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Reflection

"Behind every smile is a worry
Behind every answer, a query
So, why to be weary?
For all roads lead to glory..."

Cadet Krishna, Naiti, Class IX A

EDITORIAL

Two weeks through and the game has just begun. With the mercury contracted at the bottom of the thermometer, PT in the dark is the order of the day. New buds, the first termers, are striving hard, to the best of their capabilities, for, luck is not what they believe in - but hard work and perseverance. Though their eyes are still soggy due to the pain of being away from home, yet they took the bull by the horns and displayed an exemplary performance in the novices Cross-Country.

The old is no different from the new, our Cadets fresh from vacations have already gotten into the grooves of the system and the number of activities in the bygone fortnight is a testimony to the same. The 'Survivor Series' of RPL Hockey saw the Cadets battle it out in the field as a class- for, 'Change Is What We Believe In! The engine of the Inter Section Activities was revved up by the Inter Section Variety Entertainment, in which section orchestras 'Played and Displayed' various instruments and showcased their dramatics skills to the world.

But the best is yet to come. The campus is already echoing with the smashing of punches against the pads and while it is still the dawn of the beautiful day yet to come, Cadets have already braced themselves for the event of the year- REUNION.

The road ahead is surely not easy, but with the temperament like ours there is nothing stopping us.

Cadet Astiva Tyagi, Class IV A

Melody in synchrony



The Young Maestros in Unison

DATELINE

- 27 Jan** : Interaction cum workshop on Life Skills and Sexuality by Ms Manisha Chaudhry.
- to 7 Feb**
- 28 Jan** : First round of Dorm Inspection.
RIMC Squash Opens Commenced.
- 2 Feb** : Finals of RIMC Squash Opens. Cadet Guninder S Sidhu emerges as the winner.
- 4 Feb** : Cadets XI vs Staff XI Hockey Match. Staff wins by 4-1.
- 5 Feb** : First Round of Kit Inspection.
- 6 Feb** : Visits to Institutions and establishments for all Cadets.
Doon Darshan for Class I.
- 9 Feb** : Inter Section English Debate (Parliamentary form) conducted. The trophy was presented to Chandragupta Section by Principal of the Moravian Institute Rev. T Z Kundan.
- 11 Feb** : Cadets participated in Inter School Painting, English and Hindi Essay writing Competition at Survey of India.
- 12 Feb** : College trekked to snow capped Mussoorie.

STOP PRESS

The following officers have been nominated for the following Courses

NAME		COURSE
Col. Adosh Kumar	1977-82 Pratap	HDMC 5 Course
Col. K Vinod Kumar	1977-82 Shivaji	HDMC 5 Course
Col. Atul Rawat	1978-83 Pratap	HDMC 5 Course
Col. Viney Handa	1978-82 Chandragupta	NHCC 22 Course
Col. S M Ismail	1978-82 Pratap	HCC 38 Course

Another Run.....With Fun

The fifty-ninth anniversary of the Indian Republic was celebrated with an energetic display of stamina in the College. After the much awaited flag hoisting in the morning, the Cadets braced themselves up for an arduous run round the new Cross Country path, prepared during the course of the vacations. Races were flagged off for the Cadets; besides, separate categories for everyone in the RIMC fraternity. The results in the run were as under:

Cadets Group Under 13

Cadet Roshan Kumar	First
Cadet Siddharth Das	Second
Cadet Harsh Arora	Third

Cadets Group Above 17

Cadet Aditya Udapa	First
Cadet Abhishek Nand	Second
Cadet Siddharth Prateek	Third

Even the first termers got their shot of the route, running the Novices Cross Country alongside Class I A. The results were as under:

First Termers

Cadet Shiv Shakti	First
Cadet Rishabh Raj	Second
Cadet O Nelson Singh	Third
Cadet Priyansh	Consolation

Men Above 40

Mr UP Dalvi	First
Mr KS Ahlawat	Second
Mr PN Naik	Third



Men Under 40

Mr Ajay	First
Hav Binu	Second
Sqn Ldr YS Panghal	Third

Ladies Category

Ms Irene Chona	First
Mrs Neelam Kaushik	Second

Moving away from the conventional 'Lal Gate' round, this time Cadets got a chance to see a new facet of the College campus. The 'Run for Fun' route was remapped so as to give the Cadets a deep insight of the panoramic campus. Starting from the down field, as always, Cadets ran all the way through the Jogger's Track,

trespassed on Mr Ahlawat's newly tilled garden, took a detour behind his house and reached the Open Air Shooting Range. From here the Juniors dashed for the finish from the War Memorial and the Seniors took a right turn for the Eucalyptus Drive, ran along the 'Nile of RIMC' and finished at the pavilion.

A special prize was awarded to Shri Bhupinder Singh and Shri Ram Singh for the maintenance of the Joggers Track, on which the run was held.

*Cadet Sachin Lakhawat
Class IIIA*

RIMC Inter Section Variety Entertainment Competition - 2009

As the Sections prepared relentlessly for the Variety Entertainment Cup, the faculty stood by expecting some marvellous performance during the Grand Finale. Their hopes were left afloat by the all-toiling Cadets who put up an enthralling night of delight. The competition consisted of two phases. In the First Phase Cadets presented symphonic orchestra which consisted of 30 participants on a variety of musical instruments. The Cadets mesmerized the audience with tunes from various albums and movies which included popular numbers like Titanic, Kal Ho Na Ho and many more. In the second phase, Cadets presented a play and a skit (English or Hindi) of 15 and 5 minutes respectively. Pratap Section staged the play 'The Crown Diamond' by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle featuring Cadet Aman Thakur as Sherlock Holmes and Cadet Anshul Roy as the ever faithful Dr Watson, Ranjitians

performed the Hindi play 'Girgit' by Anton Chekhov in which Cadet Astitva Tyagi and Cadet Surya Prakash played the leads perfectly. Shivaji Section dramatized 'The Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens with Cadet Kumar Vikram playing the role of grumpy old Mr Scrooge. Chandragupta Section left the audience in awe with the enactment of the play 'The Rising Of The Moon'. At the end of the competition the results were as follows:

First	Ranjit Section	Second	Pratap Section
Third	Chandragupta Section	Fourth	Shivaji Section

Cadet Supreet Singh Heera, Class III



PAWNS AND KNIGHTS

The Chess Opens 2009 were a great delight for the whiz kids of RIMC, as they battled one another for top 'Chessing' honours. Numerous stretching matches aside, it was quite an interesting event, with enormous participation. The results were as follows:

Juniors Category:

Winner- Cadet Durgesh Salunkhe
Runner Up- Cadet Akhilesh Gupta

Middles Category:

Winner- Cadet Sabyasachi Mishra
Runner up- Cadet Nitish Kumar Jha

Seniors Category:

Winner- Cadet Karan Thukral
Runner up- Cadet Rahul Kadian



Cadet Karan Thukral and Cadet Rahul Kadian contemplating their next move

Our Budding Warriors- 174th Reds



Cadet Shiv Shakti Sharma

This stamina man from Jammu and Kashmir proved his mettle by putting up a good show in the novices Cross Country. Keenly interested in sports, he also happens to be a qualified TT player. Smile your way to success Shiv Shakti!



Cadet Mani Shankar Raj

Eloquence has won him laurels at state level competitions. A budding scientist, he has also topped the State Level Science Olympiad. Mani from Bihar appears to set his mind on the Medhavi badge.



Cadet Anil Verma

This jovial lad hails from the city of Pratapgarh. He is a keen gardener and loves to play Cricket and Soccer. Anil appears anxious to be an allrounder. A robust Ranjitian who yearns to run through the challenges ahead.



Cadet Divya Raj Singh Tomar

A school level Cricketer, this Cadet from Gwalior, also has a good track record in academics. He has a flair for reading books and wants to be a Basketball player too. Divya Raj is destined to do and deliver.



Cadet Taral Chanchani

This Maratha from Pune has manifold achievements and honours in his cache. A computer-savvy, Informatics Olympiad medalist, he happens to be an outstanding debater, quizzier and a Swimmer too. Confident Chanchani, a quiet performer, is cool as cucumber.



Cadet Vishrut Singh Rawal

An intellectual to the core, he's fired up to become a topper. A debater, Soccer player, and a Basketballer too, another multi dimensional personality in the making. Vishrut has a vision of victory.

Kudos!

Cadet Leonard Arambam received the National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, 2008 in the field of Sports presented by Mrs Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the UPA in the presence of Minister of Women and Child Welfare, Mrs Renuka Chaudhary and Shri A.Raja, Minister of Communications on the 5 February 2009. Cadet Leonard is a prominent shooter and athlete. At RIMC, he has excelled in various fields and has been awarded Certificates of Merit in Adventure, Shooting, Obstacle Training, Skiing and Athletics. With this extraordinary feat and achievement he has indeed done our College proud.



Cadet Leonard Arambham with Mrs Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson of the UPA and Mrs Renuka Chaudhary, Minister Of Women and Child Welfare

Added Feathers

The 59th Republic Day saw a host of Rimcollians being awarded medals and Commendation Cards for their meritorious service. We at RIMC are proud of their achievements and wish them a bright future.

PVSM

Lt Gen BS Pawar, PVSM, AVSM

1960 64 Pratap

SM

Maj Gen AK Gupta, SM, VSM

1963 67 Pratap

Brig Ravi Pandalai, SM

1964 69 Pratap

Brig Rakesh Nandan, SM

1968 72 Shivaji

Brig KM Balsara, SM

1968 73 Shivaji

VSM

Brig BS Negi, YSM, VSM

1970 74 Chandragupta

Col Jarken Gamlin, SM, VSM

1974 79 Pratap

Col CP Mohanty, VSM

1973 78 Shivaji

Lt Col Neel Kamal, SM, VSM

1981 85 Shivaji

COAS Commendation (15 Jan – Army Day)

Col Iqbal Singh Samyal

1982 86 Ranjit

Maj Nirvikar Singh

1990 95 Ranjit

Maj PPS Mann

1992 96 Ranjit

Capt Karan Sagar

1995 00 Shivaji

At The Altar Of My Father

May his soul find a place
in the heaven of freedom,
For what I could never give him.
May his soul rest in peace!

Those bare feeble hands,
That I often held.
When the irony had struck,
And he was unwell.

Those same strong hands,
My tiny fingers clutched,
Which never left me,
For, whom today, I search.

Full of tender and love,
Big black eyes.
Smothering on every path,
Path full of my lies.

On those shoulders, I leapt
And went around playing pranks.
Saw stars and moon, a bit closer.
The shoulder, I forgot,
To hold, when it sank.

I was his all,
The eyes of his childhood memories.
Bearer of his name,
That never brought him any fame.

My smile, his good luck charm,
My father, so happy and warm.
His son, that never brought smile,
To one and only my beloved father.

Wherever he maybe,
But still he cares.
I asked God to make me
Born to my dearest father.

For, I could wash my sins,
And do what I never did.
For, he was my father and
I, his setting 'sun'.

Cadet Krishna Kant
Class IVA

Book Post

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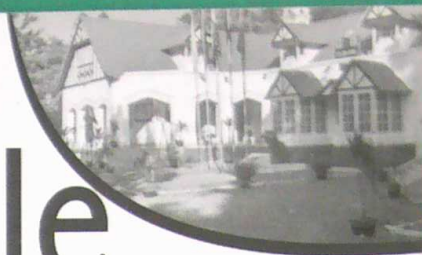
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Great is the height I must scale, but the prospect of glory gives me strength.

-Sextus Aurelius Propertius

EDITORIAL

With the College back in its euphoric stage, the cadets are deluged with various competitions. While the Cadet Guardians are acting as marsupials to the First Termers, the latter are an equally spirited lot to reiterate the motto ICH DIEN. The melancholy of the cadets due to bygone vacations is lost with the panoramic view of their Second Home. The mats have found their place in the fields for the PT Tests, which are on full throttle. The effervescent boxers are ebullient enough to sacrifice their sleep for the various toughening up sessions. The rostrum was once again set ablaze with highly confident debaters convincing the audience. The think tanks of the College were back in action, often seen with their thick hardcover books preparing for the Quiz Competition. Simultaneously, the Basketball Courts and the Hockey Fields are always thronged with cadets. The inclement weather came as a surprise package for the RIMCO. The snow clad hills of Mussoorie beckoned them, thus leading to a trek to Mussoorie. All guns aimed at the Bull's Eye, the shooters left their footprints with elan. The eyelids of the cadets struggling drowsily remain groggy with the persistent fear of studies in the medulla, for the Mid Terms in the itinerary. With many more events on the cards, the College is perfectly shaped for the times to come.

VIVALA RIMC.

Cadet Siddhartha Pratik
Class IV

GLORY OF WINNING



Cadet Akash Yadav celebrating his victory in the ring.

DATELINE

- 13 Feb-20 Feb - The Unit Tests for classes I to IVA and first Pre-Boards for class VA.
- 14 Feb - Finals of Table Tennis Opens.
- 19 Feb - Six Riders leave for Pune to take part in the Western India Equestrian Championship held at NDA, Khadakwasla.
- 21 Feb - Finals of Inter Section Shooting, Chandragupta Section lifts up the trophy.
- 22 Feb - 125 Cadets participate in the first level of National Science Olympiad. Cadet Rakesh Singh was adjudged First at School Level, in the city and at state level.
- Inter Section Cricket Competition commences- Pratap vs. Chandragupta: Chandragupta section wins.
- Ranjit vs. Shivaji: Shivaji section wins
- 22-23 Feb - Classes I and IA cycle to Robber's Cave for their Weekend hike.
- Inter Section Cricket Competition - Pratap vs. Ranjit: Ranjit section wins
- Chandragupta vs. Shivaji : Shivaji section wins
- 23 Feb - College celebrates Maha Shivratri.
- 24 Feb - Inter Section Shooting Competition. Chandragupta section claims the trophy. Cadet NCO Piyush Kumar and Cadet Section Commander Abindu Dhar bag the First and the Third position respectively at the Inter School Science Quiz in Wadia Institute.
- 25 Feb - 1st round of Cadets' Council Meeting.
- 26 Feb - College conducts Inter Section Quiz Round 1. Chandragupta Section leads with Ranjit, Pratap and Shivaji in tow.

POLEMIC PICADORS

It's often said that rhetoric is the best way to influence variety, and this is where the cadets of RIMC have attained super excellence. With their pockets full of confidence and determination, the debaters were well poised for the *Inter Section English Debate* on 9 February. A Parliamentary form of debate took place; each Section was represented by a junior and a senior Team. While the Juniors were sparkling the Seniors were super eminent. In the Junior's category, Cadet Prateek Prasoon was awarded the Best Speaker in the Finals and Chandragupta Section emerged victorious. In the final round of the Seniors, Cadet Section Commander Abindu Dhar was adjudged the Best Speaker. Again Chandragupta made their way and thus clinched the glinting trophy.

The overall positions were:
 Chandragupta I
 Pratap II
 Ranjit III
 Shivaji IV

Cadet NCO Jaykant Mishra
 Class VA



'Lords' of Lords

The pitch was set ablaze, and on lookers gazed in a state of stupefaction as to what would be the outcome of the clash of Titans. Eleven crusaders from each Section were witnessed competing to beat each other in the Gentleman's game Cricket. After all a lot was at stake with all of them trying for the Inter Section Cricket Trophy. It was not just a one man effort; instead each team had to prove its cohesion, spirit, calibre to handle pressure and most importantly unexpected miracles that save an apparently hopeless situation. And with all this underway, the victorious stood triumphant and the losers aiming for a better performance next year.

The final positions were:

SECTION	POSITION	SECTION	POSITION
Shivaji	I	Chandragupta	II
Ranjit	III	Pratap	IV

Special Mention - Cadet Abhinav Chaudhary for taking a hat trick against Ranjit.

Cadet Dhruv Gusain
 Class III

TEN X AT AIM

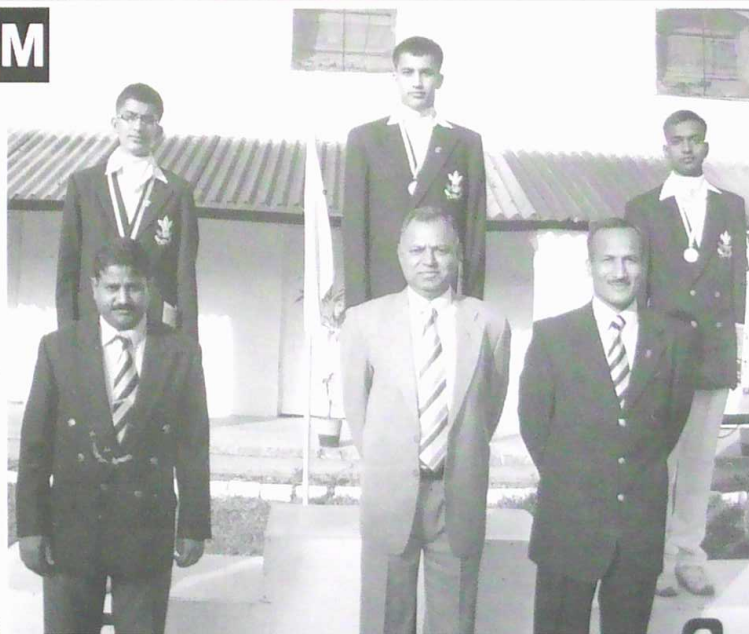
Standing still, like a statue with a gun, for hours at stretch, aiming at the same point from a distance of 10m or 50m. A test of patience, shooting seems to be a classic thrilling experience for some who intend to hit the bull's eye and earn 10 points for every opportunity they are provided with.

It's this endeavour that makes them a class apart, the winners. Shooting is a sport which demands every bit of concentration to achieve that immovable stability and consistency of performance and it's only then that one is awarded Gold with its true value.

This term, once again the *Shooting Competition* held at Inter Section level was conducted at RIMC when the bull's eye craved to get rid of the bullet shots, it had to suffer. The shooters were presented with a new challenge i.e. to transform their zealous and enthusiastic minds into an abode of serenity, which is a must for a capable shooter.

The overall positions were:

Chandragupta	I
Shivaji	II
Ranjit	III
Pratap	IV



The Shivajian trio with Deputy Commandant IMA, Maj Gen AK Singh.

The results very successfully portrayed the significance of every point scored, which alone is the difference between the first and the second. But, that every point can only be earned by the extra degree of

effort, the effort to dwarf every adversity in one's audacious approach.

Cadet Kumar Vikram
 Class II

MUSSOORIE CALLING

Unfathomable are the ways of nature. Just as when one thought that the summer had preceded the winter, incessant downpour with heavy snowfall in the higher reaches took everyone by surprise. Our joy knew no bounds when the first of our Unit Tests was postponed, and the College was to trek to Mussoorie to see the snow. Two hundred and fifty excited souls and an ever vivacious Commandant trekked uphill to Mussoorie. On the chilly morn of February 12, cadets accompanied by the Members of the Faculty, boarded the College transport which dropped us at Rajpur Road. Having barely covered one tenth of the trek, as we came face to face with reality, we felt disempowered of all the 'Josh' that carries a RIMCO through! We were grateful to have a phenomenal helmsman, with whom one never gets to know the difficulties. Chatting was a good way to pass time, but we were also on our guard,



Where Unity is Strength. College at Jhari Pani (half way mark)

lest we be caught grumbling. The objective of the trek to Mussoorie was to enjoy the snow. Once there on the Mall, video game sessions and a sumptuous lunch were truly an icing on the cake. When evening dawned, realization too

dawned, that it was time to return back to the College. All exhausted and clumsy, we were too glad to be back on our beds! In anticipation of yet another memorable getaway.
Cadet Siddhartha Pratik
Class IV

SHIVAJIAN SPRINGBOKS



Cadet Rushikesh Nimkar

This lad from Osmanabad, Maharashtra is a talented Swimmer and has already started showing his love for art. An excellent quizzier Rushikesh is rearing to go.

Cadet Amit Kumar Rai

Amit from Gorakhpur, UP is a great calligraphist. An academican at heart, this lad is sure to do not just well but outstanding in the term ahead.



Cadet Pratik Pegu

Coming all the way From Assam, Pratik is an excellent craftsman and an artist too. A medalist in District Lawn Tennis and a State Level Badminton player, Pratik was adjudged the most upcoming player in the Squash Opens. Pratik has plans to prove himself...



Cadet Sourabh Shukla

An excellent soccer player, this lad has been the goalkeeper of his State Soccer team. A good quizzier and dramatist, this youngster hails from Durg, Bihari. For Sourabh, "Sky is the Limit".

'LIGHT' TWISTER

You have no need to light a night-light,
on a light night like tonight.
For a night-lights light is a slight light,
And tonight is a night that's light.
When a night's light like tonight's light,
It is really not quite right,
To light night lights with their slight lights,
On a light night like tonight.

Cadet Krishnapal Singh
Class III

SMASH IT!



Rimcos can make their opponents dance to their tune, not only in the fields, the courts or the Boxing ring but even on a table. Yeah, it's Table Tennis. Table warriors had once again revived the anterooms into decisive battlefields. Smash buckling smashes, unexpected spins, surprising serves and strong defences can very forcefully steal the game away from the opponent. All of this was actively and regularly eyed in the Table Tennis Opens held recently at the College.

The winners had to confront a series of opponents to impact an astounding and thumping victory. The Opens were conducted in both the Seniors and Juniors categories and there were many among the newly joined who proved that they are no tyros in the game on the table.

A good strength of 156 cadets participated in the opens which ensured that the competition would really be a testing one. However, a few were called 'winners' who sailed through the blizzards to dominate the season. They were:-

Seniors (Singles)

Winner – Cadet SUB NCO Sahil Sahoo
Runners up – Cadet Pranayjeet Singh

Seniors (Doubles)

Winner – Cadet Pranayjeet Singh and Cadet Karan Thukral
Runners up – Cadet Guninder Sidhu and Cadet Vaishak M.

Juniors (Singles)

Winner – Cadet Sanket
Runners up – Cadet Abhishek Nand

Juniors (Doubles)

Winner – Cadet Abhishek Nand and Cadet Ranjit

Kumar
Runners up – Cadet Aayush Salara and Cadet Abhishek Yadav

Among the first termers, Cadet Shiv Shakti showcased true spirit and determination to reach the Junior Semifinals. A fact that caught my eye was the statistics which pictured the dominance of the blue-blooded Rimcos over the rest. I could only wish that, had the game been played with a prefix of 'Inter Section' the thrill would have been extra ordinary with the blue blooded Shivajians stealing the show away.

Cadet Abhishek Nand (One of the blue-blooded ones)

Kudos!

The following Rimcollians have been bestowed with military honors.

The awards are as follows: -

Lt Gen BS Pawar (1960-64)
Maj Gen AK Gupta (1963-67)
Brig Ravi Pandalai (1964-69)
Brig Rakesh Nandan (1968-72)
Brig KM Balsara (1968-73)
Brig BS Negi (1970-74)
Col Jarken Gamlin (1974-79)
Col CP Mohanty (1973-78)
Lt Col Neel Kamal (1981-85)
Col Iqbal Singh Samyal (1982-86)
Maj Nirvikar Singh (1990-95)
Maj PPS Mann (1992-96)
Capt Karan Sagar (1995-00)

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their commendable services in distinguished fields including academic, nature work and adventure activities respectively. Cadet NCO Jaykant Mishra and Cadet Praveen Kumar were awarded GOC in C Commendation Card for their active participation and excellence in college activities specially mountaineering. Cadet Piyush Deshmukh was also awarded with the same for his exemplary performance in riding.

Teachers Mr KS Ahlawat, Mr. PK Sharma and Mr. Sanjay Kumar were awarded the GOC in C Commendation Card for

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To, _____

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The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.

-Arthur C Clarke.

EDITORIAL

Editorials have always intrigued me. But I must also admit that more interesting are the myriad connotations we mortals associate with this intellectual exercise. Considered by most a platform to brandish grandiloquence, we all do propagate such like concocted notions with unabashed chutzpah. Many also believe that editorials are a means of intimidating the 'lesser beings' and the level of the intimidation, if I may call it so, decides the assumed standard of editorials.

To debunk this precarious argument all we need to know is that a natural flow of 'thought', guided by instinct and propensity, would truly blossom. Does an esoteric article have a better impact than one which speaks plain and simple? So let us hope that we all stop interpreting journalists as pompous busy bees, who go around speaking much Greek and less English. Well that again is a very personal choice and I leave the verdict to you.

With this prelude, I move on The spring has set in and is adding its flavour to the pristine environs of our "carefree abandon". As the Reunion fever grips the College, excitement and trepidation has already taken its heavy toll on cadets. The social milieu and traditional fabric of the college is undergoing an unprecedented transformation and is buzzing with creativity, its manifestations more than palpable at The Bhagat Hall and The Thimayya Audi ; and even though 'disciplinary vigilantism' fraughts us with distress, it simultaneously imbibes in us 'multitasking and managerial finesse'. Novices Boxing and Inter Section Cricket witnessed zeal and vigour in unimaginable proportions and is sure to get us all geared up for March 13th, the Friday. Immersed in the ocean of hospitality, College is all set to welcome the Old Boys and that in multitudes of iridescent colours for a long awaited Thirteenth March, the Friday.

In the end, more than anything, I wish to acknowledge the incredible work and effort of my section mates, for this issue of the chronicle and all I hope is that you have an experience of erudition and satisfaction.

Cadet Sec Com Abindu Dhar

HIT THE BULL'S EYE



The victorious Chandragupta Section Shooting Team.

DATELINE

28 Feb

- Novices Boxing.
- Cadets participated in Science Day Celebration Competitions held at Survey Of India.
- Cadet Rakesh Singh, Cadet Abhilash Patra and Cadet Abindu Dhar win the First, Second and third prize in Science Model Competition.

1 Mar

- Inter Section Cricket Competition
- Ranjit vs. Chandragupta: Chandragupta section wins.
- Shivaji vs. Pratap: Shivaji Section wins
- Shivaji section emerges victorious.

9 Mar

- Inter Section Boxing, a prequel to the 12th and 13th March Reunion celebrations commence.
- Cadet Kumaran Ravi, Cadet Parth, Cadet Nimon, Cadet Prathamesh, Cadet Manasvi, Cadet Abhishekh Kundalia, Cadet Varun won their respective categories.
- College celebrates Holi in College Temple.

11 Mar

12 Mar

- Reunion day one-Rimcollians vs Rimco Hockey match won by Rimcollians, 2-1. Maj Gen (Retd) Ashok Mehta was the Chief Guest for the match.
- Inter Section Boxing Finals won by Pratap Section followed by Shivaji, Ranjit and Chandragupta Sections. Gen (Retd) VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM, Lt Gen Gautam Dutt, AVSM and Col H Dharmarajan, SM.
- Horse Show, Sky Diving, Aero Modelling and hobby display followed by cultural evening.

13 Mar

IGNITED MINDS

Cadet Shinjan Chakraborty
Class III

On the occasion of the Science Day, a few Inter-School Competitions were conducted by The Survey of India on 11th Feb 2009, in which schools from all over the Doon Valley participated. Accompanied by Mr. S P Bhatia and Dr. Jairam Chaudhary, eight cadets represented RIMC. Cadet Shibashish Bhattacharya and Cadet Shinjan took part in the Juniors category of the Painting Competition, while Cadet Sub NCO Bhojpal and Cadet Utkarsh Tripathi took part in the Seniors category of the same. Cadet Anirudh Panicker and Cadet Ankur Rawat participated in the Juniors and Seniors categories of the English Essay Writing Competition respectively. In Hindi Essay Writing, Cadet Tabish Hasan and Cadet Ashish Kapoor took part. All the competitions had science-related themes. The cadets gave an exceedingly well performance and the results are as follows:

1. Cadet Ashish Kapoor: First prize in Hindi Essay writing (Seniors)
2. Cadet Ankur Rawat: First prize in English Essay Writing (Seniors)
3. Cadet Sub NCO Bhojpal : First prize in Painting Competition (Seniors).
4. Cadet Anirudh Panicker: Second prize in English Essay Writing (Juniors)
5. Cadet Tabish Hasan: Third prize in Hindi Essay Writing (Juniors)

CHILDHOOD DAYS



A for Apple,
B for Ball;
C for Cat,
D for Doll.
And that is not all.
Everything I had to study, when I was small.
Rivers and lakes and a beautiful waterfall;
Every place I wanted to go, when I was small!
The paper boats I'd sailed, during the rainfall,
The chocolates and ice-creams I ate up all.
The window panes I often broke with cricket-ball.
The moments when I watched how the crabs crawl,
And when gazed at the monument-it was very tall!
I remember being afraid of the lion and the jackal;
And reading Alice In Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.
Never being scolded- I was small, after all!
Now that my childhood days have gone once and for all,
I wish we would never grow up and always remain small.

Cadet Rahul Dev Verma
Class III

ARTICLE



Article, Article, Article
I sat to write
But alas, after enough fight,
Nothing came to mind.
My talent was well behind,
My pen, Oh! Why don't you write?
Why is this poet so quiet?
Like a kid I cry out-
Why not something new I try out!
My mind helped not a particle, so
I sat down to write an article.

Cadet Varun Kumar Deewan
Class III

NDA NEWS

Rimcollians continue to do well at NDA and keep the flag of RIMC flying high. Here is the latest from NDA:

1. Hunter sqn. 400 m relay team consisted of three Rimcollians- Rimcollians Rohit Shekhar (Pratap), Vasu Banathia (Pratap) and Achudev (Ranjit). The team won the gold.
2. Rimcollian N. Karthik Reddy (Shivaji) took part in 400 m relay and stood 5th/16
3. Rimcollian Vaibhav Bhardwaj (Ranjit) bagged gold in 5000 m and bronze in 1500 m. He is enjoying Academy Mid Term mood till the next term Cross-Country.
4. ACC Gaurav Hridaya (Pratap) won silver in 5000 m and bronze in 400 m relay.
5. Rimcollian Ankush Vashisht (Chandragupta) won gold in Javelin throw.
6. Pole Vault- first seven positions bagged by Rimcollians. Rimcollian Mahipal Dangi (Chandragupta) bags gold.
7. Rimcollian Mahipal Dangi (Chandragupta) also won the gold in 110m hurdles.
8. Rimcollian Anant Kukreti (Chandragupta) was adjudged the 3rd best speaker in the Inter Battalion English and Hindi debates. He was also declared 3rd best speaker in AFMC Debate.
9. Rimcollians Gautam Kumar (Chandragupta), Vinoth Vanya (Chandragupta) and Siddharth Mohan (Chandragupta) represented 1st Battalion in Inter- Battalion Quiz Competition and bagged the first position.
10. Rimcollians Anshu Kumar (Shivaji), Pranit Newar (Pratap) and Varun Aggrawal (Pratap) represented 3rd battalion in quiz and stood second. Rimcollians Anshu Kumar (Shivaji) and Pranit Newar (Pratap) are selected for Gen. Bakshi Cup and will represent NDA in the Quiz.

FASTEST FINGER FIRST

The much-awaited 1st round of the Inter Section Quiz Competition was organised on 26 Feb at the Thimayya Auditorium. With new rules and new rounds, the quiz was more interesting and more challenging. The introduction of 'RIMC Round' motivated the cadets to find out more about the unexplored avenues of the College. The quiz was made more interesting by another fact- each section was represented by four members, of whom one was the Captain, nominated by the section, and the rest three members were nominated by the opposing team Captains. However, in the buzzer round, the sections got to send all the four members of their choice.

Till the Video round, Ranjit section was leading with 70 points, followed by Chandragupta section at 65 points. But, with a flurry of answers in the buzzer round, Chandragupta section pulled off a stunner and finished at the top. The final results were as follows:

Chandragupta section	-	95 points
Ranjit section	-	90 points
Pratap section	-	55 points
Shivaji section	-	45 points

Cadet Aditya Udupa
Class IV



The victorious Chandragupta section teams

CHEETAH CUBS

The following cadets have joined the Chandragupta Section to carry on the legacy...



Cadet Kshitij Katoch:

Ever cheerful personality from Himachal, wishes to make the college proud in hockey and is very keen to do well in quizzing as well. He also hopes to carry forward section's tradition of academic oriented training. He promises and all we say is, wait and watch.



Cadet Shrilipita Jai Prakash

A voracious reader from Orissa, he has already proved his mettle in cricket, doing incredibly well in Inter Section Cricket Competition. He promises to do well at Quiz, and represent the section in the forthcoming riding competition.



Cadet Akhil Negi

A very enthusiastic hockey player. Akhil is very keen to learn swimming and shooting. He also hopes to defy the boundaries of creativity and explore the writer in him, all in his stay at RIMC. A power packed enthusiast we wish him luck for the wonderful journey ahead.



Cadet Rishav Raj

An all rounder from Jharkhand, he is a very good debater, sprinter, academician, dramatist, basketball player and the list goes on. Hope he does well in debating in the times to come and bring laurels to college. Do well, Rishav.



Cadet Shivam Kumar

Mathematics is surely his cup of tea. Shivam promises to be a good sprinter and also aspires to do well in academics and creative writing. A keen learner with perseverance, he aspires to do his parents proud.



Cadet Kush Kumar

An excellent cricketer and soccer player. This gigantic cub joins the Cheetah's lair from Meerut. He is very enthusiastic about doing well in horse riding and athletics and hopes to reach greater heights. A proud Cheetah to the core, we wish him good luck.



Cadet Purushottam Kumar

An excellent artist and a basketball player as well, Purushottam hails from Delhi and aspires to be a good squash player. An asset to the music club, we hope he does well in future.



Cadet Anirudh Panicker

A keen quizzier, Anirudh is also interested in reading novels. An ardent chess player, his symphony always resonates in the junior dorm. Well that's a cue for the music club to catch talent when it is fresh as a dew.

THE 'RIMCO EDGE'

Every night, before going to sleep, I look around my dorm. And, guess what do I see? That is, apart from the beds, tables, juniors, seniors and termers!

One might think, there's not much left to see. But, I see a lot. I see a boy from Manipur, occupying the bed directly opposite that of mine. Turn right, I see a person from Karnataka. Keep looking, I see glimpses of Rajasthan, Himachal, Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim, J & K- I catch glimpses of almost the entire nation. Step outside into my Section and Class- I see glimpses of the whole of India. I see different religions- I see different regions. I see cadets from all over India. And, day in and day out, I talk, eat, work, play LIVE with them. I have been doing so since last three-and-a-half years and will continue to do so for another year and a half, at the very least.

Today, even as the fabric of secularism is being tarnished by the forces of communalism, we at RIMC are learning the very roots of how to preserve harmony. Indeed, the opportunity to be trusted, loved and cared for by a multitude of people and to do the same in return, is one of the best things any organisation can provide- and we, at RIMC, are privileged to get such an opportunity.

This is one of the reasons why Rimcollians love their Alma Mater so much. The exposure a Rimco gets, helps him to gather first-hand knowledge of the rich Indian Culture, Customs and also the ways of the world. Therefore, this is one of the key reasons why Rimcollians are able to carve a niche for themselves.

It takes an instant to identify something going wrong and to protest against it. But, it takes years to comprehend any good that has happened to us, even longer to understand it and yet longer to acknowledge those who provided for it.

As we go about enjoying the routine, the rules, the seniors and dozens of other things at RIMC, we become more conscious of this 'RIMCO EDGE' we get, which carries us through our lives.

*Cadet Ravi Yadav
Class IVA*

I Pray...

Entire country was in great chaos,
In the fangs of great upheaval;
For the Fuhrer was a hero for the Aryans.
And, for the rest, he was a devil.

Anne was but a jolly girl,
Unaware of her own plight;
Not knowing that her happy life
Was to change in a single night.

"Jews were the murderers of the Christ", they said.
A race that lives for money;
Snubbed them out of their land, they did,
Without a single penny.

They worked and worked all day all night,
In hope of a nibble
And major element of their diet,
Was all that made them feeble.

Colossal armies came like brutal beasts,
Hounding them day and night;
And one fine day when she was caught,
Was taken to Auschwitz: that had been her greatest blight.

Family was gone, friends were gone,
And gone with them were all her desires;
Only things left were her memories that she cherished.
And recorded till the day she perished.

Then came the day for THE FINAL SOLUTION,
Shower bath was the only ablution;
They never knew that it was for their annihilation.
And then --- it was --- mass destruction.

I pray to Thee ... my Lord,
For those who still hath faith in You;
For they knew thy blessing will be bestowed upon them;
For they believed till their last breath,
That Thou exist in this world.

*Cadet Vivek Yadav
Class III A*

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CHRONICLING THE DARING

Taking cue from the felicitous utterance by Mr Din Dayal, I can't help but reiterate what enormous strength the RIMC instills in all those who pass through its sacred precincts. The elegant Tudor buildings and ever-stretching greens are all witness to the makeover of young elfin souls into men of honour. This is where the sturdiest of characters are built, shaped by challenges that come the Cadet's way. Adventure activities are one such challenge; one of a few that bring

summits and victories over nature, but memoirs full of adrenaline – enough to unearth the survivor instinct in you. In fact, it is not all about surviving. We have compiled for you a beautiful anthology of tales of triumph and exhilaration, of heroic ventures that still reverberate in the hearts of many.

Is adventure essential? Are the thrills and frills of risky endeavours worth the toil? Yours Truly leaves the answer to you esteemed thinkers. All I can present is arguments, and they

never seem to help. The will to go on, when the world in its entirety is against you is the will that has carried mankind through centuries. Our journey from being primitive apes to thinking individuals has been an experience in itself, hasn't it? I still

wonder what thoughts the first sight of a mountain would have invoked in early men. The hunting campaigns into the cavernous valleys, scavenging for food amidst dark forests and the gruelling duels with predators of the wild were all instrumental in making man what he is. As I look out into the mystique horizon, my primal instincts take over, as they have done long since humans shed their body-fur. I crave to be one with nature, so close that I can hear it breathe life into bleak landscapes – making beauty out of scratch. Adventure has been innate in man, and relentlessly,

**We have left RIMC;
It has not left us as yet.
May glory crown it as the
Years march on.**

Mr Din Dayal
Ex-Principal, RIMC

forth the best, RIMC has to boast of.

The Rashtriya Indian Military College has long stood as an epitome of resilience and spirit. Be it the undertaking of yonder years or certain contemporary pursuits, adventure has always been a 'top-of-the-list' affair in these premises. And with such a colossal bunch of Old Boys swarming in for the Reunion, what better way to strum some old cords than presenting to you the 'Adventure Special' edition of our Chronicle. Inside lays not just another mundane account of



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we Rimcos strive to keep it alive amidst fast-changing trends.

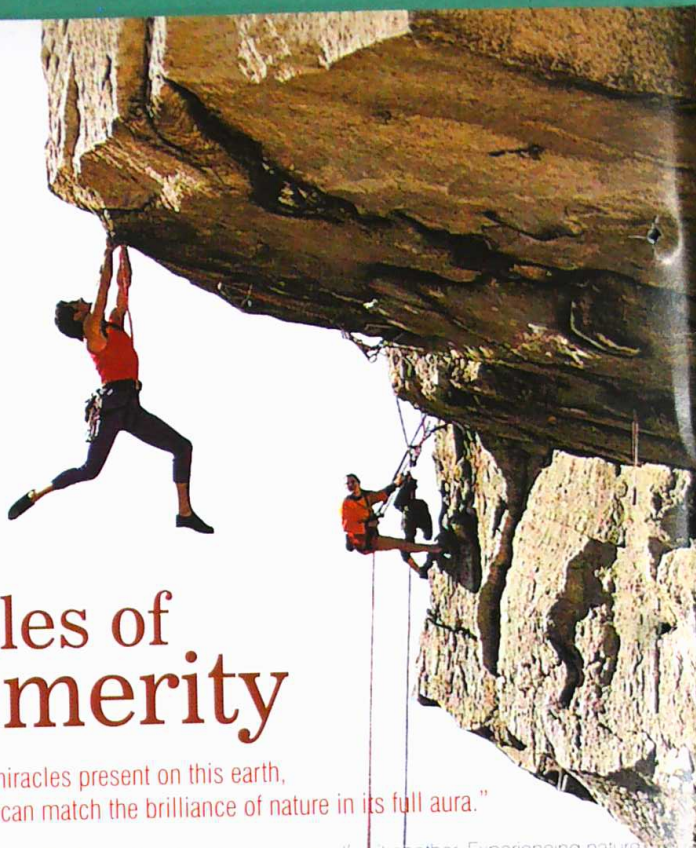
Adventure - the further one goes beyond one's imagined talents, the more intense and profound the experience becomes. It is Rimco instinct to stretch across horizons, reaching out to the unexplored. The unknown rouses up the seeker in us, leaving us curious to venture into novel territory - thus carrying the RIMC flag along. Every mountain conquered and each river traversed is a tribute to the ardour the College has for adventurism. Be it gigantic snowy peaks like Mt Jogin III or the lightning-struck River Zaskar; the cadets have been there and done it all. Not that the Old Boys are far behind. The list of achievers is a long and illustrious one. Brig Darshan Khullar - the leader of the 1984 Everest Expedition, Col MP Yadav - the former Principal of NIM, Uttarkashi and the internationally renowned sailing duo of AK Singh and KS Rao are all proud recipients of international fame. Lt

Commander Abhishek Kankan, another Rimcollian was a part of the first ever successful ascent of Mt Everest by an all-Naval Team- the first of its kind in the world. The summits of Mt Kedar Dome, Mt Koteswar, Mt Gangotri I, Mt Bhagirathi and Mt Deo Tibba - all stand testimony to the spirit of adventure and achievement inculcated in each one of us.

For 87 years, the RIMC has been living an adventure of its own. The pre-partition days of immaculate British masters, regal connections and Goan waiters were quite an experience. Later, as an independent India took shape, our dear College was back in its full aura. A few debates over its rechristening, the Indianisation of the staff and bidding adieu to all signs of British occupation were all mini-adventures in themselves. And now, with an extended Rimcollian fraternity and budding cadets at the centre stage, our journey still goes on strong. Yet there are no final outcomes, only episodes. Episodes of joy, assorted by little trials and tribulations of life are regular features in our unremitting voyage through the seas of time.

On this 87th Reunion, I extend the 'Very Best' to the entire RIMC family and hope our legacy goes on for decades to come. A very merry Reunion to one and all...

Cadet Anshul Roy
Class IV



Tales of temerity

"Of all miracles present on this earth, not one can match the brilliance of nature in its full aura."

To admire nature is one thing, to immerse oneself in it, another. Experiencing nature in its entirety is a totally out-of-the-world experience, enough to leave the strongest of hearts in awe. For years, the RIMC has been witness to successful adventurous pursuits - all of which have taken the College flag higher still. Presented here are a few narratives by the people who with their audacious spirits have become outstanding examples to be emulated. Every single attempt at taming nature is a chapter in itself, a worthy reminder of the rich legacy we Rimcos are inheritors of. These excerpts may only be little glimpses into how sagas are created, but even glimpses of such unique ventures are enough to satisfy the craving heart. So, the Ed Board brings to you 'first-hand accounts' of adventure activities, which will be forever remembered in the College as an insignia of our resilience.

Atop Kamet !

Twenty third June 1982 1635 hrs:
Nine members of the Golden Jubilee Expedition Team from Indian Military Academy stood atop India's third highest mountain-Mt Kamet (25447 ft). For me, it will forever remain a memorable day. In the history of IMA, never had GCs been commissioned on mountains while on expedition. I got my stars at Camp III (20500 ft). Before sending the actual expedition, we were to do certain courses and training. The first one was an expedition to Trishul (23300 ft) in August-September'81 and two GCs successfully made it to the top. On our way to Base Camp (15500 ft) we stopped at the 'Three paraos' (halting place at night). Base camp was located at Vasudhara Tal from where we saw

the summit of Kamet over the intervening ridges. We established B-camp on 02 June.

Camp III (20500 ft) was our advance base camp. On the 5th, the team was divided into two parties, advance and the rear. I was in the advance party and occupied Camp I on 6th. At Camp II, there was no water at all. Melting snow was the only alternative and an extremely slow process.

On 12th, we occupied Camp III (20500 ft). We had to put on crampons on our boots and moved up with the help of fixed ropes. The gradient of the slope was 70 to 80 degrees. At Camp III, two teams were made, one for Kamet and the other for Abi Gamin. I was in the Abi Gamin team. The team leaders were given the flags by the leader, Brig Jagjit Singh, VSM. We were

carrying four flags, the National, Chief of the Army Staff, IMA and the Arty Flag.

I was carrying yet another flag. **The flag of the Rashtriya Indian Military College.**

Two of us, GC Gautam Chaunik and I were caught in a complete "white out" on our way back. As luck would have it, the weather soon cleared and we managed to reach the camp safely.

18 June was the D-Day for both the teams. We were to attempt Abi Gamin from IV and they from camp V to Kamet. The weather was not very good. After about half an hour, the settled cloud rose and soon it started snowing. During this time, three of my fingers got numb and I kept rubbing them for over one hour in the tent.

When I told the doctor about this at Camp III later on, I was told that I might have been frost bitten, had I not rubbed my fingers. By now the bad weather and sustained hard effort had started telling upon the members.

We were nine of us, divided into three ropes with three members in each rope. In my rope were, Capt Thapa and Nk Tashi from Ladakh Scouts. We started off fine. But soon we were sinking knee deep. The summit was there on top of us as though challenging us to reach it. We too stood there ready to face it and extend the limit of our endurance and put our skills to test. Nine slender figures were moving up.

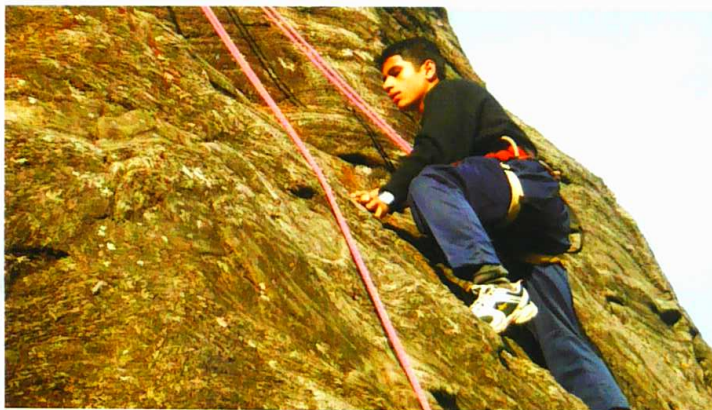
One never knows what would happen next on the mountains. After six hours

of climbing we reached the place from where the summit was about 600 ft. Though our strength was gone, the spirit was very much alive. The slope was steep, the distance about 200 ft. Fixed rope was required. Soon we reached the top. But we had made it. A sudden emotion gripped me. Unable to feel any accomplishment, I kept standing there for a moment. I was too tired and exhausted to feel anything. I just wanted to rush back. All of a sudden this gigantic mountain had, after sending us back once, received us this time with so much humility and kindness. It was probably telling us that it appreciated the determination and the spirit of adventure. Commissioned... atop Kamet!

Maj Prem Prakash

My Experiences at HMI

When winter sets in and chilly cold winds start blowing in the early morning, no one is ready to show their heads out before the sun shows its need to this world. During such a time, 14 cadets of class IIA and Mr R Thamil Selven were ready to go for the Basic Course in Mountaineering (HMI, Darjeeling) during their winter vacation.



Morning PT: Basically this PT was meant to impart skills, to make us physically fit and acclimatize to the cold weather. My body refused to do certain things and also felt PT is too tiring. After a week I got accustomed to the skills and techniques.

Rock Climbing: It looks very simple, but is too tough. When I forced myself to do it, my heartbeat had coupled by many folds. My fingers and legs were too tired when I reached 15000 feet. My instructor started giving warning signals. At last I kicked my legs with all my power, the next minute I was on the top of Tenzing Rock.

Trekking: Walking through hills is not easy, steep upward slopes are always

challenging. My legs started pulling me down. They almost refused to move further and I was very thirsty while trekking. I covered 60 kms within four days.

Ice Craft: My rope members were all afraid of being a casualty in the crevasses rescue. At last I was made to be the casualty. Within five minutes my life was in danger between the crevasses. Meanwhile my rope was pulled up. When we reached the top we all witnessed the great avalanche on the other side of the mountain.

I enjoyed the entire course. When we reached Mt Ronak at 17000 feet, the joy was exceeding and overflowing; all fifteen of us had conquered the

peak and completed the course. I was really proud of being a Rimco when we were appreciated by our course mates. We were the tiny tots of the course and while many believed that we would never complete the course, not a single Rimco fell out. Climbing peak to peak, height gain, rappelling, suspension transverse and ice-craft. All these activities help build our confidence, sense of achievement, strong determination and will-power making us ready to face any difficulty thrown at us.

Cheers Rimcos!!!

Cadet Abhishek Gargmukh, Class II A

ACROSTIC

Atop the entire world

Defeating perils, dangers blurred

Visiting realms of impossibilities

Enjoying all difficulties

Narrow paths we discover

Terrains rough, we dare to conquer-

Umpteen crevasses with snow as the cover.

Rimcollian camaraderie always to be felicitated

Emanicipation from fear and joys unlimited.

*Cadet Ashish Kapoor
Class III A*

THE ZANSKAR WHITE WATER RAFTING EXPEDITION

Twenty five cadets and three Rimcollians, Col Arun Mamgain (Ex Shivaji) the then Commandant, Capt Munendra Gupta and Capt Rajan Khosla (both ex Chandra Gupta) rafted the river from Padam (15,000ft) to Nimu (11,000ft) over 165 kms of freezing waters. This expedition lasted for four days. It was their first major White Water Rafting expedition and all members were rank amateurs. The expedition was only possible due to the support received by two Rimcollians who were then at the helm of affairs - Lt Gen S Padmanabhan (ex Shivaji) PVSM, AVSM, ADC (GOC in C Northern Command) and Air Marshal Vinod Patney (ex Pratap) PVSM, AVSM, SM, ADC (AOC in C Western Command). As another feather to the cap, this expedition was also covered by the Outlook magazine as a photo feature.

INS TRISHNA AROUND THE WORLD



Maj Gen KS Rao SC, SM and Arjuna Award winner had won the Enterprise Individual Championship in 1972 and skippered a Seabird dinghy from Iran to Bombay in 1971. As a Major, Maj Gen KS Rao was the skipper of Trishna during the journey from UK to Bombay in 1984. Maj AK Singh KC, SM and National Adventure Award winner was the second watch leader on board and also after the electrical and mechanical systems of the Yacht. Unfortunately his leg had to be amputated after a hang gliding accident. Perhaps he is the first one legged sailor to have sailed from UK to India and he was the first handicapped sailor in the world to circumnavigate the globe in a yacht. He won the Silver Medal in Wind Surfing in Wills Asian Regatta in 1981. Ten Indians sailed around the world in a yacht, covering 55,000km in 15 months and 12 days. The yacht was only 11 meters long and 3.25 meters wide. Trishna means an urge to fulfil a deep rooted desire, a 'thirst'. It was a thirst for the sea, and a desire to sail around the world, which was the reason for giving the yacht this name.

MT KEDAR DOME (6830M)

A sixteen member team led by Col MP Yadav (Ex Pratap) VSM, FRGS, Adventure Award winner and Capt YS Meiti (Ex Shivaji) as Deputy Leader successfully scaled Mt Kedar Dome. It was the maiden expedition of RIMC; braving all odds every member scaled the peak in the year 1994.

Snow at Mussoorie!

From the RIMC Magazine, 1967



It had snowed only last night,
And was indeed a beautiful sight:
Mussoorie had been covered with snow,
All friends then craved to go!

We had been waiting for this day,
So by next noon we were hiking away:
Though it was rather a tiring journey,
Yet fatigue failed to bend our knee.

Oh, there was such joy and fun,
Throwing snowballs and then run.
A 'white blanket' spread out all around.
Nature's magnificent treasure we had found.

One moment, 'twas a clear sky,
The next, fiery clouds floated high.
Mist and fog came down so low,
Roofs and streets were wrapped in snow.

At last, we had to leave,
Deep sorrow did our hearts receive;
It seemed as if a devoted lover,
Was taking leave of his damsel forever.

Cadet K S Jaswal, Ranjit
Class V A

THREE MINUTES TO HELL

Col S Kiron Singh

From 'Where Gallantry Is Tradition' - 1997

Going through the College Chronicle for February-March 1996, I came across a short write-up on Himalayan Mountaineering Institute Adventure Course where five cadets attended it from 22 December to 05 January, 1996. It was a pleasant reminder of familiar names in the Himalayan mountains where four of us sweated and toiled up and down in 1969. KAK Singh (ex-Shivaji, now a doctor in Imphal), Col MP Yadav (Ex-Pratap now Principal of NIM, Maj HS Singh (Ex-Ranjit) and I were the first batch of cadets sent by RIMC to attend this course. Short of blowing our own trumpet, it is pertinent to mention here that we walked away with all the first prizes in obstacles, debate, cross country and tent pitching competitions. It is heartening to know the spirit of the Alma Mater is being still upheld at Darjeeling.

The experience of that excellent course is still vivid in my mind. However one particular event stands out and I will devote a major portion of this article to that experience.

The event was scheduled in the initial stages of the course. We commenced the trek to R Singla after breakfast

The trek was pleasant enough along Winding Mountain tracks down to the river. Habitation in 1969 along the course was scarce. We pitched our individual tents in a school compound devoid of any grass and prepared to rest for the night. Suddenly, a tree came crashing down on me and sure enough I was rudely awakened by the tent crashing down on me. The rainwater had seeped into my tent and I was literally floating in water. My sleeping bag was wet and I was drenched too. Overhead the rain continued to pelt and gave us no respite. I looked at my watch - it was 0330 hrs and indeed a long way to daybreak. Adventure indeed! We cursed our luck.

The rain had stopped by 0530 hrs and in its wake, it left behind a ruin. We then set out for the river-crossing site soon enough and by 0900 hrs we were on the banks of the Singla. Well there was some consolation that a rope had already been strung across. Lathdo addressed us and asked for volunteers. KAK Singh was the first to go across. No sooner did he move three meters across, he was swept across his feet.

Next was my turn. My heart was beating and clutching the rope I moved into the river. The rope was a big help and the harness was yet a

bigger help. Having crossed three quarters of the river I suddenly found myself unable to move ahead despite my best efforts. I realized the carabiner of the harness I was wearing had got stuck because of a big knot on the rope. I had no other option but to free myself from the carabiner. The clasp in the carabiner had to be unwound to free it from the rope but my efforts seemed futile. My fingers were absolutely numb. All this while, my feet were firmly lodged in the sandy riverbed but the current was slowly and surely winning the battle. I found my legs being slowly swept away. I tried a last ditch effort to straighten up and implant my feet in the riverbed but no sooner did I try it, than the current took over the proceedings. In a jiffy I was swept away but thanks to the harness, I held on to the rope in a helpless dangling posture. That is the time when I realized the worst form of death was by suffocation and drowning. My endeavour to fight death seemed futile and I longed for the peace and quite of the heavenly abode.

However, I was not completely gone and my desperation to fight the current seemed to give me the much needed additional strength. The volume of water was too much and the current too strong. It seemed an eternity! Just as I was losing my heart and the will to fight off the current, I felt somebody trying to hold me aloft. The realization that somebody was close by dawned on me. I lunged out and grasped at him.

My desperation jeopardized the rescue act. It was not the rescue of a drowning man in the classical sense. It was a wrestling match! I almost wrestled my rescuer into the water. However, the strength and experience of my rescuer prevailed over the odds and I was hauled out of the water. My rescuer was none other than my Sherpa instructor Lathdo.

I lay where I was, for hours completely sapped of strength and the will to move. Tired, exhausted and happy to be alive I slept like a log and doing so missed all the fun my fellow adventurers experienced in crossing the river. Later, much later, I was told that I was in the water for only three minutes. I was stunned. It seemed an eternity. However, I did learn my lesson and that was, if you have to invite death, never invite it by drowning.





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The term in its end has an occupying association of time; the feeling is immense and cannot be captured in a few lines in its entirety. Those in want of time to coagulate, find respite in the fact that we depart today, only to meet tomorrow with greater vigour. The host of events for this term have although come to an end, but they surely accentuated the sportsmanship and performance of the cadets to strive for the pinnacle.

The Obstacle Competition, being the last of all sports, brought out the great zeal and enthusiasm among the cadets. The Quizzers have once again proved that Quizzing is their cup of tea. With the oncoming examinations, the cadets were forced to desert the fields with day long study periods, keeping them busy and thus leaving them to the fury of the exam lords. However, the newly introduced skill classes have helped Classes IVA and V in pulling up their socks. Class IV A is coping with the exuberant classes of Mr Tyagi before they take up their final battle in the month of August.

"Impossible itself says I'm possible" and with this faith and ebullience, the board classes have stepped into the Armageddon. The pre-board experience was gold for the taking as many have equipped themselves with the requisite armour. The Board exams started on a good note and the spirits are on high just like that of IPL 2009. The rest of the College is gearing up for their terminal examinations.

On one bank of the river, we have the 174th Course who just stepped into the haven while on the other bank the 165th Course is turning blue as the unceasing tide of time is carrying them away. Nevertheless, the off colour Spartans are ever more tactful to strike a perfect balance between the passing out nostalgia and the examinations.

With many more events on the cards and a great list of oncoming visitors on the campus, the College is getting perfectly tuned for the 165th Graduation Ceremony to set VA forth on the 'boulevard of their dreams'.

Striving for excellence. In anticipation...

Cadet Mogallapalli Sai Surya
Class IV A



Bharat Ratna Dr APJ Abdul Kalam presenting the 'Most Helpful Cadet Trophy' to Cadet Captain Avaneendra M Thakur

DATELINE

- 01 May - Inter Section Obstacle Competition. Shivaji Section lifts the trophy.
- 02 May - College Quizzing Team clinches the Rajeev Khanna Memorial Quiz at Scholar's Home.
- 03 May - Expedition Team leaves for Basic Course at JIM, Pahalgam.
- 04 May - 2nd Phase of Inter Section Quiz Competition. Ranjit and Chandragupta share the trophy in a neck to neck fight.
- 07-22 May - Board Examinations for Class IIIA and Class VA commence.
- 12-23 May - College terminal examinations for Classes I to III and Class IV commence.
- 14-15 May - College Squash Team participates in the 5th Uttarakhand Squash Opens. RIMC brings home trophy and cadets selected for the state team.
- 24-25 May - Demonstration by Royal Life Saving Society. Cadets undergo capsule course.
- 25 May - Section Socials.
- 27 May - ROBA Dinner. Mr Ashwani Kumar, Chief of CBI, graces the occasion.
- 30 May - Former President of India, Mr APJ Abdul Kalam attends the 165th Graduation Ceremony as the Chief Guest.

OBITUARY

The RIMC Family is deeply grieved to inform of the demise of Maj Gen Uday Chand Dubey (College No 223 / Roberts) on April 21 2009, a Cadet who joined the PWRIMC on 04 April 1923 and passed out in 1928 to join Sandhurst. It was only a few days earlier that we had wished him on turning a centenarian this year on 26 March 2009.

June 1923

'A bright lad who has settled down very happily and made quite a good start'

- Lt Col H L Houghton, Commandant PW RIMC

We solemnly regret to inform you of the sad demise of Mr EM Ross Magenty who joined the PWRIMC as a Cadet (College No 455) on 20 January, 1941 and who

was a truly spirited Rimcollian. May God give strength to the bereaved family and let the benign soul rest in peace.

May 1941

"He is a very keen fellow indeed, it is a genuine pleasure to work with him". - Mr JGC Scott, The Principal.

December 1942

"He has done his job as Section Commander very well. The twenty seven Cadets under him have become very much more of a Section, showing improvement and increased keenness all round, and he has managed as well to keep an understanding eye on the younger Cadets."

- Mr Berkley, Section Master.

One-Six-Five: Ever-Flying-High

These young lads of 165th Course are wished a great future. In abiding by the College tradition, the views expressed here are of the Section juniors, under freedom of speech.



Cadet Captain Avaneendra M Thakur
The Versatile Genius

An endearing localite, he was famous for his creativity and his way of life. His cool head and 'Castrol - Honda super performances' are bits for which his juniors will remember him for long. His jokes and methods of 'frustration' were unique for all.



Cadet Sec Com Kaustubh Nalwade
The Suave Intellect

A believer in the adage, 'actions speak louder than words', has led his section to great heights. He has brought laurels to the College in Boxing, Hockey and Athletics, but has never compromised on academics. We bid farewell to this silent lad from Maharashtra.



Cadet NCO Piyush Kumar
The Ignited Mind

The Newton of his class, he was the one who gave Abindu a run for his money. Nobody ever knew the thoughts that generated behind his spectacles. One among the geniuses, his presence in the field of Debating and Dramatics was indispensable. Having proved his mettle by securing the 10th position in All India Merit, he is sure to do well in times to come.



Cadet NCO Abhishek Singh
Standing Tall at Computers

Popularly known as the 'Computer wizard' of the College, one could find him sitting on a computer or sleeping in 'Chota Part'. Good at heart, we all will miss his instant jokes and funny comments that tickled everyone's funny bone.



Cadet NCO Ankit Siwach
The Brawny Wit

The terror of the College, this 'Jordan's' baskets in the courts and achievements in other arenas are innumerable. Displaying a true picture of a senior, he would be remembered for his typical 'chor smile' which, hardly took time to turn into a frown. Favourite of Mr Tyagi, academics was never his cup of tea.



Cadet NCO Y Bronson Meitei
The Nimble Feet

He could be seen enjoying all around the Campus. He is renowned for his final day 'josh without hosh' performances. Called 'George of the Jungle', he will be remembered for his peculiar style of walking. He is sure to prosper in the journey that awaits him.



Cadet NCO Shilp
The Cherubic Soul

He was a true example of hard work and patience. A good athlete and a caring senior, however, academics was not his cup of tea. He was a kind chap who led by example. We all will miss his booming baritone voice which always meant 'lottery'.



Cadet NCO Rathin Pratap Singh
The Philanthropic One

Enthusiastic and motivating machine of his section, he was found pinkish blue leaving no stone unturned when it came to strenuous reducing rounds during Boxing. Ranjit Middle Dorm will surely miss him for his perusal parades of socks and his ever caring nature. This hardcore Arsenal geek will always be fondly remembered.



Cadet Section Commander Tushar S Chauhan
The Multi Talented Leader

The so called 'Ballack' of the section was a perfect epitome of josh, skill and sincerity. Often seen motivating his juniors, this blue blooded shark was a die hard fan of Maria Sharapova both on and off the courts. A cool headed guy he was always the first to perform on the field and when it came to academics, he was no less. This jovial Cadet, specially for his peculiar style of laughing, would surely be missed.

They entered the portals as ...



... and grew from strength to strength



Cadet NCO Rahul Singh Gurjar

The Computer Stalwart

The decoding machine of the College, this Rajasthani would be remembered by the IT Dept for his unmatched skills in hacking a computer. A good athlete, he was one of the silent terrors of the College and is sure to achieve great heights.



Cadet NCO Bhupendra Chand
Creativity Personified

'English Teacher', as he was called behind his back, and a favourite of Mrs Rachna, he led the Journalism Club efficiently to great heights. Pratap Section will remember him for those practice sessions of Phonetic symbols. His dorm always looked up to him for any kind of trouble solving. An all rounder, he was a model of improvement for his juniors.



Cadet Sec Com Thada Rohit Reddy

The Altruistic Academician

Following the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi, the only southie of his course, believed in the motto 'Truth and Non Violence' and led Ranjit Section in a correct manner. One could find him trying out new info projects or playing Soccer, his passion of life. His juniors will always miss his never ending 'lotteries'.



Cadet NCO Udayansuman
The 'Fast and Furious'

This, 5 feet 5 inch Usain Bolt of the College was invincible in 200m. A true gizmo freak, he was a hardcore fan of Megan Fox, both on the set and off it. College will surely miss him for his amazing computer games and movies. Ranjit Section has learned a lot from this spirited ever smiling 'Close up'.



Cadet NCO Jaykant Mishra
The Adventurous Spirit

Name a field and he'll be there helping his juniors. Jackie, as he was known amongst his juniors, set the tracks ablaze whenever he entered them. (Turning eccentric in his last two terms) he used to take his dorm Cadets for Lal Gate Round at 5 in the morning. One will surely remember him specially for his out of the blue MLs.



Cadet NCO Abhishek Dhungyal
The Keen Lens Eye

This hunky-chunky of the section was actually the real josh-machine on the fields. Living on the motto 'Do or Die', he was the life and breath of the College Soccer Team often found motivating his juniors in every aspect. He would also be remembered for his short and sweet MLs. We all are surely going to miss his speaking style which was a blend of both laughing and talking.



Cadet NCO Harshit Suri
Genteel Pugilist

'Looks are deceptive' and he proved it. The 'Calipurnia' of the section was actually a nightmare for his opponents inside the Boxing Ring. Often seen blushing pink, he will be remembered for his peculiar style of walking with shoulders high, broad smile and not to forget his mischievous looks.



Cadet Sec Com Abindu Dhar
Eloquence Par Excellence

The young 'Einstein' and the naughty 'Mark Antony' of the College was omnipresent for his juniors' help which often turned out to be pretty useful. We will remember his verbal battles with the debating buddies and his hot headed quarrels in the middle dorm. With the distinction of topping the All India NDA Merit list for the term Jul 2009, he has kept up the College traditions once again with the College flag flying high.

A MASTER OF DESTINY

Home had always meant one loving behemoth heap of cemented bricks and mortar, painted with my father's choicest colours, garnished with what my mother preferred for furniture and my brother and me to run riot over all this. But then, I've learnt in English that if you have a word, rest assured you'll have a synonym for it. In my case, RIMC was the one.

Every time one looks at a group photograph, a curious glance to identify oneself in it surfaces. 'I', it seems is a word with as many connotations as the number of lives on this earth. Strangely, this time I do not write for 'I' but the people who have rendered meaning to this mighty single letter word.

I've always considered studying a thankless profession and I find myself conforming to this norm even now. At first (the first term) it was a seemingly differential salutation calling a teacher as 'master' although I learnt the reason steadily and in courses. The educator here is one's mentor for whom the charter of duties is not limited to the front and back door of the classroom but to the doors within. He is not only the master of your Class but a master of your destiny! "Holy studies!" They were all the same, the books were the same, the print was no different, the class topography never dwindled and yet it all felt different with them. There was an unmistakable openness in the class, the sort that makes you pour your heart out and I realized what it is for scores of Rimcollians fondly remembering Mr Singhal and the other masters even years later.

Termers and seniors did teach me a lot and I have always acknowledged them for this help but maybe not the teachers. Where else do you find your teachers drenched in rain and sweat just because you lost your NDA Admit card? Where can you locate such selflessness (add care) that not only is your NDA Form but the entire rugged journey to excel in it is deftly handled by your masters. I never thought that NDA classes would teach me important lessons of punctuality and commitment and not merely Mathematics equations and thousands of words. But it all did happen and it happened so fast that now at the threshold it feels like a seventeen year 'new' precocious lad. I have learnt! I have learnt that life isn't a mere acquisition of certificates and medals but a prized collection of valuable memories and lessons learnt the hard way out but more importantly, 'learnt' after all.

You cannot help feeling at home when the exacting and strict PT Saab, who spends a mere half an hour on five days a week with you, knows not only your name but all about you. And much of it transpires through convenient grins! Then there were teachers who gave me an initial break and zing into writing and made me feel like an important-someone. I can only thank you all for all the help.

I think they are wise in saying that when you are taught by the stars, sky is the limit!

If you charge me of buttering now I swear I'll leave writing for the Chronicle (which inadvertently I'll have to!)

Cadet NCO Bhupendra Chand

Class VA

ANNIHILATING BARRIERS

As the term neared its end, all the sections set their eyes at signing off on a winning note, by claiming the Inter Section Obstacle Training Competition Cup. Obstacle Training being a sport of sheer stamina and endurance took exhaustive stamina and endurance sessions. With every cadets' endeavour to improve by blind perseverance, all the bruised knees and section vests finally came together on 1st May 2009. Kicking off with a neck to neck fight in juniors and nail biting performances in seniors, the overall results shaped were as follows-

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

The individual standings were as follows:

JUNIORS

Cadet K Arjun	I
Cadet Ranjeet Kumar	II
Cadet Lalit Thapliyal	III

SENIORS

Cadet Suwendu Mishra	I
Cadet Anshul Bansal	II
Cadet JS Suman	III

With this the sport events for the term ... but this was just the beginning of the end.

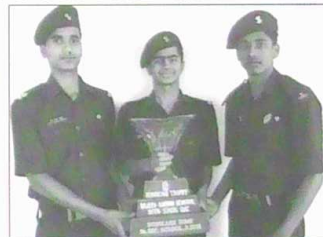
Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey

Class III

'GLORY FOR THE QUIZZERS'

Quizzing has been the forte for the RIMCOs and the quizzers have once again proved their mettle by clinching the most coveted Rajeev Khanna Memorial Quiz at Scholars Home. The team of Cadet NCO P Promoth, Cadet Sub NCO Devi Prasad Bhuyan and Cadet Aditya Udupa surpassed all the other teams through the various rounds based on the theme 'Eternal India'. The live round on the 'Raas Leela' of various states was the highlight of the day. At the end of an ebullient quiz, RIMC stood out to be closely followed by Welham Girls and Oak Grove School.

Looking forward to many such Quizzing events...
Cadet Aditya Udupa
Class IV



The winning team of Rajeev Khanna Memorial Quiz

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Reflections

*"To those who struggle with them,
The mountains reveal beauties,
They will not disclose to those,
Who made no effort."*

Editorial

This place is certainly enchanting as it is always the cynosure for all of us and keeps us mesmerized. When at home during vacation, our heart longs to be back here. For most of us, while vacation had various synonyms - Stayback, Relaxation and Adventure, RIMC had only one - 'Home Sweet Home'.

The College set off on its sails, looking much more ebullient and energetic than ever before, and welcoming gullible young buds aboard, who would be under the transformation charm soon. The cadets were back with great promises (made back home) to be fulfilled and to leave a mark in the journey ahead.

Awards galore at NDA and IMA, won by our very own Rimcollians, have further added fuel to the fire of sniping for more 'Success par excellence'.

During the course of time, many changes - food, infrastructure, building - found their place. But the fact remains that the unaltered spirit of RIMC is always at the pinnacle. Be it the decades' old traditions or the senior-junior relationship - they are always the same. The best part is how a Cadet so preoccupied by the daily routine, not only follows it, but also enjoys doing it.

Now with rains being a regular affair, all cadets cherish playing soccer in rain soaked fields. The Variety Entertainment has once again put the creative minds of cadets into great action. The newly incorporated format of 'Public Speaking' aims at exalting the communication skills.

Looking forward to a great term ahead...

~ Cadet M Sai Surya, Class V



RIMC team with the Hon'ble President, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan

DATELINE

- 14 July - 24 Freshers join College. Mandir function held.
- 16 July - Cadets report to College from vacation.
- 17 July - 'Wreath Laying' by Commandant. Tabbing Ceremony held. Brig CS Thapa, a Rimcollian (Pratap 1965-69) administers oath to all appointments and cadets.
- 18 July - Table Tennis and Chess Opens commence.
- 20 July - RPL (RIMC Premier League) Soccer Inter-Class Competitions begin.
- 23 July - Finals of RPL Soccer. Class VA wins the RIMC Soccer Cup.
- 24 July - First round of Inter-Section Variety Entertainment held.
- 25 July - The Expedition Team accompanied by Class-IV felicitated by Her Excellency, Smt Pratibha Devisingh Patil, the Hon'ble President of India in the Flag In Ceremony of the Mt Banderpunch Expedition.
- 1 August - Finals of Inter Section Squash Competition held with Shivaji Section lifting the Trophy.

Stop Press

1. In the Second Brar Memorial St. George's Invitational Inter-School Swimming Competition, RIMC won nine golds, four silvers and eleven bronze medals.
2. RIMC bagged the First place in the Mindspre Competition organised at St. Jude's School. The Best as well as the Second Best Speaker was also won by RIMC cadets.
3. In 'The Doon School Inter-School Chess Tournament', Cadet karan Thukral bagged the First place.

Tyros at Slaters

Enjoying and persevering during my vacations for the Board Exams, I got a sudden call to participate in the prestigious 'Sesquicentenary Revd. Dr Samuel Slater Memorial' English Debate held at Bishop Cotton School, Simla. The team comprised Cadet Vivek Yadav, Cadet Nishant Singh, Cadet Himanshu Thapa and myself getting into immediate action. The team toiled hard during practices and left for Simla on 7 July. Some of the renowned schools from various corners of the country like Mayo Girls, Ajmer, Vasant Valley School, Delhi, La Martinere's College for Girls, Lucknow and the host itself Bishop Cottons were participating. RIMC team was the youngest in the competition and the debate also proved to be a breakthrough for some of the team's debaters at this level. RIMC was pitted against Vasant Valley, Loreto House and Mayo Girls in three different debates out of which the inaugural debate was held against Loreto House. Cadet Vivek Yadav emerged with an awe inspiring vocative, bagging the Best Speaker Award in the same debate. Cadet Nishant Singh also bagged the Second Best Speaker Award against Vasant Valley School in the third debate. A picnic and a Jam session too was squeezed into the schedule which was enjoyable. The team matured its debating skills with this experience and brain racking topics. The team left with a note to return the next year and bounce back with a renewed zest.

-Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey, Class IIIA

Looking back at stay back.....

It seems just like yesterday when I stepped into this great institution four years back along with thirty two gullible young buds. Seeing the cadets leaving their homes, I too aptly felt nostalgic and remembered home. For a moment I wanted to go home just like in any other vacation, not knowing that the entire stay back was going to be much more fun and would reflect few of the most cherishing moments of my life. The idea of staying together as a course in the same dormitory made all of us feel more like home than school. However, we had to face the fury of the scorching sun that had no pity and grew brighter by each passing day.

Each morning was spent in the classroom, attending Mr Tyagi's class, the only guide in the midst of a thick jungle called NDA preparation. The best of the times were when a few afternoons were utilized for playing Cricket and exploring the corners of the Campus, hunting for mangoes and litchis, which would have not been possible during the term. Food was the only factor which reminded us of home. The oncoming NDA examination has indeed made us realize that we've got to look into our books as well. At the end of the stay back, we all had a horrible feeling in our stomach on realizing that this was the first and the last time, we would ever have such a wonderful experience of a complete stay back.

-Cadet M Sai Surya, Class V

Rimcollian Excellence Lingers...

For the third time in succession, it's a Rimcollian who has bagged the President's Gold Medal and the Sword of Honour at the IMA. ACA Abhishek Rana was the proud winner this time. In the Passing Out Parade of the Indian Military Academy, the following Rimcollians received their hard-earned stars and awards.

ACA Abhishek Rana	6 ASSAM
BCA N Ghildiyal	17 RAJ RIF
BCA Sharyf Bhonsle	2 PARA (SF)
SUO Abhishek Kumar	1 JAK LI
SUO Gurpreet Singh Dhillon	5 MAHAR
JUO Roshnikanta	Army Aviation
CSM Lenin Pal Singh	AAD
CQMSY Romen Singh	2/9 GR
Sword of Honour	ACA Abhishek Rana
President's Gold Medal	ACA Abhishek Rana
Best GC in Infantry Madras Regt Medal	ACA Abhishek Rana
Best in OLQ JAT Regt Medal	ACA Abhishek Rana
Best in Tactics, Initiative Leadership JAT Regt Medal	ACA Abhishek Rana
Best Motivated GC 2nd Course Offrs Trophy	BCA S Bhonsle
Best Sportsman SIKH Regt Medal	BCA S Bhonsle

- Sea Cadet Suraj Aiyappa bagged the Commanding Officer (TS1) Trophy for standing Second in overall merit at the Naval Academy
 - Capt Poshuk Ahluwalia won two bronze medals (team) in Air Pistol and Free Pistol categories during a recently held competition in Hanover and Pilsen.
 - Maj Vijayant Singh has topped the JC 18 Course.
 - Rimcollians scored a triplet at DSCC, Wellington with Maj Varadan bagging the coveted Scudder, Maj Rohit Tewatia the Lentaigne Medal and Maj Ramaniand the newly introduced Purple Heart
- May the trendsetters strive on to greater heights bringing laurels and glory to their Alma Mater!

Congratulations !!

Carrying on the legacy, Rimcollians have ascended to higher ranks for the umpteenth time.

Rear Admiral PK Chaterjee (1967-72, Pratap) has been approved for the rank of Vice Admiral.

Following officers have been promoted to the Brigadier rank.

Col SK Ahuja	(1971-76, C Gupta)	Punjab Regt
Col Ved Prakash	(1973-77, Pratap)	Assam Regt
Col CP Mohanty, VSM	(1973-78, Shivaji)	Rajput Regt
Col DA Chaturvedi, SM	(1973-78, Ranjit)	1/3 Gurkha Rifles
Col Gajendra Prasad, VSM	(1974-78, C Gupta)	Dogra Regt
Col DS Gill	(1973-78, C Gupta)	Artillery

Heartiest congratulations to them and let's hope that they reach greater heights.

News from NDA

1. Rimcollian Karthik Reddy stood 2nd in the X-Country Competition held at NDA.

2. Rimcollian Jaikant Mishra bagged the overall 2nd Best Speaker in the Inter-Battalion Debate Competition.

3. The following Rimcollians are appointments at NDA for the Spring Term 2009.

ACA -Siddharth Rawat

BCA -Gautam Kumar

BCA -Shashank Bhargav

BCA -Vikas Madaan

BCA -Vikas Singh

4. A total of 13 Rimcollians stepped into NDA on 22 June 2009. They have been allotted the following sqns-

A -Bronson

B -Tushar

C -Jaykant

E -Kaustubh

F -Uday

H -Rathin

I -Avaneendra

J -Shakti Singh

K -Bhupendra

L -T. Rohit

M -Abhishek Dhungyal

N -Eeshan Katoch

O -Abhishek Singh

5. In the Passing-Out-Parade at NDA and IMA, Rimcollians bagged the following awards:

NDA

President's Gold Medal -ACC Gaurav Hridaya

President's Silver Medal -ACA Prabhat Singh Rana

Best Army Cadet -ACA Gaurav Hridaya

Best Air Force Cadet -Swagat Das

Best Sportsman -ACC Gaurav Hridaya

Best in Drill -ACC Gaurav Hridaya

Best in OLQ -ACC Gaurav Hridaya

Best in Cane Drill -SCC Ashish Sharma

IMA

PGM -ACA Abhishek Rana

Sword of Honour - ACA Abhishek Rana

Best GC in Infantry - ACA Abhishek Rana

Best in OLQ - ACA Abhishek Rana

Best Motivated GC - BCA Sharyf Bhonsle

Best Sportsman - BCA Sharyf Bhonsle

Rimcollians Bhupendra Chand and Rohit Shekhar received the Commandant's Motivational Prize in Debating



At the Glorious Portals

The great success of the RIMC Expedition for the successful assault atop Mt Banderpunch - I or the White Peak has been deeply commended by all the forums. This young spirited team of ours was flagged off from the College on June 5 and summited on June 16, crossing every difficulty with a death defying spirit.

Everyone was proud of our success and we got recognition from everywhere. It was due to this that the Supreme Commander of the Defence forces - the Hon'ble President of India herself consented to felicitate the Expedition Team. It was a red letter day for RIMC when on 30 July, 2009 in the grand Yellow Drawing Room of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, this solemn event took place. It was attended by the Chief of Army Staff, the Chief of Air Staff, the DGMT and a whole lot of very senior personnel.

From our College, this function was attended by 39 cadets who comprised Class IV and the Expedition Team. At 1140 hrs, Gen Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Chief of the Army Staff met the Expedition Team and interacted with us.

It was 1205 hrs when the Hon'ble President came to the Community Hall and the Team had the privilege of being photographed with her. Then the real part of our programme started. Cadet Vivek Yadav, being the Master of Ceremony, welcomed everyone to the ceremony quickly followed by the speech by DGMT, Lt Gen VK Ahluwalia, AVSM, YSM, VSM. Then Gen Deepak Kapoor, PVSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, ADC, Chief of Army Staff, addressed the house. The next part was the narrator's speech describing the experience of the entire Expedition. It was then that the President spoke to us and was surprised that such a task was successfully cleared by young teenagers of merely 14-15 yrs. She was very glad to learn about the manner in which we had overcome adversities that befell us and commended our discipline. She was very delighted after listening to the narration of our experience and commented that for her, it was like living through all the stages of the Expedition. Then, the Commandant proposed the vote of thanks. The Team Leader, Mr Sanjay Kumar, presented the customary Ice Axe which the Hon'ble President formally accepted and flagged in the Expedition Team. It was followed by another proud moment when the President joined us for tea in the adjacent hall where she personally felicitated each Team member and congratulated him on his success.

This rare and memorable visit didn't just enthral us but also inspired and encouraged us to venture further with a redoubled zeal and fillip. Experiences like this are hard to come by and it is rare moments of this nature that leave an indelible mark and make human life strive to reach for the stars.

~Cadet Piyush Raj, Class IVA



Cadet Rajendra Kumar Mahato

Another feather in the cheetah's cap, this lad hails from Dhanbad, Jharkhand. He is keen to pick up horse riding as a sport. This exuberant lad is full of promise, waiting to exploit his talents to the fullest.



Cadet Siddhant Mishra

This chap is a football and basketball lover. A new asset for the journalism hobby, he has already started writing for the Garhwal Post, a reputed local daily. A good hand at computers, is also a promising academician.

Aiming Right

The General JJ Singh Shooting Competition was held at AMU, Mhow from 1 June to 3 June. Six shooters from the College Shooting Team participated in the Competition and performed exceedingly well.

On 27th of May, the shooters left for Indore along with a Shooting instructor. They were taken to their accommodation at Infantry School, Mhow. 29 May was earmarked for acclimatization at the Shooting Range. The same day, team from the NDA also arrived which consisted of five Rimcollians.

The Competition consisted of four main events. The Competition began on 1 June with the Air Rifle Matches. The scores of the RIMC Team were:

Cadet Gourav Kumar - 358/400

Cadet Abhimanyu - 357/400

Cadet Supreet - 356/400.

On the following day, Pistol Matches were also held in which Cadet Lalit scored 356/400 and qualified for the Finals and attained sixth position overall. Rimcollians also performed very well with Cadet RP Singh winning the Gold Medal and Cadet Pawan Bharadwaj winning the Bronze Medal in the Air Pistol Category. The RIMC Air Rifle Team also bagged the Bronze Medal in the Team category on the final day. It was indeed a very fine experience and exposure for our shooters.

~Cadet Supreet Singh Heera, *Class IIIA*

From the archives

In 1930, all the books left unattended outside mess, Anterooms and in classrooms, were deposited at Book Pound. The imperial cadets, who claimed these books, could collect them by paying a sum of 2 annas (one sixteenth of a rupee), which was very valuable during those days.

On August 4, 1927 a total of 150 books were lost while shifting the College Library to the new building. This feat left the Library closed until it was investigated.

Movie Mechanix

Movie time saw the Cadets feasting their eyes on the following movies:

1. Behind Enemy Lines (III) - July 18
 2. 17 Again - July 25
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FERVENT FRESHERS



Cadet Sanyam Dwivedi

Being an intelligent and sincere cadet, he has also participated in the 2nd International Maths Olympiad. He also holds good ranking in the National Science and Cyber Olympiad. A soccer player and a budding debater, he is surely going to do well in future.



Cadet Yogant Kumar Pandey

This creative and bright student hails from Giridih, Jharkhand. A keen quizzer, he has an excellent command over the language. He is likely to join the Music Club as a vocalist. We hope that he would climb greater heights in the time to come.



Cadet Hasanpreet Singh Chahal

This chap from the hometown of Yuvraj Singh, is an inquisitive lad, raring to go. He was awarded a scholarship for doing well in the National Science Olympiad and was also ranked 1st in the Kips Power Point Presentation. An exquisite academician as well as a super techie, he is going to bring laurels to his section as well as the College.



Cadet Mayank Kumar

An ardent quizzer, debater and an eloquent speaker, this lad is also a good athlete and soccer player. With so much of talent, there is nothing to stop him..



Cadet Sachin Preet Singh

An academician par excellence, he has always bagged the first position in his endeavours. He clinched the certificate of merit by achieving 44th position in the Indian Scholarship Examination at All - India level. He has a penchant for Hindi Elocution.



Cadet Arunabh Saxena

This lad hailing from Ahmedabad is a keen chess player, swimmer and is eager to pick up squash. He is interested in debating and quizzing. Coming from a navy background, he himself is a die hard naval optee.



Cadet Vipul V Jajoo

This lad hailing from Sainik School, Satara has a lot of talent to offer to our College. He is also a good runner and has already proved his mettle by winning two of the three matches in Squash Competition. He is also an extremely talented Bharatnatyam dancer.



Cadet Shashank Dahiya

An avid quizzer and academician, he has also participated in zonal cricket tournament. He has also taken part in the state Tae-kwon-do championship. He is also a good swimmer and a great dancer too.

The Summit

As I reached the peak,
I looked around for my team to seek.
Reminiscences of the training energised me,
All the courage given to me was by Him.
Just a few feet away,
Holding the rope I sway.
And then came the last heave,
A test of my will you must believe.
With the College flag in my hand,
On the peak it did land.
And it was that moment of pride,
That time around seemed to have taken a stride.
Oh, no it was not a myth,
On was our search for the zenith.

~ For the summiters of Mt.Banderpunch,
Cdt.Abhimanyu Dubey, Class IIIA

Rimcollian Young Officers' Course.

Infantry

Lt Sandeep Karwasra bagged the Best Student Award amongst the Infantry YOs, he has been graded AXI in platoon and support weapons and an A'I in the Tac Leg.

Lt RPS Rana has also been graded AXI in platoon and support weapons and an A'I in the Tac Leg. He was awarded second best project in the course.

Lt Lokesh Shukla has been graded AXI in platoon weapons and an A'I in the Tac Leg.

Lt Harshit Borole has an A'I grading in the Tac Leg and an AX in platoon weapons.

Lt Shishir Shukla has also been given an instructor grading and a AX in platoon weapons.

Armoured

Lt Vaibhav Sinha has bagged the Best Armoured YO and Sub Lt Rohit Tanwar(IN) has made it to the Aviation Branch and is busy learning his checks and procedures at AFA.

Kudos



1. The RIMC Commandant's Fund Scholarship of Rs 5000/- has been awarded to No 2496/Pratap, Cadet Ashish Kapoor, who stood First in Class X Board Examination May 2009 among the Cadets



2. Late Shri KP Bhadra Scholarship of Rs 3460/- was awarded to No 2383/Ranjit, Cadet Thada Rohit Reddy, who stood First in Class XII Board Examination May 2009 and joined NDA June 2009.

Tabbed

A total of 25 Cadets have been tabbed as the appointments for the July Term 2009. They were indeed privileged to have their oath administered by Brig (Retd) CS Thapa, an eminent Rimcollian (Pratap 1965-69) and a prolific writer. He also instituted a scholarship of Rs 1 Lakh to a Cadet standing first in joining NDA from Uttarakhand. This Award has been named as Bhim Puran Award in the memory of his grandfathers, both of whom were Military Cross winners for Gallantry.

Book Post

To, _____

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Reflections

The aim of every argument should not be victory, but progress.

-Bander R Boon

Editorial

A fortnight through and the term has just commenced. The campus witnessed the cadets striving hard to burn those extra layers of fat (gained during vacations) beneath their skins, to be back in shape. With their eyes, still damp at the thought of home, the first termers put up an exemplary performance in the novices X- Country. The Hindi Debate resulted in tedious speeches and day-night practices, bringing out the best eloquence among them to achieve success. For now, I am wavering again but that doesn't mean I am lost! Moving towards the fields, the arduous X- Country and spirited soccer inculcated team spirit and made the Cadets realize that an obstacle can be overcome by little extra effort. The College Mansarovar was once again flooded by the hydrophobics and acrophobics overcoming their fears to pass their swimming tests. Amidst this thick jungle of physical activities are the books and omnipresent examinations. The newly incorporated ICSE books in addendum to the CBSE ones have left the cadets in a quagmire of academics. Being optimistic, they believe that this scintilla would ignite their minds that would turn into a wild fire of knowledge. With the UPSC examinations round the corner, the 167th course is bracing themselves up to get ready for the 'examination of their life'. In the peregrination ahead, I am sanguine that the cadets would leave no stone unturned.

~ Cadet M Sai Surya, Class V



The Proud Winners of Inter-Section Soccer hold the trophy aloft.

DATELINE

- 3 August - RIMC participated in Mindspreed Debate and Quiz at St. Jude's School
- 4 August - Class I vs IA Football Match
- 7 August - Inter Section Hindi Debate held, Pratap Section lifts the trophy
- 9 August - College Swimming team departs for Mussourie for St. George's Invitational Inter School Swimming.
- 12 August - RIMC participated in Cambrian Hall Hindi Debate
- 15 August - Independence Day celebrated. Flag hoisted by Commandant. Inter Section X Country and 'Run for Fun' held. Shivaji Section emerged victorious in X Country
- 17 August - Unit Tests commenced.
- 20-21 August - State Shooting at Pondha
- 22 August - Unit Tests Finish. Inter Section Soccer commenced. RIMC participated in Cambrian Hall English Debate
- 23 August - Cadets participated in Map Quiz held at Survey of India

The promise of the TYROS

"Rhetoric is one great art of five lesser arts: Inventio, dispositio, eloquitio, memoriam and pronuntiatio. Rhetoric is speech designed to persuade", or so said Cicero. Here at RIMC we make a constant endeavour to master this art. Debating is slowly and gradually emerging as an area of bailiwick for the RIMCOs. With new faces emerging on the scene, the young lads have risen to the occasion to whet their power of eloquence supported amply by the apt rhetoric. They have had a spate of debates in the past in local and outstation.

On 2 August 2009, two cadets took part in the Bros. CJ Masterson Silver Medal Debate (juniors) and two in the Bros. Bergin Gold Medal Debate held at St. Georges College, Mussourie. Cadet Supreet Heera and Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey took part in the Masterson Debate whereas Cadet Anshul Roy and Cadet Astitva Tyagi took part in the Bergin's Debate. The cadets put up a good performance, owing it all to their relentless hard work.

On the 3 August 2009 two of our novice debaters, Cadet Taral Chanchani and Cadet Arunabh Saxena, in order to test their oratory skills, took part in the Mindsprees English Debate held at St. Judes School and made their mark by clinching the title. Cadet Arunabh emerged as the Best Speaker and Cadet Taral as the 2nd Best Speaker thereby, making a clean sweep. Cadet Vivek Yadav and Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey also displayed their skills of eloquence in the same competition in the senior category.

12 August 2009, two debates being conducted simultaneously in two different venues of the city. At the fall of dusk, Cadet Vivek Yadav and Cadet Himanshu Thapa left to take part in the Debate held at St. Josephs Academy. At dawn, the Hindi debaters left for '24th Maharani Gambhir Kumari Inter School Hindi Debate' held at the Cambrian Hall School. The representatives from RIMC were Cadet Lavanya Tomar and Cadet Ashish Kapoor. They were third in the overall standing, exhibiting exemplary performances. On 22 August 2009, Cadet Bishma Saini and Cadet Vivek Yadav participated in the English Debate held at the same venue. Cadet Vivek Yadav stood out as the 2nd Best Speaker in the same. With a spate of debates coming up, and the quest for acme of the debaters on it we are sure to expect a few more laurels on our way ahead.

~Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey, Class III-A

Between The Lines

January 2007- my first term. Hardly had a month passed that a really enthusiastic senior of mine introduced me to the rounds time. Just that half an hour and excruciating pain had left me in tears. That's when he said a few acerbic words which seemed almost non-sense to me at that time, perhaps whose depth I was to enter later. "Come on, you're a Rimco, don't cry, you're in a military institution." "So what? It's like any other school, how does it matter anyways," I thought to myself. Time went by and I paid little heed to the incident. It certainly brought the morale down instead of boosting it. But still, the exhilaration to adorn the Olive Green, for the very first time remained, looking at the mirror every time we did so. Though we were attired in the OG, but it took me another two years to take up the responsibilities that came along with it. The responsibility of taking a 'quantum leap' in every performance, of delivering each and every time, to never perish in the race, to be the 'crème de la crème'. Of course, my I, I-A was like any other-time just seemed to stand still in counting down the DLTGH. But, the hint of this really different feeling came after RIMC had won the first gold in the first event of IPSC swimming held in October 2007. It was not just about celebrating the achievement of an individual, but celebrating the maiden gold of RIMC, enjoying as a team, which always pushed you to limit, always to do better. Congratulating our soccer team at every victory of theirs in the prestigious Soccer Cup. There are myriad instances of this kind but then again, it was not just about enjoying and celebrating all the time, it was about living up to expectations, to come down from the 10m board only jumping. It was ever to find the rope too high and then running yourself but also pulling others in every stamina run. It was to have an immaculate conduct each and every time. Managing to learn and excelling in all sports and yet be paper tigers at the same time, and endeavour to master the rhythm and symphony and not lagging behind in any sphere. There is a plethora of activities, but you have to make method out of the madness around. Of course, every Rimco does attempt to inherit all these qualities, but even imbibing most of them, not necessarily all, distinguishes him from the crowd. And once this happens, you're completely settled in this institution, ready to put together all your zeal, move up from smaller and confined aims to perform for the College. Though it seems easy writing it, certainly it isn't so but there is a time when every one moves together towards a larger goal. This drastic transformation does take place after a certain amount of toil and perseverance. Days of profuse perspiration, motivation, inspiration, and a spark within you for each performance to be at the 'crest of the wave'. And then the feigned temerity of that meek first-termer, as he cements his foothold here, turns him into a Rimco with true élan. He then proudly bears the tag of being a Rimco- a Rimco who is fired with a scintilla and dedication to take his Alma mater to dizzying heights and discover that it's addiction to be a Rimco. But for now, there is a lot more to know between the lines and realize. Till then, au revoir et a bientot...

~Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey, Class III-A

Rimc Excels in State Shooting Championship-2009

The RIMC team brought laurels to the College by bringing home a haul of medals in the 8th Uttarakhand State Shooting Championship held at the Jaspal Rana Shooting Range at Pondha.

Overall RIMC won 4 individual gold medals, 2 silver and 3 bronze medals.

In the team event, RIMC emerged with 3 gold medals and the same number of silver medals.

Individual and Team Rankings-

Peep Sight-Air Rifle Sub Junior Boys	Individual	Team
Cadet Gaurav Kumar	Gold	Gold
Cadet K Vikram	Bronze	Gold
Cadet Rajat Tripathi	Silver	Gold

Peep Sight-Air Rifle Junior Boys

Cadet Supreet Singh Heera		Silver
Cadet Aaditya Anand Tyagi		Silver
Cadet Abhimanyu Singh	Bronze	Silver

Open Sight-Air Rifle Junior Boys

Cadet Ankit Malik	Gold	Gold
Cadet Krishna Pal Singh		Gold
Cadet Tarun Kumar Munna		Gold

Open Sight-Air Rifle Sub Junior Boys

Cadet Puneet Kumar	Gold	Gold
Cadet Avnish Singh		Gold
Cadet Divyaraj Singh	Bronze	Gold

Air Pistol Sub Junior Boys

Cadet Ravi Pathak	Silver	Silver
Cadet Shivam Sharma		Silver
Cadet Prathmesh Kohale		Silver

Air Pistol Junior Boys

Cadet Lalit Thapliyal		Silver
Cadet Leonard Arambam		Silver
Cadet Varun Deewan		Silver

.22 Peep Sight Air Rifle Junior Boys

Cadet Kumar Vikram	Gold
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About Pawns and Knights

The RIMC Chess Opens commenced from 17 July to 25 July. There were a total 102 cadets who participated in the opens. This competition was divided into 3 categories-The Juniors (Class I,II, III, IIIA) and The Seniors (Class IV and above).

The following cadets emerged victorious in their respective categories:

Juniors

Winner: Cadet Chitiz Panwar

Runner up: Cadet Vishal Shaw

Middles

Winner: Cadet. Abhishek Dhamu

Runner up: Cadet Krishanpal Singh

Seniors

Winner: Cadet Sabhyasachi Mishra

Runner up: Cadet Karan Thukral

Best Loser: Cadet Rahul Kadian

Most Upcoming Player: Cadet Amit Kumar Rai.

~Cadet Taral Chanchani, Class IA

~ Cadet Taral Chanchani, Class IA



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good runner, soccer
at power point.
talented in playing
ician too.



Cadet Vibhanshu Hemdan

This localite is an ardent mathematician. He has won the Second Position at the Tarun Sangeet Maths Olympiad twice. He also has the gift of the gab when it comes to oration in hindi.

An avid reader, there are great expectations from him.



Cadet Chandra Shekhar Panigrahi

This lad hails from Andhra Pradesh. He is a very good Quizzer and loves to play the mouth organ. He had participated in National Integration Camp and won the Best Cadets Award. He represented Andhra Pradesh in Scouts and Guides camp at Jaipur.



Cadet Abhimanyu Thakur

This lad from Himachal Pradesh is a very keen photographer, story-teller and an artist. Though he is quite short-statured, he is an inter-school basketball player.



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en belt in karate. He is
as he surprised the
most upcoming first
so a good sportsman
aniors' cricket team in
eat lover of soccer, he



Cadet Akash Kumar

This lad from Nalanda is a very good academician and won a scholarship amount of Rs.21000 in a mathematics and science competition. He got 4th position in state and stood 20th at the National level in a mathematics competition. Hope he brings great laurels to the College.



Cadet Orkhodip Paul

This boy from Meghalaya loves to play cricket, soccer and squash. He is an avid reader and loves to play musical instruments like the Congo. He has a flair for creative writing. He strongly feels that determination and hard work are the keys to success.



Cadet N Sidharth

A spirited lad from Tamilnadu, he is an ardent quizzer and his achievements speak for him. He has emerged at the first position for three consecutive times in his district in the NSTSE exam. He also bagged the 3rd place in the quiz in his previous school. He has a long way to go.



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is a good basketball
ther games like table
he is set to lead the
he has already taken
band' competition.
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Cadet Gaurav V Mhetre

This boy from Maharashtra is set to deceive everyone by making it big with his small height. A good orator, he's also a keen player of table-tennis and football. We hope he emerges with flying colours.



Cadet Gaurav Kumar

An enthusiastic boy, he hails from Nawada, Bihar. A good athlete, he is also good at cricket and table tennis. Hope this place proves to be an apt platform for his talent and he emerges as a fantastic sportsman.



Cadet Pranjal Thakur

This boy from Hamirpur is a very good soccer player and a very good academician. He brought laurels to himself by doing well in the National Cyber Olympiad and International Maths Olympiad and secured the 42nd and 26th rank all over India. Wishing him the very best to make it to the top.

FERVENT FRESHERS

This zealous lad from G with a lot of promise. He player and likes to play c tennis and cricket too. College military band as part in the IPSC milita Hope he does well in futu

Life's a Miracle

I see a flower and cry,
So serene and beautiful, soon crushed will die.
I watch an ant and lie,
Trampled in soil, it will survive.
Soon the happy moments of life,
Will be overcome by its plight.

Life's a great miracle,
Every moment is a battle.
Grand leap beyond the hurdle,
Confusing riddles in this world, so puzzled.
Puddle of lies smeared on my face,
Lies that kill, lies that vie, in its dark embrace.

Though life's a reason,
For the flower to smile, be for a while.
It's all 'His', enigma of desires,
When peace reigns, who doesn't admire?
Still the sun rises and the stars shine,
It's in us, residing in the back of our mind.
Everything's beautiful, though it never seems,
Diamond when polished, gleams.

Through the river of sorrows, everyone ferries,
All I wish is a good luck charm from my tooth fairy.
As I close my eyes and feel the dark,
I guard my happiness like a tree's bark.
Tomorrow, whatever happens, we may live alone and die.
But today, I will love to cherish a smile.

~ Cdt Sub NCO Krishna Kant, Class V

Inter Section Quiz Competition

The Inter Section Quiz Competition was held with teams of all four sections participating with great enthusiasm proving their quizzing skills. Every section consisted of a team of four members. The team of each section had a captain and the rest three members of the team were selected by the other three sections from a list of 20 cadets who were shortlisted as quizzers.

The Quiz Master of the Quiz was Mr PK Sharma and the Time-Keepers were Cdt Navneet Suman and Cdt Mohit Chaudhary. The Team Captains of Pratap, Ranjit, Shivaji, Chandragupta sections were Cdt Sabyasachi Mishra, Cdt Arpit Sangwan, Cdt Vaishak Madhusudan and Cdt Aditya Udupa respectively. The rounds of the Quiz were as follows:

- Science
- Mental Abilities
- Current Affairs
- Environment
- Sports
- RIMC Round
- Audio
- Visual
- Buzzer Round (General Awareness)

The Quiz started at 19.15hrs and the venue was Thimayya Auditorium. Pratap Section emerged victorious with 112 points followed by Chandragupta Section with 61 points, closely followed by Shivaji Section with 57 points and Ranjit Section with 49 points.

The Chief Guest for the evening was Lt Col Rajesh Nathawat, Officiating Commandant, RIMC. He commented on the spirit of the new quizzers who were selected in the afternoon and proved their quizzing skills, growing from strength to strength. The technical support was provided by Mr Vineet Mathews and Mr Neeraj Negi.

~Cadet Supreet Singh Heera, Class IIIA

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Reflections

"To be a winner, all that you have to give is all that you have."

Editorial

With the term having crossed the psychological benchmark of 100 DLTGH (Days Left To Go Home) since pandemonium set in, it has certainly caught its pace, transforming from the peregrination. The cadets, who were undergoing activities with bated breath, have at last heaved a sigh of relief. Right after X-Country, the cadets made an instant shift to the soccer fields without wasting much time, and delivered scintillating performances there too. And then of course, the ubiquitous cadet is also exploring the azure depths of the pool. But, the plethora of activities are making a paradigm shift, from 'Inter-Section' to 'Inter-School' with myriad competitions coming up. Thus, the Inter-Section is proving to be a platform for talent spotting, for the young buds to excel in the Soccer, Swimming and Debating teams and other arenas as well. The Debating team is toiling day and night to clinch the Kashi Naresh Trophy, along with many more laurels on their way ahead. Coming back to the erudition realm for the academic block, the books are out and the cadets have braced themselves for the Mid-Terms, which are just a fortnight away. The first termers too have blossomed and are all set to break free from their cocoon, cementing their foothold independently and reaching out for all they can. Their mysteriously all pervading zeal can be felt in the aura they carry along, as a result of their active participation and performances in various fields. The 167th course is expecting to stand tall in the UPSC-NDA examination. Though the rain gods have drenched the campus, but the spirit remains undeterred, with the ebullient cadets all set to convert this phase of the term as the 'crest of the wave' and keep their search for zenith on!

~Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey, Class III-A



Lt Col Rajesh Nathawat giving away the Trophy to Shivaji Section, the Winners of the Inter Section Swimming Competition

DATELINE

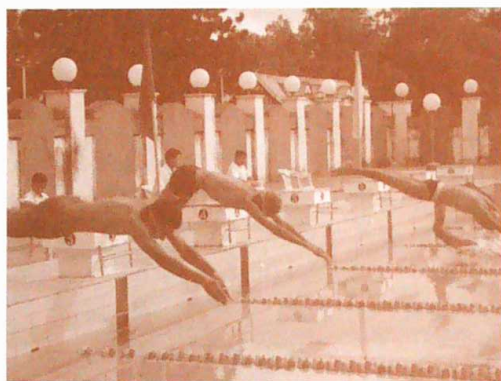
- 26 Aug - First Round of Inter-Section Quiz held.
- 29 Aug - Finals of Inter-Section Soccer Competition. Chandragupta Section lifts the trophy
- 30 Aug - Classes V & VA appear in UPSC NDA examination 2009
- 1 Sep - Inter Section Swimming Competition commences.
- 2 Sep - Finals of Inter Section Swimming Competition. Shivaji Section emerges victorious.
- 4 Sep - RIMC Soccer Cup Opening Ceremony. March Past by all the teams with Mr Indu Kumar Pandey, Chief Secretary, Uttarakhand as the Chief Guest
- 4-7 Sep - College Shooting Team participates in State Inter-School Shooting Championship held at Jaspal Rana Shooting Range (Pondha), Dehradun.
- 5 Sep - Teacher's Day celebration.
- 6 Sep - Class I cadets go on a weekend hike to the Robber's Cave.
- 9 Sep - RIMC Soccer Cup closing ceremony. Tibetan Nehru Memorial School lifts the Trophy by defeating Tibetan Home School, Mussourie with a score of 4-0.
- 18-25 Sep - College Mid-term exams

News from the NDA

Following Rimcollians at NDA have won laurels

SCC AK Singh	Blazer in Swimming, Best Swimmer Award
Cdt R Mazumdar	Merit Card in Swimming
Cdt M Ganguly	Merit Card in Swimming
Cdt Yimvolong	Merit Card in Boxing
Cdt SK Sudhanshu	Merit Card in Boxing
All top seeded squash players are Rimcollians. Top three are	
Cdt Rajdeep Singh	No 1
Cdt Vinayak Gupta	No 2
Cdt Amod Sanjay	No 3.

THROUGH THE AZURE LENGTHS



The Olympic Size Swimming Pool at RIMC was set ablaze for two continuous days of the Inter Section Swimming Competition when the RIMC dolphins put up an excellent show. The competition was divided into two categories Juniors and Seniors. In the Seniors 200m butterfly, Cadet Aditya Udupa clinched the Gold with a record timing of 3mins 5 seconds breaking the previous College record by a mind boggling 45 seconds. This year also saw another 16 College records being shattered by the swimmers thus showing a mark improvement in the timings of the swimmers. Treasure Hunt Competition was won by Ranjit Section, Paddling Competition as won by Chandragupta Section, Under Water Swimming Competition was won by Pratap Section. To add spice to the Competition a FUN RELAY was also conducted. The Section-wise positions at the end of the finals of the Inter Section Swimming Competition were - Shivaji-First(582 points), Pratap- Second(571 points), Ranjit- Third (492 points), and Chandragupta- Third(422 points). The Best Swimmer in the Seniors Category was Cadet Aditya Udupa of Chandragupta Section, the Best Swimmer in the Juniors Category was Cadet Karan Raj Sohi of Pratap Section, Cadets Sheshank Dahiya and Gaurav Maitree were adjudged the Most Promising Swimmers and Cadet Sunchit Shinde was adjudged the Best Paddler.

~Cadet Taral Chanchani, Class 1A

The Legacy Continues

RIMC cadets dominated the 6th Inter School Shooting Championship-2009 held at Jaspal Rana shooting range from 4th-7th September. The results were as follows:-

- (a) **Peep Sight Air Rifle Sub Juniors**
First - Cadet Rajat Tripathi
Second - Cadet Gaurav Kumar
- (b) **Peep Sight Air Rifle Juniors**
Second - Cadet Supreet Singh Heera
Third - Cadet Aditya Anand Tyagi, Abhimanyu Singh
- (c) **Open Sight Air Rifle Sub Juniors**
First - Cadet Puneet Kumar
Second - Cadet Divya Raj Singh
Third - Cadet Prince
- (d) **Open Sight Air Rifle Juniors**
First - Cadet Ankit Malik
Second - Cadet Krishan Pal Singh
- (e) **Air Pistol Juniors**
Second - Cadet Leonard Arambnam
- (f) **Air Pistol Sub Juniors**
Third - Cadet Ravi Pathak
- (g) **Peep Sight Air Rifle Juniors**
First - Cadet Ashish Tiwari

Overall, a total of 9 Golds, 6 Silvers and 3 Bronze medals were bagged by cadets of RIMC. The team bagged Gold medals in Peep Sight Air Rifle Sub Juniors, Peep Sight Air Rifle Juniors, Open Sight Air Rifle Sub Juniors, Open Sight Air Rifle Juniors, Air Pistol Juniors and Air Pistol Sub Juniors.

~Cadet Supreet Singh Heera, Class IIIA

In Gratitude

On the occasion of the Birth Anniversary of Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, the cadets of this great institution went on to celebrate the Teachers' Day in a great manner. The Cultural Extravaganza marked the start of the function. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr KS Ahlawat, Vice-Principal, RIMC. The melodies of the old and self-composed songs by Cadets Krishna Kant, Rahul Dev, Tuhin, Marshal, Vishvendra, Shibashish, Vanshaj, Anmol and many others, rocked the Thimayya Auditorium. The Officiating Cadet Captain Bhoopal Shukya elaborated as to what a teacher's greatness is, stressing upon the true values that are imparted by a teacher. The Masters of Ceremony were Cadets Nishant and Ashish. The Chief Guest in his speech, complimented the Cadets for putting up such an excellent show, thereby conveying the message of love in the hearts of the students. The teachers also did not lag behind as they sang melodious classical songs, some cracking jokes, while others complimented the cadets. The Officiating Commandant, Lt Col R Nathawat, described as to how important this day was in the lives of the teachers. The Lilliput Dance was the main attraction of the Cultural Programme with some of the Junior Cadets dancing to the tune of I want to. The event was a huge success, with all the credit being bagged by the Cadets' Fraternity.

~Cadet Taral Chanchani, Class 1A

FOR THE BUDDING ATHLETES OF RIMC

Some pearls of wisdom on shin pain from Mr. Rai's pen

Shin pain or shin splint is a very common malady, the runners and jumpers suffer from. Its diagnosis is difficult because it can mean anything to anyone. Sometimes tibial stress fracture can be confused with shin splints, so it is of paramount importance to seek medical advice in the matter. Some old timers might suggest running through this complaint which would be wrong if it did not turn out to be only shin splint.

Generally, this malady is brought about by doing things too much too soon, by sudden increases in the mileage and running on hard surfaces without proper shoes with a lot of cushioning effect.

It is technically called periostitis of Tibia. It is inflammation of the fibrous coating of the bone. It is also known in medical profession as medical tibial stress syndrome (MTSS). MTSS occurs because the ankle dorsiflexors are not functioning as well as they should be. A sign of a runner with weak dorsiflexors is the fact that while running his feet will make a fairly loud slapping noise on the pavement. In contrast, if you listen to the elite distance runners, they run very quietly and efficiently due to their incredible dorsiflexors strength.

Exercises that prevent MTSS are

- Heel step downs: 10-15 repetitions progressing to 03 sets
- Heel step downs longer steps: 10-15 repetitions to 03 sets
- Heel step downs from higher step: 10-15 repetitions progressing to 03 sets
- Heel hops step downs from higher step: 10-15 repetitions to 03 sets
- Heel hops - longer hops step downs from higher step: 10-15 repetitions - progressing to 03 sets
- Heel hops - faster hops step downs from higher step: 10-15 repetitions - progressing to 03 sets
- Heel running faster hops - start with 10 meters - build up to 15 x 3.

Warm ups-

- Walk on toes-20 meters.
- Walk on toes pointed out
- Walk on toes pointed in.
- Walk on heels.
- Walk on heels toes pointed out.
- Walk on heels toes pointed in.
- Skip-20 meters-toes pointed out, pointed in.
- Rhythm bounding-short springy steps -20 meters broken with 20 meters of running on soft ground.

In addition to these exercises the athletes, must also stretch their ankles at both end ranges before and after every work out

Reaching Out

I sat down one day with no chores.
No homework, no classwork and nothing more.
Sitting in the library, I was.
Gazing at the large book shelves without any cause.

With nothing to do, no book to read.
Imagined I, the life of me as a seed.
Came in front of these wanting eyes,
My friends', relatives' and my parents' byes.

I entered in to RIMC, as the name said
Had I a lot of problems as friends were to be made.
Problems arose and everyone fought.
Tried I hard but a single friend I made not.

Spent a year, time I wasted a lot
Tried I hard and realized that friendship was not to be bought.
Again I tried to change my life.
Smoothly it went, till it was not cut by an unwarranted knife.

The life came crashing on me
Everyone against, hardly any supporter could I see
Tough it was to come out of that situation
Though difficult, I tried once again.

Worried I was, wanted to string the friendship bond
Successful at last, but cautious not to come to a halt
The dreams of fights with my friend haunted me
Impossible, though again the same thing happened to me

My friend at last, gave me up
Left the bond in anger that had struck
Disclosing his name would prove me to be a coward
But why that always happens to me, I want to ask God?

Can anyone tell where lies the problem?
Is it in me or in the friend who now became "someone"
Whose face now pervades my mind
At last, he accepted me and it turned out a boon for someone of my kind.

~Cadet Supreet Singh Heera, Class III A

9th RIMC SOCCER CUP

RIMC Soccer Cup Tournament is a major tournament at School level and has attracted the best teams not only from Uttarakhand but also from other parts of India. The inaugural RIMC Soccer Cup was played in the year 2000 which was won by MP Sports College. In the last nine years, the response from the teams has been overwhelming and this year sixteen teams came for the Competition. The teams were:

- Assam Valley Public School, Assam
- Doon Valley Public School
- The Doon School
- Welham Boys
- Woodstock School
- Army School, Clement Town
- Mussoorie International School
- Moravian Institute
- Tibetan Home School
- Doon International School
- Indian Public School
- Scholars' Home
- Asian School
- St Joseph's Academy
- Tibetan Nehru Memorial School
- RIMC Dehradun

On the final day, the Finals between the Tibetan Nehru Memorial School and the Tibetan Home School, was won by the former with a score of 4-0. Two goals were scored by Pema Tashi in the 10th minute and 25th minute of the first half, third and fourth goals were scored by Tenzing Yonten in the 11th and 32nd minutes of the second half.

The individual awards were also conferred to the players excelling in the following categories:-

Best Player Of The Tournament

Vahin Khosla - The Doon School

Highest Scorer Of The Tournament

Tenzing Girmay-Tibetan School Mussoorie

Best Goalkeeper Of The Tournament

Aoshish Wongkumer - Assam Valley School, Assam

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr Peter McLaughlin, the Headmaster of the Doon School. He appreciated both the finalist teams as well as the participating teams for playing extremely well. The Chief Guest also complimented RIMC for being a wonderful host. The Officiating Commandant, Lt Col R Nathawat gave a vote of thanks, thanking each and every person involved in the Soccer Cup at RIMC and presented the College Memento to the Chief Guest.

~Cadet Dhruv Gussain, Class IIIA

The Doon Library Quiz Report

Three cadets from the College, namely Cadet Sub NCO Mrugank Gargate, Cadet Pranayjeet and Cadet Guninder participated in the Doon Library Quiz which was held on 1 May 2009 at Unison World School by the Doon Library and Research Center. Out of the six participating schools, three schools - Brightlands, Welham Boys and RIMC qualified for the final round. The final round was held on 07 Sep 2009 at Hotel Regent in which five qualifying teams

competed. They went through various rounds like History & Geography, Invisal & Philosophy, Audio & Visual and General Knowledge. Finally, RIMC stood third in the overall standings.

~Cadet Ashish Kapoor, Class IV

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Reflections

*A single unknown tree stands
Golden against the dazzling sky
Gusts of wind send
the spirit in me to fly.*

Editorial

In this world of mechanism, any thing that works, be it Machine or Man, needs a break to recover. In case of the cadets, the Mid Term hikes resembled the hiatus in the routine, providing them an opportunity to heave a sigh of relief.

The host of events that followed, put the cadets as well as the College, in the best of their forms. Soon after returning from the Mid Term hikes, the cadets shifted their focus towards the fields and set the tracks ablaze, sweating profusely to increase their timings and better their distances for the upcoming Inter Section Athletics Competition.

The Kashi Naresh Hindi Debate concluded successfully. The podium was occupied by new faces as new talent surfaced and with emphatic efforts, the Debating Team could make it to the second spot.

And then of course, were the Board classes, which became studious then ever before. The Pre Boards have provided Classes III A and V A with the requisite feelers, helping them to be appropriately equipped before they took the Board examinations the coming month.

The newly incorporated Inter Section Website Designing Competition brought out the best of the creativity in the cadets. The Photography Competition provided an opportunity to see the RIMC campus through a new lens and various angles. Continuing the trend, the College turned conservative, hosting the Conservation Festival once again for the fifth successive year and thus receiving at its portals a board of distinguished guests.

With the term already gaining its full swing, we all anticipate that the cadets would reach great heights in the near future.

Striving for excellence...

~Cadet M Sai Surya, Class V



Prof Yashpal, the renowned Physicist at the Conservation Festival 2009

DATELINE

- 02 October All classes report back from their Mid Term hikes.
- 04 October Class V comes back from vacations.
- 05 October All India Inter-School Kashi Naresh Hindi Debate held. Scholars Home lifts the Trophy.
- 07 October Pre-Board Exams for Class VA and IIIA commenced.
- 10 October Inter-Section Photography Competition held.
- 11 October Second Round of Map Quiz held at Survey of India.
- 14 October Inter-Section Athletics Competition begins.
- 16 October Parents Teacher Meet. Finals of Inter-Section Athletics held. Ranjit Section lifts the Trophy. Cadets go on Night-Out.
- 18 October Diwali celebrated at the College. Mandir Function held.
- 20 October First Inter-Section Website Competition held with Ranjit Section lifting the Trophy.
- 24 October College hosts the Conservation Festival with many dignitaries on the Campus

Conquering the Third Pole ...



RIMC cadets on the Helipad of Kumar Post during the 3rd High Altitude Siachen Glacier Trek 2009

Just like in the past two years, we, the RIMCOs have been a part of the High Altitude Siachen Glacier Trek for the third successful year, this year too we have left our footprints on the Third Pole. So, here I am to share a few experiences of the trek...

Soon after the NDA Examination, I along with five other course mates, Cadets Anshul Gupta, Anshul Bansal, Sudhir Sindhu, Mukesh Kumar and VPS Pathania, set out to Leh to join 17 other members of the 3rd High Altitude Siachen Glacier Trek 2009. Reaching Leh was not an easy task, as our flight hovered over Leh and returned to Delhi due to bad weather. At Leh, we were warmly welcomed by Maj Tejender, our Team Leader. We were soon accommodated in the 246 Transit Camp. Every day we had our medical check ups done, to check for any abnormal Blood Pressure and pulse rate. Water was the only medicine at this height. The first week passed by in acclimatization, during the course of which we got to visit many places like The Hall of Fame, Shanti Stupa, Pathar Sahib Gurudwara, Magnetic Hill, Thiksey Gompa and the famous Pangong Tso Lake passing through Chang La, the third highest pass in the world. At Karu, we visited the Trishul Battle School, where we met a Rimcollian Col D S Bajaj of the Guards. The team was indeed privileged to experience a ride on BMP (Boyevaya Mashina Pyekhota), a smaller version of Tank. On the evening of 06 September, we were invited by Lt Gen SK Singh, Corps Commander, 14 Corps, a Rimcollian for a get together at his residence, the Singhe D'Zong. The other Rimcollians here were Col DS Bajaj and Maj V Ramanand. The next day, the team was flagged off at the Corps Headquarters by the Corps Commander in the presence of various other distinguished officers.

The next day, we started for the Siachen Base Camp, where we were to be trained on the Basic Glacier Training at the Army

Mountaineering Institute. The day long trudge to the Base Camp was exhausting and its route included the world's highest pass, Khardung La. We halted at North Pullu for lunch. Just like any other mountaineering expedition that would require the pertinent gear and equipment, our trek demanded special clothing and equipment which were issued at 71 OMP, on our way to the Base Camp. During our stay at the Base Camp, the team was perfectly trained on Ice wall Climbing and Crevasse Rescuing. We got to visit the War Memorial and witness a briefing and functioning of the Bofor Guns. We were also invited by Col Robi Kapoor, a Rimcollian, CO, 4/5 GR for a dinner at his place, where we also met Lt Abhishek Kumar, a Rimcollian again.

On 17 September, seeking the Blessings of OP Baba, who is worshipped by all the Armed Forces Personnel posted in the Glacier, the team set out for the trek. Such is the belief that they give up the consumption of meat and alcohol during their entire tenure in the Glacier. With back breaking loads on our backs, roped up together in groups of five, we covered one Camp a day. Our final destination was Kumar Post, the oldest and first of all camps. On reaching the camps, the panorama we set our eyes on, assuaged all our pains and discomfort. All the camps were connected with a helipad. The soldiers at all the camps were extremely helpful and supported us at every step. The temperature at night would fall below minus ten degree Celsius. A mug of water left outside the tent would be seen frozen after an hour or so! On 20 September, the team successfully reached Kumar Post. Reaching Kumar Post, passing through all the camps, was not a cake walk, but the kind of training imparted to us at RIMC, made it possible for all of us. Whenever we found it difficult, the only thought that came to our minds was – "When the going gets tough, the RIMCO gets going!" We halted for an extra day at Kumar Post, passing the time by playing cards, weaving bottle covers or watching television. On 22 September, our return journey commenced in the midst of a snow fall.

On reaching the Base Camp, the need of the hour was a hot water head bath as we had not bathed for the past eight days! In the evening, a campfire was held, with the team members singing songs and sharing their experiences of the trek. The very next day, we started for Leh, halting at Khalsar for lunch and reaching late in the evening. The last two days were spent in exploring the streets of Leh and admiring the Ladakhi handicrafts.

It was a memorable trek indeed that I would cherish forever. Though, we might visit Siachen later in our life as officers of the Armed Forces, the experiences would never be equaled. The trek displayed a perfect picture of life at Siachen and in the Army. There's something about the mountains that keeps drawing me towards them and I'm sure I won't be able to ignore their second call.

~Cadet M Sai Surya, Class V



Graduated !!!

Col H Dharmarajan, SM, Commandant, RIMC, added another feather to his cap by successfully graduating from the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Comprehensive Crisis Management Course in Honolulu along with 74 other senior military and civilian leaders from 31 countries. He received his diploma from Dr. Lee Endress, Dean, College of Security Studies.

The Alluring Hikes...

Though we RIMCOs have been rocking in 'the Cradle of Bravery' since our very first day here, taking not just a bull or two, but herds after herds of them by their horns, and still managing to maintain the wide smile on our faces; eventually we do get exhausted. Leave out is doubtlessly a wonderful solution for it, let alone its mention, after a tiresome well-spent week. The enjoyment and fun just get bigger when it comes to the mid term hikes. Nothing seems more interesting, alluring and refreshing than the hikes after one has toiled ones way through half the term and has survived the catastrophic Mid Term exams (a general opinion). The best de-stressing therapy ever invented-if you ask me.

Thus, here I write – completely rejuvenated, after such another short-break. This time, as always, the destinations were same, but the visitors, different. Many courses unveiled a totally fresh aspect of their hikes, adding to its beauty, significance as well as to their own merry-making and learning. The places they romped, jumped, wandered and climbed about were as follows:

- **Chakrata-Kanesar:** These are the places that introduce a RIMCO to hiking. A completely thrilling and novel experience for the young warriors, most of us learn the true spirit of camping here. Free from all cares and responsibilities freshers, as always, freaked out in this hike. They went to Koti village, Dev Van and the Rock Climbing School. Mr DN Thapliyal and Mr Keshav Anand accompanied them.
- **George Everest:** Luck turned IA down as they had to leave their campsite. Nevertheless, they landed in Mussourie instead and stayed in a Gurudwara, an experience rarely acquired. As jovial as ever, they got themselves acquainted with every nook and corner of the Queen of Hills. They were lead by Mr PK Jain and Dr J Choudhary.
- **Ranikhet-Nainital:** The expanse of the Naini Lake left Class II enchanted. Their sojourn comprised visits to Almorah, Kasauni, Ballu Dam and Kumaon Training Area under the guidance of Mr PK Sharma and Mr Neeraj Negi.
- **Chandigarh-Shimla:** Even the chill of Shimla seemed warm and welcoming to the expectant cadets of IIA as they passed their time going to numerous interesting places such as Viceroy Lounge, Kufri, Sukhana Lake, Rock Garden and Rose Garden. The much-fabled Mal Road of Shimla was always there to keep them engrossed. Vice Principal, Mr KS Ahlawat and Mr Balvir Chauhan were the Hike OICs.
- **Pune-Mumbai:** One of the most looked forward to hikes in RIMC is the NDA hike. The hike with the longest duration and filled with unlimited fun, excitement and surprises was a lifetime experience for Class III. Even the grave threat of Swine Flu couldn't dampen the RIMCO spirit. They hiked as planned (without masks), with an additional gusto and verve. NDA, Sukhoi Squadron, CME, Naval Dockyard and other places of tourist interest were on their list. Maj R Rexson and Mr Sanjay Kumar accompanied them.
- **Agra:** The minarets and the domes of Taj were as mesmerizing as ever for III A, which unraveled the remarkable city of Agra with Mr T Selven and Mr V Matthews. They witnessed the aesthetic beauty of Sikandra Fort, Agra Fort, Buland Darwaza and also saw the rigors of Para Commandos at the Para Training Unit.
- **Nagtibba:** Class IV, on one hand transformed the concept of adventure, on the other took on Nagtibba with great ease and



Cadets of Class IV on their way to the Nagtibba top

proved their grit and determination. Well-versed with the unexpected, the unfortunately short duration of the hike couldn't deter them from having a whale of time. They enjoyed with Mr Brijesh Chauhan as their hike OIC.

- **Jaipur:** The Pink City offered much more to Class IV A than just a break after the dreaded IV A Terminals. The many forts which the cadets visited were nevertheless, always another feather in their



Cadets of Class IV A during thier Mid Term Hike to Jaipur

adventurous caps. Though the scorching heat in their journey was tiresome but thanks to the company of Mrs. Rakhi Chamola and Mr. UP Dalvi, nothing could deter them on their way through the Pink City.

Hikes, an inextricable part of our life at RIMC, have always given to us RIMCOs more than we could possibly ever imagine. And with the changing times, everything will change, but these fun-filled and memorable lessons that have imparted to us something larger than life, will remain.

~ Cadet Parth Indalkar, Class IV

A soldier's epitaph

Dark clouds seemed to have
Enveloped the dawn,
Crowded thoughts seemed
To run across as a fawn,
The night was long
And full of blood
When the battle cries had
Rung wide and loud.

Metals had screeched
And voices had cried,
Bodies in agony had
Crawled and wriggled.

The soldier now lay quiet,
Reminiscent of his glory;
The vicious scenes all around
Reverberating a sordid story.

He had kicked and punched
And fought as a gladiator
Alas, when the bells of victory sounded
He was no more the same warrior.

The beats of life had slowed down
The soldier only had, one fading thought
He had done his country proud-
The honour he had never sought.

~ Cadet Tonmoy Barua, Class IVA

For life's sake...

"We have not inherited this planet Earth from our ancestors, instead only borrowed it from our children" – goes the famous adage. Creating awareness among one and all, RIMC yet again has hosted the Conservation Festival for the fifth successive year on 24 October 2009. It was a one day mega event with many schools from the Doon Valley participating enthusiastically.

The day kicked off with a lively Conservation Run that was held in ten various categories. The list of the dignitaries included many famous personalities like Prof Yashpal, Miss Meeta Vasisht and Mr Fuad Lokhandwala. This year the theme was 'Modern Technology'. During the day, everyone gathered at the Thimayya Auditorium to listen to a host of lectures by the guests. Mr Fuad Lokhandwala in his address shared how he had worked towards building and maintaining the A-Class toilet facilities at an affordable rate. Miss Meeta Vasisht spoke on organic produces and conserving nature. While Col Mavi of the Eco Task Force spoke on his experiences as to how a person could contribute towards nature even while adorning the uniform. Later in the noon, a Painting Competition was held. Also on display were clay models and science projects by the cadets of RIMC. There were stalls which sold nature friendly products and items, the proceedings of which would contribute towards the preservation of nature.

~ Cadet Ashish Kapoor, Class IV

Rimcollians Reiterate Excellence !

Air Cmde B Suresh AVSM VM has taken over as the AOC, Air Force Station Jodhpur.

Brig CP Mohanty, VSM has taken over a Brigade in the Eastern Sector. On the occasion of the Independence Day 2009, the following Rimcollians have done the college proud:

1 Maj Deepak Tewari (1993 – 99 Pratap)	-	Kirti Chakra
2 Maj PPS Mann (1992 – 96 Shivaji)	-	Sena Medal

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