



AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The following cadets received awards for academic excellence in the second term of the year 2000. The awards were presented by the Commandant during the special assembly held in the Bhagat Hall on 20th January. Well done all award winners, we are very proud of you.

CLASS	MEDHAVI	GOLD FEATHERS	SILVER FEATHERS
V A	H. Awasthi	-	-
V	P. Kumar	1. P.Kumar	
IV A	B. Singh	-	1. B.Singh 2. R.Choudhary
IV	V.Sheoran	-	1. V.Sheoran 2. P.Singal 3. A.Tiwari 4. A.Pathak
IIIA	D.Prasoon	1. D.Prasoon 2. P.Parashar	1. Himanshu 2. A.Kumar 3. A.Kulkarni 4. B.Mishra 5. D.P.Sahoo 6. A.Tyagi 7. K.K.Chetri
III	A.Kumar	1. A.Kumar 2. I.Sharan	1. V.Bhaskar 2. A.Garg 3. A.Jayadev
IIA	S.M.Kala	1. S.M.Kala 2. B.Kumar 3. R.R.P.Singh 4. R.Tanwar 5. R.Chowpoo 6. S.Karwasra 7. A.Anand	1. Hari Om 2. S.Tiwari 3. R.Kumar 4. D.S.Thakur 5. K.Rai 6. V.Gupta 7. L.B.Singh 8. B.Bhaskar 9. V.Singh 10. L.Shukla
II	A.Kumar	-	1. A.Kumar 2. A.Anand 3. M.Jindal 4. A.Shukla
IA	S.Gupta	1. S.Gupta 2. K.Madhavan 3. P.Chadra	1. H.Prakash 2. A.Kumar 3. T.Mukherjee 4. P. Diwedi 5. P.Darshi



TRIP TO THE END OF INDIA THE ANDAMANS

This trip was could not be arranged for the last few years due to some problems or the other. It was again decided in the previous term to try once more. At first the response from the cadets was poor, however on the last day the response was very good due to which this trip was finalised.

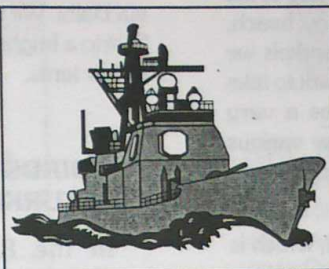
The cadets started arriving at Vizag by the 3rd of January 2001. Our hike OIC Capt. Vivek Singh Asst. AO (Rimcollian) along with Hav. Kanwar also arrived on the 3rd. We were accommodated in I.N.S Ghorpad, which is a landing ship and has the capacity to carry 5 tanks. We stayed on board in the tank space. Most of the cadets had arrived by the 4th. In the evening on that day we had a tea party with many Rimcollians including Vice Admiral Harinder Singh and Commodore Panda. This tea party was held in I.N.S Circars, which is the base HQ, beside the Naval Sailing Club.

The following day that is the 5th we went in the morning to the Naval Museum, which gave us a detailed idea of the various naval ports and also about the Navy. We then went to the submarine museum where the names of all the first crews of various submarines along with pictures and also various parts of submarines were displayed.

In the evening we went to I.N.S Sindhughosh which is the first Kilo class submarine acquired by India from Russia in 1986. After seeing all the compartments of the sub we went to I.N.S Rana, which is a destroyer class ship. The next day after a hearty breakfast we went to I.N.S. Satavahana, which is the only submarine training institution in India. When we returned on board in the afternoon we were told to pack up our luggage as one of the engines of the ship had stopped working. In the evening I.N.S Khukri which is a missile corvette docked beside our ship and in the night at around 11.00 p.m we shifted on board that ship.

Our ship at last set sail on the 7th at 12.30 a.m when all was dark around. All the cadets were awake and were eagerly on the bridge seeing the

ship slink slowly through the narrow channel with the Dolphins Nose with the enormous lighthouse on top of it to the right, the Port Trust to the left, the Hindustan ship building yard behind us and the Bay of Bengal ahead of us. We were too sleepy to see any more and retired to bed. We were accommodated in the Juniors Officers Mess in the ship.



The next day we awoke early and after our routine and breakfast in the Ward Room we went on top of the deck where we were all astounded to see blue sea all around us and the clear blue sky above. It was a very beautiful view and flying fish darting in and out of the water made it even more beautiful. We were shown how to

communicate by means of flags by the communicating officer of the ship. It is known as 'semaphore'. We were also shown the various methods of fire fighting. We were then shown around the Bridge and also in the Operations Room and were told the functions of all the radars, missiles and guns. The whole day went smoothly except for the fact that some of the cadets were seasick. The next day also went smoothly. We did some firing with LMGs.

The next day when we got up we were welcomed by a sight of beautiful green islands all around us. To think of the fact that a day ago we were surrounded by water on all sides with no sightings of land and now we were having land all around us. We docked at the Haddo Jetty, Port Blair.

We were received by Hav Angrej Singh and were transported by the naval bus to the Jak Riffles where we stayed in the Chaukas Charlie company. The following evening we went to the Cellular Jail. There we saw many museums and cells and afterwards saw the light and sound show. This jail's has 698 cells in it, which are in 7 buildings with 3 floors each. Seeing this some of us could not help but remember the sacrifice of all our freedom fighters who gave up their lives for the cause of freedom that we enjoy today.

The following day that is the 10th we went to the Haddo Jetty from where we took a tug to the

only floating dry dock of India. This dry dock was bought by India from Japan. It floats with help of 6 anchors on each side. We then left for Ross Island by the same boat. Ross Island was the place where all the British officers used to stay. Now it is in ruins. On the island we saw some deer and also the ruined houses, market place and the club of the British officers.

The next day was the most awaited day of the trip as we were going to the Jolly Buoy beach. We were up early and after issue of snorkels we left for the Mahatma Gandhi national park to take a ferry to the beach. The beach was a very beautiful one with clear water. We saw various types of fish, starfish and corals through our snorkels and also in the glass boat.

On the 12th we went to Samudrika, which is the Naval Museum at Port Blair. We saw various types of fish and corals and also shells. We then went to the aquarium, which was also quite a huge one.

The next day we were up very early and were ready by 5.30 a.m as we had to go for the beaching exercise which was conducted by the landing ships where they landed troops on the beach to attack the enemy. We were divided in 2 groups and the groups went in two ships. This exercise was done on the Corbyns cove beach and it was a very extraordinary experience for all of us. The rest of the day was given free to us.

The next day, the 14th, was the last day for us in Andamans. We went to Chidiya Tapu, which is the island of birds. We took a bath at the beach. The water here too was very clear but it was very shallow. In the evening we packed up and were back on the same ship. We left in the night at 9.30 p.m for our return voyage to Vizag.

On 15th January the sea was very rough. The water was rising above the deck and the deck was awash in salt water. The sky was also very gray. The next day the sea was again calm and the ship was speeding up at 20 knots, which is a very high speed. Few of us saw dolphins and we also saw many shoals of flying fishes. We reached Vizag on the 16th in the night at 10.00 p.m and docked successfully in the Naval Dockyard.

After a sound sleep we woke up late the next

day. After getting ready we went to the steel plant, which is the largest in India. There we saw one of the three huge blast furnaces and also the place where coke is made and after a detailed tour of the place we left for the ship.

The 18th was the last day of our memorable trip to the green isles in the Bay of Bengal. Sadly we packed, bade farewell and said our thanks to the crew and boarded the train back to Dehra Dun via Delhi. We returned back to the College on the 21st to a bright sunny but a cold morning, to begin a new term.

Cdt Anvesh Murty Class III

BIRDS IN THE RIMC DUCKS, TURKEYS, GUINEA FOWLS

In the RIMC, we live in a natural environment, which forms a healthy atmosphere for our eventful life to carry on. In the year 1998, we brought in six geese. Since then, the number has gone up to nine. Later on in the year 2000, three turkeys including two males and one female were brought along with four guinea fowls in the RIMC campus. Earlier these birds would go around the college campus but once a guinea fowl was killed by a dog.

Keeping this incident in mind a wire-mesh enclosure has been built around their bird house. These birds are allowed to go out of the bird house after regular intervals. Near their bird house there is a heart shaped water tank. The tank provides water for the birds to drink and swim. The birds are fed twice a day with grain mainly crushed wheat.

These birds form one of the brightest pearls of the crown of our campus. They give us the opportunity to live in harmony with nature.

Cdt Karan Sharma Class III

RARE FIND FROM A RIMCOLLIAN

On the 13th March 1979 all the Rimcollians at Bombay gathered on board the carrier flagship INS VIKRANT for a reunion. The chief guest was Rear Admiral RH Tahilliani, the Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, who later became the Chief of the Naval Staff. He gave a

very fine speech praising the contribution of RIMC to the three services, and regretted that he did not pass out from those hallowed portals. Below is the Menu Card of that happy occasion.

RIMCOLLIAN	
RI	MC
MENU	
Sweet Corn Chicken Soup	
Fish Ravigot	
Chicken Mary & Veg. Basket (v) Russian Salad Duchess Potato Baked Cauliflower Garlic Bread / Bread Rolls	
RIMC Sponge Cake	
Coffee	

EXCELLENT N.D.A AND BOARD RESULTS

The aim with which a boy joins R.I.M.C is to become an officer in the defence forces. He fulfills it by joining N.D.A after passing out from R.I.M.C for further training. This term the results in N.D.A Merit List were one of the best observed in the 79 years of R.I.M.C's history. **All the graduating cadets were in the first 48 in all India merit list.** Another remarkable feature is that our cadets also occupied the first three ranks, namely:

Cadet B.M Bulle	1st
Cadet N.Tyagi	2nd
Cadet C.K Kothari	3rd
Cadet Basant Sewada	stood 6th.

In the class 10th board examinations, the cadets showed a lot of improvement. Four cadets achieved the target of 80% and above. The topper was Cadet Vikas Sheoran with 83.5%.

For the performance of class 12 cadets was also very good. Cdt C.K. Kothari stood first while cadets Anshul Bhatt and Panchal Barua were second and third respectively. All the cadets of the college and the Members of Staff are proud of them.

Cadet Rohit Tanwar Class III

PRESENTATION OF HORSES TO THE RIMC



24th Nov. 2000 was a historic day for the RIMC. By the kind courtesy of the Garhwal Rifles Regimental Centre, for the first time since the Rajwada camp days we actually had horses of our own. After the inter section obstacle races were over Col Bose the Deputy Commandant of the GRRC presented four horses to the Commandant RIMC, which the latter very gratefully accepted on behalf of the college.

This was the first step towards our long awaited desire to have a riding club at RIMC. Earlier we were sent to the IMA on rare occasions to get a feel of horse riding, now we have facilities of our own. During the winter vacations three more horses joined the college making a total of seven horses. Hopefully we shall have many fine horsemen in the near future.

Cdt Rakesh Kumar Class IIA
Cdt Rahul Chauhary Class IVA

OBSTACLE COMPETITION - NOVEMBER. 2000

In 1980's, Obstacle Competitions formed a very important part of sports curriculum. Thereafter, this competition was not held for many years. It was reintroduced in RIMC about a decade later in 1999 as part of the end of term activities. At the time the November issue of the chronicle went to press, the inter section obstacle competition was held i.e. on the 24th November.

The junior section was for cadets of classes I-III and the seniors from IIIA and above. This is one sport where everyone takes part for his section whether big or small, strong or weak. It is heartening to see the spirit of camaraderie with

the big boys helping the smaller ones over the difficult obstacles.

The final positions at the end were as follows:

TEAM	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH
JUNIORS	Chandragupta & Pratap (joint)		Ranjit	Shivaji
SENIORS	Ranjit	Chandragupta	Shivaji	Pratap
OVERALL	Chandragupta	Ranjit	Shivaji	Pratap

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

POSITIONS	JUNIORS	SENIORS
1.	Romen Singh (C)	PK Pandey (R)
2.	G Francis (P)	Amardeep Singh (C)
3.	GR Sahu (R)	Subeg Singh (R)

The chief guest for the occasion was Lt Gen RK Sawhney PVSM AVSM, Deputy Chief of the Army Staff. We are all very grateful to him for kindly consenting to be amongst us despite his busy schedule and give away the prizes and the handsome trophy.

Cdt Rahul Chaudhary Class IV-A

RIMCOLLIANS` REPUBLIC DAY HONOURS

PADMASHRI Awarded to

1. Lt. Gen. M. A. Zaki PVSM, AVSM, VrC

PVSM Awarded to

1. Lt Gen. M.A Gurbaxani, AVSM.
2. Air Marshal T J Master, AVSM.
3. Vice Admiral Harinder Singh, AVSM.

BAR TO AVSM Awarded to

1. Maj Gen PS.K. Chaudhary, AVSM.
2. Brig Rajendra Singh AVSM,VSM.

AVSM Awarded to

1. Maj Gen. V.S. Yadav

VSM Awarded to

1. Brig SVP Singh
2. Col A.K. Gupta
3. Col P.C. Dhanraj

YSM Awarded to

1. Brig Deepak Mukherjee.

SM Awarded to

1. Col R Patnaik.
2. Maj D.S Bisht.
3. Capt Ravi Kumar.

4. Lt Saminder Mor.

All cadets and members of staff salute you sirs for doing the alma mater proud.

-Editors

FROM OUR OLD CHRONICLES

February 1965- Our heartiest congratulations to the following Rimcollians on the awards mentioned against their names :-

- (a) Maj. Gen. M.G. Hazari - PVSM.
- (b) Col. R.S. Wodeyar - VSM.
- (c) Wg. Cdr. Dalvir Yadav - Vayu Sena Medal.



OLD BOY'S MAIL

Tony Johnstone writes from UK

"I was very touched and delighted to receive your christmas greetings with its light shining in front of the college entrance gates. Thank you very much for remembering me.

I remember well the Indian cadets of my era. There was some very fine men among them both in work and in sport. The NCO's were well chosen and used their position and privilege wisely for the benefit of the college. They were happy days and I will always be grateful to the college for them.

A Happy New Year and Term soon to start.
Thank you sirs for your good wishes.

-Editors

साक्षात्कार

दिनांक 22 जनवरी को पत्रकारिता के दो छात्रों ने हिन्दी के नए शिक्षक श्री खुशीराम का साक्षात्कार किया। इस साक्षात्कार में श्री खुशीराम ने बताया कि वह दिल्ली के निवासी हैं। राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कॉलेज में आने के पूर्व वह रेलवे स्टाफ कॉलेज (बड़ौदा, गजरात) में शिक्षक के रूप में पदस्थापित थे। आर. आई. एम. सी. में आने का कारण उन्होंने ज्यादा अवसरों का होना बताया। उनकी रुची पत्रिकाएँ पढ़ना, तस्वीरें खींचना और इंटरनेट पर कार्य करना है। उनके प्रिय लेखक श्री प्रेमचंद हैं। हिन्दी से इतना लगाव होने का कारण उन्होंने यह बताया कि हिन्दी हमारी मातृ भाषा है और उनके जीवन से जुड़ी हुई है। आर. आई. एम. सी. की खास बात उन्होंने यह बताई कि यहाँ के कैडेट्स और यहाँ का कैम्पस उन्हें बड़ा सुहावना लगा और खासकर कि यहाँ का अनुशासन उनके मन को भा गया। आर. आई. एम. सी. के तमाम छात्रों के लिए उन्होंने यह संदेश दिया है कि वह समय का पूरा-पूरा लाभ उठावें।

धन्यवाद

कैडेट रोहित तँवर एवं
कैडेट ब्रजेन्दू मास्कर
कक्षा - द्वितीय 'अ'

चिता की राख

चिता की राख मुस्कताती।
चार दिन की चौदनी है,
चार दिन की है जवानी,
चार दिन के जोश में रम
बन गई दुनिया दीवानी।
रह सकोगे चार दिन के बाद क्या?
आवाज आती, चिता की राख मुस्कताती।
कली एक खिली थी उपवन में,
फूल बन मुरझा गई फिर,
चौद से जग जगमगाया,
पर तुरंत ही तम गया धिर।
है मौत सबकी आती,
राख उड़-उड़ कर बताती।
चिता की राख मुस्कताती।

प्रशांत द्विवेदी
कक्षा - पश्चिम-'अ'

OBITUARY



With deep sorrow we regret to announce the sad and untimely passing away of Brig Raman Sehgal (Ranjit 1959-63) in a Chetak helicopter crash in J&K on 30th January. The college has lost a fine and upcoming alumni, now only his memories remain. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to Mrs Sehgal and other members of his family to bear this irreplaceable loss.

BOOK POST

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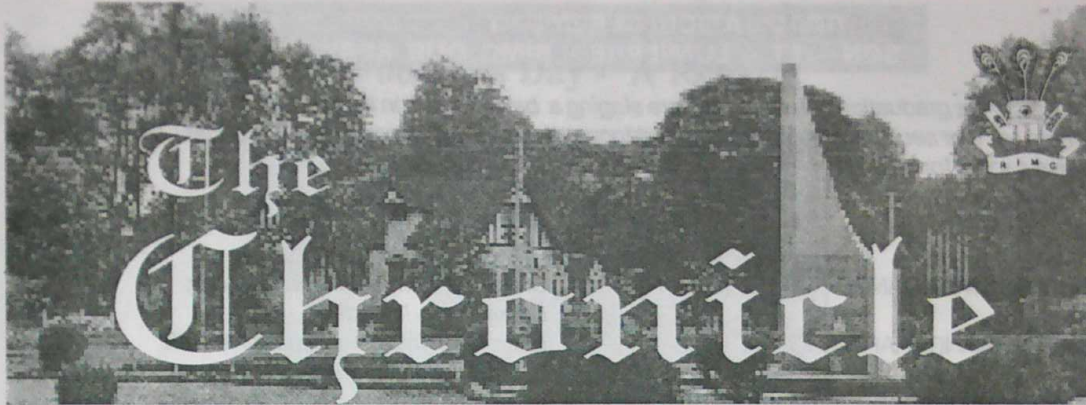
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Editorial

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
Ahoy! it is time to say hello again and I suppose all eyes will be peering out to read this special issue of the chronicle of the millennium year 2001. It gives us immense pleasure in publishing another issue of the chronicle of this year. We are back here again and we have so much to tell our readers about events taking place in this historic campus of ours.

Our 79th founders day celebrations was a big success. Drawing inspiration from the legacy bequeathed to us, we are poised to set new paths that will lead us to greater heights. We had amongst us a distinguished guest, Gen.S Padmanabhan PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC. He did his schooling at RIMC, Dehradun before joining the NDA in 1956.

For the graduation ceremony on the 27th of May we have among us Mr. Falguni Rajkumar, Joint Secretary (Training), Ministry of Defence, as our Chief Guest. We would like to wish the graduating class, all the very best as they pass out of our hallowed portals, into an important step in their lives.

Besides a pen picture on each and every member of the graduating class, we have quite a few interesting

articles. We hope you enjoy reading them.


Yours sincerely,
The Editors

Shri Falguni Rajkumar - A Profile

An alumni of the Hindu College, Delhi, Shri Falguni Rajkumar joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1972 after doing his masters in English (Literature) from Delhi University. He has a distinguished career in the civil services spanning three decades.

Currently the Joint Secretary (Training) in the Ministry of Defence, he has been amongst others, the Chairman cum Managing Director of Mysore Lamps Ltd. and Mysore Electric Industries Ltd. he was also a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and held similar high profile appointments in the Government. He has also travelled extensively all over the world.

Married a fellow IAS officer of his own batch, with a son and a daughter, his hobbies are painting and sports.

GRADUATION CEREMONY - 27 MAY 2001
SON - ET - LUMIERRE - RIMC OUR REAL HEROES

As part of the graduation ceremony, we are staging a ballet based on life slices of our ancient heroes after whom our four sections are named. All the dances are being performed by cadets of class I our juniormost class except for the Kathak dance, by cadets of class I - A.

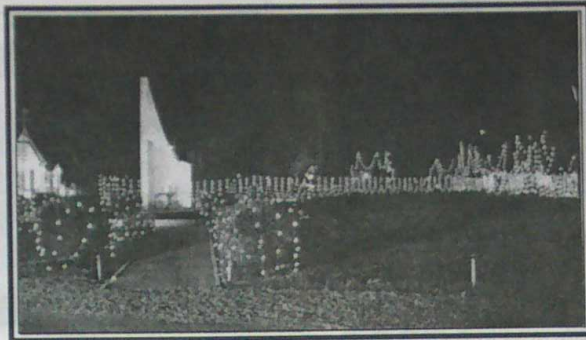
(ON THE STAGE)
Cast in order of appearance

SHIV VANDANA DANCE	-	<i>Sudheep, Samrat, Jaspal, Gaurav, Bhavya and Jetendra.</i>
KABUL - KANDAHAR MARCH	-	<i>Rishab, Arvind, Swayamshri, Ashish Shirshendu and Varun.</i>
KATHAK MUJRA	-	<i>Maninder Singh and M K Ram</i>
CREATION OF RIMC - JOY	-	<i>Arjun, Ansuman, Shrishendu, Himanshu and Chandrashekhar.</i>
VANDE MATARAM UPRISING	-	<i>Jitendra, Arjun, Ansuman, Shirshendu, Himanshu and Chandrashekhar.</i>
CHANAKYA / CHANDRAGUPTA MIME	-	<i>Prabhakar and Saurav</i>
NIRAVATAR MAJHE	-	
AWAKENING	-	<i>Swamima</i>
SONE KI CHIRIYA	-	
THANKSGIVING	-	<i>Sudheep and Samrat</i>
MAHARANA PRATAP	-	<i>Dikshant</i>
RAJPUT / MUGHAL WAR	-	<i>Vikas, Aman, Abhishekh, Fiji, Suraj and Sahil.</i>
REMEMBERING THE MARTYRS	-	<i>Sudheep and Samrat</i>
TANDAVA RESURGENCE	-	<i>Vikas, Aman, Abhishekh, Fiji, Suraj and Sahil.</i>
CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI	-	<i>Mujtaba, Vikas, Jaspal.</i>
MAHARANA / CHHATRAPATI	-	<i>Dikshant and Mujtaba.</i>
DESH KI DHARTI	-	<i>Rishab, Aman, Swyamshri, Anand, Saurav, And Himanshu</i>
RANJIT SINGH MIME	-	<i>Fiji, Arvind and Mujtaba</i>
SHANKRACHARYA	-	<i>Prabhakar, Dikshant, and Mujtaba.</i>
KRISHNASTI VANDANA;	-	
MANIPURI DANCE	-	<i>Sadananda, Ravi, Laldinpuia, Atish Negi, Atish Aggarwal and Shri Bapun Datta</i>

(BEHIND THE SCENES)

MIME NARRATIVES	-	<i>Kunal and Vibhore Rohit and Rana</i>
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AND MAKEUP	-	<i>Shri Bapun Datta</i>
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LIGHT EFFECTS	-	<i>Shri T.K. Aggarwal</i>
DRESSES	-	<i>Ms Artica</i>
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Rashtriya Indian Military College Dehradun 79th Founders Day - `A Report

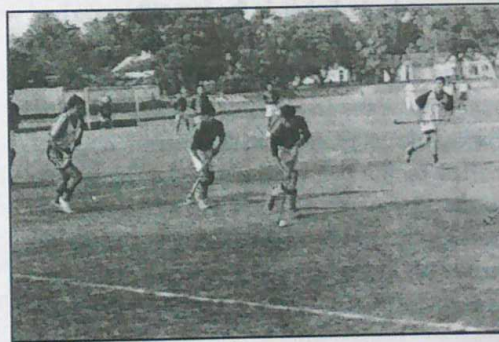


The sun shone over the horizon, the sweet chirping of the birds could be heard far and wide and every blossoming flower added to the beauty of that exceptionally beautiful day. It was the 12th of March, a day which comes every year like any other day but brings with it a new kind of ecstasy, a new kind of anxiety, a new kind of excitement every time. RIMC was indeed gratified and touched that Gen. S. Padmanabhan COAS had consented to be a part of the reunion gathering and also the well wishers, friends who had journeyed from near and far to affirm their support, solidarity and good wishes to their Alma Mater. Exuberance filled the air as enthusiastic old boys returned eagerly to join their friends. One could see them reminiscing and sharing nostalgic moments. Some were busy trying to remember faces, recall old days while others preferred the company of the young to the old but all of them more or less had the same feelings to express, I wish time could turn back the years that have passed me by.

Time present and time past are both perhaps present in the time future and time future is present in time past. With these words of T S Eliot the Rimcollians (as the old boys are affectionately called) dived into the depth of time and recalled those special moments when they themselves were

a part of the events taking place. These boys now senior officers of the armed forces had spent some great years in this school of excellence. The staff and the cadets pitched in their mite to rise above the ordinary and put up performances to be remembered for the years to come under the able guidance of the Commandant Col Arun Mangain.

The celebrations began with a hockey and a foot-



ball match between the old boys and the college XI. These sports events were celebrated with fervour and enthusiasm. It was an occasion to relax and enjoy through long forgotten childhood games and forfeits. The old boys abandoned themselves to a day of fun and frolic of make believe and sheer joy of being a child once again. Excitement filled the



air as hearts pitter pattered with each goal coming in hand.

The highlight of the 12th evening, the Inter Section Boxing Competition was in a class of its own. The boys filled with vigour and enthusiasm were ready to bear any amount of punches for the DO OR DIE attitude for their respective sections. The medals and the trophies were given away by Mr R.C Singal an old master of the school who had taught almost all the old boys present including General Padmanabhan.

After all this was over the Rimcollians proceeded to the cadets mess to join the other guests for the Commandants dinner. In the famous Quadrangle opposite to the mess, the cadets enlivened the evening with a Bhangra dance followed by all the cadets singing 'Kadam Kadam Badaye Ja' with candles in their hands, ably supported by the orchestra of the Jat Regimental centre. It was a fitting tribute to all the old boys. The programme culminated with the soulful strains of "Abide by me" followed by dinner and dance.

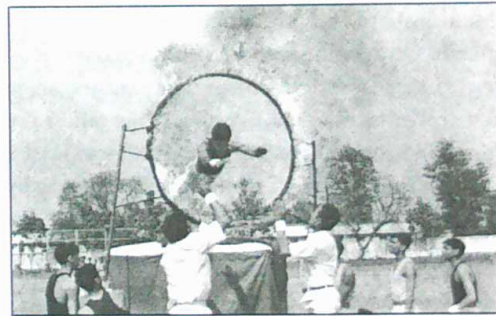
13th of March was indeed a memorable day for it hall marked 78 years of rich and varied experiences in the making of RIMC, that brought within its folds a great sense of achievement, celebrations and fulfilled promises. To commemorate this day who could forget the supreme sacrifices made

by the martyrs of the college who laid down their lives to safeguard the safety and honour of their country. They were honoured in the most befit-



ting way with General Padmanabhan laying the wreath on behalf of all the old boys, of the bugle sounding the 'Last Post', a commemorative prayer of silence and a magnificent fly past by Army Helicopter showering petals of rose over the memorial and over all the old boys and their ladies and cadets respectfully lined up.

The celebrations carried on with old boys group photographs to be captured in the frames of RIMC and then was a spectacular P.T display at the



cricket ground by the cadets in which a remarkable performance was given by the cadets in the RING OF FIRE.



This was followed by an impressive performance of sky diving and para jumping by para troopers of the Army among whom were two of the old boys. After this was the traditional friendly cricket



match between the old boys and the cadets which was enjoyed by all. After the cricket match our new addition to the campus, the RIMTAL was inaugurated by Mrs Roopa Padmanabhan

The evening commenced on the dot at the 1730 with the commandant, presenting the annual report of the college. The outstanding achievements of the cadets which earned them gold and silver medals and dazzling trophies were given away to the proud winners by Gen Padmanabhan, the Army Chief. Such an occasion comes rarely in a lifetime for the young cadets and they cherished every moment of it. Then came the time for meny

making. The cadets put up an impressive programme of music and wonderful play in English entitled 'RIMC Darkest Hour'. This was a play that brought back nostalgic memories to some of the old boys present, about the traumatic days of 1947 when their beloved school was partitioned

After this it was time for the old boys dinner, an occasion for the distinguished and the privileged few who proudly adorn the Rimcollian tie around their necks and heads held high. This was the time for the boys to become boys once again despite the wrinkles and the grey, to reminiscence about time in private at a safe and a discrete distance away from the ladies who shared the same meal in a private enclave. In a true following of tradition year after year, the Rimcollians and the ladies for those precious moments left one another alone.

The Annual general meeting of the Rimcollians Old Boys Association was organised in the Bhagat Hall. On the 14th of March, a day to bid adieu had come, one could read the expression of the hearts desire for some more, so long farewell O what are we to say adieu, adieu, to you and you and you. Sad expressions but joy was within their hearts in the hope of meeting again in the future reunions to come.

We wished they stayed on, nevertheless even their short stay goes a long way in passing on the rich traditions of the college from the old to the new.

Ms Monica Chandel



Campus Mail



My dear Aun & Shakti,

Words fail me to express our
Sincere Thanks for the most wonderful
time spent with you all at our
Almanah! We enjoyed every minute
of our stay.

It was lovely meeting the
Cadets & our old friends. Visits

to RIMS always make one feel
young & refreshed.

Please convey our Thanks
to all those who made our stay a
comfortable & memorable one.

We'll always cherish this
memory & look forward to more such
visits. Thanks a million.

With love & Best wishes

affly, Roopa Padmanabhan

is present
the gift which
comes in
affection



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23 Feb 2001

Dear Manu,

I write this letter to convey my best wishes to the President and Members of Rimcollian Association, on 13 March 2001. My greetings also go out to the Commandant, Members of Staff and Cadets of R.I.M.C.

Assuming I am the only Rimcollian in this part of the world, an open invitation goes out to all Old Boys to come to the Kingdom of Lesotho for a great holiday in the Drakenburg Mountains. (As good Rimcollians, some like me would have devoted less than required attention during Geography classes, so may I refresh the memory and inform you that Lesotho is a landlocked country within Republic of South Africa. It is a high altitude country, with the capital Maseru located at the lowest part of Lesotho - at an altitude of 6000ft above sea level). I assure all Rimcollians that there is nothing like Scotch Eggs in the Drakenburg Mountains !! It is truly a great place for a holiday.

With best wishes

Yours Sincerely,

Jasbir

Colonel Arun Mangain,
Commandant,
Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC),
Dehradun,
INDIA

Maj Gen SD Mahanti writes from U. P. Area HQ, Bareilly

"Please accept my compliments for the excellent manner in which you staged the Reunion on the founders day of our remarkable Alma Mater despite resource constraints - material, manpower and time. I can well imagine the kind of hard work that must have gone in during the short period between my last visit to the School on 23 Feb when the const wks were in progress and 11 march. Std of cultural activities were of an extreme high order, food was so much better. Most importantly the cadets looked good. Tremendous all round improvement from the last Reunion one attended - 5 yrs ago."

Mr. V Ramaswamy on email from Calcutta

"Long live RIMC, as long as there's RIMC, there's hope for the future."

Maj Ali Ahmed writes from DSSC Wellington

Sir, I enclose a photo of the Rimcollian get together at the DSSC on 13 March 01 Brig KUM Nair was the senior Rimco. Present were three DS and 14 student Rimcollians. Maj Vishal Sharma, the juniormost, cut the cake.



Wedding bells 25 April 2001

Capt Anuj Kalia (Ranjit - passed out Dec 90) and Anupama. May the Almighty's choisest blessings be showered on the young couple for all times to come.

from
All cadets MOS and Rimcollians

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Creative Writing Competition was held for the first time in the college Mr. Ruskin Bond adjudged the best three writeups and autographed the certificates for the Cadets.

Topic : "Live on this Earth!
And you Earth folk
Take this in your head
We shall not have another Earth
If this one were Dead".

"Through this toilsome world,

Alas!

Once and only once I pass
If a kindness I may show,
If a good deed I may do
To a suffering fellow man,
Let me do it is plain -
I shall not pass this way

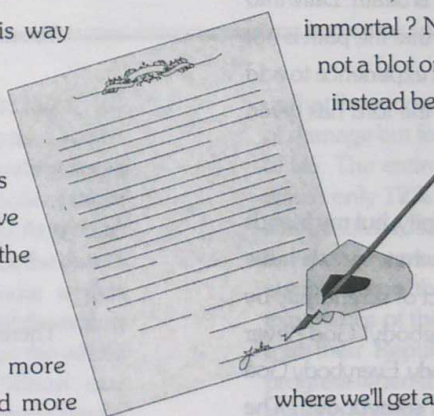
again".

At the outset of my everflowing thoughts on this magnificent topic, I quote the above lines to illustrate my views on the topic.

There has been nothing more puzzling more astonishing and more wonderful, than life on this earth to man. The Earth, a masterpiece of the Lord Almighty has everything seas, the lushfulness of the trees and the vastness of the skies above are the things that embroider the tapestries of life. Life here is like an ice cream,

it has to be relished before it melts out. As the great socrates had said, "Nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so", it is what we make of life, not what life makes of us.

Thousands of men live, breathe and pass off through their stage of life; but are heard of no more. Why? Not a good deed they did, none could point to them as their instrument of redemption, not a line they wrote nor a word they spoke could be recalled and thus, their light perished into the darkness. Will you thus live, breathe and die; O man immortal? No, live for something. Be not a blot on her holiness Mother, but instead be a flower to bloom on it.



Analogous to the topic, I feel it is the Earth, the skies, the water - and all the five requisite elements that she has are all for us. There isn't another time

where we'll get another chance to prove our might. Some great person had once said, "The cup of life is to the one who drinks, not who sips". Therefore, to distill and extract the best of life; all we have to do is to - "Believe that life is worth living and our belief will help create the fact". Even in the depths of oceans,

zenith of peaks, vastness of lands we'll never have a chance to pass through this wonderful stage of life.

I believe that what I make is my life, what I do is my action and what I decide is my fate. But, true to the wish of the Lord; I'll always make this Earth a wonderful place for both me and my fellowmen to live in. Dear Sir Ruskin, as in your story, 'The Woman on Platform 8' states. Even though the boy never sees in his dreams nor in reality; he went on to notice that the exemplary woman was a person to be remembered. In complete agreement with the story I feel, "Go out the world's for you; but always think twice because the crossroads of life bear no signs". Mona Lisa was created once, the Earth too shall be a masterpiece of God only once. Entertain no fear for fear is death. Dare into the world and you'll find that the path is not only adventurous but an experience to add to the beautiful life that the Lord has given us.

Life is full of serendipity, but my friends please remember that whatever we have today is a result of an act of serendipity by our ancestors. 'Be Somebody! God never takes time to build a nobody. Everybody God creates is created to be somebody!'. The Beautiful lines above were stated by Mr. Robert H. Schuller, author of the best-seller - 'Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do?'. If you want to know how I lead my life

- ask not what I eat or what I drink but ask me the way I spent that moment of life.

All my thoughts and ideas are propping one after another to speak for this virtual topic, but due to circumstances - as I wish to see the future moments of life; I shall conclude my views in the following lines:

Lord, give me the guidance to know when to hold on and when to let go; the grace to make the right decisions with dignity.

Being the prayer of every moment of our life, all of us should understand the words of Mother Teresa, "What we do is just a drop in the ocean, but the ocean would be less without that drop".

To sum up :-

"Life is real, Life is earnest;
And the grave is not thy goal;
Life is not victory, but battle -
Ever keep a brave and happy
heart"

Therefore,

LIVE LIFE KINGSIZE !!

Venkat Perumal
Class - IVA

OPERATION SADBHAVNA



We the cadets of class II A would like to tell you something about the earthquake, which occurred in Bhuj and its surrounding areas on the 26th of Jan when the whole of India was celebrating the Republic day. At around 8:45 in the morning disaster struck the district of kutch when an earthquake which measured 7.9 on Richter scale hit the region and within a span of 47 seconds the whole area had gone haywire. When our commandant expressed his desire to send a few cadets to the quake affected areas during the assembly; our class took the initiative by putting forth a request application expressing our desire to go to Bhuj.

On the 20th of March, dressed in our OG kit we went to visit the Army School Bhuj. We met the principal Mrs. Geeta Soni who told

us that the school building had suffered a lot of damage but fortunately there was no loss of life. The entire strength was 1050 out of which only 12% were civilians. The school was established in 1990. After the earthquake the classes were conducted in tents. During our interaction, the students told us about their experience of the earthquake. They told us that their Republic Day Function was in progress when they suddenly saw the stage shaking and the building cracking up. Then we moved to Kendriya Vidyalaya No.2. Almost the same routine took place out there but the children were more frank than those of Army School. We also interacted with the staff members and the principal Mr. KN Mishra. We came back by four in the evening and were off for the rest of the day. Most of the evenings were spent by playing Basketball

and watching T. V.

On the 21st morning we had a tea party with Brig. Deepak Sood who is also a Rimcollian. He joined as a Shivajian but passed out as a Chandraguptian. We then went to the Municipal Corporation of Bhuj from where we collected bleaching powder in trolleys. We then spread it around the town of Bhuj. It seemed a little irritating to our nose due to its foul smell and we went sneezing all around the town. On our way we came across places which seemed like massive fields where debris was dumped but they were actually rows of houses that had fallen down. It seemed a little tough but we completed our work with sincerity.

On the 22nd of March with a day's experience of spraying D.D.T on our side we went ahead to perform another day's spraying but this time we were in Anjar, which was the

worst, affected town. Anjar is 41 kilometers away from Bhuj. We also sprayed liquid medicines for which the machines were provided to us by the Red Cross society. 90% of the buildings were destroyed and badly damaged. We interacted with many people over there and came to know their experiences during the earthquake. We also saw a memorial built by an engineer regiment at Anjar in the memory of the 10000 people who died in the earthquake. On the top of the memorial was a crest carved on beautiful marble that looked like the ROBA crest. Here



RIMC Cadets Removing Debris At Bhuj

due to the vast damage the debris gave out rotten smell and there were two occasions when few of us spotted mutilated dead bodies under the debris. Few workers of the municipality told us that due to the poor response of claiming, the dead bodies were now being burnt along with the debris.

On the 23rd of March we walked to the village called Dhrang which is nearest to the epicenter. This is 30 kms away from Bhuj and 15 kms away from the epicenter. There we were divided into two groups.

One of them removed the debris fallen over the temple the other group had gone to a bigger temple named Mokhan dada Akkadh a mandir where the temple's ration supplies had got buried under the debris of the same room where it was kept. We took out many sacks of dal, grains, nuts, rice

etc. from the debris of the shattered room. We also took out many utensils which too were under the debris. After that we visited the epicentre of the earthquake near a village named Lodai. The epicenter was little into the Rann Of Kutch and was surrounded by barren land with cracks all over it. On our way we spotted a lot of mirages. The epicenter was a huge hole filled with saline water. It is said that when the earthquake occurred the water went almost 15 feet in the air.

On the 24th, of March we visited an institute

called Veirayatan Vidyapeeth. This institute is run by a Jain Sadhvi of the Bihar Rajgir Jain Sabha. This was situated in the Shivparas Mandir 8km away from Bhuj. It had about 1400 children and it was an Adhoc school for 6 months. The basic aim of the school was to help the students to recover from the shocking incident. We put in all our efforts to raise their spirits and the children over there were also very cooperative. We spent an entire day with them.

The 25th of March which was a Sunday, we took a break from our daily routine and went to the Mandvi beach 61km away from Bhuj. Some of us got a view of the sea for the first time. We had a lovely time bathing in the sea, drinking coconut water, gulping Davelis, enjoying ride on camels etc. This was followed by a visit to the Jain temple. The temple was established in 1987. After that we had lunch over there and made our way back. In the evening we celebrated Cadet Vaibhav Sinha's birthday.

On the 26th of March we visited a village named Rudramata which is approximately at a distance of 62km from Bhuj. There we were divided into two groups. One of them went a little further to a place where many people had come and settled down as their villages were destroyed. On interacting with them they told us their problems like shortage of water, electricity, food etc. The other group asked the villagers of Rudramata if they could

help them in any way. On their request the group cleaned the area around a lake and dam. This dam called the Rudramata dam provided water to the district of Bhuj. We were back to our camp by 4:30 pm.

On the 27th we went to the District Magistrate's office in the morning. After introducing ourselves and our aim to him he gave us chocolates to distribute to various schools of Bhuj. Firstly we visited schools called Sukhpar and Veirayatan where we distributed 3 chocolates to each student. Then we also went to the Kutch Leva school.

Conclusion

There was a lot that we learnt from this trip. We had never imagined that natural calamities can take such a disastrous form. We also developed a sense of humanism towards other fellow beings in need of help. We learnt how to cooperate with one another for the benefit of others. We also saw the different sides of mankind, On one side we had people ready to give everything they had for the victims, But on the other hand we had people who even in such times were using all possible corrupt ways to earn personal profits. And ofcourse, there was a lot that we learnt about their culture.

Cdt. Gopi Nath
Class - II A



कर्नल संजय चावला
कमान अधिकारी

Col Sanjay Chawla
Commanding Officer

सोलहवीं बटालियन बिहार रेजिमेन्ट
मार्फत ५६ ए.पी.ओ.

The Sixteenth Battalion
The Bihar Regiment
c/o 56APQ

It is pleasing to inform you that the cadets have taken very keen interest in all the tasks performed by them and they have left behind a very positive impression on the hearts and minds of people of Kutch. Despite their tender age they showed physical endurance and mental maturity. I wish them all the best.

Heart

Sweetness of life comes
Through one's heart,
Though one has to part
From life, when
The time comes, but
The memories
Down the lane
Never part,
Just beco's of
The sweetness
of the heart !

Archana Chakravarti

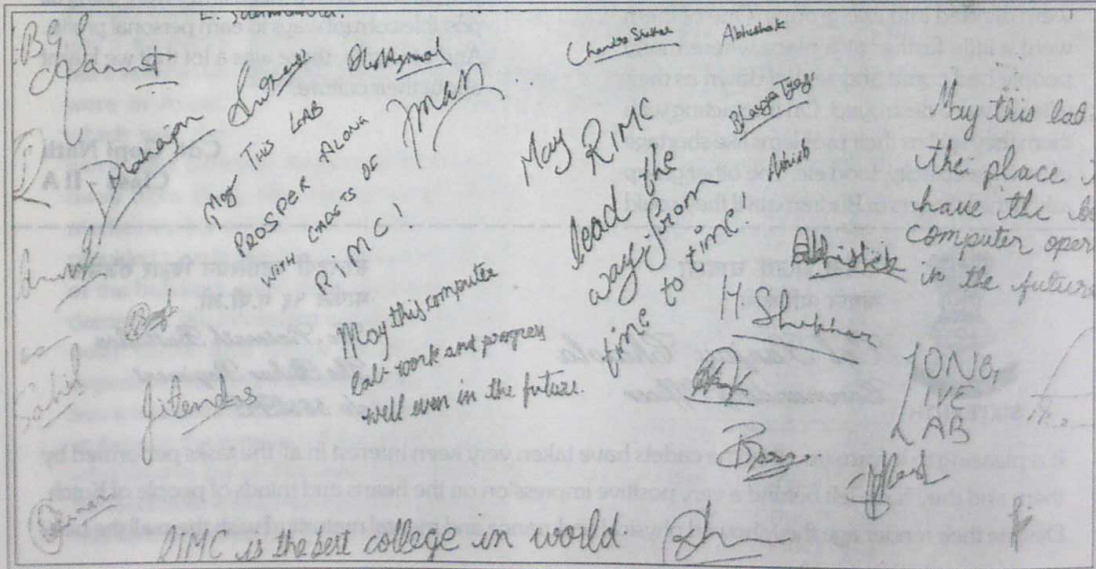


Dawn

The trees stand silent
their giant arms stretched towards the sky
Unsuccessfully trying hard
to capture a slice of sunlight.
Their smooth rain washed trunks
glistening in the dawn,
Suddenly the sparrows twitter
A hunter is on the prowl.
The leaves rustle,
trying to calm the birds.
He is gone, gone...
After a while a hush spreads,
A cuckoo pipes a song
Sitting among the silent boughs.
An inspiration, a beautiful memory
or a moment of time
Life goes on as usual.

Pratibha Singh

FROM OUR BOARD SCANNER IN THE NEW COMPUTER LAB INAUGURATED BY THE CADETS OF CLASS -I



AWARD OF MERIT CARDS

1.	Cadet Ankur Aggarwal	-	Boxing
2.	Cadet Lokesh Shukla	-	Boxing
3.	Cadet Laldingzula	-	Boxing
4.	Cadet Aditya Sharma	-	Boxing
5.	Cadet GP Singh	-	Cross country
6.	Cadet Alok Kumar	-	Cross country
7.	Cadet Captain Amardeep	-	PT
8.	Cadet Sumit Kumar	-	Athletics
9.	Cadet Captain Amardeep	-	Cricket
10.	Cadet George Francis	-	Cricket
11.	Cadet Manuj Jindal	-	Cricket
12.	Cadet Atesh Negi	-	Cricket
13.	Cadet RS Pathania	-	Cricket
14.	Cadet Vishal Singh	-	Cricket
15.	Cadet Lokesh Shukla	-	Cricket
16.	Cadet Pinku Singh	-	Hockey
17.	Cadet Y Romen Singh	-	Hockey
18.	Cadet RP Singh	-	Hockey
19.	Cadet Abhishek Gargmukh	-	Hockey
20.	Cadet K Babumamocha	-	Hockey
21.	Cadet Ramkesh Singh	-	Hockey
22.	Cadet Ankush Kumar	-	Hockey
23.	Cadet Aditya Kumar	-	Hockey
24.	Cadet PV Mohan	-	Hockey
25.	Cadet Alok Kumar	-	Hockey
26.	Cadet Simrandeep Singh	-	Hockey
27.	Cadet Rajan Chikara	-	Hockey
28.	Cadet Tarkeshwar Singh	-	Music
29.	Cadet B Bhaskar	-	Quizzing
30.	Cadet Brijesh Mishra	-	Debate
31.	Cadet Rudra Pratap	-	Science Olympiad
32.	Cadet Bipul Bhaskar	-	Science Olympiad

2011 PEN PICTURE OF THE GRADUATING CLASS

Amardeep

This spirited boy of Chandragupta section has done exceedingly well during his stay. He is passing out as the cadet captain of the college with blues in X-country and athletics, as well as a half blue in boxing and a merit card in P.T. He has done equally well in co-curriculars. He was a good quizzer too. He has an ample amount of officer like qualities in him which assures us that he will do well in the future and raise the name of the college.

Himanshu Awasthi

This spirited Himachili lad did well for himself and rose to become the section commander of Chandra gupta section. Along with being the medhavi of his class, he has also captained the college cricket team as well as basket ball team.

He is passing out with a blazer in cricket and shall be remembered by all for his jolly and helpful nature.

N. Rakesh

This quiet boy from Andhra Pradesh become an ideal Junior dormitory commander due to his helpful nature. A maths wizard, he has scored the highest several times in his class in his subject. He will be remembered by his juniors for his helpful nature.

Raja Rajan

His stay in R.I.M.C. was no doubt, the best part of his life. He always remained in the background and

gave in his best wherever required. Average in all, he maintained his balance between games and studies. 'Mast' was his name and he lived up to it.

Arjun Singh Panwar

He learnt a lot during his stay at R.I.M.C. A computer wizard, he would be seen either in Cyber Cafe or in the college computer lab. The computer was his best friend and programming was his quest. Apart from computers, his excellence also reached

the fields of basket ball P.T. and swimming where he came out with flying colours. He will be remembered throughout by his juniors as the "Cosmetics King" for the wide variety of cosmetics which he had in his cupboard

G.P. Singh

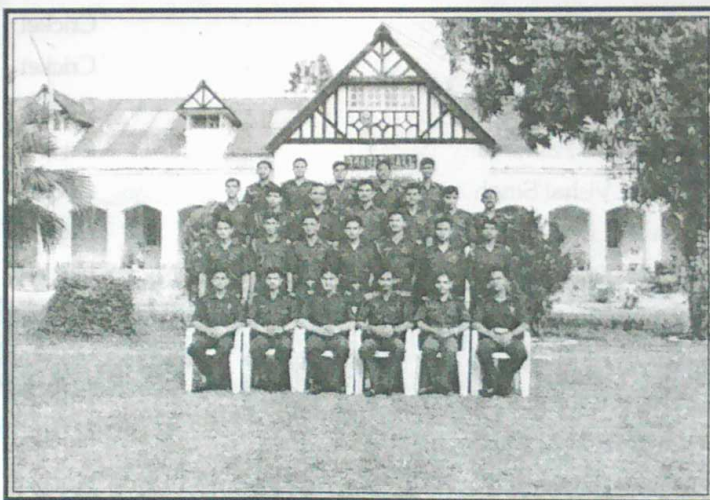
He has been a cheerful and a

hard working cadet from his very first term. He has been in the college foot ball, hockey, cricket and the atheletics teams.

A highly spirited sports man, he has been a continuous source of encouragement and inspiration. He is always seen mixing around with his juniors. Though he was not an appointment, he took part in every section activity.

Buddha Jyoti Kar

This ever smiling boy, from Tripura was least **bothered client** what was happening around him. He was often seen sleeping topless in the Ranjit section Room; his favourite.



Graduating Class - 27.5.2001

The rest of the time he was busy running around looking for cells / batteries for his walkman. He always somehow managed to set everything right when it mattered the most be it games or studies. His optimistic attitude will surely take him far in life.

Bendang Toshi

A rare mixture of South and North-eastern India. He excelled in almost all the games and earned a college colour for him self in football, Hockey and Boxing. In the boxing ring he was a terror. Although he was not any appointment in R.I.M.C. but his achievements are praiseworthy. The only things which troubled him were studies where he could not make a mark. He represented college in both Hockey and foot ball. Good in swimming he also excelled in P.T. Ranjit section will always miss him as a spirited Ranjitian.

Prashant Pandey

"Josh" is a synonym used for this guy. He showed josh in all the fields. There is no one to defeat him on the 100 m track. He concentrated equally hard when it came to academics. That is something else that he lost his rhythm in academics towards the end but had surely showed his mettle by sailing comfortably through Air force SSB. He is worthy of passing such an exam. He has the qualities of a person having strong determination. He was the gem of the locket for his section.

Rajan Chikkara

This smarty Jat from Haryana was always most worried about his appearance the "Raj Aryan", "RAHUL" and what not of college. A real daring force in the games field he was a maestro in hockey, cricket, foot ball, X-country and athletics. Although studies were not his cup of tea but he excelled whenever he tried really hard. Will always be remembered for his pranks, jovial smile and positive attitude.

S.K. Yadav

This cool Purvanchali is a store-house of josh, inspiration and good manners. Polite and

concerned, he is a role-model for his juniors to follow. Always been in the top 5 of his class, he had a good taste of games also. A decent sadhu of Varanasi, he will excel in every sphere of life.

Pankaj Phongat

A very quiet and sincere guy. He was always seen in dorms and computer room. Games field was not his liking but did quite well in studies. He excelled in computers. He could be seen helping his juniors at many places. Fair in games, P.T. and swimming, he participated in all Rabbits teams of Ranjit section and did quite well. A very joshy Ranjitian. He is sure to do well in life.

Alok Kumar

A brilliant spark from the one and only united states of Bihar. He was excellent in academics and a never ending source of inspiration for his juniors. He also excelled in X country and Hockey and undoubtedly was a keen performer in quizzing. A silent and calm personality yet a man of high calibre. His absence will be a great loss for his sectionmates and juniors.

P.V. Mohan

This lad from Andhra Pradesh had a no fear attitude towards life. He always preferred the game fields to the academic classes. An asset to section in games field, will always be remembered for daring stunts which were exclusively his.

Subrat Kumar Samal

This tall young lad from Orissa had a fruitful stay in RIMC. Average in academics and good at games. His exemplary behaviour and manners will be remembered by Pratapians for times to come.

PP Saha

This 'Bango' from Jalpaiguri was keen sportsman and reasonable in the academics. A keeper by profession, was a key member in college and section football, hockey team. Quiet by nature was always looked upon by the juniors.

Anoop Sharma

This young lad from Rajasthan was one of the greatest debaters RIMC had ever witnessed. He did equally well in academics as he did in debates. He was the medhavi of his class for most of his terms. His encouraging and helping feat will remain in the minds of fellow section mates.

Sumit Kumar

Yet another intellectual from the land of Buddha. A brilliant performer in academics, was equally good in sports. Known as 'Gandhi' among his temers for his Gandhian thinking. Most of the time in Hockey field he was found leaving his hockey stick behind the ball. He was a permanent member of section quizzing team. His contributions to the sections were invaluable.

Vivek Shahi

This short lad from Varanasi was a source of inspiration for his section-mates in all arenas. He made his presence felt in hockey field. A constant performer in academics was also very important member of our college dramatics club.

Vishal Kr. Singh

This boy from Sikkim was perfect in all spheres, let it be games or academics. He remained featherist for several terms. He was often seen joking around or listening to music. He was good in all games and represented college in athletics, cricket, hockey, foot ball. Even won a gold medal in boxing. He passed out with blues in Foot ball and Athletics. He did well as Sec. Cdr. and was a true asset to Shivaji section. His section will surely miss him a lot.

Akshay Bahadur

A cool, cheerful and charming Nathu who excelled in all fields which he participated. He always guided his juniors in every field specially in games and P.T. He had an unending josh for his section as well as college. We hope he will perform exceedingly well in N.D.A. as well as in his future. We all wish him a Very Best of Luck.

Gireetra Joshi

This highly spirited Garhwali who did well in all the fields especially in sports. He with his unique voice was a 'chai' or 'tea man' of section and had a craze for it. His habits to frustrate others will be remembered by juniors. He represented college in hockey, athletics, foot ball and did well making use of all the facilities available here. He will surely do well in NDA. He was a great asset to section.

Gaurav Tripathi

This jolly boy from U.P. was commonly known as G.T. express in college, proved his mettle in x-country and athletics. His able guidance saw us winning athletics and x-country cups. Favourite of Mr. Tyagi, he was often caught having momos. Average in academics he did an excellent job for section and his dormitory as a senior dormitory commander.

Vinay Tiwari

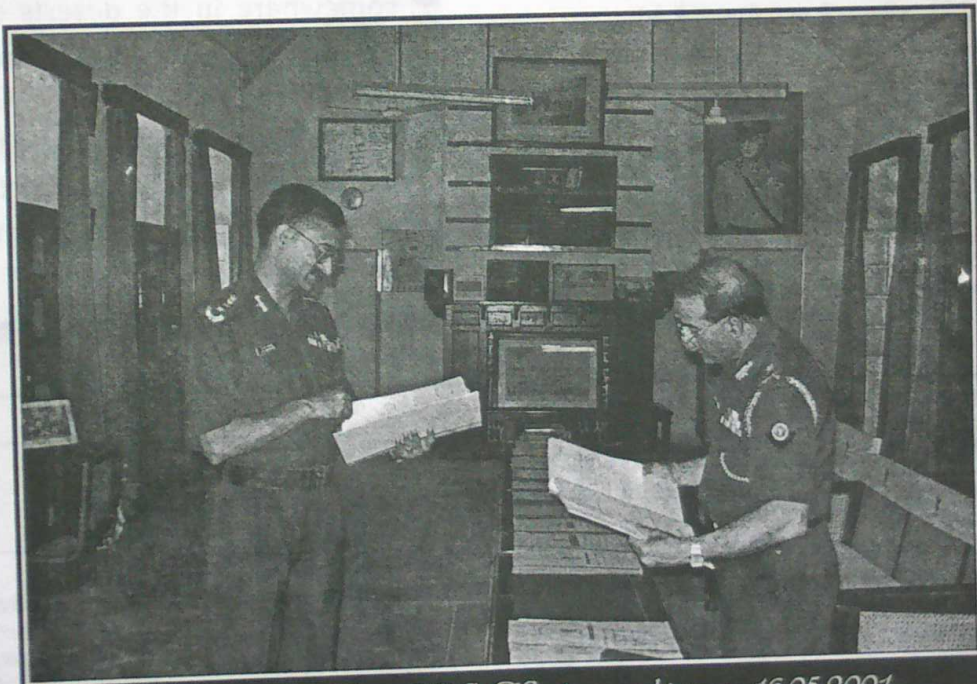
Popular among the section mates as 'The Power Machine', his unending spirit and zeal were a great motivation to the section. A perfect example of 'Speech is silver, silence is Golden', he was popular among his juniors as a very helpful cadet. A 'machoman' in the real sense of the word, the college fields will be incomplete without him.

Tarkeshwar Singh

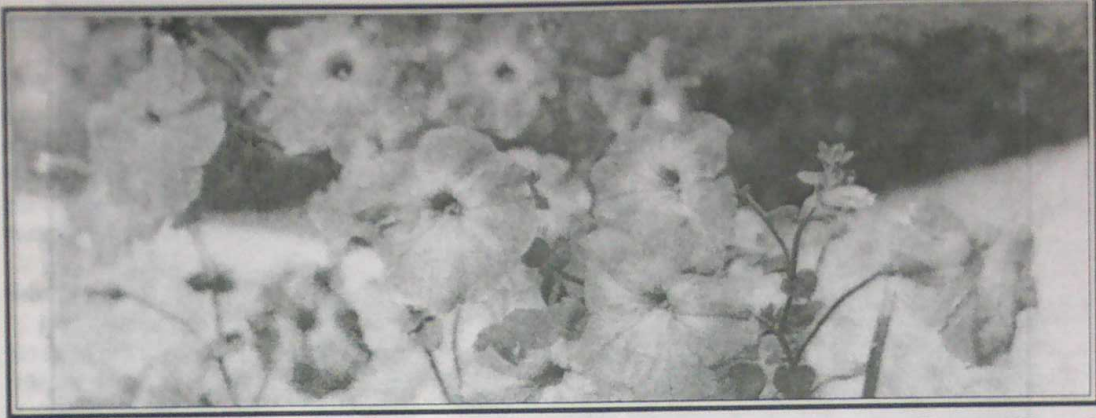
This character from Sikkim was more like a Behai than a Nathu. His josh in games was ultimate. He did well in foot ball. He is passing out with a blazer in football. He will always be known for the frustrating jobs he gave to his juniors. He was a great asset to section in games arena. He always tried to stay away from academic classes but couldn't escape Mr. Tyagi's math's classes. He will do well outside and wish him all the best.



On top of the World - Cadets atop Mt. Black Peak



Maj Gen. K.N. Bhatt, ADG, AE at our archives on 16-05-2001



चरित्र महिमा

मेरे प्रभू मुझे आती है दया धनिकों पर
धनी तो हैं मगर चरित्र से विहीन हुए।
जिनका जीना यहाँ न जीने के बराबर है
जैसे पक्षी जिए धरा पे पंखहीन हुए।।

धन तो बह जाएगा मृत्यु की काली लहरों पर,
चरित्र ही जगत में रखता है जिन्दा सबको।
चरित्रवान है उठते यूँ जगत में ऐसे,
धरा से जैसे हो उठता यूँ परिन्दा नभ को।।

ईश से ये गुजारिश करता है अकिंचन ये,
कदाचित वृक्ष कोई जग में पत्रहीन न हों।
मनुष्य हों भले धनहीन व गुणहीन मगर,
वो धरा पे है तो चरित्र से विहीन न हों।।

त्रिजेश मिश्रा
तृतीय 'अ'

Obituary

"With profound sorrow we mourn the untimely passing away of Maj V. Ramshanker in a vehicle accident on 23 April 2001 somewhere in the deserts of Rajasthan. An upcoming Rimcollian. We pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and strength to the family to bear this irreplaceable loss".

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RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN

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No. 03

Editorial

Aloha Dear Readers,

So, here we are with another issue of THE CHRONICLE. It has been raining cats and dogs (no shortage of pets!!). But the deluge is not the cause of dampening the feelings of the enthusiastic cadets. The credit goes to exams, which has kept the cadets staying up to study and visit the temple more often than they went to the Ante Rooms.

However, we didn't forget games altogether. Even before the term kicked off, the soccer team was busy kicking the ball and won a match against SJA, the score reading 3-1, that foreshadowed an auspicious threshold for the much awaited, high-staked RIMC SOCCER CUP. We also have 10 horses joining our stables taking the strength to 18. A few of our sharpshooters have started off training for precision shooting with the newly acquired air guns and air-pistols under the tutelage of trained instructors from AMU, MHOW.

15 June witnessed the College embellished

in its resplendent beauty to host the wedding of UPMA, daughter of Shri R C Chaturvedi. The Barat was received at the pavilion followed by an elegant dinner with variety of food including-Chat, Chinese, Ice Cream, etc.

Much to the relief of the cadets (and MOS), X-Country has been postponed to 9 October. So, for now, rainy days, lush green fields and the spine chilling football mania at RIMC.

Old boys have remembered us and sent many letters while we were away on leave. From what we hear from the cadets at the NDA, most of the top appointments are Rimcollians.

So here's wishing you happy reading. Adios!

Yours sincerely,
Editors.



FROM THE COMMANDANT'S DESK

1. In a decision taken by the Military Secretary's Branch on 11 Jul, my tenure has been extended till Oct 04 that is when I retire; It has been done to provide continuity and stability in this post. This exception to existing policy has been made in view of the unique nature and status of RIMC and to give a sufficiently long tenure to its Commandant to enable him to introduce improvements of a long term nature. The decision has the approval of the COAS.
2. I am very happy that the need for continuity in the Commandant's appointment has been accepted, short tenures are not desirable in educational institutions.
3. In all humility I acknowledge the faith that has been reposed in me by the Establishment and also by the Rimcollians. This grave mantle of responsibility, with its pressures and the pleasures I can cheerfully bear with the support of all. When I joined four years ago I was a bit unsure. Three years ahead, Shakuntala and I with the blessing of the Almighty hope to leave reasonably sure that we did right by the cadets and my distinguished alma mater.
Thank you.

Arun

149th GRADUATION CEREMONY

A Report

The sanctity of Bhagat Hall once again echoed with the applause of guests and parents who had assembled there to witness the 149th Graduation Ceremony on 27 May 01.

Shri Falguni Raj Kumar, an IAS officer of 1972 batch, Joint Secretary Training and Chief Administrative Officer in the Ministry of Defence, was the chief guest. We had as our special guest, Maj Gen S D Mohanti, the first Rimcollian commandant. He took time off from his duties as GOC UP area and flew down specially to grace the occasion. Incidentally, he had initiated the concept of the graduation ceremony. It has been carried forward ever since and so we have the pleasure of meeting parents on this special day.

While addressing the august assembly the Commandant told them about the excellent NDA and Board Results. He also highlighted the induction of permanent staff members thereby ending decades of adhocism. He was very emphatic on the use of information technology and the progress that the College has made in this field. He appreciated the help from Schoolnet India in making computer learning more comprehensive and interesting. Familiarizing the guests with logistics upgradation

he focussed upon Equestrian training and the bright future for riding as a sport in the school.

The most important feature of the ceremony was the presentation of awards. Cadets Vishal Singh and Santosh Yadav were jointly adjudged "the most helpful cadets". The Wavell Sword of Honour for Character and Integrity was presented to Cadet Himanshu Awasthi while Cadet Amardeep was awarded the coveted Sword of Honour for the best passing out cadet with a cheque of Rs. 5000 presented by the KCMET.

This was followed by a ballet performed by Classes I and I-A and directed by Cdr A P Bhattacharya with the help of Shri Bapun Datta. The ballet was named 'RIMC - Our real heroes' and was based on our brave kings after whom the sections in our school are named, i.e. Maharana Pratap, Maharaja Ranjit Singhji, Chhatrapati Shivaji and Chandragupta Maurya. One cannot recall when a ballet was last staged in Bhagat Hall. The performers were anxious but they were delighted at the audience response - it was indeed a superb show.

Cdt S Gopinath
Class III

CHIEF GUEST'S ADDRESS

**Commandant Col.Mamgain, Mrs.Mamgain, Gen.Mobhanti,
distinguished and happy parents and dear cadets.**

At the outset, on my personal behalf, on behalf of the Ministry of Defence, Govt.of India I am indeed privileged to be amongst you in this very important function of the College and as told by the Commandant-"the first bureaucrat to be present on a function like this".

I say it as matter of fact that RIMC occupies a very special and a very privileged position in this scheme of Military Education and Training. I look after the entire training of the three services that includes 39 major institutions of Army like-IMA, NDA and series of technical institutions, which are highly professional and perhaps some of the best in the world. But the foundation of all education and the foundation of what make the soldiers, starts from here. RIMC is not the only source but perhaps the best and the most privileged one to belong to and therefore I would like to congratulate each one of the cadets who are passing out of the school and of course those who are eventually going to join the NDA. I would also like to congratulate the Commandant and the Staff for their deep involvement in shaping and grooming the cadets.

I have (maybe I don't look like) put in 29 years of service. I joined the service in 1971-72 and this is my 12th year as a joint secretary to the Govt. of India. I have headed a number of companies and was in the board of management of nearly all the petroleum companies. I have travelled extensively and visited many institutions but I feel very very proud of the fact that we have in this country an institution like RIMC.

Tradition is not static but dynamic. It is something that changes, that evolves and that has to add on. Warfare for example is not the same that we fought 20 years ago. Things change and much of what is happening to RIMC goes of course to the Commandant and the Staff for doing a wonderful job. They need a special compliment.

I would not like to give you a very long talk ladies and gentlemen but I would certainly like to share an experience with you. My first posting was in Coorg in Karnataka. Coorg is a very small district, perhaps one small place in this part of world, which has produced two Chiefs of Staff, Commander-in-Chief, a Field Marshal and number of Generals and Officers from literally every single household. I was a young Asstt. Commissioner of 25-26 yrs and had the privilege of being the neighbour of Field Marshal Carriappa. He was a 75 yrs old man, 6' 2" tall while I was about 5' 5" to be very precise. We used to walk every evening on the streets of Merkara. Coorg is such a place where it rains continuously in the form of drizzle and Merkara is a hill where the roads are winding in a zigzag manner. The peculiarity of the Field Marshal was that he would walk in a straight line. If he had to go to a destination he would never follow the path but rather go straight down the valley, come up the valley, go down the valley, and again come up the valley- all in straight lines. As a matter of fact I used to be conscious that the Field Marshal should not slip and hurt himself at that age. So one day I took the liberty of telling him to be a little careful, as he was likely to hurt himself. He stood for a moment, looked at me and said nostalgically, "Raj, you know I grew up to be a soldier, I became a soldier, I became a General and now I have retired. But there are things that life had taught me as a soldier. A SOLDIER THINKS STRAIGHT, HE TALKS STRAIGHT, AND HE FIRES STRAIGHT".

I don't want to say any thing more ladies and gentlemen. Nevertheless, I want all the cadets who have passed out today to carry along with them in life what the Field Marshal had said because an Officer Like Quality (OLQ) is nothing but - "THINK STRAIGHT, TALK STRAIGHT AND FIRE STRAIGHT".

Thank You.

Shri Falguni Rajkumar

Shri RC CHATURVEDI RETIRES



Shri Ramesh Chandra Chaturvedi retired from RIMC on 30 JUN 01 after completing 39 years of glorious and dedicated service. He joined the college on 6 Sep 62. During his long innings at RIMC he fulfilled all the responsibilities with honour and devotion. He was deeply and emotionally attached to RIMC.

During an interview with journalism club Mrs Chaturvedi said that she first came to RIMC as a young bride. All her four children were born at RIMC. Her son Nitin -- a Rimcollian, is a Captain. Her eldest daughter is married to an army officer. Her younger daughter married a marine engineer this June. "RIMC is like our home." She said emotionally.

During his tenure at RIMC, Mr R C Chaturvedi taught Hindi, Sanskrit, GK, History and Civics. He looked after hobbies which included -- art, craft, drama, music, photography and aero-modelling. Besides teaching Mr. Chaturvedi had a very wide social circle. A very keen sportsman, he played every game with equal skill and enthusiasm till his retirement. It was delightful to watch him playing with cadets.

He has immortalized his love for sports by donating a beautiful trophy for RIMC SOCCER CUP. Equally inclined towards academics he has instituted a cash prize to be given to the most proficient cadet in Hindi in every term.

He has permanently settled down in Dehradun at Tapkeshwar road where he has built his own house, which is a stone's throw from RIMC. His students would love to drop in at his house and pay him their fond regards while on their way to visit Tapkeshwar Mandir. All of us wish Mr and Mrs Chaturvedi a very happy and comfortable life after school.

Cdt Abhishek Anand
Class III

Campus News



- ❑ Sqn Ldr K A CARIAPPA has been posted out to Jammu and Sqn Ldr V S PUNDIR has joined up.
- ❑ Mrs SHALINI HARISUKH, our computer teacher, has joined DPS RK PURAM.
- ❑ Mrs PRATIBHA SINGH, our English teacher, has joined NAVODAYA VIDYALAYA in SOLAN Distt.
- ❑ Ex Capt PRAVEEN SHAH, our doctor, has taken up a permanent assignment with the U P Govt at BAREILLY. Dr Rakesh Bharti has stepped in.
- ❑ Messrs S P Dobhal, G C Thapliyal and Vipin K Khanduri have joined the computer faculty.
- ❑ SONU (Mali) has retired after putting in 41 years of service and his son has been enrolled.
- ❑ Kudos to the duo of Mr Brijesh Chauhan and Lt. Col TK Chakravarti (AO) for winning the doubles title of Staff Open Badminton Tournament held during end of Jan 2001 term.
- ❑ Hav CP Singh, our MT Hav, has been posted out and Hav Anant Ram has arrived as his relief.
- ❑ About 10,000 fingerlings were released into RIMTAL (our fish pond). The average depth of water in Jul was 5 ft.
- ❑ The cadets and staff including ladies spent their weekend doing Shramdan by clearing vegetative overgrowth and planting hedges.
- ❑ We played friendly matches with - Doon Club, Cambrian Hall and St. George's College, to prepare ourselves for the forthcoming Soccer Cup.
- ❑ UPMA, daughter of Shri R.C Chaturvedi was wed to MAYANK on 15 of June 2001 at RIMC.
- ❑ ADITYA, son of Cdr. A.P. Bhattacharya was wed to INDRAVATI on 24 of June 2001 at Jakarta, Indonesia.
- ❑ Due to the persistent efforts of our old boys and the administration we are glad to declare that the West Bengal Govt. has finally awarded the scholarship of Rs.12000/- per annum to each of their cadets. A sum of Rs 1.20 L was disbursed to eight cadets by the Commandant during assembly. The focus now is to get the Government of UP and Bihar to grant scholarships as they have the maximum numbers here. We are looking for Old Boys who can help.
- ❑ Cadet Chandra Kant Kothari who passed out of the college during July 2000 term and presently undergoing training at Naval Academy has contributed Rs.3000/- for college corpus. Thank you Kothari for your kind gesture. Kothari topped the course in his first term at Naval Academy.
- ❑ In June the college was privileged to welcome Col GPS Waraich, our Commandant from 1974-1978. He was accompanied by his wife, daughter and grandchildren. Despite constraints of health Col Waraich was exuberant and elated to undertake this trip to RIMC—which he said was his pilgrimage.
- ❑ Mr. VS Dangwal, Ex-Physics Master, who taught at RIMC for a brief period has been commissioned into the IAF and posted at ATI Belgaum.
- ❑ We started with four horses and gradually the strength went upto eight. Recently ten more horses joined our stable from IMA. The Bhula Club now has eighteen fine horses and hopefully the RIMCOS shall make fine horsemen too.
- ❑ We regret that some of our boys en route to Manipur could not reach home and those who did had to be sent back to school prematurely because of tense political situation.
- ❑ College bestowed monetary assistance of Rs.27000/- on Mohit, the bereaved son of our ex-cobbler Madan who along with his spouse got washed away in the floods last year. The following were the generous contributors for the cause: -
 - 1. ROBA - Rs. 10000/-
 - 2. ROBA Trust - Rs. 10000/-
 - 3. Service Officers (RIMC) - Rs. 2000/-
 - 4. Cadets - Rs. 5000/-
- ❑ 26 wonder eyed first termers arrived with their parents between 25 Jul to 27 Jul, four more are expected by mid Aug. More about them in the next Chronicle.

Cdt Umang Nautiyal
Class IIA

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BOARD RESULTS MAY 2001

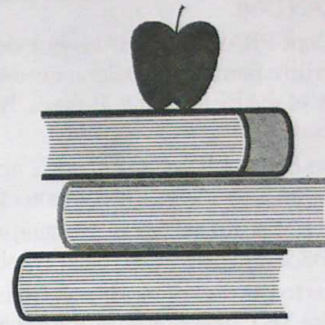
CLASS	APPEARED	1st DIV.	II DIV.	No. of DISTNS.
Xth	21	19	02	29
XIIth	25	13	12	21

NDA Merit List (106th course)

Keeping true to their ambition all the 21 cadets who qualified in SSB have joined NDA (106th course).

S. No.	NAME	All India rank
1	Anoop Sharma	3
2	Himanshu Awasthi	4
3	P V Mohan	10
4	Vivek Shahi	18
5	Rajan Chhikara	28
6	Amardeep	31
7	Panchal Barua	38
8	Pankaj Phougat	44
9	Gaurav Pratap Singh	45
10	Santosh Kumar Yadav	47
11	Rakesh Verma	51
12	Subrat Kumar Samal	70
13	A B S Sangma	74
14	P P Saha	78
15	Greetra Joshi	79
16	P K Pandey	104
17	Vishal Kumar Singh	109
18	Vinay Kumar Tiwari	111
19	Buddha jyoti Kar	112
20	Raja Rajan	133
21	Bendang Toshi	195

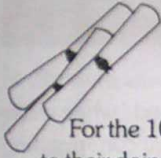
Cdt. Umang Nautiyal
Class IIA

**TOPSY TURVY**

Leap, leap, leap !
Fly !
In a trice,
Like a flash,
A bursting, exploding shooting star
In the firmament wide,
Disappearing into the vastness far.

Melt, melt, melt !
Blend !
In a blink,
Like a bubble aboil,
A collapsing, dissolving ripple
In the ocean night
Quietly rising to its heavenly flight.

Mr. V Ramaswamy
Rimcollian (Ranjit 1972-76)



RESULTS OF UPSC EXAM - NDA (107th Course)

For the 107th NDA Course , 47 out of 48 cadets have passed the written exam. We now look forward to their doing well in the SSB too. All 21 cadets now in NDA may also rejoice in their having cleared in the second attempt also.

CLASS II A - AT NIM

At the end of a very hectic and term when most of the cadets are looking forward for a term break, 15 cadets of Class IIA opted for an adventure course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), UTTARKASHI. It was a 15 days of adventure course from 4 to 18 Jun 01 in which they learnt a lot about mountaineering., Experienced instructors who used advanced equipment and training skills taught them - rappelling, bush craft, river crossing, bivouacking, field cooking, mountaineering history, pitching of tents, making several kinds of knots, etc. There is a tremendous surge in interest in adventure courses at NIM and HMI and about 30 cadets do these courses every year. All cadets did extremely well and made a clean sweep in every individual awards as given below :-



NAME	AWARD	CATEGORY
Cdt. Harshal Borole	Gold Medal	X- Country
Cdt . R.S. Rana	Gold Medal	English Debate
Cdt. L.Shukla	Gold Medal	Obstacle Competition
Cdt. A.Anand	Silver Medal	Hindi Debate
Cdt. A. Swu	Silver Medal	X-Country
Cdt. R.Tanwar	Silver Medal	English Debate
Cdt. PK.upamanyu	Silver Medal	Obstacle Competition
Cdt. B.Kumar	Silver Medal	Hindi Debate
Cdt. R. Kumar		
Cdt. V. Gupta		
Cdt S.Gopinath		
Cdt. B. Bhaskar		
Cdt. L.Binoy		
Cdt. M. Kala		
Cdt. Shivesh tiwari		

Over 35 cadets have decided to do the Basic Mountaineering Course in Nov this year.

Cdt Harshal Borole
Class III

RIMCOLLIANS IN LADAKH

The Commandant visited Leh and the Glacier from 4 July to 8 July. The purpose was primarily to progress the case of making Leh as a centre for RIMC entrance exam and to tie up an overland / white water rafting expedition. He met Col Dilip Prasad and Lt Col Prem Prakash (our Ex AO's) who are commanding units there and also looked up his old unit on its way to the Glacier. (On 20 August and 21 August the first ever entrance exam for RIMC will be held in Leh.)



"At Base Camp
Comdt with Lt Col Prem Prakash"



" At Kumar - Rimcollians
(left to right) "Maj Ananathanarayan (3/8 GR)
Commandant and Capt Sharma (Engrs)"

Cdt Gurpreet Singh
Class II

ADIEU RIMC

At his valedictory tea party our out going RMO ex-Capt Dr Praveen Shah was deeply appreciated and felicitated by the MOS for his devotion to the RIMC Family. Dr Shah expressed his gratitude for being given an opportunity to teach the cadets besides his routine work. He confessed that he had always criticized his teachers for not being thorough with the subject. But after having worked as a teacher he realized that how difficult it is to organize and coordinate his class. And thus his teachers of whom he had been so critical became his heroes once again. While expressing an apology for his reluctance in prescribing medicines to his patients he justified the reasons by saying that, "The best doctor is the one who treats his patients by prescribing minimum medicines because it's a fact that mankind is existing on earth since ages while modern medicines is only 150 years old". In the end he said, "If I am blessed with a son, I will ensure that he comes and studies at RIMC".

Cdt Anand Abhishek
Class IA

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AWARDS 15 AUGUST 2001
*Chief of Army Staff
Commendation Cards*

- * Cdt Capt Amardeep (now at NDA) for Mountaineering
- * Cdt Vikas Sharma for Mountaineering

To be Hony Lt on active Service

- * Sub Maj Duni Chand Saklani

TIDINGS FROM RIMCOLLIANS

- ❑ Air Marshal Vinod Patney retired on 31 July 01, his address is: -
V-11/2, DLF Qutub Enclave Phase-III, Gurgaon-122002, Haryana.
- ❑ Maj. Gen. H.S Mangat our Ex A.O. has decided to settle down at 15 Chander Road, Dehradun. Tele. Nos. 655982 and 653330.
- ❑ A letter from Vice Admiral Harinder Singh informs us of Rimcollians who have received awards in Naval Academies. They are: -

SWORD OF HONOUR

The Sword of Honour is awarded to the officer securing the highest marks in Officer Like Qualities among the first five Midshipman Seamanship Board.

Course	Month & Year	Name of Winner
45 ICC	Sep 95	SLt A Mittal
46 ICC	Mar 96	SLt D Rastogi
53 ICC	Mar 99	SLt RV Desai

CNS GOLD MEDAL

The CNS Gold Medal is awarded to the officer standing first in the Midshipman Seamanship Board.

39 ICC	Feb 92	SLt Pradeep Singh
46 ICC	Mar 96	SLt D Rastogi
53 ICC	Mar 99	SLt RV Desai

CNS SILVER MEDAL

The CNS Silver Medal is awarded to the officer standing second in the Midshipman Seamanship Board.

45 ICC	Sep 95	SLt PK Reuben
54 ICC	Sep 99	SLt Nitesh Garg
53 ICC	Apr 2001	SLt Amit Sood

CNS BRONZE MEDAL

The CNS Bronze medal is awarded to the officer standing third in the Midshipman Seamanship Board.

48 ICC	Mar 97	SLt P Nitin
53 ICC	Mar 99	SLt K Bhatia

ADM KATARI TROPHY

Admiral Ramdas Katari Memorial Trophy and Silver Medal is awarded to the officer standing first in the aggregate during at NAVAC/NDA, Cadets afloat training, Midshipman Seamanship Board and Sub. Lieutenant technical courses.

46 ICC	Mar 96	SLt. D Rastogi
53 ICC	Mar 99	SLt. RV Desai
57 ICC	Apr 2001	SLt. Amit Sood

TELESCOPE WINNER

The Telescope Winner is awarded to the best all round cadet during afloat training on board the training ship.

48 ICC	Dec 94	Cadet P Nitin
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Cdt Swarnima Thapliyal
Class III A

EUREKA !! EUREKA!!

Cadet Laldin Puia of Class I was asked to write fifty new words with meanings and usages as a part of his vacation assignment in English. Taking the task in the literal sense and using his etymological instinct he has coined a few words, which hopefully after getting due recognition will find their permanent abode in the pages of OXFORD LEXICON and may fetch him a Noble prize in literature some day. Here are a few :-

1. Zaint - Depth (The Zaint of this ocean is too much).
2. Zena - Shave (I want to zena my beard).
3. Kurti - Deserve (You don't kurti to live).
4. Zapi - Shape (The zapi of this ball is not round).
5. Xylop - Cut (Don't xylop the trees).

Cdt Atish Negi
Class I A



RIMCOLLIANS AT NDA



It is with pleasure that we inform you of the top appointments that Rimcollians of the passing out course hold at NDA, they are: -

NAME	APPOINTMENT	POSITION IN MERIT
Vishnu V Reddy	ACC	2
Gautam Sharma	BCC	3
B Divakar	BCC	5
SS Choudhary	BCA	6
R P Gohain	BCA	7
Digvijay Parihar	BCA	8

Cdt Yash Vardhan Singh
Class IV A

THE COLLEGE FELICITATES ITS ALUMINI FOR EARNING THEIR WELL DESERVED PROMOTION

From Brig to Major General		From Col to Brigadier	
Rajendra Singh	(Ranjit 1958-62)	KS Jaswal	(Ranjit 1964-69)
KS Rao	(Pratap 1959-63)	CS Thapa	(Pratap 1964-69)
SS Dhillon	(Shivaji 1960-64)		
D Mukherjee	(Ranjit 1960-64)		

(Send your photographs please)

Obituary

* With deep sorrow we regret to announce the sad and untimely passing away of Lt Ashok Kumar Saklani son of our Sub Maj DC Saklani. He made the supreme sacrifice for the nation while fighting the militants in Bandipur (J&K) on 10 July 2001. No words of condolence and sympathy are enough to console all members of the bereaved family. We join the Sub Maj Sahb and his family in prayers for peace to the departed soul.

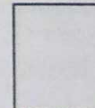


"Cadet Captain laying the wreath"

* With deep sorrow we regret to announce the sad and untimely passing away of Rimcollian, Col. D.S. Sodhi (Rawlinsons). May the Almighty grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to his family to bear this irreplaceable loss.

* The college mourns the unfortunate demise of Shri GUMAN SINGH (Head Chowkidar). We pray to God to give strength and solace to the bereaved family.

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RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN

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Editorial

Hello Readers,

It is time yet again to share some thoughts before putting forth this edition.

The new term has begun which has once again set the "Gaint Wheel" (RIMC) rolls with its hub of activities. The first termers are happily settled and are gradually adapting themselves to the RIMC culture.

The term began with the Inter-section Hindi Debates for Juniors and Seniors. The Speakers vied themselves to prove their mettle and get the better of their opponents.

The Debates were followed by the Inter-section Swimming Competition that witnessed the breaking of some past records and the emergence of future water-borne champions.

The Swimming was by the culmination of 'Soccer mania' wherein the college had the proud privilege of having the Hon'ble chief Minister of Uttaranchal inaugurating the RIMC Soccer Cup. While the contending teams were brushing shoulders to make the better of others, classes I to IV were busy embarking on visits to the places of intrest in the Doon Valley. Interestingly Horse riding has gained momentum and the cadets are seen venturing on 'Hack-rides' i.e. riding up and down the countryside.

The campus is all lush green with its abode of flora and fauna. RIMTAL is storing more water to appease the fishes. The most exciting aspect of the pond being the nestling of a few migratory water-birds that have made it their home and procreated hatchlings to add to its beauty.

The cadets of class V A are preparing hard for their SSB's with some of them having left for the test of their ultimate destiny at various centres.

Our budding Mathematicians, Cadets Bhawani Singh, Rahul Chaudhry and Ankur Aggarwal of class V came second in the Senior Division team event of the Maths Olympiad at Convent of Jesus and Mary. Our heartiest congratulations to them
So, that's all for now.

Yours Sincerely
Editors



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(A Report)

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Later he inaugurated the opening match between MPSC and SJA which ended in a breathless 3-3 draw.

The RIMC Soccer Cup has been able to attract teams of high standards such as St George's College (SGC) Mussoorie, who have been the winners of the coveted "Limca Cup" and Motilal Nehru School of Sports (MNSS) Rai who have qualified for the "Subroto Cup". The outstanding players were Ankit Uniyal of RIMC; Alexander Jackson and Sandeep Lamba of SGC Mussoorie; Anuj Singh of MNSS, Rai and Udai Thapa of Sports College, Raipur.

Finally SGC, Mussoorie and MNSS, Rai emerged to be the resolving champions who were pitted against each other during the finals on 24th Aug. The Chief Guest of the 'grand finale' of the RIMC Soccer Cup was Maj Gen S D Mahanti, an alumnus of the college who is presently GOC, UP Area.



The culmination of the week long "football mania" which unveiled a very exciting and awe inspiring game demonstrating good standards of football which mesmerised the spectators with ingenious tactics and classic skills. The first half saw the game heading towards a 0-0 draw. But during the second half, SGC Mussoorie made the better of MNSS Rai, when a solitary goal scored by their team captain gave a 1-0 victory to SGC Mussoorie. Alexander Jackson of SGC, Mussoorie was declared as the best player of the tournament, while Rahul Ganguar of Cambrian Hall was adjudged as the best Goalkeeper.



The beautiful trophy was donated by Shri R C Chaturvedi who served as master in RIMC from 1962 to 2001. It was lifted by St. George's College Mussoorie.

Cdt. Swarnima Thapliyal (Class - III)

CLASS VISITS DURING AUGUST - 2001 TERM

- Class I They went for the 'Doon Darshan' which included a visit to the "Indian Military Academy", "Forest Research Institute," "National Institute of Visually Handicapped. They also saw an exclusive 'Motorcycle Display' presented by the 116 Brigade in Birpur.
- Class IA Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.
- Class II Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun.
- Class IIA Bengal Engineering Group (BEG), Roorkee.
- Class III National Hydrographic Office (NHO), Dehradun.
- Class IIIA Indian Research and Development Establishment (IRDE), Dehradun.
- Class IV Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS), Dehradun.
- Class IVA Defence Electronic Application Lab (DEAL) Dehradun.

Cdt Vaibhav Gupta
Cdt George Francis
Class III

FUN WITH 'HACK-RIDE'

If you are an ardent horse-rider, a hack-ride - "riding up and down the hill across the countryside", will surely be a treat for you.

On 18 Aug the budding riders of RIMC, "who also had the honour of escorting the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttaranchal during the inauguration of 2nd RIMC Soccer Cup," became a part of the 'Hack Club' at IMA. It comprised of twenty one members, including-eight cadets, one master, nine officers and three JCOs.

It was the first time that we went on such a ride. The route which we followed was the one which meandered along the Tonns basin. We had a rollicking time while going through rivulets as deep as our waist. It was all due to our sheer passion of adventure that we could carry on.

During our ride it was raining due to which our happiness knew no bounds. We were trotting all the way in the rain, up and down the hill and breathing fresh air in the countryside. Not even a quarter of Dehradun's populace would be aware of such an exotic and picturesque location.

There were fields of corn and shrubs with beautiful pink flowers blooming between them. The Tonns rolling torrentially yet appearing calm and serene presented joyful moments to the riders. Even the horses made their riders feel proud by braving the river. It was truly a great and memorable experience.

We are very thankful to our club patrons who made excellent arrangements for all of us at the DSOI

Cdt. Aditya Swarup
Class IIIA

CONGRATULATIONS

All our readers would be very happy to know two of our cadets have been awarded the Chief of the Army Staff Commendation Card at such a young age. They scaled the high Black Peak in June last year. It is indeed an auspicious beginning. They are Cadet Amardeep presently a first term at NDA, and Cadet Vikas Sharma presently in class V.

CAMPUS MAIL



Prasanna Gupta
OSD to DGMT

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06 Sep 2001

Dear Colonel Rampain,

I am writing to thank you for taking out your precious time to discuss RIMC related matters and to give me an opportunity to go around the campus and this enabled me to realise what makes this institution one of the greatest institutions in India. I must confess that I was overwhelmed by what I saw!

- I am sure with the kind of experience that I have gathered now, I would be in a better position to have a clear understanding of the problems of your Institution.
- I will endeavour to do my utmost to solve as many problems as possible.

My regards & thanks to
Mr. Rampain + But wishes to
your Cadets. stay they achieve
us. Glory they are
working no hand for
Regards,
your family
D.A.

Col Arun Mangain
Commandant
RIMC
Dehradun

Thank you Madam for your very warm sentiments--Eds

OLD BOYS NEWS/MAIL

It was delightful to hear from Maj Y S Meitei (our Ex AAO), who has rejoined 39 GTC at Varanasi as Offg GSO (Trg). The Comdt of 39 GTC Brig Anil Malhotra also a RIMCOLLIAN, has conveyed his warmest regards to all the members of the staff and best wishes to the Cadets.



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21 Aug 01

Dear Arun,

- Thank you immensely for your letter dated 10 Aug 2001.
- We have a large group of RIMC old boys here who meet regularly.
- Kindly convey our best wishes to the faculty and cadets.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,
Arun

Col Arun Mangain
Commandant
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Maj Y S Meitei
B.A.

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07 Aug 2001

Dear Sir

1. I was in school from 1991-95 in Chandragupta section. The only time I got a chance to visit school after getting commissioned was during Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

2. I have been receiving college magazines and chronicles regularly. I have read the Millennium college magazine. The play RIMC's DARKEST HOUR is a masterpiece and I wish I was here to see it being enacted. It would have been much more funny and amusing had the same play been org during Platinum Jubilee among our distinguished old boys from Pakistan and other countries.

We thank you sir for appreciating our Millennium College Magazine. We have sent the magazine to the old boys of Pakistan. Comments such as yours are certainly a source of great encouragement--Eds

POETRY CORNER

Remember Me

I will always be with you remember me,
Wherever I may be remember me
I'll come in your dreams
I'll be in the air you breathe
Whatever you do, wherever you go
I'll be going with you, I'll be going with you.
I'll never again leave you alone remember me
When you are all by yourself alone
I'll be there for you, remember me.
When you wish to hear from me,
I'll speak to you, remember me
Just remember me....!

Cadet Roshnikanta Irungbam (Class - II)

Disturbed Sleep Peaceful Nightmares

This is a poem based on true experiences of many a people who stayed in that mansion at Calcutta. Hopefully this will help you understand the mystery which even baffles the scientists:

These disturbed nights and,
the sound on the stairs.
Peaceful than that
are the nightmares.
Scratch - Scratch- Scratch
Rattle - Rattle - Rattle
Up and down goes a mysterious battle.
The natives say its a fight for life.
Between the king and the assassin
Of the dark night.
But I think its only a hallucination.
Of some psychedelia in the mansion.
I even tried to trap the mischiefs behind
But what it was never could be caught
A mystery of those dark nightly fears.
I prefer better the peaceful nightmares.

Cadet Manuj Jindal (Class - II-A)

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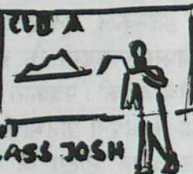
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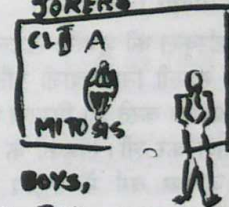
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CLB-A CADETS

ITS JUST A JOKE AND REQUESTED NOT TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY

SKETCH BY AWO CLASS I A



राज्य स्कूली निशानेबाजी प्रतियोगिता में लक्ष्य पर नजरें गड़ाए प्रतियोगी। फोटो : अमर उजाला

देहरादून, 9 सितंबर, 2001

पिस्टल स्पर्धा में शुभांगी आगे

देहरादून, 8 सितंबर (संवाददाता)

रिवरडेल हाईस्कूल की शुभांगी खंडेलवाल ने प्रथम राज्य स्कूली निशानेबाजी प्रतियोगिता में शानदार प्रदर्शन करते हुए पिस्टल स्पर्धा में अग्रता हासिल कर ली। लड़कों के जूनियर तथा सब जूनियर वर्ग में राष्ट्रीय इंडियन मिलिट्री कॉलेज का दबदबा बरकरार रहा। आज अंतरराष्ट्रीय निशानेबाज सुभाष राणा ने भी रेंज में हाथ आजमाए।

शुभांगी ने 10 मीटर एयर पिस्टल स्पर्धा में 400 में से 308 अंक जुटा कर दिन का सर्वश्रेष्ठ स्कोर निकाला। अन्य प्रतियोगी उससे काफी पीछे रहे। लड़कों की जूनियर तथा सब जूनियर स्पर्धा में आज भी राष्ट्रीय इंडियन मिलिट्री कॉलेज के भरत ममगाई और अनुराग शुक्ला को कोई खास चुनौती नहीं दे पाया। दोनों एयर पिस्टल स्पर्धा में क्रमशः 334 तथा 333 के स्कोर के साथ शीर्ष पर कायम हैं।

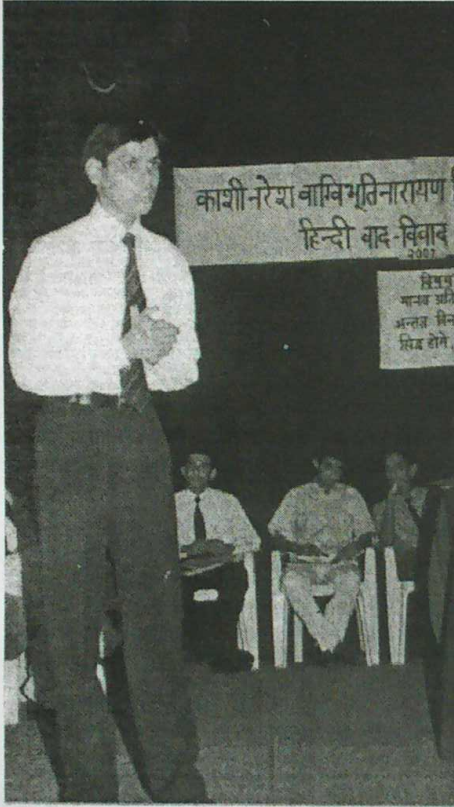
ओपन तथा पत्रकारों के वर्ग की स्पर्धा में भी प्रतियोगियों ने हाथ आजमाए। देश के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिताओं में शिरकत कर चुके सुभाष राणा ने भी एयर पिस्टल स्पर्धा में बुल पर निशाने साधे। उसने 564 अंक जुटाए। दूसरे दिन मानव भारती स्कूल, मसूरी, रिवरडेल हाईस्कूल, दून इंटरनेशनल स्कूल, सेंट जोजप्स एकेडमी के छात्र व छात्राओं ने निशानेबाजी की। पत्रकारों के वर्ग में भी प्रतियोगियों ने अपनी प्रतिभा दिखाई।

दून इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ शूटिंग के रेंज में आयोजित प्रतियोगिता के आधार पर राष्ट्रीय स्कूली तथा मालवंबर ओपन निशानेबाजी प्रतियोगिता के लिए उत्तरांचल टीम का चयन किया जाना है। आयोजन सचिव सुरेंद्र मोहन मरवाह ने बताया कि राष्ट्रीय स्कूली प्रतियोगिता के लिए लगभग 60 और मालवंबर प्रतियोगिता के लिए लगभग 40 फीसदी प्रतियोगी अर्हता हासिल कर चुके हैं।

Congratulation to the shooting team. In the boys junior pistol events, Bharat Mangain (class IV-A) came second with 334 points and in the sub-juniors Anurag Shukla (II-A) came first with 333 points and Bhanu Pratap Singh (II) came third with 324 points in. Such scores are close to the national levels in this category. To honour them we reproduce the press clipping courtesy Amar Ujala.
-- Eds

दैनिक जागरण

देहरादून, रविवार, 9 सितम्बर, 2001



आरआईएमसी अक्वल व वेल्लहम गल्स दूसरे स्थान पर

संवाददाता, देहरादून

8 सितम्बर

भारतीय राष्ट्रीय सैन्य कालेज में आज शाम भगत हाल में काशी नरेश वाग्भित्ति नारायण सिंह अखिल भारतीय अन्तर्विद्यालयीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें आर आई एम सी प्रथम व वेल्लहम गल्स दूसरे स्थान पर रहा।

पिछले चालीस वर्षों से आयोजित की जा रही इस प्रतियोगिता में इस बार वाद-विवाद का विषय रहा 'मानव प्रतिरूप (क्लोन) अंततः

विनाशकारी सिद्ध होंगे'। इस प्रतियोगिता में इस बार सात विद्यालयों ने प्रतिभाग किया जिसमें ग्वालियर से सिंधिया कालेज, सीलांग से असम ग्यफल्स कालेज, देहरादून से मेजवान आर आई एम सी, दून स्कूल, वेल्लहम ब्यायज व गल्स एवं स्कालर्स होम।

प्रतियोगिता में प्रत्येक विद्यालय से तीन-तीन छात्रों की टीम थी जिसमें दो वक्ता वर्ग के लिए एक-एक प्रतिवादक के रूप में भाग लिया।

अपने तरह के एक दम नए विषय पर जिसको लेकर वास्तव में चिंता की जानी चाहिए वक्ताओं ने जोरदार ढंग अपनी बातें पक्ष व

विपक्ष में रखीं।

वक्ताओं के तर्कों में इतनी शक्ति थी कि निर्णायकों को कठिनाई का सामना करना पड़ा। लगभग तीन घण्टे चली इस प्रतियोगिता में आर आई एम सी प्रथम, वेल्लहम गल्स द्वितीय व तीसरे नम्बर पर

व्यक्तिगत रूप से वक्ता वर्ग में ब्रजेश मिश्रा प्रथम, किरण शर्मा द्वितीय व ईशा शर्मा एवं विक्रम सिंह योगी संयुक्त रूप से तीसरे स्थान पर रहे। प्रतिवादक वर्ग में हिमांशु प्रथम,

**विभूति नारायण सिंह
वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता**

ऋचा चौधरी द्वितीय व आदित्य अभियेक व आयुष अग्रवाल तीसरे स्थान पर रहे। निर्णायक मण्डल में डी ए जी महाविद्यालय के हिन्दी विभाग के डा जे आर गुप्ता व संस्कृत विभाग के डा राम विनय और डी बी एस की डा लता सिंह उपस्थित थीं।

इस कार्यक्रम की विशेषता रही हिन्दी जगत की जानीमानी कथाकार नासिरा शर्मा का मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित रहना। कार्यक्रम के संयोजक चंद्र शेखर विश्वकर्मा थे व मुख्य आयोजक कमाण्डेण्ट कर्नल अरुण ममगाई थे। संचालन कैडेट देव प्रसून व अंकुश कुमार ने किया।

The annual all India Kashi Naresh Hindi inter-school debating competition was held in the Bhagat Hall, RIMC on 8 Sep. It was a glittering function debating upon a serious topic of the merits and dangers involved in cloning of humans. We reproduce the extensive coverage of the event given courtesy Dainik Jagran. Cadet Brijesh Mishra (Class IV) who spoke for the motion seen in the picture was adjudged the best speaker followed by Karan Sharma (Class II) who spoke against coming second. Cadet Himanshu (Class IV) was adjudged the best questioner. Well done boys, may you keep the RIMC flag flying high forever. ----- Editors.

अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता 2001

प्रत्येक वर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी अंतर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन पूर्ण उत्साह के साथ किया गया। पूर्व की भाँति इस बार भी प्रतियोगिता को दो वर्गों में विभाजित किया गया – वरिष्ठ तथा कनिष्ठ वर्ग। दोनों ही वर्गों के लिए निर्धारित विषय रूचिकर थे तथा इनके प्रति प्रतियोगियों का उत्साह प्रशंसनीय था।

प्रतियोगिता के वरिष्ठ वर्ग का विषय था—“गांधी जी इस सहस्राब्दि के महापुरुषों में निर्विवाद रूप से प्रथम थे”। थोड़ा कठिन विषय होते हुए भी इस वर्ग के प्रतियोगियों ने इस चुनौती को स्वीकार करते हुए अत्यंत निपुणता के साथ अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए। कनिष्ठ वर्ग का विषय “देश में विदेशी चैनलों का प्रसारण प्रतिबंधित होना चाहिए” आज समाज में व्याप्त एक गंभीर समस्या पर आधारित था। इस के लिए प्रतियोगियों का प्रदर्शन सराहनीय रहा। दोनों वर्गों के वक्ताओं ने अपने विचारों से सदन में उपस्थित श्रोताओं को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया।

वरिष्ठ तथा कनिष्ठ दोनों वर्गों में पक्ष तथा विपक्ष में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत करने हेतु हरेक कक्ष से एक-एक प्रतियोगियों ने

भाग लिया। जहाँ एक ओर वरिष्ठ वर्ग में शिवाजी कक्ष के कैडेट ब्रजेश मिश्रा प्रथम आए वहीं कनिष्ठ वर्ग में भी उसी कक्ष के कैडेट रूचिर खजूरिया को प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त हुआ। चंद्रगुप्त कक्ष के कैडेट अमिय शंकर को सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रतिवादी का पुरस्कार मिला। इस अंतर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता में शिवाजी कक्ष को प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त हुआ। रंजीत, प्रताप तथा चन्द्रगुप्त कक्ष को क्रमशः द्वितीय, तृतीय तथा चतुर्थ स्थान प्राप्त हुए।

इस वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता की मुख्य अतिथि डा० सरोज त्रिपाठी अध्यक्ष, हिन्दी विभाग (सेवानिवृत्त), एम० के० पी० स्नातकोत्तर महाविद्यालय, थी। प्रतियोगिता के संचालन में समाध्यक्ष कैडेट कृष्ण कबीर तथा कैडेट आशीष कुमार का अत्यंत ही सराहनीय योगदान रहा। यह प्रतियोगिता बहुत ही मनोरंजक तथा ज्ञानवर्धक रही। आगामी वर्षों में हम इसी प्रकार की उच्चस्तरीय प्रतियोगिता की आशा करते हैं।

कैडेट अभिषेक आनन्द
कक्षा—III

उभरते वक्ता

राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कॉलेज, देहरादून में कैडेटों के संपूर्ण व्यक्तित्व निर्माण को ध्यान में रखकर वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता जैसी प्रतिविधियों में भाग लेने के लिए प्रेरित किया जाता है। इसी कुछ में दिनांक २४-८-०१ (शुक्रवार) को वेलहम गर्ल्स स्कूल, देहरादून द्वारा आयोजित अंतर्विद्यालय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद में भाग लिया गया जिसमें आर. आई. एम. सी. के अलावा देश की प्रतिष्ठित स्कूलों की टीमों ने भी भाग लिया। इस प्रतियोगिता की खास बात यह थी कि इसका विषय प्रतिस्पर्धा से कुछ समय पूर्व ही दिया गया। कॉलेज की ओर से कैडेट करण शर्मा, कैडेट हिमांशु तथा कैडेट ब्रिजेश मिश्रा ने भाग लिया।

विषय था – “विदेशों की ओर प्रतिभा पलायन देश की उन्नति में बाधक है।” विषय के पक्ष में अपना वक्तव्य प्रस्तुत करते हुए कैडेट करण शर्मा ने प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया। इस प्रतियोगिता में सिंधिया स्कूल, ग्वालियर प्रथम तथा आर. आई. एम. सी. तथा वेलहम गर्ल्स स्कूल को संयुक्त रूप से द्वितीय स्थान पर रहना पड़ा। प्रतियोगिता के स्तर को देखते हुए कैडेटों का प्रयास सराहनीय है।

— कैडेट कवि कश्यप मिथिलाजी
कक्षा—I

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Editorial

Hello Readers,



*"In adversity smile with grit
That's the RIMCO spirit."*

Cdt Vikas Sharma of class V was one of the summiteers of the Black Peak Expedition in June 2000. He's probably the youngest ever to have scaled such heights in the mountains. For this remarkable feat he was awarded the Commendation Card by the Chief of the Army Staff.

But that's not all. Here is his unbelievable story. Last term six months ago during horse-work at PT he sustained a compound fracture on his left arm. This was very painful and took a lot of healing, which Vikas went through with a smile and was soon back to normal routine and outdoor work.

Comes September, on 12th, this time while riding a live horse he fell down. A compound fracture once again, this time in the right arm, his good one. Two days later he is to leave along with his classmates for Bareilly for the NDA qualifying written exam conducted by the UPSC. What happens next!

All are worried, immediate hospitalisation. A flurry of telephone calls and faxes to UPSC HQ at Delhi to allow Vikas to sit for the exam with a writer. No say the Lords of the Commission. All are worried, but not Vikas, cool as a cucumber. Despite much pain, he commenced practising to write at the Military Hospital with his left hand. Right hand slung with heavy plaster, left hand

practising pencil circling of the electronic scoring sheet.

Discharged from MH hours before the commencement of the long bus ride to Bareilly from Dehra Dun (10 hours), he left with his classmates at sharp 0800 hrs on 14 Sep. Sat for his exams on 16th. In the first paper which was Maths he could not complete

it all. This was because Maths involved writing out the calculations. That was not easy with the left hand. He could have done better but for the examination supervisors at Bareilly, who wasted precious minutes of Vikas by asking him to write out an application explaining why his original signature would not match with his present one.

Naturally so because he signed with his left hand! Unavoidable either one may say, but this formality could have been complied with after the exam was over. But no, the heartless one insisted that it should be done before. Nevertheless Vikas completed 75% of the Maths paper with his left hand.

The second paper General Ability Test he completed it all. Next morning they returned back to the college after another long bus ride with Vikas smiling all the way.

Readers whoever or wherever you may be, big or small, observe please that this is the motivational level our boys have, to join the NDA, and serve the nation in the Armed Forces. Well done Vikas. All old boys who read this would indeed be proud of you and all the RIMCO's salute you and pledge to follow the chosen path despite obstacles, with resolve.

Yours sincerely, Editors



CAMPUS NEWS

SSB Results : This term for the 19 cadets of the 150th course was the term. Joining in Feb. 97 the Platinum Jubilee year these cadets toiled through five years here and are now at the doorsteps of their cherished goal, the NDA.

18 cadets cleared the UPSC written exam held on 23rd April, 5 opted for the Army and 6 for the Air Force .

All 11 of them passed their SSB's at Bhopal and Varanasi respectively.

The Navy aspirants, however, faced a setback. 4 cadets opted for NDA and 3 for the NAVAC. 4 went to Bhopal and 3 to Bangalore while at Bangalore all three cleared, at Bhopal, sadly 3 couldn't make it. But the never say die RIMCO spirit is still strong. All of them sat for the UPSC written exam on 16th Sep. to try again the next time.

All the boys are medically fit and one raring to go. Now they burn the midnight oil for the Board Exams scheduled to commence on 12th Nov.

From the repeat attempts of the previous batch Rimcollians, Tarkeshwar (the outstanding sportsman) and Arjun Singh Powar (the computer wizard) Alok and Sumit, have cleared their SSB's. N Rakesh and GC Tripathi were not successful.

Model United Nations

The first Indian model United Nations an initiative of the Ryan International Schools was held at the PHD Chamber of Commerce on the 6, 7 and 8th of September, in which our boys participated for the first time.

It was a novel exposure, something quite unexpected because some of the subjects of the debates that we participated in were way beyond anything attempted in the college during our public speaking periods and the debating competitions at the inter section and inter school levels. Important major global issues were discussed, that presently engage the attention of the UN these days. It was an initiation for us for the first time to conduct ourselves in a diplomatic fashion. We also took part in the proceedings following the strict code and ethics of parliamentary procedures.

What surprised us the most was the active participation by girls. More than half of the diplomats were girls and that I suppose made us quite shy, despite the bravado displayed by us during the first day's proceedings. However, we soon recovered to hold our own, as was evident from the fact that in the second and third days proceedings we largely held sway.

The Inmun opening ceremony began with the arrival of a galaxy of distinguished personalities in a packed hall of enthusiastic delegates. The Chief Minister of Delhi, Mrs. Shiela Dikshit, graced the occasion as the Chief guest. She appreciated the initiative and the efforts of the delegates in their pursuit towards world peace.

First Committee Report

In the opening session of the first committee the chair Mr. Ritesh Mittal, first explained the rules of Parliamentary

Proceedings. The committee then progressed on the first agenda - illicit trade of small arms and light weapons. Cdt Yashwardhan of class IV A discussed at length this issue and almost all countries felt the need of curbing the illicit use of small arms and weapons. The UN First Committee decided to coordinate communication between developed and developing nations to create awareness among people to deal with this problem. At the end of the first day 3/9 resolution were selected to be deliberated. A resolution needed 2/3 majority to be passed.

Yashwardhan, A. Moorthy, R. Prakash, Sidharth Bhattacharya, Ashish Kulkarni, Kunal Rai represented as the Vietnam & Korean Delegates. Yashwardhan who was a delegate of Vietnam enlightened the house upon the illicit use of small arms and light weapons, which was warmly greeted and applauded by all delegates. While Anvesh representing Korea gave his country's views on monitoring of elections.

Second Committee Report

Tripti Arya, chairman of the second committee, initiated the session after explaining the proceedings. The committee had an effective discussion by delegates on genetically engineered foods. Siddharth and Kunal Rai raised serious concerns on likely problems caused by genetic engineering to the environment, and on issues related to health, ethics and society. Some delegates expressed the view that the world Bank should provide soft loans for further research on developing new strains and producing genetically engineered crops to eradicate world hunger.

Third Committee Report

Children in arms conflicts - A sensitive issue. The chair convened the first meeting after the roll call, the discussion was initiated by the delegate of Cameroon. The references to the UN protocol of 1999 which was signed for the rights of child protection were made. Mr. Sandy guest speaker from the UNICEF stressed that rich countries should raise funds for poor countries.

There is a lot to learn from such events. We were on our own and that gave us a distinct sense of responsibility. We learnt to discuss serious issues in a serious manner and come up with solutions in the form of resolutions. Most of all we learnt how the UN functioned. It was an enlightening experience that gave us confidence as well as drew attention to our drawbacks. Our two teams, Vietnam and DPR Korea were placed in the 21st and 24th positions. Next time we would fare better.

Harshvardhan & Sidharth,
Class IV/IVA

Teacher's Day

A Tribute to those whose influence is eternal

The principal goal of education is to create men who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done - people who are creative, inventive and open minded. It is the teachers who can do this work of educating the pupils for our nations future. In today's world we have lots of "heroes" - sportsmen,

supermodels, media personalities. They come, they have their minutes of fame and they go but the influence of good teachers stay with us. They are the people who really shape our life. Writing about teachers I write less but feel much.

On the 5th of September every year we celebrate the National Teachers Day, a tribute to the "Guru Shishya Parampara" of our College. The cadets put up a variety entertainment programme in the evening.

Pratap presented a play which revolved around a good boy (played by Umesh, who bagged the best artist award) turned bad due to drugs and how it affects his family. This was followed by a dance "Koi mil gaya" by cadet Suheil and Swamima. They put up an excellent show.

The next was Ranjit section. "Insaan" was the name of the play they presented. Their artists performed superbly and the light and sound effects added to the beauty of their show.

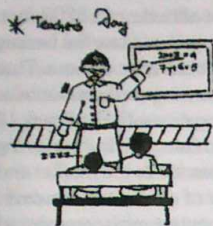
The masters of ceremony of Shivaji Section amused everyone with their mischievous jokes. They had in store for us a play - "Jamun Ka Ped", a song and a Qawwali. Chandragupta section presented a song and a play too. Karthik stole the show singing and dancing along with his group on the song - "Mitwa". This is what took their section right to the top.

Now it was the turn of the teachers to come up on the stage. Cadet Captain Anuj Srivastava presented the teachers a gift each as a token of our love.

Adil Ahmed
III A

A to Z of Rimcoism

Act Smart : A RIMCO never gets caught. All are fast characters.



Be Yourself : A RIMCO never copies anyone, but sets trends.

Confuse : Master it and live a hassle free RIMC life.

Demand Rights : Whether you want them or not.

Express Yourself : Write, speak, draw, perform whatever you like.

Frustrate : Frustrate others and forget 'about it completely.

Gossip : Films, scams, sports, fashion even talk that which hasn't happened and which will not.

Hog : You gotta eat to survive.

Ignore : Others who frustrate you esp, teachers and seniors.

Josh : A RIMCO is a josh machine.

Kreate : New words to lead you out of messes.

Lie : An Anti - Rimco element.

Mislead : Those leading the right way, if you can't lead them.

Nuisance : (or be one) to others when they are trying to be one.

Occupy : Each and everything even when you don't require them.

Pass comments : On anything under the sun. In case of seniors refer to A.

Question : To do or not is a question ?

Ans - Don't.

Rush : Charge for everything. You gotta be fast in RIMC, its survival of the fastest.

Sham : and Sham without shame.

Talk : You don't have to make sense. After all VJs also do so, see how much they earn. Talk during Assembly it's the highest earning period.

Under cover : whenever a lottery comes your way..... Quick hide yourself.

Violate : All Laws and act innocent if at all you get caught, but remember A.

Wear : Your attitude !

Hey! don't forget your clothes.

X-change : Tea share, pudding or anything under moon.

Ye : Make your self heard and don't worry about rules (orders) they are often broken by those who make it.

Zap : As 'Puia' says, Zap life or live life King Size.

Amihe Swu
Class III

Campus News

Major Kulwant Singh Dhama, Dy Commandant of Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi visited the College on 26th September and gave a talk on the virtues of mountaineering. He said that mountaineering not only instils a spirit of adventure but also helps an individual to know himself better and also to understand nature. He highlighted the qualities that are required for mountaineering that help an individual to cultivate the quintessence role of leadership. He then presented a slide show on the scaling of 7035mt, virgin peak of Mount Trishul on July 17 by a seven member team led by him. He told us how after 62yrs of toil, 15 expeditions and deaths of several mountaineers the virgin peak was finally

conquered. The Bangni Glacier in the south west, Mount Trishul Main in the north-east and mount Hardol from the south-east surround the Mount Trishul West, a remotely located peak.

Cadet Krishan Kabir
Class V.

Heard This One

Overhead during a rather pleasant evening in a small gathering of Rimcollians at the DSOI New Delhi on 24th Sep. Gp Capt Sharma presently posted at HQ Southern Air Command, Trivandrum, met Brig Brar somewhere in the north-east. Their conversation went something like this -

Sharma - Hello Sir, I believe you are a Rimcollian!

Brar(smiling) - Yes I am, are you ?

Sharma - No Sir, but three of my brothers are.

Brar (roaring with laughter) - Great, that shows the standard of education in your family!

Editors

Class IVA Hike to Nag Tibba.

The sequence of our hike was as follows :-

26/09/01 Reach Thatiyur by bus & camp at the Eco Task camp there.

27/09/01 Trek from Thatiyur to Manglori

28/09/01 Trek to Nagtibba and back

29/09/01 Trek back to Thatiyur, take bus & go to Mussoorie & stay there 30/09/01 Roam around Mussoorie.

01/10/01 Return back by bus to Dehradun.

Nagtibba is actually a hill considered sacred by the locals. It is particularly famous for its Naag mandir whose powers the villagers always hold in awe. Leather is said to insult the god and no leather objects are allowed. People drink water from a dirty pool considering it sacred. People in the villages nearby are backward. There is neither electricity nor any electrical goods. Their main occupation is farming. Our otherwise smooth hike had some snags?. The road we were supposed to go to the Eco task force was blocked and we had to go through the market. On the way back Avijit fell down and would have kept going down if not for a few strong plants that saved him. Mules could not be arranged beforehand and so we had a problem. We were elated on return as lying on our beds back in our dormitories we realised that we were only the second batch from RIMC to reach Tibba.

R. Prakash
Class IV A

Class II Hike To Gangotri-Gomukh

After the busy schedule of our mid-term exams we were ready for something we had been waiting for long, the hikes. Gangotri - Gomukh was our destination. Each of us was full of joy and happiness. Unfortunately five cadets of our class had to stay back for rifle shooting practices.

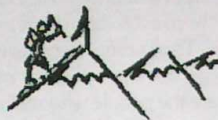
We reached Gangotri singing, talking and sleeping in our bus. We spent the night in the Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam Tourist Rest House. The night was cold at 10500

feet. Next day we had a long, tiring but exciting 14kms trek to Bhojbasa led by our guide. The route was a steep and narrow one with mountains on one side and the river Bhagirathi on the other. At Bhojbasa we spent a night resting for our next days trek to Gomukh. We trekked 4kms to reach Gomukh situated at an altitude of 13200 feet. There, breathless with lack of oxygen, we saw the beauty of Gomukh glacier, and returned back after an hour. That night we felt quite cold as it was snowing on the mountains but we enjoyed it a lot. Next day again we trekked back 14

kms to Gangotri. In the evening we roamed in the market and a few of us went to the cave. The next morning commenced our return journey to Dehra Dun and we were back in RIMC with weary limbs but a fresh mind for a new start.

Tuhin Mukherjee
Class II

MOUNTAINEERING



Class II A - Hike To Harkidoon

On the morning of 27th September, 22 cadets of class II A along with Mr. Thamil Selvam, our class master, Mr. G.C Thapliyal and Capt. Vivek Singh accompanied by other members from the mess, left for the Mid-term hike to Harkidoon. Harkidoon is a small valley, quite close to the 'Jaundhar' Glacier, the beginning of the Tons river surrounded by other mountain peaks such as 'Jaundhar' itself, the place is extremely beautiful.

Our first destination was a small village in the hills called 'Sankri'. It was an eight hour bus ride from the college. We halted at Sankri from the first day. The real trek began the next day, when we had to trek a distance of about 12kms, to another tiny village better known as Sima in the Garhwal hills. This was the place from where our expedition members for the Black Peak proceeded towards the summit last year. Our accomodation was arranged at the GMVN (Garhwal Mandal Vikas Nigam) guest house. Another difficult trek awaited us the next day. We were to trek another 12kms, to our destination Harkidoon uphill all the way. The trek was tiring but we all managed to complete it. Harkidoon, is very beautiful surrounded by lofty peaks on all sides. Anxious to touch snow, we proceeded for a small trek the next day. We touched the base of the Jaundhar Peak and after a tough ascent experienced our one - in - a - lifetime experience of snowfall. We were very excited at the end of it and soon we were on our way back, continuously trekking down hill to our old place 'Sima'. The place seemed much warmer and more pleasant. The next day, we were on our way to 'Sankri'. Very surprised that our hike had finally come to an end, we gradually made our preparations for the way back and the next moment, after another eight hour drive by bus, we were back at home. Truly, it was a 'once - in - a - lifetime experience'!

Marcus Pradhan
Class II A

Class I A - Hike

On 27th morning, we set out for Landsdowne, a beautiful place in Garhwal region. The accomodation was provided by the Garhwal Regiment which was very comfortable. Next day was fully engaged in various activities; visits to the historical Garhwali Mess and their Museum followed by the outstanding War Memorial Next day, we went on a trek to a village named 'Pida'. We trekked 8kms and our accomodation was provided at the village school. We enjoyed our stay there by presenting various items for our entertainment. The next morning we went to Tarkeshwar Dham. We visited the sacred temple of Tarkeshwar and the meditation centre. Then we set off to explore ageless secrets and to gather wood for camp fire. That night we had a camp fire where all cadets contributed in one way or the other. After a lively evening we had a sound sleep. Next morning we started for R.I.M.C with heavy hearts as we didn't want to leave such an interesting hike. We reached the college campus at around 7 PM and with three cheers we ended the spirit of our wonderful hike.

Atish and Arjun
Class I A

Shooting

The first Uttaranchal State Inter-School Opens shooting competition was held at the Doon Institute of Shooting and Sports from 7th to 9th Sep. RIMC was the overall winner. Around 200 boys and girls from 10 Schools of Dehra Dun, Mussoorie and Hardwar took part. RIMC was declared overall first and qualified for the inter school nationals. Considering that the shooters are a newly formed club and participated with barely a months practice, their achievements are creditable evident from the medals tally given below.



PISTOL
Below Anurag Shukla
15 (Gold)

MPS Godara
(Bronze)

Above Bharat Mamgain
15 (Silver)

RIFLE
Adarsh Kumar
(Silver)
Sandeep Karwasra
(Bronze)
RPS Rana
(Silver)

Sanjay Kumar
Class III A

Readers may recall that in the last issue we reproduced a Hindi press report of the event.....Eds.

The Golf Tournament

After a hard and determined practise, the day had finally come when the college golf team comprising of three cadets, accompanied by Lt Col KS Manhas departed for the golf tournament scheduled at Delhi from 11th to 14th Sep in which twenty one schools took part.

As we were not familiar with the course we decided to leave earlier to get a feel of it. We reached Delhi on the 8th

GOLF



and arrangements for our stay were made at the Modern School. On 9th the Delhi Golf Club had organised a practice round to enable the teams to familiarise themselves with the course. Next day too we practised our shots on the course. During this practice we observed the good players and tried to follow some of their techniques.

11th was the day, the first day of the competition. We were a bit tense at the tee, wondering how the game would go. That day all of us played well. According to the competition rules the scores of our best two players, Prateek Tomar and Rohan Manhas were counted. The next day the 12th we came a little early and practised a short warm up game. That proved beneficial as we improved a bit over the previous day. But on the third day for some reason we did not perform well and because of that our overall position went down. On the final day we however we did better. Overall this years performance was better than last years. Next year we hope to do even better.

Rohan Manhas
Class IIA

IPSC Aquatic Meet

IPSC SWIMMING



RIMC participated for the second time in the IPSC Aquatic Meet 2001 held at MNSS Rai, Sonapat from 28 Sep to 1 Oct. This year we had twelve qualifiers in the final events as compared to last years single one. Aditya Sharma and Arvind qualified in all their events. In the 100mts backstroke Aditya won a Bronze medal. Also,



he along with three others broke the IPSC record in 50mts backstroke. Rest of the team comprising of Harshal, Nilesh, Chetan, Suheil, Anvesh, Vishal, Harjit, Kunal, Sharyff and Anirudh all performed well, thanks mainly to our two coaches Capt Henry Baduria and Hari Bhonsle.

Anvesh, Aditya
Class III A

Class IV Educational Trip

Having finished our mid term exams well before the rest of the College, we set off accompanied by Sqn Ldr VS Pundhir, on the night of September 20th for Delhi and onwards towards the sunny south to visit the NDA and other Army Air Force and Naval establishments for a familiarisation come motivational trip. This is a regular feature every term for Class IV and helps us to see for ourselves how the three services function, and then decide what service to choose for a career.

We reached Nasik Road on 22nd morning and we were scheduled to visit the Arty centre. The main attractions were the guns and the firing demonstration were the Grad BM-21, 105/37 Field gun and Bofors. Another great attraction was the War Memorial of 1981. We met many Rimcollians in the evening including Col L.S. Tiwary, Lt. Col T.K. Guha and Capt Kashyap. Our next destination was Ahmednagar. Our plan was to visit MIRC (Mechanised Infantry Regimental Centre) and Armoured Corps centre



and school. We met Rimcollians Maj Bhaduria, Maj S.Sharma, Capt. Anuj Kalia, Lt. Dutt, Lt. Vinayak, Lt. Sharma, Lt. Sidhu, Lt. Vishal and Col. Dev. Our visit included the firing show of BMPs. Where some of us got a chance to fire and all of us enjoyed a BMP ride. We reached CME (College of Military Engineering), Pune the next day. The following day we visited the Airforce Station at Lohegaon. The main attractions were the Sukhoi's, Jaguars and SAM - III missiles (Air Defence Missile). In the evening we visited the Southern Command Officers Mess, where we met Col. Manu Bhalla and Kaila who had organised our entire visit. Later in the evening, we were invited to cocktails at the CME to bid farewell to Brig. Suresh Dutt (1957-61). This was on the eve of his retirement.

Next day was what we were eagerly looking forward to, the visit to the NDA. The first place we visited were the Equitation lines. They had a impressive array of 154 horses. This was followed by a documentary on NDA in the Habibulla Auditorium. Later a visit to the Peacock Bay was very enjoyable, especially the scenic beauty of the lake in the backdrop of the majestic Singhadh fort, the bastion of Chhatrapati Shivaji. A visit to the Vyas Library

and the Museum followed. Thereafter a get together of Rimcollians was organised. We met almost all the Rimcollian NDA cadets. Our interaction with them was quite an eye opener for us of days to come, when we too would join the NDA. The next morning we visited the CME. We saw IED (Improvised Explosive Device) system bridges, the museum and the Sailing Club.

Our next destination was Mumbai, where we reached the same evening. The next day, we visited Naval Aviation headquarters. Lt. S.S Chauhan guided us through the place. Thereafter we went to the Naval Dockyard where we were shown submarines. Commander U.N Chitnavis hosted lunch for us which included the Naval Rimcollians at Mumbai. The next day was our naval cruise we went upto Bombay high. We sailed on two Indian Naval ships - INS Gomati and INS Nipat. We witnessed the full working of the ship and also some of the drills which the ships performed. It was truly a novel experience. The last day of our hike, we were left free. We decided to go to the Water Kingdom. We enjoyed the full day relaxing without programmed visits. Later in the evening we boarded the train heading northwards towards the Doon valley and RIMC.

Pallav Parashar
Class IV

Class - I Hike Report

This being our first mid-ter hike we really looked forward to it with excitement. On 27th September at 7:00 we left the school compound. The 29 of us first termers except Anirudh our swimming champ who went for the IPSC Meet. We were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs.Thapliyal, Mrs. Monica and the mess staff. Singing, dancing and banging our feet we reached Chakrata where the terrain and the natural beauty of the surroundings was really a majestic form of nature's creation. By evening we were fresh enough and we all played till dinner. When that was announced not a soul could be seen playing. Perhaps it was the mountain air that builds appetites.

On the second day we went to the SFF Academy in Spiders Colony. There all of us did rock climbing and rappelling (coming down). Afternoon was a visit to the bazar in town with money in our pockets, that somehow emptied faster than we could ever imagine We took photographs on the way, and returned back to the Rest House for an evening of singing and much merry making.

The third day we went once again to the SFF Academy where we witnessed many daring and nerve racking demonstrations of skills in rock climbing. The interesting part was that most of those who performed before us were young women, who were under training at the academy. Whoever thinks that women are inferior should have seen them. In the evening it was a visit to the town again, this time to the heart of city for lots of fun. Next day in the afternoon we bathed in the pure waters of Tiger Falls amidst the surrounding picturesque sights. That evening's camp fire was really memorable one. 1st Oct with heavy hearts we boarded the bus to return back to

Dehra Dun and R.I.M.C.

We shall always remember this first class hike of ours till the day we pass out. It helped us to know one another better in a relaxed tension free atmosphere, far away from the rigours of the college.

Kavi Kashyap
Class I

News In Brief

1. We are grateful to the ROBA Trust for sanctioning a grant of Rs. 5,000 for the treatment of the son of our head safaiwala Shri Harbaksh Lal, who is suffering from Tubercular Meningitis.
2. RIMC is cut off from the cyber world as the server of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd has been down for a long time now. Hence, for the present the snapping of ties by e-mail and from the net.
3. In the Inter School Computer Quiz held at Welham Boys School on 11 Oct, the RIMC Team comprising of cadets A.D Roy, Vikram Sharma and Gaurav Singh came first.
4. Our heartiest congratulations to Shri CS Vishwakarma for being awarded the COAS Commendation Card.
5. On 26th Aug Ms Sumati Ghosh psychologist and author of "Adolescent Behaviour" conducted workshops for staff and cadets.

Rimcollian Mail



Capt Rakesh Nair (Chandragupta 1985-90) writes from Lebanon where he is posted with the UN Peace Keeping Force. "We are three Rimcollians here, Maj. H.S Bansala (1981-85), Capt. Hitesh Duggal (Chandragupta 1985-90) and myself. Not very far away in Israel, Gp Capt. K G Bewoor the Defence Attache is also a Rimcollian.

For Hitesh and myself it is a dream come true to be together in the same unit as when we joined RIMC we were unlikely friends, our homes seperated by over 3000 Kms. As young boys we pledged to join the Gorkha Regiment, which we did. Hitesh joined 5/9 GR, did very well and was awarded the Sena Medal for gallantry in action. I joined 4/9 GR and was fortunate to receive a commendation Card by the GOC-in-C."

They send warm regards to the faculty and the cadets too.

एक नज़र इधर भी

शायद आपको ऐसा अटपटा लगे। पर इस पर आप कुछ भी नहीं कर सकते। आखिर मजबूरी जो है क्योंकि ये बातें आप नहीं मैं लिख रहा हूँ। कहीं ये मत सोचिएगा कि इसमें कुछ रहस्य छिपा है। अरे जब मनुष्य खाली बैठा रहता है तो वह कुछ न कुछ सोचता रहता है। शायद उसी सोच से अंकुरित होकर यह शीर्षक सामने आया। जब खोपड़ी सिर खपाने लगता है, तो ये कलम कुछ न कुछ लिखती ही रहती है, मानो गाड़ी का ब्रेक फेल हो। अब रही बात क्या लिखा? भला ये भी कोई बात हुई। जो मन में आया सो लिख दिया। अजी भई, अगर आपको आपत्ति हो तो न पढ़ें, कम से कम पढ़ कर मुँह न बनाए। ये तो आप ऐसा करके लेखक की बेइज्जती करेंगे। जरा सोचिए सुबह ८:४० से दोपहर १:३० तक अगर आपको बैठा दिया और कोई कहे अगर अपना जबड़ा खोला तो बत्तीसी अंदर। ऐसी हालत होने पर ये २५० ग्राम का दिमाग भी परेशान हो जाएगा। आखिर उसे भी तो कुछ करना चाहिए। अब जरा अपने सलीके से सोचिए। शायद आप समझ जाएँगे। अगर अब भी पानी सर के ऊपर से जा रहा हो, तो जनाब मुझे दोष नहीं दीजिए। मैंने तो सिर्फ नज़र डालने को कहा था। पढ़ने के लिए दबाव नहीं डाला था। फिर भी अपना बहुमूल्य समय मुझ महान लेखक के ऊपर न्योछावर करने के लिए तहे दिल से शुक्रिया अदा करना चाहूँगा।

आपका एक महान हितैषी

ब्रजेश कुमार
कक्षा-III

क्या रहा, जो मानवता न रही

शक्ति, शक्ति को धमकाती है—
कलयुग की निष्ठुरता विकराल रूप दिखाती है।
शक्ति स्वामी बने तो भूल गए सभी।
क्या रहा, जो मानवता न रही।

मनुष्यता मरी, मरे लोग कीट-जंतु जैसे,
बलि चढ़ी मानव की, मानव का भोज किया मानव ने कैसे,
सुख-चैन की चाह में, सब भूल गए क्या है सही?
क्या रहा, जो मानवता न रही।

रक्त पानी बन गया, दर्द की सीमा कुछ नहीं।
सत् जीवन अयोग्य हो गया, सच्चाई कष्ट दायक बनी।
अत्याचार किस पर न हुआ, क्या मनु जीवन यही?
क्या रहा, जो मानवता न रही।

गौरव शुक्ल
कक्षा - II अ

जय माता सरस्वती

१. माँ शारदे जीवन के इस लघु अंश का, एक छोटा भाग भी न तुझे
आर्पित कर पाता हूँ। हाँ, लेकिन यह तो तुमको भी ज्ञात होगा कि,
खुले वृक्ष को विस्तृत कहकर, सब दुख संकट कहता हूँ।
२. कैसी है, काया तेरी माँ, कैसी तेरी माया है।
जितना तुमको जानना चाहा, उतना ही उलझाया है।
३. रोम-रोम में पुलकित हो उठता हूँ,
हे तेरी वीणा की झनकार मधुर कितनी।
फिर भी तेरे नाम, योग-साधना की क्रिया के जैसी, तुलनात्मक बुद्धि
कैसे रच पाऊँ मैं अपनी।
४. नाम तेरे, रूप तेरे और कथाएँ जगत में अमर हैं,
इसको भी न गा सके तेरे सेवक, नहीं बन सके हम वैसे गोचर है।
५. ब्रह्म भार्या, त्रिलोक त्रिज्या,
अपने संतानों की तू माँ है।
उत्तर दे तू मेरे इस प्रश्न का,
इस ब्रह्मांड में तेरा वास कहाँ है।
६. तू मिले या न मिले, तेरे आशीर्वाद की अभिलाषा सफल हो सकूँ तेरे
प्रदत्त जीवन में, मेरी ये आकांक्षा है।
७. जीवन मूल्यों पर मुझे तुझसे प्रश्न करने थे ऐसे, आशा करूँगा वैसे
उत्तरों की, प्रश्न मेल खाते हों जैसे स्पष्ट हो जाएँ मेरे मानसिक
पटल पर वे वैसे ही, निशा नभ की प्रथम दृष्टि में, चाँदनी स्पष्ट हो
वैसे ही।
८. यही आशा तथा यही परिभाषा जानने की मैं हूँ इच्छित, यह तुमसे
मैं कैसे छिपाऊँ, कितना हो जाऊँगा प्रमुदित।
९. माँग थी अब बस इतनी ही, इसी को तुम पूर्ण कर देना, सुदृष्टि-गोचक
पाथ दर्शाकर मुझको तुम धन्य करना, उज्ज्वल बुद्धि रूपी उत्तर बन
इस अधेरी जीवन में फल जाना
-कवि कारथप मिथिलाजी, कक्षा - क
शिवाजी सदन।

दुनिया

देखों यारो दुनियाँ को,
यह तो है बड़ी गोलमाल।
समझो जरा इंसानों को,
इनके हैं गजब ख्याल।।

बनाया उसे प्रभु ने था,
बड़े प्यार से सवारा था।
बड़े खुश हुए उसे देखकर,
गौर से निहारा था।।

बनाए प्रभु ने जीव-जन्तु,
बनाया प्रभु ने इंसान।
यह दुनिया बड़ी फले-फूले,
था प्रभु का अरमान।।

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अरमान मगर वह टूट गया,
जब इंसान बना बुद्धिमान।
लगा मारने निरी प्राणियों को,
जंगल हो गए विरान।।

मिला जब विज्ञान मनुष्य को
भूल गया प्रभु जाप।
सोचा था वरदान जिसको
निकला वह अभिशाप।।

क्यों किया इंसान ने ऐसा,
क्या निकला इसका हल।
जिंदगी बरसों की नहीं है,
यह तो छोटा सा पल।।

सिद्धार्थ गुप्ता
कक्षा - II

भारतीय नारी

ममता की यह मूरत है
है यह सहनशील नारी
विश्वभर में पहचाने लोग
कहलाती भारतीय नारी
यह जननी, यह कल्याणी
सबके ऊपर इसका हाथ
बिन नारी शायद मानव
हो जायेगा अनाथ
पहचानी इसकी शक्ति
यह जगत जननी महाशाली
है यह दुर्गा, है सरस्वती
बिन उसके न खुशहाली
हो क्रोधित तो ज्वाला है
पर शांति की परिभाषा है
भूमि-हृदय की सहनशीलता
की यह कटुभाषा है।
समर्पित यह पार्वती है
गंगा सी यह पावन है
दुर्गा सी यह काली भी
सुन्दरता का दामन है।
तो क्या नारी पीड़ित है
हे मनुज, सुनो पुकार।
है हृदय रंगित और घायल
कहीं हट न जाये, भू-श्रंगार।
परन्तु नारी है न हारी
दृढ़ता-पथ पर चलती जा रही।
वह बनेगी साम्राज्ञी भी
उस महान भविष्य की संस्कृति की

मनुज जिंदल
कक्षा - II 'अ'



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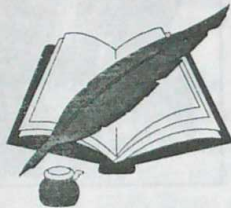
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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Hello! We are back at the beginning of a new term in the first year of the new millennium, with the millennium's golden dawn glowing over the RIMC campus.

Here's a small prayer to commemorate that historic occasion.



*Come my friend as ever before
Like a fountain of effulgent light
And guide our destiny through these portals
Through darkness of a lingering night.*



*Nature's playground where once we played
Still remains new very much same
Reflected in all these faces young
Oh RIMC who can forget thy name.*

We received over a hundred New Year greeting cards from Rimcollians and an equal number from others. Thank you sirs for remembering your alma mater. Our young graphic artist has drawn together an interesting collage from the numerous cards. Regretfully we cannot print all the names for want of space, nor could we put all the hundred pieces together. So do forgive us but we do hope you all enjoy our acknowledgement through the collage. The college even received a card from the White House!

The new term began on 17th January, in the peak of winter. Fortunately the weather gods have been kind, the cold has not been too severe with plenty of sunshine and glorious days. The cadets returned back from the trip to the Andaman Islands on the 21st. We have an interesting account of that trip. Republic day 2001 saw yet again many Rimcollians in the 'Honors List' we have a report on that too. The new cadets commenced joining from the 29th onwards spread over the next three days. 32 have joined so far. Very soon they too shall settle down as all others before them.

We would also like to inform all the Rimcollians through these pages that the Reunion would be held at the college from 12-14 March in the traditional nanner. The Chief of the Army staff, Gen. S. Padmanabhan (Rimcollian) has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest.

Our readers would also be interested to know that one Rimcollian Shri. S.S. Sandhu is a member of the Defence Finance. He is presently the Director(Finance/Navy) in the Ministry of Defence.

This time we have articles and features of interest, a few poems too. There is an interesting piece on "Horses at RIMC", quite a history being created these modern times way back from camp Rajwada days. So what next! Happy reading.

Yours sincerely
Editors

I DO NOT SLEEP

*Do stare at my grave and weep,
I am not there.
I do not sleep.
I am not the person whom you know
I am in the sands, the winds and snow
I am in the air you feel during night
I am in the day and there at night.
I am not there in the grove you see
I am in the air, clean and free
I lie there, six feet under, food for insects.
I am everywhere, of all aspects.
Do not stare at my grave and weep
I am not there,
I do not sleep...*

Venkat Parthasarathy

Venkat, one of the stalwarts of the Chronicle and a regular contributor has left the college to pursue higher studies in Arts. This piece was composed by him sometime last term. We wish him all the very best.

Eds.

Mr. HUGH CATCHPOLE AND HIS GUEST HOUSE

The Catchpole Guest House is situated behind the main office in the lush green area of the Rashtriya Indian Military College. It is named after Mr. Hugh Catchpole, a former principle of RIMC. Mr. Catchpole, fondly known as the "Dronacharya" of RIMC" joined as a young master on 26th of October, 1928. He went on to become the Principal of RIMC in 1948, and held the post till his retirement in the year 1953. after which he went to Pakistan and founded the Hasan Abdal Cadet College. In 1958, Mr. Catchpole took charge of the PAF College at Sarghoda. After retiring from the post in 1967, he became the principal of The Abbottabad Public School.

In 1994, Mr. Catchpole had remarked that he loved RIMC the most and planned to stay in the college permanently, after his retirement from Abbottabad Public School. It was then, that he gave a bountiful donation of Rs.15 lakhs for this guest house. The foundation stone of the guest house was laid on 13th of March, 1995 by Gen. V.N.Sharma, PVSM, AVSM (Retd.) a Rimcollian and a former Chief of the Army Staff.

The building was completed in 1997, but Mr.

Hugh Catchpole could not fulfil his desire to stay in it. He died at the age of 90, on 1st Feb 1990 surrounded by Rimcollians whom he loved at the Military Hospital in Islamabad, two months before he was to inaugurate the guest house.

The loss of Mr. Catchpole is one, which can never be replaced. Rimcollians and many others on both sides of the border deeply mourned his death.

Cdt Brajendu Bhaskar, Class II-A GURUPURAB AT RIMC



The birthday of Guru Nanak or Gurupurab is celebrated with great joy all over India. It was celebrated in RIMC on 11th of November, 2000. The gurudwara was decorated with flags of different colours and festooned with coloured paper. The Cadet Gurudwara Committee members did the beautiful decorations and other arrangements. They were Cadets Rajan Chikara, Gaurav Pratap Singh, Vikram Sharma, Subeg Singh, Ruchir Khajuria, PPS Bhullar, Simrandeep Singh, Harjeet Singh, Ishitabh Vashisht and Gurpreet Singh. The "kirtan" and "bhajans" were sung by three singers who came from Ponta Sahib Gurudwara. After the kirtan, kada prasad was distributed to all those who were present which included the Commandant and the A.O. and many others. After the prasad all sat down under the 'Shamiana' to have 'Bhog'. It was a very enjoyable function, thanks to all the efforts put in by the Cadet Gurudwara Committee.

**Gurpreet Singh(2169/R) Class I-A
Ankur Agarwal(2009/R) Class IV-A**

THE GRADUATION DAY ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2000

The graduation day is the most important day in a cadet's life. Just as a first term sets his foot inside RIMC on the first day, similarly a graduating cadet passes out of the portals of the Bhagat Hall on the last day of his stay at RIMC.

The graduation day of the second term 2000 was an interesting and an eventful one. The Chief guest was Lt. General H. M. Khanna, GOC-in-Chief Northern Command (Rimcollian, Cadet Captain 1956). In the evening, he was shown all the exciting hobbies and clubs of RIMC by our Commandant. Thereafter the Commandant addressed the audience consisting of parents, many distinguished guests and cadets. After the address was the prize distribution ceremony. Cadet Subeg Singh, GMS Khatri and Aditya Sharma were awarded blues for their outstanding performance in Football and Swimming respectively. Cadet Bhawani Singh got a certificate of merit for topping the class 10th boards. Cadet Sec Com B M Bulle who also stood first in the all India NDA Merit List was awarded the Wavell Sword for being the Cadet having the best integrity and character. The sword of honour for the best all round cadet was awarded to cadet Capt. Aseem Panda along with the KCMET prize cheque of Rs. 5000. After the prize distribution ceremony, our chief guest Lt. Gen. H.M.Khanna gave a very motivating speech, during which he recalled his own days at RIMC and ended on an emotional note saying, "I am retiring from the service in three months time. Today as I look back at my long years in the Army, I can say I wish I was there along with the passing out class and not here at the rostrum where I now stand."

Then the cultural evening began. First was the college choir followed by some soothing instrumental music. Then was a break dance performed by the cadets. After the music and the

dance programmes, there was an exciting English play entitled "RIMC's DARKEST HOUR" directed by our English master Cdr. A.P.Bhattacharya who is also a Rimcollian, in fact he was a first term when Gen Khanna was the Cadet Captain. The play was of forty minutes duration with very fine audio-visual effects. The performing actors all gave a splendid performance. It related to the division of the Hindu-Muslim cadets way back in 1947 and was liked by everyone. The M.C. for the grand ceremony was Vikram Sharma.



Cadet B.M. Bulle receiving the sword from Lt Gen. Khanna. He also stood 1st in the All India Merit List for the NDA

After the exciting evening was over, there was a delicious dinner waiting for the cadets. After the dinner, the graduating cadets were presented with

mementoes after which cadet captain Aseem Kumar Panda delivered an emotional speech.

Finally we bid farewell to the 148th course and the graduation ceremony came to an end with the passing out of yet another course. We sincerely hope that they bring further honours to the name of the school.

Cdt DP Sahoo
Class III

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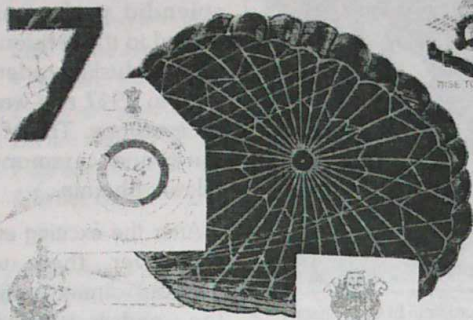
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The terrible and tragic earthquake in Gujarat brought this unique response from the RIMC. Every single cadet donated one week's pocket money and every single master and every single employee donated one day's wages for the relief of those affected by the earthquake. This amount totalled to around Rs.45,000/-, though small, the gesture goes a long way in the development of our young minds.

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The Rimcollians

ALWAYS TO THE FORE
FIFTY FOUR



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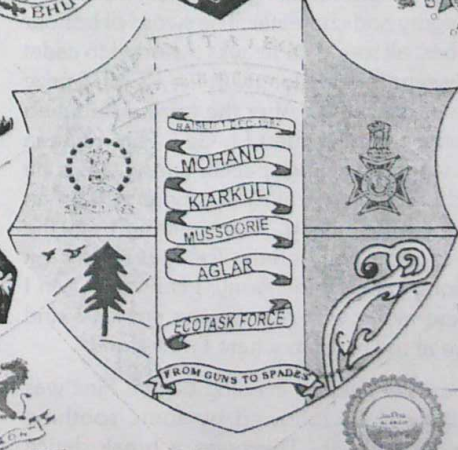
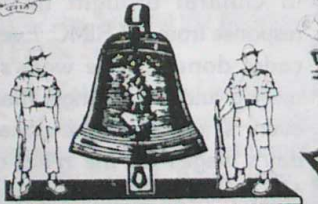


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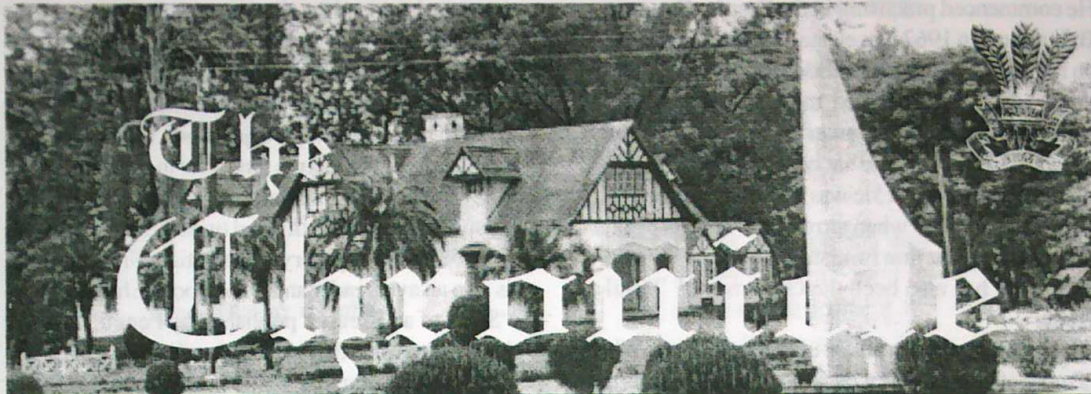
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*Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief
Southern Naval Command*



RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, DEHRADUN

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Graduation Special Issue

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Editorial



Hello Readers,

Yet again we present a special issue for the passing out course who shall leave the hallowed portals of RIMC after their graduation ceremony on the 27th November. This time the boys are lucky to have His Excellency Sardar Surjit Singh Barnala, the honourable Governor of Uttaranchal as the chief guest. A signal honour indeed to receive their prizes from his excellency's hands.

During this issue we have many features on campus activities, articles some extracted from their English papers, and poems in both Hindi and English, as well as the customary pen picture of Class VA written by their immediate juniors Class V.

Here are also some interesting facts of history pertaining to the college

Cadets Mess & Anterooms were constructed in 1904 at a cost of Rs., 86103/-

Dormitories around quadrangle, 1904-7, costing Rs 994064/-

Swimming Pool in 1904-7 at a cost of Rs.16306/- only!

Finally we bid adieu and wish all the boys a happy vacation and extend our best wishes for the new year to their parents.

Yours sincerely
Editors.



OUR CHIEF GUEST - A PROFILE

Sardar Surjit Singh Barnala, the first Governor of Uttaranchal was born on 21 Oct 1925. His father, a magistrate, died when he was only nine years and he had to struggle very hard for educating himself. He went on to graduate in law from Lucknow university, and participated in the Quit India Movement of 1942 and faced a police lathi charge.

He commenced practising in the District Courts at Barnala and in 1967 was elected for the first time as an MLA and was made the Education Minister two years later. That marked the beginning of his distinguished political career spanning over three decades during which he has held many high profile political assignments. He was the Chief Minister of the Punjab in 1985 when terrorism was at its peak, and has been a union minister Govt in 1977 and 1998. He has also been the Governor of Tamil Nadu.

All that was the political side of Sardar Barnala. What is more of interest to our cadets and our readers is his human side. He loves the mountains. He has travelled

extensively around the Himalayas and other mountains of India, as well as the European Alps and the Canadian and American Rockies. He loves nature and loves painting its beauty. During the emergency of 1975 he was thrown into jail along with all political opponents of the regime then. Not in the least bit put off, he spent his time painting and he painted a lot many, which were exhibited twenty three years later in 1998 at the art gallery of the Patiala University. He is also an avid reader and writes too. He has authored "Story of an Escape" published by Penguin, which has been translated into Punjabi and is being translated into Hindi and Tamil.

ARTICLES AND FEATURES

These two articles are taken straight out of the recently concluded English Terminal Examination held on 10 Nov

The above passage regarding Karmayoga and the poem written by our English teacher, has told us the truth of work and action. After reading the composition I have understood what I should do and follow to achieve what I had been longing for. Firstly I will change my aims and goals, then only I would be able to proceed in the right direction. Now my aim will not merely be to become an officer of high rank so that I will have a high salary, but instead my aim would be to be a great soldier and a person of high values who would always be ready to give up all worldly desires for the sake of the country. As a child I would focus to excel in every field, not only to earn the appreciation of people around me but for my own soul. I have understood that focusing on something which is wrong will always lead me towards a wrong end.

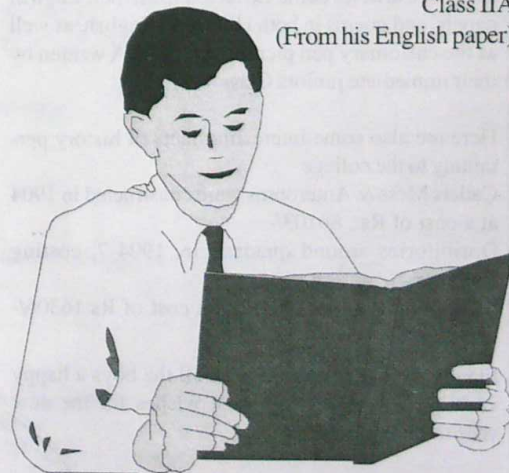
I have understood very clearly that to desire for something is very wrong. Fulfillment of desire just gives us a little pleasure but then our minds and hearts start desiring for something else. Whereas desires can result in a good end but generally it has a bad effect. Gautam Buddha too has told us that the main cause behind all

the wrong happenings in the world is desires. One who is free of desires leads a happy life. We should not even desire for the heaven as the world itself can be made heaven by spreading love.

Anurag Shukla

Class IIA

(From his English paper)



HARRY POTTER, HARDY BOYS OR NANCY DREW

"Harry Potter, Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew, Sir?" Shouted a small boy from the platform. It is indeed so strange, such books have reached all corners of the country. I have always been in favour of Harry Potter when it comes to books. Right from the writer to the characters and the story, everything so well built, so very real, somewhat imaginative. And nothing could ever bother me if I had a Potter novel in my hand.

Harry Potter came into this world in 1996. The writer Ms Joanne Kathleen Rowling, better known to us as JK Rowling, brought her imaginations in public when she had to face a sudden financial problem. And it went on and on. My first Harry Potter was in RIMC itself, the place where people like me become Potters performing tricks and magic. Like JK Rowling kept on writing her series of books, I kept on reading them one after the other. Then came a full stop when the last book was over, no more books to read. The stories were really absorbing. JK Rowling does infact have a vast world of imagination. No one knows what goes on in her mind. The story is of a boy who is actually a wizard in this modern world of 'normal' people. The world of magic and witchcraft, so naturally blends with our present world. Wizards with cellphones or witches with flying cars and it is not those old fashioned witches with broomsticks any more. One really gets absorbed reading the series, and in RIMC it is a craze. However, people still discuss about what JK Rowling must have had in her mind? Could she have written about her past experiences? People are still surprised by how the writer gained

fame just within half a year after the book was released. It was a miracle for her, right from her past condition to her present. There is infact something strange about the books. What I felt while reading, was that the reader himself has the psychological feeling that he is one of the characters in the story. The imagination develops so well, it comes in front of the eyes like a motion picture. The characters always remain prominent even days after finishing the book

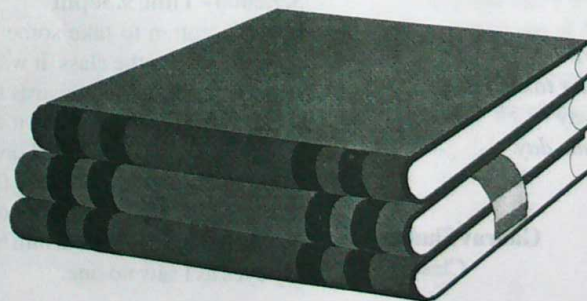
Mentioning about the motion picture, 'Harry Potter' had its first appearance on the screen in the World Premiere on the 8th of November this year. The release of the movie world wide is due on the 16th of November, and people like us are waiting impatiently for the movie to be released. It is just a matter of a week now. But may be, from my point of view the release of the movie might discourage people to read these books. They would rather prefer watching the movie than getting absorbed in books. But I always feel the Harry Potter books would not lose their splendour. They would keep on coming until Harry Potter graduates out of the Witchcraft School he studies in.

So in the end, it comes to reading and the question arises - Harry Potter, Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew? I'd like people to prefer the first one, become a kid for some time and believe in things like magic and witchcraft. Soon, we might find these things really becoming true. But, all lies in the coming Harry Potter books and the next generation of children who might read them.

Marcus Pradhan

Class IIA

(From his English paper)



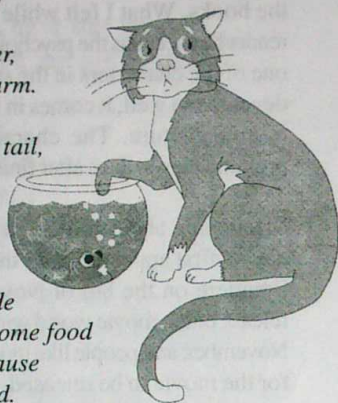
POETRY CORNER

I LOVE MY LITTLE PUSSY

*I love my little pussy,
Her coat is so warm,
And if I don't hurt her,
She will do me no harm.*

*So I will not pull her tail,
Or drive her away,
But pussy and I
Very gently we play.*

*She will sit by my side
And I will give her some food
She will like me because
I am gentle and good.*



Arjun Subramaniam
Class II



DEATH

*'Death' what is it -
Don't quit to know it,
As this is -
Very horrible and very terrible.*

*Friends, don't be scared;
From this work 'Death' -
Never ever be afraid -
Even at your last breath.*

*It can be overcome -
If you fight against it
But it may be troublesome -
If you fear from it.*

*It has been the law of the earth,
When somebody dies, another takes birth;
But 'you' never give up anyway -
Despite that you will die some day.*

Gaurav Shukla
Class IA

SILENT NIGHT STORMY NIGHT

*Once upon a time, on a stormy night,
When above me, I could see no moonlight.
Leaving the rustling of leaves and blowing of
wind
I could hear nothing but the shrill scream of
silence.*

*Alone at home and scared the most
I got up from bed fearing a ghost.
I heard on my door a deadly knock
And waited with feelings of great havoc.*

*I walked ahead with hands fumbling
Eyes wide open and my heart trembling.
Looked left and right nothing came to sight
None was there to have a ghostly fight.*

*Till this day the question haunts my mind
Who was that came to my door that night.
Was it someone who came for help
Or was it a ghost to lead me to hell.*

Saurabh Chaudhry
Class II

MY STRANGE EXPERIENCES AT RIMC 15.3.2000 - Time 9pm

I was to receive a phone call from my father in my Section Masters' house. Right after dinner I sprinted like a lunatic afraid of the fact that I may miss the call if I was late. Something suddenly stopped me. As I turned back I saw a dark shadow across the road. I was horrified and ran on towards the Section Masters' house.

3.9.2000 - Time 9.30pm

I had forgotten to take some of my books to the dormitory from the class. It was raining, I wore my raincoat and walked towards the academic block. As the power had failed and it was pitch dark I took a torch along. Ahead of me I saw a man in a raincoat walking towards me. I didn't flash the torch on his face as it would have been impolite. I turned back as the man crossed to look at him but I couldn't believe my eyes as I saw no one.

13.4.2001 - Time midnight

This was the strangest of all experiences very difficult to explain. It lasted for around two long hours. At midnight all the lights went off in the dormitory and came back on an instant later. This happened a number of times. Those of us who were awake ventured to check the control panel and found nothing wrong there. We stepped on to the rear verandah of the Ranjit Section middle dormitory facing the Parade Ground and the PT field. We observed something 'white' there. It appeared to be doing push ups at a very rapid rate which no normal person could have done. Soon after that it did pull ups on the beam equally rapidly. Then it went to the ropes and commenced climbing them. It looked as though he was pulling down the ropes. Then it seated itself on something that looked like a horse and set off. Our condition could well be described in the poem written on the board by our English Master after we related the incident to him the next day in class:

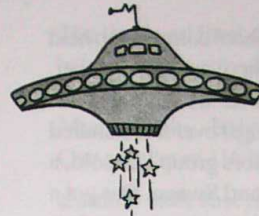
*"There was a rider Haughton
Dressed in white cotton
He came in the night,
Shone a bright light
And all of us were frozen like mutton."*

Many cadets claim that they saw the ghost of Col Haughton, the first Commandant of RIMC, which can be seen every 13th of April falls on a Friday. a Rimco legend, would send to foreign lands, Indian grass like. So what the did and what happened later nobody knows.

All these incidents are strictly speaking not imaginary. These are truly my own experiences at RIMC. I cannot call them ghostly but just experiences that are difficult to explain. There are still other rumours that the present classes I and IA are built on a graveyard. Every year on the 13th November if you keep your shoes in the kit room they will be shining the next morning. It appears that on this day a cadet died who loved polishing his shoes!

K Madhavan
Class II

A LETTER IN THE DISTANT FUTURE



Gen (Retd) M Pradhan
Defence Colony, Sector 601
New Dehradun, India
Earth RM3 OYL
24th February 2122.

My dear Manuj,

Its been almost four decades since we've met each other. How are the developments in Europa going on? Hope the situations of the various political issues in North Saturn are improving. I'm also sure you have recieved the message I sent you.

Well, I just wanted to inform you that RIMC would be having its bicentennial celebrations this March on the 13th. Now, being the Secretary of the Rimcollian Old Boys' Association I have a lot of work to do. The young Rimcollians on Saturn have just sent me a plan of action related to the relief work of the colonies, last year due to the political disturbances. However, let us get back to the topic now. Admiral Anoop Sharma would be the Chief Guest this year. I hope you remember him, our old dormitory commander in the second term. Remember his nickname 'General'! Anyway, Rimcollians are going to pour in from all over the solar system, specially the old boys from Venus, Mars and Saturn. I'm quite impatient to meet them, especially those of the 156th course. I'm sure you'll be present there for the celebrations and will plan your visit well in time.

Do give my regards to Col Romen Singh and Air Marshal George. I hope you're meeting them very often. Hope to see you back in college.

Yours
Marcus.

Gen (Retd) M Jindal
Dept of Development
East Ridge, Colony 72
Yangthang - Burland
Europa ER YMM 2624.

*This is extracted from his English Mid-term
English paper of 13 Sep 2001 of CI II/IIA
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Art Competition. In the inter-school competition held at Col Brown's Cambridge School on 12th October, RIMC participated along with around twenty schools. Thirteen of our boys were amongst over five hundred from other schools. In the Juniors group Leopold, a first timer, got the first prize and Swagat Das got a consolation prize. In the Seniors group, Arindam Goswami got the third prize.

Hindi debate and Essay Writing The Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology organised a Hindi debate and essay writing competition on the 22/23 Oct in which thirteen schools took part. The topic for

debate, "Should cable TV and foreign networks be banned?" Among 26 participants Karan Sharma came first and Asoom Sharma came third. They are both from class IIIA. The next day was the essay competition, topic "Increasing spread of terrorism". Ashok Garg also of class IIIA came first.

Lucky Rimco! The 13th November was a very lucky day for one Rimco, that was Aditya Sood of Class V. In the Diwali carnival at the DSOI Dehra Dun he won a full house of Rs 1000. As they say, lucky for some number thirteen.

OLD BOYS WRITE

Brig SK Singh from the highest battlefield in the world, the Siachen glacier.

"Thank you very much for your felicitations on my promotion and assuming command. We have around eleven Rimcollians floating around, including Prasad and Prem. I hope we are able to send you a group photo at the banks of ROBA LAKE!"

Col Purushottam Singh, CO 5 Rashtriya Rifles (Jat)
"It is with great interest that we read the Sep issue of the Chronicle. It is a rare distinction to

find cadets Amardeep and Vikas Sharma being awarded the COAS Commendation Card at such a young age. Indeed they have done all Rimcollians and our Alma Mater proud.

Wg Cdr Sandeep Banerjee, DD Plans Air HQ
"The two days we had at the College were truly memorable. The ambience and warmth of the hospitality extended to me and my family would be etched in our minds for eternity"

PROFILES ON OUR PASSING OUT BATCH

Here is a short profile prepared by boys of class V on their sectionmates of class V, a reflection of their association of the past nine terms.

PRATAP SECTION

Anuj C Srivastava was an outstanding combination of excellence in academics and sports. He rose to become the cadet captain of the college and exhibited great maturity, understanding and leadership traits. He was the driving



force in guiding his section to win the championship and displacing the eight times champion, Ranjit Section. Being an asset to his section and college he would always be remembered for his contribution after passing out of the RIMC portals.

Nabarun Majumdar, was a jovial and humourous boy from Bengal. He was good at games and maintained a healthy balance with studies. Sometimes surprised his class with great performances in academics. An asset to his section, he would be greatly missed by his juniors.

Narendra Verma was an asset to the section and displayed extraordinary maturity and a sense of section spirit. Regarded as a man of principles, he discharged his duties in a very skillful manner. Was good at studies and fair at games. Though he hailed from Andhra Pradesh, he was often mistaken by many as a North Indian lad. Earned the nickname of 'life saver' when he saved his friend Cdt Srivatsava from getting electrocuted.

Arunab Ghosh

RANJIT SECTION

Subeg Singh Dhindsa, a smart sardar (Mona) from Chandigarh was cool and cheerful throughout his stay at RIMC. Was good in studies and excellent in games, which bagged him silver feathers, blues and half blues. He was not bothered about what was going on around him in the college. He was the captain of the college football team. As the section commander he performed his duties very well.

Manish Das, a cheerful lad from Orissa. Be it in the playground or debate, he always exhibited the passion to do it well. An inspiration for his juniors, he is liked by all too. A promising spinner and sprinter, will surely do well in the future.

AD Roy, a Bongo who had got the nerve reading novels all the time while preparing for his tenth board examination. Nevertheless he came out with a good result. A brilliant quizzer and not a bad stuntman, one always saw him doing some stunt or the other. A good debater too and also a MJ of his size, he can show his NBA style anytime you ask him to do so. Nobody knows how many books he must have read during his five years in RIMC. Will excel with the kind of just do it attitude.

Dhiraj Kumar, excellent in studies, he has tried to stay away from everyone. He believes in two birthrights - studying and sleeping. Has got totally different tastes as compared to others. Popularly known as dryveg due to his lean and thin figure, interestingly his appetite for it never dies down. Excellent athlete, won several golds.

Sunny Ghosh, a very quiet and sincere boy who likes to stay out of all mischiefs. Punctual and hardworking, has an excellent reputation with the teachers. A very good horse rider, very soft spoken and certainly the one to whom any junior could confide or seek help in any matter.

GMS Khatri, a lad from Sikkim was really jolly and 'joshi'. The senior dormitory commander, he was a source of inspiration for his juniors whenever they found life getting tough. Though not very hot in studies, in the sports field, one could easily make out there was no one better. He got a blue in football and half blue in athletics. While in Class IVA, he was injured playing football, he is still recovering from that injury. We wish him speedy recovery and the very best of luck at NDA.

Vikram Sharma

SHIVAJI SECTION

Abhimanyu Dalal the section commander was a perfect all rounder in all respects. Not only was he good as an individual, he proved to be one of the finest leaders, setting an example for others to follow. He was excellent in academics, swimming and was also a good debater. The teachers thought him to be one of the good students of his class.

Gaurav Rawat, a delightful boy who has always been good to everyone. He displayed a lot of 'josh' for his section. He was very good in swimming and cross country and also a keen debater. On the academics front he did fairly well.

Pranesh Kumar, an indigenous product of Bihar, 'joshi' and hard working, he was excellent in academics and PT too. A favourite of the authorities for his mischievous deeds. A terror for his juniors, despite his small size. Was good at games and played at the section level.

Manoj Kanwar, a hard working boy from Delhi who took life as it came. He started his campaign in RIMC right from the first term when he earned himself a merit card in cricket. Although a bit of an introvert, he helped his section in all fields. A good mountaineer with a lot of potential.

Bhanu Pratap Singh Godara, a well known camel from Rajasthan was renowned for his endurance. One of the best riders in the college, always ready to take up any challenge. He did well in cross country

and athletics. Although very shy he was forever cooperative and helpful. He impressed others by his cheeky smile.

Roland Singh, with a rarest combination of brain and brawn, this nathu did extremely well in the games field and in the class room. He represented the college in football and boxing. A terror for his opponents in the ring, just the opposite outside. A gentle giant, he was forever ready to help others in any way he could. A boy of tremendous enthusiasm, he was a real asset to the college and section.

Rahul Chaudhry

CHANDRAGUPTA SECTION

DS Jayara, the section commander, the ever smiling lad, famous for his knock outs in the boxing ring, he led his section into a glorious term in all arenas. A perfect embodiment of both mind and muscle, he excelled everywhere, from Mr. Tyagi's maths class to the circular tracks. He was a person who was looked up to by his juniors. He always helped them. An excellent bowler which earned him a cricket blue. The section would surely miss him as a leader who led from up front.

Ankit Uniyal, THE BORN SPORTSMAN. He was always famous for his sporting abilities. He ruled the

sports arena from PT and squash to football and cricket. His college crest is emblazoned with soccer, squash and cricket. A person who could pick up anything in a short period of time. His splendid scores in many inter school matches made the college team win from a losing position. Equally devoted to studies, he shall always be remembered for his many abilities including his wonderful poems.

Deevaj Thapa, the macho man of his section who spent more time in the squash courts than anywhere else. He is a perfect example of what hard work can do. Excellent in PT (Blue) and was an inspirational figure in the section and he always believed that PT is the mother of all sports. His presence in the first five in the cross country race was inevitable which also proved his mettle and endurance.

Vijay Anand, a boy of infinite endurance and practical thinking was always famous for his output when required the most. A fine swimmer, and a very good long distance runner, a perfect balance between studies and sports which ensured a smooth passage throughout his stay at RIMC. A keen body builder and his achievements in this field are worth praising.

CSK Varma

SPORTS ROUNDUP

INTER-SECTION COMPETITIONS

CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday 16th October dawned bright and sunny. Braving the chill morning air all boys descended on the grounds behind the Cricket Pavilion with a lot of excitement and anticipation for the inter section cross country competition. The juniors that is Class III and below were to run a distance of 3.85 kms and for the seniors Class IIIA and above the route was a new one the distance being 7.35 kms. The strengths of the teams were 23 and 20 respectively.

On that day we were fortunate to have Shri Devapriya Lahiri as our chief guest. An alumni of St Stephens

Delhi and St. Catherines Oxford, Shri Lahiri has had a very distinguished career in the field of education. He has been a housemaster in Doon School and the Principal of Lawrence School Lovedale, and is presently the Headmaster of Selaqui School at Dehra Dun established by the Gurukul Trust. Himself a long distance runner of repute, he successfully completed the Agra - Delhi run organised by the IAF in 1985. An avid equestrian, he won a bronze medal at the National Equestrian Championship at Bombay., and a Gold Medal in The Pune Horse Show.

We were also fortunate to have amongst us Maj Gen

AR Kumar one of our distinguished old boys (1955-59). This was for him a pilgrim visit to his almamater on the eve of his retirement. (Why don't more old boys retiring from service do this?).

The seniors were flagged off first by Shri Lahiri. The juniors by Maj Gen Kumar.

Romen Singh of Chandragupta section came first in juniors with a record timing of 11 mins 28 secs, followed closely by Abhishek Gargmukh(11 min 40 secs of Ranjit) and Manuj Jindal(11 min 44 sec of Pratap). This was a new college record, the previous one was 12 min 32 secs, held by Gaurav Pratap in 1998. Among the seniors Rishi Raj of Pratap came first with a very good timing of 25 mins 25 secs. Nilesh Paneri of Pratap and GR Sahu of Ranjit came second and third with timings of 26 mins 6 secs and 26 mins 21 secs respectively.

Pratap Section swept away the team prizes coming first in both juniors and seniors. Naturally they lifted the trophy too. By a strange coincidence in the juniors as well as in the seniors teams, Chandragupta came second, Ranjit third and Shivaji fourth.

Before the prizes and trophies were presented by the chief guest, there was a unique ceremony of unveiling a beautiful oil painting on canavas of Lord Shiva by



Maj Gen Kumar. This was painted by our campus artist Shri Samir Sarkar for the Military Hospital Dehra Dun where he was admitted sometime in August in a very critical condition and came out hale and hearty thanks to the dedicated efforts of the doctors and nurses at the MH. A few days later the painting was presented by Col Arun Mangain to Brig Mahanti, the Commandant of the MH, in a simple ceremony in the latter's office.

After the medals and trophies were awarded, Shri Lahiri gave an inspiring speech highlighting the

importance of long distance running and what it teaches us. **He coined an interesting phrase 'holding power' and explained it to be that minute spark which keeps a person going when all else seems to be lost, something that refuses to give up despite all odds.** That's what cross country running and marathons teach us. His remark, "In you young boys I can clearly see that holding power, and am glad that with young men like you joining the Armed Forces, the future of the country is in safe hands", certainly did a lot to lift the spirits of the boys tired after a gruelling race. Extolling the virtues of running he said (looking at the Masters), "it teaches you to run away from your wife!"

Then followed the traditional breakfast of scotch eggs and badam milk in the Cadets Mess which all the boys downed with gusto.

BASKET BALL

This contest ended with a nail biting thriller in the final match on the afternoon of 18th October between Ranjit and Chandragupta Sections. By then the situation was such that if Ranjit won, they were the clear champions, and if Chandragupta won, they would share the championship trophy with Ranjit. Such were the high stakes and the supercharged atmosphere in which this key match was played. The game was one of swinging fortunes with both sides struggling neck to neck in a fiercely contested final. With Ranjit trailing by a point, in a thrilling climax they scored a basket in the last second before the final whistle and won by only a single point. Its been truly said that in such games there are no winners or losers and it is the game that wins. This time thanks to our Basketball coaches Hav Venu of MEG Bangalore and Naik Joshi of ASC Bangalore, both members of the Services team we saw a marked improvement and a fairly high standard in the matches played at the various levels. Our college teams participation at the IPSC meet from 12-15 Oct at Nabha also helped to raise the standards of the game. Best players declared, C Laldinzuala of Ranjit in seniors, George Francis of Pratap (Middles) and Abhishek Gargmukh of Ranjit in Juniors. The final positions were, Ranjit first with 14 points, Chandragupta second (10), Pratap third (8) and Shivaji with 4 points came fourth.

OBSTACLES

Monday the 29th Oct was the day of the Shivajians. This was the first inter-section competition of the term in which they lifted the winning trophy. And what a win it was! Running and negotiating obstacles for the first time were young boys in their teens under battle simulated conditions of smoke bombs and flares and gun shots (blanks of course). To wit, "Charge of the light brigade":

Smoke bombs to the left,
Gun shots to the right
Rope bridges to the left
Crawl nets to the right.



Yes it was Shivaji's day. They came first in the seniors with such a large margin, that though they came fourth in the juniors race they ran away with the trophy. Chandragupta came second, Pratap third and Ranjit fourth were content to cheer them for their first win.

Medals and certificates were also awarded to the best three in the seniors and juniors teams. Ankush Kumar (Shivaji), Nilesh Paneri (Pratap) and Om Kelkar (Shivaji) came first second and third respectively in the Seniors division. In juniors it was Abhishek Gargmukh (Ranjit), Umesh Kumar (Pratap) and Pulin Kant (Ranjit). The chief guest Shri Mukesh Shelat, Principal of Welham Boys School, gave away the prizes and the trophy.

INTER SECTION QUIZ CONTEST

The inter-section quiz contest held in the Bhagat Hall on 31 Oct had a unique. Previously seniors and juniors teams were separate and earned separate points for their sections. This time sections were represented by a single team of four boys, two seniors and two juniors. The quizmaster Mr Dharendra Singh was at his usual best. The final scores were first Pratap with 125 points followed closely by Ranjit with 123, Shivaji with 106 points and Chandragupta with 101 points.

INTER SECTION PT COMPETITION

In the keenly contested inter section PT competition held on 10 Nov at the Parade Ground, Ranjit and Chandragupta shared the top honours with a tally of 9 points each. Pratap came a close third with 8 points and Shivaji fourth with 4 points. This time each section fielded a combined team of both senior and junior cadets. The competition was divided into two stages, Stage I being the IPET and Stage II the main competition..



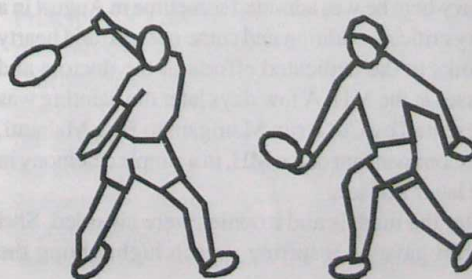
RIMC SQUASH LADDER

UNDER 15

1. Vaibhav Sinha
2. Heikham Pinku
3. Prateek Tomar
4. Karan Sharma
5. Abhishek Rana

UNDER 17

- Ankit Uniyal
- Gaurav Raturi
- Deevesh Thapa
- Ishan Sharan
- Chintan Joshi



ATHLETICS



22, 23 & 24 Oct were the days in the annual calendar of events that celebrate the biggest spectacle of the college, the inter-section athletics

competition. Warmed and fired up by the recently concluded cross-country and basketball competitions, everyone was busy practicing in the run up for the events under the expert eyes of our special coach Shri Rai, with a hope winning laurels for their sections as well as getting a berth on the college team to participate in the annual district athletics meet to follow on 3/4 Nov.

The gala spectacle began with an impressive march past with Shivaji, the last year's winners leading the way to the accompaniment of the pipe band from 3 GR. After the march past, Col Arun Mangain declared the meet open and the oath was administered by Bhawani Singh the officiating Cadet Captain. The



first day's events were the heats in ten track events of two heats each, and finals in two track and four field events. This time there was a departure from the previous years in that, the winner

in the finals were awarded the medals on the victory stand the same day. This is also the norm in all official level meets.

The second day saw the culmination of thirteen events with seven exciting races on the tracks and six field events. In addition there was a fashion parade by the children of the masters, a ladies musical chair and the annual Class IV employees 400mtrs race.



The third and final day's events began with the arrival of the Chief Guest, Brig LP Sahi and Mrs Meena Sahi. Brig Sahi, the Commander of 116 Inf Bde, is an

alumuni of St Joseph's Academy, Dehra Dun, the NDA and Defence Services Staff College. He has held many important appointments in his distinguished career spanning three decades which included the command of 21 Sikh Regiment. This final day saw seven races, three relay races and two field events. There was also an Old Boys' Race which again is an annual feature. The last event of the day namely the 4 X 100m relay in the C Div was very exciting. It was keenly contested, but unfortunately at the first exchange, Pratap section dropped their baton. But they still ran on to complete the race in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

The final results were as follows:

- (a) Ranjit & Pratap - First - 115 points each
- (b) Chandragupta - Third - 102 points
- (c) Shivaji - Fourth - 62 points
- (d) Best Athletes
 - (i) A Div- RP Singh (Pratap)
 - (ii) B Div - Umesh Kumar
 - (iii) C Div-G R Sahu (Ranjit)

All the medals and certificates were given away by Mrs Sahi, and the trophies were awarded by Brig Sahi. Prize distribution ceremony ended with the bugles blowing retreat and flags being solemnly lowered.

This was followed by a welcome cup of tea and delicious snacks.





NATIONAL SHOOTING MEET AT BADAL PUNJAB

Having come overall first in their events in the recently concluded Uttaranchal State level competitions, our national shooting team of 24 boys accompanied by Capt. Vivek Singh, Mr Khushi Ram and our coach Nk Rashpal Singh from the Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow, left Dehra Dun for Bhatinda in the early hours of 19th Oct, to participate in a national level air rifle and air pistol shooting championship for the first time at Badal, Punjab. They had very little preparation, their weapons were old, accesories limited and they had no exposure to competitions at such high levels. Infact the plan to participate in shooting competitions at the state and national levels was conceived only in August, and a 10m indoor shooting range made almost overnight. Yet their spirits were high and under the guidance of their coach they were mentally all set for such a big event. Its been rightly said, shooting is less a game of skill, more a game of concentration of the mind.

The competition was organised by the National Rifle Association of India. A total of 454 boys and girls participated from 145 schools all over India. RIMC took part in the sub-juniors (under 15) and juniors (under 17) in both air rifle and air pistol events. Our team bagged 13 medals in all, 4 silver and 9 Bronze. Ishitab Vashist scored 298/400 marks, the second highest in the sub junior rifle category. He received a silver medal for his individual performance.

The sub junior rifle team comprising of Ishitab Vashist, Adarsh (243 marks) and Binit Kumar (229) won a silver medal each. The nine bronze medals were won as follows:

SUB JUNIOR PISTOL TEAM

Anurag (327); Maan Godara (315); Lokesh Shukla (293)

JUNIOR PISTOL TEAM

HK Singh (345); Bharat Mamgain (314); M Arun (292)

JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM

Dev Prasoon (278); Abhishek Anand (267); Rana Rudra Pratap (256)

With new weapons and accessories to be purchased out of the handsome grant of Rs 5 Lakhs given by Army HQ, and with sustained coaching effort we aim to produce national level shooters and in shallah olympians too.

Acknowledgements

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DISTRICT SPORTS

The Dehra Dun District Sports Association, a branch of the Amateur Athletics federation of India conducted the annual district sports meet on 3/4 Nov in the Doon School grounds. In all around 1000 boys and girls participated in the meet from 40 schools.

From RIMC 35 boys took part in the track and field events and 21 in the cross country winning, 19 medals in all. Adil Ahmed won the gold in C Div discuss



throw. GR Sahu a silver medal in both 100 and 200m sprints in the D Div. In the B Div High Jump Fizi Yadav and Broad Jump George Francis won a silver medal each, whilst D Jayara bagged the silver medal in 110m hurdles D Div.

In the C Div High jump Karan Sharma won the bronze and in the relay races RIMC teams won a bronze in 4 X 100m in both the C & D Div. In the 4 X 400m relay mens section, our boys competed with athletes much older than them finishing third to win the bronze, close on the heels of the IMA GCs who bagged the silver with DAV Post Graduate College winning the gold. In the march past our boys performed very well, being adjudged second after the contingent from IMA.

And if you are looking for news of bagging the trophy in any division, it did not happen. The sports school Raipur made a clean sweep of A, B and C divisions!

कैसे छिपाऊँ अपने ये आँसू

१. मन अब मेरा हो गया है भारी
और इस तन के अस्तित्व की परिभाषा नहीं मिलती।
कदम आ जाएँ मेरे अब जहाँ जिस पथ पे,
कस्बों के जीवन उन फूलों में ही नहीं खिलती।
२. इस जमाने की ठोकरों से, दर्द मेरा कम नहीं होता
आंचल की न ठंडक पाकर, मैं अब छुप-छुप हूँ रोता।
३. बिन कहे ही, बिन सुने ही सब जान लगे,
निर्दयी ये जमाना अब निकट सीमा के है कितना।
आंसुओं की धारा के प्रवाह की गति सब जानकर,
इन मुश्किल राहों में कदम सोच कर रखना।
४. दर्द तो दे दिया ये मुझको, पर उपचार नहीं सुझाया।
क्या बीतेगी उस मानव पर भी, ख्याल जरा मन में नहीं लाया।
५. देख अब इस जमाने की हीन दशा ये,
रोक दी किसी तरह ये पिघलते विचारों की धारा।
पर ये है कलयुग, भूलकर तब मैंने भी ये,
कार्य किया था हिम्मत से, पर हो गया मैं लाचार।
६. आंसू बह गए मेरे इन नेत्रों से, आह के शब्द निकल गए,
आएगा न कोई पूछने इस दर्द को, गुरुजन मेरे कह गए।
७. चाहता हूँ उस एकांत में रो दूँ, ये दिल खोल के,
लेकिन कभी इच्छा होती है, दर्द बाँटने की।
पर अपने तो रहते हैं, अपने कुछ अवसरों पर,
ईश्वर को भी कभी पड़ेगी जरूरत, गुण छोटने की।
८. इस संसार के भी अनंत कालों ने पाई होगी ये नजर।
है अकेला मासूम मेरा दिल, अवश्य पाई होगी खबर।
९. मानव की रचना क्या सोचकर की ईश्वर तूने,
दर्द कभी समझ पराए भी हो जाते हैं अपने।
कभी अपनों का सहारा, तो कभी बन जाएँ लालच का घर,
कारण सभी आंसुओं से अब लगे बहने।
१०. आए ऐसा जीवन में संग कोई, सुख से जिसे न वास्ता हो।
बांट लूंगा आंसू ये तेरे, प्रशस्त कर दे वैसा रास्ता वो।
११. काया पलट न हो सकी तो, कोमल इस दिल का कष्ट समझो।
आंसू हैं तेरे जीवन की भी कड़ी, कहाँ जाते हो रुको।

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पहेलियाँ

१. बूझो सोचो मेरा नाम, कभी न घटना मेरा काम,
आगे बढ़ना मेरा काम, बोलो बच्चों मेरा नाम।
२. जादू के डंके को देखो, पेट में जहर पचाता,
नाक डुबाओ तुरन्त रोशनी, झट आगे फैलाता।
३. डब्बा देखा एक निराला,
जिसका न ढक्कन न ताला।
न पैदा और न ही कोना,
बंद है उसमें चाँदी सोना।
४. न कभी आता है, न कभी यह जाता है,
इस के भरोसे जो रहे, वह हमेशा पछताता है।

उत्तर - १. उम्र, २. टार्च, ३. अंडा, ४. कल

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एक विरान भूमि की सरिता

१. चल पड़ी खगों की टोलियाँ सब मिल,
उस दिशा में जहाँ रह गई नीर की तलाश थी।
उस किसान के, उस चरवाहे के पशुओं की,
सूरजी बंजर भूमि देख निगाहें निराश थी।
२. अनंत तक के उस छोर पे एक सूरजा बादल,
चेहरा भी श्वेत शून्य-सा चरमराया था।
वह छोटे से असहाय जीव-पक्षी का भी,
हृदय डर-तेज गति से तब घबराया था।
३. माँगते थे ईश्वर की कृपा, दया सब अविरल,
उस पानी की निर्मल बूंद की तलाश में मिल
खेतों की क्यारियों को देख सूखा मुरझाया,
सोचते थे कब ये प्रकृति जाएगी खिल।
४. ऊँची-ऊँची उड़ान भरने का भी दम नहीं,
इस धरा पर रहकर ही अपना जीवन बिताना है।
उच्च कोटि, उच्च किस्म की ये जमीन पर,
किसी न किसी दिन वर्षा को आना है।

५. कब तक रह पाएँगे अपने इच्छाधर भी यों,
कभी तो दया खाकर उनको अब सुनना है।
मेरे प्रिय बंधू, प्रिय भक्त अब न इंतजार है,
न तुमको अब कष्ट से जुझने को कुछ रुकना है।
६. हो गई धरा पर यह वर्षा की झनकार,
है यह वर्षा की आवाज भी कितनी अति मधुर।
वह गई है उस वीरान भूमि पर भी धारा,
पानी की मात्रा है अब देखो कितनी प्रचुर।
७. भीग गई है तन की मेरी इच्छा अविरल,
अब इस जल की अधिकता है इतनी नहीं,
भू पर मेरे पैदा किए हुए लहरते पौधे,
इंतजार करेंगे उस मधुर अवसर का फिर कहीं।

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इन्द्रधनुष

बार-बार खुशी की बहार लेकर आता है,
ये इन्द्रधनुष।
लेकिन आज इस दुख भरे दिन में,
कैसे निकल आया वह ?

मैंने उससे पूछा,
“तुम आज कैसे निकल आए ?”
वह मुस्करा कर बोला,
“जैसे कि मैं हर बार निकलता हूँ।”

मुझे कुछ भी समझ नहीं आया।
कि इस दुख भरे समय में,
वह कैसे मुस्करा रहा है।
यह सोचकर मैंने उससे पूछा।

उसने बोला, “आज दुख भरे समय में,
मैं मुस्करा रहा हूँ, हँस रहा हूँ।
यही मैंने अपने अनुभवों से सीखा,
दुख भरे समय में कभी नहीं रोना।”

प्रत्येक दुख को हँस कर सहना।
जो भी यह कर सकेगा,
वह मेरी तरह सदा अमर रहेगा,
और जिन्दगी में सफलता हासिल करेगा।”

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एक अभिलाषा की मौत

जब मैं था नन्हा-मुन्ना,
और रहता था एक गाँव में।
देखा करता था किसानों को,
लगे हैं अपने काम में।

काश मैं होता एक किसान,
कभी यह थी मेरी अभीलाषा।
चिंतामुक्त भूमि को जोतूँ,
समझें पशुओं की भाषा।।

खत्म हो गई मेरी ये आशा,
जब आया एक भीषण तूफान।
मेरे बस में कुछ नहीं था,
बहते देख पशु व मकान।।

सब कुछ नष्ट-भ्रष्ट हो गया,
गाँव हो गया बिल्कुल विरान।
गाँव अब यह गाँव नहीं,
यह तो बन गया कब्रिस्तान।।

अगर तूने मचानी थी ये तबाही,
तो तूने ये दुनिया क्यों बनाई ?
क्यों उतारा इंसान को ज़मीन पर,
क्यों ही यह ज़िदगी बसाई ?

तेरे हाथ की कठपुतली हैं हम,
हे परमेश्वर-हे भगवान
माना दुनिया में बुरे लोग हैं,
पर यहीं हैं अच्छे इंसान।।

सिद्धार्थ गुप्ता
कक्षा-२

समय का महत्व

काल-चक्र चलता ही रहता,
सर्वदा हमसे कुछ यूँ कहता,
जो समय मूल्य पहचानते हैं,
वो सम्मान जगत में पाते हैं।

उपयुक्त समय नहीं कुछ करने को,
बस कर डालो, यदि करना हो,
अभी मत सोचो असमर्थ हूँ मैं,
दुनिया में बहुत कार्य शेष हैं।
समझो और करो, जो करना हो,
मर जाओ, यदि मरना हो।

यह समय न व्यर्थ हो सके एक पल,
यह धरा कभी न रहती अचल,
समय भागता जाता है,
पीछे मनुष्य पछताता है।

प्रशांत द्विवेदी
कक्षा-२

ओम्

यही है पूरे जग का सार
कागज पर है पूरा संसार
यहीं से उच्चारित पहली ध्वनि
यहीं से अवतरित पावन धरिणि

ब्रह्मा, विष्णु या महेश हों
या हों वे बुद्ध और सोम
सब का जन्म इसी से हुआ है
महाभारत का सर्वव्यापी ओम्

बच्चो ने जब जन्म लिया
सर्वप्रथम यह जाप किया
रोना उसने सीखा पहले
अंत में माँ का नाम लिया

मिलकर बना तब अँ..... ऊ..... माँ..... ओम्

इसी में व्याप्त है सारा व्योम।

प्रियदर्शी
कक्षा-२

मंदिर परेड

भोर समय रघुवीर पुरी की शोभा आजुबनी,
ललित दीपमालिका विलोकहिं हितकरि अवध धनी।

गोस्वामी तुलसीदास के द्वारा गीतावलि में दीपावली ऊपर कहीं गयीं ये पंक्तियाँ उसके वर्णन की शोभा में चार चाँद लगा देती है।

आज, सुबह के इस पावन अवसर पर मैं आप लोगों के समक्ष 'दीपावली' की महत्ता पर प्रकाश डालने आया हूँ।

हमारा देश त्योहारों का देश है। यहाँ इस पावन धरती पर अनेक छोटे-छोटे त्योहारों को बहुत रोचकता एवं पवित्रता से मनाया जाता है। उनमें दीपोत्सव को हमारी सांस्कृतिक मान-मर्यादा का प्रतीक माना गया है। यह त्योहार पाँच पर्वों का संगम है, जो हमें अंधकार से प्रकाश की ओर ले जाता है। वास्तव में यह शान के आलोक का पर्व है। हमें नहीं पता होता कि हमारी सांस्कृतिक विरासत क्या है? और किन रास्तों से होकर हम यहाँ तक पहुँचे हैं। लक्ष्मी जी अपने स्वागत के साथ-साथ कई संदेश भी देती है। वह दुख और दरिद्रता का नाश करती है।

अब अगर हम इसके भूत पर ध्यान डालें, तो हमें पता चलेगा कि इसकी उपयोगिता की महत्ता और मनाने के उद्देश्यों को लेकर कई मान्यताएँ हैं।

कहते हैं, जब पुरुषोत्तम राम लोक पीड़क रावण का संहार कर अयोध्यापुरी लौटे, तब घर-घर, नगर-नगर दीप जलाकर यह उत्सव मनाया गया और तब से दीपावली का शुभारंभ हुआ। फिर यह भी कहा जाता है कि जब श्री कृष्ण

ने नराकसुर जैसे आततायी का विनाश किया था तब से यह प्रकाश-पर्व मनाया जाने लगा दीपों की अवली सजा कर। इसीलिए इसे दीपावली भी कहते हैं।

गीता में वर्णित है कि हमारे चार धर्म हैं, जो मनुष्य के लिए अनिवार्य हैं धर्म, अर्थ, काम और मोक्ष। दीपावली, अर्थ की आराधना का त्योहार है। इस दिन हम अर्थ की देवी लक्ष्मी की अर्चना करते हैं और महालक्ष्मी वहाँ आती हैं, टिकती हैं जहाँ प्रकाश हो, जहाँ शुभ हो।

हमारे समाज में बहुत सारे अंध विश्वास हैं। इसीलिए कई लोग ऐसा सोचते हैं कि लक्ष्मी जी और सरस्वती जी का सदा सर्वदा बैर रहा है। जिस पर सरस्वती देवी प्रसन्न होती है, उस पर लक्ष्मी देवी प्रसन्न नहीं होती। लेकिन ये लोग ये नहीं सोचते कि अगर लक्ष्मी का सरस्वती से बैर होता, तो उनके मंत्रों में सरस्वती और माता काली के बीजाक्षर नहीं होते। इसीलिए मनोमालिन्य को धोकर हमें सुख और समृद्धि की याचना करनी चाहिए। हम मानव जाति का अंधकार से प्रकाश असत् से सत्, मृत्यु से अमृत की ओर ले जाने की पहल है। 'तमसो मा ज्योतिर्गमय' हमारी इस मंगलकामना की स्मारिका है दीपावली अन्तःस्व के अंधकार को भी दूर करने के संकल्प का दिवस है। अतः अंत में मैं आप लोगों को यह प्रेरणा भरी पंक्ति सुनाना चाहूँगा।

आज, आओ मुक्ति के हम ये प्रज्वलित दीपक जलायें।
और मानव दासता की श्रृंखलाएँ तोड़ जाएँ और मानव दासता की ये श्रृंखलाएँ तोड़.....जाएँ।

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