the southern stretches of India and went on to Joshimath, speaking to the masses about 'AIDS Awareness' enroute. They had an interactive session with the Cadets outside the Anterooms.
- Brig Taragi, VSM, DDGMT(B), visited the College on 1 April 2008.

## IRRESISTIBLE Forces

Col Ah (11<sup>th</sup> RIMC Course), a brilliant raconteur puts to words his curiously diverse travelogue. As much as we would like to have the whole of this masterpiece in the Chronicle, space constraint binds us. Here are two excerpts from the richly woven anecdotal writing. In order to get a glimpse of this work in its entirety, just walk up to the Cadets' Notice Board or the Journalism Board.

Advertisements for Officer recruitment could well read 'Sign up to see the world'. India, confined to its subcontinent by the Himalayas, is a well known microcosm of the world in itself. The fauji does get to see this land, not only for free but gets paid instead! Our forerunners of the pre-independence generation had the whole subcontinent as their playfield and the world as their battlefield during the Second World war. The earlier post-independence generations opened up the border tracts and fought the nation's wars to defend them. The generation of late last century had its own defining journey. Here is a description of one such trip through a typical career span of my generation. The journey begins in the cradle of leadership, the RIMC, and goes onto the NDA, nesting at the foothills of Simhgarh massif, deemed impregnable till Tanaji proved it otherwise. We get back to familiar sights of Dehra Dun for a stint at IMA. The step called 'Antim Pag' as

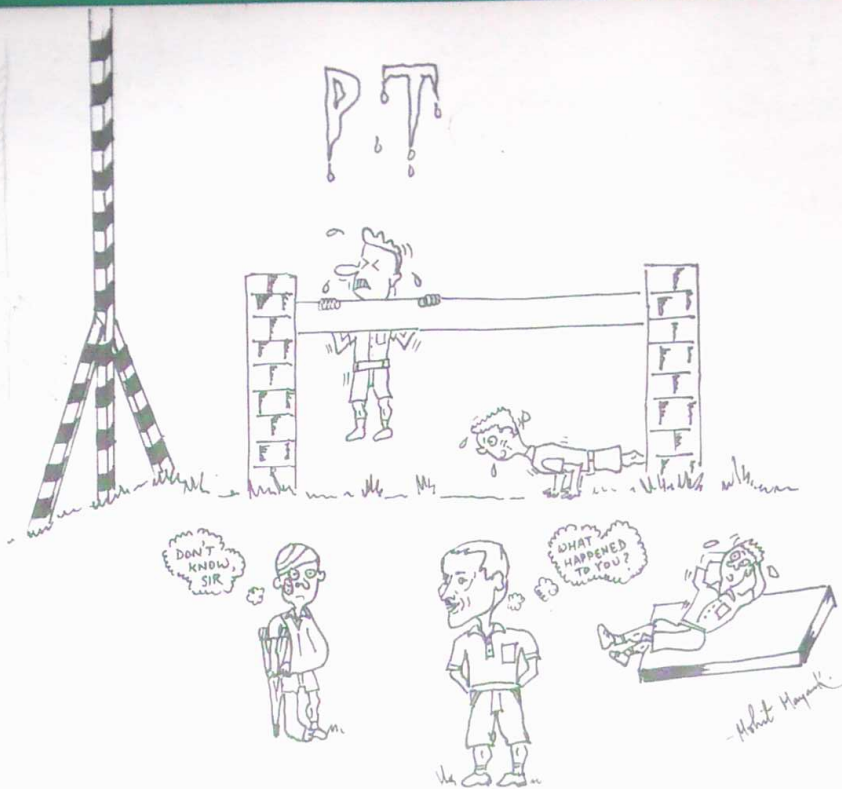
Gentleman Cadets is also the first as Commissioned Officers. Thereafter, it has been a ceaseless Discover India trip, for each one of us a unique circuit. No travel itinerary can be as imaginative as our career managers in South Block are in putting it together...." "Another enviable part of a 'fauji zindagi' is the unrivalled number of days of leave. Our favourite holiday destination is Goa, a couple of days drive from near where the Kohimoor was mined. While some may prefer North Goa for its more frequented gleaming beaches, we favour Benaullim for the uninterrupted jogging it offers from Colva to Betul. For these pleasures, one must be thankful to the affordable Maruti and to Shri Vajpavee, a builder of roads in the tradition of Sher Shah Suri.

I write at a juncture when an Officer's journey in direct association with troops is done. This is a valid benchmark for reflection, rest and renewal. My colleagues have also got this far through different routes, all equally enthralling and enlightening. Those who didn't make it were God's chosen few. The insight is that ours is a vagabond's life blessed in affording one a vantage on our land and its people. The outcome is a profound empathy for the poetry of Tagore and Iqbal: roughly translated as 'bhakti'.

## DOUBLE TROUBLE!

It was great to see so many answers come our way. Keep it up! The winner for the 'Doublets' game introduced in the Chronicle of the previous issue is Cadet Bhoopal Sakya of Class IV.





# Aiming High!

## Inter Section Basketball Championship

*Cadet P Vyas Manoj  
Cadet Anshul Roy  
Class III*

Amidst ceaseless prophesying and towering expectations, the Inter Section Basketball Competitions commenced on 9 April. The succeeding days saw an unprecedented display of skill and grit, as each one of the Sections strived to achieve superiority over the rest. Sporting their Section colours, the participants also proved their mettle by providing the audience with some keenly contested fixtures.

So, three days and millions of emotions later, the final results were out. Chandragupta Section did exceptionally well by lifting three out of four string

Titles. These convincing victories helped them reign supreme as they took home the coveted Championship.

Pratap Section finished a close Second followed by Shivaji and Ranjit Sections. Cadet Ankit Siwach, Cadet Surya Prakash, Cadet Siddhartha and Cadet Suhas Wagh bagged the 'Best Player' Award in their respective strings.

As the competition drew to a close, the Cadets got so charged that they could again be heard predicting the next year's results with conviction.

Seers and Prophets in the making indeed! ..... to say the least.

**Book Post**




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## Reflections

*"Probable impossibilities are to be preferred to improbable possibilities."*

Aristotle

## Editorial

*'When I'm not thanked at all  
I'm thanked enough.  
I've done my duty  
And I've done no more.'*

Another fortnight of relentless striving by the Cadets has gone past, instilling in them a sense of humble duty. To say the least, their efforts have not gone futile. Enthralling eloquence during the Hugh Catchpole Debate and a splendid display of skills and proficiency during Inter Section Hockey were all results of the Cadet Brethren's unsurpassed toiling. The Obstacle Training Competition proved to be an exigent test of mettle, as it required gargantuan stamina and took the 'Young Warriors' to their fighting limit.

The games field aside, there were also numerous visits and lectures by eminent dignitaries which helped the Cadets come to term with life's ways. Quizzers are back in the spotlight as the Inter Section Quiz draws near. The Terminal Examination is just round the corner, and Sections can be seen trying their level best in order to achieve academic excellence. A challenge for some and nightmares for the rest, these forthcoming examinations are sure to haunt our thoughts for the days to come. As for the Board classes, the College isn't anything other than a hub of scattered notes, heaps of books and piles of mock papers.

With proud memories of the past and aspirations for the future, the inexorable Juggernaut of the Cadet fraternity moves in to what appears to be a very promising one.

Carpe Diem... Rimcos!

Cadet Rakshit Sharma, Class V

## WHERE GALLANTRY IS A TRADITION



The Indomitables... Deserving of kudos Galore! The winners of Slater Debate

## Dateline

- 23 April Inter Section Hockey Competition commences
- 27 April Para Sailing conducted at the Pavilion for Cadets
- 29 April Finals of Inter Section Hockey Competition
- 1 May Inter Section Obstacle Training Competition
- 5 May Final Round of Inter Section Quiz Competition
- 8 May Classes IIIA and VA take their first Board Exams
- 14 May Terminal Examinations for rest of the classes begin (barring Class IVA).

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# Radiant Eloquence

*Here is a speech by Cadet Govind Shukla, who so articulately presented it during a Morning Assembly. His efforts deserve appreciation. Now on, the Best Speech of the month will find a regular column in the Chronicle. Read and Relish!*

The sound of the bat hitting the ball resounds through the stadium as the fielder runs off in the direction of the ball. Yes, you guessed it right. I am talking about the gentlemen's game-Cricket. But, there is a slight difference, the bowler as well as the batsman is oblivious to what the ball looks like. They are both BLIND."

Welcome to the highly competitive world of blind cricket for the visually challenged. Little known to the 'sighted' world, the Association for Cricket for the Blind in India has State, Zonal and a National Team which has participated in three world cups and is the reigning

World Champion. Let me introduce you to the 'Father of Blind Cricket' in India and abroad. George Abraham is a living example of making dreams possible. A contemporary of Abid Ali and Eknath Solkar, this cricket fanatic's vision of being India's quickest fast bowler was distorted by his deteriorating eye-sight in his college days.

With his life in such dire straits, he bowed out of competition but the inferno to help to the cause of cricket always smouldered beneath his wounded heart. In 1990, he started a tournament comprising four hundred students from twenty schools for visually impaired. Its inauguration by cricketing maestro Kapil Dev showed that the Indians had accepted this amazing form of Cricket. It was a display of human will against God's desire. It was a show of the fortitude inhibited in the hearts of those who are not as able. It was determination and nothing else which led them through

Let me acquaint you with the rules of this game.

- a) It has the same 22 yard crease, boundaries as normal cricket.
- b) The bowler must bowl under arm and shout 'Ready', then the batsman replies 'OK'. On releasing the ball, the bowler shouts 'Play' and the delivery is

considered begun.

c) Players are classified as B1, B2 and B3 depending upon their vision capabilities. B1 is totally blind, B2 has a meager vision of 2/60 and B3 has a vision of 6/60.

These rules and many others give this game its exclusivity. India has produced one of the world's best cricket team for the blind. However, there are a number of challenges that still need to be overcome. Lack of funds and marketing are proving hazardous to this noble cause. As Shah Rukh Khan struck a chord with the nation for the game of hockey, it's time that something similar is done to ensure that the game gets the recognition it so well deserves.

The RIMC has already moved miles ahead in helping in this cause. The Special Olympics held in our premises are an example of how diligently the College moves ahead, fulfilling its assortment of duties. Today when the entire world is gung-ho over the T-20 and the IPL tournaments, why cannot we spare a thought towards Cricket for the Blind. The prime motive of my speech was to tell you that no obstacle is too big, only if...

**you are determined to outdo it.**

## Chak De RIMCOS...

After practising hard for nearly three months (often devoting Sunday morning and holidays), arrived the eagerly awaited event of the Term, the Inter Section Hockey Competition, which was held from 23 April to 30 April, 2008. The Hockey Cup is one of the most prestigious and coveted ones at RIMC and it calls for S3: Skill, Stamina and Spirit. Cadets displayed astounding oodles of raw josh, will to win and baffling game strategies. It was really a cut-throat competition which saw many upcoming Dhyanchands this time. Finally, Chandragupta Section romped home with the Trophy.

The string wise results were as follows:

String	1	2	3
Winner			Pratap
Best Player	Cadet Kaustubh Nalawade	Cadet Sub NCO Achudev S	Cadet Vivek Joshi
Best Goalkeeper	Cadet Anand Tyagi	Cadet Sub NCO Govind Shukla	Cadet Sub NCO Pranit Newar

The Most Promising Player Award was bagged by Cadet K Arjun of Ranjit Section and The Player Of The Tournament was awarded to Cadet Ayush Salaria of Chandragupta Section. Chandragupta Section stood First followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Pratap respectively.

Cadet Parth Indalkar  
Class IIA



# THE CONCEPT OF VO<sub>2</sub> — MAX

Distance runners are required to increase their capacity to use the oxygen they breathe in, as much as possible. This capacity in the exercise physiology is termed as VO<sub>2</sub>-max i.e. the maximum volume of oxygen that one can use per kilogram of one's bodyweight per minute. An untrained person's VO<sub>2</sub>-max is about 40-50%, whereas, that of a trained athlete's is about 85-90%. One Norwegian by the name Bjorn Daelie, an Olympic Gold medalist Skier, had a record of 95%. Lance Armstrong, the 7 times Tour de France winner had 84%.

Before we go into the details of the ways and means to develop this capacity, let us understand what actually determines the VO<sub>2</sub> max. There are mainly two factors involved in this process—one that deals with the supply of oxygen, the central factor, and the other—which deals with the use of oxygen-peripheral factor. Whatever oxygen we inhale, is carried to the muscles through the blood (20ml in 100ml of blood) which is pumped out by the left ventricle at every heart beat. The

total volume pumped out by each stroke is known as stroke volume, which depends on the speed and the force with which the left ventricle pumps. With the proper training, its size also increases and it can pump more and more blood. The total amount of blood pumped out by the heart per minute is known as Cardiac Output which depends very much upon the blood returned to the heart through venous circulation.

Each muscle cell has a number of microscopic energy powerhouses—known as mitochondria, which contain enzymes involved in the aerobic metabolism. As the distance runners try to cover longer and longer distances, the demand for energy increases and the heart has to pump more and more blood. To cope up with the increased work of transporting this oxygen-rich blood to the mitochondria number of new capillaries are opened (even to the extent of 40%). Similarly, to produce more and more energy the number of mitochondria also increases (again up to

40%). This way the capillary and mitochondria density increases and muscles extract far more oxygen from the blood in arterial circulation and leave very little in the returning venous circulation. This shows that the muscles have extracted greater amount of Oxygen. Accurate measuring of VO<sub>2</sub> max requires some very sophisticated equipment and as such can be done only in a laboratory. However, there are certain indirect methods which have been developed to predict VO<sub>2</sub> max about which will be discussed in the supplementary article, which also deals with the ways and means to improve the VO<sub>2</sub> max.

Before I finish, I would like to give a few interesting facts about VO<sub>2</sub> max of humans as compared to a few other mammals. VO<sub>2</sub> max in humans is equal to that of a pig and the rat and about half of that of a horse or a dog. VO<sub>2</sub> max of a humming bird flapping its wings at 80 beats per minute is 40ml/gram/hour which in humans is equivalent to 666ml/kg/min.

Some more facts in the forthcoming issue.

*Mr V K Rai, Athletics Coach*

## OBSTACLES GALORE !

After days of practice and strenuous toil, the Cadets were all set to run the much-dreaded Obstacle Course on the first evening of May. All pains were forgotten and all bruises lost amidst the vivacious flow of adrenaline as the 'Young Warriors' lined up to prove their mettle. The competition was on track and happening. And as the event came to a close, each one of the contenders could turn back and tell that he had done his best.

The Pratap Section lifted the Trophy, breaking Shivaji Section's two-year long streak. Cadet K Arjun, Cadet Abhinav Anand and cadet Leonard Arambam bagged the medals in Juniors while Cadet Uday, Cadet Jaykant and Cadet Achudev reached the podium in Seniors. An unrelenting effort indeed!

*Cadet Anshul Roy, Class III*

## AN OYSTER FOR THE DARING

April 27, 2008: RIMC hosted an amateur Parasailing activity for the Cadets and the Members of Staff and also a few students from outside. This activity was coordinated by Squadron leader YS Panghal. The Parasailing faculty had come from Delhi. The event started at 10:30 hrs and the session continued till 1300 hrs. The second session started at 1400hrs and ended at 1600hrs. This was followed by a lecture by the President of Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering and Winter Sports (JIM&WS), Lt. Colonel AS Shekhawat. He briefed the Cadets about the several activities like Skiing, Mountaineering, White water rafting, Parasailing etc. He also informed the Cadets about various places of interest in Jammu and Kashmir. Cadets were greatly enlightened by his speech. He urged the Cadets to participate in numerous adventurous activities and invited them for course in the JIM & WS

*Cadet Mrugendra Joshi*

*Class - III*



# The Azure

I wake up to see  
The wide blue yonder  
Above me  
The display of the varied hues  
Of true wonders  
Above me

With the chirping birds  
It wakes up to life  
Above me  
With sun rays spreading  
Sapphire  
Above me

In the shades of  
Cerulean it bathes  
Above me  
And stars and Moon  
Swimming gaily  
Above me

The welkin roof's  
My home, my field  
Above me  
My feathered friends  
Thoroughly enjoying it  
Above me  
The rainy blue, very nostalgic above  
me.

*Cadet Parth Indalkar  
Class - II A*

## The Missing Link

Here's a new mind tickler. In each question, you must insert the word that completes the first word and begins the second, for example:

Voy(- - -)nda

Answer - Voyage/ Agenda

- 1) Fl(- - -)rage
- 2) Up(- - - -)eous
- 3) C(- - -)ter
- 4) M(- - - -)ance
- 5) Pro(- - - -)ament
- 6) Bar(- - - -)say

## Uurja 2008

On 19 April, a group of Cadets accompanied by Mr. Vishwakarma, participated in various competitions organized during Uurja '08 festivities. The competition was venue at the University of Petroleum and Energy Studies.

Cadets did exceedingly well in almost all the categories. Cadet Devashish was awarded the Youth Icon the most prestigious award in the Competition. Cadet Arhut Gupta bagged the Best Orator Award in the Youth Icon Competition.

Cadet Bhoopal and his team comprising of Cadet Gaurav, Cadet Abhijeet and Cadet Promoth won the Second Prize in the Wall Newspaper Making Competition.

Cadet Vivek, Cadet Avinash, Cadet Prajwal, Cadet Sachin, Cadet Abhyuday, Cadet Sanchit and Cadet Dinesh gave a non-competitive performance in the Dance Category which was hugely applauded. Cadet Abhishek Dash gave an Odissi dance performance and was awarded a Special Prize.

Let the RIMCO spirit to excel always be kindled!

*Cadet Mohit Chaudhary,  
Class II A*

## Doublets

You are already familiar with this exercise. Pick up your pens and jot down the answers. The 'Blue Box' is waiting.

Change PICK into DROP  
ALL into FEW  
WHY into HOW  
GAME into TEST  
FLOUR into BREAD

*Your answers with your names and class duly mentioned should find their way to the 'Blue Box' within two days of the dissemination of this issue.*

## Rack Your Brains!

How well informed are you? Test for yourself and drop your answers in the 'Blue Box' within two days of the distribution of this issue. Winner's name shall be disclosed in the next issue.

1. Which flower features on the stamp issued by Mongolia Post recently?
2. Name the 3000 square metre walk-in aviary at Singapore which is home to more than 9000 birds from 600 species.
3. According to the nursery rhyme, what five things did Old King Cole call for?
4. According to the Bible, how long was Noah's Ark?
5. A vegetarian should not have 'lachanophobia'. What is it a fear of?
6. James Earl Ray is considered the assassin of which Nobel Peace Prize winner?
7. The Maitree Express which rolled out of Kolkata to Bangladesh on April 14 crosses one river. Name it.
8. Name the book authored by the Chemist-developer of LSD, Albert Hoffman.

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## Reflections

"Laugh and be merry together, like brothers a kin,  
Guesting awile in the room of a beautiful inn."

— John Masefield

### EDITORIAL

It seems like yesterday when I padded in through the Thimayya Gate on the cold January morning, placidly recollecting how much fun vacations were. When I took the next step, four months had already passed! But each moment in these four months- whether it was poring over books, flailing wildly in the Swimming Pool or hanging and clutching onto beams effortlessly was truly zesty in itself. It is amazing to see how time clogs here- you're always in want of more. What is more amazing is how all of us have the flair for making the most of it. Stay back seems to have attenuated a rather palpable nostalgia to go home.

The Ed has taken some flak for erring Chronicle issues and over-glossy looks but then, it is such constructive criticism that keeps us going and also food for improvement.

While it is after four months that one leaves for vacations, in one corner of the heart this place always lingers. So much because this is the place that has taught us the real meaning of life- the place where we'll meet again after Vacations. Enjoy vacations! Also, this issue is a Valedictory special for our very zealous 163rd Course who bid us adieu on 29 May. Leaving behind moments spent together - all a curious broth of success, failure and sorrow, but poignant residual of indelible imprints. ALL THE BEST to the 163rd Course as it peregrinates.

Cadet Bhupendra Chand, Class V



Cadet Bhriгу Sharda receiving the Wavell Sword from the IMA Commandant, Lt Gen PK Rampal, PVSM, AVSM Guest of Honour at the Graduation Ceremony

### DATELINE

24 May

*Final Interview for the Cadets of the Passing Out Course*

26 May

*Section Socials*

30 May

*Graduation Ceremony*

1 June

*Cadets Leave for Vacations*

2 June

*Stayback Classes commence*

### COLLEGE NEWS

- A Kavi Sammelan was held at the Golden Key Auditorium at Clement town. The Chief Guest for the event was Maj Gen Umang Sethi, VSM, GOC Golden Key Division. Eleven poets from the town were present there. Cadets Mayank, Jaykant, Armaan, Debashish and Sonu Kumar also displayed extraordinary poetic skills.
- A workshop on 'Water Conservation' was held at Hotel Madhuban. Mr P K Sharma and Mr U P Dalvi participated.
- Eight Cadets appeared in the second round of NTS Examination held at Government Girls' Inter College.
- The RIMC Quizzing Contingent emerged victorious in the Rajeev Khanna Memorial Quiz at Scholars Home. Cadet Pranit Newar, Cadet Anshu Kumar and Cadet Devi Prasad Bhuiyan took part in this mega event and were highly applauded by all.



# RENDEZVOUS AT SANAWAR

Round Square sounds hypothetical but in its name lies its uniqueness. The Round Square at The Lawrence School, Sanawar from 23 to 26 April was indeed the perfect platform for varied cultures to intermingle. The grand displays by the host school in form of catering, escorting, the itinerary, visits, messing, and pleasure activities were second to none. Cadets Karthik, Anshu, Ajay and I were fortunate enough to be undergoing this experience of a lifetime. It was like tasting the amalgamation of different wavelengths, ideas, thoughts and expressions and an opportunity to vindicate the uniqueness of our alma mater too. There were fourteen schools participating viz. The Assam Valley School, The Doon School, PPS Nabha, Welham Boys School, Sanskar Valley, Daly College, Vivek High School, Lawrence School, Mayo Boys School, Scindia Boys School, Scindia Girls School, Indian Public School, VDJS, Hisar and RIMC. About eighty odd students were there for the event. The theme of the Conference was 'Heritage- Inheritance of Legacy'. The host school's 161 year old architectural marvels and campus were certainly befitting the theme. Later on, students were divided into 'Barazzas' (groups) with no two students of the same school clubbed together. An orientation

walk around the campus followed by Headmaster's Dinner was on the cards. The architectural survey of respective buildings, visit to Leprosarium, Shramdaan, IT Presentations and the street plays were all in store for us. By the end of the second day, the so called introvert 'Rookies' of RS had broken the ice and earned a name for themselves. 25 April was certainly the day we were waiting for. The trip cum trek to The Vice Regal Lodge Shimla and The Mall Road had all eyes glittering with anticipation of some real fun. We all tramped along with reluctance but it proved to be an opportunity of knowing others more. The visit to Kalka Toy Train was ever more refreshing. By now, the delegates had gelled more with other participants than with their native pals. The terminal day was one of mixed emotions as it was marked by closing ceremony, Inter Barazza Debate, visit to Kasuali, Group Photograph and Comment writing sessions. The razzmatazz of the host school was further enhanced by the JAM Session in which the barriers were shattered and mutual relations scaled new heights. Where on one hand, few satiated their emotions and never let the ice freeze again, others developed savoury faire. Cupid did strike a few while the rest were a bit

unlucky this time. . . . had to carry saturnine looks on their faces. 27th was certainly the day that embedded the nostalgia in our hearts. The early breakfast, queer silence, the 'feeling-blue' factor, the pacified dorms that once bubbled with spirited chatter and the outburst of emotions left everyone weak-kneed. The final bugle call left the RIMCOS waving their hands in anticipation and expressing their gratitude for all the warmth and hospitality of the hosts.

*Cadet NCO Rakshit Sharma,  
Class VA*

## VISITS

Lt Gen JP Singh, AVSM, GOC 2 Corps visited the College on 8 May. Appreciating the persevering Cadets, he gave a motivating speech saying that the Cadets looked smarter and more intelligent than his school days at St Joseph's Academy. He and his better half, both widely traveled and well-read, interacted with the Cadets and the Staff.

The Executive Committee Meeting was held on 28 April. Brig GS Taragi, VSM, DDGMT (B), Col PBS Lamba, Director MT-6 and Col Raju Peter, Director MT 15 were present at the meeting.

are performed at a high speed with short and active recovery periods. Generally, focuses on the mileage and internal training, in which repetition runs are done with appropriate recovery rests, is meant for speed and speed – endurance is also acquired through interval training.

Long intervals repetitions (2 to 5 minutes) are most potent stimulus because the individuals reach and sustain VO2 max during the work periods. Even with short intervals VO2 max can also improve, provided they are performed at a high speed with short and active recovery periods. Generally, it's believed that VO2 max is only an aerobic variable but the speed at which the VO2 max occurs involves quite a lot of contribution from the anaerobic metabolism as it occurs at a stage beyond the lactate threshold (when the heart beat is 70 per minute or above). With an improved VO2 max, you will not only have better blood circulation, a stronger heart and respiratory system but also better chances of winning in the middle and long distance races.

But you should go about gradually and consistently, not by fits and starts, avoiding over straining but having full faith in your self. If Rome could not be built in a day how can 90% VO2 max capacity in you be developed in a short time?

*Mr VK Rai  
(Athletics Coach)*

## THE CONCEPT OF VO 2 MAX

Your aerobic power and ability to run, cycle etc. longer and faster, corresponds to your capacity to consume oxygen. That is what the VO2 max is all about. The next vital question is, how to measure it? And further, how to improve it?

Since measuring VO2 max needs sophisticated equipment including Oxygen and Carbon dioxide gas analyzers, data acquisition system and many other gadgets, accurate measurement can only be done in a laboratory. However, scientists have evolved certain indirect methods to make rough estimate of the VO2 max of which a couple of them commonly used are given below:

### Cooper Test

Ken Cooper was a pioneer of aerobic exercises who evolved this method. In this test, the individual has to run as far as he can in 12 minutes. Noting this distance in miles, the following formula is applied to know his approximate VO2 max:

$$VO2 \text{ max} = (25.97 \times \text{Distance in miles}) - 11.29$$

Suppose the distance covered is 2 miles, then  $VO2 \text{ max} = (35.97 \times 2) - 11.29 = 71.94 - 11.29 = 60.65$ , 61 %

### 3 Minute Step Test

This is submaximal effort test using recovery heart

rate following 3 minutes of stepping exercise on a 16:25 inches high step at the rate of 24 steps per minute. Leading with the same leg one has to go up-up and down-down. After 3 minutes, his pulse rate is noted (Hr/ min) which is applied in the following formula to know his VO2 max – approx:

$$VO2 \text{ max} = 111.33 - (0.42 \times \text{Hr})$$

Suppose the Hr is 160, then  $VO2 \text{ max} = 111.33 - (0.42 \times 160) = 67.20$ , 68 % approx

How to improve VO2 max?

As we know, there are two factors involved in the VO2 max of an individual- central (Oxygen Supply) and peripheral (Oxygen use). Our training program should focus on the central-increasing the stroke volume and the cardiac output.

Mainly there are two ways of training for endurance, one in which an individual runs continuously and the other in which he runs intermittently which is known as interval training. Continuous running generally focuses in mileage and the interval training, in which repetition runs are prominent are for speed endurance. Long interval repetitions (2 to 5 minutes) are most potent stimulus because the individuals reach and sustain VO2 max during the work periods. Even with short interval, VO2 Max can also improve provided they



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## THE MELLIFLUOUS MINSTREL KUDOS

Friday 25 April proved to be an enchanting one for RIMC as Cadets witnessed a sterling musical performance conducted under the aegis of SPIC MACAY. The artist for the evening was Anna Tanvir, the Irish harp and guitar maestro who enamoured the audience with melancholic melodies and wondrous songs that she had learnt in various places like Madagascar and Ireland. She finished her rendition with a well known Hindi song- 'Chaudhavin Ka Chand', singing it with an endearingly distinct accent. She also enlightened the audience about the various facets of western music and musical instruments. Her range and the quality of her voice leaves little to be said as it cascaded flawlessly from the lowest to the very high notes. The show culminated with a breathtaking duet by Rupri Mahendroo and Anna, both interweaving the Indian Raga and Western Classical. Cadet Saurav Sirkar displayed his acumen by giving an impromptu performance on the guitar and very ably accompanying Ms Tanvir.

## THE MISSING MEDALS

The modern Olympics started with the motto- 'citius, altius, fortius' and perhaps the whole world got motivated but for some complacent Indian minds. We have not tasted victory more than thrice ever in any of the Olympics throughout history. The tally boasts of a total of thirteen medals in Hockey, one in Shooting, one in Tennis, a lone one in Weightlifting and a meager couple in other disciplines like Wrestling. In certain disciplines like swimming, the country has gone without a medal in the past fifteen years- neither in the Olympics nor in the Asian Games. We may be the second most populous country of the world, but still we are yet to become a power to be reckoned in any of the sports. Countries smaller in area and economic standards have fared better than us, more often than not. Is it not a matter of pity? Why has all this

- Maj Gen SK Singh, MGGs, Southern Command, Pune has been approved for promotion to the rank of Lt Gen. Here's wishing him many more laurels and achievements!! Group Captain Arjun Subramaniam presently posted at DSSC is cleared for promotion to the rank of Air Commodore. Congratulations!
- The following Army Officers have been approved for promotion to the rank of Brigadier during the recent past for their outstanding achievements:
 

Brig PS Jaggi	Air Defence Artillery
Col Rustam Patnaik (P)	Infantry (Mahar Regt)
Col Rajiv Mishra (R)	Artillery
Col Shammi Sabharwal (R)	Artillery
Col Raj Kapoor (R)	Signals
Col Balraj Singh (C)	Engineers
Col PP Singh (C)	ASC
- ACA RPS Rana won the prestigious Sword of Honour at the IMA (The 20th Rimcollian to bag the coveted honour) and was also awarded the President's Silver Medal. AUO Vaibhav Sinha was the 24th Rimcollian to clinch the President's Gold Medal at the IMA.
- Kudos to Cadet Himanjan Sharma who stood fourth in the All India Merit
- At the NDA, ACC Y Romen Singh won the President's Gold Medal, the 16th Rimcollian to win it in the past 16 years!
- Sudhir Tanwar got Bronze Medal in Naval Academy



Heartiest Congratulations to all of them and wish them many rungs up the ladder.

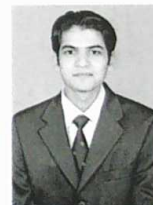
## EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Six Cadets, Astitva Tyagi, M Sai Surya, Mukesh Kumar, Devi Prasad Bhuiyan, Krishna Kany and K Vignesh, accompanied by Mr Birendra Singh left for Assam Valley School, Tejpur, on 03 June for an Exchange Program.

been happening? What's the reason? Perhaps we are not good enough...or maybe it's the Coaching...Cricket...Politics... Excuses are many and pretexts many more, but at the end of the day all lead to failure. Beijing may so well end up being another such moribund show for our country but 'its never too late'. So let us hope that the fire within us stays ignited as our sporting soldiers march towards Beijing. Well, that's more of a prerogative than a message.

Cadet Aaditya Udupa, Class III

## OBITUARY



With a heavy heart we inform you of the sad demise of Akshay Chhibbar (1999-02) Chandragupta Section. He passed away after he met with an accident. Like his father Capt(IN) Vippan Chhibbar, Akshay was also from Chandragupta Section. May his soul rest in peace.

## Book Post

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## Reflections

*"The voice of the intellect is a soft one, but it does not rest till it has gained a hearing."*

—Sigmund Freud

## Editorial

Once again the skies are clear and blue and this time the sun shines brighter. So it's "make hay now" opportunity. Once again the banner reads "Welcome Home" and this time with a vision and not a mere dream and with a fact for us to act. The indolent epochal of vacations rejuvenated the cadets as they geared up for a fruitful term full of rich dividends. Many joined with colossal intellect and rippling muscles and others seemed to have a nice time adding kilos. The galore of awards at NDA and IMA won by our old boys has certainly set the right tone for the Term. Many are getting motivated to ape their excellent show. 27 young buds have set their foot forward at the sprawling, verdant and salubrious campus and are ever more inspired to erect the edifice of a strong nation. The cadets are yet again banishing all self doubts, resentment, guilt, complexes, worries and are sure to find success rushing at their ends and flooding them with superb achievements. The newly incorporated chess and table tennis opens are surely an apt platform for the frisky cadets who are ebullient with regenerated souls and reactivated energy. With rains being a daily affair, the foliage of the campus seems to be deepening and enriching the greens thus creating an ambience of peaceful serenity in the College. Looking forward to the term, Cadets have surely realized that success and happiness depend more on attitude than on aptitude. The dictum of Bhagvad Gita that one must perform one's duty without attachment to fruits or results, emphasise this fact. Finally, my pen is too feeble a vehicle to delineate the full face of the multifaceted opportunities at our doors. So let's go about our business with clinical precision and aim for the pinnacle. Wishing you a successful Term ahead.....

Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma

Class V-A

## WHERE GALLANTRY IS A TRADITION



The Tabbing Ceremony..... with power comes responsibility!

## Dateline

- 31 May : Dispersal of Cadets.
- 02 June : Stayback Classes commenced.
- 13 July : Freshers arrive.
- 16 July : Rest of the College arrives.
- 17 July : Commandants Special Assembly and Wreath-Laying.
- 21 July : Inter-Section Creative Writing.
- 22 July : Chess Opens Finals and TT Opens Finals.
- 23 July : Kit-Inventory conducted for College.
- 25 July : Inter Section Variety Entertainment Competition.

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## Checkmate!

The Vishwanathans of the college were at loose, plotting moves and claiming victories; as College had RIMC Chess Opens from 17 to 22 July, 2008. 92 Cadets tried their wits at the rooks, pawns and bishops. While some could be seen at the end of their wits, for few it was a piece of cake. After many intensely fought matches, accompanied by seemingly unending silences, Cdt NCO Akash Shekhawat emerged right at the top.

Cadet Sonu Kumar emerged victorious in Juniors. Cadet Rahul Kadian won the title in Middle Category. The Opens ended with many determined to hone their skills and strike back.

Cadet Parth Indalkar  
Class-III



## Rendezvous With The AVIATORS

It was mere racking brains day and night to look for answers to those teasers and memorizing all laws of physics, chemical reactions and mathematical formulae and hours and hours of studies. After negotiating the tiring ordeal of the 'X' Boards when all others looked forward to going home, the six of us- Cdt Mukesh Kumar, Cdt Devi Prasad, Cdt Krishna Kant, Cdt K Vignesh, Cdt M Sai Surya and I, had other plans in store which meant an insight into a life unlike that of ours.

We, accompanied by Mr. Birendra Singh, left for an Exchange Program to Assam Valley School, Tezpur. Finally on 4 June with our faces sanguine with excitement, we took off from the College and landed in Assam Valley School on 5 June. The picturesque tea gardens and the serene campus left us agape. We were caught off guards when we



were told that we had to attend classes from 0800hrs to 1400hrs. Now this was something we had not planned to spend our time on.

During the week, we participated in various activities which were on in the campus, ranging from social service to sports to co-curriculars.

A trip to Bum-La was also squeezed into

our already packed schedule. It was courtesy Maj Gen Manvendra Singh and Col Zubin, two of our old boys, that we could avail this opportunity.

On 16 June we bade good bye to our new friends and started our journey home with heavy hearts lined with a tinge of fear for the Board results.

-Cdt Astitva Tyagi,  
Class-IV

## Frailty Is Not Thy Name

The unassuming demeanor of this short stature and middle aged lady clearly belies the tough and the unrelenting determination of hers that has dwarfed down virtually everything in her way. Dr(Mrs) Devyani Borole has earned the title of 'Polar Woman' satisfying herself and inspiring thousands throughout. She also happens to be the mother of Rimcollian Lt. Harshal Borole.

Selected out of sixteen others of whom she was the only lady, today she holds an enviable distinction of being the first Indian woman to visit both of India's permanent stations at Antarctica and provide fifteen months of inexorable medical service to the station's crew.

During her enlightening interaction with the cadets, she reflected upon her memorable and exhilarating stay at the Indian stations at Antarctica. Apart from talking about her daily life in the lifeless continent, she also commented on the importance and significance of such establishments in Antarctica. Her experiences included a long boating session in the lake Priyadarshini near the Maitri Station with picturesque surroundings. She also quoted various facts

of life and living in Antarctica. The lowest temperature recorded in this station is -87.67 degree Celsius. The population of the continent comprising scientists and crew members of various expeditions from various countries, which stands to a total of 700.

The crew consisted of 25 members and this was also the 25th Antarctic expedition undertaken by India. Maitri is located at a distance of five kilometers of the Russian scientific base called 'Novodeisky'. The station also experiences two months of complete darkness with no sunrise and two months of complete daylight with no sunset. The lecture was followed by a short movie of her experiences in the coldest and bleakest place on Earth -Antarctica.

Her relentless sense of duty and humble service have left a lasting impression on many a Cadet at the College.

Cdt Bhupendra Chand  
Cdt Abindu Dhar  
Class V

## Audacious Adrenaline

Adventure acts as salt to an otherwise saturnine existence. This vacation we had a chance to experience it ourselves. Eight cadets including myself attended the adventure course at NIM, Uttarkashi from 26 June to 10 July 2008. As the name suggests, we did a horde of adventurous and thrilling activities such as Rock Climbing, Zorbing, Bush Craft, Rock Craft, Absailing, Rappelling, Trekking, wall climbing, Bouldering, Pitch Climbing, Anchoring, Belaying, Bivouac pitching. These were accompanied with long and testing treks to Tekla, Quali, Nagini, Devi Temple and Nachiketa Taal. Due to the rise in the level of Bhagirathi River, rafting was banned. We went to Gangotri on 5 July and also crossed a tributary. The snow covered peaks were indeed fascinating. Many competitions, such as Field cooking, Point to Point March, Night March, Cross Country, Obstacle race were also organized. In Cross Country, Cadet Lalit Thapliyal and Cadet Praveen bagged Gold and Bronze respectively. Cadet Rakesh Singh and Cadet Praveen Kumar Singh received a Gold and Silver in lecturette. In Basketball, RIMC was declared Runner's-Up. It was a good experience for us. We are grateful to the College for having given us such a golden opportunity.

- Cdt Nishant Rana, Class IA



## Rimcollian Stalwarts

### LT PALLAV JHA

(July 98 – May 03, Ranjit)

This PGM winner at RIMC, NDA and IMA is certainly an ideal for many. Being Cadet Captain here, he carried on the great show at the NDA and IMA too, by holding the post of ACA with discipline stars. This Officer of Engineers has certainly brought laurels to his Alma Mater. We wish him a very Best of Luck for his future. This sword of Honour at RIMC and IMA and recipient of Gireesh Verma Silver Medal and Col. Haughton's Silver Medal is an officer of multiple talents.

### LT RANA RUDRA PRATAP SINGH

(July 99 – May 04, Pratap)

This Pratap Section Commander was a multifaceted personality. He was always an ebullient source of effervescence and took RIMCO's dressing up standard to an elevated level. Having passed out with Col Haughton's Silver Medal at RIMC, he carried on the great show forward and bagged the Sword of Honour and PSM at IMA. This Officer of Gorkha Rifles is sure to take RIMC flag to glorious heights.

### Lt Vaibhav Sinha

(July 99 – May 03, C'Gupta)

It is rightly said, "Rank does not confer power, it improves responsibility." This Dorm Com at RIMC aptly lives upto this adage. Being the son of a Rimcollian, he always had the crowd by his side and the expectations were always ever more high. He never let anyone down. He not only bagged PGM at NDA and IMA, He also won the Sword of Honour at IMA. He commanded the POP with great élan. We wish him a very Best of Luck for his future.

### GC Y Romen Singh

(Jan 2000 – Nov 04, C'Gupta)

No one ever knew that behind those meek eyes and small size, there was an officer in the making, the one of a sterling class. Being a Dorm Com, he took keen interest in all spheres of his stay at NDA and walked out of its portals with PGM and the award of the Best Army Cadet. Overwhelmed by his marvelous achievement, the State Govt of Manipur conferred a cheque of Rs five lacs on him. He has certainly made a difference in the lives of those who call themselves 'a little bit unlucky'. We hope he excels in all walks of life.

*Cdt Caption Rakshit Sharma  
Class V A*

## The Portals Welcome .....

### Cdt B. Kumaran Ravi (P)

This equestrian champion in the making from the State of Tamil Nadu has keen interest in other sports too.

### Cdt Parth Tiwari (C)

With the unique tag of an outstanding academician feathered to his cap, this lad from Chattisgarh has a flair for all sports and arts.

### Cdt Mayank Dhama (P)

This tall, smart jocular youth from Meerut, believes that life has a lighter side too.

### Cdt Ravi Pathak (P)

This localite's first love is soccer.

### Cdt Ligang Kobing (P)

From the distant land of Arunachal Pradesh, this youngster could enthrall anyone with his keen aesthetic capabilities.

### Cdt Lalit Kumar (P)

An avid reader from Jaipur, he relishes the company of books.

### Cdt Akash Yadav (C)

From the coastal town of Vaizag, he is an enthusiastic swimmer and badminton player.

### Cdt Vishal Shaw (C)

An academician to the core, this Bengali is also a good soccer player.

### Cdt Karan Raj Sohi (P)

This josh machine from Patiala has a rich haul of 36 Gold medals for swimming in his cache.

### Cdt Prathamesh Uday Kohale (C)

A budding scholar, he has taken part in various Olympiads and has diverse skills.

### Cdt Aditya Kalsotra (C)

This fresher from Kaluchak has a pastiche of interests ranging from painting to roller skating.

### Cdt Danish Ansari (C)

Hailing from Meerut, he hopes to do well in academics as well as theatre.

### Cdt V Lalremdika (C)

This avid guitarist from Mizoram is sure to find a place in music hobby.

### Cdt Kaushal Kumar (S)

A born orator, he has a keen interest in sports and co curricular activities.

### Cdt Shivam Sharma (S)

A soccer and computer aficionado, he will surely do well in future.

### Cdt Anuj Anil Sable (S)

This Marathi lad is sure to be an asset to the College Nature club.

### Cdt Pritesh Pratik Prasad (S)

This academician hailing from Gandhinagar aspires to bear a Medhavi badge.

### Cdt K Pranish (S)

Native of Bodhan, he will surely find a place for himself in the Art Hobby.

### Cdt Avinash Chhetry (S)

An aspiring marksman and swimmer, he joins us from Tezpur.

### Cdt Sourabh R Thorve (S)

This keen academician from Madgaon, swims like a dolphin.

### Cdt O Khumanlaba (R)

An artistic youngster from Imphal, desires to master sports arena as well.

### Cdt Prince Robin Krishna Murti (R)

A quizzer from Jamshedpur, is a social activist is too.

### Cdt Vikram Dalal (R)

A deft handballer, has also excelled in karate and wishes to pick up various games.

### Cdt Rahul Thakur (R)

Another karate maestro, this Himachali is sure to earn a place for himself in the College Team.

### Cdt Vivek Thalor (R)

This Delhiite is a keen academician.

### Cdt Gaurav Kumar (R)

Another quizzer from Bihar, desires to excel in sports field.

## CONGRATS!!!

RIMC Commandant's Fund scholarship of Rs 5000/- awarded to No.2458/R Cadet Mukesh Kumar, who has stood first in class X Board Exam May 2008 term among cadets.

Late Shri KP Bhadra Scholarship of Rs 3460/- awarded to No 2330/S Cdt Himanjan Sarma, who has stood first in class XII Board Exam 2008 term among cadets, who has joined NDA in July 2008.

Cdt Ayush Salaria of Class IA has earned the rare distinction of becoming the only Cadet to clear the Double Promotion Exam this term which was conducted from 10 July to 15 July 2008.



## The Higher Purpose

Walking amidst the green to find;  
The sole reason for this existence of mine;  
I ferreted out a few abstruse notions  
Which rattled through my mind in commotion.

The inkling that struck me the most,  
Conferred on me the purpose of ours  
that we boast;  
Is to have solicitude for others who  
dwell on this earth,  
To care for them who too have taken  
birth.

It's not only the Homo Sapiens alone;  
But these plants and animals who too  
are prone;  
Prone to being lost in the endless  
stretch;  
Either eaten away or murdered  
ruthlessly by men.

They are fading away with time ticking  
by,  
If there is no concern for them we  
ought to say goodbye.  
It's high time that we realized the  
importance of existence,  
Not only of ours but also of those  
suffering from pain intense.

The reason for our survival does not  
end with us,  
It lives, stays, dwells until they too  
follow us.  
Follow us not for the bad we  
accomplished,  
But for our righteousness, for the good  
that we executed.

There ends the motive of my narration,  
When 'one' of us takes a step forward  
and has the realization;  
Of having been selfish and self-  
centered this far,  
To bring those who are meek, at par.

Cadet Saurav Kaushik  
Class IV A

## Kayaked !

On any other day like those the month of June bears, when thousands of vehicles run down the burning roads, there was one olive green Canter steadily moving on towards its destination – Bengal Engineering Group, Roorkee. On 1 July perching peacefully but with our insides racing, sat we, with our hearts kissing the pinnacle of exuberance.

As we entered the premises of the institute, it was clear why the eight of us had our necks pricking in the scorching heat. Kayaking and Canoeing : the name itself was enough to pulsate the heart, and we had actually come to be a part of it.

With a short acquaintance with the sport, we all tyros got down in the waters with diffidence and trepidations, and started off with what was certain to be the most exhilarating experience for years to come. The first day was spent getting the basics right and familiarizing ourselves with the boat. After innumerable topple overs of the boats, all of us finally got the knack of balancing it. Three hours of relentless training left us enervated and an outing the next day was a welcome break.

Rejuvenated, we were back to master the kayaks and traversed a long distance using our bare hands as pedals. As night



crept in, we retreated to our dormitories early, worn out by the activities of the day. The next day we eventually got the pedals. Pedaling proved to be a challenge, but after relentless striving, we managed to control our boats. The evening saw us spending precious time at the Three Feathers Sports Complex where we further honed our skills of pedaling.

The next day, we called upon Mr Raṭuri's house where a sumptuous treat awaited us. We also had tea with Col Sugandh Sharma of 28th Battalion, Mechanized Infantry, a proud Rimcollian who provided us the unique opportunity of firing a 12 Bore gun and enjoying a bumpy ride on a BMP tank. Back in the waters the thrill was beyond all limits when we all, along with the Commandant had a Kayaking race which left all of us soaked in water and joy alike.

The 6 August's morning sun brought with it our tickets back. Bidding adieu to all our instructors, we returned to the College with our hearts still throbbing and the entire being thrilled.

Cdt Anant Kukreti  
Class - VA

Rimcollians at the NDA have yet again done their Alma Mater proud by leading the pack in the Academy Cross-Country Competition. Rimcollian Gaurav Hridaya, once again took away the Gold thus asserting his supremacy. Following close on his heels was Rimcollian Jaspal Singh who bagged the Bronze Medal.

## KUDOS !

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## Reflections

The goal of war is peace;  
of business, leisure.

Aristotle

## Editorial

"Be brave, be bold and dare to do". Keeping this dictum in mind, the Cadets have yet again started to move on with faith hoping to give free rein to their vision. With no vacillation, no hesitation and no rest till the 'job' is done, the Rimcos are once again at their indomitable best. With the tick tock of the morning clock, everyone has synchronised himself to raise their talents to stratospheric levels. Variety Entertainment show was no exception where the rookies, the debutants, the novices came forward and the so called dormant class stepped out of its supine sheaths. Squash courts were certainly a rendezvous of budding Ritwiks who were all too eager for a good show and were motivating their section mates to bring glory to their respective sections. Our College teams have also let their ambitions surface. The College is abuzz with events and activities these days. The rugged terrain of the Cross Country route, the skyline stretches of the soccer field and the rhetorical best in the debating front, all stood up to the quote – "Adversity is the prosperity of the great". The incessant rains have certainly brought respite from the humidity that is energy sapping and has laid the foundation of an apt ambience to be working in. Academic block was certainly the hub of a lot of happening as UTs were on the cards. The long periods of insomnia are over and academic block burgeons. With heads held high, steps triumphant, minds made up and hearts sincere, the force of 250 is ready to accept impending challenges coming their way. The refurbished dorms and the archaic Bhagat Hall have yet again stirred the emotional quotient of the cadets. So press on, surmount rocky steps, climb boldly and be a hero.

Keeping the morale high and with continued faith in the Almighty, we look forward to another month of success, happiness and enjoyment.

—Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma  
Class VA

## CITIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS



A hard-earned victory to Pratap - Inter Section X- Country Comps.

## Dateline

- 26 July : Dramas enacted by competing Sections.  
Inter Section Squash Competition commenced.
- 30 July : Finals of Inter Section Squash Competition.  
Shivaji Section emerges victorious.
- 31 July : Educational Visits for all classes.  
Freshers go on 'Doon Darshan'.
- 1 Aug : Debate at St George's College, Mussoorie.
- 2 Aug : RIMC bags the Second spot at Milestone Cultural Competition at St George's College.  
Cadet Piyush Deshmukh leaves for Training cum Competitions Program at Sydney, Australia.
- 4 Aug : Class I A defeats Class I in a well-contested Soccer Match.  
Squash Team leaves for States Open Championship Karnataka.
- 7 Aug : Inter School Powerpoint and Quiz Competition at St Jude's School.  
RIMC wins the Quiz.
- 8 Aug : Inter Section Hindi Debate. Chandragupta emerges victorious.
- 13 Aug : Drama Workshop by noted theatre artist Mr Alok Ullat.
- 14 Aug : Unit Tests commence.
- 15 Aug : Sixty-first Anniversary of Indian Independence celebrated.  
Inter Section Cross-Country conducted. Pratap lifts the Trophy.
- 22 Aug : Inter Section Quiz Competition – Phase I. Shivaji makes headway.
- 23 Aug : Inter Section Soccer Competition commences.
- 28 Aug : Finals of Inter Section Soccer. Ranjithians claim the title.  
Squash players leave for Rajasthan level Squash Open.
- 29 Aug : Inter Section Mock Parliament.



## Eyes Wide Shut

Amalgam of rich colour

The gaiety of flowers,

People swarming like flies

While the pitiful thing cries

All in their merry mood,

Not a thought, for the disaster that stood.

Was it right?

To think not, about the creature

That perished that night.

Men came and men went and the

tiny vines became friend

In the middle of the road, it lay

The next day when the boys did play

The pain was gone together

Were gone the values altogether.

—Cadet Tonmoy Barua, Class IIIA

## A Rimcollian in the Making

From the group chats

To the PT mats

And the PJ Gate

Mr Tyagi saying – “You are late”

To Mainak and I, on cutting bounds,

Just got a ‘carry on’ from the daily rounds.

Funny hours of the classes

To the anterooms turgid glasses

All of them were so different

And also hazy to the sight.

Suddenly they all vanished

Gone like a ray of light.

I got up restless and excited

Happy about what I had just seen.

But then occurred to me all of a sudden,

That soon they will be a part of my past.

Soon I will be a Rimcollian

My Dad said it is an achievement to be one

But today I don’t feel the same.

I remember my first day, how I cried and wanted to leave

I’m trying to envision whether

I’ll cry when asked to leave.

I ask myself – “Where? Oh Where?”

Where will I find this beauty, this love?

Cadet Adhiraj Ghose, Class VA

## I Abide By Thee....

“I, Cadet Anant Kukreti, swear in the name of God that I will discharge my duties with utmost sincerity and loyalty to the institution. As a spokesman of cadets, I will ensure proper liaison between administration and cadets. I, with the College appointments will strive for healthy relationship between seniors and juniors and will make every effort within rules and regulations to help the juniors feel a happy and motivated lot. I will strive all round discipline, eradicate unauthorized punishment and uphold the traditions of our College..”

After hearing these oft repeated words every term for the past nine terms I’d never thought this final one to be any different. As I reclined in my most favourite chair of the auditorium with my head traversing some different realm of my world I call imagination, Neelabh who was sitting beside me got up abruptly and not just he but all other appointments started walking down the steps of the auditorium and even before I realized, I myself was standing right below the stage with all the eyes glued at all of us. Never had I heard my heart throb against my chest that clearly. Never had those otherwise warm eyes, seemed so penetrating as if piercing me through and rummaging my insides to scrutinize everything in and out.

With my mind still adjusting to the fact that I had to repeat those words of oath, before I knew, my right hand was up and my lips broke open to utter what 28

others spoke simultaneously. With each word that escaped my lips, my otherwise hand shivered and my shoulders suddenly started feeling heavier. It seemed that those two green tabs bore a lot more than the College Crest. It bore the faith, the belief to stand against odds; it bore the strength to question long stood age old tradition, it bore the responsibility of others aspirations and expectations and above all, it carried with it the spirit of conviction. It reminded that each night meant introspection and each morning brought promises to be kept. To stand up and speak for those who trust you. To go on when each ounce of you wants to stop, fall down panting.

Never before had I made promises to myself in public. It is rare when one has to get up and say “I will” because then it becomes imperative to live up to it. It gets with it the truth that living up to others’ expectations was no longer one’s prerogative but one’s compulsion. All this left me unsure if I could do what I had been asked to. If I could, after four months of my tenure, look at myself in the mirror right in the eyes. I grew doubtful if I could keep my promises.

Suddenly, the clouds of fear were dispelled by rays of conviction. The dilemma I was in, evaporated miraculously and a smile broke across my face. My shoulders grew lighter and my hands became steadier.

I knew it was tough, but then I knew - I WAS TOUGHER.

— Cadet NCO Anant Kukreti, Class VA

## Action..... Cut.... Retake !

After toiling for hours on the go, dancing on tunes unknown to our humble hearts and acting with counterfeit expressions on our faces, our labour yielded fruits when the Chandragupta Section won the Inter- Section Variety Entertainment Competition on the 26th of July.

The Musical Night was an amalgam of Eastern and Western cultures in a manner never seen before. Four Sections, hundreds of innovations, but still nothing seemed enough. Every event left the viewer longing for more. New avenues opened up as the Cadets put up an unprecedented display of talent on the stage, enthralling the audience. In the Drama Category, Shivaji Section came up with the play – ‘Burgler’ where as Pratap remixed the age-old story of Troy. Ranjit staged the Hindi play – ‘Gaddha’ while the Chandragupta Section put up the ‘Legend of Clod’. The Sections also presented short skits conveying a social message each.

The eventual results were as under –

Musical Evening	Drama
I Chandragupta	I Chandragupta
II Ranjit	II Ranjit
III Pratap	III Shivaji
IV Shivaji	IV Pratap

Sec Cdr Cdt Govind Shukla, Class VA



## Taare Zameen Par

"Every Child is Precious." Often I am left amazed at the authenticity of this simple statement. As I see the freshers getting to terms with College life, the glitter in their eyes says a lot. It tells me that these are determined young men in search of their Ithaca. It tells me that they are the nation's future and a very sturdy one at that. But to top it all, it reminds me over and over again, that these kids next door are liking it here.

I cannot express in words how important it is for them to adore this place. A place they would call home for the next five years. Fortunately, it is also a place they seem to be in love with. Love at first sight is sweet, but persistent love even sweeter. It looks as if their new found love is here to stay. To see them mingling with each other and the College alike is a real treat to the beholder. Two months have passed and numerous young buds have already made their presence felt. Many others are in the wait, ready to bloom at any instance. To them RIMC is utopia, entering into the realm of their dreams. I know there might have been hardships, I know there were moments of dark despair but the one who lives through them is the first to embrace the morning sun. Having passed the test of fire, the warmth of glory awaits them. This is their moment ... their era. They may be the country's future but are our present. The first term phenomenon is on and how! The world is theirs to take over, and seeing them going - Victory is not far.

Years ago Robert Frost penned down a few lines that became the most inspirational verse ever included in English literature. A worthy dedication-

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,  
But I have promises to keep,  
And Miles to go before I sleep,  
And Miles to go before I sleep."

*Cadet Anshul Roy,  
Class III A*

## Rediscovering Doon

*"The real voyage of discovery consists not in making new landscapes but in having new eyes." Befitting this dictum and with genuinely inquisitive minds, RIMCOs visited various technological, military and educational institutions on 31 July, 2008. These visits proved to be very fruitful indeed as the guidance and organization of staff was really very fine. The Cadets learned, enjoyed, queried to the fullest and returned with a very significant increase in their knowledge pertaining to various topics.*

**The visits were as follows:**

**Class I** visited the prominent institutions of Dehradun, namely: Indian Military Academy, National Institute of Visually Handicapped and Forest Research Institute. The aim of the visits was to learn about modern warfare and Indian Army, to witness how visually challenged overcame the lack and established themselves as useful citizens of the society and acquire basic knowledge about Indian forests

**Class IA and II** visited Naval Hydrographic Office with the agenda of getting to know how navigational and geographical maps are made. There they learnt about various instruments related to it.

**Class IIA** paid a visit to IIP (Indian Institute of Petroleum). This institute carries out research in Indian Petroleum. The Cadets got the opportunity to observe the refinement of crude oil and the equipment/machinery used in it.

**Class III** visited the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology where they were introduced to the formation, history, structure of Himalayas and other geographical phenomenon such as earthquakes and landslides. They were

shown various fossils as well as illustrative presentations.

**Class IIIA** had an educational tour to the Central Soil and Water Conservation Research Institute. They got enlightened about the various types of soil, soil erosion, per hectare yield production methods, water pollution, water conservation techniques and soil conservation.

**Class IV** visited the Defence Electronics Application Laboratory, established with the aim of providing Indian Defence Services with modern equipment and means of communication. They saw Radio Briefcase, High frequency RADAR as well as the highest frequency radios.

Wildlife Institute was visited by **Class IVA** where they learnt about the flora and fauna of India. The Cadets enjoyed the stroll in the midst of nature which not only freshened them up but also provided the opportunity of seeing natural processes on the ground.

**Class VA** went to Instruments Research & Development Establishment where they were detailed about the functions of the Night Vision Instruments, Thermal Imaging Systems, Optical Photonics and so on.

The practical knowledge attained from these visits was far different and interesting unlike the studies carried out inside the four walls of classroom which become tedious due to the monotony of the way of teaching. We sincerely look forward to more such opportunities in order to broaden the horizon of our practical as well as conceptual knowledge.

*~ Cdt Parth Indalkar, Class III*

## Reaching out...

"The child's tender mind is such that if groomed well, it can scale insurmountable terrains and if not - it can make doom befall." Cadet Piyush Deshmukh surely belongs to the former group of prodigies. Having done the College proud at numerous Horse Shows across the country, he had done us proud before by being selected for the Indian Juniors' Team. His accomplishments don't stop here, it seems he has more on his mind. Selected for training at Sydney, he has been sent Down Under to hone his equestrian skills. To undergo training for an entire month at Carroll's ranch in the suburbs of Sydney, this Cadet is surely on a high. Wishing him all the very best for his future!

*A mesmerized reporter.*





## It Ain't Easy! ... *Anshul grumbles*

### Life Ain't Easy!

From the very moment a new life looks around to find comfort in the strange hands awaiting its arrival, it treads on dangerous grounds. From a calm existence, the transition to this chaotic world ain't easy. Scores of people bending over you, just to get a glimpse of your supposedly cute smile, is never a comforting experience, is it? As the child grows, it reaches out further. The staircase, the big-ghostly bathrooms and every dark corner of his own house adds to his mounting fears. An old nanny doesn't help its cause either. And what with tasteless, bleak broth being forced down one's throat, for seemingly no particular reason at all. Then comes school. With grumpy-old teachers and bully kids all around, it does not seem to be the utopian place his parents mentioned it was. As the toddler traverses the schooling distance, truckloads of books strapped on his back, he enters a war-torn territory. A war of beliefs... a war of ideas... a war of passion and of course - a war of generations. This is teenhood, my friends - 'Omnipotent Teenhood'. Then, there are things to study and places to visit, but as always, you have something very important to do.

Fortunately, this is all of life that I have seen. But one thing stands firm throughout my humble rendezvous with life —

"It Ain't Easy!"

## Crossing Thresholds!

"When the going gets tough, the Rimco gets going." Thus, this term took off with long Lal Gate rounds and endless repetitions of X Country routes. Cadets could be seen putting in every bit of energy, endurance and persistence and thus, improving day by day. Be it morning twilight or prevailing dusk, the Rimcos did not let a single chance go by to ensure their Section emerges the winner. And finally, after nearly a month's painstaking preparations, all the Sections fought tooth and nail for the Inter Section Cross Country Trophy on the sixty first anniversary of Indian sovereignty.

It was really an astonishing performance by both the Juniors and the Seniors. After an intense competition, Pratap Section emerged on the top followed closely by Shivaji.

The competition came to an end with numerous vows to pull up the X Country standards further and put up an equally brilliant show next time around.

*Cadet Vineet Mulam, Class I A*



Milestone  
2008

After giving an enthralling performance in the Inter Section Variety Entertainment, it was time for the Cadets to prove their mettle at the Inter School level. So, after honing their skills in various disciplines, our Cadets went to St Georges College, Mussorie to take part in the Milestone- 2008. The cadets did exceptionally well and bagged the second position out of thirteen schools. A brilliant performance indeed!

## An Acrostic

Far away, in distant lands  
Rambles my heart, amidst virgin sands.  
In search of a true friend  
Eternity am I ready to spend.  
Nowhere to go, am all alone,  
Dying for a friend, rest ambitions gone.  
Somewhere the special one beckons  
Heart reaching out to him.  
Into my life, he'd return light  
Pushing aside evils, that now reside.

*Cadet Anshul Roy, Class III A*

## No more a Rimco!

Putting on my shoes I strolled out,  
Into the paling sky,  
Though the evening beckons me,  
My spirits are not so high.

Each step of mine resounds,  
As if pulling at my heart.  
Thousands of memoirs pile up inside,  
As I prepare to depart.

The roads just carry me,  
For my soul is not with my eyes  
The pavilion, mess, anteroom, audi,  
All seem to just pass by.

Somehow these thoughts rattle inside,  
As emotions are difficult to hide:

No more there will be rounds,  
No thrills of going on cutting bounds.  
No more of parade to bunk,  
None of those joshy Lal Gate runs.

That scrambling for tea shares,  
And dopping away in classes,  
Rolling over gravels and grasses,  
Will be missed in masses.

Learning the skills from seniors,  
Sweating on the fields with juniors,  
Speaking your heart without fear,  
Are things only seen here.

But time has elapsed,  
My journey comes to an end,  
As I look at the distant shore,  
I find myself a Rimco- No More!

*Cdt. Sub NCO Avaneendra M. Thakur  
Class V*



## Inter Section Hindi Debate

With all the four sections competing for the Inter Section Hindi Debate Trophy, many instances of excellent eloquence were to be found. The final results were as under :

I Chandragupta

II Pratap

III Shivaji

IV Ranjit

Cadet Sachin Lakhawat won the Best Speaker award while the Commandant's Special Prize went to Cadet Abhilash Patra and Cadet Praveen Kumar Singh. This was a well-contested competition applauded by one and all alike.

*Cadet Devashish Upadhyaya, Class III A*

## Adios!

After spending nearly two wonderful years with him, now its time to say goodbye to Mr Subash Raturi. It was really great to have a cheerful, helpful and, not to forget, a flamboyant teacher. His neat and smart attire, charming smile and everlasting patience will be missed by one and all. All the best for a bright and prosperous future, Mr Subhash !

## Nostalgia At Bumla

The one thing that strikes a visitor to Bumla is the desolate expanse, the bone biting chill and the absolute stillness of a graveyard. As we drove down the road (coincidentally built by the invading Chinese army in 1962: it is the same road but surprisingly the road is in very bad shape) at a seemingly unimportant place, our host Col. Zubin Minwalla, turned right and gave a curt salute. On inquiring, we were told 'this is the place where the Indian army suffered its first casualties in the infamous conflict of 1962'. The memorial is located just a few hundred metres from the border; as I looked at the memorial my mind could easily visualize the picture; a handful of soldiers, mercilessly attacked by an enemy much more superior in numbers, but withdraw they did not, but lived up to the traditions of the Indian army, they did not only fight to the last bullet, they fought to the last man. I kept looking at the small memorial, my eyes turned misty; at an altitude of over 13000 ft all alone, far away from home, braving the relentless chilly winds and the constant heavy down pour; the men gave no quarter and expected none. The terrain here, tests a man's survival

skills to the core; it is not the altitude and it is not the cold but it is the maddening quietness that can drive a person insane.

From Tawang to Bomdilla; from Bomdilla to Dirang; today the scene is picturesque and serene; but every curve on the road has a story to tell, the story of courage amidst treachery; the story of heroism amidst cowardice and the story of the ultimate sacrifice. The road is littered with bunkers; even though they are in a dilapidated shape but they bear testimony to a fierce resistance; one is reminded of the Battle of Thermopylae, in which the vastly outnumbered Greeks held back the Persians in one of history's most famous stands. Even though the enemy succeeded in over running the posts, it sustained losses disproportionate to those of the defenders. The performance of the soldiers at Bumla, Tawang, Bomdilla and at the Sela Pass has become a symbol of courage against overwhelming odds.

*Cadet Astitva Tyagi, Class IV*

## A Competitive Delight

"The sweetest victories are those attained by sheer practice and a bit of luck strewn on the way."

These words resounded many times over as the Inter Section Squash Competition traversed its various stages. Termed as the initial battle for supremacy amidst the warring Sections and fuelled by ever-growing predilections, it was poised to be a gripping affair. After days of thrilling matches and with mixed emotions prevailing all around, the Trophy eventually went to the Shivaji Section. Ranjit Section followed close on their heels but ended up as the next-to-best squad.

Shivaji Section took the gold in the U-13 and the Opens Category while the Ranjit Section got their share in the booty by lifting the U-15 Title. Cadet Ankit Singh, Cadet Surya Prakash and Cadet Amod Sanjay were adjudged the Best Players in the Juniors, Middles and Seniors category respectively. Cadet Amod Sanjay also had the rare distinction of being conferred the 'Player of the Tournament' award.

With one of the most exciting inaugural events of the Term having gone by, the Cadets have yet again set their eyes on the future. Predictions are on a high and bets abound over the mystifying unknown.

*Cadet GDS Sidhu, Cadet Anshul Roy  
Class III A*

## Yearnings...

A hundred dead here  
And thousand more there,  
While the battle cries sound  
Lie lame warriors around-  
Devastation of no measure.  
Why can't the enmity jade

And bridges of friendship be made  
The civil strife end,  
Let greed lie low,  
And true beauty of humanity show.

*Cadet Tonmoy Barua, Class-III A*

Book Post

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## Reflections

*Great achievements build a monument which shall endure until the Sun grows cold.*

*George Fabricius*

## Editorial

"Whatever your mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve. You have the power to fashion your fate and decide your destiny." This credo has certainly been the most potent, powerful and prime source of inspiration for all of us. The bygone era has taught each one of us just more than the ordinary one. The experience and learnings of Soccer Cup have certainly been gold for the taking. Notwithstanding the fact, the energies and the efforts of the swimmers had set the Water Cube on fire. With boundless energy, enthusiasm and determination, they secured their cherished objective by winning laurels for their Sections and the College on the whole. Surviving the modern era's grind, we had much to cheer for as we affirmed our status as hospitable hosts to many a visitor time and time again. With an indomitable passion, Cadets are yet again embarking forth on a torrid mountain of Mid Term exams. Preparations are on a high as the College tries to stay focused and drive towards the winning end. As the monsoon slowly retreats, its time again to reflect over our doings in the past. With zeal, vigour and the penchant to excel, we are sure to supplement ourselves to attain the winning mantra.

The epicals of the twilight hour also saw the Senior Cadets emulating the role of respective faculty members and extending gratitude for their selfless service on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

With a certainty of purpose and an irresistible desire to succeed, we step forward with all our might and expect to achieve the victory that beckons.

*Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma  
Chief Editor*

SIC ITUR AD ASTRA (Such is the way to the stars)



*Prodigal excellence... Cadet Karan Raj Sohi receiving the Best Swimmer Award*

## Dateline

- Sep 1** : Inter Section Swimming Competition commences
- Sep 2** : Finals of Inter Section Swimming. Pratap lifts the Trophy.
- Sep 3** : RIMC Soccer Cup inaugurated by Admiral Arun Prakash, PVSM, AVSM, Vrc, VSM(Retd).
- Sep 4** : College Swimming Team leaves for IPSC Swimming Championship, YPS Patiala.
- Sep 5** : Teacher's Day celebrations.
- Sep 6** : Brig G S Taragi, VSM, DDGMT arrives in the College.
- Sep 8** : Finals of RIMC Soccer Cup presided over by Brig G S Taragi, VSM. Tibetan Home School emerges victorious.
  - Play put up by the Chapati Circus Company in collaboration with Mr Alok Ulfat.
- Sep 10** : Team from Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow, visits for trials for Young Blood Championship
- Sep 12** : St George's Swimming Competition. RIMC comes second.
  - The English Debating Team takes part in the Oliphant English Debate at Welham Boys' School.
- Sep 13** : Kashi Naresh Vaghvibhuti Narayan Singh All-India Inter School Hindi Debate 2008 organised. RIMC achieves Victory.
  - Chukurbutty English Debate held at the Doon School.
- Sep 14** : RIMC lifts the Doon School Quiz Trophy.
- Sep 15** : College Mid Term Exams commence.
- Sep 22** : Class III leaves for Pune-Mumbai Hike
- Sep 23** : Shooters leave for IPSC Shooting Championships at Mayo College, Ajmer. College Mid Term Exams end.
- Sep 24** : Cadets go on a trekking hike to Mussoorie.
- Sep 25** : Classes III A, IV, IV A and VA attend Jungle Warfare Show at IMA.
- Sep 26** : Inter Section Mock Parliament held.



## Eloquence par Excellence .

"This was home territory and we hoped to win. As the competition set off, we knew we had a real chance. By the time it ended, History had been created."

In a nutshell, this is exactly what happened as our Debating Team strived through the day-long Kashi Naresh Vagvibhuti Narayan Singh All-India Inter School Hindi Debate.

One of the most prestigious Hindi Debating events of the Doon Valley, it saw the participation of a total of 12 schools vying for supremacy. After two rounds of neck to neck competition, it all came down to four schools fighting it out in the Grand Finale -

The Scindia Boys School, Gwalior  
Vidya Devi Jindal School, Hissar  
Scholars' Home, Dehradun and  
RIMC, Dehradun.

The host team comprising of Cadet Devashish Upadhyaya, Cadet Archit Gupta and Cadet Sachin Lakhawat was adjudged the winner of this edition of the annual Hindi debate. Continuing the tradition, the Trophy was awarded to the second-posed school - the Scholars' Home contingent.

Kudos to the team!

*Cadet Siddhartha Prateek Singh, Class III A*

## The Stunner -

### 'Bindaas...'

It was artistic brilliance at its prime as the Chapati Circus Company from Sweden and the Alok Ulfat Center for Performing Arts together presented the play- 'Bindaas Incredible People'. An assortment of performers from Sweden, Finland, Germany and France and not to forget the Indians, this was a collaboration we would like to witness again and again. A mix of Acrobatics with the quintessential elements of Drama, this presentation left the audience in utter awe.

An enthralling performance, indeed.

*Cadet Aman Kumar Roy, Class III A*

## Depths .... of Glory!

The past month saw a host of activities taking place in the swimming pool, giving the swimmers a vast experience through competition. First to come was the IPSC Swimming Competition hosted by the Yadevendra Public School, Patiala from the 5th of September. The venue for the event was the Netaji Subhas Chandra National

Institute for Sports. A total of 20 schools took part in the highly-contested event, with the College team finishing at the seventh spot in the points tally. After three days of cut-throat competition, we bagged a total of six medals with Cadet Karan Raj Sohi boasting of four Golds, Cadet Sourabh Thorve with one Silver medal and Cadet Aaditya Udupa tasting the Bronze once. Cadet Karan Raj Sohi was also awarded the Best Swimmer Award in the U-14 category - earning


laurels for himself and the College alike.

The next event to come their way was the St George's College Inter School Swimming Competition. With momentum on their side, the Rimcos took it in their stride and finished second with a total of 26 medals. The team returned with 10 Golds, 9 Silvers and 7 Bronze medals.

Strive On .. Rimcos!

*Cadet Tonmoy Barua, Class III A*

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**SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY**

BY  
**COLONEL H DHARMARAJAN, SM**  
COMMANDANT

Dehradun SPECIAL PART I : 03 DATED : 06 SEP 2008 SATURDAY

**REPRESENTING INDIA !**


- Cadet Piyush Deshmukh, of Class III-A (Xth) participated in the Equestrian International Competition at Sydney, Australia as a part of the Indian National Junior Equestrian Team from 07-28 Aug 2008.

- Cadet Piyush Deshmukh was awarded fourth place in the Show Jumping Derby at Hunter Valley in Australia in the competition. A commendable effort for a starter, indeed!

**Well Done, Piyush ! We are sure to see you grow from strength to strength.**

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Dehradun SPECIAL PART I : 04 DATED : 08 SEP 2008 MONDAY

**HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS !**

- On behalf of the entire RIMC fraternity, I extend my heartiest congratulations to the proud medal winners in the XXV IPSC Championship held at Patiala from 05-07 Sep 2008:-
  - No 2637/P Cadet Karan Raj Sohi - Four Gold Medals and Best Swimmer Award.

- No 2634/S Cadet Sourabh Thorve - Two Silver Medals.
- No 2471/C Cadet Aaditya Udupa - One Bronze Medal.

- These cadets have indeed beaten strong National level contenders and this has been possible only due to the competence, relentless hard work and overwhelming dedication.
- I am sanguine, that all Cadets will emulate their example and strive hard to achieve even greater heights in the time to come.

**Very Well Done, and Do Keep Up the Flag Flying High Always!**



## It Ain't Easy!

Ruefully ... Cadet Anshul Roy, Class III A

### Part II - Journalism Ain't Easy!

"I love the way your eyes race through me. I love the way your hands hold me with curiosity. But yet, I am in a dilemma. Should I be in the limelight, with all eyes on me; or rather stay in the shadows... away from all prying eyes? I am doing it for my author, who still survives in anonymity. He has put so much effort just to get me in print, but yet he must stay unacknowledged, - lamenting over his present. He often speaks - only to be muted. He looks up - only to be blinded. So... I thought.. Why not give him a platform to speak up? Its him - all yours - chaste and capricious."

All that for a little attention. So, I am back again, writing on a subject so 'out of the box', that I never gave a thought to it. But, with the deadline approaching and having received numerous frowns from the top, I guess its high time I penned down something.

Welcome to the world of Journalism. A life embedded with deadlines, crammed working hours... and to top it all - simple relentless writing! Ours is a tough life - a life no longer our own. Ruled by malapropism, it is spent churning out article after article for the readers' sake.

And when Miss Malaprop has had her say, its time for some gruesome editing. Even the sturdiest of hearts would crumble seeing our words being cut off like hedge-leaves reaching out too long. Then comes the long wait - another Chronicle and its all over. A few comments, a tinge of sarcasm and also some sweet appreciation - all mark the end of a mission executed perfectly, ... almost!

It is an utopian world we live in - a world where everything goes wrong, everyone goes wrong, but eventually - the result seems to be just right. One of the numerous examples being this Chronicle you hold. Beneath this neat lettering, lie stories not of individuals but of the entire Journalism entity toiling for perfection, toppling all odds. We are no Spartans, but yet strive through and attain victory. All commitments aside, we manage to get you this glossy edition every month - for your esteemed scrutiny! Every edition is an achievement - a mountain conquered... an ocean traversed.

Once all is said and done, one last phrase still reverberates:

Journalism Ain't Easy!

## From darkness unto light....

Fettered with chains,  
A crown on head.  
The dark Knight bellowed  
His sword glowing red.

Devils secured his heart,  
A heart with black deep corners  
On a kill of ninety-nine,  
His soul so solemn.

My heart and soul, he sought  
Sprouts of hatred in a Valley of Love.  
Executed and crucified,  
In the glen of dead carnival,  
The Satan in me, was yet to be born.

They crushed the earth, beneath their feet  
They inflamed my dreams and made me bleat.  
They pierced my love that died in my heart,  
They made me like them, diabolic at heart.

For now, they let me free..  
With a loathed fury in me.  
I breathed fire to seek revenge  
My soul dying of my own reverence.

But wait.....  
There was someone who still loved me.  
She was my mentor, she was my all.  
She was my Goddess  
For in her lap I could curl.

And so here do I live,  
With hopes and regards filling me.  
Nevertheless, I may be weak  
But, I walk the lighted path, I seek.

Cadet Krishna Kant  
Class IV

## RIMC Soccer Cup

This was 'Soccermania' at its peak. A total of twelve Soccer teams, hailing from the most elite of Indian Schools gathered here for the annual RIMC Soccer Cup - an event considered to be the most premier Soccer tournament in the Valley. After a week of cut-throat competition, it was the Tibetan Home School which emerged as the eventual winner followed by the Assam Valley School. The RIMC contingent put up a valiant show, but failed to reach the top in what was a great competition.

Cadet Ankur Rawat, Class III A

## Fitness Corner

The other day Cadet Marshall asked me when does one get anaerobic from aerobic while running. Since the answer to this vital question concerns all Cadets who have to do a lot of distance and cross-country running and will be required to do much more in the next destination, I would like to share this important piece of advice with all of them.

Energy for all our muscular contractions comes from splitting of a compound called Adenosine Triphosphate - (ATP) which is generated by three energy systems.

**Anaerobic Alactate System:** In this system Creatine Phosphate is split up and ATP is produced without the use of Oxygen. It is a very fast source of energy but it lasts for only 6 to 7 seconds along with some quantity of ATP which always stays in the body. One good example of this system is the explosive start of a sprinter upto 30-40 meters.

**Anaerobic Lactate System:** In this system, glucose or glycogen is split to produce ATP without the use of oxygen which begins after 6 to 7 seconds. It is known as anaerobic glycolysis. One can run with it for about 60 seconds but this also produces lactic acid which causes restrictions in the muscular contractions.

**Aerobic System:** This needs about 2 to 3 minutes to be fully activated. Carbohydrates and fats are its prime

fuel. It produces ATP and in abundance without producing any lactic acid. Production takes place in the mitochondria of the muscle cells.

Both the anaerobic lactate and the aerobic system function simultaneously in activities lasting more than forty five seconds. The first, the aerobic threshold, occurs as blood lactate level rises above the 'at rest' level of 2 mM/L (milli-Mole per litre). This occurs between the heart rate of 130 to 140 beats per minute. The second - the anaerobic threshold (AT) is the point where the blood lactate level begins to accumulate rapidly alongwith a strong increase in breathing response. The crossing over from aerobic to the anaerobic threshold is called the aerobic-anaerobic passing zone. Generally AT occurs at 4 mM/L, but it depends on the individual's fitness level. Once AT has been surpassed, growing acidification takes place and the individual gets into Oxygen debt. There comes a time when the individual is forced to stop. Aerobic Capacity is developed by training in and just above the aerobic-anaerobic passing zone. Through training, the individual can raise his AT which can occur at 175 bpm instead of the usual 150 bpm. This is the case with well-trained Kenyan and Ethiopian runners who are able to maintain a very fast pace and yet remain aerobic so as to complete the last 400 meters of a 10,000 meters race in 52.33 seconds.

Another question that surfaces regularly - "If lactic acid restricts the muscular contractions, how does the heart keep moving so fast when the individual is hardly able to run at the finish?" Any guesses?

Mr V K Rai, Athletics Coach









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## Reflection

The name of peace is sweet, and the thing itself is beneficial, but there is a great difference between peace and servitude. Peace is freedom in tranquility, servitude is the worst of all evils, to be resisted not only by war, but even by death. - Cicero

### EDITORIAL

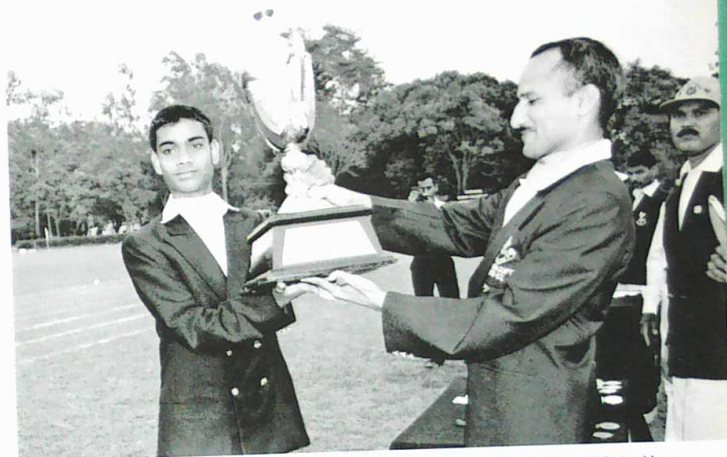
"To gain our goal we must have a strong urge, rather a burning desire for it. Without this urge there will be no commitment, as we'll only yield to temptations like procrastination. So in a nutshell, success depends on our will power." This dictum of success had certainly been the credo of the Cadets as the bygone era seemed to be bearing a testimony to it. The rejuvenating mid terms hikes had certainly poured the adrenaline in Cadets as many pushed themselves to the winning end and others converted the adversities into opportunities and bounced back to fight again and again. The Athletics track had certainly been set on fire. The glistening sights of budding Asafas and Bolts running at lightning pace left everyone weak kneed. Their toil powered by cohered efforts earned them a good name. The recent successfully concluded PTM brought in a wind of light-hearted moments, talking, enjoyment and everything else. Parents enquired about their wards and went back with a coveted feeling of satisfaction as their young ones had embarked on a road of sustained toil and intelligent application.

Standing by our sobriquet of an environmental conscious entity, we certainly played a good host to the conservation festival and marched forth on our peregrination to preserve the environment. With a couple more of competitions left in store, Cadets are trying their level best to concentrate on their show. Classes III A and V A are even more serious to make a mark in the boards as they move on with sustained toil, industrious nature and devoted soul.

Blankets have been pulled out of months of dark, musty storage and it seems winters are going to be even more 'wintry' this time - all the more enticing since nothing seems to be changing the ambience - the rare warmth that percolates the coldest of the winters and the blissful warmth you'll find nowhere but RIMC. Keeping the fingers crossed and carrying on the good show, we wish to bring back the "Haley of Days" of college. Wishing you a successful month ahead. ...

-Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma

Finis Coronat Opus. (The End Crowns the Work!)



Cadet Bhojpal Shakyra receiving the Best Athlete Trophy for C Div in the Inter Section Athletics Meet.

## Parent Teacher Meet

Anyone could easily sense thick flow of emotions in the air as the College had Annual Parent Teacher Meet on 12 Oct, 2008. The day seemed brighter, the Cadets more jovial and the teachers, busier. Campus and Academic Block buzzed with parents, being proudly escorted by their wards. A lot of queries, complaints and compliments were exchanged. The meeting was followed by the Commandant's lecture and Guest Lunch. In the evening our ardent athletes made their parents proud by winning number of medals in various events prior to the Closing Ceremony of the Inter Section Athletics Competition, 2008. Last but not the least, a musical extravaganza of Qawallis by Nizami Brothers was organized by SPIC MACAY. The day ended on a happy note.

Cdt Sachin Lakhawat, Class III

## DATELINE

- 2 Oct - Mid - Term hikes report back.
- 5 Oct - College celebrates Conservation Festival.
- 8 Oct - Pre-Boards for Classes III A and V A commence.
- 9 Oct - Inter Section Athletics Meet commences.
  - College celebrates Dussehra.
- 11 Oct - Parents Teacher Meet.
  - Closing Ceremony of Inter Section Athletics. Ranjit Section lifts the trophy.
  - Cadets enjoy Night Out.
- 23 Oct - Second Round of Cadet Council Meeting.
- 25 Oct - Inter Section Thematic Poetic Recitation Competition.
- 28 Oct - College celebrates Deepawali.



# Conservation Festival : Save The Tiger

RIMC was awarded the national award for environmental awareness on 22 August, 2008 by the Hon'ble Minister for Heavy Industries, Mr. Raghunath Jha at New Delhi for spreading environmental awareness, especially among the youth. Our efforts have only been strengthened since and have met full cooperation as this was the fourth consecutive year that our college celebrated the conservation festival. Conservation indeed is the greatest requirement of today's fast growing world. This year the theme was 'Save the Tiger'. In the early morning, the cadets and students from various schools gathered for the conservation run. The chief guest for the run was Dr. R B S Rawat, Principal Chief Conservator of forests and a great environmentalist. The students and all other conservationists spread the message to preserve environment, the endangered species, the national animal and every other organism.... His excellency Mr. B L Joshi, the Governor of Uttarakhand, then inaugurated the conservation workshop. There were talks on conservation by:

- Dr. R B S Rawat, Principal Chief Conservator of forests and a great environmentalist.



HE Shri BL Joshi, Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand signing the conservation banner during the Fest-08

- Mr. Ravi Singh, CEO, WWF for Nature,
- Mr. Jai Raj, Chief Conservator of Forests.

They emphasized the need to conserve the forests, environment and the endangered species. We also saw a few movies of Mike Pandey who is a great environmentalist. Mr. PK Sharma, teacher-in-charge, also motivated the cadets for conservation of the environment.

Then the exhibition of eco-friendly products of WWF and various other

NGO's were displayed. An on the spot art competition was also held in which the creativity of the students, teachers and artists was worth appreciation.

This conservation festival was really an encouraging factor for the nature-lovers, the environmentalists, the conservationists and the youth. The Ministry of Forests and Environment, Uttarakhand has been very helpful for promoting the conservation.

Cdt. Ashish Kapoor, Class III

## Need For Speed!

"It is impossible to win the race unless you venture to run, impossible to win the victory unless you dare to battle." They dared, they won and they left everyone agape. The Inter Section Athletics was a blend of hard work, passion, practice, will power and performance. In the three days meet which was held from 9 Oct to 11 Oct, 2008 all four sections vied against each other in various events such as sprinting, high jump, long jump, pole vault, hurdles, shot put, discus, javelin throw and long distance running. All athletes had practised facing all odds throughout the term for these three days and finally they proved their worth. Every single event was an outstanding exhibit of

tremendous strength, superior skills and resolute will to live up to the expectations and unending section josh. This time the Competition was further graced by an overwhelming presence of parents who had come for the adjoining Parent Teacher Meet. This added the much-needed extra bit of energy and inspiration to the participants' performance. At the end of the day, few romped home with their victories while few returned heavy hearted, but not dispirited in the least. Rather, they left the field with a resolve to rock it next time.

The results were as follows:

### Best Athlete – A Div:

Cdt Kumar Vikram

### Best Athlete – B Div:

Cdt Abhinav Anand

### Best Athlete – C Div:

Cdt Bhojpal Shakya

The section wise rankings were as follows:

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

-Cdt Parth Indalkar, Class III

### OBITUARY

The RIMC fraternity is deeply grieved by the demise of Maj Gen (Retd) Omit Sarkar, AVSM, (1962-66 Shivaji). The loss of a senior member of the family will be deeply felt by one and all. We pray to the Almighty to give strength to the bereaved family.



## Dining out a Rimcollian

The basic rule of writing, I realise, is to just let it go; if you hold it back, thinking "kahaan publish karoonga, kaun padega" at all, you miss the bus, that is the writer's starters block, so to speak.

So, at 3:18 in the morning, I sit down to capture my emotions on a dining out event. All dining out are poignant in their own way; they encapsulate the time spent by the dined out officers in the unit. All present reminisce about their own interaction with the officer being dined out. The tone and tenor of the evening is, in essence a sum total of the interaction of the dined out officer with those bidding him farewell.

Bonds get created much deeper when you are in field units. Simply because you literally live together. You know the other guy as well as you are likely to predict the frequency of mood swings of your wife/girlfriend.

So, when a dining out happens, one generally stops to ponder. And then, when one is dining out a fellow Rimcollian as the commanding officer of the unit, it is a different feeling all together. I dined out Kshitij Solanki today. He came to us in March 2007. And like all well meaning Rimcollian seniors, I ensured that he got the maximum

exposure (ragda!!!) in my battalion. He saw the entire canvas in his area, and understood the nuances of equipment management. He led a repair to team to one of the highest peaks hereabouts to dig out a snow scooter from the snow and repair it. In short, he learned the long and short of all that a young officer can learn in an arme battalion in one of the most challenging environments possible.

Mind you, he got no lift from me. All I insured was that he got the opportunity to get exposed to all that was possible in his area. But in the process, his latent talent to make rapport with seniors and juniors alike, and his sheer dependability, shown forth, and he won the hearts of one and all.

So when we dined him out today, the event carried on till 2:00 in the morning. The convoy goes early tomorrow, as J&K is once again on the boil. So here I am typing away, waiting to see him off personally at 4:30 in the morning. The seeing off at 4:30 bit is not a tradition in a battalion; the CO does not need to be there to see off a youngster that early in the morning.

That bit, I confess, is for a fellow Rimcollian.

Col Raja Bhattacharjee  
(Chandragupta 1979-84)

## From the Mendicant's Pen

Yes, amidst the filth I dwell  
In search of succour in infertility  
Could I get the chance I await,  
To get rid of the depravity?

Do I have to stay this way, forlorn,  
Helpless, destitute, begging alms;  
Or will there be a day when  
I would recuperate from this deadly storm?

Will my stay on the earth be meaningful  
In some way known or the other?  
Will I too get the recognition  
Like a cap adorned with a feather?

Now, it is time to rise, awake and stop not  
Until the begging arm turns into a granting one;  
There will true be a day not far,  
When this mendicant will be a prosperous one.

-Cdt Saurav Kaushik, Class IVA

## An Acrostic

Command this green planet

On a road to destruction

No one gives it a glance

See the future's stance

Everything's going haywire

Road to the future looks dire

Vacillating won't give  
direction

Abate this destruction

Time to think has come

Is it our present

Or their future

No solution except  
conservation

Sachin Lakshawat, Class III

## Afterlife Ain't Easy!

It's dark. I move ahead - step by step - cautious, afraid, curious about what lies ahead. I shout - silence replies. I ask - ambiguity envelopes me. I reach out - my fingers press into oblivion. I am tired, down and out. Yet, I strive on - unsure of where I am heading. The darkness and silence still persist. It's a maze - a trap and I am deep into it. The future is bleak...the way ahead gruesome. But then, I look up. And there is the starry sky, all mine. Each stars an opportunity, the moon - a harbinger of hope. And of all things on earth, I smile. Yes, I smile, and laugh - shedding all worries prevailing in my heart. The warmth of love runs beneath my skin, every bit of air rejuvenates me. Memories of the past years race through my mind, my glory - my fame. I continue, there is a light.

A light - bright and intense. It's beautiful - all quenching. I move ahead only to reach a door. I knock, but still there is silence. It opens by itself. I try to enter but some divine force won't let me in. There is a beautiful world behind it. Utopia - no other word describes it well. Few of my acquaintances are present too. Mostly people I always looked down upon. People I detested in days I revelled in the glory of my wealth. I was blinded then, by shadows of arrogance. My parents are here too. A pair the society called amiable, a pair I called inambitious. They lived through their lives burdened with responsibilities, yet made not a single enemy. Strived hard, yet not a spare penny ever came their way. Somewhere we parted ways - my parents and I. But today, they are on the other side. Younger, no signal of wear and tear on their face. And here I am, an outcast - prohibited from entering the place I always dreamt of. Heaven is not mine, the realization dawns upon me. I turn back. Walking through the ruins of my life, I cry seeing what I made out of it. Back on earth, it is my worst nightmare ever. I am left alone - 'a ghost' forced to roam the world forever. I look up. The starry sky still shines. I look around - here are others too looming in the darkness. I smile - a mist one though - A last phrase still reverberates in my cold heart - Afterlife ain't easy!

-Cdt Anshul Roy, Class III A



# MID TERM HIKES

The one thing a Cadet is always in want of is a 'break' and there's nothing better to it than Mid term Hikes. While one would have to spend through one's noses to pay for such good times in wonderful places, we cant but be happy about the fact and await the next hikes.

## Class I

The first termers had their bit of adventure in their first hike to Chakrata. They visited Kanesar and also the picturesque Chakrata market. They were accompanied by Mr. T Selven.

## Class IA

They went for a hike to George Everest. It included long treks to Jwala devi temple and George Everest. As a last day perk they got a free day in Mussoorie. They were accompanied by Mr. Birjesh Chauhan.

## Class II

A trip to the hill station triangle of Nainital, Ranikhet and Almora was on their cards. The visit to the Kumaoan Regimental Center was the most inspiring one. Boating in Naini Lake was enjoyable and also not to forget the beautiful by-lanes of Ranikhet. It was indeed a mountain lover's dream hike. They were accompanied by Mr. Vineet Mathews and Ms. P Panikar.

## Class IIA

They went to the Jack of all hill stations. Shimla hike included visit to the famous Mall Road and the Kufri Zoo. The church on the Ridge was the place of fascination with its huge instruments. They were warmly greeted by Rimcollian Maj Atul Rawat and Lt Gen HS Sehgal VSM (Shivaji, 1961-65) at the Army Museum. This was followed with a wonderful interaction and tea party with them. They also visited The Military School, Chail. It was indeed a fruitful venture. They were accompanied by Mr. DN Thapliyal.

## Class III

One of the most awaited hikes in RIMC. The trip to NDA in Pune was very motivating and inspiring. The gleaming Sukhoi-30's in the Lohegaon base and the impressive ships in the Naval Dockyard was a majestic show of power of the Indian Defence. At the 17 Rajputana Rifles we were warmly treated to a delicious tea party hosted by Maj Gen SK Singh AVSM (Pratap, 1965- 69). It was more than merely a tea party - a Rimcollian get-together, the sorts of which we were craving for. Mumbai with its usual tinge of excitement and the glittering Marine Drive was a usual treat to watch. They

were accompanied by Major Rexson and Mr. PK Jain.

## Class IIIA

To relieve the pressure of Boards, what solution can be as good as a rafting hike. IIIA was trained by the Army Adventure Wing and rafted from Shivpuri to Rishikesh, a distance of 21 kms overcoming seven rapids in their way. They also visited Haridwar and attended the aarti at Har ki Pauri. They were accompanied by Mr. UP Dalvi

## Class IV

The hike for a social cause. They trekked a distance of 55 kms going to Nagtibba and coming back with heavy rucksacks. They did social work in the remote village of Manglori which has been adopted by RIMC. They also joined the elite group of courses who have reached the summit of Nagtibba. They were accompanied by the Mr. Sanjay Kumar and Mr. Neeraj Negi. It was an aim, well accomplished.

## Class IVA

They went to the Pink City of India. They went to the Jal Mahal, Albert Hall, Amber Fort, Jantar Mantar and many other historical monuments. The localites had their share of fun with some nice days at home. The city was as always beautiful and majestic. They were accompanied by Mr. KS Ahlawat and Mr. Balbir Chauhan.

## Of Policies And Promises...

After what seemed to be a long wait, the Cadets' diplomatic skills were finally put to test when the Inter-Section Mock Parliament competition was organized as the month drew to a close. The efforts on the Cadets' part were evident - their eloquence spoke volumes and their in-depth knowledge left the audience mesmerized. All the four Sections spoke on pertinent topics related to politics - in India and abroad. A series of heated arguments followed as the Cadets spoke with a sparkle in their eyes - ready for the kill.

The awards were as under -  
Best Prime Minister - Cadet Astitva Tyagi  
Best Cabinet Speaker - Cadet Anshul Roy  
Best Repartee - Cadet Krishnakant  
Best Member of Opposition - Cadet Aakash Shekhawat  
Best State Representative - Cadet Bhishma Saini.

## VOCAB? NO PROBS!

That was a day when I had to go to the Commandant to show one of the Press Releases. "How fast can you punch?" he said in his usual loud tone, his bellow filling the entire hall. "I'm not a boxer, sir!" I quipped, shortly followed by "How fast do you type?" and I realized what a fool I'd just made out of myself.

It wasn't for the first time that I got down mulling over a lack of vocabulary but definitely the first time I went to write it down. Though the time spent in decking my English for the NDA had me in good stead but why wait for NDA Preparation? Now see for yourself the worn-out "midnight oil burning by classes III A and VA" in assembly, the trite "On the 24th morning 25 Cadets along with the OIC left for...", the normal christening of every single Cadet as "My dear friend" during the public speaking and oodles of rusted platitudes that keep cascading down while PT, classes, running on the 'Goel's Path' rounds, giving tongue lashes to Juniors and all the while we run short of words. And when this happens it is done with such riotous intensity that can put the Hadron Collider to shame. It is not about an unwitting knowledge of words - definitely not! We have our own likings for the RIMCO jargon and are rigid to allow other 'better' words to permeate in. Whenever we choose to use a slang, we restrain the juster word to fit in the dialogue and thus arrest the growth of our vocabulary. So maybe reducing slangs will help.

Comparatively, Rimcos are well read but when it comes to speaking, some hesitate in fear of the 'communicating' part while some don't bother to put forth their views thinking Who cares? It is not alone the colloquial language that matters, one must understand that events like Poetry Recitation are a good platform for the same (I have to say so since there were some who didn't want it). While one cannot wish away a total turnover of this cant, it is all the same important to add on newer words to our language. Got frustoeed? Enough of ML? (Now that's another in the league)

Hope this sparks some reaction. We'll find out in tomorrow's assembly.

*Cadet Sub NCO Bhupendra Chand, Class V*



## State Shooting Championship 2008

24 Marksmen from College participated in the State Shooting Championship - 2008, held at Pondha from 2 Oct to 6 Oct, 2008. The College participated in eleven different categories. Overall, we won 13 Gold medals, 4 Silver medals and 4 Bronze medals. This time, there was a remarkable improvement as we won three Gold medals and two Bronze medals more than the last year. Well done, Shooters!!

This isn't all - the College Shooters also participated in The All India Kumar Surendra Singh Inter School Shooting Championship. Cadet Anshul Bansal won a gold in .177 Air Pistol Category and also qualified for National Shooting at Kerala. Congratulations!

## Artificial Wall Climbing

On 8 and 9 October, 2008, nine mountaineers from U-19 Indian Mountaineering Team led by Padmashri Brig D K Khullar, AVSM, Arjuna Award, (1953-57 Ranjit) came to the College for the demonstration and training of climbing the 'Artificial Wall'. They also introduced the equipment used in climbing. Initially, some Cadets tried their hand at it but owing to a rather high difficulty level couldn't reach the top... but then trying again five of them were eventually successful. 'Your ATTITUDE defines your ALTITUDE' was the lesson learnt. -Cadet Ashutosh Banathia, Class-IA

## More Brass

Rimcollians never cease to perform and the under mentioned names very well conform to the fact. Following are the names of the Rimcollians who have been recently approved for promotion to the next rank and we wish them many more rungs up the ladder.

Maj Gen YS Rawat,  
SM (Chandragupta, 1965-71)  
GOC, Battle Axe Division

Col NC Sharma  
(Chandragupta, 1981-85)  
325 Lt AD Regt

Col Vikash Dewan (Shivaji, 1982-1986) 2 Lancers

## Kudos to our staff college aspirants

Lt Col Mudit Mahajan - Competitive (Shivaji 1989-94)

Lt Col Sumit Kapoor - (Ranjit 1984-90)

Lt Col Anuj Kalia - (Chandragupta 1986-91)

Lt Col JS Negi - (Ranjit 1986-92)

Lt Col Lalit Pawar - (Pratap 1986-92)

Lt Col Kartikey Sharma - (Chandragupta 1989-94)

Lt Col Praveen Bhal - (Chandragupta 1986-91)

Naval and Air Force Rimcollians are requested to send in their details too.

## CONGRATS!

- Rear Admiral PK Chatterjee (Pratap, 1967-72) has been appointed the Flag Officer, Mumbai Sub Area.



Padmashri Brig D K Khullar, AVSM, Arjuna Award, in a talk with the cadets



## Life .. on a puzzled track...

My life was fine and also beautiful  
Everyone praised me, as it turned fruitful  
It seemed a heaven to me.

But one day it ran into a deep maze,  
I fell asleep and then tried to recall,  
About my past and this was all  
Remember them still

My days, my time, my home, my school  
My likes, my dislikes and all that stuff.  
But one day, everything went puzzled  
I was left alone in a cloud

No one to see me, no one to look after,  
No one to care, no one asked thereafter.  
My life then started a new pace  
It ran a race, completing laps over laps.

Finding hurdles all through the way,  
Facing difficulty in fighting them,  
Still, hope survived in me, I kept  
Going and going on, striving to win  
People cheering me to win.

I went on, hope still ignited,  
The pain burning right across my skin.  
I went on, bringing my life back on track  
Clearing all obstacles, winning the race  
Getting my glory back

And the joy that I once had.  
Letting it go on – smooth and fine,  
All through my life.  
Its life –

Life on a puzzled track.  
*Cadet Vanshaj Saxena, Class III*

## Was It The Flower's Mistake?

By the side of the tarn,  
In the lap of a tree.  
With the genesis of Sun,  
A bud blossomed free.

It glowed in the light,  
Like a small cute girl.  
So sweet and slight,  
Like beauty unfurled.

Full of new desires,  
Was the flower in turquoise.  
With beauty to admire  
And a glare to poise.

Plucked by a boy,  
The flower's journey began.  
In his hands like a toy,  
He took it and ran.

He gave it to a girl,  
Who used to play with him.  
Her face glittered like a pearl,  
With a sweet, soft grin.

The flower was happy,  
Seeing the little girl smile.  
But, it was still not ready.  
For the ups and downs in his life.

By mistake, it fell on the road  
And no one took care.  
Crushed and trampled,  
For the happiness, it wanted to share.

It's soothing petals had dried,  
With the sun's bright blaze.

The same flower that once, admired,  
Was now lying in haze.

A poet picked it up,  
Thinking of the flower's past.  
A smile in pain popped up,  
For a pain that would ever last.

Leaving behind a question, he just went  
away.  
Was it the flowers mistake?  
That it was born that way!

*Cadet Krishna Kant  
Class IV*



## Brain Teasers

1. you have twelve gold coins of same weight, except one, which is of less weight. how can you fine it if you can use the balance machine only thrice?
2. Write a sentence as lengthy as possible, without using alphabets A and E, such as "Sky is our limit".

### Book Post

To, \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Reflection

The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green.

- Thomas Carlyle

### EDITORIAL

It was the best of times when interplay of events had placed the Cadets at the centre stage. The bygone era, to which we have been fortuitously fated to be a witness to, was of no respite. The fiery Athletic tracks were soon covered by the PT mats. The monotonous and the tiring sessions of PT found life as the cadets poured their soul into it with committed efforts where, on one hand, there was a wide spread relief but at the same time general euphoria gained strength and the atmosphere was buzz with heightened expectancy. The media very aptly echoed this scenario with spate of columns and dispatches as our athletic crusaders once again strengthened their supremacy in the district athletics thus bearing a befitting farewell to our Athletics Coach Mr V K Rai, a true energiser. Early morning PT practices soon gained strength. The final day display proved it all. The musical virtuosos were no less behind in the race, as their splendid shows in the cultural fest, earned them a good name. The driftwood and the flippant had their share of luck call throughout but they proved that Quizzing was their cup of tea. The host of events for this term has come to an end which had accentuated sportsmanship and performance of the cadets to strive for the pinnacle. "No obstacle is insurmountable" and with this faith the Board Classes have stepped into the armadagedon. The Pre-Board experience was gold for the taking as many have equipped themselves with the required armours. The Board exams famously called as "Battle of Waterloo" have started on a good note and the spirits are on a high. The examination monsoon for the rest of the College is on and everyone is well prepared for the "Survivor Series".

With the passing time, the 164th Course is turning blue and the off-colour Spartans are ever more tactful to strike a balance between the passing out nostalgia and the exams. With many more functions on the cards, the College is getting perfectly shaped for the 29th Nov Graduation to set the VA forth on the boulevard of their dreams.

Striving for your sure success

Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma

The Elite Rimcollian Warriors in Blue with the Chief



Air Chief Marshal F H Major PVSM, VSM, SC, VM, ADC, the Chief of the Air Staff at the War Memorial

### DATELINE

- 03 Nov** - Maj Gen SK Singh, AVSM (Pratap 1965- 69) visits College.
- Inter Section Quiz Finals. Shivaji Section bags the Trophy.
- 05 Nov** - NDA Golden Jubilee Art Competition. Cdt Bhojpal wins at the Regional level.
- Inter Section P.T Competition Commences.
- 06 Nov** - Inter Section P.T Competition Finals. Chief Guest Vice Admiral A.R. Tandon, PVSM, AVSM, ADC (Retd) (Ranjit 1950-55) gives the Trophy to Shivaji Section.
- 07 Nov** - District Athletics Meet Commences at Maharana Pratap Sports College.
- 08 Nov** - District Athletics Meet Concludes. Cadet Bhojpal Shakya adjudged Best Athlete in 'D' Division.
- 12 Nov** - Inter Section Quiz - Summer Valley. College team brings trophy home.
- 14 Nov** - College Terminal Exams Commence.
- 15 Nov** - Children's Day Special Cultural Programme by MOS.
- 20 Nov** - Maj Gen S C Nair, VSM, ADG Manpower (Policy and Planning) visits the College.
- 24 Nov** - Vice Admiral BS Randhawa, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Shivaji 1960-64) visits College.
- 24-25 Nov** - Lt Gen SS Dhillon PVSM, AVSM\*\*, VSM (Shivaji 1960-64) visits the College.
- 27 Nov** - Maj Gen PK Chakravorty, VSM, Comdt Selection Centre, South, visits College.
- 29 Nov** - Air Chief Marshal F H Major, PVSM, VSM, SC, VM, ADC (Chief Guest for 164th Course Graduation Ceremony.)



# The way we were.....!!



## **Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma**

His hardwork and sincerity left indelible imprints on many a heart; he will be remembered as a role model for every Cadet. Each of his unending ML's, ultra high frequency shaking fingers and an assortment of shirts made him rise above the rest.

## **Cadet Sec Com Pritam Mishra**

One wouldn't be wrong to draw an analogy between him and 'Narad Muni' for he was aware of almost everything that befell the College leaving beside the veracity of the 'facts'. Especially, concerned for juniors, he was admired by one and all alike. Kidding!

## **Cadet NCO Prasanjeet Abhinav**

Quiet, yet hard working, sincere and disciplined, he motivated his Juniors to excel in every possible field. It was not your nasalised talks, nor was it your really weak humour that did the trick. It was just YOU!

## **Cadet NCO, Sundara Pandian**

A quiet and sober Cadet who's been working hard relentlessly and who fights for the glory of Section and College. Though invisible after sunset, he can tickle anyone's funny bone and that too, subconsciously.

## **Cadet NCO Pranit Newar**

He's an all time cheerful Cadet, who'd always been seen interacting with juniors and motivating them always to excel. His Baba Ramdev trademark laughs were the most contagious thing Pratapians ever confronted. But you were ruthless in the mess – no mercy on any eats. Just gulp!

## **Cadet Siddhant Wankhade**

An all rounder who worked hard for the upliftment of his Section. A true senior and a true sportsman as well. His performance in every field has been awesome. He sought to make his own ways as the section's style statement but to no avail... Never mind, at least you tried ..!

## **Cadet Sec Com Prashant Chandra**

He was a very helpful and a demanding senior. He excelled in Football, Shooting and Academics. He is a favourite of Mr. Tyagi and is surely going to excel in future, no matter what is one's height.

## **Cadet NCO Mainak Ganguly**

A last day performer. He excelled in whatever field he got in, be it Swimming, Cricket, Soccer or even Athletics. Academics was never his

cup of tea. Matchless determination bordering on the stubborn!

## **Cadet NCO Achudev**

He always relied on hard work for success. A mountaineer and Soccer player, his Ranjit middle dorm will be happy to get away from the ever-stretching PT kits. A staminade who will go to any length to deliver.

## **Cadet NCO Suhel Kadu**

A 'kadu' from Maharashtra, he set the swimming pool ablaze and was unbeatable. One of the most amiable in his terms, he was liked by Cadets and Teachers alike. A soft spoken and perfect dorm NCO, his biggest hurdles were the medics.

## **Cadet Adhiraj Ghose**

'The fastest man of RIMC' as he liked to be called, he was great at athletics and Moral Lectures. He was the apple of the Masters eye – an apple that hurt! Son of a Rimcollian, is out to prove himself through.

## **Cadet Eeshan Katoch**

Some say, he got his flat nose due to Boxing. But he rarely got beaten up inside the ring. A last day achiever in academics but Soccer crazy, he could bet anything for catching the







latest episodes of NFC on ESPN. A true bundle of confidence.

#### **Cadet Sunny Lawrence Francis**

According to him God keeps watching you, so he worked accordingly. He attained high standards in P.T. and Soccer. His Moral Lectures were very inspiring. He will be remembered for his teaching skills, perfect back rolls and post dinner brushing parades. Waited for the last shot!

#### **Cadet Sec Com Karthik Reddy**

This josh machine enthralled everyone by his performance on track and fields. His motto "Do or Die" was clearly seen in whatever he did. A good academician, he led the section well.

#### **Cadet NCO Amod Sanjay**

Popularly known as Chota Chetan among juniors, this jovial lad proved his mettle on the squash courts by being the best always. He did well in Academics and was also seen sweating hard on the fields.

#### **Cadet NCO Anshu Kumar**

This combination of quizzing and academics proved fatal for other sections as well as other schools. He led the College to win many a Quizzing cup. His wonderful personality won him the coveted First in All-India Merit. Very Well done!

#### **Cadet NCO Akash Shekhawat**

This orator would be remembered for the material that he showed on stage. He is a good academician as well as a good squash player. He was always on the receiving end of things, but took it on with a smile. Strive on, Akash.

#### **Cadet Sec Com Govind Shukla**

This Pratapgarhi led the section by an example. Being a perfect Section Commander, he was a team player. His caring attitude towards juniors made him popular.

#### **Cadet NCO Anant Kukreti**

This localite spoke less and did a lot. Although this doesn't undermine the

fact that he spoke and spoke from debates to pep-up talks in his Section – from polite to the more crude and rough. His exemplary hardwork set him apart from others.

#### **Cadet NCO Neelabh Mishra**

This person tried his hand at everything and excelled in swimming. He was always ready to help his juniors. We hope his hard work pays off and he reaches the pinnacle of glory.

#### **Cadet NCO Mayank Vishnu**

This strict disciplinarian was an example of immaculate kit and personality. He excelled in Shooting, and Junior Dorm owes its orderly state to him. Keep smiling.

#### **Cadet Ajay Singh Malik**

He was always ready to help his juniors and lend a patient ear to anyone who had any problem. He spoke less, worked more and never claimed limelight for his efforts. He will surely have many more achievements coming his way.

## The Transformation of the 164 .....



# Kudos!

The International Award for Young People, popularly known as IAYP is an award given to the youth all over the world. This award involves Adventure, Skill, Physical Recreation and Social Service. A person who undergoes this award competes with himself as there are no competitors and self is the competitor. The main aim of this award is to bring all round development and develop self-motivation. This year 20 Cadets have been awarded with Silver while 14 Cadets have been awarded the Bronze Medal.



## Inter Section Quiz Competition

The final round of RIMC Inter Section Quiz was held on 03 Nov 2008 at the Thimayya Auditorium. The Quiz took off with a spell bounding animation by Cadet Utkarsh Tripathi. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mrs Rama Dharmarajan, the First Lady of the Campus.

At the end of the show the final result was as follows

Shivaji	147 points	-I	Chandragupta	115 points	-II
Pratap	085 points	-III	Ranjit	050 points	-IV

Cadet M Sai Surya, Class IV



## Akbar's Court Re-enacted!!!

One doesn't get often, the rare opportunity to witness the otherwise stern masters transform into the impressive and royal courtiers. The masters undertook the role of Ministers to the Royal King Akbar the Great enacted by the Commandant himself and the AO took the mantle of the wise adviser, Birbal.

The College was truly privileged to witness this out rightly comical presentation on 15 Nov 2008 on the occasion of Children's Day. The evening turned out to be a very special one loaded with fun, surprises, laughter and enchanting performances.

The show, which began with a few hilarious scenes from the modern Akbar's court room, was followed by minstrels' songs and super dance numbers by energetic children of MOS. The evening ended with the heart touching words by Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma.

Cadet Parth Indalkar, Class III

## 63RD ANNUAL DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET - 2008

On 7 and 8 November of 2008 District Athletics Meet was organized at Maharana Pratap Sports College. It was the 63rd Annual meet and the most awaited event for College Athletics Team.

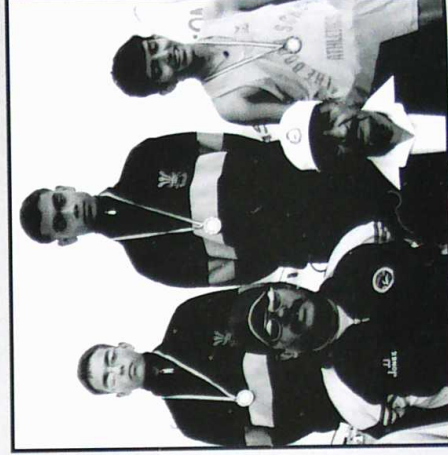
Just after the Inter Section Athletics Meet, all the medalists were chosen for this prestigious event and after undergoing rigorous practice for about two weeks, we were all set for the competition. All the practice was scheduled by the Cadets themselves due to the ill health of the Athletics Coach, Mr VK Rai. The event took a head start with a marvellous March Past by all the participating teams and Oath taking ceremony by the respective Captains.

The first day was encouraging for Rimcos as we did exceedingly well, even though we took part in Men's Category (above 18) and a few Athletes had a series of events without rest. Cadet Rahul, Cadet Abhinav, Cadet Jay Kant, Cadet Tabshir and Cadet Kumar Vikram did a wonderful job in sprints whereas Cadet Bhojpal, Cadet Lalit, Cadet A Dhamu and Cadet A Nand gave a clean sweep in the long distance events in both U-18 and Men's Category.

The second day's events started a bit early. Our Shot Put, Discus and Javelin throwers proved their mettle by grabbing all the medals. Performance by Cadet Sunesh, Cadet Prashant, Cadet Kaustubh, Cadet Mohit, Cadet Avinash and Cadet Saurabh K was laudable. Our relay team also showed how brain and brawn if combined can bring laurels. Our Baton exchange was quick which gave our Athletes a step ahead of others. Overall results were quite heartening as in U-16, U-18 and overall championship we stood second, where Cadet Bhojpal was adjudged the Best Athlete. Overall we did much better than previous year, but category wise we couldn't make one strong team as we had good Athletes representing all categories. We have now realized that Inter School Competition is not a child's play and should start working hard for our better performance outside.

The race has just begun.....

Cadet Bhojpal Shakya, Class IV A





# OLD BOYS

looking at a reflection.....



Maj Gen SK Singh, AVSM interacting with Cadets



Lt Gen SS Dhillon, PVSM, AVSM\*\*, VSM



Vice Admiral BS Randhawa, PVSM, AVSM, VSM  
interacting with the Cadets



Cadet Captain Rakshit Sharma receiving  
the 'Sword of Honour'



AVM DC Kumaria, AVSM, VSM, VM with the Aeromodellers



AVM T K Venugopal, AVSM, VM at the Hobby Display.



## Class X and XII Board Results



Cadet Archit Gupta  
X Board Topper

Class X and XII Board Results were declared in December 2008. Class X -25 Cadets appeared for the exam and all passed with flying colours. Cadet Archit Gupta emerged the leader of the pack in the elite Nineties Club. He has been awarded Commander R. K. Sen Medal.

Class XII, all 20 cleared the Boards in which expectedly Cadet Anshu Kumar Singh topped the list and bagged the Greesh Verma Silver Medal.

**Cadet Anshu Kumar** topped the NDA Merit list to win the UN Jha Gold Medal.



Cadet Anshu Kumar Singh

## GOODWILL ACROSS THE WORLD FOR PEACE AND STABILITY



11.2008

## Naval Training Ships, Cochin

**Sea Cadet Sidharth Gupta**  
Binocular ( First in Overall Order of Merit in all the three Training Ships)



**Sea Cadet Suraj Aiyappa-**

- CNS Bronze Medal for second in order of Merit in Service and Academic Subjects.
- Best Sports man, Best in Drill.
- Second in Navigation, Second in Seamanship, Full Blue in Squash, Half Blues in Hockey and Football.

## Rimcollians have been leaving a blazing trail at NDA and all the other pre-Commissioning Training Establishments.

### IMA DEHRADUN

#### ACA Abhishek Gargmukh

- Sword of Honour.
- President's Gold Medal

#### BCA Ajit Singh - Best in OQ

- BUO Udit Pant - Best Motivated GC

### NDA

#### ACA Dikshant Mahajan

- President's Gold Medal.
- Best All Round Army Cadet.
- Best in OLQ and first in Computers.
- CNS Trophy for Best in Academics.

#### BCA Laldin Puia

- President's Bronze Medal.

### MIDSHIPMAN

#### Mid RP Singh

- President's Silver Medal

#### Mid Amrit Kumar

- President's Bronze Medal.



## Visit of Maj Gen S K Singh, AVSM

Maj Gen SK Singh, AVSM, a Rimcollian of Pratap Section visited RIMC on Monday, 3 November. He addressed the young Cadets and motivated them. Also present during the visit was Col Raj Manucha (Ranjit 1964-68) who had commanded his Guards Battalion in Angola. They also got an opportunity to meet one of his old teachers, Mr R C Singhal and exchanged fond memories of the years spent in his Alma Mater. He also presented the newly released chronicle of the Southern Command to Col H Dharmarajan, SM Commandant RIMC as a memento. The address was followed by tea and interaction with the Cadets.

## Second Civilian Siachen Glacier Trek

On 29 September myself, (Cadet Praveen Kumar Singh) and Cadet Sub NCO Jay Kant Mishra left for the second civilian Siachen Glacier Trek. We left for Leh via Delhi and then via Chandigarh by IL -76. We stayed there for a span of 5 days as a part of acclimatisation. During these 5 days, we also got an opportunity to visit the tourist places such as Pangong Tso Lake, Chang La Pass, Khardung La Top, Magnetic Hill, and Pattar Sahab Gurudwara, confluence of Indus and Zaskar River, Shanti Stupa etc. On 7 Oct we were flagged off by Lt Gen SS Dhillon, a Rimcollian, for Siachen Base Camp. At the Base Camp we had training of Ice Craft at the Siachen Battle School for 4 days. We also visited the War Memorial in Siachen, Bo Force guns, MI-17 Choppers, Cheetahs etc. On 12th we started our trek in the morning only after a prayer at the temple of O.P. Baba. The Trek was for 12 km on the first day and it was evening by the time we reached Camp I, completely exhausted by the trek. Next day we moved from Camp I to Camp II covering a distance of about 14 km. This part was quite tough as there were many crevasses on the way but we completed the trek successfully. For the next 2 days we could not trek due to heavy snowfall in the glacier. On 16 Oct the weather improved and we moved up to Camp III covering a distance of 16 km. The climate now began reaching its extremes with temperature falling below -35oC. Due to the snow fall our trek was shortened by one camp. So we returned from Camp III to Camp II on 17 Oct. We were now able to walk quite easily as we got used to less oxygen. Trekking down we reached back to base camp on 19 Oct. On the same night camp fire was organised for fun. Next day we left for Leh back and had a rest day on 21 Oct. On 22nd morning we again boarded the IL-76 to return to Chandigarh which marked the end of this trek. This trek was very helpful to us as we could experience the toughest of life and also got a feel of how our soldiers show their bravery at every moment at the border protecting our country.

Cadet Praveen Kumar Singh Class III





# Clock Ticks Life Away

After the supper, besides the fireplace on a Sunday night;  
I was enjoying the flames' warmth and the flickering light.  
And then I saw it, my old strong wall clock;  
Pendulum and hand mechanics placed inside a wooden block.  
But wait a minute that's not all;  
It told me the story of 'life'; its rise and its fall.  
The clock with its outer wooden frame;  
Depicts a man's body-his physique and his name.  
The descending number on a clock face;  
Shows the progress of stages of life starting from its base.  
The swinging pendulum at its two extremes;  
Describes the variation and limitlessness of one's dreams.  
It swings to and fro its mean position;  
Telling us about jovial mood or grave tension.  
Still the life goes on with good and bad times;  
As if a God written poem with or without its rhymes.  
It was getting late,  
And the night darker,  
When suddenly the pendulum struck.  
It was past mid night;  
When the darkness meets the light.  
All the numbers had been counted; it was the earliest morn,  
Every stage of life had passed by, life was now gone.  
Still I know when time passes by;  
Sun shall again rise in the sky.  
Life shall start off again;  
Smile of a child will come from a mother's pain.  
Man will follow the new path in his own way;  
Until and unless the clock ticks life away.

*Cadet Adhiraj Ghose, Class VI*

## Diamond Jubilee Competition

There is an old saying- 'A picture speaks more than a thousand words', which was proved by the Rimcos in a painting Competition by The National Defence Academy, Pune on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee. Basically, it was a National Level Competition in which schools from all over the country participated. It had 4 categories according to the medium used i.e. Oil Painting, Water Colours, Sketch and Oil Pastels. The selection committee had an onerous task of finding the best among best. Ultimately, the results of the North zone were declared in which Cadet Bhojpal, Cadet Shinjan, Cadet Abhyuday and Cadet Ashish Kapoor stood first in their category respectively. Four best paintings from the four zones will be sent for the finals, results of which are most awaited. This competition was taken seriously by the Cadets under the able guidance of Mr SP Bhatia.

*Cadet Bhojpal Shakya, Class IV A*



*Cadet Bhojpal with his painting*

### Book Post

To,

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