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**"From The Editor's Desk"**

For the first time in our glorious history we have the pleasure of welcoming a Rimcollian, Col SD Mahanti as our new Commandant. With him came a wave of changes, in our daily routine, in the inter section championships' format and the furniture. We welcome him and the changes and wish him the very best in his endeavour to restore, as he says 'the old order'.

Mr RK Sharma, our Maths teacher, got married and we wish him and Mrs Sharma a happy married life. We bade farewell to Mr KP Mandal, Mr SK Dwivedi and Dr RK Bharadwaj. We also take this opportunity to welcome to our fold Mr MK Sharma our new Chemistry teacher. We also congratulate Capt M Muricken on his promotion to the rank of Major.

ONE



The new term has begun with its shares of joys and sorrows. The rain gods came and went, giving us our share of troubles and of course happiness, (what with the rains during morning PT time). However, the smiles were soon wiped off as the gymnasium was brought into use as an alternative venue.

The drought has finally ended. After a year and a half the College finally saw bright new faces, a welcome change from the same old boring ones. The College welcomes the new entrants to RIMC, and wishes them Happy Hunting.

Continuing the excellent form, 23 cadets of the 24 who appeared, passed in the UPSC examinations. Most of them have left for their SSB and hopefully all the results will be out by the time the chronicle reaches you.

The mid-term pressure is already on, what with the CBSE examination looming large in the not so distant future. As the old order changes to the new order, we brace ourselves at 'Savdhan' and endeavour to play the game by the rules, as stipulated down by the book (which is also changing, I am told).

Cadet Samar Singh Pundir  
Editor

### Pratap Section Column (Gossip)

The 'Panthers' remain as they have been, the same old Chotta and Bara part. But the chotta part has acquired a new look with new occupants. The old order has changed. Now we have a new bunch of droopy eyed, smug, dirty looking unshaven tramps, camping there. But they are all on their toes because a very senior panther has reached the College and is frequently out for blood, more so in his old domain of chotta part. Men may come and men may go but the chotta part goes on for ever—the same. Faces change, but the old panthers code of conduct remains the same.

"Biru" is the C-in-C of the Kingdom, very fond of good looking girls, if you doubt my words please pay a visit to Command HQs. Ever heard of "Sandy II", our chotta part comdr, the poor old dope case has begun to radiate a green look with so much greenery on his shoulders. "Roops" was unavailable for comments, he was busy boasting of his exploits in football. The 'fastest draw' on this side of the Tons has taken shelter in the middle dorm, finally it seems he has got his freedom. "Father Figure" when not cribbing will invariably be playing squash in the gallery. "Raja" has positively gone mad, what with dogs running away from him for fear of being bitten. "Love lion" is the tea share incharge and official spokesman of the Panthers. Good news "Chottu" and "Bisu" have won the doubles tennis national title. When not hitting each other they invariably hit the ball. Finally "Old man Sam"; his dorm by now knows the complete case history of his knee because when he is not busy snooping around for cleanliness he goes back into history with incidents of hockey and football while the unwilling audience sits it out.



Pratapians don't seem to be very happy with the strategic location of the section, where the section has taken the place of a frontline state bearing the first attack always and every time. It's good to learn early, isn't it ?

**The Peeping Tom**

### **Ranjit Section Column (Gossip)**

Some days back a waiter dropped some water on a cadet. The cadet began arguing with him. The waiter said, "Sorry saab". But the cadet did not pardon him and told him that if he didn't get a poori for him he would take this matter to the AO. After a lot of grudging the waiter finally obliged.

Our Motto :-

"Do not die for your country  
Make the enemy die for his"

With the ante-rooms closed down and no music system for the College the Ranjit Section cadets have become quite desperate in their means. Since, 'Sare jahan se achcha .....' cannot provide all the required entertainment they have brought a home made music system from the Young Newton Club and Music is in full swing now now-a-days. Without this life saver the cadets were on the DI list some days ago.

**The Roving Eye**

### **Shivaji Section Column (Gossip)**

Shivajians are always late risers. Hopes in swimming were shattered as Shivaji got the last place. Oh God ! Please don't laugh. Taking football to be a challenge Shivajian practiced football not only in the fields, but in the dorms as well (sshhh ! Don't tell the Commandant). The result was broken window panes and shattered glasses with all these round the clock practices and this could only lead to the glittering trophy. After the football cup, the cadets did not have any medium to provide an outlet for their bubbling enthusiasm. The vengeful juniors of middle dorm, vengeful because they had not tasted the tea-shares for a long period, started hijacking the waiter (who got the tea-shares) and have a hearty snack, morning and evening both. Also the policies like 'first come, first serve' & 'CHARGE' were adopted.

**The Shivaji Sleuth**

### **Chandragupta Section Column (Gossip)**

Attack is the best form of defence. For a successful attack a good start is half the battle won. To carry out these operations the commandos need to have ability and precision of action. Cadets of a certain dormitory who call themselves "night commandos" with PT shoes and belts on their night suits marched on to their unsuspecting prey all because of a pair of lost bathroom slippers. As the light was



harmlessly switched off there was a moment of caution and then the raid was on. There were angry and muffled shouts as beauty sleep was disturbed. After their nocturnal mission was over the self styled commandos were not there to be found. After all discretion is the better part of valour. With SSB on their heads let us see how these leaders will use their organising power in tackling their SSB.

The Charming Chandu

### "What's there in a name"

In May 1949 the College faced a crisis in the sense that a high level committee comprising Mr BB Ghose, Mr Humayun Kabir, Mr J Dayal and Mr VM Bhide visited the College to decide whether RIMC should also be transferred to the Ministry of Education, as was the case with Lawrence Schools Senawar and Lovedale. Thanks to the efforts of Mr H Catchpole and the old cadets at Delhi, the College maintained its distinct identity.

As Mr RC Singhal has written in one of the College Magazines, this was possible only due to the tireless efforts of Mr Din Dayal and Gen Thimayya, who met the PM for the purpose. He also recounts how on Pt Nehru's visit to IMA, he was brought or rather 'hijacked' to RIMC on 9th Dec 1948. He writes—"Panditji has a magnetic and towering personality. He went round the Education Block and addressed the College in front of the Cadet Captain's room. It was a long and inspiring speech, when he was leaving the College, the cadets echoed" three cheers for the Prime Minister ..... three cheers ..... I am sure the Prime Minister was thrilled and it must have reminded him of his days as a young boy at Harrow. It was due to Panditji only that RIMC retained its pristine glory.

Now after 67 years of its founding RIMC has achieved a lot. We have produced three chiefs, Gen Thimayya, Gen Bewoor and Gen VN Sharma. Three Arjuna awardees Col Raj Manchanda, Brig DK Khullar and Lt Col KS Rao. The first PVC Maj SN Sharma and the first VC Lt Gen PS Bhagat. An MVC Brig KL Atal, A Padma Vibhushan Gen KS Thimayya and five Padma Bhushans Gen Bewoor, Lt Gen JS Dhillon, Lt Gen KS Katoch, Lt Gen KP Kandeth and Maj Gen H Singh. Besides, we have had a speaker of the Lok Sabha, a Railway Minister, a number of diplomats and Governors.

In Pakistan the Rimcollians have done no less with their Foreign Minister Sahebzada Yakub Khan heading the list of the alumni, 2 Air Chiefs, Air Marshal AS Khan and Nur Hasan, alongwith so many Generals and Governors.

Our College has been visited by a Galaxy of visitors a few among them were Dr Rajendra Prasad, Dr S Radhakrishnan, Sri VV Giri, Shah and Queen of Iran, King and Queen of Nepal, Commandant RIMC Sandhurst, Sardar Swaran Singh, Emperor Haille Sellaise, Lord Mountbatten, The Prince of Wales, General KVK Rao, Gen Vaidya and so many others. We are presenting all these for the present generation to know what RIMC is all about.

We had to struggle through the initial years but we have proved our critics wrong and kept the peacock feathers flying high. Be it the liberator of Goa, Lt Gen Candeth, or the freedom fighter Col Shahnawaz Khan, there is always a Rimcollians somewhere, someplace.



For us—the cadets—they have set glorious examples. They have taught us that for a Rimcollian, the sky is not the limit, it is just the beginning.

Cdt NCO SS Pundir  
Class V

### News from NDA and IMA

Last term we had written to the Rimcollians in AFA, BFTS and Naval Academy to keep in touch but seemingly it does not seem to have done any good. So now we are literally cut off from them. Well any way here's all about the 'Rimcollians' doing well in NDA and IMA.

#### NDA 77th Course

- BCA —Pradeep Singh, with blues in cross-country and blazers in Squash.
- BCA —Akshay Joshi, with blazer in Squash and presently 1st in merit.
- SCC —DS Bajaj, Half blues in Squash.
- CSM's —N Chakraborty, V Aggarwal and D Ahluwalia.
- DCC's —S Sahi, IS Samyal, K Bhatt, D Ahuja and P Das and in the Wing the senior most and 2nd senior most appointments are held by VK Sharma and AJS Sandhu.

#### IMA

- ACA —V Verma
- BCA —V Jaswal

As already brought out in the College magazines, a Rimcollian, for the second consecutive year, came 1st in merit and bagged the "Sword". Our congratulations to 2nd Lt Sandeep Singh. Also reiterated here is the rare feat of 6 Rimcols out of the first 10 in the combined All India merit for NDA, including the top three.

Cadet NCO SS Pundir  
Class V

### Cultural Round Up

The cultural aspect of the curriculum has been given a stronger emphasis, with the Commandant's determination to smoothen out the rough edges in the personality of the cadets. It was a sellout performance by Class IV and the Commandant must have been relieved. For that class had just transferred the Commandant's thought process into reality to have a cultural evening staged every fortnight by different classes in rotation. Full marks to class IV—they held the audience under a spell.

Our Hindi debators have become sort of globe-trotters with their performances at various debates. Cadet Suraj Kishore and Alok Raturi are veterans of the College and are already making their mark



outside as well. And the ranks of Hindi debators are swelling with Cadets YK Gautam, Ashish Kashyap, SS Singh, Anshuman Narang and Abhas Awasthi contributing their mite for the cause of debating.

Cadet Suraj Kishore finished 2nd at a debate in Cambrian Hall where RIMC bagged the Trophy of the 'Team prize'. RIMC team bagged the 3rd position at a debate in Welham Girls' School and at another debate at Doon School Cadet Ashish Kashyap came 3rd.

The Inter Section Debate felt the absence of College debators, due to a new rule prohibiting them from participating, so as to encourage more cadets to get debating exposure. This certainly paid off with the emergence of Cadet Anurag Uniyal and Cadet Ashish Kashyap—Pratap Section certainly taught a letter or two to the others in debating, to walk away with the cup. The Inter Section Quiz competition was held and Shivaji and Chandragupta won the cup jointly followed by Pratap and Ranjit.

Spic-Macay organised a concert by the renowned flutist Mr Rajendra Prasanna. The Cadets enjoyed the programme thoroughly.

That is all in the cultural round-up till the next number of the chronicle.

Cadets CA Mohan &  
Virendra Singh

### Sports Round Up

Sports form an important part of the routine at RIMC. This term was largely meant for football, with Athletics following afterwards. Usually the first event of the term cross-country has been delayed till almost the end of the term.

Our football season began on a good note with a 3-0 win over the staff team. They were lucky to hold us in a goalless draw till half time. But then it seems enough was enough and goals started "happening". The young cadets anyway didn't play as well as they were expected to, the credit for this certainly goes to the staff team who put up a brilliant performance. Undoubtedly the star of the day was Lt Col Prakash Singh whose miraculous saves left the cadets stunned. All those of us in the field could see the mocking looks of the Masters, as if daring us to score. Well Sirs, let me say, next year, next season, please be on the guard.

The Football team under the guidance of Capt VN Chaturvedi and Hav KK Rai had a good, if somewhat short, season, due to the busy schedules. We did play with Doon School, Oak Groves, Cambrian Hall this season. The scores were as follows :—

- (a) RIMC beat OAK Groves, Mussoorie 5-1
- (b) RIMC beat Cambrian Hall 4-1

We also played a series of matches with the local Dehradun Clubs.

The Inter Section Football Cup continues to hold the position of one of the most prestigious cups at RIMC. Finally after a hat trick run of three years as Football Champion the Pratapians were forced to step down by Shivaji. The members of the College team did not take part in the competition and



Pratap did suffer the loss of its 8 players but the move was very wise for we saw new talent coming up, which probably wouldn't have otherwise got this opportunity. Another highlight of the competition was the participation of the masters among whom are Mr MK Sharma, Mr Sreedharan, Capt Samuel and Mr KS Ahlawat. Mr Ahlawat's josh was unbeatable and he hurt his hand. We wish him a speedy recovery. The final positions were—Shivaji 1st, Pratap 2nd, Ranjit 3rd and Chandragupta 4th. Now it's time to pack up the football boots till next year; though the College Team will be practising continuously throughout the year.

The season is not really for basketball but our hoopsters did play with Cambrian Hall bearing them 43-22. Our Squash players are leaving for Patiala for the Punjab Opens.

That's about all in sports this term.

Cadet NCO SS Pundir  
Class V



## Book-Post

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#### EDITORIAL

The <sup>great</sup> wheel of time turns on. The new year this time ushered us into a new decade. We are knocking on the doors of the 21st century. For us in RIMC, the 80's were a decade of great changes. It began with a resounding bang with the Diamond Jubilee. It ended with an equally important event, the appointment of a Rimcollian yet again as COAS. We had our ups and downs. There were changes aplenty but some things never change. The smiling faces of the cadets, the lush green campus, the hectic routine and the routine churning out of heroes. We sent hundreds of cadets to the Armed Forces in the decade that was. I will not be exaggerating if I say that it was rare that an Old Boy wouldn't pass out with top honours from IMA or NDA. I can assure you, gentlemen, that we are every inch proud of you. It is the "Old Boys" who are the pillars of our strength. Their deeds are folklore to us, the cadets. We look upto you for motivation.

ONE



You have set the standards, be it in the drill square at NDA, the guerilla warfare in Sri Lanka or the freezing inhuman conditions at Siachen. We have to live by these old traditions. The three ostrich feathers continue to be our link, The college has spiralled up, now we can look back at the 80's with a warm glow in our hearts, a smile on our lips and fond memories. "Au-Revoir" 80's and a warm welcome to the 90's

Coming to the present, the term has begun in right earnest. As usual the boxers can be seen sweating it out. The Hockey and Cricket teams are bubbling with energy and vigour. The Re-union, a very important occasion for all of us, is just round the corner. The expansion of the mess and the ante rooms is complete. The expectancy, the tension, the preparation and general bonhomie is in the air. We are all the happier to learn that a few old boys from Pakistan will be able to make it for the Re-union this year.

We bade farewell to Mr LN Thakur, a very distinguished master and one of the last of the old guard, an institution in himself. He retired as the Section Master of Shivaji Section. His absence will be deeply felt. All our good wishes are with him for his life-without RIMC. I also take this opportunity to welcome into our fold Mr Tyag and Miss Narangi. Our congratulations to Capt JH Samuel on the arrival of a cute son.

No chapter of RIMC can be complete without the mention of Late Gen GG Bewoor. A very distinguished and cheerful Rimcollian, and one of the greatest old boys RIMC has ever had, Gen Bewoor went on to become the COAS. It was just last year that I had been talking to him for the College magazine. He was going firm, steady, with a very fine sense of humour. The tall figure, bold spectacles adorning the face and the hat on his head. I can't believe that we won't ever be seeing him again; a person who was deeply associated with RIMC. "The Bewoors" are a real Rimcollian family-replete with Rimcollians. We assure "The Bewoors" that we stand by them. May his great soul rest in eternal peace.

## PANTHERS GOSSIP

There has been an abrupt rise in the number of Pratapians suffering from different complexes and phobias. A peep inside the prominent and well known chota part reveals more about human sentiments and psychology than the best of Carl Sagan's books.

Well known even to the civilized world, (which incidentally includes everyone outside the chota part) is the 'sleepo-mania'. The poor victim goes on sleeping well after the PT bell, but then, when one thinks he knows all about the disease, love-lion comes up with yet another connotation of the disease. That is very scientifically called the 'Funk-while-you-sleep- 'O' mania'. The poor victim dreams that he has been caught red-handed. The other day love-lion in his sleep, started howling, 'No Sir, I did not eat the extra tea share yesterday'. We all had to assure him that the previous day he had taken just the full sections shares and not a biscuit more.



Then there's another 'I'm the toughest' kind of complex and guess who's got it. Nowadays he is often seen lifting up a bed in either hand and showing off. (I wonder where he got the doll-house set from).

Poor Chinghi too got the most dreaded-Phobia of the decade; the commo-phobia but he has overcome this drawback. It took him a day to fully acquaint himself with the tobacco smoke of Will's Gold Flake and now a sniff can tell him if the danger is around. Like an elephant, he is always on the look out for the fear of his dream. He often hides under a bed when he smells danger coming.

Incidentally, the old man and his knee have moved to his new habitat away from section, but that has not spared him from a deadly complex. We all call it the 'I'm-the coolest-one' complex. I think I'll borrow a sentence from him and say 'God help him for he knows not what he is'.

Last Saturday I asked a cadet in a tattered and bruised state, what had happened to him. He said, "Shampu happened to me". He's so cool, he shivers my timbers. If looks could kill a person then all of us would be dead.

The star runner has got the 'I'll-catch-you' mania. If you see a body fully inside a junior's cupboard and just the legs outside, you've got your man if you're looking for hanky-panky Sinha. The Grub's looking for grub.

Funti too appears to have a have a mild 'No-one-cares-for-me complex'. A new comer freak to chota part comments 'Don't get senti Yaa . . . r !'

And, of course in the end I must bow to the grand old man of Pratap who is seen busy teaching the boxers the fine arts of the sport. It is funny to see Sandeep Singh (junior) learning boxing from him while he should be saying

"Dadaji..... Badminton"

THE SLY GUY

### Ranjit Section Gossip

Cadet 'A' was sitting on his table tucking in his dinner. The Cadet Captain was on his daily rounds. As he passed by cadet A's table, he suddenly heard what sounded like 'gooding Sir' (the short form of good evening Sir, invented by certain enterprising Rimcools). The Cadet Captain promptly turned to cadet 'A', asking him whether he was supposed to wish in the mess or not. Cadet 'A' immediately replied, "I said pudding Sir, not gooding Sir".

THREE



*In Future*  
**IN THE FUTURE**

Once two Rimcollians were passing by a grand house;  
talking thus :

Rimcollian 'A' : Whose house is that ?

Rimcollian 'B' : That is a fellow Rimcollian's house.

He was CQM, way back in January 1990.

Rimcollian 'A' : How did he make such a grand house ?

Rimcollian 'B' : He made it from the stones he collected from the ration rice.

**THE ROVING EYE**

**Shivaji Section Gossip**

So here we Shivajians are back to our Alma Mater from our theoretically long but factually short vacation. The eager and witty Shivajians' minds were greatly influenced by the elections especially the aristocracy i.e SDC-I, SDC-II, SC-II. The result -the section was converted into a political party overnight. The elite i.e the 'senate' comprises the senior dormitory. The meetings are held during games and the venue.....

Shhh ! Don't tell the Comdt ! Immediately after the dorm came into power there was a unanimous/decision to pass some amendments for the common mass (the middle dorm and the junior dorm). Under this amendment a firm law has been passed to forget about everything associated with the section (Mar.....stin... ∞) and a plan has been proposed for our complete face-lift. Under this decision the dorms have a very spick and span look. There is a special pride taken to follow the commandments under the amendments. Of course the juniors complain because their oil bottles were finished while oiling their tables and money taken from them to buy incense sticks, but these are merely trivial problems. This is just the beginning. A lot more is to follow as a Shivajian can never let grass grow under his feet

Till then " Adieu "

'The Key Hole eye'

**Chandra Gupta Section Gossip**

Come Wednesday or Saturday, Chandragupta section senior dorm is eager about one incident that has been so persistently repetitive on these days after PT. After having done with the ablutions, there is an unusually artificial atmosphere maintained, trying to drive the general discussion to any direction but the turnout. But why should poor turnout be neglected and deprived of a place in the cadets rhetoric at all ? It is all due to the tremendous and prodigious capacity of Sarge prodigy of our section to remain oblivious of the surroundings. Swimming in his own world of fantasies he always forgets that Wednesdays and Saturdays have mufti kit as the uniform and not the CG Kit.



As the others exchange furtive glances trying to suppress the irresistible urge to burst into peals of laughter, Sarge Prodigy continues to put on his OG trousers and all this happens while his dorm mates are changing into mufti kit right in front of his eyes. This drama of doping continues till somebody discloses to Sarge Prodigy about his stupidity, out of pity or he realises just at the nick of time. However at the moment there are two major issues that are worrying the cadets in senior dorm. Firstly, what will come of the humour period of senior dorm after Sarge Prodigy moves into holding section after the newcomers, join. And secondly, what will come of the newcomers, who wouldn't even know whether they have to laugh or follow their NCO.

## THE BROOM MAN

### News from NDA & IMA

It's once again a Rimcollian hat-trick. For the third term consecutively we had the honour of seeing a Rimcollian receiving the sword of honour for being first in the order of merit at IMA. Our congratulations to 2/Lt Vikram Verma. To add more good news, the silver medal was also bagged by a Rimcollian, 2/Lt Vivek Jaswal.

The same success story was repeated at NDA, Akshay Joshi bagged the gold medal.

#### NDA 77th Course

- (a) A Joshi - Gold Medal, Anchors (best naval cadet)
- (b) Rohit Choudhary - Bayonets
- (c) RS Kohli - Bayonets
- (d) Pradeep Singh - Blazer in Squash, Blazer in Cross-country

#### NDA 78th Course

- (a) SCC - Robi Kapoor, Subodh Kumar
- (b) CSM - KS Sanewal

#### NDA 79th Course

- (a) Sgts - Prabhat Kumar, DS Bisht
- (b) S Verma (Merit Card in Squash)

#### IMA

- (a) BCA - MK Zaki
- (b) CSM - Vishal Sharma, M Wadhwa

Cdt NCO Alok Raturi  
Class V



### News from Rimcollians

1. Capt PS Gill gets married. We wish him a happy married life.  
We also congratulate him for winning the silver medal in the trap event in the 'National Trap and Skeet Shooting Championship' held at New Delhi.  
He is presently posted as the staff officer to Lt Gen SPM Tripathi, AVSM, at New Delhi.
2. Mrs Kumud Jaiswal, wife of Ex-section master-Mr Jaiswal SR-breathed her last at the age of 55 years. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.
3. Lt KM Dhir (ex- Pratap) and Lt A Katoch (ex-Shivaji) were awarded the Chief of the Naval Staff Commendation, for their dedication to duty.
4. Lt Deepak Adhar (ex-Chandra Gupta) of the Naval aviation finished his training at the Air Force Academy. He would be leaving shortly for England for further training on the 'Harriers'.
5. Two Rimcollians were commissioned on the 19th of January at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal (AP):

- (a) Pilot Offr Sandhu J S
- (b) Pilot Offr C Monish

A few of our cadets attended the 'Passing out parade' and it was a small re-union of sorts. The other Rimcollians there are doing well too.

6. There was a small Rimcollians Re-union at Hyderabad on the 23rd <sup>Dec.</sup> ~~January~~. There were a few cadets too and among distinguished Rimcollians were Air Cdr RHD Singh (1928-33) and Brig DK Khullar. There were about 15 Rimcollians and 7 cadets for the Re-union.

<sup>Khullar</sup> "Our appeal to the Rimcollians to keep in touch with us hasn't paid dividends; specially those in Naval Academy. I hope you keep us informed."

Cadet NCO P Nitin  
Class IV A

### COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

Following are extracts from a letter from Mr Norman. G Bittorff, Lt Col United States Air Force (retired) to Col SD Mahanti, Comdt RIMC.

"Dear Sir,

It was a great source of personal pride and pleasure for me to visit the campus of RIMC and to meet you and many of your fine staff and cadets.



My friends and I were much impressed by the cadet's wide grasp of issues surrounding politics, geography, religion, philosophy and history, showing education and maturity beyond their years. In fact they exceeded what I had often encountered with my American College students who were atleast four years their senior.

A wonderful gesture was your willingness to allow Mohan, Nitin, and Nagu to visit me in Mussoorie on the weekend they were free. There they met other friends of mine and there was a rich and rewarding exchange of ideas. One lady friend, My Gita Halpern, is a teacher at an exclusive private School in Massachusetts. Nitin hovered over her through the menu of an Indian restaurant with all the aplomb of an experienced maitre d'. She later commented to me "where" in America could you fix a 15 year old boy with such class and social grace to give the same wonderful experience to a foreign guest"? I had to confess that I knew of no one who could have done it.

It is my hope that my friendship with RIMC will be long and continuing. My dream would be, in time, that some of your cadets could visit America and I could escort them to visit many of the fine military educational institutions in Virginia.

Should you, any of your staff, cadets or any Old boys of RIMC, be in the Washington, D.C. area after March 10th 1990, I want them to feel free to call me, and if, my calendar is free. I shall meet them and extend to them the same hospitality RIMC has shown me. *hospitality*

This is a particularly sacred season in the Christian calendar. I would pause to ask that God richly bless you and the boys this season. It is a Christian season sad for many American mothers who have just this last week lost their sons in Panama only three days before Christmas Day. My prayer is that your cadets may live in peace and prosperity and in harmony with their neighbours. and that they never be called upon put to into use the tools of their training on the battle field.

I salute 'you' for the fine job you are doing.

Sincerely,  
Norman G Bittorf  
Lt Col, USAF (Retd)

The Oldest Class IV Employee of RIMC

Budh Singh, 76 is perhaps one of the few persons who is eyewitness to the series of changes RIMC has undergone over the years. After leaving the Army in 1943, Budh Singh joined RIMC as a bearer in the college office with a salary of Rs. 19/- pm.

With thick glasses on and a stick tapping the corridors; he mumbles barely coherently that his first inderection with RIMC was at the age of 10 years when Mr and Mrs Scott made him ballboy on the tennis court. According to him, the best Principal he came across was Mr Din Dayal. "He looked after the poor people kindly and generously", recollects Budeh Singh. He retired from the College in 1930 after 36 years of valuable service.



Comparing the quality of work then and now, he says, "In our days, even on Sundays all of us worked till 12 noon, but now all the bearers chew tobacco which we seldom did". When asked about the present Commandant, and Adm Offr, he said, "I cannot recollect their faces in particular But Mahanti Saab and Prakash Saab must have been good cadets".

Budh Singh is highly appreciative of the Old Boys who always talked to him, whenever they came back to their Alma Mater.

Budh Singh now is a complacent and resigned man living at Garhi Cantt, with a pension of Rs 500/- Bereft of his wife soon after his marriage in 1950, Budh Singh is childless. However, he is very proud of his nephews who are serving in the Army.

By Cdt Shritanu Guru  
Cdt NCO P Nitin

### CULTURAL ROUND UP

Indian classical heritage is something which RIMC has never ignored. Last term we hosted three cultural evenings two for the SPIC MACAY and one for the Social Action Group.

23rd Sep 89 : Shri Rajendra Prasanna (Flute Recital)

27th Oct 89 : Ms Alarmel Valli (Bharatanatyam lec-dem)

She was the youngest state dancer in Tamil Nadu (1982-1985) She has also received a number of titles like SHINGARAMANI, KALAMANI, NRITYACHUDAMANI-

9th Nov 89 : Odissi classical and folk dance conducted by Guru Mayadhar Raut, an eminent exponent of Odissi.

By Cdt NCO P Nitin  
Class IV A

### Co-Curricular Activities Round UP

*robbing* Sports and co-curricular activities are an integral part of our College curriculum as they help in our all-around development. Term after term there is a friendly rivalry between the four sections not only in the playgrounds but every other place. Some section wins and the others lose but then defeat is a part of life. Last term we saw very abhorring matches which made us sit at the edge of our chairs. Listed below are the standings of the four sections in the competitions :-

EIGHT



## SPORTS

### Swimming

<u>Section</u>	<u>Point</u>	<u>Position</u>
Ranjit	70	I
Chandra Gupta	55	II
Pratap	37	III
Shivaji	28	IV

### Best Swimmers

'A' Division - Cdt Vikram Rao (R), Cdt L Kandpal (C).

'B' Division - Cdt Kapil Rana (R)

'C' Division - CQM Lovkesh Thakur (R). He was also awarded Vijay Chandel Trophy for his performance in swimming.

### Cross Country

Shivaji	4848	8	I
Chandra Gupta	5221	6	II
Ranjit	5289	4	III
Pratap	5519	2	IV

### Best runners

Juniors - 1st. R Talashi	(R)
2nd. Harminder Singh	(S)
Middle - 1st Dharmesh Chander	(C)
2nd. Harjinder Dua	(P)
Seniors - 1st Anurag Uniyal	(S)
2nd. Balraj Gurung	(C)

### Athletics

Pratap	130	8	I
Ranjit	54	6	II
Shivaji	53	3	III
Chandragupta	53	3	III

### Best Athletes

'A' Division	-	Vikas Bhandari	(P)
'B' Division	-	N N Beura	(S)
'C' Division	-	Pankaj Sinha	(P)



### Squash

Ranjit	14	8	I
Pratap	9.5	6	II
Shivaji	8.5	4	III
Chandragupta	8	2	IV

Best player - Cadet Captain Anuj Kalia. He was also awarded the Col B K Laroia trophy for his performance in Squash.

Best upcoming player :- Cdt ADS Sidhu (P)

### Football

Shivaji	8	I
Pratap	6	II
Ranjit	4	III
Chandragupta	2	IV

### Obstacles

Chandragupta	5 : 11	4	I
Pratap	5 : 37.5	3	II
Shivaji	6 : 58	2	III
Ranjit	7 : 36.2	1	IV

The first in each section were :-

Pankaj Sinha	(Pratap)
Rakesh Kumar	(Ranjit)
Ashish Vasudeva	(Shivaji)
Balraj Gurung	(Chandragupta)

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### Quiz

Shivaji and Chandra Gupta tied for the first position.  
Pratap and Ranjit were tied for the second position

### Hindi Debate

Pratap	—	I
Ranjit	—	II
Shivaji	—	III
Chandragupta	—	IV



### Best Debators

Juniors :- 1st. Cdt Shiv Shankar Singh (R)  
              2nd. Cdt A Awasthi (S)  
Seniors :- 1st. A Uniyal (S)  
              2nd. Ashish Kashyap (P)  
Best Rebuttler :- Cdt Manu Tewari (P)

The College blues were awarded to the following cadets :-

(a) Football — Cdt NCO Vardhan Kumar (S)  
(b) Athletics — Cdt NCO Pankaj Sinha (P)  
(c) Squash — Cdt Captain Anuj Kalia (R)  
(d) Cross Country — Cdt NCO A Uniyal (S)

Cdt S KOCHHAR  
III A

We intend starting 'letters to the Editor' column from the next issue of the Chronicle. Your co-operation in this regard is eagerly sought.



## Book-Post

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**From the Editor's Desk**

The term commenced; the cadets converged from all directions at the RIMC after a long yet apparently short two and a half months vacation. 'It zoomed past' was the refrain of the younger cadets while the older ones were busy discussing the more material and entertaining aspects of the vacation.

It was heartening to find Maj BK Sinha (Chandragupta 1965-69) as the new Administrative officer. More so for the youngest Chandragupta Section who have been hoping that the benefit of doubt in Section rivalries might go in their favour. He has been a source of inspiration for the cadets, especially with his enviable record of five blues in one year at NDA ! A record which others at NDA have been emulating, but have been finding a mirage instead.

ONE



The weather, typical of Dehradun could never be predicted. Unlike the previous terms, it was the golden sunshine and not the silvery downpour which greeted us at the Thimmaya Gate. Nevertheless, the campus recieved its share of rainfall. Much to the distress of the cobbler, and the relief of the cadets, the college was finally provided with gumboots, which has prolonged the longevity of the Oxford Pattern Shoes by at least a term.

During vacation it was Italia '90. But can Rimcolliana' 90 be far behind? In an unusual display of 'josh' and vigour, the cadets have been sweating it out in the mornings and evenings, practising for intersection football competition.

With the acceleration that the activities were speeding, it would not have taken long to surmount the day-to-day challenges. But like the dreaded drop of ink, which contaminates an entire glass of distilled water, chicken pox ravaged the campus. Half the college was in quarantine, to name Pratap and Ranjit Sections. The first casualty in this war of isolation and infection was the shutting down of the swimming pool to the college barely after a fortnight of swimming.

We welcome the new members of the academic faculty, Mr. Bedi, Miss Vineeta and Miss Sancy into our fold. We wish all the best to Mr. MK Sharma who left our academic faculty at the end of last term.

It was refreshing to find the little new-comers joining the exclusive brand of Rimcollians with their novel ideas-much to the amusement of the seniors.

Cdt NCO S Guru

### Pratap Section Gossip

Dressed in swimming costumes, black glasses and of course the recently issued gumboots the squad marched in. "Halt"! was the order. Pratap section's Anti-wash squadron had marched in headed by their Commander, Patty. As usual Palu, the Buddha, was lagging behind with Meshy, the baby, dragging him along. Though there had been other attacks by the Anti-wash Commandoes this was the first of its kind due to the 20% per annum growth rate in the population of wasps in the college. "Attack", came the order and soon towels, slippers and shoes were flying all over the place. The wash-fort was being bombarded and soon the enemy came charging. Sandy was the first to fall with twenty enemy aircrafts attacking at the same time. The brave commandoes gave the call for ceasefire but the enemy was determined to drive them out of their region of domicile. Jat was next to fall having failed to kill a single enemy soldier inspite of his burly physique. Jeetu, the dope, was once again found doping and instead of striking the wasps struck down the Tintin hair-styled Pididi who was considered the best shot. Beat-freak Pain's war song posed a serious threat to the Garhi Musicians. And last of all the peace-loving BONG preferred to stay aloof as a mere spectator.

Having relieved the No 10 dormitory from the Yellow Stinger Airforce with 4 casualties at hand, the Anti-wash Squadron was cheered by all for their daring deed.

Meet you very soon with another adventure. Till then "GOOD BYE"

"The Brave Commandoes"



### **Ranjit Section Gossip**

'The rain in Spain, stays mainly in the plains'. It also stays mainly in our dorms. Nowadays Ranjit Section is making full use of the floods prevalent in the dorms to keep the swimming up with themselves.

While all other sections are itching to hear a few notes of music, Ranjit Section has more than its fill. Half the VA has taken to shouting the few phrases of songs they know, at full volume, even in the bathroom.

The gumboots were issued yesterday and cadets of all dorms sat up in the night discussing the merits and demerits of the gumboots, much to the annoyance of the NCOs.

The fitness fever has sprung up again this term. The cadets of VA have taken to body building again, with more sophisticated equipment than bricks and springs.

Meet you again next month.

"The Red Army Intelligence"

### **Shivaji Section Gossip**

The blue blooded ones are back again. The cream of the 'royalty' (VA) has started the term on rather loud notes. Who knows the notes may grow louder or softer with the passage of time?

Noise is the latest craze. It's pop time in the Section Room after lunch. Or noise time, if you like. The aspiring singers sing out the latest hits in the loudest of volumes. The College music system is not a match to the volume produced although it accompanies the poppers. Insurance companies certainly would not insure eardrums of the cadets of Shivaji Section. The poppers are also accompanied by 'advanced' musical instruments. Yes, you guessed it right. They are dustbins and tables.

The loudest human voice will soon be fearing for his world record. Nothing stops them. Even the breaking down of their metallic drums (dustbins).

And now, a suggestion for the Commandant. This may be one of the reasons (the loudness) for the breaking down of the solar heaters' panels.

### **Chandragupta Section Gossip**

Come June 90, the first thing which strikes our mind is Italia' 90. June 8 and the underdogs, Cameroon, defeated the defending champs—Argentina in a nailbiting tussle. Let us change the scene to RIMC. The underdogs, Chandragupta (Cheetahs), the giant Ranjit and defending champions—Pratap. The tussle for supremacy and the keenness to match their wits before the competition led to a series of matches. Well, this time the spirited Cheetahs turned the tables on the favourites.



These days a lot of gossip is going around in the section. The seniors watched the matches on the television and have modelled themselves accordingly. The juniors' version to this is like this.

The inside left, Imtiaz 'Schillaci' is a scourge to the opponent's defence. The little Toto needs to improve his grounders. Suneet 'Scifo', the stocky powerhorse in the right midfield is a delight to watch. But he is required not to skip the practices. Shritanu 'Brehme', the broad shouldered, bushy moustached, full back is devastating with his thunder thighs and shots. He sleeps in the opponent's hearts. 'Emillio Vikram Butragueno', tall, lanky centre-half with long legs is very good at obstructing the opponents' moves. He should sharpen his dribbling skills, which are now more of a threat than an asset. 'Dragan Belu Stojkovich, the fleet-footed left winger sends shivers down the opponent's spine with his speedy runs on the left. Durgesh 'Baresi', the headed full back is the best charger around and can take on any matador-forwards. Sumit 'Carnevale' thinks that the goal post will shift left and right along with his shots. Seems innocuous most of the time, but bursts out suddenly with a quick split pass. Sanjeev 'Gascoigne', the little wizard has an effective lob which lands right in the goal. He sees very little and hits very hard (either ball or.....man!). Dharmesh 'Koeman', the charging rhino makes his opponents think twice before confronting him. He seems to be very conscious of his hair style and face, for he always shies away from heading. The dark, lithe and agile Rama 'Linekar', the centre forward has dreaded headers, but most of the time, away from the goal. And last but not the least Vijai 'Zenga' is a wall between the opponents and the goal line. The iron handed goalie is very hard to beat.

The eleven heroes of the Cheethas team are the much talked about persons. I heard gossip about their taking on the College XI too ! Let's wait and see what await the Cheetahs. Will they be victorious like the Germans ? Or the luckless Brazillians ? Let us see the marauders in action on the 11th of October, when the kick off takes place.

### Nature's Timing

Nature is a vast subject which extends its influence to every nook and corner of the universe but here I want to confine myself to one of its many masterpieces, a friendly giant, residing in our college campus.

Nearly every cadet, be it of the past or present, has kicked or dribbled this tree's fruit with his leg or a hockey stick, and at times has even cooled off after a sweaty affair (a hard game or a punishment) under the shade of this leafy giant.

The fruit of this tree, large in size, drops to the ground at any time of the day but it is worth noting that it has never ever fallen on any one. At times it has even happened that a cadet notices its falling in front of him while he is walking beneath the tree, or has even seen the fruit falling at his rear while he is on his way to academic block or running to be on time for the Roll Call.

Many of my friends have noticed this. I pondered over it the other day and came to the conclusion that this is an act of nature, somewhat mysterious though, which inflicts no harm on



anyone. There is so much we can learn from nature and are lucky enough to be in this 'Gift of God' and who knows, we may find a hidden Wordsworth in this fraternity of ours.

Cdt Siddharth Singh  
1508/C

### Alma Mater

The Rashtriya Indian Military College  
has given me the cream of my knowledge  
for which, to it, I owe gratitude  
to the highest degree of latitude.

I love my college from the bottom  
to the the brim of my heart.  
When together, my memories, I tie  
All my worries die.

The wonderful past, the pleasant present  
resists the future to descend.  
So many heroes have taken birth  
in my college—a heaven on earth.

I came here as a young boy  
full of enthusiasm, zeal and joy  
On imagining myself, cute and shy  
My eyes wet, go dry.

Wish to give the best of me to my Alma Mater.  
For it's this that would matter.

Cadet NCO P Bhal

### Staff Vs Cadets

The cadets zealous and gay  
sat on a nice, sunny day  
Watching the game of football

Actually it was a staff-cadet match  
which broke the latch  
Of the suspense thereafter  
Breaking into giggles and laughter

Nice to watch the experienced, the old  
Playing the young, and



The cadets clapping their hands  
Cheering up the two bands.

So interesting was the match  
That all had their interests hatched  
At the end the cadets and the staff  
Shared their experience just to laugh.

Three-two was the score, as they say  
Three cheers—Hurray, Hurray.

Cadet NCO P Bhal

### Co-Curricular Round Up

The co-curricular scene in August was an active one. One could see the section and college Hindi debators, either in the library or behind the rostrums orating a way to victory. The very first contest which RIMC staked its claim on was a Hindi debate organised by our friendly neighbour Cambrain Hall on the 22nd of Aug. Our contingent comprised Cdt Suraj Kishore and Cdt Adjt Alok Raturi. Though we could not bag any individual prize, our debators secured RIMC a firm 3rd position among the 8 participant schools.

Then we had our yearly Inter-Section Hindi debate. We had the four sections pitted against each other in a gruelling battle of words. What pleased the audience most was the most enjoyable verbal cross-fire in the Rebuttal. The topic for the juniors was कनिष्ठ छात्रों के बौद्धिक विकास के लिए वरिष्ठ छात्र अध्यापकों से अधिक उत्तरदायी है whereas the topic for seniors was भौतिक प्रगति सुखों का माप दंड है। Shivaji won the trophy, with Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta not far behind, being 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively. The individual positions in the juniors were—Cadet S Jyoti (P) in the first place and Cadet Anup Kumar (S) in the second place, whereas in the seniors Cadet Shiv Shankar Singh (R) was adjudged the best speaker and Cadet NCO Anurag Uniyal (S) 2nd best. The 'best in Rebuttal' was Cadet Manu Tiwari (P) after a hard—hitting questionnaire.

Also, our English debating team, comprising Cadet Vijay Singh and Cadet Rishi Raj Singh, escorted and guided by Cadet NCO P Nitin left for Delhi to expose themselves to a few people who could acquaint them with the topic 'Autonomy for Schools will bring about educational progress'. After that they journeyed to Pilani for the All India Inter-School debate to be held in Birla Public School, Pilani. They journeyed through the roughs of the present agitations, reached there just two hours before the debate and brought the 1st and 3rd individual positions and the overall cup to RIMC. Cadet Vijay Singh was an unquestioned first and Cadet Rishi Raj Singh a gallant third. So RIMC won the coveted trophy.

With this, the month of August came to an end from the co-curricular point of view, and September brings with it new horizons to conquer.

Cdt NCO P Nitin  
Class V



### Cultural and Social Round Up

Culturally and socially speaking, August has been a quiet month. We have had no visits from the "Society for promoting Indian Classical Music and Culture Among the Young" i.e. the SPIC MACAY.

Various classes are also restlessly awaiting a chance to be the masters of the stage, and entertain the College, but, Alas ! No such luck.

Nevertheless, the cadets have not been daunted by the lack of official interest in culture. On a Saturday evening, one can see heated discussions in progress in dorms, on topics as varied as "Mandal Commission" and "On a journey, is a girl preferable or a book".—I, for one, stand for the girl and could write a passionate essay on my views, but that would be straying from my duty.

With chicken pox in the air, and Ranjit and Pratap Sections in quarantine as a result, it is unlikely that we will be able to organise a cultural gathering on the college scale.

The high point in August were the impromptu hikes. The places visited were Jammu, Jaipur, Bharatpur and Nainital. It gave the Cadets an opportunity to enrich their knowledge of Indian culture and its diversity. That's all to record for this month. Lets hope September finds us culturally and socially more advanced.

Cdt S Kochar

### Sports Round Up

The first month of the August Term 1990 brought quite a few ups and downs on the fields and courts of Dehra Dun.

In hockey, our team had proved its mettle last term. Nevertheless the decision to participate in the Nehru Cup was a pleasant surprise.

Our players were not devoid of individual talent, but lacked co-ordination. However, under the guidance of Sub Alexander—who is a national coach—the team has improved by leaps and bounds.

We all wish the hockey team the very best of luck for the tournament.

Meanwhile, the squash div has not been twiddling its thumbs either. We were lucky to get a new squash coach—Mr Kishan Singh Baghel. It is interesting to note that he picked up squash in RIMC's courts.

Unfortunately, in matches against the Doon School, only Cdt Amit Dhami could beat his opponent.

We take this opportunity to welcome the new basketball coach, Narendra Singh. The Basketball court No 1 was renovated this vacation. The Basketball div hopes to put up a good show this term.



Pitifully, the football div has failed to keep up its standards. Cadets lost the staff vs cadets match and the match played against the Doon School. The only consolation was that our cadets were able to draw a match against the Doon School.

Cadet Dhiraj Ramanand

### COMMANDANT'S MAIL BAG

Excerpts from the letter from Maj Gen IN Luthra, who has been recently promoted to the rank of Major General.

"I can quite understand the sense of wonder and disbelief whenever a Rimcollian makes it to General's rank. Don't worry I share the same sentiment. Correctly, such occasions, apart from being displayed in the Rogues' Gallery, should actually be recorded in the Zipley's believe-it-or-not series. I haven't understood why this term 'Rogues Gallery' has been coined specifically for those whose photographs are displayed there. I am sure there are bigger and more accomplished rogues amongst the Rimcollians considering that there is such a large population to choose from, since all Rimcollians fall into the category—lovable ones no doubt.

I haven't got a photograph so far but will do so soon and send you a copy of 12 feet by 16 feet as desired. That will make me look like one of the.....film stars.....or may be even a replica of.....

As far the brief resume of my achievements, "I am planning to write my autobiography which should run into may be three volumes!"



## VISITS

The following officers/parents visited the College during the month of Aug 1990 :—

S No	Date of visit	Name of visitors	Location/Apts
1.	01 Aug 90	Mr R Massey	New Delhi
2.	01 Aug 90	Mr. AK Gupta, Project Officer	Orissa State Social Welfare Board, Nayapalli
3.	01 Aug 90	Sub Maj SN Mukhopadhyay	507 Army Base Wksp EME
4.	01 Aug 90	Mr. BA Sah	Srinagar
5.	01 Aug 90	Mr. Shaligram Sinha	Bihar
6.	02 Aug 90	Mr & Mrs D Ghosh	Calcutta
7.	04 Aug 90	Dr. Virendra Verma	Former Principal, NDA
8.	13 Aug 90	Maj Kuljeet Singh	HQ Central Command
9.	17 Aug 90	Mr Ashok Singh	Patna (Bihar)
10.	17 Aug 90	Sub Maj SN Mukhopadhyay	507 Army Base Wksp EME
11.	17 Aug 90	Lt Col NM Sharma	MIRC, Ahmadnagar
12.	17 Aug 90	Mr. AK Gupta, Project Officer	OSSW Board Bhubneshwar
13.	17 Aug 90	Dr VK Mohindra	Distt Hospital Solan (HP)
14.	17 Aug 90	Mr. K Ramakrishnan	Pratapgarh (UP)
15.	17 Aug 90	Mr. YL Sharma	New Delhi
16.	22 Aug 90	Lt Col RK Marwah	NVL Ltd Kailash Colony New Delhi
17.	22 Aug 90	Brig PN Kaul	MT Dte, Army HQ
18.	18 Aug 90	Mr. RK Sood	Simla (HP)



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#### Editorial

The rain Gods seem to have opened up to the valley with rainfall readings being closer to those of Bombay and Gangtok among other cities of the country.

The sports arena is undergoing practice sessions at a breakneck pace. The College hockey team undertook a tour to Jalandhar to get familiarized with the astroturf field in view of the forthcoming Nehru Cup.

While some factors accelerate the activities, there are some inhibitors hampering the activities. Chicken Pox continued in the campus humbling more and more cadets.

ONE



Yet another news which the cadets had been awaiting with crossed fingers came by and left the senior cadets and the Masters in deep introspection. The UPSC result for NDA was barely modest with just fifteen out the twenty cadets clearing the examination. The jolt has brought down the following batches to serious studies with the UPSC at the back of the mind.

The College welcomed Mr Augusthy, the new Biology Master into its fold. Hearty congratulations Mr K S Ahlawat, Chandragupta Section Master and Mr R K Sharma, Mathematics Master for being blessed with their little ones. Also hearty congratulations to Miss Ritu Gupta (Chemistry) for having tied the nuptial knots. We also bid her farewell from the College.

### **Pratap Section Gossip**

After every term, beds are vacated by the old timers who leave for NDA, for new faces who will in their time create the racket their predecessors had created.

A tradition in Pratap Section as yet undisclosed comes forth with this chronicle. Coordination between Journalists in NDA and RIMC being at its best (what with Pundir hanging around there), I venture to do this.

Every new comer to 'Chotta part' in keeping with the aforementioned tradition occupies the bed of his counterpart among the old timers.

Well, throw your mind back to last term when the papers were full of exploits of Pundir, Bist is, Phunti Kishor, Sorabh Dada, R K Chinghi and Prem Jat. While Pundir was taking his first crew cut in NDA, his place in Chotta part had been occupied by one of his ardent followers, uncle Euphoria alias Bhad.

Munmun Tewari was doing a follow-up job of RK Chinghi's cute-smile-bit while the original was wiping the grin off at NDA.

Teddy was contemplating going monkeying around to HMI. Poor chap didn't quite succeed.

All this while, Phunti Kishor and Bistis were carrying on their antics in NDA. Our own heroes were in action here like Phunti Kishore; Baartendu was putting on his trousers with one hand sipping tea with the other and composing poetry with his feet. Mafia Don (K) Chakku was, like his idol, Musclemans Satish, in front of a mirror, flexing his muscles. Of course he'll never quite make it to the top like Satish did but is doing his best.

And last is Poitu, who like the humble pie Sorabh Dada was, quietly sits and watches. At times he starts jumping around and breaks the college record.

That's about all the spice one can squeeze of 'Chotta part'. Let's bid farewell to these dirty tramps and move on for the time being.

The Sly Guy



### Ranjeet Section Gossip

Lately the raids conducted on Ranjit Section have been increasing. To counter the smuggling out of things (especially lotas and bulbs, Bhalu and Motu have set up the RIB (Ranjitian Intelligence Beureau).

Meanwhile Junior dorm has been conducting raids of its own. Other sections are at a loss to understand the mystery of the bare guava trees.

With the orders about keeping shoes in the kitroom the stink-zone has shifted from the gallery to the kit room.

The Intersection Athletics competition is drawing ever closer and as a result the Javelin throwers and shot-putters have gone on a muscle building spree. So, dont be surprised if you see the cows trying to work themselves into bulls (with a Bull worker, of course).

Our walkman Charlie Sharma has gone on SSB thus giving some respite to our ears. His head-phone (Cdt PKS) will miss him. The official embargo on grub has taken its toll on Ranjit Section. Even the almost inaudible crinkle of a toffee wrapper or a polythene packet brings together the whole section faster than the Sec-Com's orders. Flash news—In his quest for looking more dashing, secret agent 'Dan' has taken to wearing glasses.

The Senior Dorm Spy

### Shivaji Section Gossip

Life is still going on and the new Aristocracy have installed themselves and taken control. The three new recruits to join us-the Shivajian Maniacs-have also found their feet.

The first thing to take place was the swearing in of the new senior dorm. At 10.30 P. M. the doors were closed and the entire dorm was standing on the cup-boards giving a Hitlerite salute with the S.D.C-I reading the oath. The copyright permission to divulge its contents has not been granted. Sorry.

Guavas are rather ripe and sweet especially in some of our honourable strict staff members' houses. Not to be deterred, a Saturday night after 10.30 found some of us in night suits with PT shoes to launch operation "Guava Raid" which didn't have the desired effect because of a pure breed puppy that started yelping.

'Run for Fun' seems to be the motto. A Thursday night found an enthusiastic J.D.C-II in games kit going for the cross country route. Some poor juniors also had to run with him for company.

Everything is fine with tea shares, well almost everything. The other day cadet Harry was heard telling the waiter, "Cdt Harry ka share lao, woh nahi ayega". It seems that knowing College names and being able to associate it with the faces is a must for the waiters.

'The Eagle eye'



### Chandragupta Section Gossip

India's story of missed chances (let it be in hockey, cricket etc) seems to haunt Chandragupta Section too. The Champion cheetahs seem to have run out of luck. Everyone in the section says Oh No, Ooh! etc after every competition. Well actually this started in March with the cricket competitions. We started well against Shivaji and won all three matches. On the whole we won five matches, same as Shivaji. The spirits were high for after more than two decades we are winning the Cricket Cup. But alas! bad luck once again. This time in the form of the (OIC) who framed the rules on run average, and the Cheetahs' spirits were buried in the field itself. This time the sword of Domocles being the devil 'Run Rate'. Lot of 'never minds' and 'try agains' followed suit.

This time it is for us to wait and see in the football competitions if the lady luck smiles on the unlucky Cheetahs who have been very near yet so far.

Let's all wish the best and hope the trophy drought will be over this time.

### Sports Round-up

As far as sports are concerned, September was by no means a dull month.

The basketball competition was the first Inter-Section Competition of the month. It concluded on the 22nd of Sept. Much to the relief of the Basketball players, because the necessity of practice and the lack of time, demanded that they break their routine of getting up 5 minutes before the PT bell. Anyway, jokes apart, Shivaji kept the cup with themselves. Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap Sections came 2nd, 3rd and 4th respectively.

Hardly had Basketball finished, when the College plunged head first into cross country. The Bata shoes of the cadets must have gone through the most rigorous test of quality. To have endured basketball and cross country one after the other was no mean test. In juniors Harminder Singh came 1st, and Manish Kumar, 2nd. In seniors Rawinder Talashi finished 1st followed by Cdt NCO Balraj Gurung. The last minute decision, that Class III would run the dreaded senior route, certainly blew the wit out of them, but their performance certainly wasn't bad.

The college hockey team went to Jalandhar for a practice session on astroturf. They also played practice matches with the teams of the ONGC, Doon Hawks and the Ordinance Factory.

The basketball team requires much improvement. They lost both the matches played this month, one against Cambrian Hall and the other against Welham Boys.

The performance of the College Football team was excellent. They won a match each against Col Browns and the staff.

A match between the staff of RIMC and the staff of the Doon School was scheduled for the 13th of September. Such an event was without precedent in the last 15 years. It certainly promised to be a very entertaining event. To the disappointment of everyone the match was postponed by a day.



The next day, i.e. the 14th, everyone changed fast and went to reserve their favourite places in the pavilion. There was quite some speculations about the mode of conveyance of the teachers of the Doon School. They astonished us all by coming in vintage rattletap as if going for a picnic in the 1920s. The evening promised to be an interesting one.

However, the match presented a dilemma to the cadets, ardent cheerers that they are, they did not know how to address the staff team as neither 'staff' nor 'Rimcols' could be used. This dilemma saved us from the indignity of croaking during the match.

The match started with an exciting move with an accurate pass by the AO being converted into a goal by the Commandant in the very first minute. Soon afterwards it was followed by a powerful and accurate kick by Maj BK Sinha that left the goalkeeper wondering. They scored a goal in the second half. Hav KK Rai's dribbling never failed to fox the defenders and give us a few laughs.

The return match, which was played on Doon School ground ended in a draw. Both goals that were scored against them were scored by Hav KK Rai.

### **Cultural Round-up**

September found quite a lot of us down with chicken pox. As a result it was not possible to have any cultural activities on our grounds.

The saving grace of the month was the programme put up by the 11 Gorkha Rifles Regimental Centre. We went for their excellent Dushera programme followed by an even more sumptuous dinner. The programme began with a traditional dance dedicated to Goddess Durga. We were enlightened about the Eastern states, their dance forms and music. It was very informative as we were in the dark about our Eastern states. In between the programme hot snacks gave us a chance to appreciate the skills of the Centre's cooks. Over all this programme was an evening extremely well-spent as it broke our monotonous routine and also added to our storehouse of knowledge.

Col Prakash Singh, our Administrative officer till February 1990 left us on promotion after a successful tenure at RIMC. We congratulate him for the same. We bade him farewell over a belated yet sumptuous dinner after which he was carried out of the mess on a chair to the tune 'He is a jolly good fellow' and the sounds 'Hurray! Hurry!' Col Prakash, in turn arranged for a visit by the hockey players at Jalandhar to his unit at Phagwara, where the cadets enjoyed the sumptuous lunch and assimilated the details of the unit.

**Cdt Sumit Kochhar**  
*Class—IV*



### Co-Curricular Round—up

The co-curricular scene in September, though quite active, wasn't a very rewarding one as far as RIMC is concerned.

Our budding orators—Suraj Kishore and Shiv Shanker Singh placed RIMC in fourth position in the Miss Lenil Inter School Hindi Debate held at Welham Boys School. The participant schools were—Welham Girls, Doon School, Children's Academy, Welham Boys and RIMC. The Welham girls lifted the trophy.

In another encounter with Welham girls and Doon School in the 'Chakraborty Memorial English Debate' held at Doon School, our English debators—Cdt NCO P Nitin and Cdt K Vijay Singh secured RIMC the 2nd position. We were second to Welham Girls by 2 points. Cdt NCO P Nitin finished third in the individual tally.

Coming back to our own Inter Section events, the Inter Section Quiz was the event everyone eagerly awaited. The topic this time was 'World Cup 1990'. It brought with it a variety of interesting questions which were a delight for the quizzers and the audience alike. Whatever may be the case, with Maj Muricken's hilarious round of questions in the end on the Doon School staff vs RIMC staff football matches, the quiz was a grand success. Quizkids Shivaji were the gallant winners again. They were closely followed by Ranjit, Pratap and Chandragupta respectively.

Cdt NCO P Nitin  
Class—V

### Promotions

The following Old Boys have been promoted to the next higher ranks and appointed as shown against their names :—

#### To the rank of Major General

- (a) Brig IN Luthra
- (b) Brig Dipankar Banerjee, VSM
- (b) Brig B Neogy

- COS HQ 21 Corps
- Addl DGMI, Army HQ
- Director, Dte of Quality Assurance (Armaments) HQ DGQA, New Delhi

#### To the rank of Brigadier

- (a) Col AR Raikar
- (b) Col DS Dhillon
- (c) ColRP Aney
- (d) Col J S Verma, AC
- (e) Col Nabhojyoti Deka
- (f) Col SK Gupta

- Cdr 268 Inf Bde
- Cdr 4(I) Armd Bde
- Cdr 98 Armd Bde
- Cdr 4 (I) Armd Bde
- Cdr 86 Inf Bde
- Comdt 515 Army Base Wksp Bangalore



## VISITS

The following offrs/parents visited the College during the month of Sep 90 :—

S. No	Date of Visit	Name of visitors	Location/Appts
1.	01 Sep 90	Col Sanjay Srivastava	Armd Corps Centre, Ahmednagar
2.	01 Sep 90	Maj Anil Joseph	IRDE, Raipur
3.	01 Sep 90	Mr Raj Mohan Jolly (Ex-Cadet)	Calcutta
4.	07 Sep 90	Col Nirmal Mahajan	Col 'A' Dehra Dun, Sub Area
5.	10 Sep 90	Ashok Mitra	New Delhi
6.	10 Sep 90	Mrs Suman Rekha Mehta	Udhampur (J & K)
7.	11 Sep 90	WR Correa	Bombay
8.	11 Sep 90	Capt S Nada (Ex-Cadet)	107 AD Regt
9.	12 Sep 90	Col Anil Malhotra (Ex-Cadet)	1/3 GR
10.	12 Sep 90	Capt Dev Chaturvedi	1/3 GR
11.	13 Sep 90	Lt Col B Sivasankar (Ex-Cadet)	22 Grenadiers
12.	13 Sep 90	Mr Sukriti Chakraborty (LG)	Dehra Dun
13.	14 Sep 90	Lt Col Prakash Singh (Ex-AO)	7/8 GR
14.	15 Sep 90	Capt Arvind Singh (Ex-Cadet)	Adjnt 71 Armd Regt
15.	16 Sep 90	EVVP Singh, Engineer	UPSEB Dhampur (UP)
16.	18 Sep 90	NS Rathore, Asstt Director (Prov)	HQ IG BSF Jammu
17.	20 Sep 90	Brig KD Sinha, UYSM	Cdr Dehradun Sub Area
18.	21 Sep 90	Lt Col B Chakraborty	AMC Centre & School Lucknow
19.	22 Sep 90	Dr Arvind Kumar Sinha	Muzaffarpur
20.	22 Sep 90	Lt Col JR Trikha F/O Cadet Maheesh Trikha	New Delhi
21.	23 Sep 90	Mrs RM Mathew (Khurbuli)	UPSC New Delhi
22.	23 Sep 90	Dr S Ganguli	Doon School, Dehradun
23.	23 Sep 90	Mrs Asha Das, Joint Secy Ministry of Welfare	New Delhi
24.	25 Sep 90	MS Ananthakrishnan, Chief Manager Bank of India	New Delhi
25.	29 Sep 90	Maj NR Mann	76 Inf Bde Sig Coy



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