







Cover Page This exquisite, say-it-all pencil illustration, depicts myriad aspects of a Cadet's life at the RIMC. A mosaic of all that the Cadet does here, indeed 'are the first few blows on the anvil of life', that give him the 'set and temper' to 'carry him through life's battles.'

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## FROM ENSPIRATION TRANSFORMATION

Team RIMC has constantly endeavored to offer the Cadets an environment which is conducive to their interests and advancements, allowing them to make small as well as significant discoveries of the abundant potential they possess. All this has been possible due to the tremendous team work and respect, each one, as an individual has elicited during his learning process.

It is with deep resolve that we set our paces and it appears that the year has gone past with the blink of an eve, however, not before taking us through the storm of challenges that we witnessed during the past one year. It was a year that presented the challenging time for our College, yet we moved forward with astute goal setting, emerging better, as always. Every era faces challenges and in the face of challenges, only the indomitable stand, true to the legacy of the College and the core values so deeply enshrined in our organizational culture. I'm so proud to state that our Cadets and the Faculty have shown tremendous resilience in the midst of a tumultuous year where in, UPSC NDA exam had been delayed to be conducted during Terminal and Board exams. Foresight in planning and integrated execution approach by the Team saw us cruise through the same yet maintain our supremacy in every sphere. Our Debaters and Quizzers continued their rule at the All India Inter School level. The idea of conceiving, planning and executing RIMC FESTILITT with a merger of Hugh Catchpole English Debates, Kashi Naresh Hindi Debates and the RIMC Challenge Quiz gave a fillip to the festivities with grandeur and our Debaters have never looked back, thereafter. RIMC Soccer Cup assumed the reputed semblance of any National level competition and the winning streak of Team RIMC added another feather to the cap. Our Athletes swept the Districts Athletics, yet again, improving many records.

Our Sharpshooters have attained precision to hit the bull's eye and in the bargain brought home many medals and trophies at State as well as National level. IPSC Squash lent the flavor of festivity and shared learning at this Squash 'Nursery of Nation'. Nishkal emerging as the National Campion in Under-15 Category is only an outcome of tremendous opportunities created to give impetus to this special forté of the Rimcos

Soccer Team brought home RIMC Soccer Cup for the second time, courtesy mentoring by Coaches and providing professional platform by Team RIMC under the leadership of Wg Cdr Hari. He took the ownership of our Juniors too, who did everything right before narrowly missing the Trophy in the Finals. Debaters continued the winning dream run and Hindi

Debaters joined the party, winning IPS Declamation and a whopping Cash Award of Rs 61,000/-. Trophy from Sherwood Nainital came home again with many more Trophies finding the pride of place at the Comdt's Office. Kudos to D&D Club! Military History Seminar once again saw the Rimcos taking the centre stage and shining to inspire participants from various parts of the country. RIMC greens found the flavour of variety of colours from different Schools marching in the District Athletics. However, it was the Light Blue Dark Blue Flag that dominated the Tracks, winning the overall Winner's Trophy once again. Parents came in unimaginable numbers to see their wards perform, both in letter and spirit. The number of participants in the Partner Parent Meet crossed 500 and despite the administrative nightmare, it was a delight to present and share the exemplary performance of our Cadets. Graduation Ceremony at RIMC is not just a mere event but an emotional high, an emotional moment to say goodbye which we achieve every six months with grace and élan.

Foresight, correct choices, challenges, collaboration and teaming in controlling the learning process have allowed the mentors to expose our cadets to varied forms of learning, while being a pillar of support to them at all times. The conducive environment created has resulted in our Cadets achieving the finest standards. In the All India Merit List for May 2019, while we missed the Numero Uno by one, two Cadets attained ranks among Top 5. It was in Nov 2019, that we once again hit the finest form with four Boys in Top 5, including the Numero Uno. The Academic Graph has also seen the upward trend, rising steep and the much improved success story only endorses that. Furthermore, when Controlling Headquarters at Delhi i.e. Directorate General of Military Training and the Headquarters in the administrative chain vis HQs UK Sub Area and Central Command provide us with learning support for our Team, it communicates that they value the work we do with wishes for us to grow further. We are indeed grateful for the support from them as well as our alumni through the ROBA. We continue to strive harder with a stronger resolve to emerge better than before and set new benchmarks for us. Together we can and we will as a Team.

"For our College to move from just being good to being great, requires that all of us in the Team without exception, are prepared to go that extra mile and then some more."

ICH DIEN! VIVA LA RIMC!!

Commandant, RIMC (April 2016 to January 2020)





We are witness to a transforming global milieu - an all pervading essence and a harbinger of something new in the air. The powerful rapids in the river of change may be pounding away, but surely, they smoothen and polish the boulder that remains firm and resolute, besides providing dexterity and lessons to the navigator. These experienced and esteemed steersmen in their endeavour at the RIMC, have navigated through the choppy waters with their relentless efforts, resilience and an unflagging spirit, taking the College to newer heights. The Rimcollian Commandants, thoroughly well versed with the ethos of the RIMC, have administered these realms with selflessness and a discerning eye. Col Vivek Sharma, who joined RIMC as the 8<sup>th</sup> Rimcollian Commandant on 5 April 2016, concluded his tenure on 30<sup>th</sup> Januaray 2020, relinquishing the Command to Col Ajay Kumar, who joined as the 9th

Rimcollian Commandant on 31 January 2020. An alumnus of the RIMC from 1980 to 1985, Col Ajay Kumar of 5th Bn 'Napiers', the Rajputana Rifles, a proud 'Pratapian', bearing College No 1174, Passed Out as the Senior Dorm NCO. A versatile achiever, he represented his Section in Football, X-Country, Drill, Obstacles, Debates and various other activities. He was at the NDA from 1986 to 1988 and at the IMA from Jan 1989 to Dec 1989 to be commissioned in 1989. He also served as an Instructor CIJWS in Mizoram and while serving in NCC, he led a YEP Delegation to Russia in 2019. He has also participated in Operations like Prakram in Rajasthan and Rakshak in J&K. He has recently completed his M Phil in Defence and Strategic Studies from Pune University. Besides having received various awards and honours, he was decorated with COAS Commendation Card by Southern Command on 15 August 2014. Prior to taking over as the Commandant here, he was Commanding 3 Guj Girls Bn NCC in Bhavnagar, Gujarat. He tied the knot with Mrs Meenakshi Priyadarshni in 1998 on 21st May in Patna and is blessed with a son, Ahan and a daughter, Dakshita.

The Year 2020 is meant to be a promising and an exciting year - a year by when India dreamt to be transformed and join the club of developed countries. Taking the dreams and vision document of Bharat Ratna, late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam seriously, RIMC took the early lead and spearheaded the march towards being established as a truly developed world class training academy, strategizing numerous projects and reforms.

The Year 2020 is also exciting at the College for another reason - a 'Change in Command'. A 'Change in Command' sanctions an opportunity for all stakeholders to reflect on our past accomplishments and prepare a road map as we chart our course for the impending voyage. The College was extremely fortunate to have the exceptional leadership of Col Vivek Sharma, who with his vision and dedication touched the life of every soul on this Campus and spruced every corner of the College. Fine accomplishments achieved under his leadership are a direct outcome of strengthened processes and streamlined procedures, he painstakingly laboured, battling numerous challenges. His yeoman's service to our Alma Mater is rightly lauded by the Fraternity.

Our Cadets define the image of the finest 'Scholar Warriors', the Nation can be very justifiably proud of. Quickly adapting to demanding situations and changing circumstances, they, through sheer hard work, determination and application of their talent, dominate every competition they participate in. They are respected for their academic acquisitions, feared in the sports field, admired for their social graces and envied for their coscholastic feats. Mentored by the Seniors and Masters, the culture of care and compassion to see every Cadet succeed is indeed at the core of Rimcollian culture. My message to the Cadets is simple - Do the right stuff and be the best.

The destiny of any institution is guided and shaped by tireless services of the Members of Faculty, who are also the permanent repository of knowledge and institutional memory. It's heartening to acknowledge the approach of our esteemed Masters and their desire to see every Cadet

excel is very reassuring. It augurs well for the future generation of the Cadets.

The task of educating, training and motivating the Cadets is beset with many challenges. Modern day education calls for innovative teaching learning practices to ensure our Cadets are prepared to face any challenge head on and stay ahead of the curve. The College is indeed blessed with the unflinching support extended by Training Directorate and intermediate Headquarters who have, time and again, supported initiatives by the College and given momentum to our aspirations.

Our most dependent support base is indeed the Alumni associations, who have stood by us through thick and thin and supported the College in preserving our history and heritage, besides uplifting the education standards by constantly providing us with the best resources and practices from the environment. Your ineffable love for the Institution helps us to leap courageously.

RIMC is the best example of what team work can achieve. It also has the very distinct and unique status of being a National Monument. Rooted in tradition and blessed with the most modern vision, our Cadets are in the process of transforming the leadership landscape of our Defence Services and indeed other professions. Let us take a pledge to rededicate ourselves to the core values set by our predecessors and resolutely pursue the strength of our character, which defines the Rimcollian spirit. Our Alma Mater has to move, "from being good to being great, from being great to being inspirational and from being inspirational to being transformational." I seek your best wishes and blessings. Year 2020 is a very exciting year, indeed!

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How does it feel to be back?

This is probably the question I am asked most often, and not without reason. Now that I am literally and figuratively on the other side of the fence, I get to view our Alma

Mater from an entirely different set of perspectives. The memories that one makes here as a Cadet are deeply etched, some might say, seared on to one's consciousness. Most of them are positive, happy memories that bring a smile to one's face. Of course, there are some incidents that leave a lastingly unpalatable impression on young, impressionable psyches (look up 'Boarding School Syndrome' on Google). But for the most part, the alumni always look back with fond, warm reminiscences of their growing up years here.



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grudging admiration for these gents of yore was the discovery, that to keep the School going smoothly without anyone having to once look over her/his shoulder for administrative support, is by no stretch of imagination a trifling task. The fact that AOs for decades have done it with unassuming efficiency without a frown to show for it, is no mean feat to replicate. RIMC is many things at once. It's a School that proudly dons the mantle of the only stated feeder Institution to the NDA. It is a well oiled Military Unit, it is a home away from home for 250 boisterous, young children from all parts of India, and it is the cynosure of many such schools across the country. Having 'done time' here, one realises that the School over the years has evolved its own ethos, culture, peculiarities and challenges - all of which have to be kept in mind while addressing the administration and running of the School.

"The Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton" is popularly ascribed to the Duke of Wellington, who was a graduate of Eton College and Commander in Chief of the British and Allied Armies at Waterloo. The famous quotation is really only a polished-up version of what the Iron Duke said. Ten years after the Battle of Waterloo, while watching a Cricket Match at Eton, the Duke of Wellington was overheard to say: "The Battle of Waterloo was won here." Of course, the man who defeated Napoleon at Waterloo did not mean literally that Eton men had won the Battle. He meant merely that the games and sports at British Schools developed those qualities in men that made good soldiers. Most of our popular games and sports are merely mimicking warfare. Having been established

Initially when I landed up here as the Administrative Officer, I realised these were shoes not easy to fill, for the AOs in RIMC have traditionally been formidable personalities who were efficient, effective and feared. This was indeed a tall order - to measure up to icons like Biru Sinha, Varun Gidh and Manvender Singh and the realisation took a while for me to take in. What I discovered, and increased my

on the lines of British Public Schools like Eton of the nineteenth century, RIMC has gone on to further that legacy - of producing calm yet tough as nails fighting men who have repeatedly proved their mettle in battlefields across the globe for nigh over a century. We could say that Wellington was only slightly incorrect when he espoused the famous lines. In all likelihood, the roots of victory were sown in the Boxing Ring or during the rounds after games, or on the never ending Cross Country route which drilled into the young Cadets the virtues of tenacity and the importance of the never-say-die spirit. All considered, one could safely argue that the most effective training to actually endure and win in combat was



imparted to young, impressionable minds in the Kit Rooms, Games Fields, Boxing Rings, on the Rope Gallows and the Cross Country route while in RIMC. The Cadets have over the years, faced challenges head on and invariably constructed a resilient personality that operates strategically, enduring long after school. The requirement of being alert to staying out of trouble while being on rigid timetables in a rule-bound Institution has lent the Cadets a propensity to think innovatively on their feet, approach a problem from multiple angles and not give up till a favourable outcome is obtained. Sometimes, this is mistaken for a Rimcollian being 'Smart Alecky', but then that probably comes with being a trifle territorial and insecure of others.

So what's changed?

This is what I'm often asked by the Rimcollians that I interact with.

A lot actually.

And, then, not a lot.

Well, for starters, the dignified elegance lent by the verdant greenery and resplendent 'Faux Tudor' architecture of the British era Campus has not changed. Over the years, folks at the helm have tried to preserve the architecture and the wide open spaces that lend a distinctly pleasant air to the verdurous Campus. Buildings have been added over the years to accommodate yet more amenities, but care has been taken at the same time not to disturb the open spaces and the greenery. If anything, only more flora has been added to an already verdant Campus, a lot of it because of the untiring efforts of the present Vice Principal and the committed Ground Staff - the unsung heroes whose untiring toil keeps the green spaces, well, green. The 'Faux Tudor' theme of the heritage buildings has been attempted to be replicated in the newer additions, not without success I might add, as far as the limitations of the MES budget and the imagination of the architects would permit.

The age-old and proven system of Senior Cadets teaching the tricks of the trade to the younger Cadets has not changed. And maybe



that's not such a bad thing. From the mechanics of delivering perfectly devastating left hook ("...you've to put your shoulder into it, laddie....") to the trick of goading out that deep lustre on the toe of one's 'IP' Shoe (spit & polish acquires a whole new meaning here) - all that which has to be learned, other than the Academics - and even that sometimes, is taught to the Cadets by their Seniors. It is a probably the one custom of the School that has stood Cadets in good stead through the ages. The young ones acquire skills - both on and off the Field and the Seniors develop empathy and leadership, essential pre requisites for 'future leaders of fighting men.'

The distinct taste and texture of Scotch Eggs has not changed, and so hasn't the unique flavour of the Coffee Pudding. Some things aren't meant to change & thank heavens for that!

What's also not changed is the 'Smart Aleckness', if there's such a term, of the Cadets. The propensity to find the fastest, most efficient way to go about a task without having to expend considerable toil and be done with it has lived on in the Cadets - a trait that has perhaps endured from Timmy's time. It's not without reason that it is said in the Forces - "....if you want the fastest, most effort efficient way to get a job done - give it to a Rimcollian!"

Another thing that has stood the test of time is the dedication, love and commitment of the Masters towards the Cadets as well as the enduring idea that is RIMC. This is what makes the College unique in so many ways. The persisting devotedness of the Masters down the years in helping Cadets improve in Academics and, truth be told, in everything else under the sun is unparalleled. Without much ado, they have over the ages, seamlessly assumed the role of foster parents and at the cost of repeating an oft clichéd phrase - have slipped into the roles of friends, philosophers and guides of the young Cadets during the most crucial and formative

vears of their student lives. One still remembers the legendary Masters like Mr Virender Sharma who apart from being a stickler for correct pronunciation (I can still recall him saying "... it is pruh-nuhn-see-ey-shuh-n, boy" while teaching us to decipher the phonetic symbols in the dictionary) was an enthusiastic Hockey Player, very often coaching the young Rabbits Team of Pratap Section on the intricacies of a sweep & dribble, to Late Mr Tyagi who other than teaching Maths took an active interest in the Boys' games performance and was often found roaming the Dorms well past the lights out to ensure everyone was tucked in and got most of his mandatory eight hours' kip. There were Rimcollians who also doubled up as Masters fighting men from the Army who, with their dedication, experience and wealth of knowledge, kept us enthralled and uniquely interested in alien and humdrum subjects like Charlemagne Empire and Angular Velocity. JPR Ismail and Sameer Shrivastav are two names who readily come to

mind who made subjects like History and Physics engaging to young, awkwardly gangly and sleep deprived thirteen year olds with an attention span of a bonobo.

Yet another thing that has endured is the fierce Section Spirit. Some might argue that it surpasses the College Spirit, and I'd say, 'that is subjective.' However, it is difficult to measure 'josh' that pours forth copiously during Inter Section events. The almost conspiratorial planning, scheming and strategising that goes on before an Inter Section event parallel to the intense practice hasn't changed in decades. At the same time, although the pattern of cheering





has undergone a change, the hoarse throats after an event point to the sheer effort and passion of the **outstanding** Section mates in egging on their Teams on the Field.

What has changed, and for the better is the number of bathrooms. And the fact that one doesn't have to line up in front of coal fired Hamams for his happy bucket of hot water, now that there's piped hot water in every bathroom. Also, the legendary 'Lota', which was always in short supply, has quietly bowed out in favour of the health faucet (and with it has gone the art of passing complicated directions for passing water - "....pass me water to the loo diagonally opposite to yours, towards Academic Block, first on left in the set of the two standalone loos towards Shivaji Section.....". No wonder that generation of Rimcollians were adept at deciphering complex instructions and delivering, without fail. This perhaps also helped, I dare say in evolving a sense of direction, and aided in map reading later in our military careers.)

Yet another thing that has changed is the addition of better amenities and opportunities. The Classes have improved with the provision of better teaching aids in the form of Smart Classes and computers. The Hobbies have also seen a steady infusion of effort and infrastructure. The Shooting Hobby has come into its own with the addition of an indoor range, myriad air pistols and rifles and the effort has borne positive results. They've bagged laurels at State and National levels. For Riding we have our own stables with a full complement of horses, and the Riding Hobby is oversubscribed. The Cadets are doing exceptionally well in NDA and IMA and one of our ilk, Ashish Malik, has gone on to bag the Silver in the Jakarta Asiads. The merging of Debating & Dramatics Hobby, now called D&D has borne positive results and our Debating Teams have consistently delivered, bagging laurels in Inter School events, both within and outside the valley. There is constant improvement of sports infrastructure and the Cadets are more than making use of it and delivering results. What has also pleasantly surprised all those who have been able to witness it is the sheer histrionic talent that the Cadets display. Just the other day, in the Inter Section Variety Entertainment Programme, the Cadets enthralled everyone with the range

and depth of their talent. They danced, sang and acted (quite well, I might add) at a level that was way beyond their years.

Change, as they say, is the only constant. So it is only natural that the Cadets will change too, and dare I say that they have changed for the better. It warms the cockles of my heart to see that the present crop of Cadets at the RIMC are far smarter, more aware and way sharper than what we used to be nearly thirty years back. They are also academically more accomplished, which is definitely a good thing.

To sum up, I'd say that there has been a plethora of changes that have come about in the College. The one thing has remained consistently unchanged is the profound sense of camaraderie and brotherhood. The bonds first forged in the crucible of RIMC, endure and thrive over the years, long after we've departed from what was once 'Home'. These are bonds stronger than steel and I'm



The College is fortunate to have Maj Gyan Sahu of the younger crop, who has taken to the role of the Assistant AO like a fish to water. Oftentimes, he has proved smarter than the Cadets and has caught them with their hands in the proverbial cookie jar! It's what they say, '...it takes a rogue to catch one...' (Please excuse the creative literary liberty). He's the omnipresent pain in the neck for the Cadets if you may, much to the chagrin of the rule breakers and 'Smart Alecs'.



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Gp Capt Deepak received his initial schooling at Mount Carmel School, Delhi and then went to St Joseph's Convent, Nainital. He has been awarded Colours in sports, like, Basketball, Football and Boxing at the RIMC & the NDA. Gp Capt Deepak has been the Secretary of Air Force Sports Control Board and was responsible for coordination with the Services Sports Control Board and the National Sports Federation of India. He has been the Secretary General of Subroto Football Society. Apart from his administrative responsibilities of being the Adjutant at various premier Air Force bases with a fleet of aircraft and nearly 3000 personnel, he was appointed as the Chief Instructor at the Jungle and Snow Survival School of the IAF that provides training to the aircrew on snow, sea, desert jungle survival, indoctrination escape and evasion and unarmed combat etc. A keen sportsman, Gp Capt Ahluwalia, has been the Captain and Secretary of Golf Clubs, Vice President of CPFI and Secretary of Rafting Federation of India. He has been the Ranji Trophy Manager and a Selector for North Zone. He is a National Rafting Medalist, having participated in many Car Rallies in India and overseas. He has held various appointments such as Chief Coordinator for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies of Commonwealth Games, New Delhi 2010, Chief Coordinator of 34th and 35th National Games, held in 2011 and 2015 respectively. He was the Chief Coordinator for the ISAFW Winter Games in 2011 and the Chef d' Mission for World Shooting at Doha in 2017. He was the Deputy Chef d' Mission for the VI World

Military Games to Korea. In 2015 he was sent to Arizona to get the NBA (National Basketball Alliance) Cagers to India. In 2019 he was the Chef d' Mission for India to Argentina where India emerged as the Winners. He is also the first Indian to ascend the Brahmaputra among the 19 rivers and 24 peaks he has traversed. In his three decades of service career, he has been commended by AOC in C of various Commands. He has been commended by the Vice Chief of Navy Staff, Vice Chief of Army Staff and Chief of Air Staff for his

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meritorious service. For his dedication and devotion to duty, he has been conferred with Vishisht Seva Medal on 26 January 2020 by the President of India

Hardly had it stopped raining when we marched out and knocked at Gp Capt Deepak Ahluwalia's Office door. Warmly welcomed, we started the interview in a couple of minutes after entering the Office. With tremendous celerity and adroitness, he answered every question six of us asked from different spheres of his professional and personal life, ranging from being a Rimco to a Centenary Officer at the RIMC.

Cdt Afrid: Sir, as you are Posted here as the Centenary Officer, what are your plans regarding the 100th Reunion of the College?

Gp Capt: I feel blessed to be a part of the Cadets during the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of 1982 in which the COAS Gen KV Krishna Rao had visited and the Platinum Jubilee in 1997, when His Excellency, Dr SD Sharma, the erstwhile President was the Guest of Honour. The event was also attended by a fleet of Pakistani Old Boys. Then during the Platinum Jubilee, as a part of the ROBA, I was actively involved in the ROBA and College activities. We had organised a Car Rally across India, covering about 19000 kms, visiting





Rimcollians at the premier bases of the Tri Services. When we Flagged Off from Delhi in January 1997, we went to many Rimcollians among whom were 21 serving three star Rimcollians of the Tri Services. The Rally was Flagged off by Gen Shankar Roy Chaudhary. In every Reunion, I feel the great bonding between the Old Boys. As the ROBA Secretary, I can see the synergy between the Rimcos and the Rimcollians.

**Cdt Ishan:** Sir, what are the adventure activities that you are looking forward to organizing for the unfolding of the grand Centenary Reunion?

**Gp Capt:** I have been fortunate enough to be the Chief Coordinator for the Commonwealth Games held in New Delhi. I also represented Indian Team for the 2010 in Horse Polo and Cycle Polo that got us the bacon home. I recently went to China for the World Military Games, which is the second largest athletic congregation after the Olympics. In 2016 we organized a Cycle Rally, which was Flagged Off from the Ridge at Shimla to be Flagged In at the PJ Gate.So, for me to conduct any adventure sports for the Centenary Reunion will be spear headed by the idea of seeing the renown of the College grow to dizzying heights! It is planned to organize an expedition to the Mt Everest but as I was informed that it requires a six month training, so this idea is kept in abeyance and have thought of some expedition to peak along with the cadets, may be during the term break. We are also contemplating doing of a car rally - may be Trans India or from Dehradun to London. I'm also toying with the idea of a Sailing Expedition along the Coast line of India and hot air ballooning.

**Cdt Shashvat:** Sir, would you like to have the NDA cadets join in these adventure activities held during the Centenary Reunion?

**Gp Capt:** Probably no, because we don't want any Cadet who is undergoing his pre-commission training to sustain any injury. So we would hesitate to pull out any Cadet from the NDA for the same. But then, those adventure activities will be for Rimcos and Rimcollians separate.

**Cdt Afrid:** Would you like to tell us something about your days here at the RIMC?

**Gp Capt:** What I saw after coming here in RIMC is that the bond between Termers, 27 of us was

thicker than blood and so even today, we all stand by one another in adversity. One of the incidents is about Cdt Mohit Gandhi (now Brig) on the penultimate day of the term (DLTGH 1) fell from the culvert near Shooting Range on his bike while bunking for a movie. On hearing so, Late Tanmay Kashyap and I went to MH and stayed five days during Term Break and all three used to travel to North East on the same train. This speaks that relatives go away with time but Termers stay by each other's the side till his last breath.

**Cdt Ishan:** Sir, how do you manage yourself with all these responsibilities on your shoulders?

Gp Capt: Nobody can stretch beyond 24



hours. That's the time which is fixed by the Almighty. Now you have to have a good planning for what you are going to deal with the next day and how you are going to execute it. Listen, without planning nothing happens. Even when you have to throw a party to someone or you have to pay a visit to somebody, you have to plan well in advance. Here in RIMC, you should plan in such a way that 80% of your focus should be on Academics, 15% on Sports and rest 5% on other Hobby and Club Activities. If you follow this plan and are prudent enough to prioritize your events, then you are destined to succeed in life. Have your goals in mind and take baby steps towards it.

**Cdt Shashvat:** Sir, what would you like to say about the three services that we have? As an aspirant to join the Indian Armed

Forces, how should one make his choices?

**Gp Capt:** If you are wearing this uniform, then you are very fortunate. I wanted to join the Indian Army as my father was in the Army. But one of my Termers Bibhor Bhadra, a Pratapian, pulled me up and told me to join the Air Force and that is how I have joined. I am contented that the Air Force is a good career option with good life facilities and family subsidiaries. All the Services are good and noble.

Cdt Afrid: How does it feel to you when you are representing the Indian Team at an International Event?

**Gp Capt:** Apparently, me, it gives immense pleasure and pride when I'm on a foreign soil and I hear the National Anthem, being sung or played. Yourself worth attains a new high. People watch you on TV and on You-tube and it really ignite your inner self to do better and bigger for your Country. I owe it all to my Alma Mater.

**Cdt Ishan:** Sir, what is the difference between the sporting events, its zeal and spirit, while they used to be held in your time and now?

**Gp Capt:** The Sporting World has totally changed. In my time, physical fitness only meant running two, three rounds of main Field, climbing ropes and that's all. Neither did we give importance to stretching nor did we have as many coaches as you have. We had just the Field and the ball and we used to learn everything from Our Seniors and stern practice and regimen.

**Cdt Pranjal:** Sir, what would you like to suggest to the RIMC cadets if we talk about being fit and excelling in sports?

**Gp Capt**: Stretching of all the body parts and then its proper exercise followed by stretching again and cooling down is the key to be fit. You should also try to get at least 6 to 8 hours of sleep everyday along with proper food and diet.

**Cdt Om:** Sir, you have so many success stories to tell but as it is said that success works in tandem but succeeds alone. What would you like to say if it's true in your case?

**Gp Capt:** Of course, there is no alternative to hard work but if you ask in my life then it's the blessing of the Almighty that has made me successful at every point in my life. If you want to gain something, you have to sacrifice other things for it.

**Cdt Afrid:** Sir, why though Rimcollians train themselves so hard here, fail to reach top posts in their Tri Service career?

**Gp Capt:** See, there can be only one President, one Prime Minister, three Chiefs of Staff and so on. In your service career, nobody can guarantee your promotion except you. You have to work hard and enjoy what you do.

**Cdt Shashvat:** Sir, what would you like to say about the status of Indian Sports?

Gp Capt: India has got the second largest population in the world but the people of our country lack awareness and the infrastructure development. Arizona, a city as small as Chandigarh, has 680 indoor Basketball Courts unlike any other city in India. Indians don't have the physique like the people of America. An average Indian can't match Usian Bolt in physique. So, one should look for such sports in which one can perform and then work towards it. Open mindedness and sense of belongingness is the key to success for our Nation.

**Cdt Rishaan:** Sir, if someone studies and trains himself in RIMC for five years but later on chooses the civil life, do you think he would be serving the country as much as a Rimcollian Officer does?

**Gp Capt:** Everyone has his own duties and every Service has its own importance. We can't live without a cook, a sweeper, and an administrator. Even Simrandeep Singh, an IAS Officer, is doing exceptionally well in the Administrative service and he is also serving the Country as we do and we are proud of him and many others who did not join the services like Mr Pran Talwar, Mr SS Sandhu, Mr Siddharth Mishra, Mr Ranjit Kolhu, Dr TGK Mahadev, Mr V Sood and Dr Ashwani Kumar.



### FROM THE CADET CAPTAIN'S PEN

"You will have the best five years of your life, full of challenges and learning," said my cousin just before I was to join College as a young greenhorn and it is only now that I realise how apt and true was he in stating that!! In my initial days, I would be awestruck seeing cadets move heaven and earth with their efforts - efforts made solely for the name, for the spirit. I could not understand the 'josh' they had but now after all these years, I realise that it is natural to have the same 'josh' and all my doubts have dissipated and all my questions are answered. As I reminisce, it triggers an overwhelming nostalgia in me! I never expected that the emotions that submerged me when I was to leave for RIMC would be magnified so much when the time came to leave this 'home'. It is this place which has taught me the true definition of Coursemates and what it takes to be together through thick and thin and what it takes to uphold the brotherhood and the bond - never to be severed. This place indeed has a magical effect on everyone, such that

everyone associates his personal identity with that of the RIMC. It is indeed a matter of great pride for me to have been entrusted with the responsibility to lead this prestigious College as the Cadet Captain. It becomes imperative for me to pay back to the College by serving all associated with it in the best possible manner. And I know, no matter how much I give to this place, what I owe to RIMC can never be repaid.

Before I sign off, to the Cadets my message is this...

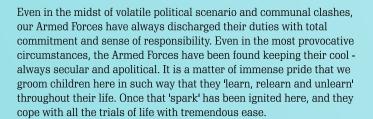
To our predecessors goes the credit of attaining and triumphs but we ought to contrive and make our own legacy, to carry on the legend of RIMC. We cannot smugly revel in the past glories, but we must give our successors reasons to be proud of, we must give them a reason to live for the name, spirit, legacy and the ethos on which is imprinted 'Where Gallantry Is A Tradition'.

VIVA LA RIMC!!



With gusts of wind ushering in change, several agencies have begun rating different educational institutions with their own yardsticks. As we approach close to our Centenary Year in 2022, it is heartening to find ourselves among the top few rungs. RIMC has been nurturing, grooming and shaping the young boys into the finest of the Officers of the Indian Armed Forces for almost a century. The onus also lies on the alumni of this Institution and their success stories they've been able to pen and see then carve a riche at the National level. They augment the honour and acclaim of the Institution by leading the society with their intellect, decisiveness, poise and grace.

We might not have churned out Boys who score 99 percent in Board Examination, but we have been producing Cadets who are mature, physically and mentally robust, morally upright thinkers and are decisive. Of course, we produce 'Scholar Warriors' who are always looked upon with the greatest of respect and admiration than the children of any other school in the country. And when they become 'leaders of men', they exhibit and define true education.







RIMC subjects these Boys, very discreetly and playfully to an intense competitive environment in the playfields and they compete with the best in the country. They are provided with the best ambience in the world to hone these skills in the co-curricular activities and needless to say, each Boy has been adjudged the Best Debater of the Country in many All India Inter School forums. The Quizzers have earned laurels in the Doon Valley. Our young Cadets have competed with the best in Doon and our Athletes emerged Champions in District Athletics. Clinching the Soccer Cup and to be under 45 National Champion in Squash, are the instances that ratify and confirm our supremacy and reaffirm our pursuit of excellence, while still fulfilling our primary obligation of sending our Cadets to the NDA. Despite manifold increase in the quantity of competitive examination, we still send maximum number of children to the NDA in the country with good results in Board Classes as well.

All such feats have been possible by round the clock mentoring on the part of the Faculty Members, instilling values while grilling them in intense competitions. Therefore, no matter how fiercely the definition of education is debated upon, we invariably prove that we not only define but provide the best education. Thus, these Boys learn 'how to learn, relearn and unlearn 'early in their life.

"Education is the process of training man to fulfill his aim by exercising all the faculties to the fullest extent as a member of the society."



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### **Medhavis Jan Term '19**

Class	Name	Marks	5 1	5 10 I I	5 10 15 I I I	5 10 15 20 I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 I I I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
I	Aditya Raj	95.1																	
IA	Ayush Dhar Dwivedi	92.2																	
II	Siddharth Singh	90.9																	
IIA	Vevesh Bogia	91.9																	
III	Chaitanya Pandey	92.4																	
IV	Ashish Padhy	93.89																	
IVA	Thanil Kumar	87.9																	
V	Deep Dave	80.9																	

### Medhavis July Term '19

Class	Name	Marks
I	Pranjal Khandelwal	89
IA	Aditya Raj	94.4
II	Ayush Dhar Dwivedi	91.9
IIA	Om Ujjwal	91.31
III	Gaurav Pandey	89.6
IV	Nakul Saxena	91.4
IVA	Ashish Padhy	95.2
V	Rudraksh Chauhan	76.4

### **Juniors Toppers Jan'19**

Class	Name	Subject	Marks	5	5 10 I I	5 10 15 I I I	5 10 15 20 I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 I I I I I I I I I I I	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 	5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 
I	Nafis Bin Habib	English	89.9																			
IIA	Gaurav Pandey	Hindi	98.5																			
III	Archit Singh Patyal	Hindi	98.5																			
I	Aditya Kumar	Maths	99.8																			
IA	Sahil Kaler	Science	96.4																			
II	Nakul Singh Rathore	Social Science	92.5																			
IIA	Tejas Bhatt	Social Science	92.5																			

Class	Name	Subject	Marks
I	Tuan Biakliana Guite	English	90.70
IIA	Siddharth Singh	Hindi	95.79
IA	Aditya Kumar	Maths	100
IA	Kunal Balyan	Science	97.30
II	Swastik Thakur	Social Science	91.80



### **Seniors Toppers Jan** '19

Class	Name	Subject	Marks	5 I	10 I	15 I	20 I	25 I	30 I	35 I	40 I	45 I	50 I	55 I	60 I	65 I	70 I	75 I	80 I	85 I	90 I	9
V	Kelvin Oinam	English	82																			
IV	Pratham Singh	Physics	93.68																			
IV	Avinash Singh Punjeta	Chemistry	92.10																			
IVA	Amrit Raj	Maths	88																			
V	Neeraj Kumar	Informatics	98																			

### **Seniors Toppers July '19**

Class	Name	Subject	Marks	5 I	10 I	15 I	20 I	25 I	30 I	35 I	40 I	45 I	50 I	55 I	60 I	65 I	70 I	75 I	80 I	85 I	90 I	
IV	Shubhradip Paul	English	85																			
IV	Aakash Satam	English	85																			
IVA	KDS Kundhan	Physics	94																			
IVA	Pratham Singh	Chemistry	93																			ı
IV	Aditya Singh Rana	Maths	93																			ı
IV	Manik Turan	Informatics	94.10																			

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### **SSE Toppers Jan** `19

Class Na	me	Subject	Marks
Aakash Abha	ynath Satam	English	93
CP Yadav		Hindi	96
Shubradip Pa	aul	Science	96
Chimata Anu	deep	Maths	99
Manik Turan		Maths	99
Nakul Saxena	9.	Social Science	90

### **SSE Toppers July** `19

Class Name	Subject	Marks
Shaurya Aditya Prajapati	English	94
Chaitanya Pandey	English	94
Shaurya Aditya Prajapati	Hindi	96
Vaibhav Raj	Maths	98
Omkar Ashutosh	Science	95
Vivek Kumar	Social Science	97
Rupam Manna	Social Science	97
Omkar Ashutosh	Social Science	97
Chaitanya Pandey	Social Science	97
Pratham Kundu	Social Science	97
Abhinav Singh Bhadoria	Social Science	97

### **SSCE Toppers Jan** `19

Name	Subject	Marks	5 1	10 I	15 I	20 I	25 I	30 I	35 1	40 1	45 1	50 I	55 I	60 I	65 I	70 I	75 I	80 I	85 I	90 I	
Abhimanyu Singh	English	92																			l
Ravi Maitrey	Physics	86																			
Aviral Gupta	Chemistry	91																			
Abhimanyu Singh	Maths	80																			
Narendra Shekhar Azad	Maths	80																			
Abhimanyu Singh	Informatics	90																			



Highest Overall Marks Juniors 95.10%

Jan Term '19 **Cadet Aditya Raj** Class I 94.40%

July Term '19 **Cadet Aditya Raj** Class IA

Highest Overall Marks Seniors 92.60%

Jan Term '19 **Cadet Nakul Saxena** Class III A 95.20%

July Term '19 **Cadet Chaitanya Pandey** Class III A 95.20%

July Term '19 **Cadet Ashish Padhy** Class IV A



Jan Term '19 Cdt Sec Com Raghvendra Singh Baghel Cdt Sec Com Shashwat Sharma

July Term '19 Cdt Sec Com Pankaj Sangwan



Jan Term '19 Cdt Sec Com Raghvendra Singh Baghel

July Term '19 Cdt Quarter Master Deep Dave



Jan Term '19 Cdt Adjutant Abhimanyu Ghorpade

July Term '19 Cdt Sec Com Sudhanshu Ojha



Jan Term '19 Cdt Adjutant Abhimanyu Ghorpade

July Term '19 Cdt Adjutant Agam



Jan Term '19 Cadet Captain Abhimanyu Singh

July Term '19 Cadet Captain Ripunjay Naithani



Jan Term '19 Cdt NCO VS Vaishaal Krishna

July Term '19 Cdt NCO Aman Singh



July Term '19 English - Cdt NCO Dhruv Dahiya

Hindi - Cdt Yagna Pathak



Cdt Adjutant Agam and Cdt Quarter Master Deep Dave

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> July Term '19 Cadet Captain Ripunjay Naithani

### **Blue Term '19**

Name	Class	Award
M Adhija Venkatesh	VA	Boxing
Raghvendra Singh Baghel	VA	Boxing
Abhimanyu Ghorpade	VA	Boxing
Bharat	IVA	Shooting
Nishkal Dwivedi	III	Squash
G Ravindranath Yadav	VA	Hockey
Ankur Pandey	VA	Cricket
Narendra Shekhar	VA	Cricket
Prakhar Negi	IV	Horse Riding

### **Half Blue** July Term '19

Chepuri Avinash	IIIA	Shooting
Ripunjay Naithani	VA	Riding
Jodha Thongjomayum	IIIA	Soccer
Ronit Mishra	IV	Soccer
Dayne Thiamsangliana	V	Soccer
Dhruv Dahiya	VA	Soccer
Andy L Khobung	V	Soccer
Abhishek Pundir	IVA	Athletics
Ronit Mishra	IV	X Country
Siddhant Pawar	IV	Swimming

### **Blue** July Term '19

Name	Class	Award
Nishkal Dwivedi	III A	Squash
Aman Mishra	V	Soccer
Thanil kumar	V	Soccer
Ronit Mishra	IV	Athletics



Cadet Captain Ripunjay Naithani



Cadet Quarter Master Deep Dave



Cadet Adjutant Agam



**Ruturaj Badale** 







Gold Badge Jan Term '19	<b>Name</b> Dhruv Dahiya Abhimanyu Singh	<b>Class</b> V VA	<b>Award</b> Drama & Debating Academics
Gold Badge July Term '19	Agam Sudhanshu Ojha	VA VA	Drama & Debating Academics
Silver Badges Jan Term '19	Agam Ankur Sharma Aviral Gupta	V VA VA	Drama & Debating Academics Academics
Silver Badges July Term '19	Ripunjay Naithani Sachin Kumar Alok Yadav	VA V VA	Drama & Debating Academics Academics
Bronze Badge Jan Term '19	Moses L Ralte Vevesh Bogia VL Malsawmzuala Shubradeep Paul Aditya Kale Anurag Mishra Ripunjay Yagna Pathak Ruturaj Badale Narendra Shekhar Azad Gaurav Kumar Samprat Krunal Keyur VS Vaishaal Krishna Shashwat Sharma M Adhija Venkatesh	II IIA IIIA IIII III V IA VA VA VA VA VA VA VA VA	Art & Craft Art & Craft Music Music Alchemist Alchemist Drama & Debating Drama & Debating Academic



### **FEATHERISTS**

Bronze	Name	Class	Awards
Badge	Ayush Sharma	III	Art & Craft
July	Rupam Manna	IIIA	Art & Craft
	Pranjal Sehgal	III	Journalism
Term '19	Meda Chaitesh	II	Alchemist
	Aditya Singh Rana	IV	Drama & Debating
	Rubin Singh	III	Drama & Debating
	Nakul Singh Rathore	IIA	Drama & Debating
	Ishan Paul Singh	IVA	Academics
	Ashish Padhy	IVA	Academics
	Jay Maske	V	Academics
	Bharat	V	Academics
	Thanil Kumar	V	Academics
	Amrit Raj	V	Academics
	Afrid Afroz	V	Academics

In November 2019, the RIMC Cadets figured in the first 40 Achievers in the All India Merit List of the NDA Examination. They clinched the top honours in the All India UPSC NDA/NA Merit list. Cadet Captain Ripunjay Naithnai, Cadet Quater Master Deep Dave, Cadet Adjutant Agam and Rimcollian Ruturaj Badale secured the First, Second, Fourth and the Fifth Positions respectively.

It is an outstanding achievement and moment of pride as our Cadets have brought glory to the Institution, Faculty Members, their respective States and Nation as well.



One looks back with appreciation at the brilliant pedagogues, but with gratitude to those who touched a cord inside us. With this line ringing in our hearts, do we not always remember our Teachers, the Masters who have with warmth, touched and nurtured many a soul? The Members of Staff are the rightful scions of all that RIMC is proud of. These passionate spirits who have mentored generations of Officers and are constantly nurturing the future, bringing up 250 of us, matching with our enthusiasm and energy and always guiding them like a lighthouse. An ode to the ones whom the Rimcos and Rimcollians remember as the people who changed their lives, this is a paean of glory, dedicated to you, REVERED ONE.

## BESPOKE CRAFTSMEN

### Sitting Row (L to R)

Lt Cdr Shubham Mishra, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Wg Cdr C Hari, Maj GR Sahu, Gp Capt Deepak Ahluwalia, Col Vivek Sharma, Col Ajay Kumar, Lt Col Gaurav Hamal, Mr PK Sharma, Mr PN Naik, Mr UP Dalvi, Mr Thamil Selven and Mr Khushi Ram

### Standing Row 1 ( L to R )

Mr Birjesh Chauhan, Mrs Sangeeta Rawat, Mrs Rachna Malhotra, Mrs Taiyaba Khatoon, Mrs Rekha Negi, Mrs Kusum Kathait, Mr PK Jain and Mr Balvir Singh Chauhan

### Standing Row 2 (L to R)

Mr Shishupal Singh, Mr Pramod Sharma, Mr Karthik Chadala, Dr K Shyamsundara, Mr Manoj Kumar, Mr Sanjay Kumar, Mr Vishaal Gupta and Mr Sudhir Badoni



When these young lads joined this institution, it must have been the best thing that could ever have happened to them, for this is the kind of place that changes you, all that we are and all that is in us, we owe it to this place. But today, we bid these 27 a hearty farewell, with tears in our eyes, smiles on our faces and with heavy arms that crave to enfold them. But we all know that they must move on, from Rimco to Rimcollian, from Bal Vivek to Ich Dien, and they must move on to continue to uphold this legacy because it is on their shoulders that lies the responsibilities to uphold the traditions and the glory of this Institution. We all knew that this day shall arrive rather too soon and none was prepared to face it. But they must, bear the honorable and glorious tag of RIMCOLLIAN, they must move on, to greater glories to continue to live for the name and spirit of this college.

### **Cdt NCO Gaurav Kumar**

This exuberant Senior was always seen involved in the Section activities. His contribution for the Section has become a benchmark for his Sectionmates - be it in Pole Vault or Cross Country. The Section will always remember him for his mood swings and bathroom melodies.

Ciao, Gaurav...

### **Cdt Sec Com Raghvendra** Singh Baghel

He did everything possible to take his Section to greater heights. Boxing Ring was his second home and his immense zest for Hockey will be remembered by all. 11'o clock sessions with him will always remain a motivation for his Juniors.

Godspeed, Ragvendra...

### **Cdt Ravi Malik**

This typical 'Jaat' hailing from the lands of UP was always bubbling with energy on the fields of Hockey, Cricket, X-Country and PT. His Hockey skills never allowed any opponent near him. He will be terribly missed by his Section and Hockey Team.

Ich Dien, Ravi...

### **Cdt NCO Darshan Harihar**

This unstoppable 'Shivajian' hailing from the lands of Karnataka was no less than 'Dhyanchand'. He was a worshipper of Hockey and held PhD in giving ML's. Swimming like a true shark and flying like a



true falcon. His style of saying 'OK' and 'Give your all out' will be missed by Senior dorm and Hockey Team.

Besties, Darshan...

### Cdt Sub NCO Ravi Maitreya

This 'Delhite' was a great Sportsman and an Academician. His Dribbling skills in the Soccer Field will be missed by the College Team. His vocabulary led the Section to win Spell Bee and Creative Writing. His quiet disposition intrigued everyone.

May God be with you, Ravi...

### **Cdt Ajay Pratap Jadon**

This 'Raju Srivastva' of Chandragupta Section never left any stone unturned to make everybody laugh. He made a mark in every Sport like Cricket, Athletics, PT, Soccer, Squash and Cross Country. His somersaults and handsprings will always be remembered by the PT Club.

Goodbye, Ajay...

### Cdt NCO Vaishaal Krishna

This 'Ramanujan of South' took the quote. 'sky is the limit' so seriously that he became tallest Cadet in the entire College. This 'Hindi Weak' Cadet got everyone on their toes when it came to Academics. Chandragupta bathroom will always resound with his rocking Tamil songs

Adios, Vaishaal...

### **Cdt Sub NCO Yash Kapoor**

This 'Munna Michael' of the College was seasonally employed. A good Basketball Player, he was known for his different style of ML's. He mesmerized all with his moves in Cultural Evening. He always raved about Chandigarh like a bonafide resident.

Hasta La Vista, Yash...

### **Cdt NCO Aviral Gupta**

This Academician hailing from the busy city of Orai was always striving hard to become a 'Medhavi' in his Junior Terms. He was always seen dribbling Hockey balls in the Hockey Field. He holds the record of never

missing tea shares till date. This master mind of all, utilized his potential in helping his Termers and Juniors to sail through examinations.

Godspeed, Aviral...

### **Cdt Sec Com Anirudh Sudan**

Cdt Sec Com Anirudh never let his height and weight matter. Senior Cross Country seemed to be a warm up for him and a breath exhaled out was enough for him to relax. His lingo always kept his Juniors in a dilemma. He had a knack for keeping Section Boards updated for which he will be remembered forever.

Chao, Anirudh

### **Cdt NCO Pratham Singh**

A resident of Uttarakhand, Cdt NCO Pratham was the 'Jack of all trades' and showed thrilling moves with his gloves on. The 'Salman Khan' of the College, he was matchless in drama and OCs. The Section will always remember his chipping of belts and night MLs that gave us a sound sleep thereafter.

Ciao, Pratham

### **Cdt Adjutant Abhimanyu Ghorpade**

This diligent Adjutant became a martinet whenever Cadets turned up late for meals. His sarcastic comments at the faltering of the Cadets were a killer. He touched every field and wrote many a success story. Class IVA shall miss him for the midnight sessions they shared together.

Au Revoir, Abhimanyu...

### **Cdt Quarter Master Ruturaj Badale**

Coming all the way from the land of Maharashtra. He was known for his demo kit in the entire College. His attitude towards others, especially the Juniors was very gentle and loving. The Section will miss him for his beret shaping and marching style. A Bientôt, Ruturaj...

### **Cdt Sec Com Shashwat Sharma**

From the idyllic state of Himachal, came Cdt Sec Com Shashwat who took his Section to



great heights. He motivated everyone by his jokes. He left no stone unturned in Boxing, Basketball, Soccer, Athletics and PT. Drama and Singing seemed to be his passion. He would be remembered for his bathroom singing and unique walking style.

See You Soon. Shashwat...

### Cdt Subrata Saha

Cdt Subrata from Tripura was many a time mistaken for the sloth bear but it was all proven wrong when he achieved the space for his name at the top in the Merit List. He showed keen interest in other activities as well as always tried his best to take the Section to dizzying heights.

Until Then, Bye, Subrata...

### **Cdt NCO Narendra Shekhar**

This unique 'Ranjitian' will surely be remembered by his Section for being extremely gentle to his Juniors and also by the College Cricket Team for his devotion. He always took care of his Juniors in the best possible manner he could. His slogan of 'Jai Bihar' while jumping will surely be remembered.

Have A Great Future, Narendra...

### **Cdt G Ravinder Nath Yadav**

Cdt Ravinder could be easily sobriqueted 'Usain Bolt from the South'. He set the

105 ADJEUX Tracks on fire when it came to Athletics. His peculiar way of running was unmatched. An excellent Hockey Player, his Drumming skills too amazed all. Also, he will be missed for his kind and caring nature.

Take Care, Ravinder...

### Cdt NCO Adhija

The 'Monk' of Ranjit Section hailing from Andhra, was an avid Debater. This angry young man could be so livid that his looks could kill! He proved his mettle in the Ring every year and proved that it was not always necessary to float like a butterfly. He will always be remembered for his late night dorm inspections.

May God Be With You, Adhija...

### **Cdt NCO Sukhbir Singh**

This 'Punjabi Rationalist' worked wonders for his Section. Keenly interested in Hockey and constantly doing well in Academics, he has been continuously motivating his Juniors. Section will never forget his Roll Call Fall In.

Wishing You Good Luck, Sukhbir...

### **Cdt NCO Ankur Pandey**

This 'Pratapian' hailing from Pratapgarh had a fiery will and a calm mind. Even in direst of circumstances, he always abided by the Honour Code. A determined Cricketer, he practiced hard to achieve the best results. A sprinter at both - legs and heart, he took quick decisions. His melodies will be remembered eternally as he kept the Section spirits high and always helped the Juniors.

Sayonara, Ankur...

### **Cdt Sec Com Ankur Sharma**

A responsible 'Haryanvi' and an exemplary leader, an excellent all rounder, he did every bit to help his Section reach great heights. Be it at the Academic Block or in the Fields, this 'Pratapian' could be seen giving out his best. An excellent marksman, he is sure to keep hitting the bull's eye.

Best Wishes, Ankur...

### **Cdt NCO Rahul Singh**

A 'Dynamite' from the beautiful hills of Manipur has always seemed to be an idol for his Juniors for his exceptional standards in sports and absurd humor which was often amusing. He was known for breaking the stereotypical. He bagged laurels for his Section by setting the Soccer Field, Boxing Ring and Athletics Track raging.

Adieu, Rahul...

### **Cdt NCO Amarnath Patro**

This 'Walter Mitty' has always been a joshed up 'Pratapian'. With calm and composed disposition, he always had some pearls of wisdom to impart to his Juniors. His hulky body helped Section to win Shot Put and also Soccer. With amazing Swimming skills, he never failed to better his record.

Auf Wiedersehen, Amarnath...

### **Cdt Vaibhay Chettri**

A brilliant Soccer and Basketball Player, who carried the number 63 on his back was some one never seen riding on the shank's pony. A versatile and resourceful Cadet, he had solutions for skull cramps and blood pain.

Hasta la Vista, Vaibhav...

### **Cdt Krunal Sampat**

Sleep walking through the day, he was easily noticed because of his walking style and heavy lidded eyes. He was way tall neck up and could touch the sky on the High Horse

Besties, Sampat...

### **Cdt Captain Abhimanyu Rathore**

Hyperactivity was his hallmark. With Red Shoulders, he would rock the College and rule the roost at the Podium. A brilliant Gymnast, he never failed to leave a mark on the Tracks. Hurdles were a cakewalk for him.

Sky is the limit, Abhimanyu...



Standing First Row(L to R)-Cadets Utkarsh, Arush, Adarsh,

Parag ,Parth ,Prem, M.K Jadeja, Harsh, Rohit, Varun, Ezaj

Standing Second Row(L to R)-

Cadets Mayank, Alok, Akhilesh, Avtrit, Ankit, Pranjal, Abhiram, Aryaman

Standing Third Row(L to R)-

Cadets Ashutosh, Arjun, Aman, Tuan(centre), Anmol, Hardik, Preetham

### 195TH IMPFRIAIS

Stand in attention! Chin up! Chest out! Look straight, don't move! Experience this moment. Absorb this mystery; of life in the RIMC. So walk on in and double up then, you can't miss a second to unravel this mystery, of life in RIMC. We cannot promise, luxury or comfort, it will be tough, you will get hurt and it will pain and you will scream, but get up and move forward for you will want to unravel this mystery, of life in the RIMC. You will have to run those rounds and the world will seem a bit upside down. You will burn during the drill or during the morning sessions in the winter chill. You will have to sacrifice a bit of comfort it you want your names in the history. You will sacrifice a bit of your childhood and the walls will bear your mark and it will turn into legacy, into tradition: your childhood; your memories; your name. So we welcome you to this legacy. We welcome you 'first termers' to this mystery, of life in the RIMC.

### Standing First Row(L to R)-

Cadets Hameed, Madhav, Satyajeet, Akash, Shiva Ramnath, Zuala, Ayush, Ishant, Yash, Amit

### Standing Second Row(L to R)-

Cadets Arnav B, Divyansh, Sarthak, Santhosh, Abhishek, Aditya Raj, Ritwik, Arnav K, Nafis

### Standing Third Row(L to R)-

Cadets Kunal, Bharat, Yogesh, Arnav S, C Zodinsanga, Aditya K





With eyes full of expectations and eager minds, they joined the College five years back and today, here we are eyes full of tears and we don't want them to leave. What can possibly amount up to the time that they've spent here, in the lush green fields, learning and teaching new things and in the Drill Ground, mending their mistakes? They know what they owe to this place and it is their mission to pay back to the College, with all that they can. We bid them FAREWELL, for this is the gift of 'RIMCOLLIAN TAG', which they shall adorn with utmost pride.

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### Cdt Sec Com Sudhanshu Ojha

Cdt Sec Com Sudhanshu took Chandragupta Section to novel heights. A very hardworking and dedicated Sec Com, he was an excellent Soccer Player and a keen Academician, who was always seen helping his Juniors improve. Athletics Team is sure to miss him. His infectious smile and terrorizing temper would be remembered by all.

Bidding Adieu, Sudhanshu...

### **Cdt NCO Dhruv Dahiya**

People could always be seen rollicking with laughter during any part of the day with Cadet Dhruv. His defensive skills in Soccer were quite famous in the College. An outstanding Debater and led the College to apex of debating not only in Doon Valley but also in other places. He set the Basketball Courts abuzz with fiery energy. The College Soccer Team is sure to miss him.

Way To Go, Dhruv...

### **Cdt Aditya Mohanty**

This ever smiling Cadet from the calm lands of Odisha was always seen helping his Juniors, at all times and all places. His long MLs are sure to be remembered by all. His peculiar way of speaking will never be forgotten.

Sayonara, Aditya...

### **Cdt Capt Ripunjay Naithani**

An archetype of OLQs, Cadet Captain

Ripunjay always led the College from front. Be it debating or the NDA merit list, he was at the top. He was a keen Equestrian and a good Academician. He was very good at cutting through waters in the pool. His cuts and jabs left everyone enthralled. He will be remembered for his deep voice that echoed from the walls of Chandragupta section. Godspeed, Ripunjay...

### **Cdt NCO Jacob**

This 'Smiling Buddha' hailing from the green lands of Mizoram liked to shoot out cuts and hooks in the Boxing Ring. PT, Basketball and Football Teams too will miss his presence. Cultural evening will not be as much fun without him being as it was with this lead Singer. His jolly nature and his unusual style of walking will be missed by everyone. Long Way To Go, Jacob...

### **Cdt Ashish Chauhan**

This lad from starry lands of Madhya Pradesh was always ready to render help to the College in Hockey, Athletics and other sports. He could always be seen guiding his Juniors specially in Academics. His grit was his special quality that has helped him scale such mighty heights. College Hockey Team will surely miss the 'Dhyanchand' of the College a lot.

Adios, Ashish...

### **Cdt Sec Com Neeraj**

This 'Goalie' has never been afraid to thwart any advancing opponent towards his Post. This 'joshed up' Sec Com of Pratap always led his Section from the front in Sports and Academics. He excelled at Hockey, Soccer, Athletics, Academics and so on.

Way To Go, Neeraj...

### **Cdt NCO Aman Singh**

This unstoppable 'Sardar' of Pratap Section led his Section to the top bravely never hesitating to take bull by its horns. His high scoops and bullet-like shots will be remembered by the College Hockey Team. He is one of the best gymnasts of the College. He was always ready to teach his Juniors-a remarkable OLQ that has made him a good leader.

Sayonara, Aman...

### **Cdt Adjutant Agam**

This ferocious Debater has led the College Debating Team to wear the crown of Debating in the Doon Valley. Travelling from place to place and each time collecting a treasure of knowledge has what made him a true Sniper. He led from the front in every Sport and Academics too, taking the RIMC fame to skies. He often used his oratory skills to boost the morale of his Juniors. Sky Is The Limit, Agam...

### **Cdt NCO Alok Yadav**

Cdt Alok, hailing from the famous district of Pratapgarh, was famously known as the maverick of his class. An excellent Hockey Player, his agility on the Field would leave his opponents befuddled. Every year, during District Athletics, he took on the task of defeating bigger opponents by setting the Tracks on fire.

Keep Going, Alok...

### **Cdt Sec Com Satyam Kumar Singh**

A joshed up 'Bihari' who never failed to lead by self example was Cdt Sec Com Satyam all about! His Hockey swings in the Fields were



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feared by the opponents. PT Display Team will remember him for his delightful dives. He was known for always wearing a smile on his face. An excellent Quizzer, and even better bathroom singer, he will be missed by his section....

Sayonara, Satyam ...

### **Cdt Abhay Singh Bhadauria**

The 'Lebron James' and 'Mo Farah' of his Section was known for constantly checking his Juniors. Spectacular Goals were scored by him in the Hockey and Soccer Fields. His splendid show on the Athletics Tracks despite his small stature left his opponents astonished. His dexterity at the Squash Courts astounded everyone. He will be remembered by the College for entertaining by his comical way of singing Bollywood songs.

Long Way Ahead, Abhay...

### **Cdt NCO Utkarsh Thapa**

This 'Prabhudeva' of Ranjit Section, hailing from the scenic lands of Jammu, always set the stage ablaze. His lethal blows in the Ring struck terror in his opponents' hearts. His accurate implementation of the serpentine moves in Hockey left everyone muddled. He often teamed up with Cadet Sec Com Satyam Singh to turn the bathroom into a concert hall.

Ciao, Utkarsh...

### **Cdt Quarter Master Deep Dave**

This 'Bahubali' was always seen motivating his Juniors. His hooks and cuts in the Ring along with his skills on High Horse left everyone awestruck. He was the solid wall of Ranjit Section, be it in the field of Hockey or of Soccer. He brought the tradition of bagging the Medhavi Badge back to his Section. His Juniors always had to be on their toes in front of the stern martinet.

All The Best, Deep...

### Cdt Sec Com Pankaj Sangwan

Hailing from the land of renowned Pugilist Vijender Singh, Pankaj was always at the centre stage when it came to taking down opponents in the Ring. His alacrity helped to boost the morale of his Section while he led them by example in all spheres. A renowned player of Hockey, his Section will miss the way he handled calisthenics in the morning PT.

ICH DIEN, Pankaj...

### **Cdt Vaibhav Dalvi**

This Cadet bearing the real spirit of the 'sharks' made his Section proud by his spectacular victories in the Swimming Pool. An essential part of the Section Football Team, he was a very lively personality and was always seen smiling. His punctuality was an example for his Juniors to emulate. His distinct style of walking will be remembered by us all.

So Long, Vaibhav...

### **Cdt NCO Kelvin Oinam**

This jolly 'Manipuri' brought laurels to his Section in every sphere. The Swimming Pool was where he proved himself and where his opponents watched in awe as he took away the honours. He was a great Basketball and Soccer Player and his Boxing skills were admired by one and all. He was always seen reading in his Dormitory. His Juniors will remember him for his unique accent. Hasta La Vista, Kelvin...

### **Cdt Anurudh Pratap**

Cdt Anurudh, gave his heart and soul to contribute in all possible manner for Shivaji section. His motivational lectures in his countryside style of speaking will be remembered by all his Juniors. He showed that height is no measure of excellence as he proved at Boxing, X country, Athletics and Cricket.

Godspeed, Anurudh...

### **Cdt Siddharth Erla**

Racqueteer Siddharth was seen playing Squash for short periods but on a daily basis. He always had a queer look on his face while talking to his Juniors. He was known for burning the midnight oil in Senior Dorm every day. His favorite apparatus in the PT Field was the Monkey Bar, and he ensured that his Section would practice it everyday.

Goodbye, Siddharth...

### **Cdt Maitravan Das**

This 'Hulk' of Shivaji Section had quite an adventurous tenure. His late night junk food parties were well known by everyone. His punches in the Boxing Ring were feared by his opponents. He could throw the Shot Put to distances that left the audience amazed. His pieces of advice that he occasionally gave to his Juniors are sure to be remembered by them for a long time. Take Care, Maitrayan...



### SUBLIMITY OF ACCLAIM

Legends are made, not born, and here we have, the RIMCOLLIANS turning their stories into legacy and their names into a legend. No task too difficult for them and no feat that they haven't achieved. And yet again, they have filled our heats full of pride by bagging all the prestigious medals at the NDA and sure thing too; the Rimcollians in service have been awarded with Sena Medals while a number of them have reached higher pedestals. So we say, legends are not born, they are made, for the young Rimcos have live examples of sheer determination and hard work topped with skill and perseverance.



### **PROMOTION**

Air Vice Mshl to Air Mshl Air Vice Mshl SN Deshpande, VM	1973-77, RAI
<b>Cmde to Rear Admiral</b> Rear Admiral Sandeep Mehta	1980-84, PR
<b>Maj Gen to Lt Gen</b> Lt Gen PNA Narayanan, SM	1975-79, CH
<b>Brig to Maj Gen</b> Maj Gen Adosh Kumar, SM (D)	1977-82, PR
Col to Brig	
Brig Kaushik Mukherjee, SM	1983-89, CH
Brig Arindam Saha,SM	1983-89, CH
Brig M Khalid Zaki	1981-86, PRA
Brig RD Sharma	1975-79, PR <i>F</i>
Capt (IN) to Cmde	
Capt (IN) Sundeep Kumar Verma, NM	1983-87, CH
Approved for Brig	
Col Rohit Teotia	1984-90, RAI
Col Anui Volio, VCM	4004 00 PAI

### **HONOURS / AWARDS**

73 <sup>rd</sup> Independence Day - 15 Aug 2019	
<b>SM</b> Maj Vijesh Kumar, SM	2001-06, RAN
<b>NM (Gallantry)</b> Lt Cdr Ruchir Rakesh Khajuria	1999-04, SHI

71 <sup>st</sup> Republic Day - 26 Jan 2020		
AVSM		
Air Vice Mshl SN Deshpande, AVSM, VM	1973-77, RAN	
Maj Gen Sanjay Singh, AVSM, SM**, VSM	1976-81, PRA	
Maj Gen Atul Rawat, AVSM	1978-83, PRA	
SM		
Lt Col Biswas R Nambiar, SM	1994-99, SHI	
Capt Siddhartha Das, SM	2007-12, PRA	
NM		
Capt (IN) Sundeep Kumar Verma, NM	1983-87, CHA	
VSM		
Gp Capt Deepak Ahluwalia, VSM	1981-85, RAN	
Col Anuj Kalia, VSM	1984-90, RAN	
Col PPS Mann, SM, VSM	1992-97, SHI	

### COURSES (HCC/HDMC/HACC/NHCC/Reserve)

Col SS Tanwar	1991-95, SHI
Col PPS Mann, SM, VSM	1992-97, SHI
Col Amit Kumar, SM	1990-94, RAN
Col SN Dey	1992-97, CHA
Col AS Tomar	1991-95. PRA

### CADETS PASSED OUT FROM NDA, KHADAKWASLA ON 30 MAY 2019

BCA Divyam Dwivedi	President's Silver Medal First in Service Subject First in Seamanship Anchor Pin
Cdt Mridul Rawat	Blazer in PT Best in PT
Cdt Kunal Singh	Blazer in Squash
Cdt Watandeep Singh Sidhu	Blue
Cdt Omkar Dalvi	Best in Riding
Cdt Kapil Dhiman	Best in Shooting



BCA Divyam Dwivedi getting President's Silver Medal

In addition to 07 Half Blue in Athletics, PT, Shooting, Squash & X-Country, 07 Merit Cart in Athletics, PT, Riding, Academic Awards in Physics, B Tech, BSC IT & Arabic have been awarded to Rimcollian Cadets in various disciplines.

### People don't get promoted for doing their jobs really well. They get promoted by demonstrating their potential to do more.



### INDIAN MILITARY ACADEMY, Dehradun MAY 2019

Sword of Honour **Akshat Raj** 

President's Bronze Medal **Akshat Raj** 

### CADETS PASSED OUT FROM NDA, KHADAKWASLA ON 30 NOV 2019

BCA Kushagra Mishra	President's Silver Medal Best Sportsman Best Air Force Cadet Anchor Pin
BCC N Vishwakarma	President's Bronze Medal Best Naval Cadet Best in B Tech Stream
ACA Sanga	Best in OLQ
BCA Devesh	Best in Leadership
BCA Watandeep Singh	Best in PT Blazer in PT Best in X-country
Cdt Kapil Dhiman	Best in Shooting

### PASSING OUT AWARDS AT AFA - DEC 2019

**ACC Arunabha Chakroborty** 

President's Plaque and Sword of Honour

**ACA Purnendu Kumar Singh** 

President's Plaque (Best in Navigation & Ground Duty)



Subsequent to the Faculty, our Class V (Class XII) of RIMC was the second in succession from the RIMC to attend an eye opener of a session at the Pegasus Academy, timed perfectly so as to help us in our SSB interviews that were in the offing. It not only helped to develop cognitive thinking but also gave us a chance to discover ourselves and each other.

# ONTHE WINGED HORSE FINISES



We left the RIMC Campus early in the morning and upon reaching the foothills of Bhadraj Temple, we trekked down deep into nature's lap, overwhelmed as we went. It truly was a breathtaking experience which led us all to believe that we have the capability to believe in ourselves. It made us realise the simplicity even in the most complex of activities. It was incredible how a simple introduction of oneself turned out to be a whole new level of mutual understanding. All our questions soon laid bare each other's closed spaces during a fascinating discussion. We then went for outdoor exercises called the 'Human Web', wherein we were tested and our abilities - not only physical but also mental were evaluated. The ability to face our shortcomings and make the most of them, led to our understanding of the importance of collateral thinking and cooperation. We completed the task with a record timing and also learnt how the smallest of things as clapping and appreciating could move mountains. At the completion of the task, we went back to the base and did a detailed analysis of the task, finding all new ways of making it easier and faster, learning all the way along about newer aspects which opened a whole new path for us deep in our subconscious brain, leading us to discover our true potential and the magical powers of our brain. It also made us realise that we might have been in different teams, but, after all, working collectively towards achieving our goal is the 'Mantra' of a Rimco, with one member volunteering as the Leader.



We were taken to the next task and briefed about the procedure, while the rest of us had fun which was also one of the objectives of the Workshop. We all went to the task area where the obstacles were akin to those of the Group Task at the SSB. We used all our learning values from the previous task and worked collectively towards completing the task. Though we tried our best, we could only complete roughly 70% of the task and went back to reflect on our shortcomings. After adding more to our store of knowledge we were served with delicious lunch which we savoured with Col and Mrs Vivek Sharma. Post lunch, Col Vivek Sharma presented a token of remembrance to Team Pegasus.

We were, once again, divided into four Teams for the last task of the day, the objective of which was to apply all the lessons we had learnt throughout the day. After four attempts, we effectively completed our task and had a short talk by Col Bisht on the application of our learnings in the SSBs. We came back to the College with Cdr Deepak Adhar, a Rimcollian, who was also one of the facilitators and had joined us in the bus. We had a hearty talk with him during an hour long journey.

It has been one of those rare and life changing experiences that has left an indelible imprint on each one of us. Our sincerest gratitude to Col Vivek Sharma, who in his unique and inimitable approach, contrived this cathartic experience for us. ICH DIEN.

Cdt Bharat Kadian Cdt Sahil Sharma Class V











# MILITARY MUSINGS

We are never too old to learn and certainly there is no age for sharing your learning experiencing with the society. The RIMC Cadets have been an integral part of the Military History Seminar since its inception at the Welham Boys' School, Dehradun. Everyone looks forward to the active participation from the well informed and well - read Cadets, ably mentored at the RIMC. The Seminar is a great learning experience for the Cadets as well because they get to listen to from the veterans themselves, as also stated by Mr Darshan Singh, the Chairman WBS that 'learning gets much better with the firsthand account presented by the veterans.'

Cadet Bharat Kadian Cadet Sahil Sharma Class V



The 3rd edition of the Military History Seminar had veterans from all the three Forces coming and sharing their views, experience and knowledge at various events. It all started with the Talk Show on Ethics and Leadership' of which Cdt NCO Aman Mishra was a part and Col Vivek Sharma, was on the panel of Resource Persons that included the likes of Air Chief Marshal (Retd) AY Tipnis and Air Marshal (Retd) KC Carriappa, Col Vivek very aptly highlighted how RIMC curriculum imparts military ethos to the Cadets. All the Delegates were tested filter the eligible ones for the Final shows. Cdt NCO Aman Mishra and Cdt NCO Bharat were chosen for the Parliamentary Debate on Defence Integration where, though they were opposing each other, they employed superior skills and pertinent data to substantiate their stand and debated passionately. There was an elaborate talk on the Indian Navy, which is less known and heard of among the three Forces, being so silent and swift. It was an eye - opener and a great learning experience about the Navy. Cdt NCO Thanil was a part of 'Aap Ki Adalat' where his condign questions not only satiated the appetite of the knowledge hungry audience, but also won him a lot of appreciation on the topic of 'Integrating the North East'. The General Officer Shokin Chauhan and KH Singh very aptly stated the difference between the North East and balance of the country. The first day ended with a Talk Show on Military Intelligence of which Cdt Sub NCO Aditya Rana was a part of. It was called a Day with a Documentary by Mr Shiy Kunal Verma on 'Baramulla to Kargil'. The learning continued the next day with Lt Gen KH Singh talking about the Battle of Turtuk, in which they scaled a height of 5700ft and fought by snatching weapons from the Pakistanis when they ran out of ammunition. It spoke of the high grit and determination that Indian Army is the very symbol of. The Talk Show on 'Enemy Within' was co - hosted by Cdt NCO Bharat alongside a Welham student. Devrai Singhania, Appropriate questions were asked from the Resource Person, Mr Bittu Sahgal, who is a famous environmentalist devoted to the cause of saving the planet and is educating the children about it. RIMC was also an internal part of the marching contingent at the Closing Ceremony. The slick marching by the Cadets left everyone awestruck. The Seminar concluded with motivational songs by the

Welham Boys' School

MILITARY HISTORY

SEMINAR

One cannot understand one's profession, leave alone be a leader be a 'leader of men' until one studies his past - the right or wrong decisions that made success stories or unsuccessful one. It is all about applying the lessons learned. This shall stand us in good stead as past blunders shall be obviated and we will precluded from trying out things that have been proven by our experience. We shall remain indebted to Mrs Rekha Negi for making the Cadets learn more about the Military by coordinating between the RIMC and Welham Boys' School, because of which the Cadets were able to put their best foot forward. Inspiring leadership is in the offing through this conclave to guide us into the future...

Welham Boys' Choir.







The greenhorns were intrigued by the serene beauty of the Lansdowne where they were also well exposed to the military ethos during their various formal visits. The cadets of Class IA had a gala time watching the Naini Lake and also boating in that as they choose to visit the alluring hill station of Nainital. In the meantime, the cadets of Class II were provided with an empirical excursion to the nature's essence as they got to visit the Badrinath Temple, near Joshimath. They also enjoyed their visits to the Training Area & Officer's Mess. Not trailing behind, the Class IIA cadets had been swept off their feet by the scenic hills of Harshil. The treks also added a fillip to their cooperative learning and team spirit.



# ITINERANCY

On the other hand, Class III enjoyed a Hike which was a horse of a different colour - the NDA Hike. They were awestruck by the routine of the NDA and also had an insight into their immediate future. They had motivational interaction with all the Rimcollians they met there. Not to forget the classic Hike, rejuvenated after a decade - the Nagtibba Hike which was partaken of by the cadets of Class IV. They chilled together under the shining sun and enjoyed all the treks to the local sites. We also had Class IV A refreshing themselves with the beauty of picturesque Shimla. The cold added to the chill and fun. The Visits gifted them with experiences that turned into everlasting memories as they returned to the College with great zeal and enthusiasm.

Cadet Priyakant Class IIA





### PARAGLIDING

There's nothing a Rimco likes more than an adrenalin rush coursing through his veins. That's exactly what we 22 Rimcos were after, when we opted for the Paragliding Course to be held at Army Adventure Nodal Centre, Ahmednagar. After a journey that became a memorable experience, we started the Course on 2 Dec 2019. After some tough and challenging days of the dull, dreary but equally important Ground Handling Classes, we were ready for the first take off. On the 5th day, we had the first take off by me, Cadet Anurag Vipin, which instantly motivated the others and soon the sky was filled with the happiest souls of the moment. Every Cadet enjoyed his flight to the fullest for the next six days. We also had enjoyable visits. Departing was depressing as the cadets dispersed on the 13th, after the Closing Address by Col H V Singh with unforgettable experiences etched into our hearts.

# OR NOTHING

### HIMALYAN MOUNTAINEERING INSTITUTE

It's a Rimco's hallmark and a Rimcollian's way of life of climbing high that get reiterated every time the Cadets attend the Mountaineering Course be it at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute at Darjeeling, the first Mountaineering Institute founded by the West Bengal Government or at the National Institute of Mountaineering at Uttarkashi. Mountains, snow, friends and adventure are what defined the yet enjoyable Course. Ten Cadets attended a fifteen day long Course at HMI, where they gleaned almost all accolades and applause by being the best in all the Inter Patrol Competitions. Commencing from 20 December 2019, the Course ended on 3 January 2020, with lots of fervent activities and of course, some were tiring too. The attendees of the Course were divided into two Groups and further into various Patrols. The very first day was all chocks a block because of orientation activities and had knot making techniques. A week later, both the Groups were feeling completely at home with trekking activities and trained enough to walk miles at a stretch. On a fine Sunday, they trekked with rucksack on their back, all the way up the Tiger Hill and back. It was a never ending odyssey as it was the first time for all of them to travel so far on foot. On the sixth day of their Course, they set off on a weeklong trek from Dhotrey, covering approximately 108 kms. Trotting up and down the lesser Himalayas was great natural delight as they came to know about the rich culture and social diversity of men in the hills. Though they could not help themselves taking a breather after every half an hour while trekking, they enjoyed it to their fullest. They had unforgettable memories of Rappelling, Rock Climbing and River Kayaking. Cdt Adarsh Tripathi, Cdt Siddharth Singh and Cdt Tejas Narwade stood First, Second and Third in the Cross Country while Cdt Vevesh Bogia was at the Top, followed by Cdt Tejas Narwade in the Sports Climbing Competition. With all the joy they could amass in a fortnight they dispersed for their vacation after t



### WINDSURFING COURSE

"I took up windsurfing to explore my own courage" Catching the wind in your sail and riding the crest of waves is an experience itself. These adventurous cadets wanted nothing more than the feel of wind gushing through their hair, water beneath and the blue sky above them. This is what the cadets recall when asked about the windsurfing experience. The Course started on 1st December at 3 EME Centre, Bhopal with the cadets taking their mandatory Swimming Test for the risky Course ahead. With the balancing classes starting soon after, they took no time in mastering the tides. They were soon riding the waves with no sweat broken. They also had the important life saving theory classes intermittently. On the 10st of December, they had their written exams which are quite as important as the practical exams which were held the next day. After a rejuvenating Course, they left for their homes the next day to enjoy the rest of their vacation.

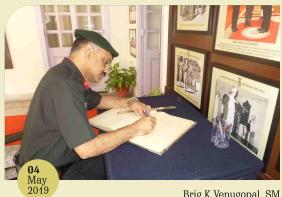
### KHANABADOSH TRAIL RUNNINING

Love for nature in conjunction with the love of running gives us the beautiful sport of Ultra Marathons. Lover of Ultra Marathons Rimcollian Maj (Retd) JS Kairon and Ironman Col (Retd) Arun Malik organized a two day hundred km trail run in the beautiful valley of Mashobra, Shimla. Khanabadosh (a gypsy) was a mega Event attended by the Army personnel including the PARA and the NSG, wherein they had to run a stretch of 50 Km each day with the elevation gain of 36000m. The atmosphere was vibrant and Cadets Tejas N, Adarsh, Tejas B, Vevesh were fortunate enough to meet many of our Old Boys. The learnings were numerous and towards the end they were pepped up with josh to join the PARA as the Army personnel of Bombay Sappers and 1 PARA SF, outshone everyone in the marathon. The memories were definitely etched in their heart with a hope to attend it again.

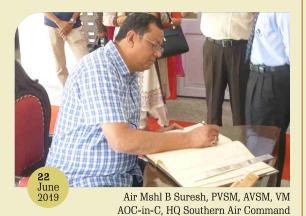




Cadet Om Ujjwal Cadet Anurag Vipin Class III



Brig K Venugopal, SM Brig MT (B)







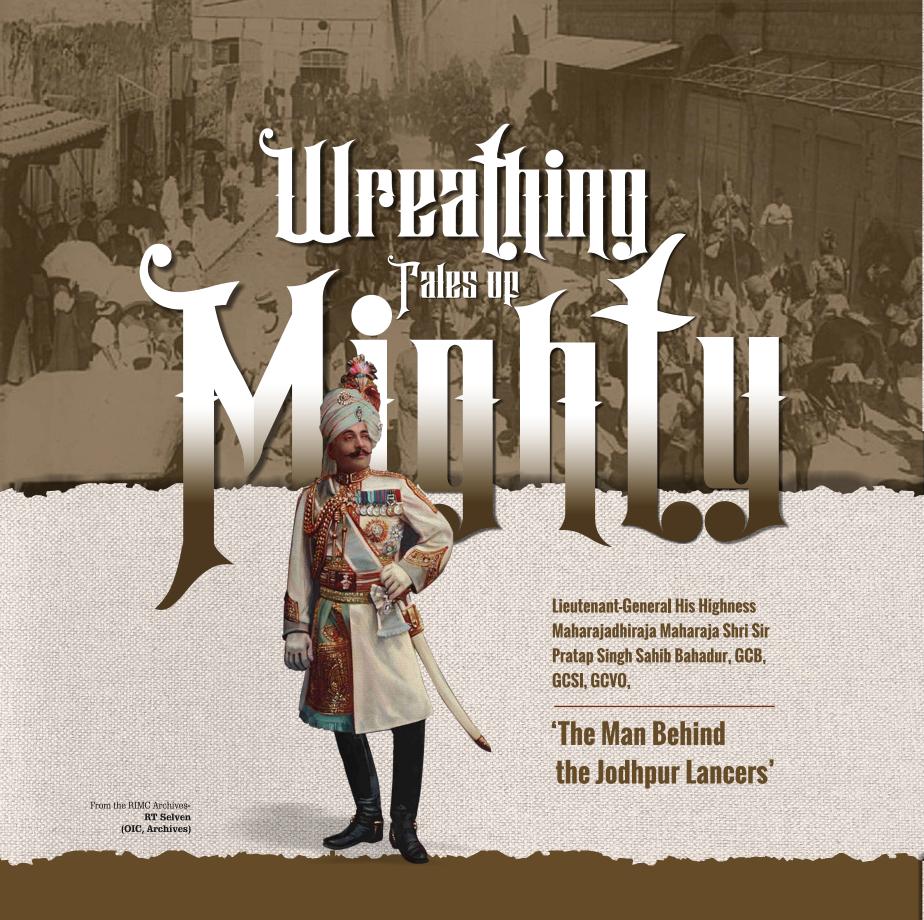
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VM, ADC Chief of the Air Staff



Lt Gen CP Mohanty, AVSM, SM, VSM GOC UB Area



Vice Adm MA Hampiholi, AVSM, NM, DGNO



I have always looked upon him as the finest Indian I have ever had the honour to know-loyal to the core, a sportsman to his finger-tips, a gallant soldier and a real gentleman.

**General Harbord** 

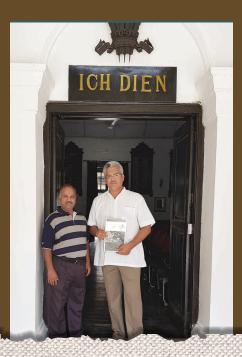
In my previous article in Regalia 2019, I had written about Sir Pratap Singh of Idar which received an overwhelming response from the Old Boys. In continuation of this article, I would like to share further the heroic effort of Sir Pratap Singh which I learned from Kanwar Dhananajaya Singh, who is the eldest son of Raoraja Mahendra Singh, the grand-son of Sir Pratap Singh's eldest son, Rao Bohadur Raoraja Narpat Singh, Minister of Jodhpur State. It was sheer serendipity when my colleague Ms Rachna Malhotra told me that her neighbor was Kanwar Dhananajay Singh's sister and her brother was going to pay her a visit shortly in Dehradun. It was indeed a matter of mutual delight!! I wished to acquire Sir Pratap's further information, directly from someone of his intrepid lineage and here was his descendant, eagerly looking forward to retrace his great grandfather's footprints that have left indelible imprints on the



sands of time. What more we could have both asked for!!

On his visit to the College, Kanwar Dhananjay was beside himself with delight when he got to see the refulgence of the past in which his great great grandfather had played a pivotal role as the first Honorary Commandant of the Imperial Cadet Corps. We too and on our part, learnt furthermore about the great Sir Pratap- the Avant garde of the Jodhpur Lancers and his heroic feat in the Battle of Haifa

Pratap Singh was born in October 1845, the third son of Maharaja Takhat Singh, the ruler of the Princely State of Jodhpur in North Western India. Pratap Singh learned to ride and shoot when he was a young boy and served in the British Army during the Second Afghan War in the late 1870s. His experiences led him to become interested in



the notion of forming an Army for the State of Jodhpur. Although the State had an Armed Force, this wasn't equipped adequately with proper training. He decided to form his own Regiment of Lancers. With his father's agreement, he provided horses, weapons, and uniforms for sixty of his followers.

In 1889, the colonial Indian Government requested that each Princely State should raise Military Units to serve with the Imperial Forces. During this time, Pratap Singh's small force, rapidly expanded into a Regiment of three hundred mounted men, named the Sardar Rissala (Jodhpur Lancers). Very soon the Jodhpur Lancers became one of the best-known and most glamorous regiments in India. They adopted the motto Jo Hokum (I obey) and the wealth of the Maharaja ensured that the Unit was always superbly equipped and mounted.



Firing line of a troop of Jodhpur Lancers

Meanwhile, the Regiment's Polo Team became very successful and traveled as far as the United Kingdom to participate in various competitions. Additionally, Pratap Singh mingled with some of the most Senior Officers in the British Army and with members of the British Royal Family who often visited Jodhpur. Although the Lancers were involved in occasional actions against rebellious tribes, what Singh wanted more than anything was to lead his men into action on behalf of the British Empire. In 1900, he got his chance-the Jodhpur Lancers were ordered to go to China as part of a multi-national force of British, Russian, Japanese, German, and American troops to fight the Boxer Rebellion.

When the First World War began in 1914, Sir Pratap Singh immediately offered to lead the Jodhpur Lancers to France where he hoped to be allowed to fight the Germans. Immediately, the Jodhpur Lancers arrived in Flanders in October 1914 and remained on the Western Front for over three years. There they participated in several unsuccessful attempts to break through German lines, including the Battle of Cambrai where they followed British tanks into action.

In early 1918, the Regiment was posted to the 15<sup>th</sup> Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade. With the Brigade, they were sent as part of an Expeditionary Force, first to Egypt and then to the British Mandate of Palestine (present day Israel) where the British Forces were fighting Turkish and German troops.

A Mark IV (Male) tank of 'H' Battalion, 'Hyacinth', ditched in a German trench while supporting 1st Battalion, Leicestershire Regiment near Ribecourt during the Battle of Cambrai on 20 November 1917. By this time, Sir Pratap Singh was seventy-three years old and many of his subordinates urged him to take a less active role in leading the Regiment. Nonetheless, he refused and often spent entire days in the saddle and nights camped in the desert with his men. During the British advance in September 1918, the Jodhpur Lancers were continuously in action. At one point, Pratap Singh spent over thirty hours in the saddle and the Regiment covered more than five-hundred miles in thirty days.

On September 23, 1918, the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade was ordered to take the strategically important and heavily defended Port City of Haifa. The Turkish troops had taken up positions in front of the town and were supported by German and Austro-Hungarian artillery on the hills above. Indian Jodhpur Lancers marched through Haifa after it was captured. During this time, Pratap Singh was ill with a fever exacerbated by exhaustion. In his absence, the Lancers were led by Major Dalpat Singh.

A Unit of the Mysore Lancers was sent to attack German and Austro-Hungarian gun positions while the Jodhpur Lancers were ordered to attack the city itself. The four hundred Jodhpur Lancers drew themselves up in a battle formation to the east of the city, 4,000 yards from the enemy. They faced almost one-thousand entrenched Turkish troops protected by barbed wire and covered by at least four machine guns.

### The Jodhpur Lancers At The Firing Line

Stunned by the ferocity of the attack, the Turkish troops fled towards the town square with the Lancers in pursuit. A short time later, the defenders of Haifa surrendered en masse. After more than four hundred years of Turkish occupation, Haifa was finally in British hands. Seven-hundred Turkish troops were captured along with sixteen artillery pieces and ten machine guns. In the official history of the British campaign in Palestine that was published in 1919, it was said of the charge of the Jodhpur Lancers that "No more remarkable cavalry action of its scale was fought in the whole course of the campaign." In his article 'Return to Haifa', Kanwar Dhananjay writes, "General Allenby's telegram came in some hours late, 'congratulate you on the brilliant exploit of the Regiment who took the town of Haifa at the gallop killing many Turks and taking 700 prisoners. Their gallant Colonel Dalpat Singh fell gloriously at the head.' Sir Pratap's return telegram was short, poignant and profound, 'Dalpat's great day has come '



### Troop of Jodhpur Lancers Dismounted

During the Second World War, Jodhpur Lancers were put into action again for the British, but by then they had swapped their horses for armored vehicles. The Unit was later absorbed into the Indian Army following Independence in 1947.

After the First World War, Sir Pratap Singh returned to Jodhpur where he died in 1922 at the age of seventy-seven. At the time of his death, his full and rather intimidating Title was Lieutenant-General His Highness Maharajadhiraja Maharaja Shri Sir Pratap Singh Sahib Bahadur, GCB, GCSI, GCVO.

Soon after the Battle of Haifa, Lt Gen Maharaja Sir Pratap Singh lent effort to establish the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College in 1922 in the same premises of the Imperial Cadet Corps which had been shut down by the British in 1914. The Institution is today called the Rashtriya Indian Military College, a stepping stone for commission into the Indian Defense Forces, that has journeyed all the way from ICH DIEN to Bal Vivek, preserving and following the tradition of gallantry, cascading from its historic and historical past.

This is a group portrait of the Imperial Cadet Corps, taken for the Delhi Durbar. MG Maharajah Shrimant Sir Sajjan Singh of Ratlam stands in the second row, 4<sup>th</sup> from the left and Major General Thakur Amar Singh of Kanota stands 6<sup>th</sup> from the left. Seated on the sofa in the centre of the front row is Lieutenant General HH Maharajadhiraja Maharaja Shri Sir Pratap Singh Sahib of Idar (1845-1922).





New chapter begins only after old one gets over. However, they remain interlinked.

The RIMC Festilitt 2019 is a recently inducted mega Event that was scheduled in the month of April at our College. This Festival is a combination of the RIMC Inter School Challenge Quiz, Hugh Catchpole English Debates and Kashi Naresh Hindi Debates. This mega Event was conceived by Col Vivek Sharma, whose tenure as the Commandant concluded on 30 January, 2020. He Instituted the Festilitt Championship Trophy, on Teachers' Day that followed the Event. More than two hundred students from different Schools across the Country took part. This Festival brought a new life on the Campus as it merged Hindi and English Debates as well as Quiz. The participants with their fervent Debating and Quizzing skills dazzled the audience from 22 April to 25 April 2019.



### All India RIMC Inter School Challenge Quiz

This prestigious Competition was initiated in the year 1993 by Col DH Parab, the erstwhile Commandant of the RIMC, with the objective of promoting general awareness. Taking it forward from there in 2002, this Competition got a major impetus by the then Commandant, Col Arun Mamgain, who refurbished it with technical support. Today, this Event has received an overwhelming response from all the leading Public Schools of the Country and in the Doon Valley, making this Quiz Cup the most coveted one.

### **Championship Trophy**

Magar Cup: It is the existing Championship Trophy for the All India Inter School Quiz Competition. It has been presented to the School standing First in the All India Inter School RIMC Challenge Quiz Competition. In 2019, Lt Col Shivraj Patil (1420/R/127) very graciously presented another Trophy for the same Event. Therefore, the existing Trophy would be presented to the Runners Up in the RIMC Inter School Challenge Quiz and the new Trophy would be presented to the Winners.

### **Hugh Catchpole English Debates**

Mr Hugh Catchpole, born in Ipswich, Suffolk, England on 26 May 1907, began his tryst with the Indian Subcontinent on 28 October 1928, when he, for the first time, stepped into the beautiful Campus of the RIMC as Assistant Master in English. He rose to become the Principal and stayed back, even after Independence in 1947.

In 1954, he founded the Hasan Abdal Cadet College in Pakistan, at the request of his Rimcollian students on the lines of RIMC.

One of Hugh Catchpole's greatest contributions to the Subcontinent lies in the number of students who passed through his hands, many of whom went on to become high achievers in their respective Arms of the Services and in their professions. From the RIMC, Dehradun alone, seven of his students became Service Chiefs, four in India and three in Pakistan.



The year 2007, being his Birth Centenary Year (1907-2007), the RIMC paid tribute to him by hosting the commemorative Hugh Catchpole Inter School English Debates. Since then, this Event is scheduled in the month of April with RIMC Challenge Quiz, becoming an integral part of the RIMC Calendar of Events.

### Kashi Naresh Inter School Hindi Debates

Dr HH Maharaja Vibhuti Narayan Singh was the king of Benares, a holy city located in the Indian State of Uttar Pradesh. To promote the National Language, Dr Kashi Naresh introduced Vagvibhuti Narayan Singh Hindi Debates at Inter School level in RIMC. The first edition of this Competition was inaugurated on 23 February 1963 by Mr SP Sharma, the erstwhile Principal. Under his able guidance, the RIMC Hindi Society organized the Event and the Competition was presided over by Shri Prakasa, the erstwhile Governor of Maharashtra as the Chief Guest. He has been very generous to present the Ivory Shield to the Winners of this Competition. Ever since then, Kashi Naresh Vagvibhuti Narayan Singh All India Inter School Hindi Debates have been conducted every year during the Autumn Term in our College.

### RIMC FESTILITT

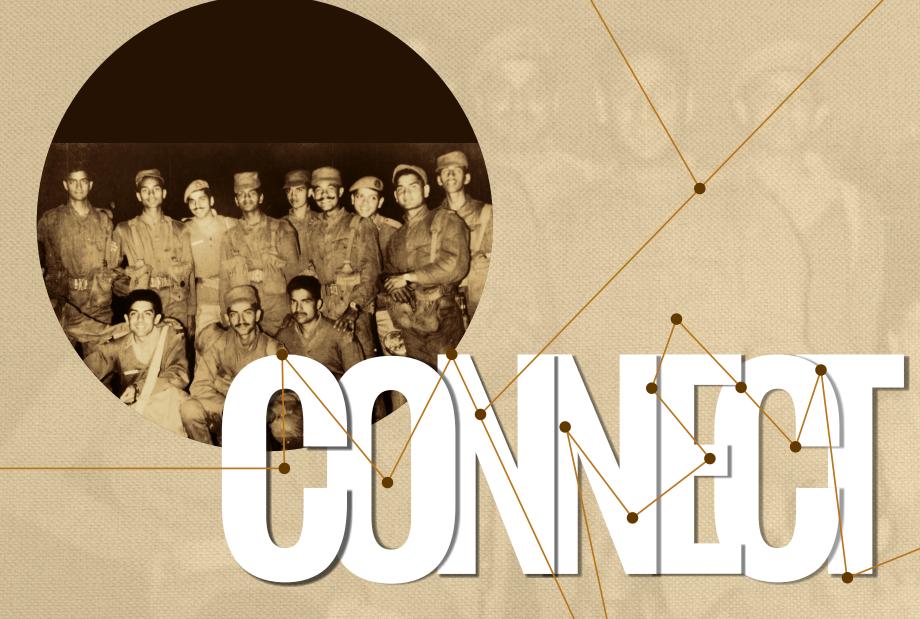
In 2019, all these three Events were merged together as the Inter School Festival and christened as RIMC FESTILITT. In the first edition, we had twenty seven Schools for Quiz, twenty Schools for English Debates and eighteen Schools for Hindi Debates. RIMC won the Inter School Challenge Quiz, whereas in the Hindi Debates, The Doon School clinched the Ivory Shield and RIMC won the Hugh Catchpole English Debates. Since we were the Host School, we presented the Trophy to the Runners Up, St. Joseph's Academy.

The FESTILITT Trophy would be presented to the School that emerges the overall Best Performer at the culmination of this Festival. This confluence of an Event has set a new benchmark among the schools in order to promote a healthy competition, better relationship, besides facilitating intellectual, emotional and aesthetic development.





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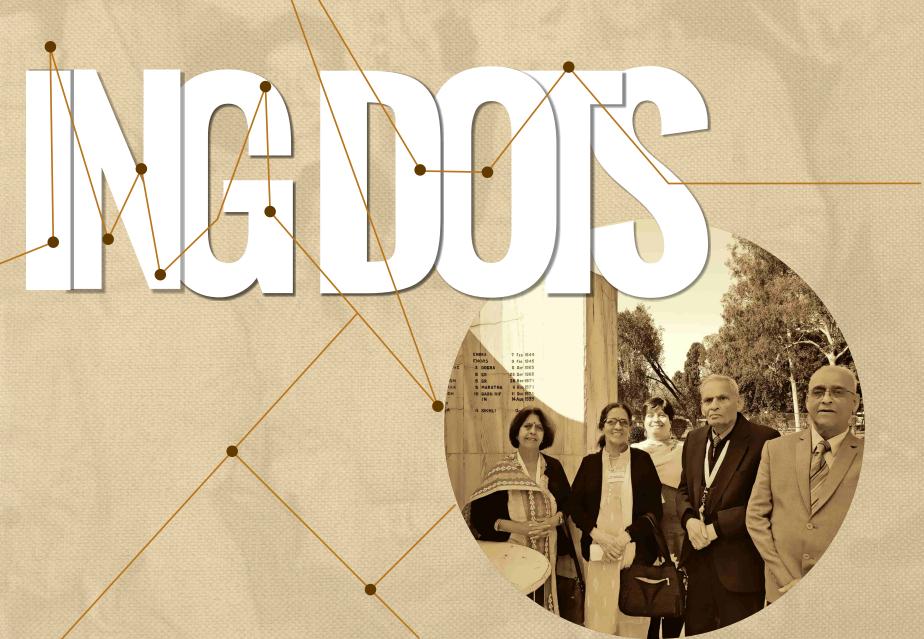
14<sup>th</sup> of December 2019 was a godsent opportunity for three of us, of Class V to receive and accompany the five family members of a Ghanekar. Their visit, not only revived the golden past of the College insight into what stuff legends are made of, goading us to rummage so very meticulously collated at the Archives, that many a time, we As soon as they arrived, they began reminiscing the past, when they RIMC during Lt Ganekhar's tenure as a Cadet. All they could tell us was blitheful personality of Lt Makarand Raghunath Ghanekar. Eyes brimming rare pride, seemed to be narrating a tale of untold valour, gallantry and went through his Dossier very closely. The light hearted tête à tête seemed to that seemed to say, "We can see him in you all". For all three of us, it was tryst of the RIMC - an interaction that was a window to the heady mix of pain and

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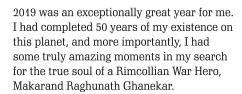
Truly, it takes irreparable loss that exhorts us predecessors paved for us. In from the US then a pivotal role for Vivek Sharma and gratitude to Major

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to salute and remember always the extraordinary sacrifices our
have made for our sake and walk the path of gallantry that they
this entire endeavour of getting the Ghanekar family all the way
to Mumbai and then finally to RIMC, Maj Manish Naik played
which, we shall remain eternally grateful. On behalf of Col
Col Ajay Kumar, Commandant RIMC, we extend our sincere
Naik, whose legend about a legend follows......









Early last year, I came in touch with an advocate, Shreekant Ghanekar through a common acquaintance. As we were about to close our first meeting, Shreekant told me that his younger brother. Makarand was from the 5th Battalion of The Maratha Light Infantry, and that he had been Martyred in the 1971 Bangladesh War. Our conversation then carried on for some more time in which I came to know that the Martyr's family members (especially after the death of Shreekant's father, and that age had caught on with the other Ghanekar siblings - all over 75 now) were not fully in the know of his brother's actions or had visited his Military Unit. It was then I thought that I must assist the family in finding more about the Martyr, and thus began our quest to know more about this gallant Ghanekar who had laid down his life in the service to the Nation. Ultimately, this journey took us to

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the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Maratha Light Infantry (Royal), and to Dehradun's Indian Military Academy (IMA) and Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), leading to some very interesting interactions and conversations about this Rimcollian with his Coursemates and colleagues. In this journey, I, along with the Ghanekars attended the 220<sup>th</sup> Raising Day celebrations of 5 Maratha LI and the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of his Course at the IMA. And on 14 December 2019, we had an eventful visit to RIMC where we interacted with the Cadets and Staff, and browsed through the rich Archives. For us, it was an overwhelmingly poignant experience, one that will be long cherished.

Enriched with all these interactions, I am proudly narrating this story of IC 23824Y Veer Second Lieutenant Makarand Raghunath Ghanekar, who was commissioned on 21 December 1969 (44th Regular IMA Zojila Company, 35th NDA Golf Squadron, 5 Maratha LI) and who died fighting for the Country on 5 December 1971 during the Indo-Pak War.

In the then East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), as a young Second Lieutenant serving with the famed 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Maratha Light Infantry (Royal), MR Ghanekar (as referred to by all his friends and colleagues)stood tall in a league of his own. This lanky Officer with green eyes was a versatile young lad with immense fortitude and energy. Right from his RIMC days, Makarand showed abundant potential of being an astute leader. RIMC's immersive training made him fiercely independent and principled, and somewhat serious in life. His RIMC friends recollect him as an outstanding sportsman and a perfect team player. To many of them, he was sometimes a prankster, but always jovial. They describe him as a great friend, kind and sensitive with a keen sense of





responsibility. MR Ghanekar Passed Out from RIMC in December 1965.

Advocate Shreekant too fondly recollects that Makarand was always adventure seeking. When he left Mumbai as a young ten year old to join RIMC for the first time, he wasn't nervous at leaving his family and friends in Mumbai. In fact, he was looking forward to the adventure at RIMC. With the same zeal he was raring to go into action prior to 1971.

At NDA, MR Ghanekar (Academy Number 6737, 35<sup>th</sup> Course) was with the Golf Squadron and excelled at Swimming and Water Polo. Plus, he was a part of the Academy Water Polo Team. He Passed Out of

NDA on 14 December 1968, and moved to IMA. There, Makarand was in Zojila Company, and was quite popular with his Coursemates.

On commissioning into 5 Maratha LI, 2/Lt MR Ghanekar had his initial grooming under Major (later Brigadier) Shri Ram Singh, the Officer Commanding of Delta Company. And during the two odd years with the Unit, he was also mentored by Captain Surjit Singh Dhillon (later, Adjutant of NDA). In the Unit, he excelled at Hockey. There is a record in the Unit's history that MR Ghanekar was Posted to the Unit at the behest of Major General D'Souza, the then Colonel of the Regiment of the Marathas.

Before the actual War began, on 25 and 26 November 1971, MR Ghanekar on a particular mission had laid 18 anti-tank and 35 anti-personnel mines in an area called 'road junction' near New Titolia near Kotchandpur to deny the enemy the use of the Road Jibanagar-Hansdha. And then one of those mines laid by him had blown a Pakistani jeep with an officer travelling in it, resulting in the enemy's planned attack being called off. The mines went off as planned, unnerving the enemy and with casualties on his side, the enemy fled, abandoning large quantities of ammunition, equipment and supplies. Such was the impact!!

Thereafter, on 1 December 1971, MR Ghanekar had fetched a troop of tanks from the neighboring 9 Dogra location at Shahpur to support his Unit for the impending Battle of Suadih. Being the Intelligence Officer (IO) of the Unit, he was mostly with the Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Jack Torpy and with the Adjutant, Captain SS Dhillon. After the Battalion's outstanding success in the Battle of Suadih (also the Battle Honour of 5 Maratha LI), MR Ghanekar expressed his desire to revert to his old Delta Company as it was given the leading role in the advance of the Brigade from Kotchandpur.

On 5 December 1971 the Unit commenced the advance at night to put pressure on the enemy, with Makarand's Delta Company in the lead. After advancing a couple of kilometers, he found that the road axis was running over a narrow embankment, with large stretches of water on either side, leading to Village Elangi that was discernible on the horizon. The bridge on the embankment was within small arms range of Elangi. It was foolhardy to continue the advance due to lack of maneuverability and Elangi was more than likely to be an enemy delaying position. The Unit therefore firmed



in, and as per their set battle drills, three platoon strength Patrols were sent out to proceed on either flanks and along the road axis to obtain information about the terrain and enemy deployment, and to confirm whether Elangi was clear of the enemy.

The task of leading the road axis Patrol was taken up voluntarily by MR Ghanekar, considering the importance of the mission. It was an agonizing wait of about an hour in total darkness for the Second in Command (2IC), Major KC Karumbaya and the Delta Company Commander, Major Shri Ram Singh, who were on listening watch, as they anxiously awaited news from Ghanekar. After about 30 minutes, a message was received from 2/Lt Ghanekar that the bridge on the embankment was demolished and was not negotiable by vehicles. A second message was received after fifteen minutes in whispered tones that he could see torches being flashed and could hear voices in the village. Makarand told them that he would

therefore move further and open fire to gauge the enemy's strength and also to scare the adversaries. That was the last message that they received from MR Ghanekar. Barely ten minutes later, there was an intense exchange of fire, and the enemy had blown a critical bridge, short of Village Elangi.

Rattled by the bold action of 2/Lt Makarand Ghanekar, the enemy fled in haste, leaving behind their dead. Sadly, the next morning, Ghanekar's dead body along with that of a Pakistani NCO was recovered from a waterfilled trench alongside the road. They had no bullet injuries and both had their personal arms with them, indicating that they had clubbed each other to death, in a hand-to-hand combat engagement, ultimately falling into the water body. A few yards behind was the dead body of Ghanekar's buddy, Sepoy Vilas Salunke with a bullet injury. In this action, MR Ghanekar and his Patrol had destroyed two machine gun (MMG) bunkers,

killing three Pakistani soldiers in them. The action was so intense that the enemy abandoned the delaying post of Elangi paving way for an easier advance of the remaining troops. In truest spirit of the traditions of his Unit, on the night of 5 December 1971, MR Ghanekar blended into history as a hero, showing exemplary volition, courage and inspiration to his comrades. The Battalion keenly felt the loss of MR Ghanekar in the remaining days of the war.

The Unit had sent a Citation, recommending Lt Ghanekar for the Posthumous Award of the Maha Vir Chakra (MVC). His father visited the Battalion after the war and was taken to the spot where this promising young Officer laid down his life in the honour of the Country. As the next of kin (NOK), the family patriarch was entitled to a military pension and a monetary grant, both of which he declined in the spirit of patriotism. The People of Mumbai, lovingly named a road in the metropolis after 2/Lt Makarand Ghanekar who sacrificed his young and promising career for the sake of the Nation and his Regiment. Today, it is Veer Makarand Ghanekar Road in Vile Parle (East) and his name is inscribed on the War Memorials at RIMC, NDA, and IMA. MR Ghanekar's name features proudly in the National War Memorial at Delhi in Row B4.

Makarand Ghanekar's is an extreme case of motivation beyond the threshold. Given his military mettle that he nurtured right from his RIMC days, Makarand had volunteered for a mission, knowing fully the dangers ahead. He always held on to his own beliefs and exhibited initiative, grit and battle drive of the highest order. He did not hesitate to lead boldly from the front, and in doing so, sacrificed his young life.

The legend of MR Ghanekar is kept alive and is the moving element in his Unit, the

illustrious 5th Battalion, The Maratha Light Infantry (Royal). It adds immense weight to the already prevalent 220 year old legacy of theirs. Makarand's was a singular case of unflinching courage in the face of danger, creating the innate motivation to go for the supreme sacrifice. In the 5 Maratha LI, he is remembered forever, and is revered as their true hero of 1971 by generations of Officers and Soldiers. Inspired by MR Ghanekar's intrepid actions, the then Young Officers of the Unit presented a Mural depicting his heroics in the Battle of Elangi.

The history of 5 Maratha LI cites, "His memory will always remain fresh among those who had the honour to have known and served with him."

When we visited 5 Maratha LI and met their Soldiers, many moist eyes and quivering lips bore testimony to the way he was loved and respected by his friends and colleagues. Moved by the adoration and respect they received while with Makarand's Unit, his brother, Advocate Shreekant Ghanekar wrote to 5 Maratha LI that he and his sister Nirupama had the proud privilege of attending the Paltan's 220th Raising Day commemorative dinner at the Officers' Mess and met many of MR Ghanekar's colleagues and their families.

"It has always been an intense pride for our family that our beloved brother. Veer 2/Lt Makarand Raghunath Ghanekar was a part of such a fine military outfit that is truly touted as one of the best battalions of the Indian Army. We are ever indebted to the Paltan for grooming him in his early career,



### About the Ghanekar Family and the Author

Hailing from Mumbai, MR Ghanekar's parents, Raghunath and Sudhatai were both leading advocates. His sisters, Nirmala and Nirupama were sportswomen of repute. The former, an Aquatics Champion of the Bombay city and the latter played Hockey for the then State of Bombay. In this pursuit to know more about Makarand Raghunath Ghanekar, the author was accompanied by Advocate Shreekant Ghanekar, brother of Makarand, and his sisters, Nirmala (accompanied by her husband Dr Shreedhar Lele) and Nirupama (accompanied by her Boston-based daughter. Mugdha).

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### **Boxing**

The Cadets from the very beginning of the Term did the hard yards for two long months in order to make the Rimcollians proud during the Reunion. From early morning practices to late night punching, these Cadets left no stone unturned to make their Section win. Ranjit Section was the Champion, followed by Shivaji, Chandragupta and Pratap Sections. The Best Boxer was Cdt Sec Com Raghvendra Singh Baghel, whereas the Best Opponent Title was bagged by Cdt Sec Com Shashvat Sharma. Cadets Akash Satam, Jitumitra, Devesh Jarval, Gauray Yaday, Rithik Rathi, Manas Sharma and Shiva Ramnath took part in the IPSC Boxing held at RMS, Dholpur. Cdt Gaurav Yadav and Cdt Shiva Ramnath won the Bronze Medal in their respective categories and Cdt Manas Sharma won the Silver Medal.

### Squash

The first competition that the year 2019 witnessed at the sprawling RIMC Campus was, the Squash Opens. The Cadets pulled out all the stops in order to emerge victorious in their respective categories. In the Under-13 Category, Cdt Amit stood First, followed by Cdt Vibhansh Dubey. In the Under-15 Category, Cdt Madhav Kumar stood First, with Cdt Nikhil close behind. In the Opens Category, the Winner was Cdt Nishkal Dwivedi and Runners Up was Cdt Anirudh Sudan.

### **Cricket**

The 'Kohlis' of the College displayed their superb skills in the Cricket Field very spiritedly. The Inter Section Cricket Competition was a peach of a Tournament, because it enthralled the audience as they couldn't take their eyes off the Match laden with suspense. Ranjit Section emerged Victorious, followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Shivaji Sections. The Best Player in the Seniors Category was Cdt C Veeresh and in the Juniors Category, it was Cdt Prakash Pandey. College Cricket Team took part in the PC Batta Memorial Cricket Tournament which was held at Kasiga School.

'You can't put a limit on anything. The more you dream, the farther you get." And perhaps, the reason today we are out in the Fields, achieving magnificent feats is that we Rimcos always dream big. We've made it big too, and as another year passes by, we shall remember all the moments of winning the glories - be it at the Pitch or in the Boxing Ring, in the Pool or on the Tracks, we shall remember... Sports are woven tightly into Rimcos' lives to dovetail into the holistic development that RIMC aims at.'



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### **Shooting**

As the Inter Section Shooting Competition got underway, the astute Shooters of the College zeroed in on their Shooting skills. The Shooting Ranges were abuzz as every Section practised hard to lift the coveted Shooting Cup. Shivaji Section emerged Victorious, followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta Sections. It also helped the College Shooting Team to increase its strength by adding fresh talented Rimcos to it. Nearing the end of the Term, Cdt Mandeep Rawat represented the IPSC at SGFI held at Emerald Heights in Indore and won the Team Bronze. Cdt Divyansh Vyas having performed exceedingly well at the IPSC, was selected to participate in the SGFI. After strenuous practice, he was ranked at a proud 9<sup>th</sup> position in his Category. Cdt Bharat Kadian represented the RIMC at the Gen JJ Singh Shooting Championship at Mhow and was ranked Fourth.

### **Hockey**

As the Term headed towards its culmination, the last Inter Section Competition was none other than our very own National Sport, Hockey.

The Cadets mesmerized everyone with their stupendous Matches. Chandragupta Section emerged Victorious, closely followed by Shivaji, Pratap and Ranjit Sections. The Best Player in the Seniors Category was Cdt Rupam Manna and in the Juniors, it was Cdt Tejas Narwade.

### Chess

Chess, popularly known as a mental war, has recently mustered a strong momentum, as the budding and sprouting minds have learned the art to defend and demolish. The Ante Room was full of the Cadets planning their pre-game strategy before going to the front in the months of January and February, when Cadet Shankar Narayan emerged Victorious. A Team of Cadets Shankar Narayan, Avtrit, Shiva Ramnath and Adarsh participated in the IPSC Chess Opens at the DPS. Mathura Road where the Team stood Fifth. Cadets Shankar, Sadananda and Avtrit Gupta also took part in the Wynberg Allen Chess Opens, where Cadet Shankar and Cadet Avtrit were pitched against each other in the Finals and with the finest strategy, Cadet Avtrit emerged triumphant.

### **Basketball**

The fastest game at the RIMC and the second fastest in the world, got every Section toiling hard in order to lift the Inter Section Basketball Trophy. Shivaji Section, breaking the tradition, emerged Victorious, followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Ranjit Sections. The Best Player in the Juniors and Seniors were Cdt Sarthak Patil and Cdt Andy, respectively.







### **X** Country

Sweating out for this prestigious Cup since the commencement of the year, in the Seniors Category, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were bagged by Cdt Ronit Mishra, Cdt Nishkal Dwivedi and Cdt Anantjeet Mishra, respectively. In the Juniors, it was Cdt Tejas followed by Cdt Madhav and Cdt Vibhansh Dubey. Shivaji Section won the Championship, followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Ranjit Sections.

### Soccer

Immediately after the X Country fever had subsided, the Soccer frenzy caught on. With all the Sections toiling hard, subsequently, Chandragupta Section lifted the Cup, closely followed by Pratap, Shivaji and Ranjit Sections. The Best Players in the Seniors and Juniors Categories were Cdt Tejas Narwade and Cdt Pratham Singh, respectively. In the RIMC Soccer Cup, the College Team, after sweating it out, finally got the fruit of their hard work. They lifted the Trophy after a nerve racking Final against the Doon International School with great pomp and show, giving Col Vivek Sharma a memorable parting gift. Even the Junior Soccer Team became the Runners Up at the Doon School where they lost to the host by a single Goal.

### **Swimming**

The last year's Swimming Competition was one like no other. It saw neck to neck competition in getting the Cup. The Jump Test and the Swimming Test results were excellent and finally, the Cup was lifted by Chandragupta Section, followed closely by Pratap, Ranjit and Shivaji Sections. The Best Players were Cdt Gyanprakash Singh and Cdt Aman Ghosh in Juniors and Seniors Categories respectively.





### **Athletics**

In the warmth of the PTM, the parents, the cadets got a splendid opportunity to showcase their skills and talent in the Fields during the Athletics Competition. Shivaji Section was the Winner, followed by Chandragupta, Pratap and Ranjit Sections. The Record in the 4x100 m Relay was broken by the A Div Team of Shivaji Section. Cdt Pratham Singh also bettered his personal best by clearing 179cms in High Jump.

Another parting gift to Col Vivek Sharma was presented in the form of the Annual District Athletics Trophy. All the tiring repetitions, painful workouts and exercises, paid off as the RIMC Athletics Team proudly lifted the Trophy. Cdt Ronit Mishra also broke the 400m Record, winning the Best Athlete Trophy too.



### PT

In the last contest of the Term, all the Sections could be seen doing rolls, handsprings, beams and various other demonstrations which are tested in the PT Competition. Chandragupta Section emerged the Winners, followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Shivaji Sections.

Mr UP Dalvi (Officiating Dean of Sports) Cadet Abhishek Pundir Cadet Jitumitra Class V







We leave a mark in every Meet we have participated in and never came back without bringing laurels to the College. We started off with the Inter District State Athletics Meet in which Cdt Sub NCO Pratham Singh won the Silver Medal. Then the Cadets went on to bag more Medals in the Pre Nationals Athletics Meet in which Cdt Adityaraj got a Gold in 400m, Cdt Anurag Vipin got Silver in High Jump and Cdt Sandanada got a Bronze in Shot Put. They didn't let their guard down even in the Inter Section Athletics Meet 2019 in which Cdt Sub NCO Pratham Singh improved his previous College Record by clearing a height of 179cms and the Shivaji Section U-14 Relay Team broke the 4x100m Relay Record. Cdt P Akash, Cdt Abhishek Pundir and Cdt Sahil Kaler were adjudged the Best Athletes in U-18, U-16 and U-14 Categories and, Cdt Adityaraj got the Commandant's Special Prize. The glory was still not enough to snuff out the blazing yearning of the Rimcos and all their longing was quenched when they finally channeled all their pent up energy on the Tracks and Field. Once again the bar was raised and Cdt Ronit Mishra broke the 400m Record with a timing of 52.6 sec and won the Best Athlete in U-20 Category.

These are just the 'starting blocks' we have been fortunate enough to be blessed with, and we would ensure that our feet spend as little time on the ground as possible.

### 'Bring It On...Let's Football'

That's how the RIMC greens reverberated, brimming with ebullient Soccer Players of the Country as the prestigious RIMC Soccer Cup got underway. The XVII RIMC Soccer Cup was declared 'OPEN' on the evening of 16 August 2019, by Col Vivek Sharma. 15 different School Team Captains were administered oath along with the Captain of the Team RIMC, Cdt NCO Dhruv Dahiya. The Tournament was kick started by Col Vivek Sharma and it was followed by various Matches being held in all four Fields. The first Match between St Joseph's Academy and APS, Birpur, ended up in a Draw, but on the other Fields, APS, Clement Town, The Asian School and Wynberg Allen emerged victorious.

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The second day of RIMC Soccer Cup saw the ferocious battle between twenty Teams. In the first Match, RIMC clashed with The Doon School, showcasing their amazing acumen and giving a tough fight. Subsequently, the Match ended in a Draw with Scores at 1-1. Cdt Aman Mishra scored the Goal for RIMC. In the following Matches, Doon International School, Welham Boys', KV, FRI and Asian School emerged victorious. The fifth Match was a Draw between APS, Birpur and Doon International School, as both the Teams played equally well. In the seventh Match between RIMC Team B and The Doon School, RIMC lost. In the eighth, ninth and tenth Matches, APS, Clement Town, Wynberg Allen and Indian Public School emerged as Winners. With this, RIMC Team A became the Winners of their Pool.

On the following day, excitement and frenzy gripped the Campus as the RIMC Soccer Cup was nearing its culmination. Three Matches were played on the third day in which one of the Matches compelled the spectators to sit on the edge of their seats. This Match was held between RIMC Team A and RIMC Team B. Team A won by 8-0. Cadets Tejas, Thanil and Andy scored the Goals. Second ferocious battle was fought between Welham Boys' School and Indian Public School in which Welham Boys' emerged victorious. The third Match ended up in a Draw between Aryan School and Scholars Home. In the fourth and fifth Matches, the Winners were KV, FRI and Wynberg Allen.

By the fourth day, RIMC was already gripped with Soccer mania as the deafening clamour and din grew more intense, for the Quarter Finals were on the cards. RIMC and APS, Clement Town locked horns. After a tough battle, RIMC was victorious. Cdt Zothan Puia was adjudged 'Man of the Match'. On the other Fields, Wynberg Allen shook KV, FRI and defeated them. Whereas, in the third Match, both The Doon School and Welham Boys' played equally well and the Match ended up in a Draw. Ultimately, Welham Boys' won in a Penalty Shootout. The fourth Quarter Final also ended up in a Draw, but Doon International School too won in the Penalty Shootout.

All India RIMC Soccer Cup was fast approaching towards its conclusion as the Semi Finals had begun on the fifth day. Four Teams qualified for the Semi Finals, out of which, two Teams were to enter the Finals. The first Semi Finals saw RIMC and Wynberg Allen fighting hard for entry into the Finals. The Match was decided by a Penalty Shootout, with scores reading 5-3 and RIMC secured its position for the Finals. In second Semi Finals, DIS was victorious when the beat Welham Boys' School. Both the Teams played equally well, but it was the DIS that outplayed the other Team and beautifully made it into the Finals.

The grand Finale was made special by the presence of the GOC-in-C, UK Sub Area, Maj Gen BS Kalita and the Match was an interesting one as RIMC routed DIS, emerging triumphant by 2-0. The Best Player Title was awarded to Master Rishi Upadhyay, the Best Goal Keeper Title was awarded to Cdt Sadananda Moirangthem and the Player of the Tournament was, Cdt Thanil Kumar Singh. With this, RIMC repeated history after winning the prestigious All India RIMC Soccer Cup, the second time. Elated, Col Vivek Sharma expressed his gratitude to the Chief Guest and lauded the thoroughly professional endeavour in organising the Tournament.

#### Cadet Satvik Sharma

Class III



I would like to start by quoting Nelson Mandela, "Sports has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire, to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand." For me a different journey started two years back. Not only did I step onto the roads of the National Defence Academy but also put Squash as a vital part in my backpack to traverse this journey. I had a little idea that I would pick up Squash in the Academy, get in the Academy Team for some fun and go outside the Academy and, of course, for reasons known to all of you that cannot be blatantly written here. One week into the Team, these dropped substantially down the list and a dream was shaping up. As more and more time passed 'the reasons' were pushed into oblivion and the dream actually started to take shape of a goal and today the mental picture of achieving that dream and turning it into reality does not seem as far as it once did!



Having fellow Rimcollians alongside (well, it's mostly Rimcollians only in the Team now) certainly eased me into the prospect of working towards a goal that is not common place in the Academy and no part of which has been imposed upon us, but has been chosen by us. Everything we do resonates our aim, to improve our game aptly summed up by motivational quotes on the tin of the Court.

My first tryst with professional Squash Training began at Start Academy, run by Mr Ritwik Bhattacharya, the man whose name I had heard only during the Inter Section Squash Finals. My outlook, my game plan totally changed as I started noticing the nitty gritty of the game. From that time on, it wasn't just putting in the amount of hours needed that we had never put before, but also turning them to be the most productive, making changes in our techniques, our movement or the other details of the game. But all of this was amplified because of the motivation we had watching Ritwik Sir. He was at the same place that we were, with fewer resources, support and coaching to name a few hurdles, and he is what we are striving to be.

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Now Tournaments are not for visiting cities and getting out of the Academy, well, that ideology took its last breath a long time ago. For two Terms, the Saturday movies were unknown to us. Now tournaments are opportunities that we should grab and in view of this we prepare harder for each one. The preparation is not just on the Court but off it as well, not just with the Ball but without it as well, not just with the Racquet but without it as well. We train our minds just as hard as we train our bodies, just like the professionals and that's when the decision to play the Professional Tournaments came in, to register for PSA (Professional Squash Association) and put more on the line and drive out better results from ourselves. Since we are learning from

the best in the business - Ritwik Sir and Mr Stefan Galifi, a French Italian Coach and former World No 40, best known for his gazelle like movement on the Court, we ought to give better results than everyone and that might take some time but we aren't stopping till we get there.

The NDA Squash Team has leapt several miles in performance, mentality and the facility as well! The stark difference in the Courts at the NDA today and two years back, very clearly depict the sincere business that is taken care of at that place and the NDA being the host for the Inter Services Squash Championships 2019, is the most defining proof of it. The NDA Squash facility is the best in the Forces. We now even boast of a black and green Court,

an apt simulation for the white Ball Squash.

We build ourselves to be the person who can emulate these words into reality and maybe give back to the Alma Mater because of which we dream this dream today and with the help of which we work towards this dream.

Every action inspires others around it in some way or the other. The growth of Squash has gone leaps and bounds in the Academy. From people not knowing where the Courts were, to nearly 200 people actually playing competitive games in the Inter Squadron Squash Competition, which started from the Spring Term 2019 for probably the first time in NDA history and kick-started the culture of learning this Officer Sport. Similarly,



players emerging out of the College and the Tournaments hosted by it work towards making RIMC a force to reckon with in the Squash Circuit. The idea is to carry the same and bring back the glory that the Armed Forces once enjoyed in the Squash World, not just the revival of Squash in the Defence Forces but to put the name at its zenith. For that, a culture is already in place and what better place to do it than the National Defence Academy.

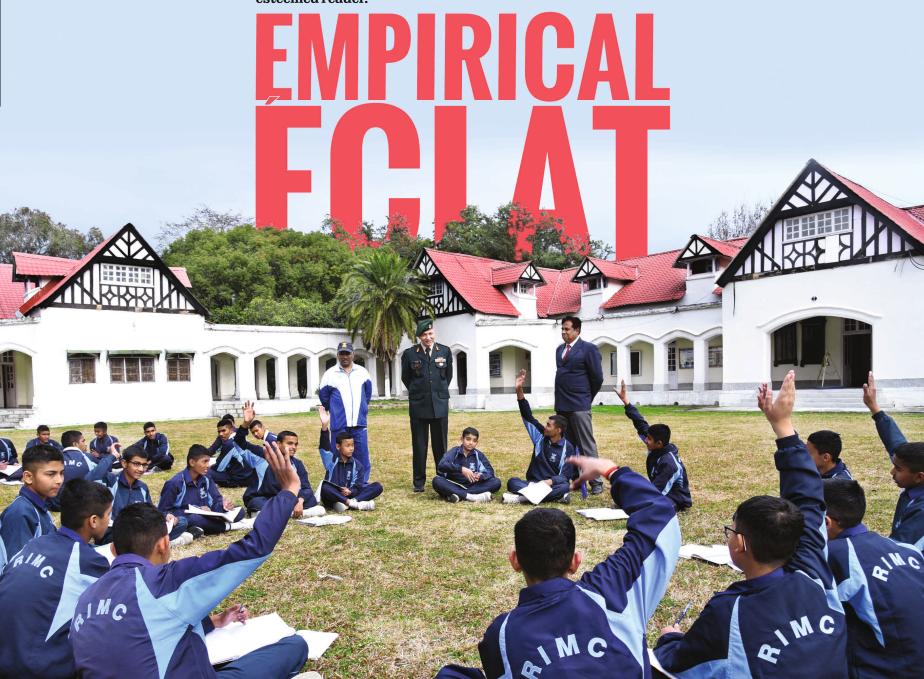
NDA Team has performed superbly at the National Circuit and made its presence felt by their conduct, Cool Tee shirts and Team spirit which are rare to find in an individual game. Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan has been the face of the NDA Squash on the National Circuit while pulling others along. DCC Vaibhav Chauhan reached Top 20 in Men's Category. He has been upsetting Top 10 Men's Players at an age of just 19 whith barely two years of dedicated Squash Training. Not to mention the performance of BCC Kunal Singh who has been rock solid and has been giving even Top Seeds a run for money. He has been a great ambassador of the Armed Forces on the circuit. Cdt Ajay Singh reached Top 20 in Junior Nationals at Chennai in Oct 2019 and is already itching to crack into top echelons of the Sport in Men's Open Category. I, Cdt Animesh have shown immense improvement in my game and reached Top 40 in Men's Category of Senior National Squash Championship. Cdt Nishkal Dwivedi of Class III A of RIMC has shown how this Sport can change lives within a short span of just two years. His





hunger to beat even 20 year old National Level Players is insatiable. He recently won the Willingdon Gymkhana Junior Open Squash Tournament in U-15 Category. The contributions of Sgt Sachin Ughade, the RIMC Squash Coach cannot be underplayed who has been pushing the College Team to perform, not just for Section or College but also win a National Title under the able guidance of Col Vivek Sharma. Sqn Ldr Gauray who likes to remain behind the scenes has been holding fort for the Squash in Armed Forces and his love for the game is an example for Squash Players across the forums. We are already taking part in International Level Tournaments, something which I wouldn't have thought in my wildest dreams when I joined NDA. With around Ten percent of Cadets at NDA now playing the game, it's rightly on the path to glorious days with a dream to win an International Medal and not just to get in to the Indian Team. I feel that an RIMC Cadet is not just fittest in his age Category in India, but also in the world, needless to mention the fitness levels of an NDA Cadet. I hope the Cadets at the College are able to understand the larger picture which is beyond performing merely for College or Section for that matter. We are nearing our Centenary and what better way to celebrate it than having a World Champion in another two years either in Junior or Senior Category because we have got NO EXCUSES now.

The leisure pursuits at the RIMC help the Cadets transition from the mundane to new exploration. Each Cadet is a unique entity and the Hobby he gets passionate about, captivates him in a very personal way. The odds are that there is a learning curve and the Cadet's patience helps him whet his skill. This enhances his confidence and develops pride in his accomplishments. Various Hobby Clubs have impacted the lives of the young 'Officers to be' in a very positive manner, besides ushering in a lot of joy and are hereby shared with you, esteemed reader.





#### **Equestrian**

The Hobby of Dare devils has never failed to bring the house down in its display shows. They have never come back empty handed from any competition they took part in. Their understanding of the equine counterpart has always been uncanny and therefore, commended by the guests who have witnessed their shows. Bravo Mr PK Jain & the Equestrians!

#### **Shooting**

The Sharpshooters never miss the bull's eye. They have emerged triumphant in the entire Uttarakhand State as they won the Uttarakhand State Shooting Championship. Proving their mettle in IPSC and other National Level Competitions, they have earned tremendous glory for the College. Way to go, Mr Khushi Ram & Sharpshooters!

#### **Art & Craft**

The 'Da Vincis' of the College always have their creative minds working overtime. They won laurels for the College in Unison World School, Art Competition. These 'arty' spirits have come up with new ideas to convert the garbage of the College into a new art piece!! Keep rocking Mr Sanjay & the Artists!

#### Aeromodelling

The Aeromodelling Hobby keeps working hard to make new models of dummy aircraft and put up a splendid show during the Reunion and PTM. They keep updating themselves with the latest in technology. Soar above the clouds, Mr Balvir Singh Chauhan & the Aviators!

#### **Photography**

The best thing about photographs is that they are timeless! The Club captures the best of nature on the Campus and always keeps their lenses ready for the activities going on in the College. Clicking away to glory are Mr Manoj & the shutterbugs!

#### **Young Newton**

These experts of Physics conduct experiments and make models on various

theories and concepts. This learning outside classes makes this Hobby so very special, as these curious minds find their answers here. Reaching out for the stars and moon and taking a quantum leap is the Team of Young Newtons, headed by Mr Shishupal.

#### Journalism

It would not be an exaggeration if we called our Journalism Club the fourth pillar. Keeping everyone updated about College happenings, they never stop progressing each time, doing something wondrous and incredible. This time, the Club set a benchmark by an in-house published Chronicle and also adopting eco-friendly measures by publishing e-Chronicles. Writing to present life twice, in the moment and in retrospect are, Ms Rachna Malhotra and her Team of 'Journalism Buffs'.

#### Quizzing

This column would not find sufficient space if we were to mention the awards won by the RIMC Quizzing Club. From Doon Valley to other platforms across the Nation, this Hobby has left everyone dumbstruck by its extraordinary performance everytime. Under the guidance of Mr T Selven, this Hobby is always clued up to the hilt!

#### Music

The artists, dancers, musicians, find a perfect spot in the Music Club. The Club is always a step ahead when it comes to presenting themselves, be it at the PTM or the Reunion. They croon, they strum, they crawl into the space between the notes. With melodies and rhythm in perfect sync, they express so much, ably guided by Mr Naik. Let music fill the silence between the notes!

#### Computer

These 'Gizmo Geeks' of the College never fail to update themselves with the ever changing wonders of the 'Tech World'. The algorithms of different languages are now on their fingertips, all under the expert tutelage of Mr Karthik Chadala and Mr Manoj Nama. For all you know, there might be a

'Zuckerberg' in the making!

#### **Drama & Debating**

The 'Rhetoric Warriors' of the College have become huge sensation across the Doon Valley, by getting home a plethora of trophies and awards from various Inter School events. One can often see them involved in brainstorming discussions and fiery debates during the Hobby hours, guided and supervised by Mrs Rekha Negi, Mrs Sangeeta Rawat, Mr Pramod Sharma and Dr K Shyamsundara. These Debaters can do it all, and now they have started experimenting with their own 'RIMC Format' which became a huge success in the Hugh Catchpole Debates. The Dramatists too have always left the audience mesmerized and their mimes convey a lot more than what words ever could!

#### **Alchemist**

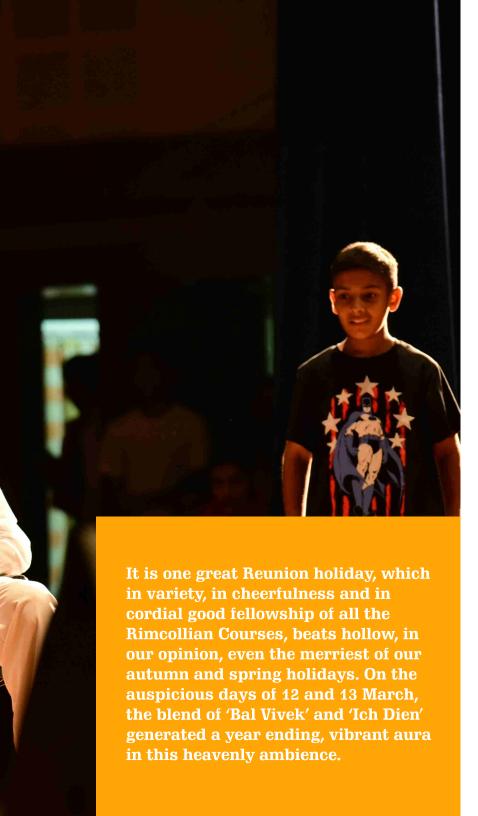
It is famously said, "The true alchemists do not change lead into gold; they change the world into words". Our two Alchemy Stalwarts, Mrs Taiyaba Khatoon and Mr UP Dalvi believe in transforming the young minds and creating magic at the Paper Recycling Plant, by turning trash into sheer marvels!!

#### **Nature Club**

Mr Sudhir Badoni and his Team of nature nerds are tuned into God's own broadcasting station – NATURE. One can see them admiring and examining the non descript clovers, enchanting camellias and the most exquisite plum blossoms. The connoisseurs do not merely admire the natural treasure trove but also proactively participate in preservation and upkeep of the floral abundance we have been blessed with.

Cadet Ishaan Solanki Cadet Shashvat Class V





As the maxim goes that, 'speech is silver but silence is golden,' quite paradoxically, with the gift of gab bestowed upon the Rimcos, the Cadets are able to create silence by their eloquent thoughts. It is well justified as RIMC lifted the All India Hugh Catchpole English Debates along with many prestigious Trophies of the Valley. The Cadets also took part in English Debates at Welham Girls' School where they not only won the Trophy but also the hearts of the audience. Cdt Ripunjay and Cdt Agam, apart from winning the Best Speaker and the Best Case Impact Speaker, respectively, at Sherwood College Inter School English Debates, also brought the bacon home. The glib Hindi Speakers emerged at the zenith when Cdt Nakul Singh Rathore bagged the First Prize at IPS Hindi Declamation Competition, winning a Cash Prize of Rs. 51,000/- and Cdt Gaurav Pandey, standing Third in the Hindi Essay Writing Competition, got Rs. 10,000/- as Cash Prize. In the Kashi Naresh Inter School Hindi Debates, the Team comprising Cdt Nakul and Cdt Yagna stood Third. Cdt Yagna was declared the Best Speaker. The Cadets also participated in the Junior English Debates at The Doon School, where Cdt Adityaraj got the first Best Speaker, Cdt Nakul got the Best Speaker and Cdt Sudhakar won the Most Promising Speaker Award. Cdt Aditya Rana and Cdt Nakul Rathore participated in the Asian School English





Debates and performed fairly well. Freedom of Speech is the cornerstone of becoming a leader and thus, the 'leaders in the making' proved themselves at the Slaters Debate organised by Bishop Cotton School. Cdt Agam got the Most Promising Speaker, Cdt Ripunjay won the second Best Speaker and Cdt Sahil Sharma bagged the third Best Speaker. RIMC Team comprising Cdt Yagna Pathak and Cdt Siddharth Singh were the Runners Up of Hindi Debates at Welham Girls. Cdt Dhruv was adjudged the Best Speaker and Cdt Shashvat was given the Best Rebuttal Award at Convent of Jesus and Mary Inter School English Debates on 11 May. A trio of Cdt Rubin Singh, Cdt Aditya Rana and Cdt Sudhakar won three Best Speaker Awards, two second Best Speaker Awards and one third Best Speaker Award and reached Quarter Finals in St George's English Debates at Mussoorie on 10 August. In the Seniors Round of the same Debate, Cdt NCO Dhruv, got the Best Speaker and Bergin Gold Medal. Cdt Agam along with Cdt NCO Dhruv won the Best Speaker in different Rounds. The Cadets participated in The

Oliphant English Debates where they but lost in the Semi Finals after tough fight. In the Inter Section Hindi tes, Pratap Section enthralled the llege and got the cigar as well.

Our wordsmiths aspire to be exceptional orthographers and have proven to be skilled spellers. Cdt Sub NCO Ashish Padhy won the Wynberg Allen Inter School Spell Bee in the Seniors Category. Inter Section

Spell Bee Competition was won by Ranjit Section, with Shivaji Section as the Runners Up for the Jan Term 2019 but in the July Term, Shivaji Section brought the bacon home. Spectrum, an Art Competition, conducted at Unison World School was a good means to display the imagination on paper, coupled with colour as Cdt Archit and Cdt Rupam won the All India Stone Painting Competition. Cdt

Harikrishnan won the 'Break an Egg' Competition with Cdt Moses Ralte standing Second in the 'Flipbook

Competition'. Cadets also had an interactive session at the Dhara Hari Environmental Workshop and The Saga of Doon by Valley of Words. In the Inter Section Hindi Creative Writing, it was Chandragupta Section that displayed the perfect juxtaposition of spontaneous thoughts on paper. The same in English provided the Chandragupta Section to prove



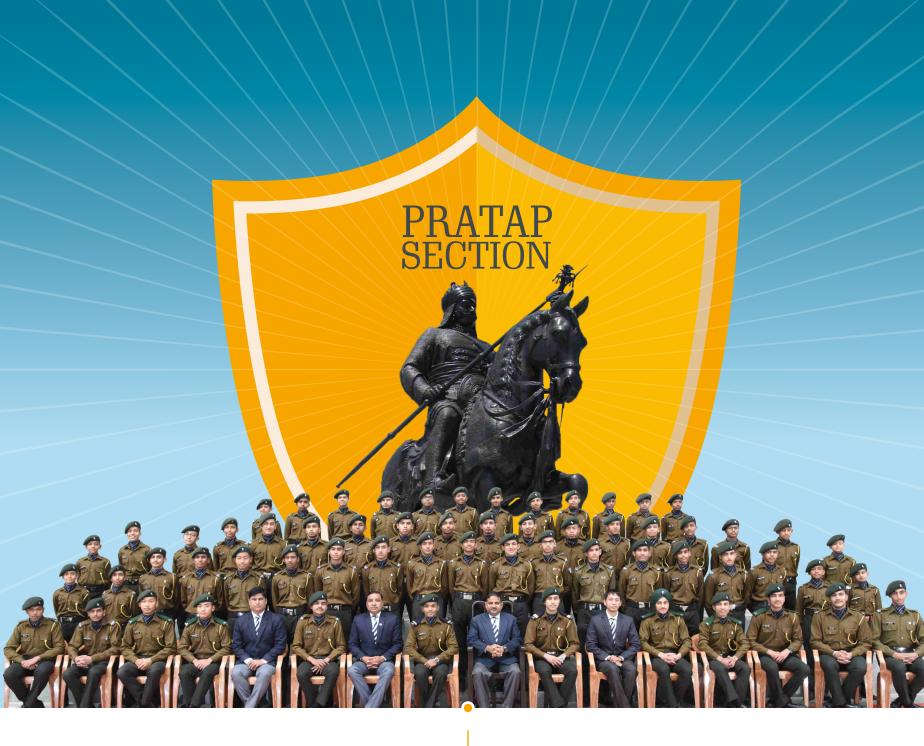
#### its supremacy.

Quizzing at RIMC is taken very seriously. Apart from organizing a host of competitions, the Cadets are encouraged to read and keep abreast of contemporary issues. In the Inter Section Quiz, Chandragupta Section came out with flying colours and clinched the Cup. Cadets also took part in the Quiz conducted by the Wadia Institute of Himalyan Geology. RIMC lifted the RIMC All India Challenge Quiz and were Runners Up in the Inter School Quiz at the Scholars Home. The Cadets also qualified to the Finals of La Martiniere Inter School Quiz. Cdt Chaitanya Pandey, Cdt Om Ujjwal and Cdt Rupam Manna took part in the Inter School Sigma Maths Quiz at The Doon School. The Team of RIMC stood Third at Shemford Inter School Quiz and Fifth in the Aqua Regia Quiz conducted by T.I.M.E.

Besides all the various activities such as the Spic Macay where we get a chance to learn about different cultures in India which are on the wane, various workshops like the 'Valley of Words', 'Saga of Doon', 'Been There Doon That' have every now and then enlightened the Cadets. The College celebrates all the Festivals with enthusiasm, be it Holi, Janmasthmi, Eid, Gurupurab, Diwali. These cultural learnings have endowed our routine with a space that is sacrosanct.

#### Cadet Om Ujjwal Class III





Sitting Row (L to R) Cadets Elias, Jay, Andy, Jacob, Mr Sudhir, Ashish, Mr PK Jain, Neeraj, Mr Khushi Ram, Agam, Mr Shyamshundara, Aman, Alok, Sahil, Pratham

#### Standing Second Row( L to R)

Cadets Akash, Sudhakar, Nakul, Kundan, Victor, Utkarsh, Sharon, Pratham, Krituraj, Yash, Shashvat, Vevesh, Anurag, Vikrant, Avinash, Armaan, Avinash, Alok, Parth

#### Standing Third Row ( L to R)

Cadets Hriday, Dev, Nishit, Amrit, Prakhar, Aryaman, Pranav, Aditya, Gaurav, Akash, Dhananjay, Jonathan, Adarsh, Ayush, Pranay, Vivek, Swastik

Standing Fourth Row (L to R) Cadets Shresth, Pranjal, Prashant, Sushant, Aman, Soumyajyoti, Aquib, Adarsh, Chandraprakash, Santhosh, Satyajeet, Adarsh



Mr Khushi Ram (Section Master)

#### Jan Term 2019

The enthusiasm of the 'Panthers' knew no bounds when they started off with another colourful Term. First came the 'Gentleman's Game', Cricket, where the 'Yellows' stood Third. The Boxers of the Section tried hard but had to settle for the Third position. However, then the Section took a leap and the Jockeys got home the Riding Cup and the English Debaters bagged a close Second. In Shooting and Basketball, the 'Panthers' strained every nerve as they missed the honours by a whisker but sure enough, left a mark. Finally, it was the Hockey Cup that brought everyone to the edge of their seats as the Pratap Section stood third. This was the end of another consistent and jubilant Term along with a plethora of learning values.

#### **Appointments**

Section Commander: Cdt Ankur Sharma Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Ankur Pandey Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt Agam Sharma Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Amarnath Patro Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt N Rahul Singh Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Sub Alok Yadav Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Sub Andy Khobung Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Sub Neeraj Kumar Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Sub Aman Singh

#### July Term 2019

Starting a new Term with zeal in their hearts, the Panthers' prepared hard but landed in the Third position in both Squash and X-Country Cups. Not letting their spirits fag, they proved their mettle in the Fields by standing Second in the Soccer Cup by a narrow margin. The 'Mariners' helped the Section to again be Runners Up in the Swimming Cup. The 'Panthers' pushed their limits but had to settle for Third Position in Athletics. The Debaters lit up the stage as they brought home the Inter Section Hindi Debate Cup. The final Cup of the Term, the Inter Section PT saw the gymnasts perform their best as Pratap missed the first spot by an inch. They ended their Term with a lot of promise and high hopes for an augmented performance next Term.

#### **Appointments**

Section Commander: Cdt Neeraj Kumar Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Alok Yadav Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt Andy Khobung Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Aman Singh Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt Jacob Lalchhilhima Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Bharat Kadian Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Pratham Singh Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Jay Maske Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Prakhar Negi





Sitting Row (L to R) Cadets Ayush, Akshat, Tanmay, Amrit, Thanil, Utkarsh, Mr Balvir, Satyam, Mr UP Dalvi, Deep, Mr Karthik, Abhay, Mrs Rekha, Veeresh, Rishabh, Ayush

#### Standing Second Row( L to R)

Cadets Ishan, Yash, Divyansh, Anurag, Manik, Kushagra, Omkar, Ishan, Devesh, Sreekar, Satvik, Vansh, Siddharth, Rubin, Aman, Prakash, Ayush, Preetham, Prem

#### Standing Third Row ( L to R)

Cadets Gurukant, Ashutosh, Moses, Archit, Aarush, Arjun, Abhishek, Lucky, Vibhansh, Sankalp, Zuala, Anurag, Tathagat, Chaitanya, Shaurya, Varun, Manas

#### Standing Fourth Row (L to R)

Cadets Bharat, Abhishek, Prabdeep, Rupam, Arnav, Nakul, Vaibhav, Manav, Vignesh, Tuan, Shubhradip, Chandan, Shankar, Samarth



#### Jan Term 2019

After a rejuvenating break, the fiery 'Reds' set ablaze the Cricket Pitch as they brought home the Cricket Cup. Though they were Third in Inter Section Shooting, they did not let it dampen their spirits as they swayed away the crowd as well as the Title in the Inter Section Variety Entertainment Competition.

Continuing the streak, they won Boxing amidst all the Rimcollians but landed up Second in Riding. They also lifted the Spell Bee Cup and stood Second in Creative, just about missing the mark. They gave a tough fight in Basketball as well as Hockey, yet landed up Fourth in both. Carrying the bittersweet memories of the term, they departed, resolving to do better in the upcoming Term.

#### **Appointments**

Section Commander: Cdt Raghvendra Singh Baghel
Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt G Ravinder Nath Yadav
Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt M Adhija Venkatesh
Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Deep Dave
Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt Narendra Shekhar Azad
Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Ravi Maitrey
Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Subrata Saha
Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Thanil Kumar Singh
Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Satyam Kumar Singh

#### July Term 2019

The 'Roberts' had a shaky start to the Term. Despite working with their heart and soul, they had to settle for Fourth position in both Inter Section Squash and X-Country. They shifted gears and worked even harder, but success evaded them as they came Third in the Soccer Competition. The Swimming Cup saw some new faces emerge as Ranjit got the Third place. The 'Reds' prepared hard for the Athletics Cup, but as luck would have it, they landed in the Fourth position. The Hindi Debate was the silver lining for the 'Ranjitians' as they missed the Cup by a whisker. 'Ranjit' again brought up the rear in the PT Competition. With the sweet and sour memories imprinted in their minds, Ranjit Section vowed to make up for the losses of this Term in the next one, as they left for their sweet homes.

#### **Appointments**

Section Commander: Cdt Satyam Singh Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Abhay Bhadauria Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt M Adhija Venkatesh Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Thanil Kumar Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt Deep Dave Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Amrit Raj Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Carenora Veeresh Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Ayush Chandra Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Ayush Agnihotri





Sitting Row (L to R) Cadets Aman, Blythe, Aman, Afrid, Maitrayan, Mrs Kusum, Vaibhav, Mr Shishupal, Pankaj, Mr PN Naik, Siddharth, Mrs Taiyaba, Kelvin, Mr Pramod, Anurudh, Ms Sapna, Himanshu, Satyam

#### Standing Second Row( L to R)

Cadets Abhiram, Madhav, Harshvardhan, Shiva, Priykant, Sadananda, Rishaan, Himanshu, Kunal, Swastik, Utkarsh, Sameer, Prachurya, Fuzail, Aditya, Adityaraj, Hmar, Om, Avtrit, Nitin, Shaurya

#### Standing Third Row ( L to R)

Cadets Shaan, Ishan, Akash, Abhiskek, Aryaman, Arnav S, Arnav B, Ayush, Prashant, Anantjeet, Kavin, Madhav, Tejas, Ezaj, C Zodinsanga, Daksh, Pulkit, Gaurav, Parag

**Standing Fourth Row (L to R)** Cadets Nikhil, Pranjal, Hari, Yogesh, Dwaipayan, Devendra, Navneeth, Chaitesh, Ephraim, Arush



Mr PN Naik (Section Master)

#### Jan Term 2019

The 'Sharks' had a shaky start for the Term, as they landed up Fourth in the Cricket and English Debate competitions. They shifted their gears and proved their mettle by bagging the Inter Section Shooting Cup. They displayed great teamwork in their preparations for the Variety Entertainment and came Second. The 'Shivajian' pugilists moved heaven and earth but the cards were not in their favour, and they missed the Title by a whisker, but won many hearts, ending up Second. They touched their acme in the Basketball Competition, and, surprising many, brought home the Cup. They missed the Title in the Hockey Cup by a hair's breadth, but went home with happy hearts and high hopes after a memorable stint.

#### Appointments

Section Commander: Cdt Shashwat Sharma
Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Darshan V Harihar
Middle Dorm NCO: Cdt Sukhbir Singh
Middle Dorm NCO: Cdt Pankaj Sangwan
Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt Pratham Singh
Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Vaiebhav Chhetri
Middle Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Anurudh Pratap Singh
Middle Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Afrid Afroz
Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Kelvin Oinam

#### July Term 2019

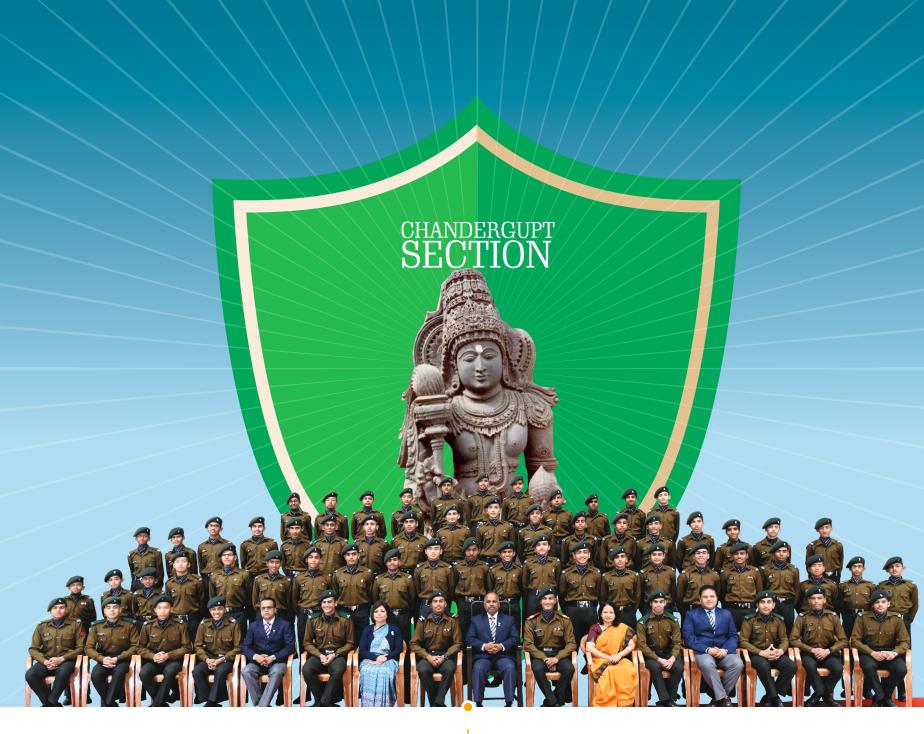
The adage 'Well begun is half done' was a perfect statement for the 'Shivajians' as they began the Term by clinching the Squash Cup. Setting the right pace, they sweated a lot for X-Country Competition, and added this Cup to their tally too. The 'Sharks' hit a speed breaker as they got the wooden spoon in the Swimming Competition. But the exuberant Athletes set the tracks on fire and Shivaji Section enjoyed a flamboyant win in the Athletics Meet. The Hindi Debate was swept away by the 'Blues' too. The PT Cup evaded the hard working tumblers and Shivaji Section stood Third. The 'Shivajians' ended the Term with smiles on their faces and victorious gratification in their hearts..

#### Appointments

Section Commander: Cdt Pankaj Sangwan
Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Siddharth Erla
Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt Afrid Afroz
Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Aman Mishra
Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt Kelvin Oinam
Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Himanshu
Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Ishan Paul Singh
Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Satyam Gupta
Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Aman Vishwakarma



Cdt Satvik Sharma Class IIA



Sitting Row (L to R)
Cadets Aditya, Naman, Dayne, Aditya, Mr Sanjay, Dhruv,
Mrs Rachna, Sudhanshu, Mr RT Selen, Ripunjay, Mrs
Sangeeta, Sachin, Mr Vishal, Harshvardhan, Akshay, Rudraksh

#### Standing Second Row( L to R)

Cadets Yagna, Rohit, Harsh, Zothanpuia, Siddharth, Aman, Aditya, Ronit, Ram, Jodha, Aditya, Divyanshu, Siddhant, Anudeep, Aditya, Adarsh, Tejas, Mayank, Zuala, Sarthak, Akshay

#### Standing Third Row ( L to R)

Cadets Anmol, Akhilesh, Nikhlendra, Amit, Sahil, Sarthak, Pratham, Abhinav, Ayush, Mandeep, Arindam, Tanishq, Ritik, Ashish, Adityaraj, Ritwik, Ankit

#### Standing Fourth Row (L to R)

Cadets Sahas, Gyanprakash, Sarthak, Nafis, Nishkal, Vikram, Rajveer, Lakshya, Jitumitra, Hardik, Aryaveer



Mr RT Selven (Section Master)

#### Jan Term 2019

The 'CHEETAHS' displayed great determination right from the starting of the Term and even though the cricketers displayed a great show they ended up missing the cup by a hair's breadth. Not letting their spirits down, the English debaters brought the trophy home. They were in for a shock when even though they put their heart and soul they ended up 4th in Shooting. Variety, Boxing and Basketball were all disappointing for them as they could not clinch these Cups. The 'Chandraguptian Dhyaan Chands got everyone surprised when they proved their mettle by bagging the Hockey Cup and went home with happy hearts and satisfied minds.

#### July Term 2019

The Term began for the 'Cheetahs' fully charged up and ready to perform. They missed to perpetuate the traditional Squash Cup and stood Second. They were again the Runners Up by just an inch in the X-Country Competition. They were now pumped up to win the Soccer and Swimming Cup. They could not capitalize on the momentum and missed out on the Athletics Trophy, as they stood Second. The Hindi Debaters won the hearts of the spectators but brought up the rear. The morale of the 'Greens' was very high as they sweated out and got the First place in the PT Competition. The 'Champions' at last ended the Term on an extremely satisfactory note.

#### **Appointments**

Section Commander: Cdt Anirudh Sudan Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Gaurav Kumar Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt Sudhanshu Ojha Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Aviral Gupta Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt VS Vaishaal Krishna Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Dhruv Dahiya Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Sachin Kumar Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Ripunjay Naithani Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Dayne

#### **Appointments**

Section Commander: Cdt Sudhanshu Ojha Senior Dorm NCO: Cdt Dhruv Dahiya Middle Dorm 1 NCO: Cdt Naman Sharma Middle Dorm 2 NCO: Cdt Harshwardhan Gupta Junior Dorm NCO: Cdt Sachin Kumar Senior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Aditya Dwivedi Middle Dorm 1 Sub NCO: Cdt Jitumitra Dev Sarma Middle Dorm 2 Sub NCO: Cdt Lakshya Junior Dorm Sub NCO: Cdt Ashish Padhy



Cdt Satvik Sharma Class IIA

## CREATIVE WRITING

### APPREHENSIONS AT BAY

My parents tell me not to go out. I could be killed by some big animal. But I'm part of nature's food chain. Therefore I'm not afraid of tigers.

My parents tell me not to go out. I could be taken by some big bird. But destiny has its own plans for me. Therefore I'm not afraid of eagles.

My parents tell me not to go out.
I could fall ill or injured.
But I love to play with my friends.
Therefore I'm not afraid of getting hurt.

My parents tell me with anger and love: Dear little rabbit, why don't you listen to us? Be safe and have a bright future.

> I tell them: I love you dear parents But now is very important And I don't want to be afraid



Dr K Shyamsundara Singh Master in English



## SPOKE

No, you didn't have to say it Any of it I knew it, stranger. Knew it all. Our hearts ached For each other, Our words reached the lips But wouldn't dare to reach the other We knew each other But there was a wall between us. The wall of strange anonymity. There was a chaos Breeding inside both of us. The chaos that destroyed millions And continues to do so. It felt so strange, oh stranger, The ecstasy of the chaos, The willingness to be destroyed. We didn't breathe a word But knew everything 'Cause they said everything Those pairs of criminals Perpetuated the sin happily-Those eyes...

> Cdt Bharat Kadian Class VA

So what if the world is not a wish granting factory,
 At least the golden saints
 Will reveal their true colours.
 Sometimes there is a need to fight,
 The fury of Satan with fire and flames.
 Maybe the string of fate is destiny
 Of time.

## CHARISMA OF REALITY

But pain that demands to be felt
Can pinch and twist reality.
Fate might not forgive my trespassers,
Even when I was sure, I was
Neither lost nor wrong.
I used to believe that in an eternity,
There was nothing any better,
Until I received 'a forever' in my numbered days.
And if still,
Everything gets covered in the warm
Blanket of death,
With so much felt unsaid,
Only then the dawn shall be born,
In my eyes with the roar of the
Million voices in my head.

Cdt Tathagat Tiwari Class III





### DREAMING DAWNS

Why break the rules, the society,

You have to live by them,

Until they break you and live further on.

Why burn these walls? These streets?

You have to live in the suffocation and die within.

Why betray him, because he betrayed you?

You have to live with it and take it to the grave.

Why live in exile, you're an outcast in the system; and no one attends your funeral.

Why be human, when they see you a demon; and there is no turning back.

Why must you spread the heresy when you're the hypocrite yourself; and everything you say is a double faced lie.

Why must you follow them to insanity.
You're a madman already, and there is no cure.
Why can't you be free, just because it is what it is?
Because freedom is a lonely road;
And it's the lie that is.

Cdt Sahil Sharma
Class VA



#### **DRUNK ON NIRVANA**

I dreamt that I was a bird And I flew far far away Into the colorful sky...into freedom. Away from all humans and above their cages.

Out of their programmed system, Out of the mind's shackles. I flew through their barriers Of language and thought, Of revelation and reason, Of faith and science. Disobeying their laws of Limits and space; I flew into the soul and the boundaries within.

I felt their desires and sufferings. Through their jealousy and ambition I learnt their ideas and thoughts, I flew through fear and absolution. Away from them and all they are. It seemed all too real to be true And all too spurious to be a dream.

Maybe I am, a bird, Dreaming of being a man Captivated and caged Under the open blue sky Wanting to fly Far, far away.

> Cdt Sahil Sharma Class VA





My love was as pure as the first snow As holy as the Lord himself As right as death itself

As true as the sun; As serene as the moon. And you like the lotus - exquisite, charming But which could only flourish amidst dirt and quagmire

Even if I could give you all the beauties.

Revoking memories, repeating history, reliving the past, drowning in you, all over again. There's too much of you in my head, I'm feeling intoxicated. And as your name echoes, I take another pill of your memories.

Even as my skin etches to touch you again My heart says you're here, It's still living in the past, my heart.

It's the cycle of you. All that I could ever have, And have locked in the vault of my mind. Yet I search for you like a child searching for the lost piece of a puzzle.

You're the puzzle and the missing piece, You are the beginning and the end. It's the cycle of you.

Fighting is only human Fighting for what we believe in. What was rightfully ours? We all have fought the war of love. The victorious repent. The fallen want to fight again Only a few know the truth, That we all lost when we first felt love.

The madmen, who believe in the science of words.

The stupid who look for the elixir of life, The ignorant who think law can bring peace. But the wise are only those who have tasted love.

For love is whole yet it gives you nothing.

You come to me Like words to poet, Like rhythm to a musician, Like art to an artist, But for a time too less, too less To keep you forever, but just enough to taste you. Your absence questions my existence. The poet, the musician and the artist are patient, hoping it will come back, But perhaps only I know that, YOU NEVER WILL.

Cdt Sahil Sharma Class VA



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Away from the family it was his first time, In his pocket he had but a dime, Was it about proving to the world Or was it to prove to one's self?

The days started early to make them comfortable But he was already waiting for his Mother's cable, The days were tough, so was the training, All was good until the day it started raining.

In the rain he cried to let go of his pain,
Still unaware of what he was to gain.
The days progressed and so did he
And sometimes he asked 'why me?'
Running on the road, climbing the hill,
And if not enough, there was the period of drill.

The runs were long, the climb steeper
And he was strong too, somewhere deeper.
Punishment sessions became longer
But the bond among mates was now stronger.
How soon the five years passed
Like in the blink of an eye
All he could say was 'Oh My!'

Nostalgia crept in with the wave of emotion Nearby he could hear a lot of commotion. The juniors were preparing for The final goodbye

> At last the day had come, When he had to go Proudly he received his awards But somewhere he felt low.

Deep inside was a child Again not ready to leave his home.

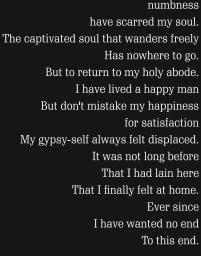
As he walked out The child looked back...

Amazed was the world by his
Transformation
To him, he was a man,
The world called him
'RIMCOLLIAN'.

Slt Kaushal 173<sup>rd</sup> Shivaji

### ENDLESS END

Welcome visitor,
To my grave.
What brings you here?
To my place of solitude.
Don't be fooled by the epitaph
For it describes who I was
Not what I have become.
All these years of lying lifeless and suffering the
numbness



Cdt Bharat Kadian Class VA



## THE ALMAC

The Jan Term 's a pretty cool one,
Starting with endurance and having fun.

First in the line is the spirited Cricket Cup, And all the Sections can be seen pulling up.

Then come the English Debates,

The Debaters perform better than their fate.

The Boxing Cup is long awaited,
By the Rimcollians we all get patted.

The Mid Terms too arrive very soon,
Followed by Hikes that are a boon.
The spirit again lives for Basketball,
For which the Rimcos need not be tall.

The last is the second fastest game, We all cheer for our Section's name.

The shocking Terminals arrive too soon, Send us on vacation in the month of June.

The journey's full of cheer and sorrow, It is always the experience that we borrow.

> Cdt Yagna Pathak Class IIA



Life is full of twists and turns, Change is the only constant. But what about the scars and burns, Which stay with us forever?

I say it's a reflection,
Of times no one would wish to see.
They say that they are battle marks,
"You are wearing them, aren't you proud to be?"

A face I see in the mirror, Not medals or recognition. I might have won the bloody battle, Only to fulfill someone else's ambition.

A man is worthier when alive, When dead he becomes past. It is only that honour, That he faces the bullet at last.

What's on the face is just a mark, The horrors are etched deeper. The grievances of weeping children, Are louder than the enemy's beeper.

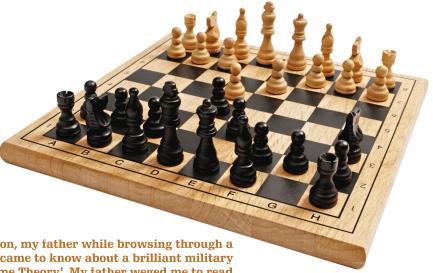
It's a place no one would like to be in, To be the lone survivor of the pack. But it is the rule of the wolves, Never to head back.

Everything is settled now, How does it matter, what was the gain? But I live with scars and burns That do not let me get rid of the pain.

Cdt Nakul Singh Rathore Class III

## SCALDED SPIRIT

## **GAME** THEORY



One fine afternoon, my father while browsing through a magazine, came to know about a brilliant military strategy – 'The Game Theory'. My father weged me to read and the write about this for the College Magazine.

Under his guidance, I surfed the internet to gather more information about this. 'The Game Theory' has been an efficient military strategy. The same was used by Alexander, during his conquests. In the battle of Singhad, Shelar Mama, the second in command of the Marathas led by Tanhaji, used this theory, which enabled the outnumbered Maratha Army to crush the Mughals.

In today's world, modern warfare requires more of efficient planning by the leaders. We have a lot to learn from the history about such magnificent strategies.

Being a Cadet, I decided to uncover more information and write about it. In the previous issue of our Magazine, I had written about the Garhwal Regiment. Then too my father had encouraged me to write such an informative article for Regalia as he knows that these stories of valour, chivalry and gallantry told enchant me to no end.

Midnight, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1670, three hundred Maratha soldiers led by Tanhaji Malusare and Shelar Mama made an astonishing and brave escalade of the vertical walls of the Singhad Fort, that was being guarded by the Mughal detachment led by Uday Bhaan, the fierce Rajput Commander.

Folklore says that the Marathas used monitor lizards to climb the walls. But that is another story. After scaling the walls, the Marathas stormed into the Fort and a fierce battle ensued between the Marathas and the Mughals. In the battle, Tanhaji fought like a lion but got killed seeing him fall, his soldiers took freight, that led to a lot of clamour and commotion. Shelar Mama saw this and took no time in taking charge. He gave the orders to cut off the ropes his troops had used to climb the wall with. Now the soldiers had no option but to flee. So they fought like lions and won the battle. Modern military experts say that Shelar Mama used the Game Theory.

Game Theory uses logical reasoning models to help leaders take decisions during critical situations. It helps critical military situations. It helps the Commanders to determine tactical options available to them and calculate all possible strategies and their outcomes.

Soldier's Choice	Risk	Outcome
Fight	Medium	Might die a hero or win and be a hero
Run	High	Certain punishment most likely capital. Ignominy and disgrace for self and family. Almost certain death by jumping off the walls.

Be it a battleground or be it in one's personal life, one thing is clear - 'Great achievements can't be made, unless the ropes to retreat are cut off.'

So most rational choice for a soldier: Fight

#### Situation 2: Tanhaji Dead

#### Shelar Mama's choice 1

Leave fighting and try to convince soldiers to stop running away and fight.

Soldier's Choice	Risk	Outcome
Fight	Medium	Might get killed by a more powerful enemy.
Run	Low	Would save own life.

So rational choice for a soldier: Run

#### Shelar Mama's choice 2

Focus on fighting and hope soldiers follow the lead

Soldier's Choice Risk Outcome Might get killed by a Fight High more powerful enemy.

None/Low Save life. Run

Most rational choice for a soldier: Uncertain

#### Shelar Mama's choice 3

Leave fighting and try to thereafter soldiers with punishment

Soldier's Choice	Risk	Outcome
Fight	High	Might lose life likely defeat against a powerful enemy.
Run	High	Certain punishment most likely capital. Ignominy and disgrace for self and family.

#### So rational choice for a soldier: Run

#### Shelar Mama's choice 4

Cut off the ropes

Soldier's Choice	Risk	Outcome
Fight	High	Might win. If dead , then it would be hero's death.
Run	Extreme	Certain punishment most likely death Ignominy and disgrace for self and family. Almost certain death on

Most rational choice for a soldier: Fight to win

On the surface, Shelar Mama's decision may appear to be inhuman and cruel. But on second thought, one would conclude that if the soldiers would have stopped fighting and run away, then they would have faced almost certain death either by falling off the cliff or at the hands of the chasing enemy. Mission failure and, disgrace would have been the other prices. So Shelar Mama's strategy actually saved the lives of most of his troops as they fought for life and victory followed.

Same was the technique used by General Montgomery in World War II. He ordered burning down of all bridges and trenches, thus crushing the retreat option of his soldiers. These battle winning tactics have been adopted by many of the world's great military leaders.

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jumping off the walls.



BENEVOLENT STRIDES

At RIMC, that has offered yeoman service to the Nation, we firmly believe that the more we share the Repository of Knowledge, the greater it becomes. So, we, the Cadets, apart from nurturing our mental and physical acumen also reserve a portion of our heart where the essence of humanity is irrigated, giving a golden harvest of benevolence and largesse coupled with ICH DIEN, as the destination of our odyssey.

Every day we move forward to approach the next milestone on this path and as journey is the destination continued, we do something that rejuvenates knowledge and adds more beauty to the ignited minds albite less privileged. Similar to the cause was on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2020 when we, eleven of us, along with our Mentors, Mr P K Jain, Lt Col Gaurav Singh Hamal and Group Capt Deepak Ahluwalia went to Purkul Youth Development Society to offer gift that best defines humanity at its best and wisdom at its stretch. Apart from contributing the 'treasure troves of wisdom' to them, we also played a friendly Basketball Match.



## REGALIA 🗱

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For the answer you will have to travel back to those days when you spent more than half your day's time preparing hard for THE RIMC Entrance Exam, the day when you logged on to rimc.gov.in with all the fingers of your family members crossed firmly, praying hard. And you discover jubilantly, that you have made it!! That day, when you made the big announcement at your old school, hugging your friends with moist eyes and that final wave. A quick glance at your crush and you're out of there, thinking of the future ahead.

Then some busy days later you are outside the sacrosanct PJ gate, with the infinite amount of clothing, toiletries and whatnot. When you stepped in, little did you know that there has just been a metamorphosis in your destiny? Then comes the most depressing part, when your parents give you that emotional wave, with your mother's eyes slowly welling up even though that encouraging smile never fades. Your father, maintaining his composure and trying his best to act like the role model that he has always been for you, which, I am sure, must have been a herculean of a task at that point of time. After that hour long drama, you feel alienated, lonely and ... different, but wait... you look around and find a couple more sad souls just like you, wandering around. Some excited, some like they've gone into coma and some just plain expressionless. You would have found it quite weird if someone came up to you and told you that destiny has chosen these 'strangers' as your brothers beyond blood for the next 10 years of



Cadet Anurag Vipin Class III

> your life. "These guys?? No Way!!!" you might have thought. Because, I did too. Four and a half months passed in a flurry of R D Sharma's, rolls, laughter, happiness and every other emotion a human is capable of feeling.

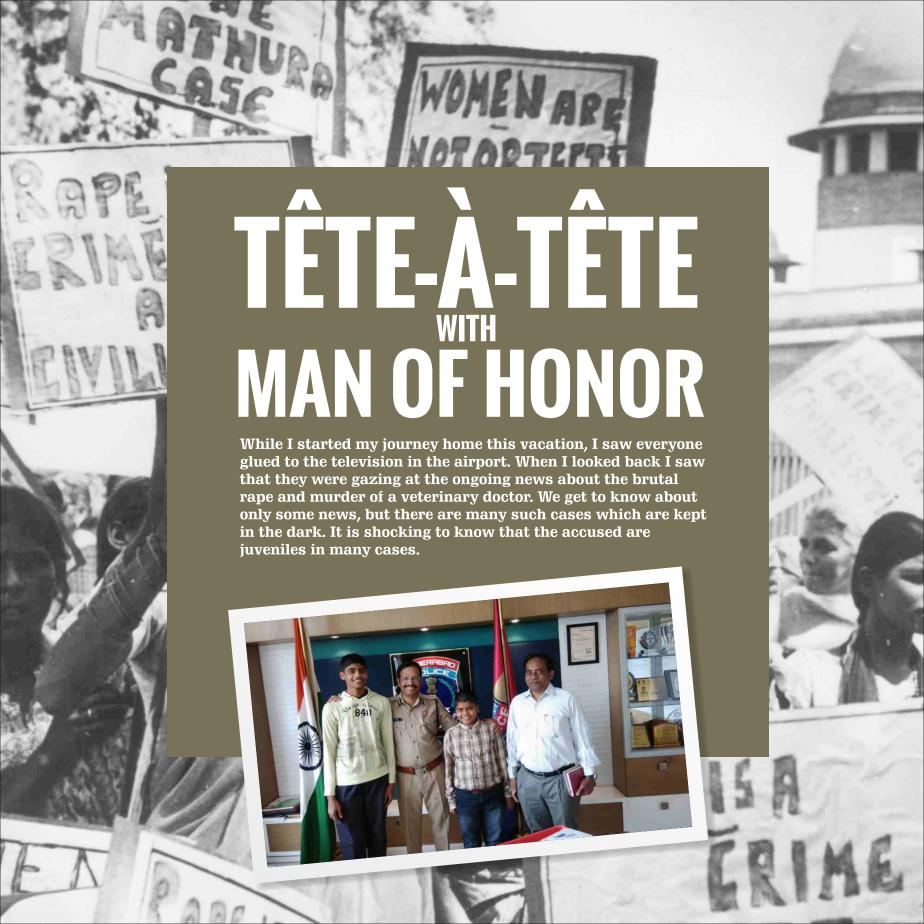
tears, PT, anger,

You slowly start feeling that connection with your termers. You start feeling incomplete without them, that's the first sign of being a Rimco. The confidence and strength their mere presence gives you is beyond scientific explanation. The courage to get what you deserve for your wrongs and the humility while being rewarded for you good comes from nowhere but your termers. Because, everyone wants happiness, no one wants pain, but you can't have a rainbow without some rain.

Days passed, months did and so did terms and you are now unable to keep track of the things you have learnt and more importantly, the things you have taught, the number of times you have been punished and number of times you have punished. The years then pass like they never did exist and you find yourself in 5A Supreme. You suddenly realize that you have around 225 under and 24 with you. Although I'm too callow to tell you about the feeling you get when you realize you're passing out tomorrow, hopefully with Sudan Block awaiting you, I'll just try my best.

That priceless look on your parents' face when you proudly receive your Parchment Certificate in the best kit you would have ever worn is more than enough to get you past any hindrance in your life. You then realize how true the saying "The pain of parting is nothing compared to joy of meeting again" is, when you take those slow, heavy and thoughtful steps towards the Gate, yes, that very Gate through which you entered this pious portal and now it is time to leave through it forever. As you take that bold step, out into the real world, you turn back, slowly, and stare at the College with memoirs gushing through your mind faster than the speed of light squared. That final handshake with your Termers, before you reunite at the NDA, which is another saga by itself, is one you will never forget.

And now, I hope I've answered my question.





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The RIMC Dream Teams create a warm clime of mutual trust, invigorating an ambience of bon homie, so very essential for our 'Scholar Warriors', picking up the nuances of collaborative effort. This solidarity and cooperation together, make an efficient, and unique RIMC that throbs with the synergy of 'BAL VIVEK'.



# **ATHLETICS TEAM**

### Sitting Row (L to R)

Cadet Bharat Kadian, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Wg Cdr C Hari, Cadet Aman Mishra, Maj Gyan Sahu, Cadet Afrid Afroz, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Ripunjay Naithani, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr UP Dalvi, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Cadet Pratham Singh, Dr Shyamsundara.

### Standing 1st Row (L to R)

Cadets Akash, Abhishek, Aditya, Kunal, Sadananda, Ezaj, Arnav, Prakash, Vibhansh, Fuzail, Ishaan, C Zodinsanga, Adarsh, Ritik, Sarthak, Prakhar.

### Standing 2nd Row (L to R)

Cadets Kritiraj, Devendra, Aditya, Abhishek, Ram, Arnav, Priyakant, Yash, Tathagat, Sahil, Malsawmsanga, Tejas, Tejas, Ronit, Ayush.

### Standing 3rd Row (L to R)

Cadets Kundhan, Sharon Siddharth, Pratham, Siddharth, Anurag, Jodha, Gauray, Anudeep, Vansh, Victor, Himanshu, Aditya.

### Standing 4th Row (L to R)

Cadets, Naman, Aditya, Anurag, Prashant, Dwaipayam, Navneet, Divyanshu, Ananjeet, Manik

### Sitting Row (L to R)

Mrs Sangeeta Rawat, Mr Pramod Sharma, Cadet Dhruv Dahiya, Wg Cdr C Hari, Maj Gyan Sahu, Mr PK Sharma, Cadet Agam, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Ripunjay Naithani, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mrs Rekha Negi, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Mr. Khushi Ram, Dr Shyamsundara

### Standing 1st Row (L to R)

Cadets Yagna, Bharat, Nakul, Aditya, Siddhart, Sahas, Rubin, Aditya, Samarth, Sudakhar, Varun, Rohit.

### Standing 2<sup>nd</sup> Row (L to R)

Cadets, Siddharth, Gurukant, Shashwat, Anmol, Aditya, Pratham.

















## Sitting row (L to R)

Lk Naik Dinesh Yadav, Mr UP Dalvi, Wg Cdr C Hari, Cadet Naman Sharma, Maj Gyan Sahu, Cadet Afrid Afroz, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Ripunjay Nathani, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr PK Jain, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Sub Maj Mewa Singh.

### Standing 1st Row (Lto R)

Cadets Siddharth, Dwaipayan, Prakhar, Sameer, Jodha, Prabhdeep, Hasrshwardhan, Nakul, Vibhansh, Gauray, Pratham.

### Sitting Row (L to R)

Mr R Thamil Selven, Mrs Rachna Malhotra, Wg Cdr C Hari, Maj Gyan Sahu, Mr PK Sharma, Cadet Ishaan Solanki, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Abhishek Pundir, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr Khushi Ram, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Mrs Sangeeta Rawat, Mr UP Dalvi

### Standing 1<sup>st</sup> Row (L to R)

Cadets Anurag, Devesh, Tathagat, Jitumitra, Madhav, Yash, Shiva, Pranjal, Sativik, Rishaan, Fuzail.













### Sitting Row (L to R)

Mr UP Dalvi, Cadet Aditya Dwivedi, Mr R Thamil Selven, Maj Gyan Sahu, Mr PK Sharma, Cadet Satyam Gupta, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Satyam Singh, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mrs Taiyaba Khatoon, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Dr Shyamsumdara, Cadet Kushagra Sharma, Mr Karthik Chadala.

### Standing 1st Row (L to R)

Cadets Ayush, Akash, Adarsh, Prem, Pranjal, Gurukant, Swastik, Shresth, Amrit, CPG Reddy, Utkarsh, Aditya

### Standing 2<sup>nd</sup> Row (L to R)

Cadets Ronit, Ananjeet, Priyakant, Navneet, Devendra, Divyanshu, Gaurav, Anudeep, Ram, Aditya.

### Sitting Row (Lto R)

Sub Narender Singh, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Wg Cdr C Hari, Cadet Rishabh Soni, Maj Gyan Sahu, Cadet Aman Vishwa, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Bharat, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr Khushi Ram, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Mr UP Dalvi

### Standing 1st Row (Lto R)

Cadets Charndra, Kavin, Prakash, Avinash, Ayush, Yogesh, Divyansh, Avtrit, Mandeep, tejas, amannandan, Adarsh,

### Standing 2<sup>nd</sup> Row( L to R)

Cadets Vansh, Prashant, Abhinav, Shushant, Chaitanya, Ayush, Ronit, Pulkit, Shaurya





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Cadet Afrid Afroz, Cadet Rishabh Soni, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Wg Cdr C Hari, Maj Gyan Sahu, Cadet Thanil Kumar, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Dayne, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr UP Dalvi, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Dr Shyamsundara, Cadet Aman Mishra

### Standing 1st Row (L to R)

Cadets Prag, Prem, Arnav, Ezaj, Amit, Aditya, Ishaan, Arnav, Ankit, Arnav, Abhiram, Nafees, Tuan, Sanga, Aquib, Gyan, Aditya,

### Standing 2nd Row (L to R)

Cadets Sadananda, Puia, Aditya, Kundhan, Pratham, Siddharth, Sushant, Jodha, Anurag, Siddharth, Victor, Andy, Samrath

### Standing 3rd Row (L to R)

Rajveer, Tejas, Aditya, Kunal, Ronit, Prachurya

### Sitting Row(L to R)

Sgt Sachin, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Wg Cdr C Hari, Maj Gyan Sahu, Cadet Abhay Singh, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Veeresh, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr Balvir Chauhan, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Mr UP Dalvi

### Standing 1st Row (L to R)

Cadets Nishkal, Nikhil, Arnav, Amit Siddhant, Arnav, Vibhansh, Madhav, Prashant, Pratham, Ishan, Rajveer, Hriday









### Sitting Row (L to R)

Mr UP Dalvi, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Wg Cdr C Hari, Maj Gyan Sahu, Cadet Vaibhav dalvi, Col Vivek Sharma, Cadet Ripunjay Naithani, Lt Col GS Hamal, Mr Sudhir Badoni, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, Cadet Veeresh, Cadet Blythe Dias

### Standing 1st Row (L to R)

Cadets Siddhant, Siddharth, Ezaj, Anurag, Nakul, Pranjal, Tathagat, Sudhakar, Anmol, Shashwat, Sarthak, Gyan, Pratham,

### Standing 2nd Row (L to R)

Cadets Pranav, Aman, Rishaan, Tejas, Tejas, Siddharth, Vaibhav, Bharat

Talent with games.
but teanwork and intelligence
wir championships







# **OFFICE STAFF**



Sh Ashok Kumar, MWO RS Rawat, Maj Gyan Sahu, Lt Col Gaurav Singh Hamal, Col Ajay Kumar, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta, WO Biju Fransi, Sh RS Negi, Sh AS Negi

### Standing Row (L to R)

Sh AS Rawat, Sh Narayan Singh, Sh Nitin Kumar, Sh DS Rawat, Sh Umesh Thapliyal, Sh AA Sinha, Sh Ramesh Kumar, Sh Rajendra Singh, Sh Navneet Joshi, Sh Rakesh Negi

### Sitting Row (L to R)

Maj Gyan Sahu, Lt Col Gaurav Singh Hamal, Col Ajay Kumar, Sqn Ldr Shubham Mishra, Lt Cdr Payal Gupta

### Standing Row (L to R)

Sh Maan Singh, Sh Satish Bisht, Corporal Akhil, Sh Vinod Kumar



COLLEGE HOSPITAL STAFF







### Sitting Row (L to R)

Sh MS Bisht, Maj Gyan Sahu, Lt Col Gaurav Singh Hamal, Col Ajay Kumar, Mr PK Sharma, Lt Cdr Payal, Sh DC Uniyal

### Standing Row (L to R)

Hav Jitendra Yadav, Sh Subhash Chand, Sh Rakesh Kumar, Sh Gaurav Kahlon

# **Sitting Row**

Kali Das, Pradeep Kumar, Hav Anil Kumar, Lt Col GS Hamal, Nb Sub Karthik Rajendra Prasad, Suresh Kumar

### **Standing 1st Row**

Suresh verma, Shubham Dhiman, Gajpal Singh, John Masih, Arvind Kumar Yadav, Deepak Bhatt, Subhash Chand

### **Standing 2nd Row**

Rahul, Saurabh Rawat, Ravinder Singh, Jagmohan Singh Bhandari, Gautam Chand







### **Sitting Row**

Shri Sunil Kumar, Raj Kumar, Ram Chander, Sub Maheshwar Dutt, Lt Col GS Hamal, Karan Bahadur, Surender, Smt Sushila Devi

### **Standing Row**

Shri Dhan Singh Bisht, Vikas, Durga Bahadur, Jeet Singh, Sandeep Nautiyal, Yogmender Singh, Susheel, Arjun Panwar, Deepak Prasad

# **Standing Row**

Smt Sushila Devi, Hamir Raj, Jagdish, Lt Col GS Hamal, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Sub Bade Lal, Naresh Kumar, Sandeep Lal

### **Standing 1st Row**

Shri Nand Kishore, Gautam, George Masih, Shiv Singh Rana, Kuldeep, Mukul,Satpal Singh, Bijay Kumar Yadav, Mohan Lal, Bhupender Singh, Rakesh Singh Rawat.

### **Standing 2nd Row**

Shri Ajay Singh, Tek Bahadur, Parminder Singh Keer, Murali Mohan Jinaga, Junugnu Khatri, Vishal, Lalti Mohan, Surav Kholi, Balbeer Singh, Ram Sahaj, Ram Dev



GROUNDSMAN & HKC STAFF



MT STAFF

### **Sitting Row**

Shri JP Gairola, Hav Bhoor Singh, Lt Col GS Hamal, Sep P Prashant, Bhupender Singh.

### **Standing Row**

Shri Vikkey Verma, Ram Snehi, Vakeel Ahmad



### **Sitting Row**

Shri Anand Singh, Sub Maj Mewa Singh, Lt Col GS Hamal, Vinod Kumar Wedwal, Vishal

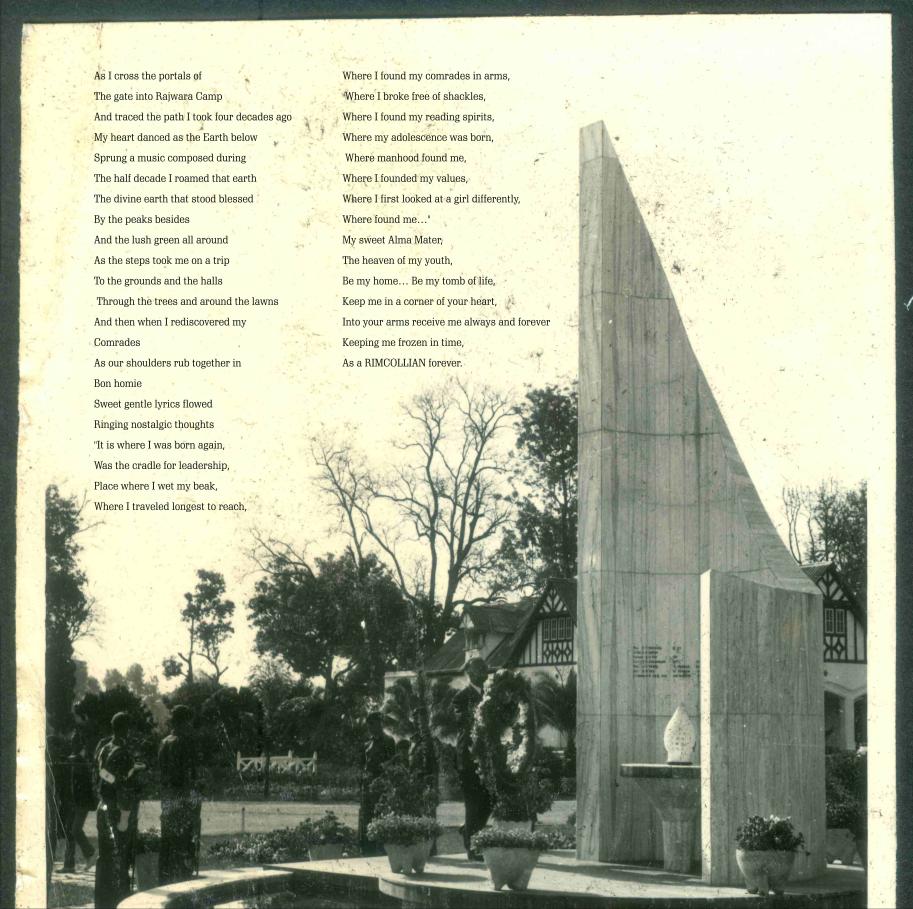
# **Standing Row**

Shri Rajneesh Kumar



MULTITASKING STAFF





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Very many times, readers and cadets have asked me questions like, "What prompted Journalism Club to christen our Annual, Regalia?" What does Regalia mean exactly?' Is Regalia a singular word or plural?' Are 'Regalia' and 'Regal' connected?' Is 'Regale' a derivative of 'Regalia'? And a dozen more, wherein, the answer to one query has branched out into another tendril of a question that I, as a privileged connoisseur of English have truly reveled in explaining distinctly. In a bid to explain, I've inadvertently, recalled the magnifique of Sir Pratap's and the Imperial Cadet Corps' portrait, bedecked in an array of finery and 'Regalia', mounted on the inner wall of the Ante Rooms entrance. Elucidating the semantics, I plunge into my reflections of the portrait, bedazzling my young protégés with words and phrases like 'Maharaja', 'Nawab', 'Thakur' their uniform, back in 1902 comprising a 'Phiroze turban', a 'Turra of gold', all the stately couture and trappings... I expound it further with, "The Cadets of Imperial Cadet Corps were clad in full Regalia". Since its inception in 4922, till the first World War, the valiant heirs have been acquitting themselves with honor, dispatch and distinction, embellishing themselves with Victoria Cross, Param Vir Chakra and in the changing winds, with President's Gold Medals and Swords of Honor, the illustrious who were handed over the batons as Chiefs - all this and much more...

Dear readers, we might be in a deluge of flux, but we have an inherent consanguine connect! The Regalian era cascades towards the radiance of eternity as John Keats has rightly pointed out, 'All lovely tales that we have heard or read, An endless fountain of immortal drink, Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink. Reviving one of those lovely tales that we have heard or read was of, the Ghanekar family, who all the way from the US and Mumbai, had traversed all the distance to visit their sibling's, Martyr Lt Ghanekar's, Alma Mater, the RIMC. He had fallen in the 1971 War at Jasore, when he was all of 22...! The visit orchestrated by Col Vivek Sharma and Journalism Team' of Class V Stay back, moved each one of us to bring alive the meaning and semantics of 'Regalia' in the lines quoted afore from Keats' golden pen. This is just one of the countless instances, when Col Vivek Sharma, who despite being on the cusp of being Posted Out and with his

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fiery and inspiring wisdom, has steered us from the alpha to omega, for which we are deeply indebted. Espousing and encouraging all hobbies to adopt a creative and out of the box perspective, Col Vivek Sharma has made Journalism Hobby self reliant by equipping us to produce in house and paperless Monthly Chronicle.

Assisting us in our endeavour to galvanize our legacy, the wonderful people who were there for us, transformed Regalia 2020 into a cathartic experience. The elite and erudite Vice Principle, the Section

Masters and Mentors, fed us with all relevant data throughout the year, to whom we extend our profound appreciation. A special mention is required to be made of the Vice Principal, Mr PK Sharma and Mr Selven, ably assisted by Mr Samir Sarkar who took it upon themselves to ensure that all the photographs are handed over to us for a timely release. We appreciate the kind support extended by Mr Khushi Ram and Mrs Sangeeta Rawat for putting together and editing the Hindi Section. Our 'Magnificent Eleven', Cadets Abhishek, Jitu, Ishan, Devesh, Fuzail, Pranjal, Rishaan, Om, Satvik, Anurag and Priykant with whom I have been a little too unkind, deserve to be lauded. Cadet Captain Aman Mishra, Cadets Sahil and Bharat, as responsible seniors and in the true spirit of their incumbency have unleashed the might of their pens and punched away on computers in Journalism Room only to see Regalia 2020 in print!

As Regalia 2020 goes into print, the new Administrative triumvirs, the Commandant, Col Ajay Kumar, who has taken the baton from Col Vivek Sharma, the Administrative Officer, Lt Col Gaurav Singh Hamal, who has taken over from Lt Col Vishal Singh, and the Assistant Administrative and Training Officer, Maj Gyan Sahu, who succeeded Major Vivek Sharma, have come together to carry forward the legacy of this thriving and vivacious 'regality'. Transporting us from Inspiration to Transformation is the eloquently sedate, literary composition by the Commandant, Col Ajay Kumar. Chronicling anecdotal charm from then till now is the Administrative Officer's 'On the Analogous Eton,' a sheer literary delight, captivating to the core. Both the vignettes reflect an unruffled command that further enhance the Semantics...

Gratitude, they say is the fairest blossom and it springs from the very soul of our Journalism Team. We are thus spurred on to put pen to paper, bringing to you the nifty, paperless Monthly Chronicle and the Annual Royale 2020, worthy of its name-'REGALIA'.

