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## MOMENT OF PRIDE: ARTRAC COMMANDER VISITS RIMC

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# THE EDITORIAL

**"Every sunset is an opportunity to reset. Every sunrise begins with new eyes."**

**-Richie Norton**

We have all come together to mark the commencement of a new term, with cadets and staff returning from their vacations. With this fresh start, each one of us strives for excellence in all that we aim to achieve over the next four months.

This 15th edition of the Monthly Chronicles covers the events of January and February, as well as the Adventure Course at the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM), Uttarkashi, attended by 17 cadets from RIMC in November. The cadets performed exceptionally well, and their efforts were praised by the instructors.

A Faculty Development Program was organized at the start of the term to promote the overall well-being of RIMC's staff. On 17th January, the Wreath Laying Ceremony and the first Special Assembly of the term was conducted, formally marking the start of a new term.

The cadets were taken to Centrio Mall's theaters to watch the movie Ikkis, an inspirational film based on the life of 2nd/Lt Arun Khetrapal, PVC. On 22nd January, the cadets of Classes V and VA were assigned their duties and responsibilities, as they were bestowed with their Tabs in the Investiture Ceremony.

On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, some cadets participated in a cycle ride, while others took part in the Rashtrapati Niketan Hindi Debates and the Interschool Quiz Competition. The First Termers arrived the following day.

On 4th and 7th January, the college organized educational visits to various locations, including the Indian Military Academy, Rashtrapati Niketan, and others.

The college was honored by the visit of the esteemed ARTRAC Commander, Lt Gen Devendra Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, SM, GOC-in-C ARTRAC, on 2nd February 2026. He praised RIMC's rising standards of excellence across various fields and awarded deserving cadets.

To maintain the Intersection Spirit, the Intersection Squash Competition and English Debates were held, both of which were won by Ranjit Section. The Intersection Shooting and Basketball Competitions were also conducted which were won by Pratap and Ranjit Sections respectively.

The cadets of Class I went for birdwatching at Assan Barrage, where they saw many rare migratory birds. These activities reflect the vibrant spirit of RIMC as cadets continue to strive for excellence in every field.

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# NIM DECEMBER 25

The Annual Adventure Course of the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) was attended by 17 cadets of RIMC. It was scheduled for a period of 13 days, from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> December. The cadets were taught how to tie various rope knots, climbing techniques, and also some basics of first aid in high altitude regions. The cadets also went for a 3-day camp where they put all of their newly gained knowledge into effect, simultaneously learning survival techniques in the camp. The course would first trek in the morning and then set up camp for meals and to spend the night. Finally in the last 5 days, various competitions were held in which the cadets performed extremely well. In the X-Country Competition, the Top 17 positions were all bagged by the cadets of RIMC. All in all, the course was a unique blend of first-hand experiences, adventure, discipline and fun.



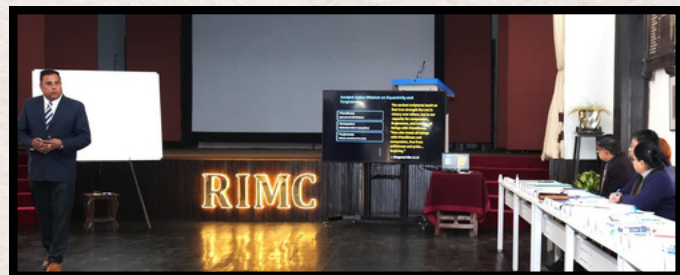
2<sup>ND</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2025

# FACULTY ENRICHMENT INITIATIVE

## THOUGHTFUL STARTS TO MEANINGFUL TEACHING

A three-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) was organised with the aim of strengthening teaching practices, professional skills, and the overall well-being of faculty members. The programme offered a balanced mix of expert sessions, workshops, and hands-on activities, encouraging learning, reflection, and renewal.

The programme opened with a session by Mr P. K. Sharma, Vice Principal, RIMC, on Conflict Resolution and Communication Skills. Drawing from practical experience, he spoke about managing everyday challenges in educational spaces and highlighted how clear and respectful communication helps create a healthy academic environment. This was followed by a talk by Ms Vibha Kapoor, Principal, Welham Girls' School, who shared valuable insights on Pre-class Preparation and Innovation in Teaching. She emphasised thoughtful planning, student engagement, and the importance of bringing freshness and flexibility into classroom practices from the very first day.



## FROM WELLNESS TO PEDAGOGY: A HOLISTIC LEARNING JOURNEY

The second day focused on physical and mental wellness. A yoga session led by Ms Yashika Agarwal introduced participants to simple practices for relaxation and stress management. This was followed by outdoor activities such as Rock Climbing and Horse Riding, which added an element of challenge and enjoyment while fostering teamwork and confidence.

The final day began with a session on Social and Emotional Learning by Mr RT Selven, who underlined the growing importance of empathy, emotional awareness, and social skills in education. This was followed by a workshop on New Pedagogy, Capacity Building, and Communication Skills by Col Prem Prakash, SM, offering perspectives on evolving teaching methods and professional growth. A session on Fine Art Education at RIMC by Mr Sanjay Kumar highlighted the role of art education in nurturing creativity and holistic development. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks and presentation of souvenirs to the speakers.

# MOMENTS FROM THE FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



Overall, the FDP was engaging and meaningful, equipping faculty members with fresh ideas, practical tools, and renewed enthusiasm for the academic journey ahead.

# WREATH LAYING & COMMANDANT'S SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Every term at RIMC begins with the Wreath Laying Ceremony, as we pay homage to all the Rimcollian martyrs at the War Memorial. Following the ceremony, the Commandant's Special Assembly took place, in which cadets excelling in various disciplines were awarded. Held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026, the cadets were adjudged as the Medhavis of their classes, and were assigned their own responsibilities. The Commandant, Col Rahul Agarwal, warmly welcomed the cadets back to the college, as he gave us a brief overview of what the upcoming term had in store for each one of us. Following him, the AAO presented to us the Blue Book and the detailed series of events, keeping us well-informed of the series of unfolding events for the term.





# IKKIS ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY



On 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026, the cadets of RIMC were delighted as they were taken to the Centrio Mall in Dehradun for a movie in the theatres. The cadets were shown the movie 'Ikkis' which focused on the glorious life of Second Lieutenant Arun Khetarpal, PVC who was an Indian army officer and a Tank commander, he is recognized as the Indian tank ace of aces, credited with 10 confirmed tank kills. The movie inspired the cadets and motivated them to attain their ultimatum NDA leading them toward a better and a brighter future.



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY



The newly promoted Classes V and VA are shouldered with new responsibilities at the beginning of every term. The cadet appointments bear not just the weight of the tabs on their uniform, but also their commitment to serve the college with the highest standards of integrity, honesty, and discipline. This term, the following were adjudged as the appointments:

Cdt Captain: Cdt Parth Kumar Tiwari

Cdt Adjutant: Cdt Gurkeerat Singh

Cdt Sec Com (Pratap): Cdt Manas Kandpal

Cdt Sec Com (Ranjit): Cdt Soumya Biswas

Cdt Sec Com (Shivaji): Cdt Aniruddha Bhonsle

Cdt Sec Com (Chandragupta): Cdt Daksh Malik



# PEDAALING WITH PRIDE ON REPUBLIC DAY



On the occasion of the 77th Republic Day, RIMC organized a cycle ride as part of its experiential learning curriculum, blending patriotism, fitness, and cultural awareness. Seventeen cadets, including girl cadets, accompanied by three masters, cycled nearly 28 km from RIMC to the ancient Baori near Swami Vivekananda Tapasthali via Dehradun's Clock Tower. The challenging uphill route tested endurance and teamwork, with cadets displaying discipline, confidence, and leadership. Prayers were offered at the historic Shiva Temple, and cadets learned about the site's cultural, spiritual, and environmental significance. The ride promoted fitness, camaraderie, and responsible citizenship.



# DEBATING IDEAS, CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC

Rashtrapati Niketan Hindi Debate and Quiz competition was the first interschool competition that came our way, in which RIMC performed exceedingly well. There were two categories, juniors and seniors, in which our College Debating and Quiz Team took part. The cadets not only earned accolades, but also the appreciation from the other participants. The cadets received the following prizes:

Juniors Debates:  
Cdt. Anupam Yadav - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Seniors Debates:  
Cdt. Arya Singh - 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Cdt. Trijal Malik - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

The Quiz Team of RIMC also made us proud as they won several prizes by answering questions on various topics.



# A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS: ARRIVAL OF FIRST TERMERS.



The arrival of the First Termers marked the beginning of a new journey filled with hope, enthusiasm, and ambition. The campus came alive with fresh energy as the young cadets stepped in with bright smiles and eager hearts. Welcomed warmly by seniors and staff, they were introduced to the proud traditions, discipline, and values of the institution. This first day symbolised not just an arrival, but the start of transformation—where guidance, learning, and character-building will shape them into confident and responsible leaders of tomorrow.



27<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2026

# MOTIVATION FROM THE FRONT: VISIT OF ARTRAC COMMANDER



Lt Gen Devendra Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, SM, GOC-in-C ARTRAC delivered a motivating and thought-provoking address to the cadets on 2nd February 2026, focusing on realising one's true potential, the essence of leadership, and the importance of military ethos. He emphasised that leadership is reflected in character, conduct, and the ability to lead by example. Stressing values such as discipline, duty, and honour, he reminded cadets that these principles must guide both professional and personal life. He also shared a powerful line from the NDA Prayer — “Lord, help me to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong” — underlining the moral courage expected of every soldier and leader. The address left the audience inspired and reflective about their responsibilities as future leaders of the nation.





2<sup>ND</sup> FEB 2026

# GIRL CADETS OF RIMC SHINE IN NATIONAL LEVEL SHOOTING



The girl cadets of RIMC recently qualified to participate in the 68<sup>th</sup> National Shooting Championship, held from 11<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. They showcased their talent in the competition, as they earned the status of National level shooters. Their polished marksmanship skills were on display, as they performed exceedingly well in the competition.

The Air Rifle Event was held in Bhopal, in which the following cadets participated:

- 1) Cdt Arya Singh - Sub Youth, Youth, Junior & Senior Categories
- 2) Cdt Niyanta Pal - Sub Youth & Youth Categories
- 3) Cdt Bliss Agarwal - Sub Youth & Youth Categories

In the Air Pistol Event held in New Delhi, the participant was:

- 1) Cdt Janavi Koralli - Sub Youth & Youth Categories

Lt Gen Devendra Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, SM, GOC-in-C ARTRAC acknowledged the cadets' effort during his visit to RIMC on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 by awarding them medals.



# EDUCATIONAL VISITS



On 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the cadets of RIMC went on educational visits to various places in Dehradun. The cadets of Class I went to the Forest Research Institute with Mr Sanjay Kumar and Mr Khushiram. Class IA visited Wadia Institute, accompanied by Mr RT Selven. Class II went to Survey of India accompanied by Mr Balvir Chauhan and Mrs Aruna Sharma. Class IIA went to Rashtrapati Niketan accompanied by Mr PK Jain and Mrs Kiran Bhatt. Class III visited ONGC along with Dr Shishupal and Lt Col Rakesh Kumar, and Class IIIA went to the Science City (UCOST) with Mr Nitin Vaishnava and Mrs Tayiba Khatoun. Class IV went to IMA along with Mr UP Dalvi and MS Shashi Sharma. Class IVA went to Graphic Era University accompanied by Mr Manoj Kumar and Mr Jitendra. Class VA accompanied by Mr PN Naik and Mrs Alpana Giri went to the Wildlife Institute.





# INTERSECTION SQUASH COMPETITION



The Intersection Squash Competition was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> February. All the cadets had been working extremely hard, spending countless hours perfecting and polishing their skills and techniques. The event saw the active participation of both the boy and girl cadets. After a series of fierce matches, Ranjit Section emerged as the champions of the competition, followed by Pratap, Chandragupta, and Shivaji Sections.

Overall Best Player: Cdt Parth Kumar Tiwari

Most Promising Player: Cdt Bhavik Yadav.



# INTERSECTION ENGLISH DEBATES



The Intersection English Debates were held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, being a vibrant display of intellectual minds in motion. The cadets had been preparing with their heart and soul for this Intersection Competition. The participants were judged based on their fluency, content, expression, and grammar. In the end, Ranjit Section emerged victorious, followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji and Pratap Sections. The following cadets won individual prizes:

## Juniors Category

## Seniors Category:

Best Speaker: Cdt Aviral Kaurav

Best Speaker: Cdt Parth Kumar Tiwari

Best Rebuttal : Cdt Agrata Verma

Best Rebuttal : Cdt Arjun Singh Baweja

Lt Venkat S Perumal Cash Prize:

Most Upcoming Speaker (Juniors): Cdt Anupam Yadav

Most Impressive Speaker (Seniors): Cdt Arya Singh



# INTERSECTION SHOOTING COMPETITION



It was an intense showdown between the four sections, as the Intersection Shooting Competition unfolded from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026. All the participants had put up a great show, as they had practiced hard for each of their matches. The event also saw the active participation by all the cadets, and in the end, Pratap Section emerged as the winners of the competition, followed by Shivaji, Chandragupta, and Ranjit Sections.

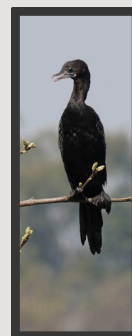
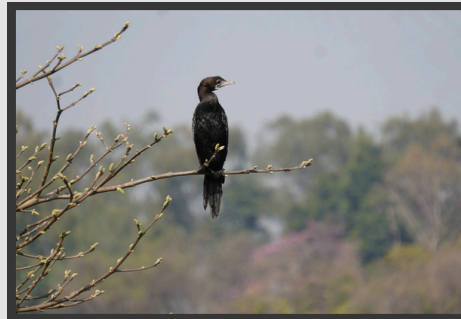
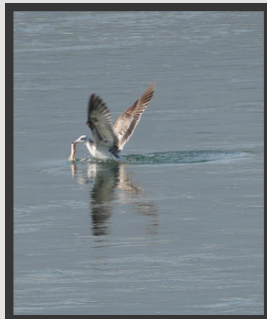


11<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2026

# BIRDWATCHING



On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the cadets of Class I were taken on a trip to Assan Barrage to watch some of the rare migratory birds that come to Dehradun every year. To seek refuge from the harsh climatic conditions at their homes, birds like the PinTails, Purple Herons, Brahmini Ducks, and many more come to Assan Barrage every year, as this place offers a suitable environment for them to live and breed. These birds come from faraway places, often covering thousands of kilometres in their journey.



# INTERSECTION BASKETBALL COMPETITION

From 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026, the Intersection Basketball Competition unfolded, with intense rivalry among all four sections. There were four categories: Girls, Juniors, Middles, and Seniors. In the end, Section emerged as the winners of the competition, proving their mettle on the courts. The following Individual Awards were also given to the deserving cadets at the end of the event:

## Juniors Category

Best Player: Cdt Tathagat Tiwari

Highest Scorer: Cdt Sunny Kumar Singh

Most Upcoming Player: Cdt Basista M.

## Girls Category

Best Player: Cdt Telluri Agnes

Highest Scorer: Cdt Sanjeevani

Most Upcoming Player: Cdt Bliss Agarwal

## Middles Category

Best Player: Cdt M. Abisali

Highest Scorer: Cdt Ansh Roy

## Seniors Category

Best Player: Cdt Atharv Kapta

Highest Scorer: Cdt Devansh Tyagi



# CYCLING TOWARDS A FIT INDIA



The 61st Edition of the Fit India Cycling Event was held on 15 February 2026 at the Parade Ground, Dehradun. The event was organised under the Fit India Movement in collaboration with the Sports Authority of India and the Government of Uttarakhand, with the aim of promoting fitness and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

A contingent of 20 cadets from Class IV A of Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) enthusiastically participated in the cycling ride. They were accompanied by Ms. Shashi Sharma, Ms. Perna Gulati, Ms. Nikita Gyanchandani, Section Master Mr. P. K. Jain, Mr. U. P. Dalvi, and Mr. P. N. Naik, under the leadership of Adventure Coordinator Mr. Sanjay Kumar from the Art Department.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, students, and fitness enthusiasts, creating a vibrant atmosphere. Demonstrations of traditional sports and cultural performances, including Mallakhamb, yoga sessions, bodybuilding displays, and local dance and music, added colour to the occasion. The programme began with an energetic Zumba session, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day.

All participating cadets successfully completed the cycling route with discipline, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship. The event proved to be a memorable experience, reinforcing the importance of fitness, teamwork, and active living.



# HCL CYCLOTHON PROMO RIDE

The Rashtriya Indian Military College Cycling Club actively participated in a 40 km ride along the Maldevta axis, on 21 February, 2026.

The team was led by Comdt, Col Rahul Agarwal, accompanied by Adventure Coordinator Mr Sanjay Kumar, Master Mr P K Jain, Mr P N Naik, Mr U P Dalvi, among others, along with members of local Dehradun clubs such as Pahadi Pedallers.

Approximately 150 enthusiastic cyclists enjoyed the cool and exciting morning ride along the scenic Maldevta Road. The initiative aimed to promote the forthcoming prestigious HCL Cyclothon event to be conducted at Noida on 15 March 2026, as well as to boost the emerging cycling culture in the Dehradun Valley and strengthen the city's identity as a cycling hub in Uttarakhand.



21<sup>ST</sup> FEB 2026

# RIMC MAKES ITS MARK AT INEXT HEALTHON HALF MARATHON

The spirited contingent of Rashtriya Indian Military College, comprising 31 cadets and dedicated faculty volunteers, proudly participated in the iNext Healthon Half Marathon held on 22 February 2026 at the iconic Parade Ground.

Led from the front by the Commandant, Col Rahul Agarwal, the RIMC contingent joined over 2,000 runners from Dehradun and neighbouring regions in a celebration of fitness, endurance, and community spirit. As the early morning air buzzed with anticipation, the historic Parade Ground transformed into a dynamic arena of resolve and enthusiasm. Accompanying the cadets were Lt Col Rakesh Kumar, Mr P. N. Naik, Mr U. P. Dalvi, Ms Shashi Sharma, Ms Nikita Gyanchandani, and Adventure Coordinator Mr Sanjay Kumar. Their wholehearted participation alongside the cadets reflected the College's enduring ethos of leadership by example and holistic development.

Competing in the 5 km and 10 km categories, the cadets displayed commendable stamina, discipline, and sportsmanship—qualities deeply embedded in RIMC's proud traditions. Every one of the 31 cadets completed the race successfully, earning medals that symbolised not just athletic achievement, but commitment and perseverance. In his remarks, the Commandant lauded the contingent's dedication and resilient spirit, reaffirming the importance of physical fitness as a cornerstone of character and leadership.



# BATTLE OF BRAINS: INTER-SECTION QUIZ COMPETITION

The Inter-Section Quiz Competition was conducted in the School Auditorium with great enthusiasm and active participation from all sections. The event aimed to enhance knowledge, build confidence, and promote healthy competition among cadets. The quiz comprised multiple rounds, including General Knowledge, Current Affairs, Literature, Science & Technology, Rapid Fire, and Audio-Visual segments. Participants demonstrated excellent teamwork, alertness, and presence of mind throughout the contest.

The final results were as follows:

- Pratap Section – First Position (143.2 points)
- Shivaji Section – Second Position (112.2 points)
- Ranjit Section – Third Position (63 points)
- Chandragupta Section – 42.8 points

Col Rahul Agarwal, Commandant, Rashtriya Indian Military College, congratulated the participants and appreciated the efforts of the Quiz Masters and organizing committee. The event concluded with the distribution of certificates and a Vote of Thanks.



# HOOVES ON THE TRAIL



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# What the Earth Remembers

Morning enters through leaves like a blessing,  
Light moving softly, without command.  
The wind carries forgotten languages  
Spoken fluently only by trees

Rivers travel with unshakable faith,  
Never questioning the shape of tomorrow.

Mountains practice patience in silence,  
Teaching time by refusing to hurry.

Great cities thunder into being, crowned  
with light,  
Their towers daring the sky to remember them.

But centuries kneel, and stone learns  
humility,

Avenues dissolve into veins of earth,  
Marble breathes moss, empires turn to loam,  
And the land, vast and patient, reclaim its own

As gently and endlessly as the sea.

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Strangers we were, worlds  
apart,  
Till fate drew close what  
time would start.  
What began as a timid hello  
Still blossoms within us as  
we grow

Each word we shared held  
quiet meaning,  
Every laugh was gently  
gleaming.  
Behind those smiles, warm  
and true,  
A bond took shape and  
steadily grew.

We learned to grow and  
grew to learn,  
Till crossroads came - new  
paths to discern.  
So we parted ways, yet still  
discover  
Peaks to scale and miles to  
cover.

Yet distance bends but does  
not break  
The ties that time cannot  
forsake.  
For friendship lives beyond  
goodbye,  
In shared tomorrows,  
passing by.

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# MEANING OF LIFE



No man sees the end of time,  
No man of power, no man of  
crime.

Who may see the end of time?  
With the cycle of time, goes  
one's prime.

All will meet their end  
No mother, no father, no friend,  
no foe.  
The world's ambition, will death  
attend.  
One may ascend, to the grave  
doth he descend.

Today, the entire world being  
busy,  
Absence of time makes one  
dizzy.  
Many to attend, yet all will end  
What is to be valued, if all will  
end?

'Tis the precious moments in  
life  
A mother's lesson, a father's  
advice.  
If all will, one day come to an  
end,  
The precious gifts of life, we  
must attend.

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