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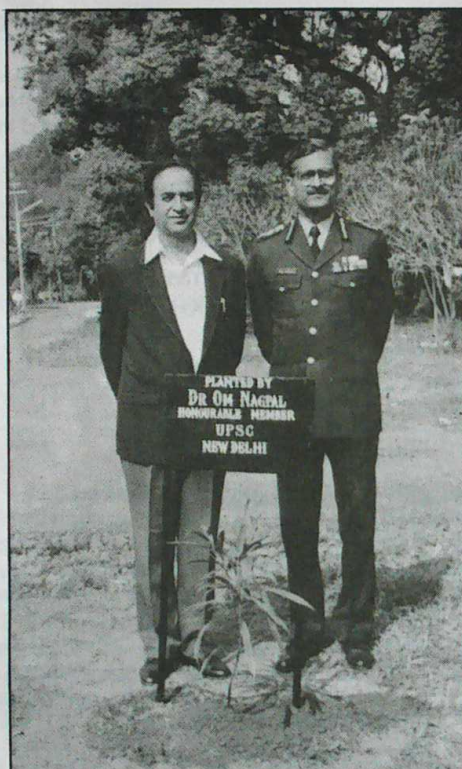
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Dr. Om Nagpal, member UPSC with the Commandant after the former planted a sapling in the college during his visit in connection with the UPSC interviews for selection of permanent masters at the RIMC.

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Dear Readers,

At last 1999 changed to 2000 and the college like everything else entered a new era and so did The Chronicle. The college has returned to its normal bubbling life and the cadets are looking forward to those punchy days and 'dhoom dharakas'. While every one has made some or the other resolutions, we in the journalism club repeat our resolution of continuing our efforts to make The Chronicle an active medium of mutual interaction and the latest information on the happenings in the college. We also aim to develop it as a forum for cadets to put their views in front of every one to carry RIMC to the next millennium.

In this issue we once again bring you a lot of fun and other columns and we promise to do so every time by means of the Chronicle. Wishing you all a very happy new year and a new millennium. Happy reading.

-Editor

THE MILLENNIUM QUESTION

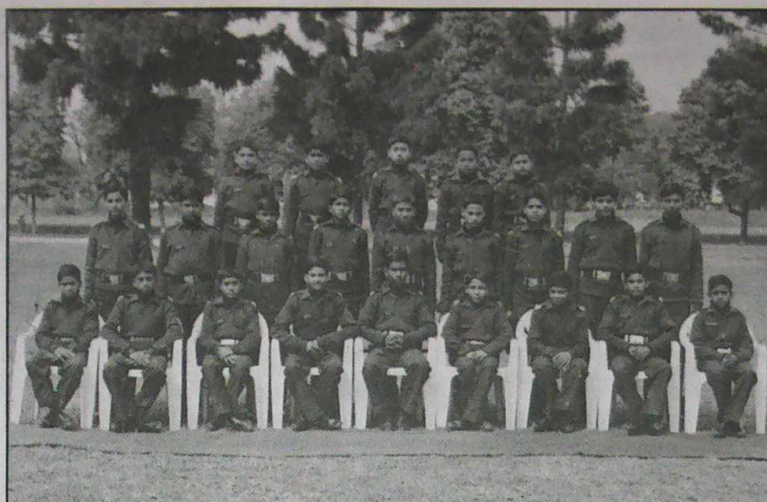
I entered the college. As soon as I got down from the rickshaw, a friend of mine ran up and gave me his millennium greetings. I reciprocated. As I went through the newspapers of the so called last millennium, my eyes that have the privilege of seeing two millenniums also saw various millennium offers. When everyone is so busy giving something in the name of the millenium, I thought why not give a question to our readers. For I do not have anything to give them, but my seemingly stupid questions. I have not one but many questions. Will the new millennium change some thing? Will we get rid of the poverty that engulfs us? Will the common man's dreams of earning his bread regularly be fulfilled? No, I do not see any hope that our people would become honest. There are thousands of people dying an untimely death due to lack of care. Who will save them? Can my people, my countrymen give me an answer as to whether our politicians will become honest? Will this millennium change our country? Our conscience? Will corruption be rooted out and honesty get a place of honour? There are many others but I think I would rather publish a millennium questionnaire than asking them in the Chronicle here. If some one can give me a satisfactory answer, I might bother myself to think again. But I think I might be sorry as our millennium celebrations are bound to be meaningless. Atleast for Indians because these lines are true for us.

Millennium millennium every where,
Not a job to get,
Millennium millennium every where,
A miserable life to live.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The College reopened on 17th Jan after the winter vacation. The following is a sequence of events that took place in the few days since the college has

- reopened.
- ❖ The college has secured 100% result at the UPSC written exams held in Oct. 1999. The SSB's for the cadets have already started.
 - ❖ UPSC interviews for selection of permanent masters are underway in Delhi and Dehradun. For the first time a UPSC Board led by Dr Om Nagpal, member UPSC, came to RIMC and conducted the interview for Biology. The Commandant, Col Arun Mangain has been attending all the interviews as an observer.
 - ❖ Sqn Ldr KA Kariappa was blessed with a son on 11th Jan 2000. Our heartiest congratulations to him and Mrs Kariappa.
 - ❖ Most of the cadets reported back on Jan 17th 2000. However, as usual, there were some late comers whose parents were called to the College to explain the reasons for the late arrival of their sons.
 - ❖ Tabbing ceremony for the college appointments was held on Jan 18th. This time, in a novel experiment, the NCO's will be all from Class V as Class VA has been allowed 'all the time in the world' to concentrate on their studies. However, the Cadet Captain and the Section Commanders shall continue to be from Class VA. The appointments had lunch with the Commandant at his residence the following day.
 - ❖ Hobbies were allotted to the cadets on the 19th. Surprisingly, there was a large number of cadets who wanted a change in their Hobby club. Some lucky one did manage to get it.
 - ❖ The wreath laying ceremony was held on the 19th. The whole college took part in it. A special assembly was held at the Bhagat Hall. The commandant gave a welcome address to the college. The following awards were given to the cadets.
 1. Medhavi Badges
 2. Golden Feathers
 3. Silver feathers
 - ❖ Medical examination for class V and IIIA has been completed at MH, DehraDun.
 - ❖ Vacation assignment tests in all subjects for all classes except VA have been conducted.
 - ❖ Mr Sidharth Mishra visited college on 24th and 25th Jan along with Mr. Wadhwa of National Bal Bhavan for photographs in connection with the book he is writing on the RIMC gallantry award winners.
 - ❖ Staff vs. cadets cricket match was held on 24th Jan which the cadets won. The Staff scored 112 runs in 20 overs where as the cadets scored 113 runs in 19 overs. A commendable performance was put up by Mr. Bisht who scored 50. The highlight of the staff innings was 54 extras including 38 wides, 10 byes and 6 no-balls. From the cadets side, Cadet BM Bulle batted well and denied the staff team a victory which, at one point during the match, looked quite likely.
 - ❖ Cadets Vs. staff hockey match was also held in which the cadets again showed their superiority over the staff by beating them 7 – 6. However the cadets did have a tough time doing so as the score suggests.
 - ❖ RIMC played two Cricket matches against the Doon Club. Our team won the first but lost the second.
 - ❖ As many as eight members of our staff have successfully completed a computer training programme on networked learning conducted by Ms. Pritha Ghosh of the Schoolnet India Ltd.
 - ❖ In the inter section English debate, Ranjit section won followed by Pratap, Chandra gupta and Shivaji. Cadet Dhruv Yadav (P) and Cadet Anvesh Murthy (R) stood first in senior and junior divisions respectively.
 - ❖ In the inter section quiz that followed, Shivaji (113) led the way followed by Chandragupta (100), Ranjit (86) and Pratap (67)
 - ❖ First termers debate was held on the topic 'Parents and teachers know best'. Umang Nautiyal of Shivaji Section bagged the first prize.
 - ❖ An Inter School Quiz competition was held at KV ONGC. Two teams from RIMC took part. Team A comprised Anbrasu, Vamsi and Anoop while Team B consisted of Alok, Rahul and Brijendu. Interestingly, Team B came first and bagged the trophy and Rs. 700/- cash prize.
 - ❖ The cadet appointments for the term are :
 - ❖ Cadet Captain: R W Sherpa (R)
 - ❖ Sec Cdr (Pratap) : Dhruv Yadav
NCO's : Pranav Kumar
Rustam Sekhon
Poshak Ahluwalia
Sub Nco's : Anoop Sharma
Alok Kumar
Sumeet Kumar
 - ❖ Sec Cdr (Ranjit) : N Gopinath
NCO's: Karan Mor
Dinil George
Bhalcandra Bulle
Sub NCO's: Abhishek Sharma
Prashant Pandey
Santosh Yadav
 - ❖ Sec Cdr (Shivaji) : Rakesh Verma
NCO's : Panchal Barua
Aseem Kumar Panda
Thomas Tom
Sub NCO's : Vishal Singh
Vinay Tiwari
K. Satyadheep
 - ❖ Sec Cdr (C. Gupta) : Vamsi Krishna
NCO's: Anshul Bhatt
Basant Sewada
Atul Sinha
Sub NCO's : Chandrakant Kothari
Himanshu Awasthi
Amardeep
 - ❖ Class V A has shifted to the AAO's residence. The building has been christened 'The Quest'. Except for the four sec.coms and the cadet captain, the rest of the class stays in 'The Quest'.



The new boys who joined the college this term.

- ❖ UPSC member Dr Om Nagpal visited college from 29 Feb - 02 March to conduct interviews for Biology masters. He was greatly impressed by whatever he saw at the college. Speaking at the special Dinner hosted in his honour he praised the excellent environment at the RIMC and said that RIMC was one of the best institutions not only in India but in the entire world.
- ❖ In the traditional Class I vs IA cricket match Class IA won by 96 runs.

Compiled by - Anshul Bhatt

MAIL BAG

1. I am Ex- Pratap (84-90). An extra year is because of the introduction of Class XII. We Rimcollians are a small bunch but have set the trend for others to follow. Capt. I.S Samyal topped the Army Aviation course ser.No.21 in June 98 and Capt Ashish Kayshap (Pratap 85 - 91) from 318 GR topped the course ser.no.23 and self standing second in the same course. I am married to Swati and we have a son named Prithvi who is 17 months old.

-Capt. Prem Singh (P)

2. A Rimcollian get together was organized on 5th Feb, 1999 at the Aashiana club, College of Combat by two posted officers of College of Combat, viz, Maj.RPS GILL of Arty Demo Bty and Lt. J Bhutani of Armoured Squadron, College of Combat, Mhow.

LIST OF THE OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED:

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Maj. R S Gill | 1622 FD demo Bty |
| 2. Maj C S Devgun | YO Wing |
| | The infantry school |
| 3. Capt D Singh | 16 Raj Rifle |
| | The Infantry School |
| 4. Capt Sumeet Bathla | First Five Ghorkhas |
| | (FF) |
| 5. Capt P Bhal | 4 Sikh |
| 6. Lt J S Negi | 17 Mahar |
| 7. Maj R Negi | 6/11 GR |
| 8. Lt M Karki | 6 Rajput |
| 9. Brig Agrawal | Inf School |

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 10. Maj A K Anand | 1 Para SF |
| 11. Maj Suyash Shrama | MCTE Mhow |
| 12. Lt Col J S Gill | 83 Armd Regt |
| 13. Maj J S Biswas | 351 Coy ASC |
| 14. Maj Ajay Kumar | 5 Raj Rif |
| 15. Maj Sandeep Singh | 66 Armd Regt |
| 16. Maj R K Singh | 19 RR Sikh II |
| 17. Maj Mohit Gandhi | 7015 WKSP |
| 18. Maj Wadhwa | 5 Armd Regt |
| 19. Maj G Prasad | 17 Dogra |
| 20. Lt Col D N Singh | 202 SATA Bty |
| 21. Maj Dev Chaturvedi | 1/3 GR |
| 22. Maj Prem Pragaam | 2 Mahar |
| 23. Lt J Bhutani | 5 Armd Sqn C of C |

-Lt J Bhutani

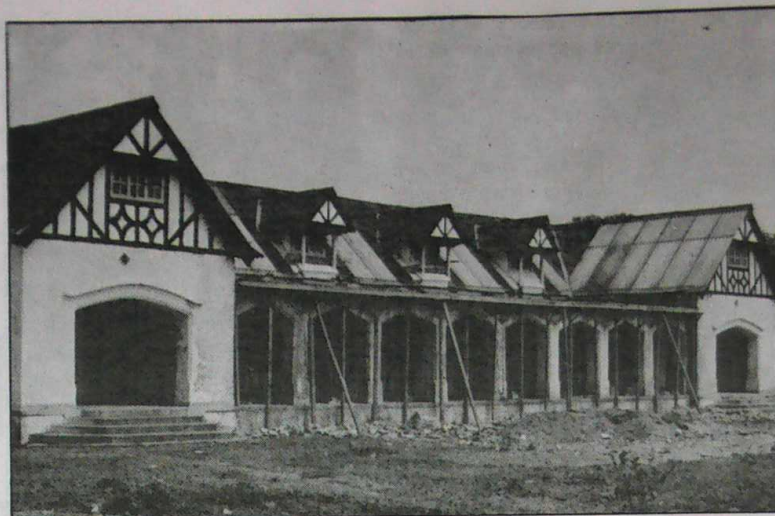
3. My visit to RIMC after almost 25 years will always remain memorable. I really experienced the nostalgic memories of the six years I spent there, more so visiting the school block, the dormitories and the college mess. I was happy to see some constructive changes in the school. It has traditions, infrastructure and the environment and I have no doubt it will remain and continue to play its role as the premier institution for training youth for the noble cause of defence of our country. I always wish greater glory to the RIMC in the years to come.

Col K K L Johar
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4. My wife and my family and I so much appreciated your Christmas greetings to us. Thank you very much. It will soon be the start of a new year at the RIMC. This comes to wish you, Col Prasad, staff and the cadets, a very happy millennium and a new year. We do keep you in our prayers.

We, the English ex - cadets, feel very much part of the ROBA and interested in the welfare of RIMC. Cadets now go into all the services and enter the government. We feel that the RIMC is an influence for good and stability in India. We all need stability today, and Might on the side of Right is a stabilizing force.

We are so glad that character is pre-eminent in the training. It is, as you all know, character which



Chandragupta Section Junior Dorm under repair as part of the ongoing renovation work in the college.

counts where conditions are difficult. It is India's vital quality in leadership especially good leadership. You will know all this better than I. We had another very happy reunion at the House of Lords on 26th October last year with Viscount Slim. We always see the video of the RIMC and delight in the obviously high standards with which you strive. We hope this will always continue. With every good wish to you all in the coming year,

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5. I wish to do something for my alma mater and have decided to donate Rs. 100000 in memory of my late father Sh. K.P. Bhadra and Rs. 50000 in memory of my late uncle Sh. Sushil Bhadra, the interest from which may be awarded as a scholarship to the cadet standing first in class 12th Board exams and also joining the NDA and as a means cum merit scholarship to a needy student.

-Lt. COL. Swapan Bhadra (retd.)

6. The governor of Assam is pleased to enhance the scholarship for the cadets at RIMC from Rs. 1800 to Rs. 12000 subject to the condition that the scholarship must be awarded strictly on the basis of merit.

Mr. R. N. Sharma
-Jt. Secy., Govt. of Assam

7. There was a Rimcollian-get together at the Watershed Officers' Institute on 09 Dec. 1999. The Rimcollians from in and around the station joined in. There was an introduction by the Rimcollians about themselves excluding their special area of activity at the school which was left for private tete-a-tete. The addresses were exchanged and the meet ended with the note "ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL".

-Lt. Col. T.K. Guha.
(Courtesy Col. Manvender Singh)

8. I am very pleased that the Trustees of ROBA trust, in the last meeting have agreed to the proposals to help those cadets who were bereaved while in the college.

-Mr. Ajit Singh

9. I joined RIMC in 1931. I thank you for sending me the season's greetings which I reciprocate heartily. And please correct my name which is INAYATULLAH HASSAN. I last visited RIMC in 1997.

-Mr. Inayatullah Hassan

10. I have just returned to the U.K. and wanted to say a very big thank you to you personally and to all your staff at our alma-mater for the warm reception and courtesy shown during my very brief visit last month. It is a pity that the school was closed. It would have been that much more special had it been open so that I could have seen it live. No matter what course one's life has shaped I am sure anyone who has had the privilege to attend our school will hold that sacred corner of deep affection in each of his hearts. It stands for all things decent about education and development of boys into self-confident young men who go on to create their own destinies and never submit to the word "impossible". Above all it remains in my mind a shining beacon of meritocracy unrivalled by any other I have come across so far - certainly no public school in England that I know of would match the all-round high standards and facilities of R.I.M.C. I am sure you, the teaching staff and your future successors will ensure continuity of this rich heritage.

- Arindam Chakravorthy

11. I have just received the results of the screening tests of Roorkie engineering entrance exam and IIT entrance exam. I have passed in both and am now eligible to write the main exams in May. It isn't a big achievement, but it is the first step towards IIT.

- N. Manjunath

OBITUARY

IC62 3003M Sub Krishna Prasad, SQM, expired on 10th Jan, 2000 at 0230 hrs at command hospital Lucknow. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

Brig Prithviraj Devan (Rimcollian) died on 10.1.2000
Our deepest condolences and sympathies to
Mrs Devan.

IN THE QUEST

While on our daily walk Mr. Tyagi and I went into the quest to see what the cadets of class VA were doing. After going through all the rooms we finally landed into the room occupied by Joe Verghese. To our surprise we found a one-dollar bill on his table. This made Mr. Tyagi look around more carefully; and a little more effort on our part and we came across a Standard Chartered credit card!!! Interestingly, while we are trying to restrict them to coupons worth Rs.150 each month, they are in possession of dollars and credit cards !!

Generation gap perhaps!

or

just an idea whose time has come.

-V Sharma

FIRST TERMERS WRITE UP



1. SHARYF BHONSLE : The lad from Pune is a die hard Navy optee and loves computers and games especially squash ,and like any other human being he dislikes bad company. A cool little chap who will definitely do well in life.



2. MARCUS PRADHAN : This Sikkimese , quite naturally, loves football, badminton and takes interest in video games. He too wants to join the Navy. He dislikes nothing, nothing at all. A real upcoming star in every field.



3. PRATIK TOMAR : The boy from Gujarat has a special flair for tennis as noticed by the amount of time he spends with the AO for the same. A gastronomic person he loves food very much. A wonderful debater too, he does not like to waste time and food.



4. ROHAN MANHAS : This lad also is a die- hard Army optee and wants to follow the footsteps of his father Maj.Manhas (Eco Task Force). He loves golf, swimming and cricket and he hates liars.



5. SUBHOJIT DUTTA : This 'Bongalee' too is an army lad and likes the breakfast in RIMC. He also likes boxing, cricket and football. Surprisingly, he does not seem to like running and P T. Lets see how he plays football without running !



6. RAVINDER PRATAP SINGH : This small guy is from M P and wants to fly high in the sky. Aeromodelling and coin collection are his likes while the words 'P T and running' does not figure in his dictionary.



7.ANURAG SHUKLA : He loves the Mess, environment, buildings of the RIMC, gymnastics and boxing. He is also influenced by the two on top and does not like P T. He is from U P and naturally, he is good in studies.



8. ABHISHEK ANAND : From the land of U.S.B (United States of Bihar), he surprisingly likes discipline, law and order!!! He likes the mess food and dislikes PT and running. A very nice boy.



9. AJIT SINGH NEGI : An Army optee again, wants to follow the foot steps of his father. He loves the Mess and is in love with the tea-shares it provides. He is from J&K and is determined to stop all the problems there when he grows up.



10. AJAY : This Gazhiabadi likes computers and video games. He has a peculiar hobby of collecting greeting cards and has a pretty good collection. He is an Army optee.



11. JAYANTH K : From cyberland, this Andhra'ite likes studying and playing. He only dislikes liars. Atleast he does not dislike PT and running. He is also determined to join the armed forces no matter what comes in the way.



12. KALYAN BABU : This 'Natthu' from Manipur wants to soar high in the sky. He is an Air Force kind of a guy. He likes the discipline here. He also collects stamps and likes to read. Lying and cheating aren't exactly what he likes.



13. AKSHAY KUMAR : He is also a 'proper type' Biharee and wants to join the Indian Air Force like his father Capt. Rajesh Kumar (Ex-Shivaji). He is on his full effort to shed some weight. He believes in buttering his

seniors to get his things done. He love boxing.



14. UMANG NAUTIYAL : A very straight forward guy. He likes stamp collection and likes to take part in all games. He also aspires to be a boxer and is present even in the Section boxing team. He is also a keen debater.



15. UDIT PANT : He is a soft spoken boy from Shimla. His interests vary from playing games to reading classics. He dislikes nothing. He is a Navy optee. He is always quiet and believes in talking less and doing more.



16. RAGHU NANDAN : This Hydrabadi says he likes South Indian food in RIMC and also likes leave - outs. He is a good sportsman and even though he joined late, he has covered up what ever he missed out. He dislikes PT . He is also an Army optee.



17. ADARSH KUMAR: He is also a Biharee and tries to sham but he can't. Also good in studies, he is an Air Force optee. He likes tennis but no one has ever seen him playing. He is sure to do good in life as it can be seen from his hard working nature.



18. SURAJ GUPTA : He is an alumnus of Sainik school, Rewa and is a good and a 'joshi' guy. He is quite enthusiastic and even gave an extemporè speech about his views during the English debate. With the way he carries himself, he will do well in RIMC.



19. AMRIT KUMAR : He is from Bihar and wants to join the Indian Army. He likes to read and dislikes liars and indiscipline. He is the Medhavi of his class and takes interest in sports too.



20. ISHITAB VASHIST : This lad from Chandigarh likes cycling and is sure to go with his class for the Chandigarh cycling expedition. His hobbies are coin collection and playing. He dislikes reading. He is an Army optee and is determined to achieve his aim.



21. ABHISHEK : He is from Bihar and wants to fly when he grows up. He seems to like Physics and is good in studies. He dislikes particularly nothing at all. Tennis is his favourite game and is pretty good at it.



22. ABHISHEK GARGMUKH : This Abhishek is also from Bihar. It seems that all Biharees in RIMC have made up their mind to join the Indian Air Force. He likes to be alone as also to cycle. He hopes that soon he will get enough time for his beloved afternoon siestas



23. MANUJ JINDAL : This cheerful lad from Ghaziabad aspires to join the Air Force. He likes reading and playing cricket, and dislikes wasting time. His experience during the Novices boxing has been so good that he now loves Boxing more than any other game.

AWARDS

The following Rimcollian officers were given honours decorations on the Republic Day by the President of India; Mr. K R Narayanan.

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| 1. Lt,Gen H N Khanna | <u>SYSM</u> |
| 2. Lt.Gen H R S Mann | <u>PVSM</u> |
| 3. Vice Admiral P C Bhashin | <u>PVSM</u> |
| 4. Air Cmde P A Hari Mohan | <u>AVSM</u> |
| 5. Brig N S Pathania | <u>VSM</u> |
| 6. Col.V Y Gidh | <u>VSM</u> |
| 7. Lt.Col. D A Chaturvedi | <u>SM</u> |
| 8. Lt Col N V Raghavan (late) | <u>SC</u> |
| 15 Kumaon | |
| 9. Maj.K P R Hari | <u>Vrc</u> |
| 1 Bihar | |

COMMANDANT`S LETTER TO RIMCOLLIANS

Dear Rimcollians,

Ever since I have taken over as the commandant of the Alma Mater it has been my most earnest endeavour to do the best I could to improve the overall state of resources as well as standards at the college. For the last ten years now we have been trying to bring back in the College the most basic and important edifice that any educational institution would pride itself on-the academic excellence. This step is now going through the usual upheavals associated with any important change and very soon we shall have a

system and culture at the College where our cadets shall be academically as sound as their counterparts in the best of schools

The second important area that I have been addressing myself is the improvement of our infrastructure in terms of creation of additional assets like: a multipurpose hall, computer lab, shopping complex, stores, and most importantly, special repairs to our aging Tudor buildings. We are also making up our deficiencies of accommodation for the cadets, masters and other employees. Thanks to the efforts of our senior Rimcollians and other senior officers and well wishers of the RIMC, we, today, have an in-principle acceptance of works to the tune of Rs 10 crores.

Where we do find ourselves straitjacketed, however, is the lack of flexibility in terms of finances to take up issues of general development of cadets, staff and others at the college. There are new developments taking place everywhere particularly in the field of information technology. We need to keep ourselves up to date with all these if we are to remain in the forefront of our chosen field. We have already got into an alliance with the Schoolnet India for training of our teachers in computers so that these can be used more effectively in the College.

The situation of masters remains as critical as ever with the College running at 40% of the authorized strength of permanent masters. Government rules on the subject are such that we have little option in terms of picking up masters of our own choice. The College administration is helpless in the sense that it can do no more than go for adhoc appointments within the stifling framework of reservations in various hues.

Some of you may wonder as to why all these problems have surfaced so suddenly. No, they haven't. What we have today is the cumulative effect of adhocism over decades. It is time we looked into the matter more seriously.

We pride ourselves as one of the best public schools of the country. Ironically, however, we are in a situation where we no longer attract good masters because our package for them is woefully inadequate

even when compared with the Kendriya Vidyalayas. Successive pay commissions have been bringing down the status of the RIMC master with the result that today not only are we not attracting good masters but also not able to retain the ones already with us. The award of the Fifth central pay commission has proved to be the proverbial last straw in that it has effected a major decline in the status of the RIMC master vis-à-vis his counterparts in the Kendriya as well as the Navodaya Vidyalayas.

Our condition becomes most helpless when we have a situation where a master has left us and the UPSC appointee will take 2-3 years to come. For lack of resources at the college we can't appoint anyone from within our own financial resources. And the sufferers, of course, -the cadets!

Before I come to the main point of this letter I would like to mention the measures taken by various other institutions of national repute to overcome similar situations, e.g. IIT, Bombay. Their alumni have taken the lead to help their Alma Mater rather than depend on the government to solve all their problems.

I would, therefore, take the liberty to make an ardent appeal to all Rimcollians to set an example rather than follow one. If we really want our Alma Mater to continue to be one of the best in the country we need to take some urgent and extra ordinary measures. The sense of belonging to the 'school' that we all are so proud of beckons us to rise to the need of the hour, i.e., give our attention and help in this very important phase of its existence

We can make a beginning by setting up a special RIMC Corpus by contributing 1% of our annual income for the purpose. This will help the school tide over, among others, such problems as scholarships to needy cadets, incentives to masters and general improvement of the Alma Mater.

Sincerely
(Col Arun Mamgain)

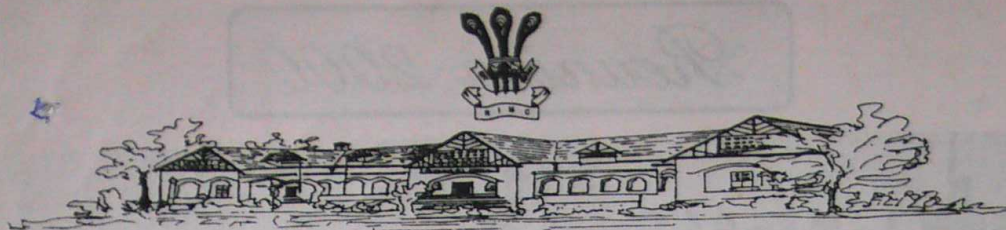
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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Hi! The Reunion is over and the euphoria that had set inside the college due to it has also subsided. The cadets are back from their mid-term hikes after the brain storming examinations and one can still hear a few cadets gossiping about their hike time adventure or misadventure whatever it is in the corridors.

There was a great disappointment amongst the cadets when the much talked about trip to Nepal was cancelled at the eleventh hour.

The last of the competitions, the hockey competition was one of the most keenly contested ones - cadets just do not care for their configuration when it is the question of their team's prestige.

Now the cadets are preparing hard for their forthcoming terminal examinations.

Class VA is now burning midnight oil for their board exams after giving a "superb" performance in their SSBs. This time 39 out of the 42 cadets and Rimcollians have cleared the SSB. In this issue we bring you details of all the major events in the college after the Reunion. Wishing you all a very happy reading.

- ANOOP SHARMA

RE-UNION-2000

Reunion, as the name suggests, refers to a re-meeting of individuals belonging in some way or the other to the specific place. Every year on the 13th of March, which is our Founder's day, REUNION is celebrated. This time it was the 78th Founder's day of our glorious college and also a MILLENNIUM MEET. This was a special event as it was the first in the new millennium and was a gala affair. A large number of Rimcollians from all over India came this time. Everybody was bubbling with "Josh" for his Section and of course there was that quip, "In our days -----Ha! Ha! Ha!" This Rimcollians meet was very specially catered for in terms of food, which came from Kumar Foods and Motimahal.

Rimcollians started arriving on the 12th of March and a Reception Cell was set up for welcoming them. The traditional hockey match was played between the old boys and the cadets in which the old boys slightly edged over the cadets, winning the cup 3-2. After the match, was the most awaited event for

the cadets-"The Boxing Finals." A lot of spirit and enthusiasm was seen among the cadets and close contests were held. It was thrilling to see cadets fighting like tigers in the ring. Ranjit Section won the huge cup in the rain. However, it didn't manage to dampen their spirits (excuse the pun). After that was Commandant's dinner, which was followed by a dance for the Rimcollians.

Next day, i.e. the 13th of March, was the real Founder's day. A wreath laying ceremony was held followed by a fly-past. This was followed by a PT display by the cadets. This event was revived after 27 years. The standard of PT enthralled the Rimcollians.

The next event was SKYDIVING by the Rimcollians. It was very exciting and all the onlookers were awe-struck as bodies hurtled towards the ground and suddenly huge canopies opened and brought them down safely.

The traditional Cricket match was also held. The Rimcollian players and Umpires managed to defeat the cadets by 4 wickets. The performance of Capt. Anuj Kalia was noteworthy (he scored a half century). A special 'mouth-watering' 'Thai Lunch' was prepared for lunch. Rain, perhaps, spoilt the taste a little here also!

In the evening there was a cultural programme, which was fantastic and received a lot of appreciation. The Commandant, Col Arun Mangain, gave his annual Reunion address in which he highlighted the achievements of the College during the last one-year. He also complimented the present class VA for the excellent performance in the SSBs for which there was a huge applause from the audience. He also complimented those Old Boys who were honoured with gallantry and other awards during the year.

Speaking as the chief guest of the function, Lt Gen KP Candeth, complimented the commandant, members of staff and, most importantly, the cadets for maintaining very high standards in every field of activity at the College. He urged the cadets to work hard and live up to the great traditions and expectations of the Rimcollians.

After this was the Rimcollians dinner. The cadets, on the 14th, saw off the Rimcollians, after the general body meeting.

Thus the re-union-2000 came to an end. It was really magnificent and everybody had a great time.

Reunion 2000



A deeply engrossed audience watching the Boxing finals.

The Guard of Honour (left to right: Lt. Gen K P Candeth; Comdt, Col Arun Mangain and Air Marshal Vinod Patney)

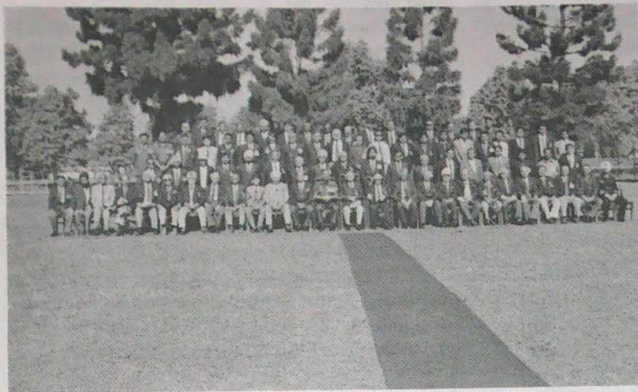


Lt Gen K P Candeth releasing the book 'Cradle for Bravery' by Mr. Siddhartha Mishra soon after the Guard of Honour.

The dare-devils: the sky diving show in progress



Reunion 2000



Rimcollians at the group photograph

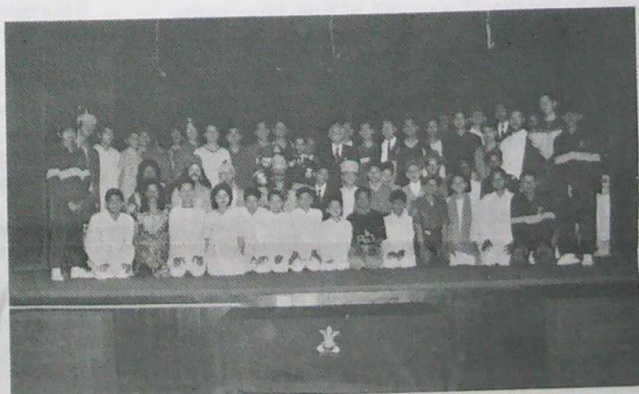


Rimcollian ladies



Ranjit Section Commander, Nithun Gopinath, receiving one of the many trophies Ranjit won this time.

Cadets of the cultural evening group with the chief guest and others



Awards for 1999 were: -

1. Best sportsman of the year - Cdt. Capt. Raja Wangdi Sherpa.
2. Education Cup - Shivaji Section
3. NDA Entry Cup - Chandragupta Section
4. Sports Cup - Ranjit Section.
5. Discipline Cup - Ranjit Section.
6. Co- curricular Cup - Ranjit Section.
7. Overall Championship - Ranjit Section.
8. Lt.Cdr. R.K.Sen medal - Jan term -Alok Kumar.
- July term-Dhiraj Kumar.
- Vikram Sharma

NEWS IN BRIEF

➤ **March 14th to 19th.**

Inter section Cricket Competition was held after the Re-union and Chandragupta section lifted the cup with a clean sweep of all their six matches and the staff match. Ranjit, Shivaji and Pratap shared the second position. The highlights of the competition were a hat trick by S Bhattacharya and a half-century each by K Anabarasu and Karan Sagar. Ankit Uniyal was adjudged the best player of the tournament while Abhishek Gargmukh was the best up and coming player.

The staff team also participated and beat three of the four Sections.

➤ **March 20th**

Holi was celebrated in college with great pomp and show. As usual there was the Mandir function in the morning followed by the actual Holi in the pavilion in which the cadets, members of the staff and their families took part.

➤ **March 22nd**

Mrs Ann Shallow, the daughter of Mr. Watson, former Principal of the RIMC visited the college along with her husband. Mrs Shallow went round the College and recalled her days here when she was a child. She also went to visit the bungalow where Mr Watson then lived. A special lunch was organized for the visitors with the cadets and they were presented College mementoes. Speaking at the lunch, Mr Shallow thanked the Commandant for the hospitality shown to them and conveyed the best wishes of Mr. Watson, who at 97 could not visit himself though very willing but still holds RIMC very dear to his heart.

➤ **March 22-25**

Commandant visited Delhi in connection with the UPSC interviews. With this most of the interviews are now complete and we hope to see the new masters sometime in the next term.

➤ **March 25th**

A seminar was held in Woodstock school, Mussoorie on IT. Almost 20 schools of Dehradun and Mussoorie participated. Mr. Virender Sharma, Mr. S. Tripathi, Miss S. Acharya and Mr. Ganesh Sharma represented RIMC.

➤ **March 28th**

Cadets left for their respective midterm hikes.

- Class-I - Kanesar
Class- IA - Dhanaulti
Class-II - Jim Corbett National Park
Class-IIA - Nagtibba

- ClassIII - Rajaaji National Park, Rishikesh, Haridwar and Mussoorie
Class IV - Pune, Ahmednagar, Deolali
ClassIVA - Cycling to Rishikesh

➤ **April 2nd**

College bid farewell to three teachers, viz, Mrs Anita Saini, Mr Ganesh Sharma and Mr Vijay Dangwal who have joined their new assignments at St Joseph's Academy, Dehradun; Mussoorie International School, Mussoorie and Birla School, Ranikhet respectively. We wish them all the best for their future.

College also welcomes Cdr A Bhattacharya (Rimcollian 1956-60) who has volunteered to teach English and History to the cadets.

College Dramatics society went to witness a play at the Doon School produced by "Theatrix Productions." Staged by Mr. Dalip Tahil, the play was titled "The Man Of La Mancha".

➤ **April 7th -11th**

Intersection Basketball competitions-2000 was held. The section positions were as follows: -

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

➤ **April 8th - 11th**

Maj. Gen S.D. Mahanti, VSM, the first old-boy Commandant (89-91) was here to see the goings-on in the college. In a hectic four-day schedule, Maj Gen Mahanti spoke to the cadets and the members of the staff on a number of occasions. He addressed a special assembly and commended the good work that has taken place over the last few years. While he was here he also took part in the seminar on the "Challenges of Public School Education in the New Millennium".

➤ **April 10th - 11th**

- Capt. S Mongia has been promoted to the rank of a Major and he is back in action as the A.A.O.
- College Golf team went to Delhi for a tournament. They say that it was a good exposure for them and a wonderful experience.
- Classes 3-A and 5-A Boards are scheduled from the May 12th.
- The Nepal trip has been cancelled for the 3rd time. The word goes that this time it was cancelled for "security reasons arising due to the Clinton visit."
- The much-awaited new tractor has finally arrived. It is a very usual sight these days to see it doing the rounds of various fields the whole day.

➤ **1st May**

We welcomed two new teachers, viz, Mrs Usha Naidu for Physics and Miss Shalini Sondhi for computers. We wish both of them a very happy and fruitful stay at the RIMC.

➤ **3rd of May**

The eighth RIMC challenge round of inter school quiz was conducted. A total of seven schools participated in the quiz. In a very close final round the outcome was decided on the last question of the quiz in which Welham Boys got the better of

RIMC by not only pressing the buzzer first but also getting the answer right. Thus Welham Boy's School got the cup followed by RIMC comprising Anbarasu, Vamsi and Brijendu. Mr John Mason, Headmaster, The Doon School, was the chief guest on the occasion. Mrs Mason gave away the prizes to the winners.

REPORT ON THE SEMINAR ON "CHALLENGES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM"

A seminar on the above topic was held in the RIMC on 10 -11 April 2000. It was organized under the auspices of the UP Area Hqs. It was the brainchild of Gen Manjit Singh, GOC UP Area who took keen personal interest in the conduct and organization of the seminar.

Noted educationists of Dehradun and Mussoorie took part in the seminar. Principals/Headmasters of as many as 30 schools participated in the deliberations. A number of Army School principals also took part. Some leading educationists of Dehradun and Mussoorie were among the speakers. Maj Gen SD Mahanti, VSM, former commandant of the RIMC was a special invitee to the seminar.

The seminar was inaugurated by Maj Gen Manjit Singh who spoke on the need for better interaction between various schools in order to keep themselves abreast of the latest developments in the field of pedagogy. The Commandant, Col. Arun Mangain, while welcoming the participants thanked them for finding out time from their very busy schedules in schools, particularly during the busy admission time.

The speakers included:

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| (a) Mr. S R Das | - Former Principal, The Doon School and Educational consultant. | (m) Mr. Shashank Vira | - Schoolnet, New Delhi |
| (b) Mr. Gulab Ramchandani | - Former Principal, The Doon School and Educational consultant. | (n) Mrs. Saroj Srivastava | - Former Principal, Welham Girls High School |
| (c) Maj Gen. S D Mahanti | - Commandant, Selection Centre (East), Allahabad | | |
| (d) Mr. S K Gupta | - Former Principal, Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital | | |
| (e) Mrs. Madhuri Mathur | - Principal, Hopetown | | |
| (f) Mr. S Kandhari | - Principal, Welham Boys School | | |
| (g) Mr. J A Mason | - Headmaster, The Doon School | | |
| (h) Mrs. Chhaya Khanna | - Principal, Scholars Home | | |
| (i) Mr. Kabir Mustafi | - Headmaster, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla | | |
| (j) Mr. David Jeffery | - Principal, Woodstock School, Mussoorie | | |
| (k) Swami Ramrajyam | - Divine Life Society, Rishikesh | | |
| (l) Mrs. Priyo Lal | - Director, School for the Hearing Impaired | | |

Computers yet again found their role, for slide shows as well as for the entries of the participants at the reception. A special mention should be made of Miss Sumita Acharya and Cadet Arjun Singh Panwar who, between both of them, made the instantaneous slides and displayed them even while the speakers were speaking.

A wide variety of subjects were covered dealing with public school education, such as Vision and Concept of the Public School, Issues and Strategies, Moral Education, Counselling, Exchange Programs etc.

A special effort was made in the seminar to address the requirements of the Army schools in order to bring about overall improvement.

Brig A K Chopra, AVSM, Cdr Dehradun Sub Area, who was very closely involved with the organization of the seminar proposed the vote of thanks at the conclusion of the deliberations. The compere Mr. Virender Sharma, coordinated the entire seminar to perfection.

Overall, it was an interesting and educative session for all the people attending it as well as the cadets. It was a very useful interaction between various Heads of Schools and eminent people in the field of education. Participants learnt a lot from each other's experiences.

- Cadet A D Roy

SPORTS ROUND-UP

This term started off with the boxing competition. It ended with Ranjit Section winning the cup with 30 points followed by Shivaji at 27. Chandragupta came third with 21 and Pratap fourth with 6 points. Nilesh Paneri was the best loser and the best boxer prize went to Gaurav Tripathi.

The next cup was Cricket. Chandragupta section managed a clean sweep by winning all their matches with 24 points. Ranjit, Shivaji and Pratap shared second place with 8 points each. The best batsman in juniors was G.R Sahu of Ranjit Section, the best bowler award went to Vikas Sheoran. The best fielder was Ashok Garg and Abhishek Gargmukh got the most up and coming player award. In the senior section, Ankit Uniyal got the best batsman as well as the best bowler award. The best fielder was B M Bulle.

The next competition was basketball. Ranjit section bagged the cup with 9 points. Shivaji followed with 8 points. Chandragupta was next with 7.5 points and Pratap last with 2.5 points. The best player in juniors went to Laldingzuala and the Commandant's special prize went to Abhishek Gargmukh of Ranjit Section. The most up and coming player of the tournament was a first term- Y.Romen Singh. Raja Sherpa was adjudged the best player of the tournament.

Arunabh Ghosh
Class 3-A

CLARIFICATION

1. Due to some oversight on our part, an anonymous poem 'A Friend Recalls' was signed off by the name of 'ADRoy'. The error is deeply regretted. It was totally unintentional.

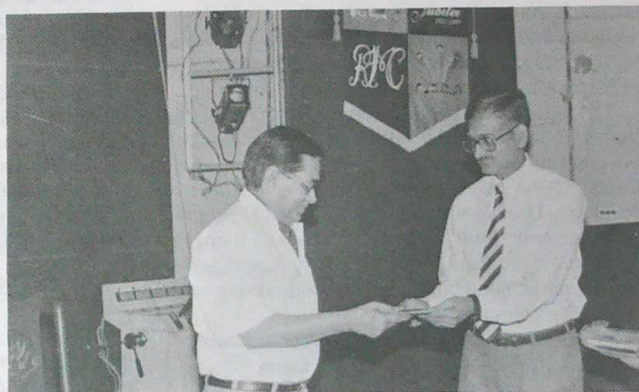
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Some Important Events



Mrs Ann Shallow (daughter of Mr Watson, former Principal) and her husband during their visit to the College.

The Commandant Col Arun Mamgain, presenting the 'Masters Tie' to Maj Gen S D Mahanti, VSM, during the latter's visit to the Alma Mater



The participants at the seminar on 'Challenges of Public School Education in the new Millennium' with the GOC UP Area, Maj Gen Manjit Singh.

Commandant with some of the participants on the seminar



HIKE REPORT JANUARY TERM-2000

The midterm hikes for the cadets were organised from 28th March to 5th April 2000.

The hikes were aimed at promoting the habit of admiring the nature and having some adventure around ;and keeping this view in mind the hikes were mainly the adventurous type.

★ **CLASS I :** The first termers went to the traditional hike to Kanesar and Chakrata accompanied by Mr. DN Thapliyal. These youngsters enjoyed themselves by camping and trekking in the Garhwal hills and had the first feel of snow covering the hillsides. They also went to the Rock climbing school at Chakrata where they enjoyed the rock climbing that happens to be a part of the profession of only the mountaineers and the commandoes of the armed forces.

★ **CLASS IA :** These enthusiastic cadets went to explore the beauty of the hills and life in and around Dhanaulti and had a nice time camping out there and taking bath in the springs emerging out of the hills.

★ **CLASS II** went to see the tigers in the vast expanse of the Jim Corbett National Park but had to satisfy themselves by admiring the elephants, monkeys and the other flora and fauna present to welcome them there. They also visited Nainital and bought the exquisite wax candles of the place. Mr.CS Vishwakarma and Miss Sumita Acharya accompanied them.

★ **CLASS IIA** went on a trekking hike to Nagtibba. They went along with the Black Peak aspirants, Lt. Santosh and Lt.Col. Prem Prakash. They got a good feel of the mountains and hope for a sightseeing hike next time.

★ **CLASS III** on the other hand, did not stray far. They visited the Rajaji National Park and many were inspired to become naturalists. Mr. Virender Sharma accompanied them.

★ **CLASS IV** had a chance to visit the land of their dreams - the NDA. Getting tank rides became a part of the routine during the hike. Mr. S.Ansari and Sqn. Ldr K.A Cariappa accompanied them.

★ **CLASS IV-A** went out on a cycling hike as test cyclists to test the new cycles along with Mr. Ganesh Sharma to Haridwar and Rishikesh. They enjoyed themselves by cycling and hitch-hiking half of the time and taking bath in the Ganges in the other half.

COLLEGE MAIL BAG

● I came back from the Reunion refreshed. The air there is fresh, unlike the polluted air we breathe here and so, I feel, I have been given a new lease of life. Needless to say I enjoyed every moment of my stay there.

Lt Gen K P Candeth PVSM (Retd)

● Thanks to RIMC. Under your able stewardship, we really enjoyed a memorable millennium reunion. It was my proud privilege to present my first book of poems, IN LUV WITH GOD, to the

College Library during the Founder's Day celebrations. During my stay in school I don't think I ever made it to the stage. Thanks for giving me the chance.

Also special thanks from Mrs Manjeera and myself to those wonderful two cadets who ran across to the dormitory in the pouring rain after the Boxing finals on the night of the 12th to get raincoats for us. Chivalry thy name is RIMC.

-Cdr A Bhattacharya

● I write tonight with great pleasure, pride and utter satisfaction. What I saw and dreamt and lived in school in my days, to what I saw, felt and realized from 11-14 March 2000, my school has undergone a process of transformation.

It is necessary with the passage of time.

● Gita and self are deeply touched and honoured by your kind invitation of the graduation ceremony. As much as we would have loved to be with you it will not be feasible due to reasons, which are beyond our control.

We were thrilled to hear about the outstanding results, which has all been possible due to the continued efforts of yours, the staff and the boys. Please convey our felicitations to all and we pray that RIMC continues to get such results.

Col D H Parab

● The rain gods truly blessed the show and you remained true to yourself. One enjoyed every moment of the stay, which I am sure, would not have been possible without the concerted efforts to make the show a success.

Col SVP Singh

● All the functions, arrangements for the stay and dining, getup of the school and the concern by the staff and cadets were indeed most praiseworthy and made us feel extremely proud of belonging to this coveted institution.

Capt Karan Sonpar

● It was indeed a fabulous show put up by you and your boys. We thoroughly enjoyed the first Reunion of the Millennium. Keep it up. We are all concerned with the problems that you raised during the Reunion and we shall certainly see what can be done.

-Maj. Gen T.V Manoharan.

● Cdt P.K Aggarwal has come 4th in Cross- country and received a medal. However, Saunak Ghosh has left the Academy. Gautam Sharma has come first in the merit list followed by Divakar who is 6th, then Robindro who's 10th, Pranjal 11th, Saumik 12th and Hari 14th. In the first 30 we have 12 cadets. Gautam Sharma's father expired last month and he was given leave.

-- Hari Narayan.

● It has always been my desire and prayers that the two neighbours settle their disputes peacefully and create an atmosphere in which we can visit each other. In the meantime, we do our best in establishing goodwill amongst the people. We as military leaders know the consequences of war.

- Faqir Mohammad Khan

Obituary

The wife of Mr. Kitchlu, former English teacher of RIMC, passed away last month. We express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

WHAT IS 'DIAHHOREA'?

Follow this rap to get the vast map of the world of Diarrhoea.

'If you're walking through the jungle,
And your stomach starts to rumble,

IT'S DIAHHOREA, DIAHHOREA !'

'If it comes out from your bum,
Like a bullet from a gun,

IT'S DIAHHOREA, DIAHHOREA !'

'If you wake up in your bed,
And you discover something Red,
ITS YOU KNOW WHAT,

IT'S DIAHHOREA, DIAHHOREA !'

'And when you walk on the road,
And you feel like a toad,

IT'S DIAHHOREA, DIAHHOREA !'

P.S This rap has been written on a NON-DICTIONARY looking basis. Please do excuse the spelling.

- Marcus and Sharif.
Class I

I HAVE FAITH

I HAVE FAITH

When the world is against me
For a crime I've not done.
I'll show how I've been framed
And prove my innocence to everyone,

BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH

When the weather is cold
And I have the flu.
I know I'll survive
And I won't turn blue,

BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH

When the odds are against me
In a boxing bout.
I know I'll fight well
And possibly knock the other guy out,

BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH

AND IN THE END IT IS THIS FAITH,
IN MYSELF AND IN GOD.
WHICH DRIVES ME TO VICTORY,
AGAINST EVERY ODD.

-- ADITYA DUTTA ROY

OLD BOYS NEWS

1. Brig. P Rajagopal, VSM (Ex-Shivaji 1961-65) has been posted as Sub Area Cdr, Secundrabad Sub Area in April 2000, after completing his tenure as DIG Nagaland Range Assam Rifles (North) at Kohima.
2. Col. V.Y Gidh, VSM (Ex-Shivaji 1967-72) CO 14-Punjab (Nabha Akal) stands posted as Bn Cdr, NDA, Khadakvasla in June-July 2000. The offr has completed 3 yrs 9 months of command, most of it in active CI ops in Manipur-Nagaland.
3. Col A Chakravarty (Ex Pratap 1967-72) and Col K M Balsara (Ex Shivaji 1968-73) are posted to Army Hqs on completion of Higher Command Course.
4. Col Manu Bhalla (Ex Pratap 1966-71) has been posted to HQ Southern Command, Pune.
5. Col A K Sen (Ex Ranjit 1967-72) has been posted to HQ Eastern Command, Calcutta.
6. Col B S Negi, YSM (Ex Chandragupta 1970-74) CO 15 ASSAM Regt has been detailed to attend the next Higher Command Course at MHOW from Jun 2000.
7. Capt B J Soni (Ex Pratap 1985-89) has topped the civil engineering course at the CME.

STOP PRESS

Mr V Ramaswami was in the College once again during the last week of April. He took classes, taught history and economics, addressed special assemblies and spoke to cadets on the value of daily prayers. This is what he wrote in the visitors' book.

"During this visit it has become clear to me that I would like to spend the rest of my life here, working to attend to the physical, intellectual and spiritual needs of the cadets. God willing, this shall happen!"

नागटिब्बा में शनि प्रकोप

मध्यावकाश का समय सुखद, आया बहुतायत दिनों बाद।
मानो पिंजरे में बंद विहग, हो गया कैद से फिर आजाद।।
मिडटर्म के कठिन पेपरों से, यो मूड पड़ा था, खिन्न हुआ।
लेकिन यात्रा का ध्यान किए, मैं भी था सहज प्रसन्न हुआ।।
यात्रा का सुखद समय आया, दिल हुआ सभी का बाग-बाग।
गंतव्य स्थान पर बहस हुआ, तो पता चला टिब्बाए नाग।।
यात्रा थी बड़ी कठिन लेकिन, हम भी रणछोर नहीं निकले।
घटनाएँ तो यों घटीं, पर चली गई अगले पिछले।।
कुछ घटनाएँ ऐसी भी थी, जो अभी तलक तड़पाती है।
कुसमय, दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण दिन का, बस यों ही याद दिलाती है।।
गंतव्य स्थान के पहले की, मैं घटना तुम्हें सुनाता हूँ।
मिथ्या न समझा इसे मित्रों, मैं सदा सत्य बतलाता हूँ।।
पर्वत की कठिन चढ़ाई से, मैं उतर रहा था बाग-बाग।
प्रस्तर के छोटे टुकड़े ने, विच्छिन्न कर दिया पृष्ठ भाग।।
मैं पत्थर के घातक चोटों से, पीड़ा से पड़ा कराह रहा।
कुछ बोल रहे थे रामनाम कोई चिल्ला अल्लाह रहा।।
खैर ये तो शनि प्रकोप का इक, यों छोटा-मोटा ट्रेलर था।

हम अपराधी थे अगर वहाँ, तो राजन जैसा जेलर था।।
अगली घटना कुछ इसी तरह, दिल को दहलाने वाली थी।
पर्वत की चोटी कहीं नहीं, हिम के टुकड़ों से खाली थी।।
बर्फों से ढकी मृत्तिका पर रख रहा पांव था, संभल-संभल।।
फिर से पत्थर के टुकड़े ने, कर दिया हृदय को हकल विकल।
त्यागी के पैर तलों से यूँ, एक पत्थर छूकर निकल पड़ा।
मैं काल गाल में समा गया, ये देख उसे मालूम पड़ा।।
खैर बचा मृत्यु से एक इंच, फिर भी मेरा दिल धड़क रहा।
डर के मारे मैं सहम गया, वामांग था मेरा फड़क रहा।।
गंतव्य स्थान तक पहुंच मेरे, दिल की धड़कन में कमी हुई।
ऊपर ठंडी के कारण कुछ, तन ताप में सबके नमी हुई।।
यात्रा की यहीं समाप्ति हुई, कुछ समय मिला, विश्राम हेतु।
भोजन उदरस्थ किया सबने, बातों का निर्मित हुआ सेतु।।
वृजेश बचा वृज ईश कृपा, वो निराकार जगपालक है।
जीवन गाड़ी न रुके कभी, जब ऊपर वाला चालक है।।

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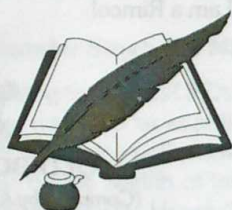
Hi! It has been a long time since we last met you through 'THE CHRONICLE'.

We are happy to inform all our readers that The RIMC has been inducted as a member of the Indian Public Schools Council (IPSC). This is a historic event in the 78 years of our existence. We hope that this interactive process with the other schools would further our aims and objectives.

We also take this as an opportunity to congratulate Gen. S. Padmanabhan for taking over as the new COAS. You sir, do us proud. We the cadets in our small way wish you all the best through these columns. May the Almighty bless you with many more laurels and distinctions.

The college has returned from the mid term hikes. The gossips that had been in the air for quite some time have given way to speculations about the District Athletics. In this issue we cover the events like IPSC Aquatic meet and the All India Hindi debate. We also bring you a new column titled 'RIMC MASTERMIND'. The athletics fever was at its height with all the sections sweating hard for the competitions.

It all culminated with some new records made and some old ones broken with Shivaji emerging



victorious. The SSB results of class VA are out and all the fifteen cadets have come out with flying colours. They are now burning midnight oil for their board examinations. Their examinations along with those of Class IIIA would start on 3rd of November.

Wishing you a happy reading!

Yours' sincerely,
Editor

CONGRATULATIONS!

• Maj. Vikramjit Singh has been selected for the 57th DSSC course.

• Maj. Salil Mongia is being posted back to his unit, which is currently in Delhi. He would leave us early next month after a pretty long tenure of two years and nine months. We wish him and his family all the best for his future endeavours.

• Ms Shalini Sondhi, our informatics teacher on her marriage on the 11th of October, 2000



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MASTERS

After a long gap of acute shortage RIMC has indeed been fortunate to have the following new masters joining us after selection through the UPSC:

Shris, Prashant Kumar Sharma (Biology), R

Thamil Selven (Geography), Purnanand Naik (History), Uttam Kumar Dalvi (Chemistry), Deepak Bahuguna (English). We welcome all of them and their families for a long and an eventful stay in RIMC.

GOODBYES

The department of English suffered a major setback when our stalwart of over eleven years, Shri Virendra Sharma the Dean of Academics went on promotion to the prestigious National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla as their Registrar. We wish him and his family all the very best in this new commission. Also Ms Sumita Acharya left us due to pressing family problems. We were indeed very fortunate to have had her with us and we wish her all the best.

However, the Almighty has blessed RIMC once again. This shortage of English masters has been more than offset with the arrival of Smts Monica Chandel and Prathiba Singh to fortify the English department. We wish them and their families all the very best in RIMC

AN ASSEMBLY PRAYER



Make me one of those few O friend
Who strive among many asleep
May all my days have no end
Climbing mountains high and steep.

Let me seek those dizzy heights
Though often I'd stumble and fall
I may not reach to see the sights
But strive I must proud and tall.

So keep me close forever my friend
Far from darkness and temptations deep
As I have nothing else to send
Save this prayer I eternally keep.

WHO IS HE?

He is a tough guy.
He wants to go up high.
He is aiming for the sky.
He is ready to hit the Bulls eye.
He is a Rimco!

He always gives out his best.
There is no end to his quest.
He says that he won't rest.
And will aim for the highest.
He is a Rimco!

His aspirations are very vast.
He fights for it till the last.
He always has a decent cast.
And he matures himself very fast.
He is a Rimco!

For love, he is loving.
In war, he is daring.
For the needy, he is caring.
He is always forbearing.
He is a Rimco!

He never depends on a lee.
His hard work sets him free.
It's no one else but me.
I am a Rimco!



Cdt. Adil Ahmed Din



OLD BOY'S MAIL

(Compiled by Asst Editor - Letters)



जनरल एस पद्मनाभन
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27 Oct 2000

My dear Arun,

1. Please refer your DO letter No. 25488/AM/DO dated 18 Oct 2000.

2. I am glad to note the appreciable increase in the intake of cadets from RIMC to the NDA. My compliments to you and members of the staff. Keep up the good work.

With best wishes & regards,

Yours sincerely,

Padmanabhan

Col Arun Mangain
Comdt
Rashtriya Indian Military College
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1) "The Rimcolians have done very well in Boxing. It seemed really difficult for us to decide as to whom should we cheer up for, as when the boxers

of the same section and even the course mates at R.I.M.C clashed with each other. Even during the classes time one could hear officers telling that Rimcollians are good boxers."

- RAJA WANGDI SHERPA
"J Sqn" NDA (Ex- Ranjit)

2) There are six Rimcollian instructors posted here in NDA. Our cadets are generally doing well at NDA. Yet to meet any of them, though I keep seeing many of them at various places. Cdt.BTZS Appu came first in the English debate, Cdt. Shakti Singh stood first in NDA Squash Opens and Cdt.Nitin Rawat was second.

- Col.V.Y.Gidh, VSM (Ex-Shivaji)
Battalion Commander No. 1 Bn, NDA

3) A Rimcollian get together was organized at HQ 33 Corps on 13th October 2000. It was wonderful to hear of the NDA results. Needless to say it is the effort of your team.

- Col Manvender Singh Col MS

4) Congratulations on scaling the BLACK PEAK and for the excellent board result. As far as polio eradication in my districts, from nine polio cases last year and the last case on the twelfth of this month we have had no polio cases so far. Hopefully I have already succeeded in my endeavor of eradicating polio.

- Dr. SAUMYA ANAND
SURVEILLANCE MEDICAL OFFICER,
GAYA

HONESTY

Honesty means truthfulness. It is a quality within an individual that urges a person to be true to oneself and to others. It is actualized by a person's ability to stand up for one's convictions and honoring one's comments. There is no treasure as rich as honesty. Honesty brings peace of mind and happiness.

Honesty can be cultivated through -

- Obeying the dictates of one's conscience
- Displaying correspondence between thoughts, words and deeds
- Accepting one's potential and limitations and not hiding them from others.
- Speaking the truth on all occasions

- Admitting one's faults truthfully
- Not deceiving others and YOURSELF by cheating in examinations
- Earning one's livelihood by honest and genuine means.

Exercises: -

- Recognize situations where honesty and dishonesty are practiced.
- Identify honesty and its fruits
- Analyze problems that arise due to dishonesty and suggest remedies.

By someone trying to be honest

COLLEGE NEWS

INTER SECTION SWIMMING COMPETITION

(By our Asst Editor Sports)

Swimming has always been one of the prestigious sports of our institution. This year we saw cadets especially the first & second termers participating with great zeal and enthusiasm. Even the spectators who were cheering up for their respective sections proved to be in high spirits. The swimmers set the pool ablaze.



There was tough competition between all the four sections and at last Shivaji section emerged victorious followed by Pratap, Chandragupta & Ranjit sections respectively.

Cdt. Aditya Sharma of Shivaji section was adjudged the best swimmer for the second consecutive year. The most promising swimmer award was given to Cdt. Sandeep Bhaswaraj of Ranjit section. The commandant who was the chief guest for the competition gave away the prizes. And so the Inter Section swimming competition for the year 2000 came to a spectacular end and we hope that the cadets will work hard and set better standards next year.

Cdt. Heikham Pinku



THE IPSC AQUATIC MEET

(By our outstation cub reporter)

This event was undoubtedly one of the most historic events for RIMC. This was the first time that RIMC was taking part in an IPSC event. The IPSC, which stands for - Indian Public School's Council is a group of the top 150 public schools in the country and RIMC is the latest member of the council. The main aim of this organization is to allow the students of the schools to compete against each other in the process of which some of the hidden talents may be found. This was a three-day event from the 28-30 September, in which 15 schools participated. The RIMC swimming team consisted of fifteen cadets.

The aquatic meet was being held at Mayo College Girls' School in Ajmer. The team took part in a total of 18 events. Not much was expected of the team as they were given hardly anytime to practice. Out of 18 events, only Cdt. Aditya Sharma was able to qualify for the 100 meters backstroke, but even he could not manage a podium finish. However Cdt. DP Sahoo bagged a silver in the 4x100 meters "Goodwill Relay". But never the less, each and every member of the team gave out his best and this is clearly shown by the difference in the practice and race timings. We hope that RIMC swimming team does better in their future performances.

Cdt Kunal Rai

Inside

*Bottled up inside
Are the words I never said.
The feelings that I hide
Are the lines you never read.
You can see it in my eyes
And read it on my face.
Trapped inside are lies
Of the sour past I can't replace.
With memories that linger
And don't seem to go away.
I guess I can be happier
For today is a brand new day.*

*Yesterdays are over
Even though the pain is not.
Nothing lasts forever.
So I've to be happy with what I've got.*

*Don't take my love for granted.
For soon it will be gone.
All that you ever wanted.
The love you thought you won.*

*The pain in my heart is beating now
And it won't disappear overnight.
I believe that someday and somehow
Everything will turn out right.*

*No more wishing for the past.
That wasn't meant to be.
The pain didn't seem to last
So I had to set it free.*

Cdt Venkat Parthasarthy

A TRUE STORY BASED ON CLASS II-A HIKE TO NAGTIBBA

The sun had risen and there was light all over the valley. The beautiful mountains were in a shade of golden brown and every in the small camp



woke up and started getting ready. Amiya Shankar was the last one to come out of the tent.

Our class had gone on the mid term hike and our goal was to climb Nagtibba. We were camping at a village from where we had to accomplish the tiresome trek to Nagtibba. Our class was also not very happy to go on a trekking hike.

Amiya Shankar was the unhappiest person about the hike. He had very eagerly wanted to go on some adventure trip. He was the naughtiest boy in our class but at that time his true character was buried under the sadness of his heart. He had figured out that the trek would be very boring.

The trek started and my classmates were excited and enthusiastic in spite of their unwillingness to go on a trekking hike. The trek was enjoyable at first but started becoming slow and

tiring, uphill. Amiya Shankar was in the last group of people. We approached the steep hill, which we had to climb. Everyone took a stick in his hand and then started climbing. The slope was steep and the angle was almost 70 degrees. The mud and gravel was very loose which made the climb even more difficult.

After the tiresome climb of the steep hill, we came near a pond where we rested for a while. Amiya had become very frustrated. He was really fed up. There was snow all over. Each one of us was playing in the snow, but Amiya found no excitement in doing so. He simply went to another place, away from us, to rest. Unknowingly, he fell asleep and that's where all the trouble started.

Amiya woke up late not at all realizing that he had been sleeping for over an hour. He went back to the place where everyone had been resting. But to his horror, he did not find anyone. He was shocked and did not understand how to get out of the place. He regretted that he had not even told anyone as to where he was going. Without thinking where he was going, he started moving in one direction. Soon he was lost in the jungle. He started getting scared. He knew that there were wild animals in the jungle and he was in the danger of getting attacked by them. The footprints of many wild animals made him more scared.

Suddenly he remembered something and he started cursing himself. He felt that he should not have left the place from where his friends had left him. At least they could have found him on the way back. When he got tired he sat down on the snow. An idea came to his mind to move downhill which could have taken him down to the camp. Without wasting even a single moment, he started moving downhill. On the way he felt very thirsty. He searched for a stream or a brook. Soon he found a very narrow stream. As he was drinking water, he heard the howl of a wolf. He suddenly stopped drinking and listened carefully. The sound was coming from very close by. Without hesitating another moment, he rushed downhill.

He was relieved when he saw the camp. He ran towards the camp as fast as he could. When he reached the camp he found everyone there were worried about him. Everyone was very happy to see him and he was happy too. He thanked God

and became a boy of very positive attitude thereafter.

Cdt Pallav Parashar

HUMOUR IN RUMOUR

1. "Class V has stopped burning midnight oil due to recent hike in oil prices."

- *In the assembly*

2. "Who has found five keys...with a Maruti car attached to it?"

- *Order in the cadets' mess*

3. "Who has found an OG button with an OG shirt attached to it?"

- *Order in the cadets' mess*

QUOTE-UNQUOTE

The term will start after the midterm.

- *Overheard in the corridors*

Both of you three come to me one by one together.

- *A Teacher to his students*

Their souls (soles) are coming out.

- *Umesh Kumar, on the quality of O.P. shoes*

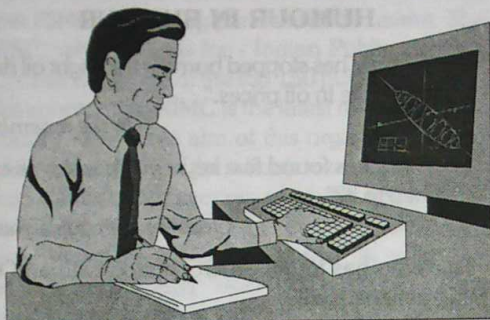
The difference is that we are being trained to survive in Kargil while they are being groomed for the skyscrapers.

- *Anoop Sharma feeling envious of the DOSCOS taking porters and ponies enroute Dodital*

MASTER MIND RIMC

1. Who do you think, was known as 'the Little Fox'?
2. What do you think is a 'HISPANIOLA'?
3. Who coined the term 'Quiz'?
4. Who is 'Roninho'?
5. According to legends, Britain is named after.....?
6. Guess the author of 'The Paradise Regained'?
7. What are the five official languages of the U.N.O.?
8. What is the difference between an 'acronym' and an 'abbreviation'?
9. Which Governor General of the slave India was impeached?
10. Who was the first 'crorepati' in the popular 'KBC' of Amitabh on Star Plus?

Note:- All entries to the quiz should be sent to "THE EDITOR, CHRONICLE, RIMC, DEHRADUN". Only the cadets are entitled to participate in the



quiz. The correct entry shall be awarded a cash prize of Rs.100/-. In case more than one person gives all the right answers, the winner would be selected on basis of lots. The cadets of journalism club are not allowed to take part in the Quiz.

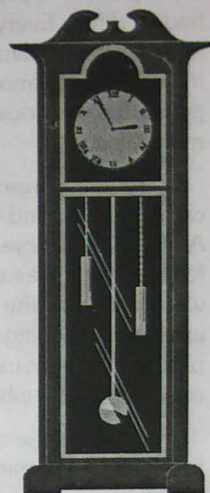
Ma! I Love You!!

Ma! I love you!!
 I love you for the way you care
 I love you for the feelings you share
 I love you for helping me always
 Even if Papa has his own says
 I love you for listening to me
 I love you for setting me free
 Ma! I love you!!
 I love you for your every slap
 For you are the first one to cheer me up with a clap
 I love you for every time you say "NO"
 For on second thought you say "You can do it I hope so"
 I love you for being so true
 I love you for being "YOU"
 Ma! I love you!!
 I am thankful to you God for taking birth,
 From the most beautiful person on the earth
 Ma! I really LOVE YOU!!

-Cdt. Ankit Uniyal

Time

What is time?
 No one can define
 The one who understands it
 Must be someone divine
 It is the thing
 That never waits for one
 It comes & goes away
 Like a bullet from the gun.
 No one can wit
 When it brings disaster
 The one who reveals it
 Must be a genius or a master
 The one who waits for time
 Finds it to be very slow
 The one who thinks it should remain
 It goes away in a very fast flow
 It is something
 That children should always utilize
 So when they will grow up
 They become person known as wise
 In times we just enjoy
 In times we even cry
 In these times we decline
 But someone even goes high
 This is time
 Which no one can define
 The one who reveals it
 Gets to reach his shrine



-Cdt. Amul Saha

RISK ANALYSIS

(Read at your own risk)

Risk is something, which is thought to be very good and daring by people. It is this feeling, which encourages people to do something, which they may call a risk, but they may commit a folly, which could even lead to disaster. Like every coin has two sides taking risks may even be harmful. This can be done, by analyzing all the facts and consequences of taking risks. This can also be

called risk analysis.

The first point that can throw light on this issue is that a person would be willing to take a risk only when the outcome is good, or he is benefited tremendously. If a person thinks that the benefit is not much then he would not take the risk and continue the same way as before.

Secondly, a man taking a risk never forgets to think about the consequences of failure. This is human nature that he would refrain from any such act or risk whose consequences may be disastrous and harmful.

Thirdly, a person should take a risk only if he is sure of success in whatever he is doing and cannot fail.

In the end, taking risks is good in a way but everyone should analyze the type of risk taken by him. And if after this risk analysis he feels he is correct, then he should go ahead and take the risk.

Cdt Ashish Kulkarni

My Life

*Sometimes I feel what have I done
In my life so far
As I have not yet become the one
With much fame or power*

*I still am a mere boy
Who looks upto others advice
The one who gains joy
At every success in life.*

*Neither am I a scholar
With a very high intellect
Nor am a great player
With a champion's respect.*

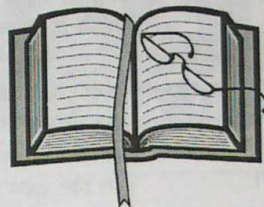
*All I want is to be a person
Who serves his country well
Raise his country's name higher
And help all country men.*

*I want to be a man of courage
And face all challenges in life
Be fair to those in bondage
And stop all those in strife.*

*In the end I want to be a man
Who gains success in all he does
One who does everything he can
To gain everyone else's trust.*

- Cdt Ashish Kulkarni

EXCERPTS FROM OUR OLD CHRONICLES



23rd November 1963- "A condolence meeting was held in the Principal's office to mourn the tragic death of President John Kennedy of America, shot by an assassin, and the five top

ranking officers who lost their lives in the helicopter disaster near Poonch in J&K".

10th December 1964 - "The first award of the Upendra Nath Jha Gold Medal was made by Maj Gen K Zorawar Singh, MC, Commandant IMA (Rimcollian) to Cadet VR Naphade who has topped the All India Merit list for entry into the 33rd NDA course".

24th April 1965- "Cricket Match- RIMC vs Doon School juniors. We won the match by a narrow margin of six runs. The all round efforts made by Cdts BP Singh and M S Mullick were appreciated".

OBITUARY

• We regret to inform that on 5th Oct 2000 Lt. Col. Hari Shankar Mamgain, the Ex AO of the college and the father of our Commandant, Col. Arun Mamgain left for his heavenly abode. We pray to the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give courage to the bereaved family to bear the loss.

• Shri. Attar Singh, (Asst Grounds man) who loyally served the college for 15 years, has recently passed away. May the Almighty grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to his family to bear this loss.

एक कटु सत्य

चोट कोई भी तो वैसे खा सकते हम,
बेवफाई की चोटों को सहते नहीं।
वो कुत्ते भी इन्सा से बेहतर ही हैं,
जो वफादारी करके भी कहते नहीं॥१॥

दर्द तो वैसे भरे लिए कुल नहीं,
दर्द दिल को मगर रोक सकते नहीं।
लाख फूलों के दामन तो क्या हो गया,
चुभन काँटों की पर रोक सकते नहीं॥२॥

मतलबी से मुझे कोई मतलब ही क्या,
मतलबी जो कभी साथ देते नहीं।
वो गधे भी तो इनसे कहीं कम नहीं,
दे दुलन्ती जो फिर वापस लेते नहीं॥३॥

दोस्तों से भरी सारी दुनिया है ये,
पर दोस्ती करना मुझको तो आता नहीं।
खुशी तो है मुफ्त में यहाँ मिल रही,
पर गमों के सिवा कुल भी भाता नहीं॥४॥

दूसरों पर हँसे तो फिर तुम क्या हँसे,
खुद पर तो रहम कभी खाते नहीं।
हँस सको तो हँसो अपने हालात पर,
ऐसे पल जिन्दगी में फिर आते नहीं॥५॥

झूठ का आवरण सारी दुनिया में है,
सच कहीं भी नज़र आज आता नहीं।
थामने को खड़े हाथ वे लोग हैं,
जिनसे अपना यहाँ कोई नाता नहीं॥६॥

ईर्ष्या हर हृदय में है होती,
प्यार हर दिल में पाया न जाता।
प्रेम भावों की दुनिया में मिलता,
ये शब्दकोषों में माया न जाता॥७॥

इस जगत में करोड़ों धनी हैं,
पर दिलों के धनी की कमी है।
फिर भी दिलवाले ऐसे बहुत हैं,
जिनके बल पे ये दुनिया थमी है॥८॥

—ब्रिजेश मिश्रा

जिन्दगी का सार

जिन्दगी पुष्प बिस्तर है तो,
कंटको का बिछौना भी है।
हँस पड़े एक क्षण में अगर,
दूसरे क्षण में रोना भी है॥

जिन्दगी सुख की निद्रा है तो,
त्याग श्रम की तपस्या भी है।
इसमें गर सरलता है तो,
निश्चय ही समस्या भी है॥

जिन्दगी में उज्जाला है तो,
एक घनघोर अँधेरा भी है।
एक दिन रात्रि काली है तो,
दूसरे दिन सवेरा भी है॥

जिन्दगी में सफलता है तो,
कुछ विफलताएँ भी साथ हैं।
इसमें घबराना पर न कभी,
प्रभु का सिर पर तेरे हाथ है॥

जिन्दगी ऐसी नइया है जो,
फँस गई जग के मँझधार में।
त्याग तप, कर्मफल ही तेरा,
आएगा काम उद्धार में॥

प्यार से यह जिन्दगी जियो,
जिन्दगी का यही सार है।
कवियों को जिन्दगी में मगर,
पद्य रचना से ही प्यार है॥

— अंकुश कुमार

आगे बढ़ता चल

आज सीमा पर कहर दूटी
ऐ सैनिक जरूरत है तेरा बल।
तुझ पर निर्भर है भारत की जीत
ऐ सैनिक तू आगे बढ़ता चल।

तू है इस देश का वीर सपूत
इसलिए आगे तू बढ़ता चल।
दुश्मनों पर तू कहर बनकर दूट
बांध सर पर कफन तू चलता चल।

कट जाने दे अपने मस्तक को
पर झुक मत तू घुटनों के बल।
चाहे गोली लगे या खून बहे
ऐ सैनिक तू आगे बढ़ता चल।

सिना तान कर तू मुकाबला
हिमालय को तू बचाने चल।
है भारत माता को दिया प्रतिज्ञा
ऐ सैनिक तू आगे बढ़ता चल।

कभी भी थक कर हारना मत
तूझे है चलना आगे बड़े चल।
दुश्मनों पर तू कहर बनकर दूट
ऐ सैनिक तू आगे चलता चल।

तू जीता तो हज़ारों की जीत
यह सोचकर तू आगे बड़े चल।
तुझ पर निर्भर है भारत की जीत
ऐ सैनिक तू आगे बढ़ता चल।

— सिद्धार्थ भट्टाचार्य

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Dear Readers,

We are back again, this time with a special issue on the occasion of the Graduation Ceremony of the 148th Course on the 27th November 2000. This class is passing out to join the 105th Course at the National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla. We, the editorial team, wish them on behalf of the entire college, all the very best for their future training at the NDA. They shall be leaving behind the gates of RIMC as cadets forever. They now wear the prestigious Rimcollian tie and shall carry many fond memories of their beloved institution. We have often heard our old boys say that, one begins to realize the value of RIMC only when one has left the hallowed portals of the college.

For this Graduation Ceremony, we have amongst us a distinguished Chief Guest, Lt. Gen HM Khanna, the Northern Army Commander, who is also an old boy. It is indeed our proud privilege to have him amongst us on this important occasion. The present passing out class is fortunate to be blessed by such a distinguished alumni.

In this issue besides news roundups we have many articles and features written by cadets from the junior classes. Believe it or not, almost all of them are extracted from their English Notebooks! There are budding poets who it appears, have taken a lead from one of our old boys whose book of poems has been published from London, and who is now teaching English at his old school - none other than Commander AP Bhattacharya. In fact he was a first term in Jan 1956 when Lt. Gen Khanna was the Cadet Captain.

We are also happy to announce that the Marine Commandoes of INS Abhimanyu, Mumbai have built a memorial named "Pratigya Sthal" in honour of one of our very young and courageous Rimcollian Lt. DB Singh, who made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland. Well-done DB sir!

We are indeed proud of you. Wherever you may be, we the cadets shall always try to emulate this fine example set by you.

Happy reading and happy vacations to all cadets, members of staff and their families.

Yours sincerely,
Editor



OUR CHIEF GUEST - A PROFILE

Lieutenant General Hari Mohan Khanna received his early education at the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun. After graduation from the NDA and IMA, he was commissioned in the Army in 1960. The early years, of his service career were spent with the 8th Light Cavalry, 65 Armoured Regiment and the Special Frontier Force. He later joined the Gorkha Rifles and finally commanded the 3rd Battalion of the 8th Gorkha Rifles. He has been an instructor at the Defence Services Staff College and has commanded an infantry brigade in the Western sector and a Mountain Division in the Eastern sector. In 1987 he was selected for the prestigious course at the Royal College of Defence Studies in London. From there he went on to become the Military Advisor to the Indian High Commissioner in UK. He has been the Additional Military Secretary at Army Headquarters, the General Officer Commanding of a Desert Corps for nearly three years and was the Southern Army Commander for over two years prior to his present assignment. During his long record of distinguished services he has been awarded the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Medal, Param Vishisht Seva Medal and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal. He has also been an Honorary ADC to the President of India since March 1998. Presently, he is the Colonel of the 8th Gorkha Rifles and the President of the Gorkha Brigade.



Lt Gen H. M. Khanna

The Feeling of Love

When you know that you were wrong.
And life seems to be a nasty song;
When you knew it was an unpleasant deed,
And it cannot be set right, no matter how much you plead.
When you know that the night is dark and morning unsure.
But in your heart you restore a feeling so pure.
When you know that the love you shared is lost,
And you want to regain it at any cost.
When you want her to believe,
Love is up ahead which she's to receive.
When you want her to hold your hand,
Through the chilling ice packs and hot desert sand.
When you want her to walk with you in lonely, moonlit
night.
And stay with you forever and forever within your sight.
When you want to know every secret she holds.
In the depth of her heart's many folds.
When you wonder this feeling as from heaven above.
Then let me tell you my friend.
It is nothing but LOVE, LOVE and LOVE.

Cdt Ankit Uniyal (Class IV A)

PARTIGYA STHAL



This is a memorial built by INS Abhimanyu (Training Establishment of Marine Commandoes) in Mumbai to commemorate the supreme sacrifice made by Naval Officers and Sailors in the Valley during Counter Insurgency Operations. Lt D B Singh (Rimcollian), leads the names on the Roll of Honour. Let us all emulate the example of the "GALLANT SAILOR".



OLD BOYS MAIL

Brig (Retd) Fakir Mohammad Khan (Rimcollian)
writes from Islamabad.

My dear Commandant,

What an IDD present? One of the most memorable and pleasurable-yet somewhat unexpected has been this card from my college. In spite of the background of Kargil and the hijacking episode, the card was heartening.

It has always been my desire and prayer that the two neighbours settle their disputes peacefully for the good of a billion people and in the created atmosphere we can visit each other and enjoy our fading days. In the meantime we do our best in establishing good will and restraint amongst the people. We as military leaders know the consequences of war.

Somewhat belated, please accept my beautiful good wishes for the new millennium and convey the same to members of staff including families and all cadets.

With personal regards,
Yours sincerely
Fakir Khan

GAURAV YADAV WRITES FROM HARVARD

"...What I do remember is that I had the privilege to attend in my child hood, the best school and now the best university in the world. I meet people from all over the globe every day and after speaking to them and exchanging notes I realise what a great place we had to call our school.

As for now, I am in the first of my four years at Harvard and constantly get amazed by all that surrounds us. The scholars here are one of their kind and the faculty is just unbelievable. I lose count of the number of Nobel Laureates that roam about here. All the rest seem to be on the verge of getting the coveted prize.

There are some Rimcollian students, Awisch Jayaswal is in Delaware university and is doing well for himself, Dhruv Pilonia is in Dowling College, New York and Kanwalbir Sekhon is in Louisiana State University...."

Rimcollian's News From NDA



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11 Nov 2000

Dear Col Mangain,

I know I am rather late in writing this letter. My apologies for that. The reason is that I, rather all of us, am yet to come to terms with the fact that we are no longer in the RIMC. It has taken only eleven days to realize what I could not realize in eleven years in the RIMC and that is 'what it means to belong to RIMC'.

Before I write anything else, I would like to express my undying gratitude to you and through you to all the MOS, Cadets and everyone else at the RIMC for making our stay at the RIMC the most memorable period of my life. The care, concern and affection that all of us received at the RIMC was so overwhelming that parting became very painful indeed. I wanted to say so much at the assembly and in the Mass about my experiences at the RIMC and thank everyone for the beautiful time that we had there. But on both the occasions, I must admit, emotions took the better of me and I couldn't say much. But I say it now, through this letter, that whatever I am today I owe it completely to the RIMC.

I am into the second week of my stay at the NDA and am trying to settle down as fast as possible. The job here is completely different from what I have been doing for the last twenty years. I now realize what a noble profession teaching is. I do miss my classes. I intend to take a couple of English classes ^{per week} (most) from onwards in spite of the very pressing and busy schedule of my office.

It is a great feeling indeed to find that wherever I go - whether it is in the corridors of Sudam Block, in dorms, Squashs, Cafe or the Gole Market, I always have my old students walking up to me to shake hands and quickly exchange a few words about RIMC. They are always in a hurry. It is because of this primarily that I have begun to be known as 'The Man from RIMC'. And I feel proud of it.

Most of the cadets are doing well. Rohan Falutkar (Ex-P') should most likely be the next ACA. Renson (Ex-P') is in trouble having failed in Maths & Chem. Efforts are on to see that he is through. It is news at the NDA when an RIMC cadet gets relegated whether on academic or any other ground.

The entire Squash team of NDA is ex-RIMC. They are currently in Bombay for a tournament. Interestingly, the only non Rincollian in the party is the officer accompanying them!

We are still staying in the Mess. Shall soon be shifting to a temporary accommodation. Nitish and Chhota have both started school. As we are still in the Mess and there is nothing much to do, Bina spends most of her time thinking about RIMC and her friends there.

I keep watching Mohitab every now and then. He is happy.

Please convey our best wishes to all the cadets and MOS.

With our deepest regards to you and Mrs Mangam, and our love to Bhurat. Nitish misses him a lot.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Virender

Thank you Mr. Virender Sharma Sir, for such a warm and affection letter. We also thank you for all the sentiments. We do hope you will continue to be in touch with us.



RIMCOLLIAN CRACKS CYBER CRIME

*(This report is based on material
provided by one of
our old boys who was recently here)*

Col J S Bajwa (Retd)
Shivaji (1960-64), winner of the
PGM Dec 1964, a highly qualified structural design
engineer has astonished everyone in cracking a
cyber crime by painstaking detective work in the
face of police non cooperation in a never say die
Rimcollian attitude.

His internet account was illegally accessed
soon after its purchase, by the very same engineer
who installed it. It was simple for him, as he knew
the password. He sold the password to others as a
result of which within 18 minutes of use by Col
Bajwa, he found that his 100 hrs were over. He
came in the news albeit in a unique way. All major
national dailies covered this story for his efforts to
collect evidence from the VSNL and present it to
the police to register the case and arrest the accused.
He was in fact approached by 'Guinness Book of
Records' to find out how he managed to get such a
case up for prosecution and trial, despite all the legal
wrangles involved for obtaining a conviction in such
cases.

FEATURES AND POEMS

(By our cub reporters and junior editors)

*You cannot teach people anything. You can only
help them discover it within themselves.*

- Galileo



The above quotation by
Galileo Galilei holds good in
every aspect of life. The thirst
for knowledge has carried man
all the way from the Stone Age
to this era of information
technology. Men like Albert
Einstein, Thomas Alva Edison, Isaac Newton and
many others became great because they were
willing to open their minds to the vast world of
knowledge and were ready to strive hard to achieve
their goal. No one is born great but it is their thirst
for knowledge and laborious efforts, which
separates them from the crowd. The genius and
the intellectual discover the hidden knowledge within

themselves and that is what makes them better than
the best. We too can achieve great heights if we
work hard enough and discover the secrets hidden
in the core of our human minds. It is believed and
rightly so that all the knowledge is already there. It
is our teachers who help us in discovering it within
ourselves.

Cdt RPS Rana (Class II)

DAMS ARE FOR CENTURIES, RIVERS ARE FOR MILLENNIA



For millions of years rivers have been a prime
source of need for the development of human
civilization. It has been playing the role of an angel
in disguise. From their life giving waters they are
able to maintain the beauty of nature, providing
water for agriculture, irrigation and all basic
requirements of living beings.

From its point of origin to the mouth of the
sea it flows through various regions such as
mountains, forests, deserts, plateaus as well as
plains. Sometimes it changes its pleasant form and
turns into a disaster causing floods, which leads to
a disturbance in the life of human beings as well as
other living beings for example it submerges a large
area of land which may include areas which have
human settlement. For this humans and the other
creatures suffer and since humans are the supreme
of all living beings in intelligence they have been
trying to stop this ferocious disguise of the river in
many ways. One of the ways is to build dams in
order to stop the overflow of water. They have built
many dams and they were successful in this aim.

By utilizing the speedy flow of water, they have
been able to produce electricity from dams. It has
proved helpful to people as well as for animals in
many ways. But as every action has a reaction,
this also has an, other side. The building of dams,
have led to the deterioration of human life. It has

affected the beauty of nature. Because of these dams, many fast flowing and wide branches of the Ganga and Yamuna in the North have become almost dry. This has led to water scarcity in such regions. Recently the making of a dam on the Narmada-river has caused a lot of controversy. The making of these dams may prove harmful to the environment because large areas get submerged by the artificial lakes created by the dams.

God has gifted man with enormous resources from nature to satisfy his need but not his greed. But man seems to be ungrateful. He is exploiting the gift of God and is trying to conquer nature by his deeds. One example is by building dams even when they are really not necessary. But it is a mistake if he thinks if he thinks he can conquer nature because nature has created him and man's fate is in the hands of nature.

Cdt Prabir Gogoi (Class II A)

OPPORTUNITIES ARE USUALLY DISGUISED BY HARD WORK SO MOST PEOPLE DON'T RECOGNISE THEM.



It is said, "Opportunities come and go away." In everyone's life opportunities come and go constantly. If these opportunities are utilized in the best way, it will lead to success. But the general view of someone's success is his/

her luck that made him/her do very well in life. Here we can quote the Swedish proverb, "Luck never gives, but it only lends." It means you don't get anything free by being lucky but it lends you something for which you have to pay. The payment is nothing other than hard work and sweat. The one who sweats, works very hard, is well paid in life. He/she will be successful. God gives every bird its food but does not throw it into its nest. The bird has to put in a lot of effort to find food. It breathes a sign of relief after it gets the things it desired.

We have many examples from past and present. Thomas Alva Edison began his life as a newspaper boy and sold newspapers on a Grand

Trunk Rail Road train. When he had finished his work, he set up a laboratory in a parcel carriage. There he tried all sorts of new things as the train sped along between stations. In later years he became the greatest inventor in the world with more than 1000 inventions to his credit. There are other examples like Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Winston Churchill and many others. We can hardly say that all their success stories were because of their luck or God directly made them a successful person. But with their very hard work, sweat and will power, they scaled the peak of success. We may conclude with the following lines: -

*"Adversary is my teacher,
Experience is my school,
Obstacle is my lesson,
Struggle is my opportunity,
Wisdom is my blessing".*

Cdt L Binoy Singh (Class II)

A STORY FROM KASHMIR

*What you keep to yourself you lose
What you give away you keep forever.*

One fine evening there was a strange class in progress. It had a teacher and only one student. The



class was not about Maths, Science or History but was about high moral principles. The teacher was explaining the student that what a man keeps for himself, he loses and what he gives away remains forever. The teacher thought that the best way to teach this is by telling a story. The story goes something like this.

It was the time around 1940s when the whole world was involved in wars and conflicts, but there were five villages around the river Jhelum in Anantnag that were free from wars and their people lived prosperously. The names of these villages were Dhanter, Bhangdar, Mattan, Poshwada and Sangam. Out of all these, Mattan was the most prosperous. In that village there were two persons. One was Laway and the other was Mahi. Both were rich and wealthy. Mahi always stored his grain and believed in keeping it with himself, while the

other person Laway was kind and always helped the needy no matter if he had to give everything away for it.

Once there was a big flood in the villages next to Mattan, but Mattan being on a higher altitude, was not affected. The crop and the houses of the people in other villages were fully destroyed. This was the time when Laway was willing to give everything to the needy but Mahi refused to help anyone. The villagers prospered again. Mahi had kept all money and grain intact but Laway had given it all away.

Only six months after the flood, there was another natural disaster - a big drought. It broke out only in Mattan while the other four villages had plenty of water. The drought killed Mahi's cattle and his crop got all destroyed. Laway did not have anything left to lose. Yet all the other villagers came to give him a helping hand for he was the one who helped them in the flood. So it was Laway who gained by giving away and Mahi lost his everything by keeping it with himself.

Cdt Adil Ahmed Din (Class IIA)

WHEN I WAS ON THE MOON

25th August 2020



Dear Diary,
"This is a small step for man, but giant leap for mankind." These words spoken by Neil Armstrong on July 20, 1969 changed the course of the history of space. People all around the world hailed him as a hero and he stood equal to great persons like Thomas Edison, Napoleon and many others. Well, I read the words written above, many years ago in a book. Then at that particular moment my heart told me that I too would conquer the moon one day.

Time passed by. I grew up to be a man. I had my goal in front of me. I tried and tried and finally I achieved my ambition of a trip to the moon. I shall now share with you some of my experiences. My life at work was home to office, office to home. I had no time to rest.

*"What is this life full of care
We have no time to stand and stare".*

- William Henry Davis

So dear Diary, I decided to take a break. But the question was where to spend the vacations. Sunk in my thoughts I was just looking to the sky one day when a noble thought crept into my mind.

*"Some murmur when the sky is clear
And wholly bright to view
If one small speck of dark appear
In the great heaven of blue"*

- Trench

And then I realized that it is time to fulfill my childhood dream. You know, dear Diary, the world today is far more advanced than the decade of the nineties. You can make a trip to the moon too. Many people have settled there. Moon is now one of the major tourist attractions.

I packed up my bag and started for the space station, which was just half an hour drive from my home in New Delhi. I was lucky to get a berth in the Space Shuttle No 420, which was to leave for the earth's only satellite in fifteen minutes. At sharp 10 O'clock out shuttle zoomed towards its destination at a very great speed. I could see the smoke and fire which were emitted by the Space Shuttle, as it was my first space flight, though my co-passengers boasted of many more.

We reached the moon in an hour. The weather was very pleasant. The scientists have made living conditions on the moon similar to that on earth. Dear Diary, once I took my first step on the moon, I was reminded of the golden words of Neil Armstrong uttered around 50 years ago. My heart was beating rapidly and my joy knew no bounds. I went straight to the "Indian Hotel" in a lunar cab. I had a room for myself in which I rested for a while. Then I went out for a walk and can you believe it, dear Diary, I found the moon in no way different from the earth. There were hotels, parks, theatres and what not. I returned back to the hotel late at night and had my dinner and went off to sleep.

Next day I did a bit of shopping. You know you can use your own currency on the moon, be it rupees, dollars, yens or dinars. I bought some scientific instruments as well as many other things.

But dear Diary, one's home is one's home. Soon I started missing the earth, missing India, missing New Delhi and missing my own home. When I could bear it no longer, I decided to come back. I went to the Indian Space Station and took a flight back to the earth. Dear Diary, you are my first and only confederate. So I think it was my moral duty to share my experiences with you. In fact you are the first one to know. Don't worry when I next go to the moon, you will be in my bag.

Note: All thoughts in this story are original and any resemblance to any other passage is purely coincidental.

Cdt Brajendu Bhaskar (Class IV)

FROM THE VALLEYS TO THE PEAKS



"Failure is the pillar of success" goes an old saying. To reach the peaks, man has to cross the valley. To reach the heights of success man has to pass through the valleys of failures. A complete man is not a man who reaches the peaks without any attempt. But a man who has passed through all conditions of life, both bad and good, and reached the peak with hard work, is a complete man. There are many such examples in front of our eyes.

Napoleon and Mahatma Gandhi are great examples. These men were not born great. What was Napoleon? He was a son of a simple peasant. This poor lad one day grew up to be Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte of France. Mahatma Gandhi was also a poor lad who grew up to be a leader of the freedom movement and is today known as the Father of the Nation. There are many twists and turns in life. One who overcomes the situations and reaches the peak, and one who doesn't, remains in the valleys. A man, who has risen up directly to the peaks, doesn't realize its importance and goes down, but a man, who has risen from the valleys, realizes its importance, cares for it and always remains at the top.

Cdt Anshuman Jayadev (Class IIA)

The Blissful Glow Worm

*How strange is the glowworm
That keeps the dark night in form
Though a creature so tiny
It strives to keep the night shiny.*

*It remains busy
Flying on its way,
And turns the night
Into a bright day.*

*The glowworms seem
To look so fierce,
Right through all the
Darkness they pierce.*

*Not one but many
Brighten the dark night
And so continues
Their eternal flight.*

Cdt Deb Prasad Sahoo (Class III)

Just Do Your Best

*Just do your best
In whatever you do
Though sometimes it may not
Be easy for you.
Half-heartedness never
Accomplished a goal
And positive thinking
A jewel for the soul.*



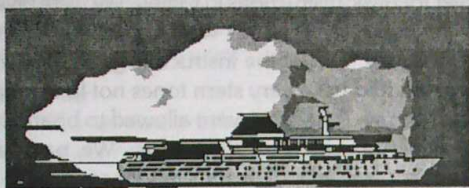
*Just do your best
That's all one can ask
In spite of the odds
Whatever the task.
So what if you work up
Some old fashioned sweat
You first have to give
Before you can get.*

*Just do your best
With what you have got
And whether it is little
Or it is a lot.*

*You'll know in your heart
When each day is through
You have done everything good
Expected from you.*

Cdt Akshay Kumar (Class IA)

But Who Knew.....?



*The year 1912 is important in our history
How the Titanic sank is still a mystery
The ship was said to be unsinkable
But who knew it would turn out to be so feeble.*

*The ship left England for countries abroad
With two thousand passengers all aboard
Everyone was happy in daylight alive
But who knew deadly night is still to arrive.*

*In the middle of the night an iceberg was seen
The captain was informed the situation was mean
The ship turned as much as ever she could
But who knew the consequences would never be good.*

*The waters filled up all the holds fast
With everyone running for his life at last
But only a few could they save
As most of them drowned in a watery grave.*

*The great Titanic sank to the ocean's bed
Nothing could be seen except those who were dead
The greatest disaster the world had ever seen
But who knew she would be the ocean's queen.*

Cdt Rohit Tanwar (Class II)

CLASS II A's OVERNIGHT HIKE BESIDES THE YAMUNA

After our respected Commandant encouraged us in the assembly to go on an independent overnight hike on a weekend, a number of classes were planning to do so, but it was our class IIA which was fortunate enough to utilize the opportunity. The

importance of the day was increased by the fact that it was the last holiday that we had before our terminal exams began.



The preparations for the hike were done very well, we took care of every minute detail. From tents to shovels, from rice to dals to salt and spices, we tried to ensure that nothing was missed out. This was a big adventure on our part as we were to cook our own food without any assistance from the mess staff. This was the first time we were involved in planning something like this. The cadets were divided into various committees like organization, food, entertainment etc., and responsibilities were allotted. During the course of the planning, we realized that we had to arrange for all sorts of things big and small as required for a mid term hike.

Nineteen cadets from our class accompanied by our class teacher, Cdr Bhattacharya started from the college on 4th Nov at 2.30pm. We reached our destination, the Assan Barrage about 50 kms away at around 4 pm. The site where we were supposed to camp was dirty, full of cow-dung and far below our expectations. So we found another site on the banks of the swift flowing river Yamuna. On the way past the Assan Barrage, we saw many species of migratory birds sitting or fishing in the stagnant waters nearby.

Soon after arrival we pitched our small pup tents. There were six tents in all and it took all of us no more than half an hour. While we were pitching our tents, there was a shout, "See there's a huge snake in the river." We all rushed to the river bank and saw the snake swimming upstream against the strong current. The snake had its head above the water and must have been at least six foot long. This certainly dampened our spirits about swimming in the river.

By now it was getting dark and preparations began for cooking dinner for the hungry lot. The cooking party i.e. the cadets who knew a little about cooking teamed up with Cdr Bhattacharya to cook the meal. At that point we realized that we forgot to bring match-boxes to light the lanterns and the gas

stove. Fortunately, we could manage from a shop nearby. While some of the boys washed and cut the vegetables, the others helped by bringing water and cleaning the rice and dal. It took us two hours to finish the cooking under the light of hurricane lanterns and torches. The food turned out to be delicious because firstly it was our own effort and secondly everyone was very hungry. It was a simple meal of rice, dal and a vegetable curry. For pudding we had tinned mangoes in syrup. Everyone enjoyed the dinner very much.

Lulled by the sounds of the flowing river nearby we all slept soundly. Next morning we prepared breakfast of fried toasts, cheese and jam and milk with cornflakes. We also saw a couple of birds flying upstream, landing, swimming underwater downstream for a long distance and coming out with a fish in their beaks. After breakfast we played volleyball for an hour and half and then had a refreshing swim in the river, forgetting about the snake we saw earlier. After the swim we had a snack of fruit and cold drinks and returned back to the college at around 1.30 pm.

This was an excellent outing and gave us an idea on how to plan things and execute them in the way they are supposed to be done. We all learnt many things from this short but memorable hike, which we organized on our own. We hope to repeat such a venture in the next term

Cdt Ashish Kumar (Class II A)

A MOMENT TO CHERISH



Feeling the stress of the regular college routine, the cadets of class II decided to take a break. We planned to go on a rafting hike in the Ganga at Raiwala, courtesy the 'Army Adventure Group.' On Sunday the 22nd October our class of 29 cadets accompanied by our English and History teacher, Cdr Bhattacharya, we left the college at 7 in the morning in the 'Canter'. After a journey of over one and a half hour, we reached the Virbhadrha barrage

a few kilometers short of Rishikesh. On our arrival we found three 3 tonners and many jawans of the Army, skilled in rafting, waiting for us. Along the banks of the river we saw colourful rafts, all inflated and tied together inviting us to board them. We were all naturally very excited.

Here the Ganga is around 80 feet deep and soon all of us were lined up along the banks of the river for basic instructions in rafting. We were given a life jacket each, which were tied to our chests very tightly. Two of the instructors gave us safety tips and told us in very stern tones not to disobey their orders. At last we were allowed to board the rafts along with the instructors. We paddled upstream for about 2 kms and beached at a particular point where we were allowed to go ashore. Meanwhile, for the fun of it we had a small competition with the Army jawans. Afterwards we came downstream back to our starting point. We enjoyed the experience a lot and finally we had a refreshing swim in the river for almost one hour with our life jackets on. We were all very grateful to the Army Adventure Group for working on a Sunday. We expressed our thanks by giving them three cheers RIMC style. All of us shook hands with all the jawans. They were so happy that they told us to come back a month later, when they would take us further upstream for rafting in the swift white waters.

After all this was over we returned back to the college via Rishikesh and Lakshman Jhula, where we ate our packed lunches and snacks, which we carried. It was with a heavy heart that we reached the college at around 3.30 pm. It was a day to remember and was indeed a moment to cherish. We hope the college organizes more such excursions in the future and the next time we are allowed to go upstream to the white waters.

Cdt Ronie Chowpoo (Class II)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OLD BOYS

To Brig Pardeep Mittal (Pratap 1961-66) and Brig N S Brar (Shivaji 1961-65) on their selection to the prestigious National Defence College Course, commencing Jan 2001.

To Mrs. and Brig K V M Nair whose daughter, Shilpa is getting married on 10th December 2000 at Thiruvananthapuram.

FACTFILE CLASS V A PREPARED BY CADETS OF CLASS V

(We wish the passing out class, all the best at NDA)

RANJIT SECTION

Abhishek Sharma

This small stout Himachali was dear to one and all. He lit up hearts by his cheerfulness. Good at studies, he made it to the college hockey team and left his mark of excellence. His motto was more talk "and even more work".

Karan Mor

This tall lanky hybrid from Hyderabad was ever smiling, one with a great sense of humour and a contagious smile. Excellent in studies and in sports he excelled in squash. Famous for his short jazzy lectures, he was famous for his typical egg shaped body.

Bhalchandra Mahadevam Bulle

Calm and quiet this small Maharashtrian got the nickname of a silent killer due to his ability to talk less and do more. He excelled both in academics and in sports. He represented the college in cricket, football, hockey and athletics. He shall always be remembered for his motto, "silence is golden".

Dinil George

From the land of churches, mines and beaches, he was the silent one. Always calm and polite, he moved around the campus with an ever smiling and jolly face. He was excellent in quizzing.

PRATAP SECTION

Rustomjit Singh Sekhon

From the land of the five rivers, he was more at ease in fields, especially in the hockey field, than in the classroom. He preferred gossip to mathematics, which he always found to be taxing. Ever cheerful and sincere he was a very good Section Commander.

Pranav Kumar

From the United States of Bihar he enjoyed his entire stay in RIMC, thoroughly. Good at studies

and games, he was always cheerful and made best use of all the facilities, the school could provide.

Poshuk Ahluwalia

This Delhiite was keen more on dressing well than attending his classes. An ardent believer of "apparel oft proclaimeth thee man". He spent considerable time on his turnout, which beyond any doubt was impressive. He was however good at studies and preferred cricket as his favourite game. A strong swimmer and a very good squash player, he was a constant source of inspiration for his section mates.

CHANDRAGUPTA SECTION

Basant Sewada

A cadet with very many virtues, he maintained his balance between academics and sports. Soft spoken with very polite manners and discipline, he was successful throughout his five years here.

Chandrakant Kothari

A cadet of unparalleled caliber, he was very good in academics as well as in games. He remained a Medhavi during most of his

stay here. Regarded as very helpful by his juniors, his section as well as the college will miss him a lot.

Atul Sinha

For him it was, "godliness is next to perfection". A very cool customer, he was perfect in all respects here. A very hard working and disciplined cadet, everyone here will miss him a lot.

Anshul Bhatt

An excellent debater and a highly inquisitive cadet of this college, he was always seen practicing his skills in English. As a senior, he was a great inspiration to his juniors. Always smiling, we shall miss him a lot.

SHIVAJI SECTION

Asim Panda

An excellent combination of games and



academics, he was an all rounder in the real sense of the word. Very polite and well mannered, he was the favourite of the masters. Because of his excellent qualities of leadership he became the Cadet Captain. He will always be remembered by the juniors as a very helpful cadet.

K Satyadheep

A perfect example of, "speech is silver, silence is gold," Satyadheep, as a section commander, led his section to victory on a number of occasions. His section mates would miss him a lot, especially the juniors.

Thomas Tom

The cyber wizard of his class was always in his element with the computer teachers. Good at games and fair at studies he never let his section down. When away from computers he liked to listen to pop music and was often heard singing English songs. Always cheerful, he will certainly be missed.

Nitin Kumar Tyagi

An excellent quizzier, he was often seen in the library and the computer lab surfing the net. Good at studies, he also did well in games. As a captain of the 'Rabbits', he did very well. A very helpful and cheerful senior, his section will miss him a lot.

INTER SCHOOL DEBATES

English debates form a very important part of the extra-curricular activities in RIMC. This term we participated in two debates for boys and girls of classes XI and XII. In the silver festival of Hilton School on 2nd Nov the topic for the debate was, "the world has made us what we are". Cadets Rahul Chaudhary and Vikram Sharma represented RIMC. This debating function was part of a very colourful program of music and dance. The young girls of the Hilton School dressed in glittering costumes did a wonderful dance holding lamps in their palms. It was a very impressive performance. The next day, 3rd Nov it was the prestigious RMIT debate held at the Doon School. The topic was, "career women are a boon to the society at the cost of their families". Cadets AD Roy and Manish Das participated from RIMC. On both days our speakers gave sterling performances considering their heavy schedule at RIMC and shortage of preparatory time. With more such exposures we hope to do better in the future.

Cdt Rahul Chaudhary (Class IV)

INTER SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITIONS

During the months of October and November there were a number of Quiz Contests both inside and outside. Within the College the following contests were conducted:-

- (a) Inter Class for junior classes I - III
First prize Class II
- (b) Inter Class for senior classes IIIA - V
First prize Class IV
- (c) Inter Section Final Round
First Ranjit, Second Shivaji,
Third Pratap, Fourth Chandragupta.

In the Quiz contests outside, RIMC participated and gave very good performances. The college was represented by Cadets Venkat Parthasarathy, Kranti Kumar Chetri, Brajendu Bhaskar, Yashwardhan Singh, Aditya Duttaroy, Sharif Singh Bhonsle and Rahul Chaudhary. The positions attained by the College at the following schools were:-

- (a) Kendriya Vidyalaya ONGC
Second out of 20 schools
- (b) Welham Girls High School
Fourth out of 14 schools
- (c) Doon School
Sixth out of 14 schools
- (d) Riverdale High School
Fourth out of 14 schools
- (e) Science/Computer quiz at Welham Boys
Seventh out of 17 Schools

As an ample reward for their labours, these budding quizmasters were sent on 14 Nov to the FRI for a rare treat of witnessing the famous TV Quizmaster Siddharth Basu conducting a quiz live for BBC Mastermind. The cadets really enjoyed themselves.

Cdt Brajendu Bhaskar (Class II)

REPORT OF INTER SECTION GAMES AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS- Autumn Term 2000

(By our cub reporters- Games and Sports)

CROSS COUNTRY

Sunday the 6th August was a clear day in the Doon Valley in the thick of the monsoons. The cross-country race began at sharp 6 O'clock with the



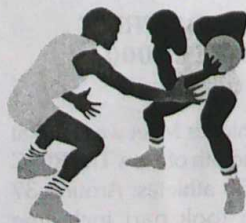
seniors being flagged off by the Chief Starter Cdr AP Bhattacharya, followed by the juniors fifteen minutes later. Almost the entire college took part. The Commandant, the Vice Principal, many Masters and some of their children also ran the race. The route

was within the campus covering a distance of 3.5 kms. The juniors did one circuit and the seniors two. In the junior section, Pratap stood first followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta and in the seniors, Shivaji came first followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Pratap. The overall championship was won by Pratap Section and followed by Ranjit, Chandragupta and Shivaji. Cadet Amardeep was first amongst the seniors and Cadet Adil Ahmed Din, the first amongst the juniors Col PP Singh (a Rimcollian) the Chief Guest gave away the prizes.

FOOTBALL

Football Championship was kicked off on the 7th Sept. Matches, were played daily and the finals was on the 12th Sept. In the junior section, Pratap Section came first followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji and in the senior section it was again Pratap taking the lead followed by Ranjit, Shivaji and Chandragupta. The championship trophy was won by, Pratap Section. Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji stood second, third and fourth respectively. Cadet Prabir Gogoi was adjudged the best player amongst the juniors and Cadet Anuj Srivastava, best amongst the seniors. Cadet DS Jara was the best goalkeeper. The senior-most Rimcollian present Cdr Bhattacharya, the Chief Guest gave away the prizes.

BASKETBALL



The basketball championships began the 7th and ended on the 11th Oct. Shivaji and Chandragupta sections were joint winners of the championship trophy. Ranjit came third and Pratap, fourth. Cadet

Ankush Kumar was adjudged the best player amongst the juniors and Cadet Himanshu Awasthi, among the seniors.

ATHLETICS

The biggest event of the term, the inter-section athletics competition began on Thursday 19th Oct and ended on the 21st of Oct on a high note of very good performances and a display by the pipers from the 1/5 GR Band followed by Beating the Retreat



ceremony. In the A Division (juniors), Cadet Kalyan Babu was declared the best athlete. In the B Division (middles), it was Cadet Vinay Tiwari and in the C Division (seniors) it was Cadet Amardeep. The highlight of the performance was the breaking of the college record in the 100 mtrs race. Vinay Tiwari clocked 11.69 secs breaking the college record of 11.8 secs. It was a hard fought, close contest between the sections. Shivaji won the championship. Ranjit came second, followed by Chandragupta and Pratap. Brig Suchindra Sabu, Commander 116 Inf Bde, Chief Guest gave away the medals to the winners. Mrs Sabu who had come all the way from Delhi to attend the meet awarded the trophies.

PHYSICAL TRAINING



On Monday the 30th October the Inter -Section PT contests commenced with a display by the senior cadets from classes IIIA to V. It began with freestanding exercises with the participants smartly turned out in immaculate white shorts and their section coloured vests. This was followed by exercise on the Beam, Mat and Horse. The display by the cadets was impressive. In particular mention must be made about the cadets who were taking charge of their squads in a manner similar to that of a PT instructor. The next day the 31st it was the turn of the junior cadets from classes I- III. They too gave a fine performance. It was a hard fought contest. Very qualified judges from the IMA adjudged Ranjit Section as the first, followed by

Shivaji as second, Pratap as third and Chandragupta as fourth. Our Chief Guest Mrs Shakuntala Mamgain gave away the prizes.

SQUASH

The Inter-Section squash competition commenced on 2nd Nov and ended on 11th Nov. Chandragupta Section lifted the Championship Cup. Pratap, Ranjit and Shivaji were placed second, third and fourth respectively. Cadet Ankit Uniyal was declared the best player.

As we go to press, inter-section obstacle competition is being held on 24th Nov., the report of which would be published in the next chronicle - Eds.

RIMC SOCCER CUP



The first RIMC soccer cup was held in the college from the 21st Aug to 6th Sept. In all 16 teams joined the tournament from Dehradun as well as outside. From Delhi, Modern School and

Delhi Public School participated. From Shimla we had The Bishop Cotton School, St Mary's school Meerut and Motilal Nehru Sports College, Rai, Haryana.

The handsome trophy was presented by one of our very senior Masters, Shri RC Chaturvedi. RIMC fielded two teams, the Alpha team and the Bravo team. The Alpha team was led by Tarkeshwar Singh and the Bravo team by Prabir Gogoi. Though the Alpha team won three matches, they could not qualify for the semi finals due to goal average. The Bravo team participated to get the much needed match exposure. The final was between Doon School (whom we beat 3-1 in the league match) and Sports College Raipur, which the latter won 1 - 0.

Cdts Amihe Swu and Binoy Singh (Class II)

RIMC AT THE CAMBRIAN HALL JUNIOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT

RIMC junior team played the inaugural match against Marshall School on 16th Sept at the

Cambrian Hall grounds. We won this match 3 - 0. Our next match on 18th Sept was a tough one against the Moravian Sports Academy, and we drew this match 1 - 1. Unfortunately in our next match on the 21st we lost by one goal, partly due to over confidence. Fortunately, we were able to enter the semi finals, which we played against the host team, Cambrian Hall on the 25th. In the first half they scored a goal against us but we did not lose hope and in the second half we scored the equalizer, followed by another goal to win the match and qualify for the finals in the dying minutes. On 27th we played the final match while the college had already left for the mid term hike. The match was against Hilton School and unfortunately we lost 0-2. This was the first time that an RIMC junior team has ever reached the finals in the football tournament. We hope to do better next year in the RIMC Soccer Cup.

Cdt Abhishek Anand (Class IA)

REPORT OF OUTSTATION SQUASH TOURNAMENTS

The North Zone Inter-School tournament was held at the Gymkhana Club courts from 30th Aug - 6th Sept. Cadets Deevaj Thapa, Gagan Gaurav Raturi, Vaibhav Sinha and Karan Sharma represented the college. Our team did very well. They reached the finals and were the runner's up and qualified for the Nationals to be held at Mayo College Ajmer. Unfortunately as the dates were clashing with the Inter- Section Athletics, our team could not participate at Ajmer. However our team were at Bombay from 27th Sept - 6th Oct. for the All India Junior Nationals. This time Ankit Uniyal was part of the team and Karan Sharma did not go. The entire team reached the quarter finals. With more practice and such exposure we should be in a position to have a very strong squash team in the future.

Cdt Gagan Gaurav Raturi (Class III)

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET 2000

(By our Asst Editor Sports)

The 56th District Athletics Meet was held at Doon School on the 4th and 5th of Nov. The RIMC contingent comprised of 50 athletes. Around 37 schools from Dehradun took part including



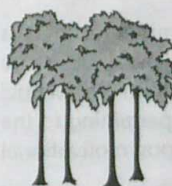
Oakgrove School from Mussoorie. Our college participated in the B Division (under 14 yrs), C Division (under 16 yrs), D Division (under 18 yrs) and also in the men's section (over 18 yrs).

RIMC stood first in the D Division and in the overall championship RIMC came second, the first position being won by Sports College, Raipur.

SPECIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Cadet Vinay Tiwari improved upon his own timing of 11.69 secs in the 100 mtrs (college record set at the inter-section meet). He ran the race competing with a national record holder belonging to Sports College, Raipur. He clocked 11.56 secs in the District Meet, which is now considered the college record. In the 200 mtrs race, Vinay Tiwari again broke the college record, which earlier was 24.1 secs. Now the record stands at 23.7 secs, which he clocked in the District Meet. In the 4 x 100 mtrs relay (D Division), RIMC won the gold medal breaking both the college and the district record. The team comprised of Cadets Tarkeshwar, Amardeep, Prashant and Vishal. They clocked 46.2 secs improving upon the earlier college record of 47 secs. In the cross-country race extending to around 8 kms, Cadet Chikara came 8th and Cadets Alok Kumar and G Joshi came 10th and 11th respectively. Another highlight that deserves special mention is, our Cadets took part in the men's section of 4 x 400 mtrs relay, competing with athletes much older than them from IMA and ONGC. In this race RIMC won the bronze medal, with IMA getting the silver and ONGC, the gold.

CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Thanks to our Estate Manager Mr. Prashant Sharma, grounds-men, gardeners and cadets from the hobbies club, a lot of activities are taking place to rejuvenate the environment in the campus. At the entrance to the Thimayya Gate 40 bottle palm trees were planted each of an approximate height of 12 ft, on both sides of the road. For some unknown reasons none of the other varieties planted earlier survived, but the bottle palms seem to be thriving. Along side the bottle palms three rows of hedges of contrasting colours have also been planted. With the efforts of Shri Imdad Hussain, one of our very old grounds-men, these plants are flourishing. Also we notice the members of staff are showing keen interest in mushroom farming. An officer from the department of horticulture comes regularly to train them. Very soon we hope to have a mushroom culture functioning. The college garden is getting ready for the winter blooms. Transplantation of seedlings from the nursery is

under way and should be completed soon. We hope to have a garden in full bloom before the Reunion. We have so far harvested around 60 kgs of Soya bean from the Agro Forestry Project of the college. We are now waiting to harvest mustard and turmeric.

A LIVING FOSSIL IN OUR CAMPUS

(Report filed by our young environmentalists)



'Gynko Bilota'

We have a plant in our campus, which is regarded by Palaeo botanists as a 'living fossil.' It grew as far back as 200 million years ago during the Triassic period of the Mesozoic Age. Those days the plant had 16 genera and as many species, all of which are extinct except this. This is the only living representative, which is 'Gynko Bilota.' Due to the interest taken by scientists, this plant is still living. This plant is now being grown in many countries. It grows wild in China and is still very uncommon in India.

COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

As we are in the new millennium it is worthwhile trying to ponder and debate over issues that affect the College in the long term. As a sequel to my earlier piece on matters pertaining to the cadets at RIMC I wish to dwell upon motivational aspects now.

One takes time to settle down at a place, particularly when it happens to be one where one received his early education, one, which is the cradle of excellence. This is not like an ordinary posting in one's service career. It is surely something special. We all have done duties as instructors in Army training establishments. This is something different. We are trying to shape the destinies of young boys in their formative years here, so that they grow up to be leaders of society. I would prefer them to be leaders in the military, which is one of the strong pillars in any society. Before that let us examine a few questions that come to mind.

Is NDA our only destination after completing the training here? Is it the sole all encompassing goal? Are we clear in defining our objectives? In

this article I would prefer to discuss the important issue, whether joining NDA should remain our foremost objective or we transcend into a boundless world of after school life? This is a moot point on which there are many views, particularly after the heroic exploits of our very young officers at Kargil.

I am all for NDA being our foremost objective. There are many arguments against this conventional thought. Some of them are, joining NDA is too narrow an aim for RIMC, similar to that of Military or Sainik schools. This is particularly embarrassing for many of us. Some say it restricts our vision and is not futuristic in the fast changing world today. Others say that the country and the world needs a premier institution like ours to look beyond. And there are many more.

What I have to say is simple and the answer that follows should naturally be simple too. Not like the one we are witness to, on "Amitabh Bacchan's Crorepati" show. The reader must have an honest communion with himself. What was the vision of the founding fathers? Can there be a greater service to society than defending one's motherland by joining the Armed Forces? Isn't the aim of joining the NDA equally holistic? Doesn't it cover all aspects of human development that is good, i.e. Moral values, mental capability, physical prowess and the art of social graces? Don't we owe something back to the society (the Govt) for spending a lakh of rupees for each cadet? Doesn't the route from the Thimayya gate, around the education block, the dormitories, the pavilion, the swimming pool the squash courts and the out of the world hikes and excursions cover more than what any other institution which feeds the corporate world?

It may be worthwhile to highlight two incidents that have made recent history in this great country of ours. Both involve the younger generation. On the one hand we have the bright stars in all those brave young officers who made the supreme sacrifice for their motherland at Kargil. Thanks to the electronic media, for the first time since independence the common man could see for himself what the Army does and earned true respect of the nation.

On the other hand we have men of the same age who cast a dark blot on our history. Yes, you have guessed right. I am talking about the cricketers

idolized by the entire nation, who were doing just the opposite. While the young officers were fighting and dying to guard their motherland, they sold theirs for few pieces of paper! So what are we talking about teaching wider values with so called wider aims?

If I may be permitted, I would like to go a step further and quote what a senior old boy mentioned sometime ago, "Why can't every student graduating out of the IITs, IIMs and other professional institutions in the country be asked to spend three months with Army or Air Force units in the forward areas and warships of the Navy on the high seas, before they take up their corporate assignments? They do so in some of the western countries? Initially we may start with volunteers, and slowly it would pick up. This attachment can be made out to be like fun and learning with a spirit of adventure. What they would observe, they would remember for the rest of their lives. It would cost the nation nothing extra but the society would benefit a great deal. It would open the eyes and minds of these bright young men to the real world of strength and character, values and vision, privation and hardship, quite apart from the glitzy and insulated world of carpeted air-conditioned corporate offices and quantitative decision making. These young men fortified with such sterling qualities learnt from this unique exposure would definitely be able to take more creative and humane decisions for the good of the society". I leave this thought with the readers in the hope that it may catch the eye of our policy makers.

Answers to such questions, lie within you. I for one am very clear. There is absolutely nothing wrong with the goal set by our founding fathers. We must continue to strive towards this goal, which has stood the test of time. Maybe in a utopian world in the distant future where there's everlasting peace, humans behave like humans and none behave like animals, maybe in such a world we would have no profession of arms. Till then let us steer the ship of RIMC in the new millennium along the course set on the 13th of March 1922 and whose trail blazes with luminous stars of the likes of many of our famous old boys, whose spirit echoes within the solid stone walls of our beloved echoes.

Lt. Col. Prem Prakash SM

(The writer is an old boy and is presently the

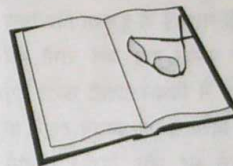
Administrative officer of RIMC)
Editors.

MOS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

This started on the 15th & the finals were held on 21st November. In all 12 masters took part and all the matches were doubles. The final was between Col. Prem Prakash & Mr. Brijesh Chauhan V/s Maj. T.K. Chakravarti & Mr. Tyagi, which the latter pair won 15-7 & 15-12.

FROM OUR OLD CHRONICLES

(Saturday, 15th February, 1964)



"We congratulate the under mentioned cadets who have passed the Royal Life Saving Society test in swimming. Certificates and bronze medals have been awarded as under:-

Bronze Medals - VP Singh, N Malhotra,
PVK Choudhary, R Sehgal and
HS Randhawa.

Certificates - G Dutt, JS Narwal and KS Rao.

काशी नरेश वाग्विभूति नारायण सिंह अन्तर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता

राष्ट्रीय भारतीय सैन्य कॉलेज में वादविवाद प्रतियोगिताएँ सदा से इस विद्यालय की गौरवशाली परम्पराओं का अभिन्न अंग रही हैं। इसी के अनुरूप हर वर्ष काशीनरेश वाग्विभूति नारायण सिंह अन्तर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन होता है जिसमें अखिल भारतीय स्तर के अनेको विद्यालय भाग लेते हैं।

हर वर्ष की भाँति इस वर्ष भी इस प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन 9 सितम्बर को आर. आइ. एम. सी. के भगत हॉल में आयोजित किया गया जिसमें वादविवाद का विषय था—

"काश्मीर को स्वतन्त्रता देना उचित होगा।"

प्रतियोगिता में कुल बारह विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया जिनमें देश के अग्रणी विद्यालयों जैसे— दून स्कूल, मोतीलाल नेहरू स्कूल, बिशप कॉटन— शिमला, सिंधिया स्कूल— ग्वालियर, स्कालर्स होम, असम राइफल्स पब्लिक स्कूल व मेयो कॉलेज गर्ल्स शामिल थे। प्रतियोगिता के मुख्य अतिथि श्री कमल



किशोर गोयनका थे जो देश में प्रेमचंद के काशीनरेश वाग्विभूति नारायण सिंह ऊपर अपने लेखन के लिए विशेषज्ञ के रूप में विख्यात हैं। इनकी प्रेमचंद पर 30 से भी अधिक पुस्तकें छप चुकी हैं।

प्रतियोगिता के दौरान सभी प्रतियोगियों

ने इस संवेदनशील मुद्दे पर बड़ी ही गहराई से इसका विश्लेषण कर व अपनी बात श्रोताओं के समक्ष रख कर सभी को अचम्भित कर दिया। विषय के पक्ष में विचार प्रकट करते हुए वक्ताओं ने कश्मीर की जनता के विश्वास को कायम रखने के लिए जनभावना का सम्मान करने पर जोर दिया। उन्होंने स्वतन्त्रता देकर राज्य को और अधिक विकास के अवसर प्रदान करने पर जोर दिया। वही विषय के विपक्ष में बोलने वाले वक्ताओं ने इसका यह कहकर जोरदार विरोध किया कि इससे राज्य का भारतीय संघ में विलय बेमानी हो जाएगा और राज्य पर केन्द्र की भूमिका नगण्य हो जाएगी। प्रतिवादकों ने भी अपने सटीक प्रश्नों से विषय के विभिन्न पहलुओं को उजागर किया।

प्रतियोगिता के बाद में मुख्य अतिथि श्री गोयनकाजी ने सभा को संबोधित किया। उन्होंने आशा व्यक्त की मौजूदा युवा पीढ़ी के नेतृत्व में यह राष्ट्र अवश्य प्रगति करेगा। उन्होंने छात्रों में देशभक्ति की प्रबल भावना की प्रशंसा की तथा साथ ही देश की मौजूदा स्थिति के लिए राजनीतिज्ञों सहित आम जनता को भी देरी ठहराया। उन्होंने प्रेमचन्द पर भी प्रकाश डाला तथा इनसे जुड़े कुछ किस्से भी सुनाए।

प्रतियोगिता के अंत में पुरस्कार वितरण भी श्री गोयनका जी ने किया। वक्ताओं में प्रथम पुरस्कार आर. आइ. एम. सी. के अनूप शर्मा को, द्वितीय पुरस्कार संदीप मिश्र असम राइफल पब्लिक स्कूल को व तृतीय पुरस्कार अलवर पब्लिक स्कूल की नेहा जैन वक्ता को मिला। प्रतिवादक वर्ग में प्रथम स्थान स्कॉलर्स होम की साहित्या चंदोला को मिला, द्वितीय व तृतीय स्थान पर वेल्हम गर्ल्स की नौशीन अहमद व अलवर पब्लिक स्कूल की नेहा चौहान रहीं।

चल वैजयन्ती स्कालर्स होम ने प्राप्त की तथा आर. आइ. एम. सी. द्वितीय व अलवर पब्लिक स्कूल तृतीय स्थान पर रहें। इसी के साथ काशी नरेश वाग्विभूति अन्तर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता सन् 2000 ई० सम्पन्न हुई।

विशेष वक्ता के रूप में हिन्दी के प्रख्यात व्यंग्यकार श्री रवीन्द्र नाथ त्यागी आमंत्रित थे। प्रतियोगिता में निर्णायकों का उत्तरदायित्व निभाया MKP महिला महाविद्यालय की संस्कृत विभागाध्यक्ष डा० मंजू नारंग, इसी महाविद्यालय की समाजशास्त्र की प्रवक्ता डा० जैनब रहमान तथा इसी महाविद्यालय की हिन्दी विभाग की प्रवक्ता डा० चंपासिंह ने। सभी अतिथियों ने प्रतियोगिता के स्तर की भूरि-भूरि प्रशंसा की।

कमला जीवन हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता

हर वर्ष की भाँति इस बार भी दून स्कूल में कमला जीवन अन्तर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन 10 सितम्बर को किया गया। इस प्रतियोगिता में वादविवाद का विषय प्रतियोगियों को सिर्फ दो घंटे पहले दिया जाता है। इसमें कुल आठ विद्यालयों ने भाग लिया जिनमें से तीन बाहर के थे।

इस प्रतियोगिता में आर. आइ. एम. सी. का प्रतिनिधित्व अनूप शर्मा व ब्रजेश मिश्रा ने किया। प्रतियोगिता का विषय था—

“शिक्षा वही श्रेष्ठ है जो मनुष्य को भौतिक सुख सुविधाओं के साधन प्राप्त करने का मार्ग दिखाए।”

ब्रजेश मिश्रा ने आर. आइ. एम. सी. का प्रतिनिधित्व करते हुए विषय के पक्ष में अपने विचार प्रकट किए तथा अनूप शर्मा ने विषय के विपक्ष में अपने विचार श्रोतागण के सम्मुख रखे।

इस प्रतियोगिता में वक्ताओं में प्रथम स्थान आर. आइ. एम. सी. के अनूप शर्मा को प्राप्त हुआ द्वितीय स्थान पर वैल्हम गर्ल्स की शुभि शर्मा आर. आइ. एम. सी. के ब्रजेश मिश्रा रहा। इसी के साथ आर. आइ. एम. सी. के अनूप शर्मा को प्राप्त हुआ द्वितीय स्थान पर वैल्हम गर्ल्स की शुभि शर्मा आर. आइ. एम. सी. के ब्रजेश मिश्रा रहा। इसी के साथ आर. आइ. एम. सी. के अनूप शर्मा को प्राप्त हुआ द्वितीय स्थान पर वैल्हम गर्ल्स की शुभि शर्मा व सिंधिया स्कूल के उत्कर्ष संयुक्त विजेता रहे व तृतीय स्थान आर. आइ. एम. सी. के ब्रजेश मिश्रा रहे। इसी के साथ आर. आइ. एम. सी. ने कमला जीवन वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता

लगातार दूसरी बार जीतते हुए चल वैजयन्ती प्राप्त की। इसी के साथ कमला जीवन अन्तर्विद्यालयी हिन्दी वादविवाद प्रतियोगिता का समापन हुआ।

क्यों है यह जीवन

क्यों है यह जीवन? हम जन्म ही क्यों लेते हैं?
इसका मक्सद ही क्या है? आखिर मृत्यु को तो प्राप्त होते ही है।
दिन कि जरूरत ही क्यों? दिन के बाद रात को तो आना ही है।
हम हँसे ही क्यों? एक न एक दिन तो सेना ही है।
दिन में जागना ही क्यों? रात को तो थक कर सोना ही है।
आपस में लड़ना ही क्यों? एक को तो हारना ही है।
कुछ बोलना ही क्यों? किसी के कहने पर तो चुप होना ही है।
उजाला होना ही क्यों? अंधकार को तो आखिर आना ही है।
यहाँ आना ही क्यों? वापस लौटकर तो जाना ही है।

- सिद्धार्थ भट्टाचार्य

भारतीय किसान

अथक परिश्रम करते, ये थोड़ा ही खाते,
देखो-देखो! ये हैं भारतीय किसान,
इनके तन पर सिर्फ, दो टुक कपड़े रहते,
दिन-रात कभी न इनकी, दूर होती है थकान,
सदा अच्छी उपज के लिए, ये संघर्ष करते,
यही हैं भारतीय किसान, यही हैं हमारी शान।
वर्षा हो या ठंडक, ये किसी का ख्याल न करते,
इनकी फसल में है, बसते प्राण,
जीवन में ये सदा ही संघर्ष करते रहते,
कभी बाढ़, तो कभी सूखे का होता है, इन पर त्राण,
फिर भी कभी न ये, हिम्मत छोड़ते,
यही हैं भारतीय किसान, यही हैं हमारी शान।

इतनी मेहनत करते लेकिन फिर भी,
बताओ क्यों रहते हैं, ये परेशान,
इनके बच्चों को शिक्षा, मिलती नहीं कभी,
आखिर इन्हें नहीं मिलता है सम्मान,
इनके रुह को खुराक मिल पाती नहीं सही,
यही है भारतीय किसान, यही है हमारी शान।

इनमें कहीं-कभी, स्वार्थ नहीं होती,
हर अंग से इनके, सिर्फ होता है दान,

रविवार या दशहरा कभी छुट्टी नहीं होती,
इन पर ये जनता सदा है, निर्भर रहती।
अपनी इन खूबियों के कारण वों है महान,
यही है भारतीय किसान, यही है हमारी शान।

हाथ हमारे

गागर में भर सकते सागर,
हाथ हमारे, हाथ हमारे।
कर सकते हैं नाम उजागर,
हाथ हमारे, हाथ हमारे।।
काम कठिन हो चाहे जितना,
करने से आसान हुआ है।
काँटों में ही खिलने वाले,
फूलों का सम्मान हुआ है।।
बंजर को भी हरा बनाये,
हाथ हमारे, हाथ हमारे।
सोने में भी खुशबु लायें
हाथ हमारे, हाथ हमारे।।
यें जितने मजबूत रहेगें,
उतने ही संकट झेलेगें।
हस्ते-हस्ते, रस्ते-रस्ते,
आँधी, पानी से खेलेगें।।
करके बहुत दिखा सकते हैं,
हाथ हमारे, हाथ हमारे।
जगन्नाथ कहला सकते हैं,
हाथ हमारे, हाथ हमारे।।

मनुज जिंदल,
कक्षा I 'अ'
प्रताप

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We deeply regret to inform about the untimely passing away on 14th Nov, due to illness, of Dr. (Smt) Pratima Singh wife of Lt. Col VK Singh our ex College Doctor. We pray upon the Almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the family to bear this great loss.



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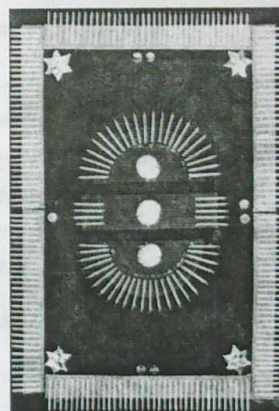
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