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RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE



#### THE FIRST FEW BLOWS ON THE ANVIL OF LIFE GIVE THE HUMAN WEAPON THE SET AND TEMPER THAT CARRY HIM THROUGH LIFE'S BATTLE



It has been a journey spanning more than a century for Rashtriya Indian Military College, nestled in the beautiful Doon Valley. This century-old establishment has witnessed many constructive blows given to many but chosen pillars of the nation to help them become the prides of the nation in all walks of life, particularly in the military world since its inception.

The college has produced the finest leaders of the nation who have led the country from the front in their field. From Atal to Bhagat, from Bhagat to Somnath, from Somnath to Dhanoa... The list is endless and will continue to augment. But the only common thing amongst all of them is that they have made the institution proud and above all the whole nation. The only constant is that they were never born as leaders; they were moulded and they allowed themselves to be moulded and proved their mettle in the later phase. This is where we need to understand that everyone has the potential way beyond their expectations to achieve the zenith of excellence.

A 1st termer who joins college has many expectations from the college regarding the kind of exposure and atmosphere he will get. These things, once they meet his expectations, will turn him into a more responsible person for himself, the college, for the services, and ultimately for the nation. It's often said, "Hit the iron when it's hot" to get the desired result, and for a child to be forged into tomorrow's asset for the nation, this tender age is the actual phase when the best can be done. There might be hardships along the way, but the tree planted at the other end is laden with sweet fruits.

As we often say, everything that comes to us is at a cost, and this sacrifice is the only cost we need to pay, but the cost is worth paying. The sense of pride and esteem in serving the nation wearing a uniform is unparalleled. "Two stars on shoulders are better than millions in the sky" is what we should embrace, and that is indeed the reality too.

The various things such as playing different sports and participating at different levels, different co-curricular activities, the high-quality education, splendid infrastructure, and chance of mingling with the cream of every nook and corner of the country are not something any place can offer you. But that is offered to us, and thus it becomes our sincere duty to respect these and perform our level best.

This term is going to be a rollercoaster ride for cadets as they come back to the drawing board, ready to set benchmarks in Swimming, Athletics, and X-Country, all of which demand hard work and mental prowess.

At last, we should always find scope for improvement to make our transformation an inspiration for others.

Cdt.Ajay Singh
200th Centennials

## FABBING CEREMONY



"On the anvil of life, these blows give the human mind, the courage, strength and power to act and lead."

RIMC is also called 'The Nursery of Leadership' and this resonates in the investiture ceremony that took place on 18 -07 -2024 in the extravagant Thimayya Auditorium. 'With seniority comes great responsibility', this quote's essence can be seen in the ceremony where senior classes were tabbed.

The Commandant, RIMC, delivered a speech and the cadets of the college clapped in unison to conclude the investiture ceremony. The cadets were brimming with excitement and a fresh perspective for the next term.

Along with that, these capable shoulders took an oath to steer the institution towards academic achievement and discipline, in keeping with NDA AIR's standards.

#### GUEST LECTURE ON PHYSICAL

#### FITNESS BY COL RAJIV AHLAWAT





On 20th July 2024, the cadets of RIMC witnessed a prominent interaction with Col Rajiv Ahlawat. This was not his first conversation with the cadets of RIMC as he continues to help them with their physical fitness. A few days before the interaction, surveys of the cadets were taken to make the conversation fruitful. As the conversation continued, Col Rajiv Ahlawat emphasised on the ideals of a fit person, the necessities of stretching and insights on effortless workout to prevent any mishaps. Quizzes were held to test the knowledge of the cadets regarding human fitness. Col Rajiv also conversed about the physical fitness of women in regard with the recent admission of girl cadets in RIMC. Cadets were enlightened by the talk and were confident that it will help them in their physical training, be it the required hard work in academies or their training as a future officer.

# HAUGURATION OF RENOVATED HERITAGE HOSTEL BUILDING



After nearly a year, progress on the Shivaji Block and the Taj Mahal renovation came to a halt in July. The eagerly anticipated dormitory was officially reopened by Major General R. Prem Raj, G.O.C. Uttarakhand Sub-area. He was joined by Col. Rahul Aggarwal, Commandant, RIMC, Lt. Col. Ankur Aggarwal, Administrative Officer, RIMC, and Lt. Col. Abhishek Rana, Assistant Administrative Officer, RIMC. The ceremony was attended by all section masters and esteemed faculty members. A select group of cadets from each class had the privilege of witnessing the event. Disappointingly, the to-be residents of Shivaji Block learned that the dormitory would house first-termers for the upcoming term, dashing their expectations.





As a premier institute dedicated to nurturing future leaders, RIMC recognizes the critical role of environmental stewardship in shaping responsible citizens. Joining the nation wide campaign of Van Mahotsav namely 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' in collaboration with FRI, Dehradun, RIMC fraternity celebrated the tree plantation drive. Van Mahotsav took place in the hallowed portals of RIMC on 24th July 2024.Dr Renu Singh, Director, ICFRE-FRI, Head of Extention Division, ICFRE-FRI Dehradun, faculty members of FRI and scientists of FRI came to celebrate this festival with the family of RIMC. Cadets of class-1A, Class-2 and nature hobby fervently took part in the event. In the fields and grounds of RIMC, a variety of plants, including peepal, lemon, mango, jamun, and others, were given life by being planted in the warm, sandy soil of Doon Valley. Cadets were ultimately appreciative of having had this chance to sanitize our surroundings. Overall, it was a noble and rewarding experience.

## GREEN HORNS



Yet another batch of young, bright students, going to be called as RIMCOS joined the RIMC fraternity, willing to continue the unfathomable egacy, show RIMCO-HOOD and uphold the traditions of our college. With an intense urge to observe the benchmarks and go to the top of these vast RIMC portals, these cadets shall witness and testify to an intense and commendable five years on the anvil of life.

WE WELCOME YOU ALL!

KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS



A SYMPHONY BAND PRESENTATION WAS STAGED BY REGIMENTAL BANDS OF THE GARHWAL RIFLES, THE KUMAON REGIMENT AND THE BENGAL SAPPERS ON 26 AND 27 JULY 2024 IN THIMAYYA AUDITORIUM, RIMC TO COMMEMORATE THE 25TH KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS. THE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY UTTARAKHAND SUB AREA IN COORDINATION WITH RASHTRIYA INDIAN MILITARY COLLEGE, AND IT WAS GRACED BY LT GEN GURMEET SINGH (RETD) THE GOVERNOR OF UTTARAKHAND. TWENTY-ONE FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE SOLDIERS WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE DURING THE KARGIL WAR WERE HONORED ON THE STAGE BY THE CHIEF GUEST.

## SQUASH OPENS



A GAME, CHERISHED IN RIMC AND PLAYED WITH WHOLE ENTHUSIASM BY THE CADETS IS SQUASH. GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO THE CADETS FOR SHOWCASING THEIR TALENTS IN THE COURTS OF SQUASH, THIS EVENT WAS AWAITED BY ALL. ON 27TH JULY 2024, CADETS IN THE CATEGORY OF UNDER-15,17 AND OPENS PARTICIPATED IN THE SQUASH OPENS. ALL EMINENT RIMCOLLIANS PRESENT IN RIMC ALSO TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITION. CADET GARGI EMERGED VICTORIOUS IN GIRLS UNDER-15 CATEGORY. CADET NILAKSH AND CADET GURKEERAT BAGGED THE FIRST PRIZE UNDER-15 AND 17 CATEGORIES RESPECTIVELY. ALL THE CADETS ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES AND PARTICIPATED WITH FULL ZEST. AT LAST, EVERYONE WENT WITH THEIR IMPERFECTIONS TO INTROSPECT AND A HEARTY SMILE TO PROGRESS AHEAD IN THE TERM.

## EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The Vasco Da Gama's of RIMC were given an opportunity to explore the unbound buildings of knowledge nestled in the Doon Valley on 31st July 2024. These educational visits evoke an end to monotony in Cadets and ignites the fire of curiosity.

THE CADETS OF CLASS-1A AND CLASS-3A VISITED THE LUSH FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FRI) ALONG WITH MR, BRIJESH, MR. NITIN AND MR. KARTHIK. THE VISIT INCLUDED FOUR EXQUISITE MUSEUM'S, ONE VERDANT BOTANICAL GARDEN AND CAFETERIA IN TIMES SLOT OF 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM.





THE CADETS OF CLASS-2 VISITED TO THE STATE OF THE ART WADIA INSTITUTE, ALONG WITH MR. PN NAIK AND MR. SANJAY KUMAR. HERE, THE 203RD ENIGMAS WERE BOMBARDED WITH LOTS OF KNOWLEDGE NAMELY HUMANS EVOLUTION OVER THE THOUSAND DECADES AND A PLETHORA OF ROCKS.

THE 33 CADETS OF CLASS-2A
ACCOMPANIED BY MR. RT SELVEN, MRS.
ARUNA SHARMA AND HAV. GAGANDEEP
SINGH VISITED THE AGE OLD SURVEY OF
INDIA. THE TRIP HAD A VERY FRUITFUL
OUTCOME AS THE 202ND SPARTANS
LEARNED ABOUT THE NATURAL
HISTORICAL ARTIFECTS OF NATURE,
MANY TELESCOPES AND MET PAYAL
ARYA, SURVEYOR OF UTTARAKHAND TO
REACH ANTARTICA



31ST OF JULY MARKED THE VISIT OF
CLASS-III TO THE NATIONAL HYDROGRAPHY
OFFICE (NHO), UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF
OUR DISTINCT MEMBERS OF STAFF, MR.
BALVIR AND MRS. NIKITA. THERE THE
CADETS GOT A CHANCE TO INTERACT
WITH THE WELL-KNOWN RIMCOLLIAN REAR
ADMIRAL PIYUSH PAWSEY AND WITNESSED
THE CARTOGRAPHY OF THE INDIAN SEA,
AND WATCHED AN INFORMATIVE VIDEO ON
THE INDIAN NAVY





THE CLASS-IV CADETS HAD A
BLAST EXPLORING THE PUNJAB AND
GARHWAL UNITS, LED BY THE
DYNAMIC DUO, MR. MANOJ AND
MRS. HEENA. FROM TOP-NOTCH
DRONE WARFARE TECH TO COOL
WEAPONS LIKE SMGS AND SNIPERS,
THEY GOT A TASTE OF THE INDIAN
ARMY'S FIREPOWER. THESE
EXCITING TRIPS FUEL THE CADETS'
DREAMS OF JOINING THE NDA,
INSPIRING THEM TO AIM HIGH AND
ENVISION A BRIGHT FUTURE IN THE
ARMY.

CADETS OF CLASS-IVA VISITED
253 MEDIUM REGIMENT ALONG
WITH MR. KHUSHI RAM AND MRS.
ALPANA GIRI FOR THEIR
EDUCATIONAL TOUR. THEY
WITNESSED THE GLORY OF
ARTILLERY AND LEARNT HOW IT
HELPED THE DEFENCE FORCES
FROM THE NUMEROUS BATTLES
AND WARS FOUGHT. SUCH AN
EDUCATIONAL TRIP HELPS THE
CADETS TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR
DEFENCE FORCES AND MOTIVATE
THEM FOR THE SUDAN BLOCK.



#### CHESS OPENS



THE ACCOMPLISHED INDIVIDUALS WITHIN RIMC EXHIBIT PROFOUND EXPERTISE, EXCELLING IN STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENTS BOTH ON THE CHESSBOARD, A TIMELESS GAME OF INTELLECT, AND WITHIN THE SPIRITED ACTIVITIES AT RAJWARA CAMP. IN CELEBRATION OF THIS REVERED GAME AND THE COMPETITIVE ETHOS AMONG RIMC CADETS, THE ANNUAL CHESS OPENS ARE HELD DURING THE JULY TERM. THE MATCHES FOR THE JUNE 2024 TERM, AKA 2K24, COMMENCED ON AUGUST 1ST, 2024, FEATURING TWO DISTINCT CATEGORIES: SENIORS AND JUNIORS. NOTABLY, CADET ASHWAJIT WANKHADE SECURED VICTORY IN THE JUNIOR CATEGORY, WHILE CADET KARTIK PANT TRIUMPHED IN THE SENIOR CATEGORY. OVERALL, THIS COMPETITION FOSTERED A VERY HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE HALLOWED PORTALS FOR THE GAME OF CHESS AND WILL BEAR TESTAMENT TO MORE ENGAGEMENT IN THE GAME AND ENDED ON 7TH AUGUST,2024.

## HNTERSECTION HINDI DEBATES



The lights of the historic Thimayya auditorium once again had to glimmer light on the podiums for the battle of words, thoughts, roasts and yet, like always for the dignity of the section. The Inter Section Hindi Debates was like always full of cut throat competition on the eve of 5th August,2024. The questions of Cdt Abhishek Kumar, rebuttals of Cdt Parth Kumar, the provokes of Cdt Ajay and the jolly yet thoughtful face of Cdt Trijal left the audience mesmerized. For the standings, Cdt Trijal Malik was adjudged as the best speaker in juniors and in Cdt .Abhishek Kumar shone in the seniors. The efforts of these speakers could make no change as Chandragupta section continued their winning streak followed by Shivaji and Ranjit section who had to quench their thirst with 2nd position followed by the Pratap section at the bottom of the ladder. Overall, it was a fruitful day with lots of takeaways for the

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## HOEPENDENCE DAY AND CYCLE RALLY



With cadets poised to commemorate India's 78th independence day, the dawn was brilliant. This day gives us courage to lead the country with unflinching determination and serves as a reminder of the valor displayed by freedom fighters. Everyone then marched in the direction of the drill square. It was an amazing sight to see cadets standing there in their spotless uniforms. The flaghosting ceremony and the wreath-laying ceremony led by Administrative Officer Lt. Col. Ankur Aggarwal came next.

In an attempt to indoctrinate patriotism, the college linked hands in the Mother Field and hosted the national flag in support of the government of India's "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign.

Concurrently, a bicycle group under the leadership of Commandant Col. Rahul Aggarwal, which included RIMC cadets, instructors, and masters, pedaled over 25 kilometers towards the Pattal Himalayan Earth House, a picturesque location. The vintage Thimmaya gate served as the starting point for the dawn bike excursion. The route was breathtaking, with a lush green canopy on the way. They ultimately landed at their destination after halting to pose for a picture at the Barasi Bridge.

## STATE SHOOTHMAG CHAMPIONSHIP



The Manu Bhaker's and Abhinav Bindra's of RIMC are hallmarks of excellence and represent the college in a plethora of events, exemplifying its glory. So, to continue this legacy, RIMC participated in the State Shooting Competition from 5th August to 10th August. Cdt Mohan clinched the Gold medal in the 10m rifle event Sub Youth Men and a Bronze medal in the same event in the Youth Men event. Cdt Abipshaa bagged a Silver medal in the 10m pistol Sub Youth Women event. Cdt Rajit clinched the Gold medal in the 10m pistol Sub Youth Men event. In the 10m rifle Sub Youth Men team event, we clinched the Gold medal. For the team event in the 10m pistol Sub Youth Women, our team got the Silver medal. In the 10m pistol Sub Youth Men event, our team received the Gold medal, followed by Bronze in the 10m air rifle Women Youth event. In total, we clinched a total of 11 Gold, 7 Silver, and 4 Bronze medals. The enthusiasm and hard work of the cadets paid off, and we hope for a convoy of medals in the years to come.

## HOMAGE TO GEN SUNDARAJAN PADMANABHAN, PVSM, AVSM, VSM FORMER CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF





General Padmanabhan, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, an iconic figure in military history, exhibited genius through sacrifice, leadership, and strategic decision-making. His deep impact continues to inspire, going beyond simple leadership to actually knowing and guiding the flag bearers of India. His demise on August 19, 2024, at the age of 83, brought an end to the legacy of a remarkable soldier whose unshakable loyalty would be remembered by the entire country.

Affectionately known as 'Paddy', General Padmanabhan was born in Kerala, an illustrious alumnus of Kitchener (now Shivaji) Section in RIMC between 1952-1956. This was followed by the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla in Pune. His military journey began when he was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery after graduating from IMA in 1959. He was a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College at Wellington in 1973 and the National Defence College at New Delhi. A visionary leader whose career was marked by a series of prestigious command and instructional

A visionary leader whose career was marked by a series of prestigious command and instructional postings, in sites like Gazala Mountains, School of Artillery, Ranchi (part of then Bihar) and Punjab from August 1975 to 1992.

After his promotion to Lieutenant General, he was the commander of the 15 Corps in the Kashmir Valley from 1993 to 1995. He held the appointment of Director General Military Intelligence after which he commanded the field armies as GOC-in-C of Northern and Southern Armies.

In September 2000, he assumed the charge as the Chief of Army Staff, a position he held with distinction until his retirement in 2002, capping over 43 years of distinguished military service. Post-retirement, he pursued his literary interests, authoring three books that reflect his knowledge and wisdom.

We honour General Padmanabhan's services as well as the virtues he personified: honesty, strategic vision, and steadfast devotion to the country. His efforts will serve as a timeless model of what it means to serve with dignity and distinction, inspiring upcoming generations of leaders and military personnel.

By paying respect to General Padmanabhan, we celebrate his life of distinction and his legacy, which will always be an inspiration and source of pride for all who uphold the principles of patriotism, duty, and honour. Also, due to his immense contributions in serving our nation, we at RIMC proudly and humbly dedicate our college swimming pool, which will now be known as Padmanabhan Swimming Pool, in a hope to pay homage to his chauvinistic character that shall live forever.

#### WELCOMING NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

In the esteemed institution recognized as RIMC, educators play a pivotal role in molding the young minds of future leaders during their formative five years.

Therefore, the RIMC community proudly welcomes new faculty members in Biology, English, and Mathematics departments:



We welcome Mr Sachin Garg, who will be teaching biology. Mr Garg offers a wealth of knowledge and passion to the classroom. He holds an M.SC. in Zoology, a B.ED, a PGDSLM, and an impressive 19 years of teaching experience across multiple educational boards, including CBSE, ISC, Cambridge (AS and A level), and IB Residential and Day Boarding institutions.



Introducing Mrs Nitika Gyanchandani, our newest instructor of English. Mrs Gyanchandani, who holds a B.ED and an M.A. in English, has taught PGT English for two years at St. Mary Covent School, TGT School in the Indian Cambridge School, and PRT English at St. Patrick's Academy. She has also worked with underprivileged students at Aasra Trust (NGO).

Ms Aruna Sharma, a seasoned educator with a rich teaching background in prominent schools such as Bright Land Senior Secondary School in Jaipur, Ryan International School in Jaipur, Army Public School in Jaipur, Ryan International School in Ghaziabad, Delhi Public School in Hapur, Unison World School in Dehradun, and St. Joseph's Academy in Dehradun. Ms Sharma brings a wide range of skills to her teaching profession, having earned an M.A. in English, a B.ED, and an L.L.B.





Mr Nitin Vaishnav is an accomplished maths teacher. Mr Vaishnav obtained his B.SC. in Mathematics with honors from Doon University in Dehradun. He then went on to earn his M.SC. in Mathematics from the same university and his B.ED. from Nav Chetna College of Teachers Education, which is affiliated to H.N.B. Garhwal University.Mr. Vaishnav imparts a dedicated approach to learning and teaching, having previously served as a PGT Mathematics teacher at Pestle Weeds School in Dehradun.

Mr Ajay Kapoor, our new Mathematics faculty, has earned his degree of M.SC. and B.ED. He has taught in various schools of repute namely The Doon Global, Selaqui International and DPSG. He has an experience of 10 years in the field of education and exchanging knowledge with the bright minds of India





Ms Shashi Sharma hails from the Viking of valleys, Jammu and Kashmir. she is our Curriculum Counsellor. Apart from being a graduate from GCW Parade Ground, Jammu, she is a qualified Kho-Kho federation National Refree. She is a trained mountaineer from Himalayan Mountaineering Institute(HMI), Darjeeling and a national athlete. She has climbed India's biggest rocks- Tenzing Rock, Gombu Rock and Tiger Hill. She is also the 1st woman from J&K to climb Mt.

Everest.

We are confident that the knowledge and expertise that these educators bring will inspire, empower our cadets to reach new heights in their academic journey.

# THE UERSAILLES OF MERAKI

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Here, you meet pieces of creativity that make you ponder on the principles of life and certainties it provides.

#### CREDITS

#### **Art & Craft Hobby**

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#### THE HUMAN'S TESTIMONY

A SYMPHONY OF MELODY FROM
THE SAXONY OF BARDS.
A POETRY OF LITERATURE,
THE TEXTBOOKS OF ARTS.
ALL IS A WHOLE AND A
WHOLE IS ALL,
WHEN THE PART IS PARTED
ALL LEFT IS A BRAWL.

A PHOTO OF MY CHILDHOOD,
FROM THE ALBUM OF MEMORIES.
A NOTE OF A SONG FORM
THE COLLECTION OF MELODIES
THE WANTS OF THE PEOPLE
FORM A PART,

THE MELEE OF WRATH RAGED FORM THE START

THE NEFARIOUS WISHES OF THE HIGH ELITES,
CAUSES THE COMMON MAN TO MAKE HIS
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INSCRUTABLE DESIRE OF ACHIEVING GREAT,

CAUSES MANY TO LOSE THEIR FAITH

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THE WORLD PRESENT A POLAR REALITY,

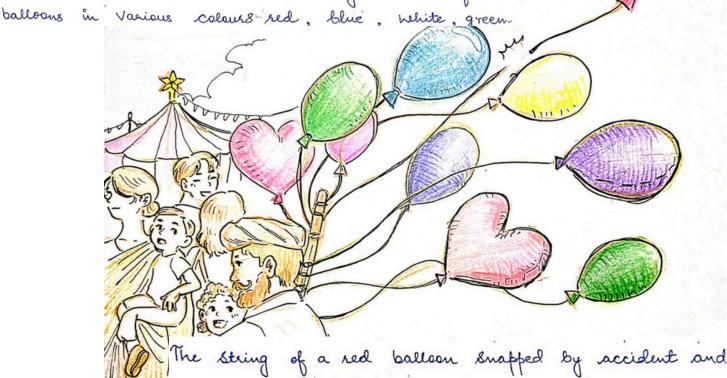
FROM WHICH WE DRIVE OUR FANTASIES.

Cdt Sarwagya Singh Umrao 199th UNRIVALLED

In mother mine! The mother mine, Feed me with the elixer For my setomach is full of In this world full of cruel people who shall feed this shild of Oh mother mine, brovide me with schelter in the lap of thine. For I have nowhere to reside beside this paradise. People may have whether as majestic as the garden of god. Who shall provide whether to this child of thine. The mother mine, Give me the love in the heart of thine. I need for the pursuit of my life to othere. For this world hold full of stonehearts Who shall love this child of thine. 204th Course

## The story of a balloon-seller

The Story of a ballon - Seller at a Village fair. Just the Kind of fair made famous by Bollywood as the place where twein brothers get seperated at the start of the movie, only to be reunited years and sixteen reels later. Well, this balloon seller was selling belium - filled



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roared and Kids tugged at their farents arms using them to get them bolloons. Seeing that it was attracting attention, the balloon seller released another balloon. This time, a blue one that quickly soured toward the clouds. Soon after, he released a green balloon. Then a yellow one. Seeing all the balloons going up, a little bay went up to the balloon - Seller and innocently asked: If you released that white balloon, would it also soon as high as the rest?

The balloon seller explained, Son, it is not the colour of the balloon that matters, it is what's inside that makes it rise

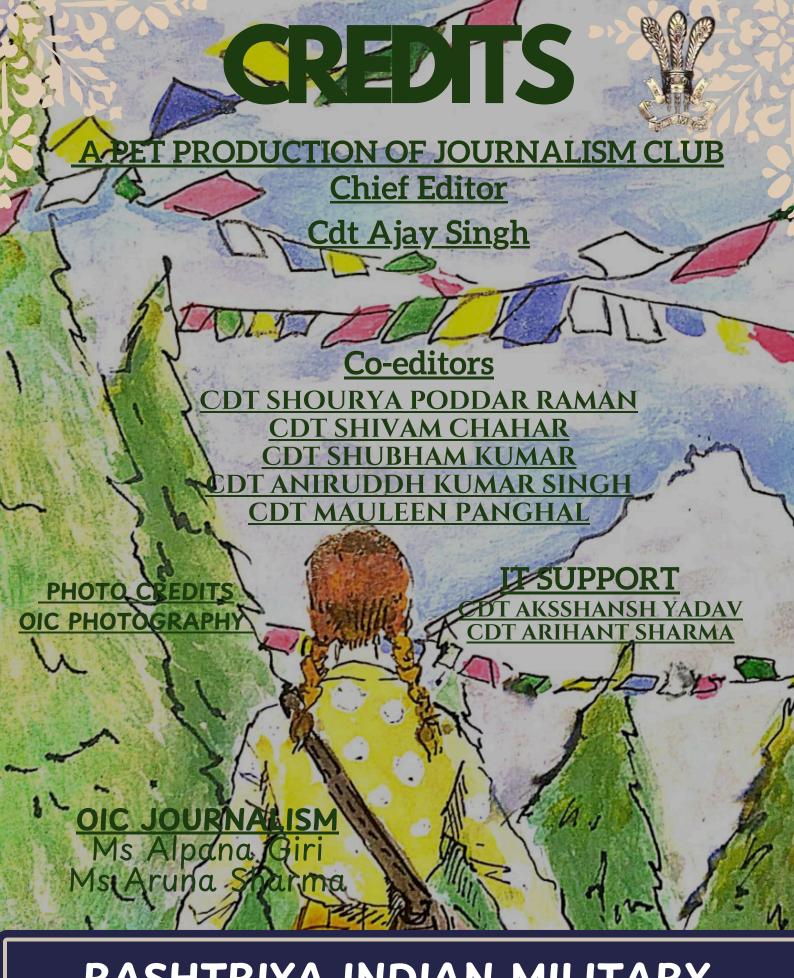


True of balloons, True of people too

Appearances doesn't matter. It's what is Within that makes the difference. That is the lesson we would all do well to remember when we look at other people and when we look at ourselves. Look deeper, Look within.

It is not the colours of the balloon that matters ,, It is what is inside it that makes it rise.

Cdt Jagdeep Singh Toor 203rd ENIGMAS



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