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**Editorial :**

The College reopened on the 17th of July for the spring term after a rather short summer vacation. The appointments reported early to College in order to attend the tabbing in ceremony.

As usual the first month has been very hectic. New teachers have joined the college faculty. Capt Shivender Singh (Ex-Pratap) has been posted to the College as Asst Adm Officer. Old masters like Mr R C Sharma and Mr L N Thakur are teaching now on a voluntary basis.

21 new faces have joined the elite Rimcol club and we wish them all the best for a successful stay at the RIMC.

All the divisions have started functioning and the football div is putting in efforts for the forthcoming match against the Doon School. The Basketball team lost to the staff team very narrowly and the defeat has shaken them up and they are now ready to face any challenge.

In the written examination for N D A 35 of the 40 cadets who appeared, cleared it successfully. The S S B orientation for these cadets is going on under two qualified G T O's.

As the term progresses we will be giving the reports of the happenings in the College in the future issues. For right now Good Bye and Good Luck.

ONE



## Sports

The August term 93 started with full enthusiasm for sports from the very beginning. The football division started functioning from 1st week and the cadets got themselves involved in the practices. They played their first match against the staff team and won with the score sheet reading 2-1. Soon they played another match with Vijay Cantt team which consisted of several national and state level players. The College team performed extremely well and the match ended in a draw with the scores reading 3-3. The College team had the next encounter with 1Vth class employees and had the bitter taste of defeat with score reading 4-1 in favour of the opposition. In a nut shell, it has been a balanced and a fair start of the college football division.

Barely had the basketball division got into regular practices, that they had an encounter with the talented staff team. After a tough fight the match ended in a victory for the staff with the score reading 56-50.

The college squash division resumed with full fledged practice. For the first time the staff vs cadets badminton matches were played. The spirited and well contested matches finally resulted in a draw with a score of 3-3. The practices for the forth coming Cross-Country Competitions started from the very beginning. With the approaching of one of the most prestigious competitions of cross country, the amount of sweat has variably increased in all the sections. Surely it's going to be a tough tussle.

In a nut-shell, it was an ecstatic start for the college sports activities.



## Cross-Country

The P T Parade has broken off  
And the juniors and seniors are parted off  
Here they are running up and down  
To get warmed up in the cold down.

At the signal here they go,  
Everyone cheering, Come on ! Hey ho,  
Come on sprint till Thimaya Gate,  
And then you can run at a constant rate.

Come on run till Cambrian Hall,  
When you are passing DSOL,  
Think of the chic good dames,  
And run till the end of the game.

Now speed up near Cambrian school,  
Before that you should not be cool,  
Think of the complex of Tel Bhawan,  
And wonder what's inside this Haven.

Come on ! There are guys ahead of you,  
But they are a very limited few,  
Come on now increase your speed,  
If you don't want to be last of the breed.

After Doon School increase your pace,  
Everyone gets tired in this phase,  
Now start thinking of home,  
And run constantly till Lab Gate's Dome.

From here run till Quarter Guard,  
Where you see saluting guards,  
Come on there is the turning there,  
Now you will have to run like a mare.

Increase your pace till Thimaya Gate,  
From here sprint at a very high rate,  
If you want to reach your aim,  
At a good position in the game.

—M. Arun



### Co-curricular Round-up

The term got off to a flying start on the 19th and on 22nd of July the hobbies were allotted to the cadets. Dramatics hobby was re-introduced and the other hobbies were Golf, Aeromodelling, Young Newtons, Journalism, Gardening, Art, Alchemist, Rifle Shooting, Music, Craft, Computers and Photography. Class IV was given the chance to go to IMA for their horse riding classes. An attempt was made to make the cadets continue with their old hobbies and it was decided that no activities would be planned on Thursdays from 3-30 to 5-30. As the new term started some hobbies were given new locations. The aeromodelling hobby occupied the old computer room. The Art room was now converted into a computer room and due to this the Art hobby shifted to the Aeromodelling room.

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SENIORS :—



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One must see to believe the neatness and the beauty of the dorms. With curtains and posters, and all trying for the 700 rupees for the best settled dorms, it is a welcome change from the all pervading perfume of stinking socks.

I hope these reforms dont back fire. Life in RIMC will be very different for the new future Rimcos, with these sweeping changes.

Somaditya

Class IV

### Rimcollian Squash

The services squash throughout has had its players coming from the courts of Aga Khan which he presented way back in 1904, probably the oldest squash court.

We were in class II, as usual playing around in class when a senior boy came to our class. He was the squash captain of our juniors team, Pradeep Singh of class IV. The RIMC team was supposed to go to Lawrance School, Sanawar for Inter Public School Squash and they didnot have players for the juniors team, so here we got selected for the school team without even seeing the squash court. There were players like Vikram Verma, Akshay Joshi, Pradeep Singh, Sandeep Singh. Seeing them and playing with them we slowly learnt and picked up the game. Again in NDA it was an all Rimcollian team including our manager Sqn Ldr Rajiv Sharma who himself was the Air Force champion. When we went for the services squash at Bombay it was like a Rimcollian get-together. The Naval team was the Rimcollian team. Lt Akshay Joshi, Lt Pradeep Singh, Lt Sandeep Mehta and SLt Sandeep Singh. We had Capt Kharo and AJ and I from the Western and Central Command. Many could not make it like Capt Sandeep Singh and Capt Vikram Verma. We had Col Raj Manchanda as the Manager and Vice Admiral KASZ Raju as the chief guest. So it was all a Royal Rimcollian affair. We are looking forward to a good potential now to keep up the name of RIMC as ever. Lt Akshay Joshi was the runner-up.

—GC Anuj Kalia IMA

— GC AJ Singh IMA

### News in Brief

- All the Rimcollians posted to the College as instructors are busy preparing for their forthcoming Staff College Examination and Capt Sameer Srivastava is away to do his Junior Command course.
- After a long association with the College Dr Jagat Singh who was the RMO has left and in his place Col VK Singh (Retd) a child specialist, has been posted to the College hospital. The New Doctor is already having his hands full due to the out break of viral fever among the cadets.
- As all the Rimcollian Instructors are on leave, many masters have joined the College faculty on voluntary basis or on adhoc terms— (a) Dr Tuteja for Physics (b) Mr RC Sharma (c) Mrs Renu Singh (w/o Capt Shivender Singh), (d) Ms Manju Sharma (d/o Mr R C Sharma) (e) Mr P Kumar and (f) Mr L N Thakur.
- The 2nd RIMC Badminton Opens Started on 9th Aug. This time the organizers got an overwhelming response for the opens.



- The Inter-Section Cross-Country Championship was scheduled to be held on 7th of August but due to bad weather was postponed by a day. The rain gods were favourable this time and the cadets ran with the weather condition perfectly suiting X-Country.

This year a new method was formulated to decide the champion section. Everyone except the medical cases had to run and the cadets were divided into 2 divisions—the juniors and the seniors. To decide the winners the average was found out by dividing the total points by the number of runners. The average was taken out separately for Juniors and Seniors and then added to find out the champion. Cadets Joy Mowar (P) and Mandeep Singh (C) stood first in Juniors and Seniors respectively. The Section Positions were as follows :—

|               |   |     |
|---------------|---|-----|
| Pratap        | — | 1st |
| Shivaji       | — | 2nd |
| Chandra Gupta | — | 3rd |
| Ranjit        | — | 4th |

- As usual the Rimcollians at NDA have done exceedingly well and have grabbed the top appointments. The appointments for July term 1993 are as follows :—

|                   |   |       |
|-------------------|---|-------|
| Vardhan Kumar (S) | — | A C C |
| Ashish Sharma (P) | — | B C C |
| Amresh Guryan (C) | — | B C C |
| Rohit Teotia (R)  | — | B C C |

- One Young Rimcollian P K Singh (C) who joined NDA as part of the 90th course had to withdraw due to medical reasons.
- Mr Virendra Sharma represented RIMC at the conference on the Availability of Civilian Academician in Cat-A establishments of Ministry of Defence. The conference was held at the NDA on the 22nd of July 1993. He also met all the Rimcollians undergoing training at the NDA.
- There has been considerable improvement in RIMC's NDA results. 86% of RIMC cadets are now joining NDA as against 66% a couple of years ago.
- A new feature has come about in RIMC in the SSB orientation for class V-A in a big way. Qualified GTO's and Psychologists have been guiding the cadets, in addition to the interviews held by the Comdt, Col D H Parab, who himself is a qualified Interviewing Officer.
- Mr Catchpole, the evergreen and ever-remembered Principal of the College, visited us in April this year. He donated to the College a sum of Rupees 15 lakhs, out of which 10 lakhs would be used to build a guest house, which will come up in front of the Cadets Mess and the other 5 lakhs would be used to give scholarships to the cadets.
- The College senior and junior football teams played against the Doon School on our grounds. The match was very exciting. Both the teams played a hard game. RIMC scored first through cadet Mustaq Ali. Doon School retaliated and very soon scored the equaliser. The 2nd half was a treat to the eyes as both the teams put up an excellent performance and gave nothing away. 3 minutes from the final hooter Cdt Sec Com Devjeet Basu (Capt), put in the 2nd goal for RIMC and sealed the fate of the Descos. The Seniors team won the match with the score-sheet reading 2-1.

In the juniors match, both the teams played well. Doon School got the first chance to score in the form of a penalty kick, but our goalkeeper Cdt Mathews saved the goal. Our team soon put



pressure on the Doon School defence and Cdt D Nautiyal put in the winning goal just minutes before the finish.

Overall the quality of football displayed by the teams was high and the real test will be when we play Doon School on their grounds.

### Old Boys News

Old boys as always have been stealing the limelight in various fields. The news reaching RIMC is as follows :

- Cmdr K V Subramaniam (YSM) (Ex-R) has been posted as Naval Attache to the Indian Embassy in Germany and will be stationed in Bonn.
- Capt Shivender Singh (Ex-Pratap) has joined as the Asst Adm Officer of RIMC. He is son of Late Col Onkar Singh, who was one of the finest Adm officers during late fifties.
- Capt J P R Ismail (Ex-Pratap), the first Rimcollian instructor at the RIMC, has been posted back to his unit after a successful tenure at RIMC.
- RIMC congratulates the following old boys on their promotion and wishes them all the best :—
  - (a) Lt Gen R N Batra, VSM GOC-in-C E Command (Ex-Pratap) 1950-53.
  - (b) Lt Gen R K Gulati GOC-in-C W Command (Ex-Shivaji) 1950-54.
  - (c) Lt Gen MM Lakhera, VSM, AVSM (AG, AHQ), (Ex-Ranjit) 1949-53.
  - (d) Lt Gen N S Malik GOC 3 Corps (Ex-Ranjit) 1952-55.
  - (e) Lt Gen S Padmanabhan, VSM, GOC 15 Corps (Ex-Shivaji) 50-55

### Comdt's Mail Bag

1. Whatever I am today, I attribute to my 'alma mater', but for whose influence in the formative stages of my life I may never have reached this stage of my career. I shall do my utmost to assure that I prove a worthy Rimcollian and do everything I can to add to the fair name of this glorious institution.

—Lt Gen S Padmanabhan, VSM  
GOC, 15 Corps

2. Reading the chronicle invariably gives me immense pleasure. I am often reminded of my days at the college when the first edition was published. Further, a little elaboration on the performance of others is also requested. For example, you have mentioned that 17 cadets joined the NDA. I, as an old boy will also be interested in knowing how many cadets appeared for the entrance examination and how many appeared before the SSB and also how many of them qualified.

—Col A.K. Dutta Dy. Cdr  
107 Mountain Brigade

3. I take this opportunity to thank you for regularly sending me the "CHRONICLE". I congratulate the Editorial Board for the improvement with each issue. I however suggest some more news of the old boys and the veteran staff.

—Lt Col S C Sharma, AVSM (Retd)  
MHOW (MP)



### RIMC/Rimcollian Get-Together At Vaughn Club—Delhi Cantt

It was held on 7 Aug '93 at 2000 hrs. The aim was to bid farewell to ex Air Chief Marshall N.C. Suri, who had retired on 31st July '93. The Commandant and his wife combined the visit with some duty and attended the function. Unfortunately the Air Chief had a viral infection and, as such, could not attend.

The function was preceded by the ROBA meeting held at 1830 hrs. This was the working committee meeting presided over by Gen VN Sharma and the Secretary was Brig JK Chaddha. The others who attended were as follows :—

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| (a) Lt Gen KP Candeth    | (b) Maj Gen Virendra Singh |
| (c) Mr Bikram Singh      | (d) Mr Amrik Singh         |
| (e) Maj Gen SC Sinha     | (f) Maj Gen VK Yadav       |
| (g) Maj Gen Jasbir Singh | (h) Rear Admiral PD Singh  |

Relevant issues pertaining to RIMC were as follows :—

- (a) Scholarships were to be given for one year to cadets S. Behera and S. Batta. One by ROBA and the other contributions were by Maj Gen Virendra Singh of Rs. 5000/- and Mr Bikram Singh of Rs. 1000/-. The Commandant was asked to finalise the details.
- (b) ROBA would be publishing a chronicle for which RIMC should also send data which pertains to
  - (i) Activities at School,
  - (ii) Information about old boys,
  - (iii) Achievements.
- (c) Details of expenditure incurred on the last RIMCOLLIAN'S were to be forwarded so that the final payment could be made.
- (d) RIMC had to pay ROBA subscriptions of cadets who have become members.

The party was quite a success inspite of the absence of the Chief Guest. The two Army Cdrs, namely Lt Gen RN Batra, EC, and Lt Gen RK Gulati, WC, had made it a point to attend. The attendance was fairly good and the hall was jam packed. Mr DPN Singh was there accompanied by his wife; and was very keen to help out sons/wards of class IV employees by giving them employment in the CRPF. Capt. Steve Ismail was there as he had come for the interview by the President for the post of the ADC. There were many who were giving him the pros and cons of the appointment. Amongst the seniors were Col Dewan who was very close to the Commandant's father during the war years (1963-65) and was in tears when he was recounting the tales when the late Col HS Parab told him that he would see that his son would go to RIMC in his time—quite a happening !!

The Seniors and Juniors did have their initial discussions in cosy corners but with the whisky acting as a catalyst, the intermingling started. The new Adj Gen Lt Gen Lakhera was indeed very prominent and did ensure that every one was in the right Spirits.

The break off time was 2359 hrs and among the last to leave were the Army Cdr from the East and the Adj Gen of the Indian Army who rightly insisted that the Comdt and his wife should be the last to leave.

Gita was at her natural best and met most of the crowd of "oldies" and the younger lot. Prominent among them were Maj Gen MM Rai, Gen Candeth, Anands, Luthras, DPN Singhs, PV Singh, Gen Goraiah, JS Malhotra (ex-Manager of Vasant Intercontinental), Dhillon, VR Naphade (our Cricket coach), Gen Sharma, Gen Virendra and Brig Batra. Amongst the younger ones were Shekhavat, Pundir, P Bhardwaj, Negi, Vivek, Shivender (Hapur), Zia, Steve Ismail, Sqd Ldr Rai and last but not the least Rear Admiral Harinder Singh and his wife, who incidently was narrating the manner in which the Corpus money of Rs 15 lakhs was cleared by the Chiefs of Staff Meeting at which we had the



ex CAS as a member—both the Judge and the Prosecutor rolled in one.

Gen. and Mrs VN Sharma were at the center of the party and were keen to know what was happening in RIMC. I was moved by the interest and the time he still has for the College.

Col DH PARAB  
Commandant

### CRICKET

The college cricket team took on Doon School in a cricket match played on our ground. After losing very narrowly last year, the team did not leave anything to chance and earnest practices started well before the scheduled date.

The team, led by Cdt Capt Kamaldeep Singh and under the managership of Capt Sameer, was confident to beat them at their game. The Doscos won the toss and put us to bat. We put up a sizable total helped mainly by some gusty hitting by the tail-enders.

The Doscos were comfortably on their way to victory when Cdt A Datta came up to bowl. In what can be called a dream over he took 2 wickets in the gap of 3 balls and in the process removing their well-set batsmen.

Soon panic set in the Dosco batsmen and when Mustaq came to bowl his off spin, they tried to hit him over the fielders which only resulted in their being caught. Out of the 3 catches in the out field, one distinctly stands out. Cdt Sec Com Lokesh Kandpal had to run a good 20-25 yds to take the catch and in the end he came up with a well-judged catch.

Datta was doing the work for his Capt again, when he took 3 more wickets in his next two overs and thus ending the match. It was a dramatic turn of events. Our fielding was of an exceptionally high quality, the Doon School were upset by a team who performed exceedingly well under pressure and in the end we beat them convincingly.

This victory was very sweet, because we beat the Doon School after many years. This was all possible due to the team spirit and the control of the Capt, KD Singh and his faith in new-comers like Datta. All this would not have been possible without Capt Sameer, who was our manager cum Coach. He saw us through our practices everyday and always had words of encouragement for everyone. Cricket in RIMC has turned over a new leaf and all of us hope this trend continues.

### Mr. Catchpole's Visit To RIMC —in Cmdt's House !!

When the 'Com' told me that Mr Catchpole was visiting RIMC, my obvious question was 'Where are you going to put him up?' On hearing that he was probably going to be put up at the Doon Club I did feel a bit awkward, 'coz I thought the most appropriate place would be our house !! But there was an element of doubt whether he'd like to stay with somebody—as it's a known fact that Englishmen are a bit conservative—Accordingly we apprised Maj Gen Virendra Singh of our idea to put him up at home as he was co-ordinating Mr C's visit. Promptly came the reply that the idea was acceptable ! So we all at home got into action cleaning the house, setting it to suit him and by the time we had finished with his room—we thought it was fit for a 'King' to live in !!



Came 18 March, and Com went to receive Mr 'C' at the airport. He came after a breakfast on board Vayudoot (which he didn't enjoy one bit because he was upset that he had to pay more than twice the fare, being an Englishman !!) As soon as I met him all my apprehensions and doubts were instantly dispelled. He came across as a pleasant, unassuming and a charming person with a disarming smile and a glint in his eyes, even at his age !! His sparkling blue eyes reminded me of my son's eyes, whenever, he was upto something. Well ! We hit it off instantly—(though I'm told he doesn't mix much with the ladies.)

His first lunch at home seemed to me a disaster—But the meals that followed were enjoyed immensely by him esp bacon, ham and fish ! The most surprising thing is that inspite of having spent half his life on this part of the continent he hasn't learnt to eat Curries and Rotis.

His enthusiasm and verve seemed to be very contagious—He never did rest even for a moment ! (nor could we !!) He was either playing bridge or giving a test to the boys or correcting papers of the test he had given or going for a walk, or umpiring a cricket match or playing table tennis with Com—(I think 'Com' couldn't match his style so 'Com' started playing lob shots—so he could beat Mr 'C' and so Mr 'C' was forced to say that 'Com' cheated well, believe you me—It was all in jest) or chatting with me (which we both enjoyed—as we'd be exchanging a lot of jokes and anecdotes) There were so many things he did or was doing constantly—It makes me feel that I have already beaten the last Guinness book record of writing so many 'Or's on one page !! What I am actually talking about is Mr C's zest for life—He's an institution by himself and we could learn a multitude of things—apart from English language—the standards of which, in our school, have appalled him !!

We had a party hosted in his honour which was attended by a lot of people who knew him or atleast knew of him and he had us all in splits of laughter as he regaled us with his old stories and anecdotes and mind you, not a dull moment. During the time that Com was at golf or busy at office and dear Mr 'C' had some free time (mind you, he still had some time left for me inspite of his hectic activities) we'd both sit and chat even gossip—about his time as well as mine—Then on one of our shopping spree I bought him some five star chocolates and do you know he had finished them off without even offering some to me ! But he has a heart of Gold; He got friendly with Ricky and even offered him a dish antenna if he studied harder & did better. Mr 'C' had come here prepared to give Rupees ten lakhs to the College. But by the time he left—It had gone up to fifteen lakhs !! Ten of which has already arrived !

He became part of the family by the third day he was here, and one day in his same disarming way he shocked me by asking "why don't you adopt me ?" and I started laughing and teasing him 'Oh ! you want to be my son—you want to be a brother to Ricky" ? But I hadn't realised that he was actually fond of me ! Until it was time for him to go and we drove down to Saharanpur and he boarded the train and we too went in to say our last bye ! He again reminded me "Don't forget, you've adopted me ! and hearing this I felt like a heel because he didn't, for once, have that naughty glint in his eyes. He almost seemed serious and so now I am 'his' adoptive mother too !!

Well, I can't wind up without taking a dig at someone's driving. Mr Catchpole refused to sit in our Gypsy (you can guess why) on his way to Saharanpur, so, I had to call for a friend's vehicle to take Mr 'C'; and our Gypsy flew to Saharanpur and reached before Mr 'Cs'.



## BOOK POST

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**EDITORIAL**

The mid-term hikes were a refreshing break for the cadets from their hectic daily routine. The Commandant had organised the hikes in an excellent manner so that cadets went to far off places beyond the Doon valley line to Pokharan, Gangtok and Chandigarh. All the hikes were very educative and entertaining especially the ones to Nahan, Patiala, Pokharan, Gangtok and Chandigarh. These hikes got to see many modern military equipments and weapons. All the cadets also got to see many man made beauties like Hawa Mahal, Rock Garden etc.

Our college took part in the Limca Soccer tournament and National Squash Championship. We lost out in Limca soccer only in the quarter finals. Cdt D. Basu has been one of the nominees for an award of Rs 1200 per year for his excellent performance. RIMC at present is the undisputed champion in the sub juniors section in National squash. The individual positions claimed by us in this section are 3rd, 5th and 8th.

Our excellent performance in squash has given a new impetus to the game in the college. Many cadets are picking up this game thus showing an overwhelming response.

Our standards in swimming were also excellent and hidden talents like K. Selvam came up and amassed a number of certificates.

Inter section Athletics were worth seeing this time. With less of a time for practice cadets still displayed an excellent standard. Chandragupta section rose from its number and did very well this time. The trophy was however bagged by Pratap followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji.

Cdts are preparing very hard for the forthcoming district athletics. The district athletics commence from 6th October and we all hope that our college performs exceedingly well in it.

Cdt Sourav Kar  
Class III



## A Report on

### MID TERM HIKES

The much awaited mid-term hikes went through successfully because they had been meticulously planned.

Class I broke away from tradition and went to Kanesar. This hike was accompanied by Mr V Sharma. These young boys pitched their own tents & had a cooking competition. It was marvellous the way these youngsters enjoyed themselves on their very first hike.

The Doon valley Cycling hike was undertaken by class I A. This hike was spearheaded by Mrs C Joshi. The hike also included a visit to the 84th Armoured Regiment at Roorkee. Special thanks are extended to the CO of 84th Armoured Regt & Capt S Verma.

The Chandigarh biking hike went to Class II who made the most of it under the charge of Mr P K Sharma & Sub Ranjit. Special acknowledgements to the CO of 436 AD missile Regt. and Capt Manvinder Singh.

The adventurous hike to Nahan was for Class IV. They and their master Mr P Vashisht enjoyed thoroughly with the 1st Para Commandos at Nahan. All the Weaponary and commando training courses served to attract them towards Army. Special note of thanks goes to the CO of 1st Para Commandos and Capt J S Kairon. (Ex Shivaji) Class III & 10 Cdts of Class III A went to 1st Armoured Div. in Patiala alongwith Mr S K Tyagi. They also visited the 6th Mech. Inf. Regt. at Nabha. The tank rides and the enjoyable stay at YPS, Patiala has been memorable for the cadets. Special mention is made of Maj Rajiv Edwards.

Class II A & 6 Cadets of Class III A went to Pokharan & Jodhpur with Capt Shivender Singh and Ms Sunita Diwan. They visited the 17 Mech. Inf. and Air Force station at Jodhpur. A special note of thanks to Capt Sugandh Sharma (Ex Chandragupta).

A hike comprising of Class IV A and 4 cadets of class III A went to Darjeeling and Gangtok with Capt AK Mitra. They stayed at the Signal Regt. on their hike. The visit to Nathula Pass was the most memorable one. A special note of thanks to 2nd Lt Sanjay Kumar. This trip had the blessing of Lt Gen RN Batra GOC-in-C Eastern Command (Ex Pratap).

Cdt A. Mohapatra

### DELHI SQUASH COMPETITIONS FROM 16th Sept to 23rd Sept

We left RIMC on the 16th evening to catch the Mussoorie Exp. We reached Delhi at 9:15 AM as the train was 2 hours late. Capt Nanda was there at the station to receive us. We went to the Rajputana Rifles centre and got a dormitory to ourselves. We took a quick bath and changed had lunch and rested. In the evening Capt Nanda told us that the seniors had a match the next morning.



The next day we got up at 8 AM had a good b'fast and went by a 3 Ton to the Delhi Gymkhana. The squash courts were very good. The under 19 team had a match against DPS. We beat them 3-0. In the evening we went to the Connaught Place.

The next day we got up early and left as both seniors and juniors had a match against the Modern School and Doon School respectively. We lost to modern and the juniors beat Doon School 3-0. The juniors qualified for the finals to be played at Indore on the 4th of Oct. After lunch all of us rested and went to see a Movie in the evening.

The next morning the seniors had a match against the Doon School. We lost to them 3-0 but gave them a good fight.

On the 21st morning only the under 16 team had a match against the Doon School. They played very well especially Cadet V Mann but lost 3-0. Then in the evening Capt Nanda took us for a sight seeing trip. We saw the Qutub Minar and the Bahai Lotus Temple.

On the 22nd morning both the under 19 and 16 had matches against Maya College and Modern respectively. We won against Maya under 19 and came 3rd in senior. We lost to Modern 3-0 and came last in the under 16 team event. After the matches we were given certificates along with T-shirts from the Atlas cycles.

In the evening we left by the Mussoorie Exp and reached Dehradun on the 23rd morning.

- Ritwik Bhattacharya  
Class II

### CO- CURRICULAR ROUND UP

- Aug. 1993

This term saw many co-curricular activities both in the college campus as well as in the valley. Significant among them being the Hindi Debates in which RIMC maintained its supremacy. The 1st competition was the Inter Section Hindi Debate Competition. Ranjit section emerged victorious followed by Chandragupta, Shivaji, and Pratap. Cdt Amit Kumar (R) and Cdt Saurabh Gupta (S) came 1st and 2nd respectively in seniors section. In junior's Cdt Ashish Pathak (R) and Cdt BK Chaitanya (R) came 1st and 2nd respectively. The best rebutter was Cdt Rahul Kumar Pathak (C). The Inter Section Hindi Debate is a rehearsal for our cadets and helped them perform well in the All India Hindi Debate in our college. A total of 10 schools participated in it, in which our college came 1st. Our college was represented by Cdt Amit Kumar (R) Cdt Saurabh Gupta and Cdt RK Pathak (Rebuttel). Saurabh came 2nd individually and Amit came 4th. From this Debate our college saw a series



of victories in subsequent Debates. RIMC's name could be heard everywhere, RIMC 1st in Doon School Debate (Hindi), 1st in Welham's Girls (Hindi) Debate. The team for all of these comprised Amit (R) and Saurabh (S) respectively. Apart from the college name going high, these Cdt's also gained individual fame, and were well rewarded. The credit also goes to Mr Vishwakrama, for preparing the teams. Meanwhile our college also sent its English Debating team to Pilani for an all India Debate there. The college came 4th overall. Individually Cdt. Dipankar (S) came 6th and Cdt BK Chaitanya (R) came 7th. The College also took part in the Hindi Debate at Cambrian Hall School. Apart from Debates there were art competitions also. Young 1st termers were given a chance in these. The two most significant being, one at Col Brown's School and the other at Malsi Deer Park. Our college performed well in these and Cadet Prabal Mallik, Cadet Saurav Dey and Cdt MK Singh came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the first competition.

There were also many quiz competitions. The one at ONGC was on computers and the cdt's did well. There was also a map quiz in the survey of India, the team of Sambit, Anshuman and Amit Singh got through the 1st round and put up a good show in the 2nd. They came 3rd out of a total of 177 teams. We also took part in a science quiz in Welham Girl's High School. The college came III overall. The team comprised Somaditya (R) Saurabh Chopra (P) and Abhilash (S). A quiz organised by NIIT saw the college coming 3rd.

Last but not the least, we also saw our college performing well in the field of Music. In a competition held at Doon club our college came 2nd overall. In another competition held at Bharat Vikas Parishad the music team excelled by coming 3rd in a competition thought to be the forte of girls schools.

Our college hopes to continue in the same manner in other fields and further competition. We wish them all the best.

- Cdt BK Chaitanya (R)

### LIMCA FOOTBALL

For the first time the college football team took part in the Limca Soccer. This was also for the first time that our team took part in a tournament held outside the station. Preparations had started well in advance and we prepared ourselves for the new challenge. We left from here on the evening of 23rd Sept for Delhi Limca, had made all arrangements for out stay, messing and also provided free transportation. We were to reside in the International youth Hostel. Our room had all the comforts required. The food was rich in quality as well as quantity. We had nothing to worry about. The tournament commenced from the 16th of Sept. About 10 local teams and 8 teams from outside the station took part. The tournament had two stages. The first was the league stage in which all the local teams participated for the super league stage.

All the out of station teams had directly qualified for the super league stage. There were 6



pools with about three to four teams in each pool. Our team was in pool IV.

There were two local teams in our pool. They were St. Xavier School and the Air Force School. The winners of the respective pools were to qualify for the knock-out system. Our matches were scheduled for 25th and 26th of September.

On 25th morning, we were desperate to have a full-fledged practice and despite our repeated cribbings, our coach told us not to do so. We just went for a morning walk. Our match was scheduled at 12:45 PM. We reached quite late due to transportation failure. The opponents had already arrived and we warmed up in just a few minutes. It was very hot & it was a drastic disadvantage for us as we were used to the 'Doon Weather'.

But, we were mentally fit and ready for the first hurdle of our path. Our 1st move was a very successful one. Devjeet and Mustaque made their backs alert in that very move. The opponent made frequent attacks. The ground was extremely fast and both teams made use of it. Towards the end of the first half, we had slackened down due to the opponents threats. We had G.D.S. Sidhu who was really hampering their defence network very often. In the second half, we dominated them. But, unfortunately, we were unable to score. The match ended in a goalless draw.

The next day, we were to play St. Xaviers. The match was scheduled for the afternoon. We were prepared to give it our best as it was a very crucial match for us. We reached in time and warmed up. The match started and we were all set. The opponents proved to have a professional touch. They maintained off side trap and tried to play total Football. For the first few minutes, the game was dominated by them. But, it was not very late when we recognised their faults and shocked them by a fast attack through Mustaque and Basu. The first half ended in which we had frequently hampered their defence network, but still the scoreboard was empty.

In the second half, we played a tire-less game and fought it out. In the last moment, lady luck smiled on us and Basu pierced through from an uninterrupted angle and shocked the goal keeper by putting the ball through him and into the nets. After that, Mustaque scored a goal which looked like a magical action. Anubhav was the third scorer. With a 3-0 victory, we brightened our chances for qualifying for the knock out stage. St Xaviers and Air Force clashed to a 2 each draw and with a one point lead, we qualified for the Quarter finals of the Limca Soccer '93.

There were a total of six teams which qualified. The T.N.A. Sikkim and M.N.S. School (Rai) were very lucky to get byes and reached the semi finals directly. We were to face D.A.V. Chandigarh in the Quarter finals. Our match was scheduled for the 29th of Sept.

We had two full days of rest before our quarter finals.

Our match as usual commenced in the afternoon. The hot and sultry 'Capital Weather' did not affect us as we had adapted ourselves to it. The D.A.V. team was a good match for us.

In the first few minutes of play, they showed a very different approach. They tried to foul



upon us and tried to boo us.

At the end of the first half, the scoreboard was still empty. In the second half, both the teams fought for a goal but none could succeed. Cdt SS Randhawa and Cdt V Bhandari put up an excellent show. The game ended in a goal less draw. It was the extra time now that was to decide the winner. The extra time play also seemed to be a goalless draw. But, now the opponents emerged victorious by scoring a goal in the last minute. Thus, after a spirited show, the RIMC soccer team bowed out laying the basis for our teams in the years to come.

- S Behera (R)  
Class IV A

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

After the gruelling cross country competitions the next competition to be held was swimming. In between the Badminton opens were conducted. The response was tremendous with more than 110 participants. Cdt ADS Sidhu emerged victorious. In the doubles Cdt ADS Siddhu and Cdt Sec Com D Basu were unstoppable.

Swimming was held from 14th-16th Sept. Ranjit bagged the cup for the ninth time in a row with 53 points followed by Shivaji - 45, Pratap-44 and Chandragupta-07. Cdt G Hamal, Cdt K Selvam, Cdt A Sunder, Cdt R Bhattacharya's performance need a special mention.

After the hikes with very less time to practice Football the competitions were held. Shivaji came first winning 7 of their matches, followed by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta. The staff team also took part along with the Seniors and put up a good show.

On the 20th-22nd Oct the Athletic Meet was held. Pratap brushed aside all challenges and emerged victorious with 101 points, followed by Chandragupta-70 points, Ranjit 64 points and Shivaji - 63 points. Lt Gen DSR Sahni, PVSM, SM (Retd) was the chief guest on the 22nd Oct Cdt A Jaiswal was the best athlete in 'A' Div, Cdt S. Nayak in 'B' Div and Cdt V Bhandari in 'C' Div. Other than this there were some splendid performances by Cdt Mandeep Singh, Cdt H Choubey, Cdt SS Randhawa, Cdt S Gupta and Cdt Vijayant Singh.

Now coming to the College Basketball team - In Basketball the college took part in the 8th WC Kashyap Tournament in the first week of October. The Basketball team put up a splendid performance against some good teams but they failed to qualify for the semi-final stage.

In football, the college team had an excellent season under their coach Mr GB Thapa. The college team with a combination of skill, speed, stamina, spirit and excellent team work brought glory to the college. The various matches they played were :-



(a) Vs Doon School on our Grounds (17th Aug)

- Seniors 2-1
- Juniors 1-0

(b) Vs Doon School on their grounds (19th Aug)

- Seniors 2-3
- Juniors 1-1

(c) Vs Welham Boys (27 Aug)

- Seniors 1-0
- Juniors 3-2

(d) St. Joseph Academy

- Seniors 4-1

(e) Vs Garhwal Rifles

- Seniors 1-2

(f) Vs IMA

- Seniors 0-1

Cdt Sec Com D Basu was awarded a Maroon Blazer for his consistent excellent performance in football through out his stay and proficiency in the game. Lokesh khandpal (Ex-Chandragupta, now at the NDA) has been awarded the first RIMC over all sports Blazer, for getting three College 'Blues' in different sporting fields.

Cdt Capt A Ranjan and Cdt NCO GDS Sidhu were awarded Blues for their excellent performance.

Overall the college did very well in all the sporting spheres and a very good standard of competition could be seen.

Cdt S Chopra (R)  
Class - IV A



+ Following is the circular issued by Mr. S.P. Bhatia (Staff Secretary) prior to the Staff picnic. It is hoped that it will make interesting reading.

### EXERCISE : JHOOM - JHOOM

1. Gen. There will be a staff picnic on Wednesday 10 Nov 93 at an unknown surprise destination.
2. Aim. To have good fun, games, drinking and merry making, bara khana for all staff members, ladies, children and their guests, if any. Do inform me of the total number attending.
3. Departure. 1430h, 10 Nov. 93.
4. Transport. The College Bus and Gypsy will be arranged for the purpose (AAO to arrange).
5. Food.
  - (a) All staff members will carry food for themselves and two additional person. Tea will be carried in Thermos. The mess will provide Aloo Puri on payment.
  - (b) Food items having curry may be avoided.
  - (c) Bachelors will arrange for pan and sweets to be coordinated by Capt S Nanda.
  - (d) A.O will please arrange for Whiskey, Rum and Soft drinks for ladies and children.
6. Crockery. Capt Shivender Singh will arrange for glasses, Tray (Wooden), Petromax (4), water carriers from mess.
7. Medical Aid. RMO will provide medical cover.
8. Photograph. Capt S Nanda will arrange for Camera and Film Rolls.
9. Communication. Torches by Mr PO Augusty. Bon fire wood to be carried under order of Capt Shivender Singh.

RIMC  
Dehradun Cantt  
Nov. 93

Staff Secretary  
(SP Bhatia)

**Note :**

- (a) You may carry swimming costumes and Towels. In the month of November!
- (b) Staff Secy he, himself! to please arrange for Dari (Two), paper plates and napkins.
- (c) Foot ball and Cricket Bat and six Tennis balls will be arranged by Capt AK Mitra.
- (d) Two waiters will be detailed by Catering JCO. They will be given a bottle of Rum and Rs 25 each as tip.

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## Visit

The following Officers/Parents visited the College during June 93 to Nov 93.

| Sl. No. | Date of Visit | Name of Visitors   | Location/Units                  |
|---------|---------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1.      | 10 Jun 93     | Maj Krishan Singh Arora (Retd)                               | ONGC Tel Bhavan                 |
| 2.      | 11 Jun 93     | Cadet Kapil Rana<br>(21916/B/87 NDA)                         | NDA Khadakvasla                 |
| 3.      | 11 Jun 93     | Cadet Sumit Kapoor<br>(21915/J/87 NDA)                       | NDA Khadakvasla                 |
| 4.      | 27 Jul 93     | Air Chief Marshal NC Suri<br>PVSM, AVSM, ADC                 | Chief of the Air<br>Staff       |
| 5.      | 31 Jul 93     | Air Cade AK Das  | President 1 AFSB<br>Dehradun    |
| 6.      | 31 Jul 93     | Gp Capt AJ Kapoor  | Dy President 1 AFSB<br>Dehradun |
| 7.      | 04 Jul 93     | Shri Rajbir Singh Rana<br>(General Staff) MOD                | Dy Financial Adviser            |
| 8.      | 04 Sep 93     | Shri JC Sharma<br>MOD  | Dy Secretary (Trg)              |
| 9.      | 04 Sep 93     | Col AKS Oberoi   | Dte MT-6, Army HQ               |
| 10.     | 16 Sep 93     | Lt Saurabh Agarwal, IN                                       | INS Nirbhik, Bombay             |
| 11.     | 17th Sept.    | V.K. Choudhary. Ex.<br>Pratap Ex. CC,<br>UNJHA Gold Medalist |                                 |
| 12.     | 8th Oct       | Capt. Kairon<br>(Ex Shivaji)                                 | 1 Para, Nahan                   |
| 13.     | 14th Oct.     | Maj. M.P. Yadav V.S.M.                                       |                                 |
| 14.     | 14th Oct.     | Col. S. Yasin S.M,   | CWE                             |
| 15.     | 15th Oct.     | Col. J.P. Katkar Madras Regt.                                | Ex. Adm. Officer.               |
| 16.     | 18th Oct,     | Maj. H.S. Pathania<br>(Ex. Shivaji)                          | DMS in Ms Branch                |
| 17.     | 19th Oct.     | Mr. M.S. Bedi  | Teacher                         |
| 18.     | 19th Oct.     | Alok Raturi Ex. Pratap.                                      |                                 |
| 19.     | 22nd Oct      | Retd. Lt. Gen. D.S.R. Sahni,<br>P.V.S.M., S.M.               |                                 |
| 20.     | 23rd Oct      | Brig. Y.S. Kanwar,   | Sub Area Cdr Dehra Dun.         |
| 21.     | 27th Oct.     | Sunil Kapoor, Ex. Pratap.                                    | Manager of Jagson Airlines      |
| 22.     | 28th Oct.     | Mrs. J. Chopra.  | Reporter, UNI                   |

## Rimcollian Items

The following Rimcollian items are available with the College for sale :-

|     |               |             |
|-----|---------------|-------------|
| (a) | Blazer Pocket | - Rs 100.00 |
| (b) | Tie           | - Rs 85.00  |
| (c) | Caps          | - Rs 55.00  |



|     |                      |      |        |
|-----|----------------------|------|--------|
| (d) | Lapel Badge          | - Rs | 12.00  |
| (e) | Button Set           | - Rs | 38.00  |
| (f) | Track Suits          | - Rs | 400.00 |
| (g) | Scarf White          | - Rs | 78.75  |
| (h) | Cuff Links & Tie Pin | - Rs | 80.50  |

**Note :** The annual subscription for the chronicle has been raised to Rs 50/-. The money could be sent to the Cmdt RIMC in the form of Bank Drafts. This should be told to all the Rimcollians you happen to meet.

- Editor

### SSB Result Aug

#### Term - 93

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|-----|-----------------|--------------|
| 1.  | K.N. Singh      | Successful   |
| 2.  | Baljit Singh    | Successful   |
| 3.  | A. Vasudeva     | Successful   |
| 4.  | Shishir Kumar   | Successful   |
| 5.  | J. Umrao        | Successful   |
| 6.  | S. Batabeyal    | Successful   |
| 7.  | V. Mittal       | Successful   |
| 8.  | V.J. Kurian     | Successful   |
| 9.  | Harminder Singh | Successful   |
| 10. | R. Ahlawat      | Successful   |
| 11. | A.K. Dash       | Successful   |
| 12. | Kapil Bhatia    | Successful   |
| 13. | T.K. Singh      | Successful   |
| 14. | Anup Ranjan     | Successful   |
| 15. | Siddharth Jyoti | Successful   |
| 16. | Rahul Maan      | Successful   |
| 17. | Pawan Choudhary | Successful   |
| 18. | B. G. Reddy     | Successful   |
| 19. | G.D.S. Sidhu    | Successful   |
| 20. | A. Mishra       | Successful   |
| 21. | P. Kumar        | Successful   |
| 22. | R.V. Desai      | Successful   |
| 23. | A.D.S. Sidhu    | Unsuccessful |
| 24. | H.S. Jauhal     | Unsuccessful |
| 25. | C. Singla       | Unsuccessful |
| 26. | L.K. Muni       | Unsuccessful |
| 27. | S.S. Singh      | Unsuccessful |
| 28. | A. Thapa        | Unsuccessful |
| 29. | D. Basu         | Unsuccessful |
| 30. | S. Mishra       | Unsuccessful |
| 31. | S. Singh        | Unsuccessful |



## COMMANDANT'S NEWS LETTER

### General

1. Various changes and measures have been taken up since the time you were last informed about the happenings at the College. It is our endeavour to keep you informed about all the activities at the College.

### PE

2. The PE, as you are aware, has been approved with certain major gains to RIMC in terms of personnel and vehicles. At present it is with the MOD for final clearance which incidentally is a formality. The revised PE, I am sure, will stand the College in good stead for a long time to come. PET also is under revision and there again RIMC will gain a lot. For example Boxing gloves and Great Coats which are authorised but had not been demanded for years have once again been requisitioned, thus saving us a lot of money and the boys getting their dues.

### Corpus Money

3. The corpus money of Rs 15,00,000/- has been sanctioned for which RIMC is most grateful to Air Chief Marshal NC Suri (Retd); the DGMT, Lt Gen Ashok Joshi; Rear Admiral Harinder Singh, AVSM, Cabinet Secretariat. We have been given to understand that the Air Chief Marshal actually threatened to stop giving air support to Army and Navy if they did not agree to his request. Here again Lt Gen Lakhera helped us to get the Army share one year in advance earning for the College a year's interest. We are indeed most grateful to him.

### Mr Catchpole's Donation

4. He has since sent £ 33000/- which is equivalent to Rs 15 lakhs for the construction of a Guest House at RIMC. Sanction for the construction of the Guest House is awaited and the work will start as soon as the same is granted. Gen VN Sharma is taking personal interest in the matter and has been overseeing the work of the architect, Mr Zia-ul-Hussain, an old boy.

### Strength of RIMC

5. The present Chief, Gen BC Joshi, has shown considerable keenness in terms of increasing the strength of RIMC from the present 250 to 600. We have, however, given him two models of which an increase to 300 i.e. Model 'B' seems a viable proposition. We have also insisted that the proportionate infrastructural facilities should precede any increase in strength.

### Revision of Fees

6. A case for revision of fees was taken up and accordingly a team of MOD visited us in August for an on-the-spot study. The team was given a detailed briefing and was fully convinced of the need to increase the part of the fees which is credited to the RIMC. There will be no increase in the amount being credited to the government. The increase, however, has been marginal keeping in view the broader social spectrum that is to be represented in the RIMC. Connected with this is the increase in the cost of RIMC prospectus and admission fee for the entrance examination. All this will ensure that these exercises in future are conducted in a more efficient and effective manner.



#### **Overall Funds**

7. Due to above increases RIMC today is in a sound financial state. I am glad to inform you that the financial status of the school today is at its best for many years and shall face no problems in the foreseeable future.

#### **Investment**

8. While talking about the financial aspect, I must also mention about an upset RIMC has had recently. This relates to an investment in the INCAP in 1990 by the then Administration. We are however, trying our best to recover whatever compensation we can, but there is very little hope of this as the company has since been declared insolvent.

#### **Masters Service Conditions**

9. With a view to making service-conditions for our masters more attractive, a statement of case has been prepared which is presently at the CCPA state. The cabinet paper on the subject has been sent to the MT Directorate with our recommendations on the subject.

#### **Sports and Adventure Activities**

10. We have, of late, taken up sporting and adventure activities in a big way. We took part in the Limca Football Tournament and went up to the quarter final stage. We are presently sub-junior (under 14 years) National Champions in Squash. The competition was conducted under the aegis of Squash Racquet Federation of India. In September last we took out a river-rafting expedition on the Ganges which was flagged off by the UP Area GOC Maj Gen PR Bose. The expedition was a big success and the College got Rs 42000/- from the Army Adventure Cell for the conduct of this expedition. Admiral KASZ Raju has been very kind to arrange Naval Cruise for the cadets. The second in the series is scheduled for Dec 1993. In addition to the hikes in and around the valley, this mid term break cadets were sent to places as far as Gangtok, Jodhpur and Chandigarh courtesy Gen Batra, Gen Gulati and Gen Moti Dhar. IMA has been very considerate in extending us facilities for para-sailing. A Mountaineering Expedition is being planned to the Kala Nag peak in the Garhwal Himalayas sometime in April/May 94. The modalities for this are being worked out. The peak has already been booked with the IMF. You would be glad to know that we have with us these days an SAI coach for Football thanks to Capt AK Sood (Retd). We have been rather quiet on the subject because the SAI would certainly say NO if they knew that there were only 250 boys at the RIMC.

#### **Asst Adm Offr**

11. As per the revised PE we now have an assistant adm offcier. Incidentally the first incumbent, Capt Shivender Singh (Pratap-1974/78) is the son of late Lt Col Onkar Singh who as AO had done a yeoman service in bringing up the standards of the College in the fifties.

#### **Performance of Cadets**

12. The performance of our boys at the NDA examination has been very good. We are not satisfied with our results this term though they were excellent last term. Performance of our boys at the NDA and especially at academics is being appreciated by everyone including, Commandant NDA.



This may be primarily due to the special emphasis we lay on the NDA examination vis-a-vis CBSE Board examinations. The most notable feature has been the steady and positive shift of priorities of boys towards academics and thus the improvement in the overall standards.

#### Hindi Debates

13. This term our Hindi Debating team has won all the leading inter-school competitions and has thus established its supremacy in the field. We have won the Debating Competition at the Doon School, the Welham Girls and our own 'Kashi Naresh' inter-school debating competition.

#### Cultural Activities

14. To give cadets a feel and an idea about Indian Classical dance and music, various cultural programmes are being organised at the College with the help of the SPIC MACAY. The latest in the series has been a Kathak-lecture-demonstration by eminent artist Mrs Nandini Singh.

#### UPSC Examinations

15. I must mention with great appreciation the work done by old boys at Delhi particularly Gen Sharma, Gen Lakhera and Gen Khanna to help us come out of a very awkward situation we found ourselves in with regard to the UPSC examination for entry into NDA. The UPSC had refused to issue admit cards to our boys as the application fee had been paid at the old rates by mistakes. Thanks to the above the situation was resolved in time and our boys could take their examination. We are most grateful to them for the help.

#### Welfare Class IV Employees

16. It is with great appreciation that I mention the help given by Mr DPN Singh, DG CRPF to the sons/wards of Class IV employees of RIMC by getting them a job in his organisation.

#### Medical Officer

17. Among the additions into the staff is the new doctor, Lt Col VK Singh who is a retired Medical Specialist and Paediatrician of the AMC.

#### Transport

18. Last but not the least RIMC now has a new Staff Car which actually is more than our authorisation. Fortunately we have some well wishers in the Comd HQ to help us to retain both the car as well as the Gypsy.

#### Medical Rejections at SSB

19. Before I conclude I would like to share with you one of my major concerns and i.e failure rate at SSB Medical (Present batch 11 out of 25 have been rejected). This is inspite of the fact that they have been graded fit by four regular medical boards at MH Dehra Dun and duly approved by HQ UP Area. We are taking up the case at the highest level. However after various appeals we should be able to clear atleast nine out of the eleven.

20. Internal rewiring of all the buildings in the Campus is underway.

#### RIMC RAFTING EXPEDITION ALAKHNANDA/GANGES - (29th Sep - 02nd Oct 93)

1. The RIMC white water rafting expedition down the Alakhnanda-Ganges was flagged off from Rudraprayag on the confluence of Alakhnanda and Mandakini at 1000 hrs. on 29th Sep 1993 by Gen PR Bose GOC UP area.



The expedition comprised 36 cadets, with one officer, one JCO and one NCO. This expedition was historic because it was the first school boy expedition.

On 25th the party moved to Byasi for training. The training was intense and eventful. The entire training was carried on in an intense stretch of rapids. 3 cadets received an unwelcome holy dip in the '3 blind mice'. The next stretch from Shivpuri to Rishikesh saw the first Raft guided by Shaukat Sikand capsize in the Roller Coaster or in rafting parlance we experienced a flip. The crew recovered immediately under the direction of Shaukat on to the back of the raft and, managed to negotiate an eddy in that precarious state. Thus we had our 'Baptism of fire' in that rapid. We all recovered before we reached the Class III rapid, the Golf Course. The raft navigated by Gogi, a trainee instructor also flipped, spilling all the crew in all directions and then for good measure, it flipped right back with 2 cadets clinging to the raft throughout the event. Thus 26th and 27th of September were utilized for training.

On the 28th, we all set off for the expedition flagging off from Rudraprayag. We were joined by Col D H Parab. We took a detour because of a landslide and finally reached our destination after a grueling 10 hrs of bus drive.

The next day after an encouraging speech by the GOC we were flagged off. There was a slight slip up because we left our oar pins in Byasi. Here was where we required a fast decision so we decided to push on with 2 rafts instead of 3. All the rafts were to be manned by paddles. We made good time that day and, encountered many rapids like the 'Savage Processors'. We reached Srinagar, far ahead of time. The next day was a pretty good day for body surfing and we also saw the confluence of Alakhnanda and Bhagirathi in Devprayag.

The next day was the 1st of October. We did 'the wall', the most vicious rapid on our expedition.

The final stretch on the 2nd October was colourful. We enjoyed numerous rapids like 'Initiation', 'Investment', 'Cash flow', 'Three blind mice', 'Cross fire' 'Roller Coaster' and finally the rapid 'conclusion', which marked the end of the expedition.

That night we celebrated the successful culmination of the expedition with a campfire and a grand dinner.

The next day the 3rd, we struck camp with a heavy heart and filled with memories we could cherish.

Somaditya  
Class IV

\* It has just been learnt that Maj G Prasad (Ex Chandragupta), Instructor at RIMC has been successful at the staff college entrance examination held in Sept 93. We wish him all the best.

- Editor

#### Correction

In the chronicle dated 15 Aug/Sep 93 certain factual errors have been observed. The correct facts are as under.

- (a) Lt Gen NS Malik, GOC 3 Corps is ex Shivaji and not ex Chandragupta.
- (b) Lt Gen S Padmanabhan was in the college from 1952-55 and not 1950-55.

We thank Lt Gen S Padmanabhan for supplying us with the correct information.

- Editor



## हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता 1993

वर्ष 1993 हमारे विद्यालय के लिए अत्यंत सफलतापूर्ण एवं उत्साहजनक रहा। हमने सबसे अधिक प्रतियोगिताओं में भाग लेकर सर्वाधिक पुरस्कार जीते। हमारे विद्यालय द्वारा आयोजित वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता भी अत्यंत सफल रही।

वर्ष की प्रथम प्रतियोगिता थी वेल्हम ब्यायज में 25 अप्रैल को। इस प्रतियोगिता में हमारे विद्यालय की तरफ से अभियेक तिवारी तथा सिद्धार्थ ज्योति ने क्रमशः पक्ष तथा विपक्ष में भाग लिया। अभियेक तिवारी ने तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया। सिद्धार्थ ज्योति का प्रदर्शन काफी प्रसंशनीय रहा।

वर्ष के दूसरे सत्र की प्रथम प्रतियोगिता थी अन्तर्कक्षीय हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता। विषय था-सांप्रदायिकता में जलते हुए भारत के लिए गांधी, अब भी एक मात्र आशा है"। यह विषय अत्यंत ज्वलंत और विवादास्पद था। निर्णायक मंडल को अपना कार्य करने में कठिनाई हुई। विद्यालय की प्रथम महिला होने के नाते श्रीमती गीता परब ने सभा की मुख्य अतिथि का पद ग्रहण किया। कमाण्डान्ट ने उच्च दर्जे के आयोजन पर आयोजनकर्ताओं को बधाइयां दी। परिणाम रंजीत के पक्ष में था। अमित कुमार ने निर्णायकों का दिल जीतकर प्रथम पुरस्कार प्राप्त किया। सौरभ गुप्ता भी पूरी कोशिश के बाद द्वितीय रहे। तर्क-वितर्क मंडल में राहुल पाठक ने बाजी मार ली। श्री चंद्रशेखर विश्वकर्मा जो कि इस वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता के प्रमुख आयोजनकर्ता थे, कमाण्डान्ट महोदय के विशेष बधाईयों के पात्र रहे।

अगली प्रतियोगिता 30 अगस्त को कैम्ब्रियन हॉल में हुई थी। हमारे विद्यालय से आशीष पाठक और रीतेश सिंह ने भाग लिया। विषय था "तुलसी मोठे वचन ते सुख उपजत चहुं ओर"। आशीष और रीतेश दोनों ने ही अपनी मोठे वचनों द्वारा सदन को क्रमशः पक्ष तथा विपक्ष की बातों को मानने पे मजबूर कर दिया।

अब आता है, वेल्हम गर्ल्स स्कूल द्वारा आयोजित मिस लिलेन स्मारक हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता। 14 सितम्बर को आयोजित इस प्रतियोगिता में अमित कुमार और सौरभ गुप्ता ने विद्यालय की तरफ से क्रमशः विपक्ष तथा पक्ष में प्रदर्शन किया। विषय था - विद्यार्थियों को राजनीति में भाग नहीं लेना चाहिए। एक विशेष बात यह थी कि विषय, प्रतियोगिता शुरू होने के दो घंटे पहले दिया गया था। इन सब बातों के बावजूद हमने प्रथम आकर यह साबित कर दिया कि विपरीत परिस्थितियां भी हमारी प्रतिभा को उभरने से रोक नहीं सकती। व्यक्तिगत स्थान इस प्रकार थे :-

सौरभ गुप्ता - प्रथम, अमित कुमार - तृतीय

इस प्रतियोगिता में बाहर से आए विद्यालयों में थे - मोती लाल नेहरू स्कूल, राई और मेयो कॉलेज, अजमेर। आर.आई.एम.सी. को विशेष बधाईयां मिली। हमने और सभी विद्यालयों को अत्यधिक अंकों से हराकर चल विजयोपहार जीता।

लेकिन यह जीत अंतिम नहीं थी। इसके बाद वर्ष की सबसे महत्वपूर्ण प्रतियोगिता आती है और वो है काशी नरेश वाग् विभूति नारायण सिंह अन्तर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता। प्रतियोगिता 17 सितम्बर को विद्यालय के सभागार में सम्पन्न हुई। बाहर से आये विद्यालयों में थे - मोती लाल नेहरू स्कूल, राई, अलवर पब्लिक स्कूल, अलवर, सावन पब्लिक स्कूल, नई दिल्ली, बिशप कॉटन स्कूल, शिमला। सभा का सभापतिव गढ़वाल विश्वविद्यालय की पूर्व उपकुलपति श्रीमती सुधा पाण्डेय ने किया। निर्णायक मंडल में थे :-

(क) डा० मधु शर्मा (ख) प्रो० तेजो मित्र (ग) डा० सरोज त्रिपाठी (घ) डा० रंजना राजदान

ब्राइटलैंड के रुचिर शर्मा ने प्रथम आने में कोई कसर नहीं छोड़ी। सौरभ गुप्ता, द्वितीय तथा निधि गांधी (अलवर पब्लिक स्कूल) तृतीय रहे। कमाण्डान्ट का सांत्वना पुरस्कार इन्हें मिला -

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तर्क-वितर्क मण्डल ने मन्दीप लाम्बा वेल्हम ब्यायज को सर्वोत्तम घोषित किया गया। राहुल पाठक कोशिश के बाद द्वितीय रहे।

अन्तर्विद्यालयीय प्रतियोगिता में स्थान इस प्रकार रहे -

आर.आई.एम.सी. - प्रथम, बिशप कॉटन - द्वितीय, वेल्हम ब्यायज - तृतीय

नियमानुसार चल विजयोपहार द्वितीय आने वाले विद्यालयों को प्रदान किया गया। इस प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन विशेष रूप से सराहनीय रहा। बाहर से आए विद्यालयों के ठहरने के उत्तम प्रबन्ध के लिए आयोजन समिति के सर्वोत्तम प्रयास पर, कमाण्डान्ट ने उन्हें विशेष रूप से बधाई दी। इस प्रतियोगिता की रिपोर्ट समाचार पत्रों में छापी गयी। अतिथियों ने कार्यक्रम की प्रशंसा की।

प्रति वर्ष की भांति इस वर्ष भी दून स्कूल में अखिल भारतीय हिन्दी वाद विवाद प्रतियोगिता 25 सितम्बर को आयोजित हुई थी। अमित कुमार ने विषय के विपक्ष और सौरभ गुप्ता ने विषय के पक्ष में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए। विषय था "कोऊ भय नृप हमहुं का हानि"। इस प्रतियोगिता की एक और विशेषता यह थी कि मंच पर ही एक और विषय दिया गया जिस पर दो मिनट के लिए बोलना था। अमित को विषय मिला था - "मेरे देश की माटी चंदन और अबीर"। सौरभ को विषय मिला था - "भीख मांगना भी एक कला है"। दोनों ने एक बार फिर हमारे विद्यालय के उच्च स्तर को साबित करते हुए चल विजयोपहार प्राप्त किया। अमित और सौरभ ने क्रमशः द्वितीय और तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त किया।

ये तो थी अब तक के वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिताओं का वर्णन। मैं आगामी सफलताओं की कामना करते हुए यह आशा करता हूँ हममें से कोई अपने आप को सर्वोपरि न समझे तथा सर्वोत्तम के लिए प्रयास जारी रखे। इन सब सफलताओं के लिए मैं कमाण्डान्ट महोदय तथा श्रीमती गीता परब का सदा आभारी रहूँगा। जिनकी छत्रछाया में हमने ये सफलताएं पाई। उपयुक्त तथ्यों को मद्देनजर रखते हुए मैं हिन्दी के विभागाध्यक्ष श्री चंद्रशेखर विश्वकर्मा को उनके कठिन परिश्रम तथा संलग्न कार्य के लिए हिन्दी विभाग की तरफ से सहर्ष धन्यवाद प्रदान करना चाहूँगा।

मुझे पूरा विश्वास है कि आगामी सत्र हमारे लिए अधिक सफल एवं प्रेरणादायी साबित होगा।

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