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# Reflection

"Man is his own star, and the soul that can render an honest and a perfect man commands all light, all influence, all fate. Nothing to him falls early, or too late."

-John Fletcher

# From the Editor's Pen...

A new decade has begun. There is a new light before us, wiping out the oblivion in our souls and minds. Hope engulfs us - across frontiers, sans borders. Winter has set in, with the days growing short and the nights stretching out. With the world replacing the 2009 year calendars with those of 2010, the college has gone into the working mode promising to keep up the traditions of the college. Amidst all of this, 23 cadets took out time to have a lifetime experience aboard INS Airavat. Taking an inpiration, many cadets moved to make their stretching holidays a bit more adventurous, attending courses at the NIM, HMI, Gopalpur (Wind Surfing) and Jabalpur (Hot Air Ballooning). As for the traditional Stay Back classes, IV A, V and VA were conducted with full

While the 166th course, stepped into the portals of NDA, the RIMC fraternity on the other hand, welcomed a new score of green cadets, who for sure will always keep the flag of RIMC aloft. Yet again, we had Rimcollians shouldering responsibilities at the NDA and at the IMA. Kudos to these Rimcollians who strive to keep up the name of their Alma Mater. We had other new faces too with Major Soumya Ranjan Sahu donning the mantle of the AAO and thereby replacing Major Rexson Robertson and Dr (Major) Nalini Jessica Menzes the new CMO on campus replacing Dr. Sunanda Kalra.

All over the nation, we find agitations rising in various corners demanding for a new state, province and who knows might be country, a decade later! This stirs a feeling - Is India still united? But when we have a look at the 250 energetic faces, living together, we find the best example of 'unity in diversity'. Might be this is why they call RIMC – 'a Mini India'.

Cadet M Sai Surya Class VA



The 176<sup>th</sup> Course with Administrative Officer and Faculty

# Dateline

25 Jan

Date	III IC
1 Dec 2009	Winter Vacations commence.
2 Dec 2009	Stay back classes commence
	Talk by Capt JK Sengupta (Rimcollian), Lifetime Awardee by NIVH
	Joining of Dr (Maj) Nalini Jessica Menezes as the CMO
	Maj Soumya Ranjan Sahu joins as AAO
5 Dec 2009	Address by Major General Rajesh Singh
11–15 Jan	Workshop for MOS Resource person- Mrs. Vijay Lakshmi. Kumar (Subject- Grammar and Soft Skills)
14 Jan	Arrival of New Cadets
	Commandant addresses parents.
15 Jan	Temple function
16 Jan	Arrival of Cadets
18 Jan	Wreath Laying at the War Memorial.
	Commandant's Special Assembly
	Tabbing ceremony by Brig. A K Siwach, YSM, VSM, Sub Area Commander
22 Jan	Farewell to Maj Rexson Robertson (AAO) and
	Dr. Sunanda Kalra,RMO
24 Jan	Cricket Matches MOS vs Cadets- Cadets emerge Winners
	Class I vs IA - Class IA emerge Winners

Inter Section Variety Entertainment Competition

Commences

# CHEETAH S



This young lad hailing from Satara, Maharastra, has already picked up riding. He is a promising cricketer too. He will surely find a place in the Section team



The Cheetah fraternity welcomes Stephen from Aizawl, Mizoram. His nimble fingers on the guitar will surely make him a favourite of Mr. Vishwakarma.



A cheerful youngster from Begusarai, Bihar, is proficient at mathematics and is keen to excel in hockey and soccer.



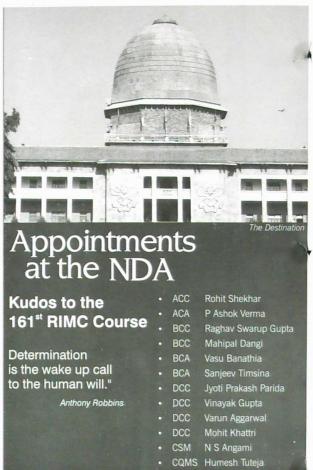
has in no time blended with the culture and tradition of the college. With his great stamina and strong will, this budding pugilist aims to explore all the spheres at



A chess whiz with three consecutive zonal golds, is ready to excel, not only in sports but also in extracurricular activities.



campus, Shailesh is the son of our Social Science teacher. An excellent swimmer and a squash player, with a great interest in dance



# Tracks on Fire!!!

Setting the tracks ablaze at the National Defence Academy, the Rimcollians bagged scores of medals in the Inter Battalion Athletics Championship.

ACC Rohit Shekhar	
ACA P Ashok Verma	
BCC Mahipal Dangi	

DCC J P Parida DCC Mohit Khatri

Cadet Vaibhav Bhardwaj Cadet Sandeep Kumar Yadav

Cadet A P S Khera

Cadet Aravind Chachu Paul Cadet Achudev

2 Gold Medals

1 Gold Medal

3 Gold Medals {Best Athlete}

S K Sudhanshu

1 Gold Medal

1 Silver Medal

1 Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal

1 Gold Medal

1 Silver Medal

1 Silver Medal

1 Relay Gold

We have just learnt that Cadet Vaibhav Bhardwaj has bagged the coveted Gold in the NDA Cross-country too.



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# REFLECTIONS

There is neither happiness nor misery in the world; there is only the comparison of one state to another, nothing more. He who has felt the deepest grief is best able to experience supreme happiness. We must have felt what it is to die, that we may appreciate the enjoyments of life.

- Alexander Dumas

# From the Editor's Pen



Cadet Captain Anshul Roy

Stop. Please don't put this down. Give me a try, It's been years now - you readers just read the first line, read the "Besties" in the end and then moved over to the next page. And no, it was never your fault. It was mine! For years, I was marred by accusations of grandiloquence ... ( which ironically means usage of words that go beyond the average reader's intellect), but then it is not easy to sit down and analyse one's mistakes . And this was completely true in my case as well I So I went on and on, not caring about the "out-

of-all-leagues" reputation I was building , and let me tell you - this reputation was not a good one, to say the very least ! So to say, a makeover was long due - and the result is this new and improved Chronicle. Guess I deserve some bragging rights.

there will be a lot of post-publication gossip doing the rounds about how ridiculously boastful I am about my new avatar. The news from the College is the way it has always been - "commendable". Wonder if there has ever been a Chronicle which does not carry with it bags and bags of praises for the institution. But then, what's wrong? It is our publication after all, and the praise is legitimate to the very core. If we go on and on about how green the campus looks during the rains, it is for the simple fact that it does look beautiful. If the Tudor buildings forming the spine of our infrastructure are called "heritage landmarks" - that is because buildings over a century old do deserve their share of recognition. If the students from varied social backgrounds hailing from across the country are referred to as one single entity - the symbiotic brotherhood that the Cadets are - it is because the very ethos of our institution stands on values like camaraderie. And so, we must realise that there is nothing wrong in sharing our proud legacy with the world. At least till the point in time when it is authentic and not manipulated by individuals who tout our eight-and-a-half decade long travelogue as cheap pulp fiction. No pun intended.

October is here. The hikes were a welcome break from the whirlwind routine that characterises our College. The cadets are all set to take on the term with full fervour - from surpassing physical barriers in the Inter Section Athletics Meet, emotional ones during the Parent-Teacher Meet and intellectual ones (and this is no joke !!) once the terminals begin. And so, as always - Besties for the term ahead!!

-Cadet Captain Anshul Roy



Oath - taking at the Inter Section Athletics Meet



29 Sep-1 Oct:IPSC
Squash held. YPS
Mohali lift the Trophy.
3 October:College
returns from hikes.
14 - 16 October:Inter
Section Athletics.
16 October:Parent
Teacher Meeting.
23 October:
Conservation Festival.



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# The Chronicle IPSC SQUASH



The IPSC Squash was conducted at the RIMC from 29<sup>th</sup> September till 1<sup>st</sup> October. Eight schools from all around the country took part. It saw some intensely contested matches being played. The teams that reached the semifinals were YPS Mohali, Modern School Delhi, Mayo College, Ajmer and the hosts, RIMC, Dehradun.

In the first semi-final, the Modern School from New Delhi lost to Yadavendra Public School, Mohali. In the second semi final, Mayo College, Ajmer defeated the RIMC after a close contest which was a treat for the spectators. In the evening, the Mayo College took on YPS, Mohali for the Trophy. After some wonderful display of grit and on-court resilience by all the six players, it was YPS, Mohali that emerged victorious.

The Chief Guest for the evening was Brig Prithi Singh, Commander - 42 Inf Brigade who reminisced about his past association with the Doon Valley at large, and the RIMC in particular. He commended all the players, mentioning that all of them were going back as winners.

Cadet Dhruv Gusain



**Beyond Barriers!** 

# INTER SECTION ATHLETICS COMPETITION

The Inter Section Athletics Competition was organized from 14th - 16th of October. This was the moment for all cadets to show their athletic prowess, more so with many of their parents present to witness the events. The hunger for the gold medal saw a lot of toil and hard work leading up to the final days. And indeed the hard work paid off well as the results showed on the final day. Cdt Akshat Raj, Cdt O Nelson Singh and Cdt Rahul Mishra emerged as the Best Athletes in their respective divisions. The overall standings of each Section were:

Pratap - IInd Ranjit - Ist Shivaji - IVth Chandragupta - IIIrd

- Cdt Amit Rai, Class N

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# AIMING RIGHT

On 13<sup>th</sup> October, 19 shooters of RIMC departed to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> All India IPSC Shooting Competition held at Daly College, Indore. A total of 7 schools participated in the competition. RIMC got a total of 11 medals, thus bagging the  $2^{\rm nd}$  position behind the Winners, The Daly College. The cadets received great exposure and motivation to score even higher. The results of the various events were-

U-17

Open Sight Cadet Ankit Malik-Individual Bronze

Team - Silver
Peep Sight Team - Silver
Air Pistol Team - Gold

U-19 Air Pistol

Open Sight

Cadet Lalit- Individual Gold

Cadet Shivam- Individual Silver Cadet Prathamesh- Individual Bronze

Team - Gold Team - Bronze

Peep Sight Cadet Akash Yadav-Individual Bronze

Team - Silver

Cadet Shivam Sharma, Class

# The Silence That Spoke

Sitting unobserved in the hall, With a heavy silence all around lnk sprinted across the sheets Half an eye on the stern wall clock. I took a pause, recollected in vain The little letters sprawled in bold Was it all in vain? The sleepless night, those hefty books The desks overfilled with notes. My eyelids battled drowsiness Suddenly laden with regret

The stern clock hung still
As if to gravely chastise,
The silence pronounced its tiny tick-tocks.
I looked up at those empty walls again,
Drifted back to nothingness,
The air that seemed to cry in shame.

-Cadet Tonmoy Barua, Class VA

These are the two versions of the same thought from two different perspectives.

# A PESSIMIST'S VIEW

Flickering are all the thoughts in my mind,
All aspirations left far behind;
Innumerable dreams dreamt to shatter,
Long hours of handwork didn't even matter;
Urge to strike back, will be there never,
Rusting is my ego and confidence now shivers,
Etched in my mind will this nightmare be forever.

## AN OPTIMIST'S VIEW

Failure is all about...
Fighting against all odds,
Acting and not relaxing,
Inspiring all other beings,
Lagging behind in no other field,
Urging you to move on,
Realizing your potential and working,
Etching your tales in the sands of time...

Cadet NCO ANKUR RAWAT, Class: VA

# **RANK & SHOULDERS**

# ...From Facebook

RIMC rated as the 8<sup>th</sup> Best Boarding School in India , by the Education World Magazine, September 2010 Edition !! That is Cool , but could have been much better .) @Rimcos .. Lyk is, start an awareness campaign :) Cheers!

You, Disha Bhattacharjee, Hardik Nain, Prasad Bagauli and 2 Others like this



### Gaurav Hridaya:

When a certain school can be at the top, I don't really helieve the judgement!

RIMC is way ahead, uncomparable!!

2 hours ago - LikeUnlike



### Anshul Roy

It is but den seems the Magazine had a goof up somewhere!!;)

# Gaurav Hridaya

can't think of a parameter where they could judge a school laving 25 selected boys from the country in each class, on the basis of merit alone!



#### Rakshit Sharma

The survey team of 50 comprised Passouts of the Top Ranked Schools....

so NO DOUBT...dis blundereded list was expected...

Thank GOD they improved...last year they had given us 13th...

And the most silly thing of all..."in terms of the selection criterion, they ranked us out of first 5..."....And now we all (RIMCOS+RIMCOLLIANS)...need 2 laugh out loud...
POOR SURVEYORS...

\*YAWNS to da survey!

#### Rakshit Sharma:

East or West... RIMCzzz da best... RIMC RULES N RIMCOZ ROCK....!!!



### Abhimanyu Dubey:

Guys actually the problem is that RIMCO'S dont broadcast, brag themselves. And the selectors take this thing for granted! In other schools even if they organise an extremely trivial affair at their campus, they kind of publicize it much more than the actual depth of the thing n create a pseudo larger than life kinda image. Whereas Rimco's stay more to themselves, not brag much about it...n thats wt we call modesty! But RIMC has to definitely go up to that limit, it should be a place where the entire nation shall yearn 2 be. What say?

# Rakshit Sharma:

"WE r RIMCOS and dat makes us DIFFERENT" promoth i like dis one way 2 much.....true 2 da core...

n hey abhimanyu...4 sure we do not brag ...sm1 righty said...actions speak louder den words...surely RIMC is meant 2 top bigger n prestigious li...sts n not dis footling n a biased one...

our modesty has been our strength 4 da past 88 yrs..n will continue 2 be...

lets be more optimistic..

"u only get criticized only when u r successful"...n RIMC epitomize it in the list..

RIMC ROcks till eternity...

### Anshul Roy

Well.. da reasons are obvious.

We have it all ... the perfect set up for a holistic upbringing!! The 138 acre green splendour that is our campus,.... state-of-the-art infrastructure, .....an 'outta-of-all-leagues';)

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education system that... works brilliantly, .....wonderful and dedicated faculty .... A healthy Senior-Junior environment that outclasses all Residential Schools from all across the world .. (and this I am completely sure of !!) ... And what makes us stnd out is the tough selection criterion.. 25 boys selected from all across the country every six months.. ( irrespective of social backgrounds or recommendations, and completely based on merit ) Boastin of no special pedigree, these boys are groomed into fine gentlemen who go on to lead men their age with conviction .. This is what the RIMC is all about.

But we do lag behind where publicity is concerned.. Yes, modesty is great, but today we need to present ourselves to the world. Marketing one's potential does increase the brand value of any institution.. and we sure deserve this recognition!!

# **OBITUARY**

We, the RIMC fraternity, are indeed shocked at the sad and untimely demise of Mrs Swaroopi Sharma, wife of Gen VN Sharma, PVSM, AVSM. She was a beacon for the RIMCOLLIANS and loved by all, specially the young cadets. The irreplaceable loss will be felt by all of us at the College. We at RIMC are in gloom and pray to God Almighty to give peace in heaven to the departed soul. All the cadets, Members of the Staff and the entire RIMC family convey our deepest condolences on the sad demise.

> Commandant RIMC, Dehradun.

# SUPPORTIVE STEP

Education Department, Shillong, Meghalaya Government, has sanctioned a scholarship of Rs 20,000 from April 2010-11 for cadets from Meghalaya studying at the RIMC.

# Late Mrs Swaroopi Sharma - A tribute.

By Air Chief Marshal NC Suri

It is indeed unfortunate that the only tribute that I could pay to Mrs Swaroopi Sharma has been after her sad and untimely demise.

Let me begin by stating unequivocally that she was a lady of outstanding substance and personality. In fact she lived true to her name " Swaroopi" which means " personification of beauty in terms of thought, word and deed in addition to the physical appearance. To me what is of greater relevance is the former attribute as it is not only a reflection on the higher levels of consciousness attained by her but also living in consonance with her dharma as dedicated and loving wife to General VN Sharma. All these attributes she exhibited throughout her relatively short span of life. I have no hesitation in saying she became a role model for many young wives to emulate.

Her demise has been an irreparable loss not only to her immediate family but also to the fraternity of the Army and deeply felt by the Rimcollians and all those who had the privilege of being associated with her. She was an epitome of grace, dignity and kindness.

In many ways she was a true Ambassador of the RIMC. She portrayed many of the core values that the RIMC tried to ingrain in it's prodigy since inception. Primary among them being human values of sharing love, demonstrating compassion, accepting other faith with the same dignity and passion as one's own, national pride etc. Though not a Rimcollian in the true sense of the expression, she was one definitely by her heart. Her regular interaction with our great institution made her a part and parcel of every one belonging to our Alma Mater.

We RIMCOLLIANS individually and collectively salute this Lady for the friendship and love that she shared with us and we pray that may her soul rest in peace.

# Aum Sai Ram!!! **Book Post** CHIEF EDITOR: Cadet Section Commander Siddhartha Pratik Singh REPORTERS : Cadet Dhruv Gusain, Cadet Deepak Bhardwaj, Cadet Amit Rai, Cadet Shivam Sharma. PHOTOGRAPHY:- Cadet Vineet Mulam, Cadet Avinash Chhetry e-mail: rimc.journal@gmail.com SPECIAL THANKS TO SHIVAJI SECTION



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# **GRADUATION SPECIAL**

# REFLECTIONS

"Don't be dismayed by good-byes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetimes, is certain for those who are friends.'

- Richard Bach

# Editorial

Graduation is a ten letter word carrying with it the force and feel of a hammer. Is that feel one of joy, happiness, trepidation, sadness or just a conglomeration of all of these? Or is it, that nothing is clearly black or white but rather overlapping shades of gray? For each one of us, this event holds a unique prospect. What a person feels after crossing the rapids that he has to judge by himself. The top of the hillock is the common destination for all of us but the routes we take demarcate us.

I try to picture my own graduation. The transformation from boys to men will be highlighted to all who in turn will cherish the memory and try to emulate it. But what each Rimco feels on passing out, has never been and will never be captured on paper. The mere thought of passing out leaves us with a void in our hearts which initially robs us of all our chirpiness. The change is too colossal. It takes time to come to terms with the fact that "Yes, five years have gone by and it's time to leave!" It takes time to come to terms with the fact that DLTGH has now changed to DLTPO. It takes time to come to terms with the fact that now as we scatter, the bond of camaraderie will be put to the test by the ravages of time. And yet, this is the last and the most defining act of our stay as it seals the transformation. We issue out with pride from these hallowed portals reminiscing about the time only a few years ago when we had issued in. Our broken hearts we bind together with the faith that one day we will return we bind our hearts with the strands of nostalgia. We, as Rimcos, are defined as those who have the courage to stand after we fall. We take pride at the thought of being an alumni of this esteemed institution and why not? We are after all the cream of the country the best amongst the best. These five years have moulded us, sculpted us into what we are today. The fabric of RIMC remains ingrained in our hearts.

A waterfall, thousands of water droplets make up the stream which drops from above. That drop is our journey in totality. It begins with misgivings, gains momentum and then drags and just after the thrill and joy has begun, it comes to a stop. We scatter and it is our actions henceforth which make us or break us.

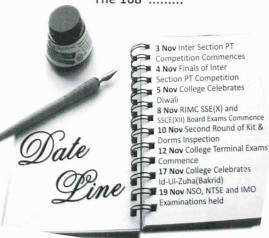
Here's wishing the 168th the very best.

Happy vacations...

Cdt Arunabh Saxena



The 168<sup>th</sup>......





# ADIEU 168th COURSE

# PRATAP SECTION

# Cadet Captain Anshul Roy Excellence Personified

This lad from Bihar hardly seemed to be a Bihari. A proficient debator, famous for his wickedly cunning logic was a good sportsman too. The editorial page will miss him for his bombastic words and we too shall miss him.

# All the best, Anshul.

Cadet Section Commander Piyush Deshmukh

The Hero of Bridleway

This Santana was often found breaking strings of guitars in the South Block. A terrific horse rider, galloped his horse to the Land of Kangaroo. A jack of all trades except academics! Heena will definitely miss him.

Best of Luck, Piyush.

Cadet NCO Vyas Manoj

The Carefree Spirit

This josh machine of Pratap Section left no stone unturned when it came to improvement. He was often seen gambolling around in College Campus Drill Square. The drill instructors will definitely miss him for his peculiar marching.

Do well, Vyas.

Cadet NCO Utsav Singhal

Fast and Furious

This terror of College was often seen doping around. A good soccer player and gymnast, was addicted to somnolence. A favourite of Mrs Neelam Kaushik, Physics Lab will definitely miss him and he will surely miss it too.

Go ahead, Utsav.

Cadet NCO Ankur Rawat

The Cherubic Jughead

His creativity was personified in each and every field be it writing for the chronicle or music. He was famous for his opera style singing. A good orator and 'Sitar Vadak', will be missed by all the kids of junior dorm for his jovial nature.

Wishing you well, Ankur.

# **RANJIT SECTION**

Cadet Section Commander Piyush Raj

**Versatility Personified** 

This inborn leader popularly known as josh machine of the College, proved to be a master of all fields he dabbled in. One will not forget him howling "all that matters is josh and determination." Your leadership qualities will always be fresh in our thoughts.

You will be missed for sure, Piyush

Cadet NCO Swaraj Mohapatra

Fiery Pugilist

This 'Suronjay' proved the fact "height kam fight zyada" by bending all his opponents and proving his mettle in the Boxing Ring. Also, he gave up the worldy pleasures of academics, turning into a philosopher, preaching his disciples in Ranjit Section Senior Dorm.

We will greatly miss you, Swaraj

Cadet NCO Rahul Kadian

**Quizzing Whopper** 

This 'Haryanvi Fabregas' proved that football can even evolve in Bhiwani. A great quizzer, chess player, basketball

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player and shooter and the talent list is endless! We are sure to miss you, Rahul.

Cadet NCO Aman Roy

The Serene Flautist

This silent killer from Bihar apart from being a great jumpe was also an excellent Hockey player. His melodious flute notes will keep on lingering in the hearts of entire RIMC fraternity.

Besties to you, Aman

Cadet NCO Mrugendra Joshi

The Noble Dolphin

This chap from Pune had a great sense of humour and set the pool ablaze with his dolphin - like techniques. A gentle and kind-hearted person, the junior dorm would surely miss his kit inspections.

We wish you a very best of luck, Mrugendra

Cadet Leonard Arambam

Righteousness Exemplified

This jack of all trades and even master of all was the most strict disciplinarian we have ever seen. He sent his opponents flying in the Boxing Ring. PT, Athletics , Shooting were all his forte. IV A will remember him for all his seven commandments.

Success beckons you, Leo.

# SHIVAJI SECTON

Cadet Sec Com Sidharth P Singh

**Eloquent Spirit** 

This lanky lad from Bihar is all out prove himself. He proved his mettle in boxing, basketball, x country and the list goes on. 'Mrs Pearson' of Shivaji Section has carved a niche for himself in singing also.

God Speed, Sidharth.

Cadet Sub NCO Jaideep Chugh

Agile Pugilist

This boy was the most excited of the lot. He was always found researching on military strategy and warfare techniques. He is rumoured to have written a better doctrine for the Indian Army. This eccentric boxer will always be remembered for his broad grin.

All the best, Jaideep.

Cadet NCO Karan Thukral

Equipoised Always

This whiz kid of Shivaji Section turned the computer labs into a cyber café. The undisputed king of TT and Chess Opens, he left a mark on academics as well. His never ending kit parade sessions and strange ways of frustrating will always be remembered by all. His fluctuating voice, like that of an amplifier will surely gain him a place in future Indian idols to come.

Will miss you, Karan.

Cadet NCO Vaishak

Stoic Academician

This Shivajian had solutions for every problem. He lived life king size and let everybody live theirs. This specimen from the biology lab will always be missed for his witty answers.

Good Luck, Vaishak.

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# **GUARDIANS OF PEACE**

Late evening, tugged tight in bed The child dissolved in his grandmother's tale; Beautiful ladies and their knights of valour. The starlight outside cast a cool serenity Pronounced by the blanket of dark.

A thousand miles away, a set of eyes Dares not wink; not move a muscle The soldier stands firm, the iron will in him Looks across at the enemy expanse For movements that might cost his country dear. The biting cold freezes his spine, His mind numbed by the icy wind Resolute, he holds on to his companion The gun, his insignia on its shiny barrel.

The child said his evening prayers For joyful days and peaceful nights That his family be fearless of fright A thousand miles away under the same sky Vigilant eyes tirelessly scan across; The soldier stands guard undeterred.

> Cadet Sub NCO Tonmoy Barua Class VA

# OBITUARY

With profound grief we inform you of the sad demise of:

Flt Lt Nishant Rai (1999-2004 / Shivaji) in a helicopter (MI-17) crash in Tawang.

Mr Rajeev Dayal (1975-1979 / Shivaji).

Mr RC Sharma (Geography Master at RIMC from 1953 to 1983).



# TO THE ROBBER'S DEN

It was the day of 31" October, when we, the cadets of Class I, along with Colonel Pankaj Kumaria, Commandant (RIMC) went for weekend hike to Robber's Cave. We started our trekking at 0730 hrs in the morning and reached Robber's Cave at 0930 hrs. On the way we saw the Military Hospital, Dehradun, and the Ecological Nursery maintained by 127 Inf Bn (TA).

When we reached Robber's Cave, a hearty breakfast was waiting for us. After having breakfast, we set out to explore the mysterious Robber's Cave which abounds with idyllic and pristine beauty of nature. We were also told by the Commandant as to how this place had got its name.

After exploring Robber's Cave, we departed to visit the Water Treatment Plant, Bijapur, which is maintained by Military Engineering Service. There, we were shown the various methods and stages of water -treatment to get fresh filtered water. After that, we started our journey back to the College and on the way we also got an opportunity to meet a RIMCOLLIAN Colenel Robi Kapoor who is CO 3/5 GR. Around 1440hrs, we reached our Alma Mater. It was indeed a memorable hike for the cadets of 177th Course.

Trekking with the Commandant was a pleasurable experience which shall certainly go down the memory lane as an outstanding memoir.

Cadet Shashi Kumar

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# **Book Post**

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# Cadet NCO Guninder Sidhu

#### Lithe Footballer

The big 'gun' led the soccer team well. He is well known for his style in just about every game. Everybody was afraid of his obsession for burning things. Junior dorm will remember him for his tie making parades.

### All the best, Guninder.

# Cadet NCO Aaditya Anand Tyagi

# Paradigm of Diligence

The grandpa of Shivaji Section will always be remembered for his caring attitude towards juniors. A joshy senior, he always led from the front. There was no field that he left unconquered. The College Hockey Team will miss him as a goalkeeper.

## Take care, Aaditya

#### Cadet Sub NCO Tonmoy Barua

### Lyrical Excellence

This dolphin always set the pool ablaze. A good academician, he left his mark on quizzing also. Sure to do well in life.

# Best of luck to you, Tonmoy.

# **CHANDRAGUPTA SECTION**

# Cadet Sec Com Pranayjit Singh

#### Nimble Wit

This lilliput from Jammu was jack of all trades. His ever smiling face was a source of inspiration for the Section. The Soccer Team was incomplete without his presence. His all round performance proved that "size does not matter". May he sail through the vicissitudes of life smoothly.

# Wishing you well, Pranay.

# Cadet NCO Devashish Upadhyay

### Mesmerizing Eloquence

This 'Youth Icon' left everyone spell bound with his quick repartees, be it on the stage or in dorms. His deadly stares in contrast with his funny walking style left the juniors baffled whether to be afraid of him or not. Senior dorm is sure to miss his sense of humour and his knowledgeable talks. May his motto "sky is not the limit" lead him to success.

### Success is yours, Devashish.

# Cadet NCO Ankit Sood

### Inimitable Resilience

This 'Goliath' from Himachal set the Basketball courts ablaze with his three pointers. His kind hearted nature and ever smiling face made him approachable for juniors. One of the best golfers of his times, he is sure to do well in future.

# Wishing you a bright future, Ankit.

# Cadet NCO Aaditya Udupa

# Laudable Strokes

He believed only and only in hard work. His laudable achievements in swimming and quizzing made it evident that sheer determination is the key to success. His iron will and unwavering perseverance made him an inspirational figure for all his juniors. May all his aspirations come true.

# Stay your determined self, Aaditya.

# Cadet NCO Myang Hang Rai

### Charming Strummer

This cheerful and innocent looking lad was a music enthusiast. His ferocious boxing skills made his opponents shiver in the ring . Academics was not his cup of tea, but he surely made a mark as a good sportsman. An all time favourite of Mr Thapliyal, junior dorm will surely miss his lotteries.

# All the best, Myang.

# From The Cadet Captain's Pen



I'm stuck. It doesn't happen normally. The flow of words is generally smooth, the thought process unhindered - but this time things seem changed. For once, I am so overwhelmed with emotions that words have ceased to flow. Every thing I decide to pen down, takes me to a different time. The movie starts rolling again, as vivid images from the past resurrectreminding me of when I had first set foot amidst these environs, unaware how immensely it will mould me in the years to come, and though, beyond my comprehension, the moulding process had already begun. The fields were inviting to look at - seemingly never-ending, and Isn't it every child's secret dream to be free to roam? The first movie in the Bhagat Hall, a biennial celebration of the College's rich past was my first encounter with the proud legacy that all of us inherit - the seeds of a life long obsession were already sown in this young mind. And thus, on this inspired note - I fell in love with the RIMC.

Five years later - the beginning still is a fresh memory. And the precariousness of the journey that followed is unquestionable. It was a cyclic whirlwind, the paradox of order in chaos. Rising through the hierarchal setup, a cadet garners varied experience. And I was no different. The insecurity of a first termer amidst unsettling circumstances, the gradual growth in his confidence levels. The "play-to-win" approach all of us are taught and the joy that follows a victory. The despair in loss and the occasional pat on the back, when our morale is stooping low. Though readers still caught in the whirlwind - that is our routine, may not agree, but let me assure them that the thing looks immensely pretty and productive from an outsider's perspective, or from the perspective of someone about to exit, drenched in nostalgia. This journey has shaped me, and will shape the rest to follow. Just be willing to give your very best to this institution, this is all it asks for. This journey has been a beautiful one, and now that its reached its end - there are no regrets.

There must never be, and this goes for all of you too. So do well, enjoy every moment here and collect memories. Remember, time flies - but it helps when you are the pilot! Besties Ahead.

Cadet Captain Anshul Roy 2466/P/168

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# **KUDOS QUIZZERS**

Three cadets namely Cadet Arpit Sangwan, Cadet Krishnapal Singh and Cadet Shinjan Chakraborty took part in ONGC Quiz, which was held under the GEO 2011 program by APG and ONGC.

The Quiz was conducted in two phases: Preliminary Round and the Final Round. There were 22 teams from 15 different schools out of which 7 were selected for the Stage Round. RIMC sailed through the Preliminary Round smoothly. There were seven rounds included in the final: Environment, Sports, Current Affairs, Entertainment, Geography, Rapid Fire and Hydrocarbons. RIMC maintained a superb lead right from the start.

After the seven enthralling rounds, the results were as follows:-

(i)	RIMC	130 points
(ii)	Brooklyn School	62.5 points
(iii)	Doon International	60 points

The winners were awarded with certificates and a Cash Prize of Rs 5000. They have been chosen as members of the ONGC Delegation which would take part in GEO India 2011 conference to be held in Noida next year. It was indeed a profound learning experience. More to come in the near future...

Keep Quizzing...

Cdt. Arpit Sangwan & Cdt. Krishnapal Singh (Class IV A)

# WINGS OF GOLD

The unremitting rains get immured in the bosom of the earth making the clouds give way to the renegade sun which appears only to beat down mercilessly. A shower now and then keeps reminding me that we have just been through with an inexorable monsoon spell. The slight nip in the morning and evening air indicates that winter's knocking at the door, bearing in its lap a CHANGE, a change which is not only that of the season, but a change of the very core of one's being - a change that has unknowingly and stealthily crept in.

The seasons which are harbingers of CHANGE slowly perch themselves on the backburner as I shrug myself out of the euphoria I was steeped in. I find myself standing face to face with the stark reality of this CHANGE. It seemed as if

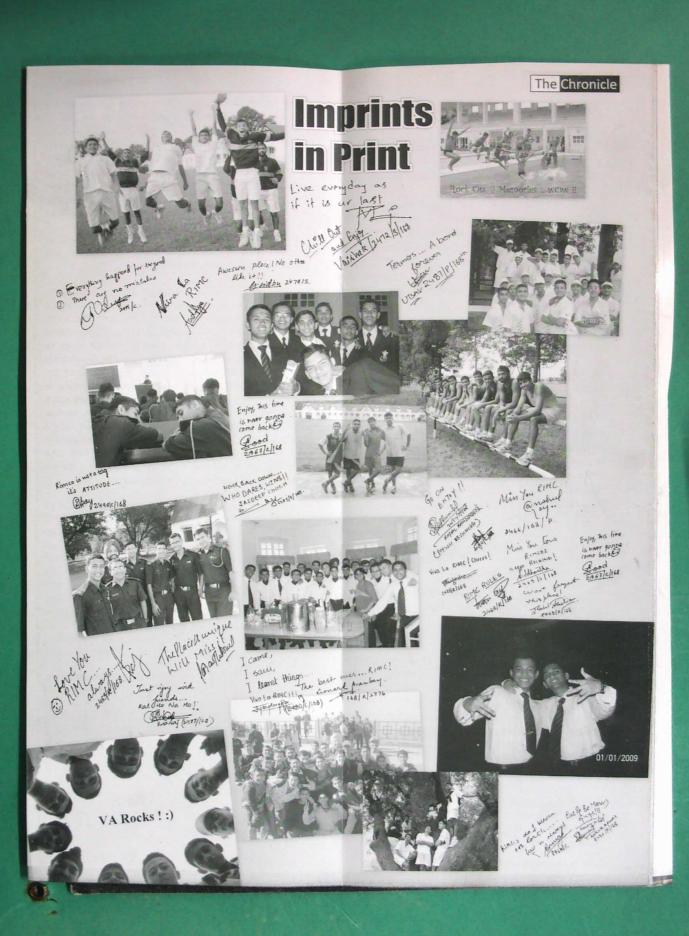
it was openly challenging, challenging me to shrug off my euphoria, fold it away neatly and tuck it till the 30<sup>th</sup> of November. And why not? Everybody else too seemed to be facing this very predicament. Was any of us audacious enough to turn the hands of the clock and take the 168<sup>th</sup> Course five years back when all 23 of them entered as rookies? They might've entered the portals very gingerly but today as they are ready to take on the world, they stand taller and stronger, donning the mantle of maturity that has effaced all traces of juvenile adolescence. At every juncture, all events, the cameras go clicking in a desperate attempt to capture the moments ticking by, the photos of which shall finally become memories treasured forever .....

What each one of the 168<sup>th</sup> wouldn't give to stop the masterly and haughty time which seems to be openly challenging as if to say 'stop me if you can'. As days turn into hours, hours into minutes and minutes into seconds, all of the 23 'green horns turned gentlemen' camouflage their lachrymose selves by either wearing a perpetual smile which certainly cannot belie the turmoil going on in the very core of their hearts - the hearts that will look back with nostalgia at the imprints left on the sands of their very soul, pining and yearning to be back on the sacred precincts, reliving the moments of joy, sorrow, their disappointments, minor squabbles that would fulminate into 'no love being lost' only to be friends again in no time. The five well spent, glorious years that have seen them through thick and thin, are all set to pave for them a path that leads to fulfilment of their aspirations.

As this becomes my first ever Valedictory Note in an RIMC Chronicle to a Passing Out Course, various thoughts seem to glide from nowhere only to disintegrate like bubbles leaving no traces whatsoever. The traces might have got effaced but the dissipating thoughts leave only a trail of resonating nuances that appears to be telling me in a euphemistic manner- 'the sons of this dwelling, have outgrown their cradle- 'The Cradle of Excellence'. The resonance substantiated these words by saying '.....for when fledglings grow wings, the tests of time and the fire of life purges them, taking care not to singe them but to transform the wings of fire into golden ones'.

Rachna Malhotra OIC, Journalism





# Learning to Dare...

The winter break threw up plenty of options for thrilling adventures like Trekking Wind-Surfing, Hot Air Ballooning and Cruising, another way to keep the Cadets challenged and inspired.

### NIM Uttarkashi

The heavenly panorama at NIM Uttarkashi left our Cadets delighted as well as spellbound. The experience of bouldering on a natural cliff is certainly something that all don't get to experience.

### HAB Jabalpur

An amazing finding - Common propane or butane (household gas) is used to fly. It is carried in liquid form, under pressure, in tanks, and routed in the burners. The flame shot out as far as 2, 3 metres into the balloon. A fan was used to hill the envelop (balloon) with ambient air. Then as the air was heated with the burners, the balloon rose to a vertical position lifting the wicker basket carrying three at a time, the pilot and two cadets.

The sport is more rewarding at 60 -160 metres floating over the countryside. Ours were tethered flights but we still felt like birds hovering over a panorama of beauty

# Wind Surfing - Orissa

Rimcos took to the waters of Orissa-







spending time waiting-waiting for suitable sets of waves to come along in order to open their masts and have a splendid but thrilling adventure. And when the conditions did come, we managed to get up and stay on boards for a couple of minutes actually riding the waves.

Surfing is difficult to master, requires a lot of patience and is packed with thrill. A vast lake, rippling waves and a windy weather made the operation of masts an adventurous feat for the Cadets.

# INS Chilka

A day out at INS Chilka giving an exposure to yachting was the icing on the cake. The sight of the dolphins acted as an addendum to the joy of the cadets.

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### INS Airavat

Rimcos are always eager and excited to indulge in the potpourri of danger and excitement and it was no different this vacation with around 23 cadets participating in a naval cruise aboard INS Airavat. Rimcollian Cdr. Kunwar Vijay Singh played the host and a cicerone in acquainting the cadets with the ship and its technicalities. The cadets had a demonstration of a helicopter-landing exercise which was followed by the firing of torpedoes and night watching. The sight of missiles moving swiftly onto their target was an aweinspiring sight for the cadets. The sailors also demonstrated the under water refuelling exercise and some tactics of Submarine Warfare. The Captain, Cdr. Manish Sharma organized a cruise in the Bay of Bengal anchoring off the Kakinada Port and landing on the Hope's island. It was a delighted experience for the cadets with the blue waters of the Bay of Bengal splashing against them. Fortunate enough for the cadets the crew also arranged a demonstration of Amphibious Landing and Beach Assault. The cadets were bid farewell on 8th January after a small reunion tea party with the Rimcollians to look back at the cruise as a lifetime thrilling experience.

Cadet Abhishek Dash, Class IV

Memorable Moments on the INS Airavat

# Kudos To The Intellect!!!!!

Destination means the difference between being stuck and being struck with the lightning power of commitment.

· Cadet Varun Kumar Deewan and former Cadet Captain S.Shyam rocked the portals of RIMC acquiring 95.4% and 83.6% respectively in the SSE(X) and SSCE(XII) Examinations.

Reaching for the stars.....and achieving them.....

· Cadet Arpit Sangwan 90.60%

Cadet Gokul Mahajan 90.20%

Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey 90.00%

Cadet Ranjeet Kumar 90.00%

Cadet Shinjan Chakraborty 92.46%



Cadet Varun



# Heavier Shoulders.....

# Colonel to Brigadier

Col Santosh Kumar Kurup,SM

1975-79

Chandragupta Section

Col Jarken Gamlin, SM, VSM

1974-79

Pratap Section

Col A S Bhinder

1974-78

◆ Chandragupta Section

Hearty Congratulations on being promoted. We trust that the lessons learnt at RIMC provided the foundation for your career and advancement you have achieved through dint of your hard work and efforts. The reflected honour of your achievement shines bright as an example to the current cadet cohort and for those to come. You honour us all.



Sub Lt Suraj Aiyappa (2001-2005, Chandragupta)

Midshipman SurajAiyappa was bestowed the glorious SWORD OF HONOUR and the CNS Gold Medal in the Midshipman Course in December 2009

# Anonymous End

Abnegating pleasures,
Saving money
For their sole
Beloved progeny.
Their pains accrued
And hardship continued,
But they
Worked till dismal sheen.
Their aspiration
Though somewhat mean.

Thinking that There'll be a day, The halted pendulum Would certainly sway. Then came the day, Their son moved the town But alas! He never came back down.

Their numerous letters Were never replied to, Anxiously waiting In masses they cried. Lullaby and cradle And all memories were rusted,
But they always joined hands
For the one they once trusted.
Finally they attained the coffin,
In agony and pain
But their son
Was never seen again!
This is the followed
Modern trend,
The birth givers are led to an

Cadet Prajwal Bhatt- Class IV

ANONYMOUS END...

# Successful Entertainers



As an addendum to the Republic Day celebrations, the Inter-Section Variety Entertainment Competition commenced on 25th day of January with a terrific confounded start. The theatrical and orchestral skills displayed by the cadets were a projection of their talent and spirit for their sections. The whole hearted and gross participation of the cadets and their rocking performance impressed one and all. A total of thirty partakers were involved in the orchestra. The sections put up an excellent show in the solo vocal and instrumental competitions with Cadet



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Himanshu Thapa and Cadet Marshal Singh bagging the Best Vocalist and the Best Instrumentalist award respectively.

The 26th day of January saw many budding starlets on stage. The cadets with their extraordinary dramatic skills left the audience spellbound.. Cadet Abhishek Khajuria was awarded the Best Actor award. The sections presented Hindi skits based on social messages. Cadet Vishvendra Gill bagged the Best Actor award for an exemplary comic Performance.

The competition concluded with Chandragupta section lifting the overall Variety Entertainment trophy.

Cadet Arunabh Saxena, Class I A

# The Return

I travelled for miles and miles, I wandered through strives of life. Back to my old home, back to those days Of golden peace, of lost chances. Back to the memories, I could have cherished, Back to the lives I could have touched, Back to the rooms, where I forgot to sit, An empty pyramid stood waiting by the street, Waiting for me to kiss its doors, No sign of life would greet me there, I knew No sign of love would hold me there, I knew. Ambitious I was they knew it too, I left my family never to return again Their cries echoed around- ripping open my heart Yet I walked away, never to return again Many years later as I return. I wonder, I hope, I pray, I wait. I opened the door creaking loudly. Not a soul to be seen. Walking slowly to the table, I sit down, I start to cry the tears of repentance Knowing no one would answer me ever,

Cdt Rahul Dev Verma- Class IV

I cry out loud "I am home!!!!!"

# **OBITUARIES**

With profound grief we announce the sad demise of :

- Mr. Inavat Ullah Hussain (1931-1937. Kitchener)
- Mrs. Rajni Maurya (Wife of Mr. S K Maurya)

Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. We pray for the peace of the departed souls

# Olive Green Attire

I chose a journey A journey on my own, The path is weary My fortune unknown.

The destination instills Pride, honour and glory. But blood and sweat In shed to charm destiny.

I have passed some miles Not a single milestone.

Cdt Rishav Raj- Class II

And yet I think What have I got?

The things I loved I left em' behind, Pain and agony - the irony of time. Children in evening play, I on my fence sway and sway.

Blossoms my heart -so oblivious of vanity, And my eyes brighten at sight of the OG. Twice I think and find it hard, The olive green attire, it's all worth it.



# Felicitations !!!

Cadet Ashish Tewari of Class V A has been felicitated by Global Scholar - Educational World Young Achievers Award' 09 on 9th Jan 2010.

He was Runners-up in sports category (Shooting)

# Thriving on the Rush

Donning the mantle of success at the Junior National Equestrian Championship(JNEC) 2009, the Rimcollians from NDA left everyone astounded with a brilliant performance.

Cadet SudhirTomar

Cadet Pratap Singh Pundir

2 bronze - 1 bronze

Cadet Hem Prakash Chamola

- 1 bronze

Cadet Ramiz Raja

- 1 bronze

Cadet Pritam Mishra

1 bronze

Cadet Piyush Deshmukh kept the RIMC Flag flying high bagging a onze in the INEC 2000

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### February

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- 21 Cadets compete to prove their supremacy at precision shooting in the Inter Section Shooting Competition. Chandragupta Section bagged the Trophy.
- 28 Novices Boxing held with a great display of vigour and strength.

### March

- Inter Section Cricket Competition held over a period of two weeks. Shivaji Section lifted the Trophy.
- Boxers take a sigh of relief with the conduct of semi-finals of Inter Section Boxing Competition.
- 11 College celebrates the festival of colours Holi.
- 12 Old Boys arrive to celebrate Reunion. Finals of the Inter Section Boxing Competition held. Pratap Section emerged victorious.
- 14 Culmination of Reunion 2009

- 10 Inter Section Basketball Competition organised. Chandragupta Section emerged victorious.
- 19 Cadets of the 166th Course take the NDA written examination.
- 20 RIMC organises the Hugh Catchpole Centenary English Debates. Wynberg Allen bagged the Trophy.
- 22 RIMC hosted the Inter School Challenge Quiz. Sherwood College, Nainital, emerged victorious.
- 24 Inter Section Hockey Competition organised. Chandragupta Section walked away with the Trophy.

### May

- The final Sports Cup of the term Inter Section Obstacle Training Competition held. Shivaji Section bagged the Trophy.
- 4 Inter Section Quiz organised. Ranjit and Chandragupta Section shared the Trophy.
- 7 Board Exams for the 165th and 169th Course commenced.
- 26 ROBA dinner held for the passing out cadets of the 165th Course.
- 30 Dr APJ Abdul Kalam visited College for the Graduation Ceremony of the 165th Course.

# AT A GLANCE



- 14 The 175th Course joins the RIMC fraternity.
- 24 Inter Section Variety Entertainment Competition organised. Pratap Section enthralled the audience to lift the Trophy.
- 27 Inter Section Squash conducted. Shivaji Section dominated to bag the Trophy.
- 30 Flagging-In of the Banderpunch Expedition at the Rashtrapati Bhawan

## August

- The orators participate in the Inter Section Hindi Debate. Pratap Section won the Cup.
- 15 College celebrated Independence Day. Inter Section X-Country Competition held. Shivaji Section lifted the Trophy.
- 22 Inter Section Soccer conducted. Chandragupta Section won the Trophy.
- 30 The 167th Course took their NDA written examination.

### September

- 1 Cadets explore the azure depths of the pool in the Inter Section Swimming Competition. Shivaji Section emerged victorious.
- Cadets proceed for the 3rd High Altitude Siachen Trek.
- College hosts the RIMC Soccer Cup. Tibetan Home School walked away with the Trophy.
- 21 Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated after a month of fasting.
- 26 Mock UN General Assembly Session held. Chandragupta Section won the Trophy.

### October

- 10 RIMC hosted the Kashi Naresh Hindi Debates. Scholars Home emerged victorious.
- 14 Inter Section Athletics Competition organised. Ranjit Section walked home with the Trophy.
- 16 The Parent Teacher Meet organised after the Mid Term Exams.
- 17 College celebrates Diwali.
- 24 RIMC organised the Conservation Festival. Renowned personalities like Prof Yashpal, Ms Mita Vasishta and Mr Fuad Lokhandwala graced the occasion.
- 27 Inter Section Quiz Competition conducted. Pratap Section walked home with the Trophy.

### November

- The final Sports Cup of the year, the Inter Section Physical Training Competition held. Shivaji Section won the Cup.
- Board Exams for the 166th and 170th Course commence.
- 26 ROBA dinner held for the passing out cadets of the 166<sup>th</sup> Course.
  - 29 Graduation Ceremony for the 166th Course held. Lt Gen MM Lakhera was the Guest of Honour.



# From: Arun Mamgain

Mr S K Tyagi's last rites were performed this morning, his only son Bhavya lit the funeral pyre. Present were his distraught father and family members, his friends and a few parents of cadets.

The RIMC family, Commandant, Masters and Employees stood watching in disbelief as their dearest and the most respected man went on his final journey.

At the Shivaji Section Master's bungalow were Rimcollian GCs from IMA and their instructors, all of whom had been his students, they stood along with cadets of Classes V and VA to bid him adieu. Young faces to whom death was not for real.

SK had spent a lifetime ensuring that cadets understood the importance of academics in their life and helped them to strike a careful balance between work in and out of the class. He was up and about at all odd hours to see that Shivaji, and other sections too, were alright - getting across to boys during difficult teens when even their parents often failed. It was therefore quite natural for him to be asking about his students even while he was battling with water filling up his lungs - has that boy passed the NDA exam, SSB, the 12th and so on. SK refused to accept that

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he was going and constantly told Dharma that he would be back to take charge soon, he was worried at having been away for a few weeks of duty.

SK had just completed half a century of which the last 20 years had been spent in our school. What a pillar of strength he was in the Academic Block! Math for Classes IV through VA and the final dash for the all important UPSC exam. He was a great support to Krish (VP) in coordinating and standing up for him. He leaves behind a void, the kind that was there after Mr R C Singhal retired.

SK was such a fit guy, tall and wiry with no vices at all - except the occasional not out that he gave Rimcollians while umpiring the cricket match on 13th March. Every evening he was out for a brisk walk and the boys in prep knew that he was around. Mr Virender Sharma, his walking partner of yesteryears, came from Pune to visit him, SK held his friend's hands for a long time and merely said,' Virender yaar, is bar phans gaya'.

God Bless you SK - we shall always remember you with warmth and gratitude,

Viva RIMC, Arun.



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- Cadets compete to prove their supremacy at precision shooting in the Inter Section Shooting Competition. Chandragupta Section bagged the Trophy.
- 28 Novices Boxing held with a great display of vigour and strength.

# March

- 1 Inter Section Cricket Competition held over a period of two weeks. Shivaji Section lifted the Trophy.
- 9 Boxers take a sigh of relief with the conduct of semi-finals of Inter Section Boxing Competition.
- 11 College celebrates the festival of colours Holi.
- 12 Old Boys arrive to celebrate Reunion, Finals of the Inter Section Boxing Competition held. Pratap Section emerged victorious.
- 14 Culmination of Reunion 2009

# April

- 10 Inter Section Basketball Competition organised. Chandragupta Section emerged victorious.
- 19 Cadets of the 166th Course take the NDA written examination.
- 20 RIMC organises the Hugh Catchpole Centenary English Debates. Wynberg Allen bagged the Trophy.
- 22 RIMC hosted the Inter School Challenge Quiz. Sherwood College, Nainital, emerged victorious.
- 24 Inter Section Hockey Competition organised. Chandragupta Section walked away with the Trophy.

### May

- 1 The final Sports Cup of the term Inter Section Obstacle Training Competition held. Shivaji Section bagged the Trophy.
- 4 Inter Section Quiz organised. Ranjit and Chandragupta Section shared the Trophy.
- 7 Board Exams for the 165<sup>th</sup> and 169<sup>th</sup> Course commenced.
- 26 ROBA dinner held for the passing out cadets of the 165th Course.
- 30 Dr APJ Abdul Kalam visited College for the Graduation Ceremony of the 165th Course.

# From: K Thammayya Udupa

I met Mr Tyagi for the first time on 14 January 2006, the day Aaditya joined RIMC. Though he was not Aaditya's Section Master, I got an opportunity to interact with him during the lunch hosted for the parents. I had found him to be a no - nonsense kind of a person, very positive in his approach and with a lion's heart. During the last Parent - Teacher Meeting in October 2009, I had the opportunity to get to know him more. On 16 October 2009 I was probably the first parent to reach the Thimayya Auditorium for the Commandant's Address. Mr Tyagi was there, smartly turned out as usual, overseeing all the arrangements. Later that morning Aaditya and I met him in his office to discuss Aaditya's problems in Maths. We had a long chat and I came out quite assured that with a person like Mr Tyagi taking so much personal interest in the academic welfare of each and every

Even during his last term - break, the one master who was regularly mentioned by Aaditya was Mr Tyagi. I could make out that the entire class was really fond of him. All that I can say is that RIMC has lost a pillar of strength. We are always told that no person is greater than the institution and that people may come and people may go but great institutions go on forever. I fully agree with this but I also

cadet, Aaditya had nothing to worry .



believe that great people make great institutions and later on other great people help take the institution to greater heights. The cadets of today's generation would have realised that Mr Tyagi was one such great person. I can only bow my head with a sense of reverence and gratitude for all that Mr Tyagi did.

My deepest condolences to the bereaved family and the RIMC.

With Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Colonel K Thammayya Udupa

(Retired),

B Tech, MBA, PMP



# the Chronicle



From: Sqn Ldr Bharat A Parab

Mr. Tyagi's demise is a real shock for the entire RIMCOLLIAN fraternity. He was a great motivator and a big help at all times. He had guided all of us throughout our entire stay at RIMC and was always there as a guiding star for all the cadets. The College will find it extremely difficult to fill the gap that he has left behind. My condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace.

Sqn Ldr Bharat A Parab

# 47 Sqn, Air Force





From: Simrandeep Singh

I was in tears when I read your mail about Mr Tyagi's untimely demise. He figured so prominently in almost all the big events every Graduation Ceremony, every Re-union. I do not know where from the College would get such a dedicated soul. There was something in him that made not only the Shivajians, but also the entire College love him. I remember in RIMC, whenever all the doors were closed in some official trouble, he played the troubleshooter for many of us.

I just pray that his soul rests in peace and the family gets strength to bear the huge loss.

Yours sincerely

Simrandeep

# the Chronicle

# From: Dhirendra Singh

'Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.'

I joined RIMC as Master in July 2000. It was a new world unfolding everyday. Mr Tyagi, Mr Vishwakarma and Mr Thapliyal were unrelenting mentors and Col Mamgain did everything to make me feel settled.

It was this time when it dawned upon me the kind of mettle this great man possessed. Knowing his background of childhood and struggle for education, he rose to be a guiding light for so many RIMCOs by placing them in the merit list of the NDA Examination. As a Section Master, he was the pulse of the section life. He was a living example of dedication and virtue.

May Lord grant enough strength to Mrs Tyagi, Bhavya, Nishi and family to bear the irreparable loss. I know, words are not going to lessen the pain, but I do believe that collective prayers are always

Mr Tyagi is amongst us through his values and what he imbibed in every Cadet. The Cadets and Masters have to carry on the 'Culture of excellence against all odds' firmly set by Mr Tyagi.

'Oh heart, if one should say to you that the soul perishes like the body, answer that the flower withers, but the seed remains.'

With tears in the eyes and the love of Mr Tyagi in the heart......

#### **Dhirendra Singh**

Principal Global Indian International School, Jodhpur

DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND WEEP:
I AM NOT THERE. I DO NOT SLEEP.
I AM A THOUSAND WINDS THAT BLOW.
I AM THE DIAMOND GLINTS ON SNOW...
DO NOT STAND AT MY GRAVE AND CRY;
I AM NOT THERE, I DID NOT DIE.



# From: Col H Dharmarajan, SM, Commandant, RIMC

Mr Sunil Kumar Tyagi was ever so unruffled, that it always amazed me. Unassuming as always, he would only say, "Don't worry Sir! This is what it is..." Confident and capable, he knew precisely whoneeded-what, what-was-required-when, with a discerning eye that would hardly falter even when it pertained to polishing the cadets for their SSBs. Those were the moments when his role as a true alchemist came to the fore, effacing all the misgivings in the minds of the diffident cadets, transforming them into confident stars. He was indeed a man of substance whose sole aim of facilitating and ensuring holistic development of his cadets made him emerge as a humane colossus who rose above any predilections.

Mr Tyagi was God's blessing for the College - a privilege that the Almighty bestowed for twenty long years. For so many Old Boys, colleagues, masters, parents and young cadets, it is now time to resolve to carry his legacy forward...for all time to come.



# FEAT

Heartiest congratulations to Col H Dharmarajan, SM, Commandant, RIMC, on being approved for the Higher Command Course abroad.



# **REWIND!**

I approached the Ante Rooms.

The air was agog with "Com! Com! Hey...Com! Ssshh..." I expected the customary sharp silence to follow. But the clear and distinct lyrics of a 3 Idiots' song wafted through from the wall - mounted flat - screen, "...I want to grow up once again..."

It set me thinking - what would it be like, to be back as a first termer, in the same old dorm? Were the same sprightly young faces of today, a replica of a 32 year re-wind? How archaic are we in today's times? Can three decades fossilise one's outlook to the joy of youth? Can time stand still...

How many zestful courses our Bhagat Hall must have witnessed over the last nearly nine decades? Did these walls sense the first thrill of a young lad being left alone - all by himself.....The fullness of his responsibility slowly dawning on him. How bewildering was the aura of our vast 138 acre expanse? Is the copious variety routine of the days still as intriguing as it was in the days of yore? The thrill of the first letter from home. Till the very first pangs of

homesickness hit...and hit really hard, continuing the seemingly static DLTGH.

Being all of only 142 cm tall in the first term does not seem radically different today. A 40 kg built would not be considered small either. I can still hear someone say! "perfect for light fly weight!" Rushes of events gush forth - seems more like a torrent exploding. It almost always seems that way. Life is like that! And to enjoy that boisterous hustle is what sets the tone - the fun of it.

The majestic Tudor buildings still seem to beckon...so do the richness of the fruit trees. The same gravel paths (some now tilted or paved), the lush green fields, the enchanting jungle, the seemingly interminable college round...some distances seem to become just a little smaller as the terms fly by.

Not much long later, is our young man now a senior - with 'doping' juniors to look after. As Cadet Guardians - understanding the tenets of accountability. Sometimes feeling haplessly out of control...for a while...till it appears perfectly logical feeling...like a demigod, making work like one envisages. What was once looked at as unreasonable as a junior, suddenly seems so much in place when viewed from the top. All that got etched in mind earlier as "once I become a senior, I would never..." seems a thing of the past. It really does look like it was never etched at

Before long, one realises that he is on the final lap...too fast to comprehend. How can the best of time flash past in a blur...one seems to yearn for time to stand still. The inevitable draws closer and closer. Soon it is graduation time.

For a Rimcollian getting back to his Alma Mater, it is yet another chance always to see his own reflection, experience those same very moments. Feel like it once again. Oh...to be back in the garb of a cadet once again. Nothing ever seems to change.

'The Sun still rises in the East and the Moon does seem to set in the West! But did I actually notice it then?!'

Col H Dharmarajan, SM



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RIMC

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will."

Vince Lombardi

# **Editorial**

As I sit here, searching for words to pen down my 'almost last' editorial, I realise how 'not - so - easy' it is to put your thoughts into words when you know that your days as a RIMCO are numbered, but alas! I am bound to meet the deadline of the Chronicle, which is well past.

Bracing myself to step out of the portals of this institution, I have had my moment of self realisation and it has finally dawned on me as to what it really means to say "We meet to make memories and we part to preserve them." Even though it sounds very stereotyped and clichéd but only these words can contain the magnitude of nostalgia which pervaded through the hearts of the entire RIMC fraternity as the 88th Founder's Day celebration reached its culmination. After the Platinum Jubilee celebration of '97, this year's extravaganza can easily be termed as the best, considering the whopping number of Old Boys who made themselves a part of the 88th Reunion.

We were all left befuddled at the speedy pace of events as the most exciting part of the term passed by, in less than a blink of an eye and while we were recovering from the hangover of the 88th Founder's Day celebrations, the beast of Midterm exams caught us off guard. The perennial and seasonal scholars managed to tame it but the 'not - so - studious' ones crumbled under its blind fury. The Mid Term Hikes came as a breather for the teachers and cadets alike who got the much needed respite from their 'BUSY' schedules.

As we embark on the final stretch of this term, we are left with a host of activities to look forward to. At the Inter Section Level, we have the Basketball and Hockey Competitions and at the Inter School level the Cadets have prepared themselves to play the perfect hosts to the visiting teams for the Catchpole Debates and All India Inter School Quiz. In course of all this, let us not forget Class IIIA and VA Cadets who are putting in every ounce of their energy towards the oncoming board exams.

Ending this month's editorial with a solemn note, here's wishing all the cadets THE VERY BEST for the term ahead and hoping the term culminates with a new beginning.

Cadet Sec Com Astitva Tyagi, Class V A



# **Dateline**

April 2

March 1	College celebrates Holi.
	Inter Section Cricket Competition commences.

March 9	Final weights of boxers.
	Inter Section Boxing Competition commences (semi finals)

	Inter dection boxing competition comments
March 10	Semi finals of Inter Section Boxing.
	Dress rehearsal of Cultural evening

March 12	Arrival of Old Boys.
	Hockey Match between Rimcollians XI and RIMC XI.
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Rimcollians win 2-1 Inter Section Boxing Finals, Ranjit Section lifts the Trophy.

March 13	Wreath Laying Ceremony
	Cricket Match between Rimcollians and RIMC
	Rimcollians win
	II. Share

LIOI2C SHOW
Cultural Programme takes place.
ROBA Dinner

March 14	Old Boys depart.
March 15	Inter Section Cricket Competition continues.
March 17-25	College Mid Term Exams commence.
March 21	Class III leaves for Mid Term Hike.
March 26	Mock SAARC Competition commences.  Inter-Section Water Polo Competition commences.
March 28	College leaves for Mid Term hikes.

College reports back from Mid Term hikes.

# The 176th Reds



Cadet Prateek Dubey

A swimmer from Vizag, this boy is also good at Basketball and Hockey He is training hard to become a good X-Country



Cadet Sheshank Shekhar

A born Finstein, this lad from Bihar is a very good academician and aims to work hard at Boxing and in Co-curricular activities



Cadet Ayushkam Pandey

An adroit Quizzer, this lad from Pratapgarh, aspires to attain the apex position in his class in academics and wants to excel in Basketball, Hockey and Shooting as well.



Cadet Bhaskar Gogoi

This quiet and hard working boy from Assam is very good at Sports. He sweated out in the Boxing ing for a better future and is working very hard to improve in HINDI!



Cadet Yashashvee Rai

This guizzer from Jharkhand is also an upcoming Basketball player. He loves to play Guitar and aims to excel in every sphere of the College



Cadet Ariun Thakui

This boy from Himachal Pradesh is very good at Boxing and excels in all the arenas. He is a good dramatist and an upcoming academician too

Rimcollians owe their identity to RIMC and every year they return to their Alma Mater to watch the seeds (RIMCOs) sown in the fertile land, that is RIMC and to see how it defines the identity of today's generation. Through the tides of time, this institution has etched its name in the minds of each one who has passed through its hallowed portals. Even after so many years, RIMC has retained the same spirit- be it at the Cadet Captain's Quadrangle or the Patiala Pavilion. And the RIMCOs of yesteryears return to refresh the memories of their stay, to see how their institution is flourishing. And that is the true Re-Union, the union of the present, the erstwhile past and the future to be

This year again, like the last eighty seven years, the Rimcollians came, and rejoiced. It all started on the 12th of March when Old Boys started entering the College like a group of youngsters. The air in the college was rife with pride, laughter and wistfulness. Traditional Hockey Match between the Old Boys and the cadets was held at the Patiala Pavilion, and was won by RIMCOLLIANS by 2-1. This was followed by the most-awaited event for the most coveted Trophy of the term, the finals of Inter-Section Boxing Competition. Once a boxer looked towards his Section, it motivated him with roars of deafening cheers. The winner was Ranjit Section, showing skills, devotion, stamina and last but not the least JOSH!

The 13th of March began with the Wreath Laying ceremony at the War Memorial where we paid homage to our martyrs. Subsequently, a fantastic PT display was put up. The Karate display was held for the first time and the deft and agile movements of the Cadets left everybody speechless. The Daredevil Horse Show was the next event, in which our riders exhibited their skill to everybody. The Old Boys and their families were left spellbound by events like Hankie-picking, Tent-pegging, Jump-show and the humorous Joker-riding.

The Sky-Diving event was followed by the conventional Cricket Match between the College Team and Old Boys. In the mean time, the Cadets got busy cajoling their Section Old Boys for treats.

Later in the evening at the Thimayya Auditorium, the Commandant's Address was followed by jubilation as Shivaji Section lifted the Championship Trophy at the Award Ceremony. It was followed by a scintillating musical performance and dances that rocked everybody.

Finally, as all good things must come to an end, on the 14th morning, the RIMCOLLIANS began to depart with cherished and unforgettable.

Cadet Taral Chanchani, Class II



# Inter-Section Boxing Competition

Cadet Surva Prakash, Class IV A

has always been a very interesting and prestigious event. After the long reducing runs, punching and stamina building, it was finally the time for the boxers to prove their mettle in the ring.

The semi-finals of the Inter-Section Boxing Competition began on 9th March 2010. A total of 26 bouts were fought, out which 26 pugilists qualified for the main event.

On 10th March 2010 seven final bouts were held and the remaining 6 bouts were slated for the Re-union Celebrations.

On 12th of March, the air was filled with oodles of motivational cheers by the RIMCOLLIANS. Finally, it was Ranjit Section that stole the show by a close margin narrowly followed by Shivaji, handragupta and Pratap Sections. The point tally was-

1st -Ranjit - 30 points 2nd-Shivaji - 28 points



3rd-Chandragupta - 24 points 4th-Pratap - 09 points

Cdt Sub NCO Leonard Arambam was adjudged The Best Boxer and the Best Loser was Cdt Sub NCO Siddharth Pratik

The Chief Guest of the event, Vice Admiral PK Chaterjee, AVSM, NM congratulated all the medal winners and told the gathering that he was overjoyed to see the performance of the cadets and motivated them to aim higher to achieve their goals

Hikes are a regular feature in RIMC every term. Breaking the monotony of our daily lives, they fill us with renewed energy. Taking a muchneeded break from our hectic schedules to rejuvenate and prepare ourselves for the term ahead, the Cadets of Class I to Class IVA, set off on their six-day Mid-Term Hikes on the 27th of March. After all, who can deny the glory of mountains which can only be appreciated on seeing?

he place which the freshers visited was Chakrata- Kanesar, the best place to be introduced to a RIMCO. During the course of their hike, they visited Lakhamandal, Rock Climbing Institute and Koti Village. They were accompanied by Mr Sanjay





#### Class I A

The cadets had a great time visiting the Queen of Hills, Mussoorie, Bhadraj Temple and George Everest. They were accompanied by Mr Negi and Mr Mathews. Kempty Falls, Company Garden and the Mall Road are some of the places visited by the Cadets.

# Class II

The cadets enjoyed their stay at the centre of the Kumaon Regiment in Ranikhet. The ancient Jageshwar Temple, Almora and the Ranikhet Golf Course are some of the places visited by the Cadets. Later, they went to Nainital and visited the Aries Observatory, the Naini Zoo and the evergreen Mall Road. They also had a wonderful time boating in Naini Lake. They were accompanied by Mr Selven and Ms R Chamola.

The pleasant weather of Shimla enchanted everyone and the Cadets enjoyed their visits to various places like the Viceroy Lodge, Naldehra Golf Course and later the Rock Garden in Chandigarh. The Class was accompanied by Mr CS Vishwakarma and Mr Khushi Ram.

Known to be the best hike of all, the Pune-Mumbai hike visited NDA, CME and met various Rimcollians. They also visited Mumbai and saw various ships such as INS Talwar, INS Vikrant, and the Marco Training Centre. They were accompanied by Mr PN Naik and Lt Cdr SK Chakraborty.



# Class IIIA

The class had a good time visiting the Taj Mahal, Agra fort, Buland Darwaza, Fatehpur Sikri and the Para Forces Training Camp during their hike to Agra. They were accompanied by Dr J Choudhary and Ms N Sharma and enjoyed their hike to the hilt.

# Class IV

The Cadets had a great time trekking to the Nag temple and then scaling the Tibba peak with Mr PK Sharma. After an arduous trek, the class went on to enjoy the Mall Road in Mussoorie.

# Class IVA

During their hike to 'the Pink City', the Cadets accompanied by Mr Birjesh Chauhan and Ms N Kaushik visited the various historical forts and monuments in Jaipur. Later they visited Ajmer Sharief and Pushkar. They also played a friendly Basketball match with the team of 6 Raj Rif. It was indeed an extraordinary experience for the Course which went for its last hike.

Cadet Sachin Lakhawat, Class IV A

# Life's a Miracle

Cadet NCO Krishna Kant, Class VA

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 it's 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 it's dark embrace

Though lives 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 at 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

But today, I will love to cherish a smile

# RIMC Cadets Steal the Show at Delhi orse Show

Ten cadets of RIMC took part in the Silver Jubilee Delhi Horse Show 2010. Three cadets took part in the Children Category and the remaining seven in the Juniors. Cadets of the Juniors Category participated in Cadet Jumping event. Cdt Navneet Suman won a Gold and Cdt Sonu Kumar brought a Silver. The Junior Jumping Normal was held and the RIMC 'B' team comprising Cadets Nitish Jha, Sonu Kumar and Ram Krishan Sharma won the Silver medal. In the same event, Cdt Nitish Jha won an individual Bronze. The RIMC Team also won a medal in the 'Senior Young Junior Rescue Relay'. The team comprised Cadets Ram Krishan and Navneet Suman of RIMC. Cadet Ram Krishan won a Bronze Medal in the Junior Jumping Accumulator. Other participants were Cadets Raushan, Aman, Lalit, Shivam Lakhera and Abhinav, Anand. The Chief Guest for the finals was General VK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, Chief of the Army Staff who awarded the medals.

# Feathers Added!!!

The following Rimcollians have been approved for promotion to the rank of Group Captain

Wg Cmdr D K Chughha

Wg Cmdr V Mohindra

Wg Cmdr Monish Chandrashekhar

Heartiest Congratulations!!! Cdr Manav Sehgal (Shivaji 84-89) has done the RIMCOLLIANS and the Navy proud by winning the Peter Mitchell Essay Competition 2009 in open category organised by Royal Australian Navy. The Award carries with it a cash prize of US \$ 1500. This is the first time in the last 10 years that an Indian Officer has won thi

Cadet Akash Kumar Yadav bagged a Silver Medal (Individual) in .177 Peep Sight Air Rifle category at the JJ Singh Shooting Championship, Mhow.

The Government of J&K has revised their State Scholarship

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# Chronicle

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# Reflections

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard!

# From the Editor's Pen...

The wheel of time must turn. And as it does a sad and pensive carousel, drawing us to yet another farewell - I am amazed at its indifference. Amazed, and not perturbed because I know it is for the greater good - a good, that is beyond our comprehension. Yet good it will be, as our young warriors brace themselves to fight the battle that life encompasses - to take on the world with full gusto! Good it will be, as their years of selfless toil will finally bear fruit. Good it will be, as they will no more be young kids - but beacons of the future and the light of today. And yes, it will be good!

As the day draws close and nostalgia emanates from their very being, I am bound to think. Is that greater good more important than personal sorrow?

And if yes, how do I talk my heart into believing this?

I can just think and not conclude, just question and not answer. I cannot decide which side of the line am I as an array of emotions confounds me. All of them unique and special in their own way - a befitting epithet to these fresh faces of the Rimcollian fraternity, and also to the waves of emotions they are astride at present. There is the joy instilled in success, the sorrow that must accompany parting - and the thrill that adventure epitomises. And it is this plethora of emotions that I strive to pen down.

Life is still too intricate for young people like me to decipher, but through these little chapters I get closer to the enigmatic solution it contains. I understand that all journeys must end, so as to begin anew. As they step out into the open air, their graduation parchments held aloft in their hands - they must know that this is not the end. They must look into the eyes of their proud parents, and see the dream contained in them. And they must work hard, so as to make their dreams come true. They are warriors, and warriors never rest. They move on, conquering one territory after the other - something this passing out course must strive to emulate. And so, let this not be the end, but a beginning. A force has been unleashed today, that none can contain. The world is theirs for the taking, and every day brings forth a new sun of vibrant opportunity. The journey ahead will be an experience in itself, and yes -

Let them be torchbearers for the rest they leave behind - to lead us into the realms of the unknown. And until then, with a prayer in our hearts - it's just these best wishes we can shower them with.

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.'

Cadet Sub NCO Anshul Roy, Class V



The Tenacious Torchbearers

# **Dateline**

April 8	Inter Section Basketball
	commences

nanjit	Section	emerge	WIIIIEIS

May 1	Inter Section Obstacles Competition held	
May 7	RIMC SSCE(XII) Board	

College Terminal Exams May 14 commence

Examination commences

# COLONEL H DHARMARAJAN, SM A TENURE PAR EXCELLENCE



#### CADETS

SHOOTING MEDALS AT IPSC
NATIONAL SHOOTING, RIDING MEDALS

IPSC SWIMMING MEDALS

SLATERS DEBATE WINNERS - 2008 INTER SCHOOL QUIZZES, DEBATES, ESSAY COMPETITIONS WINNER.

PARTICIPATION IN JUNIOR NATIONALS

100 % NDA EXAM RESULTS: AUGUST 2009

#### RECOGNITION

FIRST IN NSTSE RANK
GOC-IN-C COMMENDATIONS TO THREE MOS

GOC-IN-C COMMENDATIONS TO THREE CADETS

NEW ADVENTURE AVENUES TAPPED RIDING NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

TWO NATIONAL CHILD AWARDS

(DELHI HORSE SHOW)

# INFRASTRUCTURE

**ROCKCLIMBING WALL** 

INDOOR BASKETBALL COURT, NEW APPARATUS FOR PT

LCD TV, PROJECTORS AND COMPUTERS IN ALL CLASSES

DIESEL WATER HEATERS

NEW DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

NEW GENERATOR SET FOR SHOOTING RANGE, BHAGAT HALL, MESS, AUDITORIUM

REVAMPING OF STAFF ROOM AND SECTION MASTER'S ROOM

### LANDMARK EVENTS

MT BANDERPOONCH CONOUERED.

EXPEDITION TEAM FLAGGED IN AT THE RASHTRAPATI BHAWAN BY HONOURABLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA - HER EXCELLENCY, MRS. PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL.

SIACHEN TREK: CADETS TRAVERSE THE HIGHEST BATTLEFIELD.

100 % NDA EXAM RESULTS

## **VISITING DIGNITARIES 2009**

DR A P J ABDUL KALAM , BHARAT RATNA FORMER PRESIDENT OF INDIA

PROF YASHPAL, PADMA BHUSHAN

ACM FALI HOMI MAJOR PVSM AVSM SC VM ADC FORMER CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

MR ASHWINI KUMAR, IPS, DIRECTOR, CBI

LT GEN MM LAKHERA, PVSM, AVSM, VSM. GOVERNOR OF MIZORAM

"Life does go on... as the powerful

rapids pound away, smoothening and

LT GEN VK AHLUWALIA AVSM, YSM, VSM, DGMT MAJ GEN B C KHANDURI , RETD CHIEF MINISTER, UTTARAKHAND

SHRI BL JOSHI GOVERNOR, UTTARAKHAND

Vignette of the RIVER

polishing that boulder, refining his dexterity to tackle those currents, giving him the deft ease to brush aside what comes his way."

The deft ease you've equipped Journalism Club with has certainly not been a day's

The deft ease you've equipped Journalism Club with has certainly not been a day's work. From the day you stepped into the portals as the helmsman, you set out, chiselling the 'rocks and boulders' - the young budding journalists, enthusing them with a creative energy - a curious mix of

aesthetics and eloquence. You infused in their pens the ink of courage and skill to express their most absurd or profound thoughts. What was latent and dormant, came surging forth in an array of hues-joyous, blithe, sad, painful, distressing and many a poignant emotion. It was literally like a father taking hold of his child's hand and teaching him to pen down with conviction, in an out-of-the-box manner, cajoling and prodding him on to a higher order thinking. Your distaste for grandiloquent and bombastic writing has been a lesson driven home and today, the

Journalism Club stands taller, lot wiser, saner and sure footed. Besides having grown in size, it is all set to dabble in new ventures, experiment with writing and reach out to all those who reflect an iota of promise in them. The accolades "Regalia" has received and the various features which have regaled the readers all over is solely due to your effort, your critiquing always gentle and never condescending. Your unwavering interest, has led the Club into the realms of the future, where every day brings a new opportunity. And it is you, who has helped it grow from a puerile and immature group into one that has grown from strength to strength, surpassing all obstacles. Creativity is innate, but to mould and polish it, we need greater skills and the correct environs. And in these aesthetic pursuits, you have always been the driving force. The river which shapes landscapes - making beautiful patterns as it rushes ahead. Its instinct is to move ahead, and yet work wonders for the land it has just traversed. No matter where it goes and what bend it takes, its aim stays constant - the greater good and selfless striving.

Sir, you may shift base - but your resolve towards excellence will never dither. And of this we are sure of, having seen your committed disposition through the past



And thus the river flows on... sometimes gently in calm serenity - gliding over pebbles and at times smashing against the huge boulders unleashing its fury ready to devour whatever befalls. Yes, it may move ahead on its journey - but none the less will flow on, choosing new lands to green, and more stones to polish. And each of those must consider itself lucky, for having been bestowed with a mentor as dedicated as

you - a mentor who always keeps the student before himself - a mentor who epitomises excellence.

Sir, as you move on in life, one thing you must be sure of is that we, at the Journalism Club, will miss you. These portals will never be the same again without your watchful eye, and no piece of prose will be complete without your reflective criticism.

# A PASSING THOUGHT ...

A young twelve year old enters the hallowed Thimayya Gate. He includes in everything he only dreamt of earlier. The Rimco does much more - he learns to do what he is afraid of...to enjoy doing what he dislikes...and imbibes a fire to excel. He weathers sunshine and storms, developing physical tenacity and mental resilience along the way, visualising his goals and the steely determination to go for them. A quintessential cadet emerges eventually, a bundle of talents capable and confident, yet humble and grateful.

Col H Dharmarajan, SM

# WELCOME

The baton must change hands, as it does every few years. Bur still, I rest assured as just like so many times before this, it is again to pass into sturdy, able hands. As Col H Dharmarajan, SM who has very ably steered RIMC through a vast expansive ocean of responsibilities, now stands on the other side of the shore, having been nominated to attend Higher Command Course at National War College, USA, the controls pass over to another able helmsman, Col PK Kumaria. The future of our College appears bright indeed!



Col PK Kumaria's life has been marked with a glorious beginning - as his dossier very correctly states - followed by a very impressive track record which speaks of his immensely decorated persona. Having excelled as a Cadet in RIMC, he was a Course Topper at JNU, Delhi, from where he did his BTech and also at IIT, Delhi, from where he did his MTech in Industrial Engineering. An Officer from the Armoured Corps, Col PK Kumaria has held prestigious Instructional Appointments at Armoured

Corps Centre and School and at MCTE, Mhow.

The sparkle in his eyes, and the vivacious energy that emanates from him tells us that he is a man on a mission. With a dream in his eyes, our new helmsman is sure to lead the entire RIMC fraternity to greater glory. Here is wishing the 'Very Best' for a glorious tenure ahead.

Cadet Abhimanyu Dubey, Class IV



Cadet JS Suman

राष्ट्राय भारताय सन्य कालज देहरादून छावनी—२४८ ००३ (उत्तरांचल) Rashtriya Indian Military College Dehra Dun Cantt - 248 003 (UA)

RIMCO 5 YRS RIMCOLLIAN

In one of transformation which has seen us grow from callow Ist teymens to a resolute Vir. Little does one know what truse 5 yrs mean until he has experienced it himself. Thou was something arms in ony Ist teym - a junior and Similarly in I'A - a Seniof. But you always had there 26 others whom you could never lose Eight of . The true sense of course spirit has us all in the same groone; standing up for one-another when requered. RIMC has truly unkilled in us the first qualities of an officer and energone involved in oney making is no doubt worthy of compliment. A special mention of My Tyagi, without whom we would have cortainly lacked something treng

Though this journey of owns is about to meet its end. I must write that it has been beautiful. The destination was great no doubt, but the journey was greatly. It's time for us to bid adien to this heavenly place and Dear. oney mettle where every we are



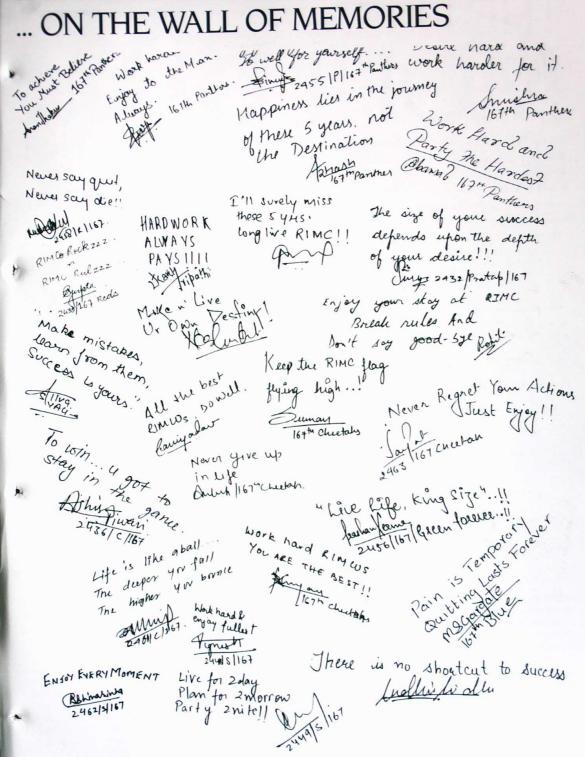
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Cadet JS Suman

Our course, united by a history long forgotten and the future we shall face together. I shave this newage with inveyone 80 that our past will always be sumembered, for in those memories we like on !!!

# ... ON THE WALL OF MEMORIES



# THE FINER MOULD

Love at first sight is sweet, but persistent love is even sweeter. With time, the 167<sup>th</sup> Course fell in love with a place they called home for an eventful five years. And now they must leave, but the love will linger on. They seem to be clutching onto time but it is slipping from within their fingers, faster than sandgrains. Joyous moments of triumph and moments of dismay in the face of floundering defeat will never be theirs to experience together. This whirlwind romance of five years now takes a finer mould, ephemeral and elusive in the lachrymose hearts of all 27 of the 167<sup>th</sup> Course. Here is a brief insight into the brilliant gentlemen they have made out of themselves, moulded by the College at large:

# Suvendu Mishra (Sinewy Gymnast)

A leader by example, he will be forever remembered for the strength he provided to the Panthers fraternity. Ranging from PT to Boxing, he had made a name for himself in various skills. An avid learner, he tried his best to pass down to his juniors all the skills he had toiled to master.

# Shreyas Pingle (Cool Pacifist)

When he was not setting the swimming pool on fire, this lad from Maharashtra was busy making friends. His attempts at humour would often fail, but would anyway get the desired smile on many a face.

## Aman Thakur (Fair Eloquence)

A chirpy fellow, his metamorphosis from a young, shy lad into a crowd puller of sorts has been amazing. Boxing remains his forte, but Debating and Quizzing were fields he loved too much to resist.

# Abhash Chaurasia (Impish Innocence)

His performance in the Boxing Ring was enough to clear any misconceptions about this seemingly innocent Cadet. An epitome of determination, his hard work bore him fruits in every field he ventured into. He sure will go a long way ahead.

# Anshul Bansal (Resolute Marksman)

Every day was a new beginning for this carefree lad. Taking on life with utmost optimism, he left a mark in Shooting, Cross Country and Physical Training - all being areas demanding undeterred focus and

determination. His will to go ahead will forever be remembered.

# Prasad Bagauli (Innocuous Pugilist)

Selfless toil characterised his journey through the portals of time. A great help to all his juniors, he set himself apart in the Boxing Ring.

## C Surva (Eniamatic Fervour)

An enthusiast who preferred to utilise his time learning something new, to wasting it in futile talk. A brilliant quizzer, his silent persona was also capable of leaving many a person quizzed about the real face beneath the captivating smile.

# M Sai Surya (Garrulous Guts)

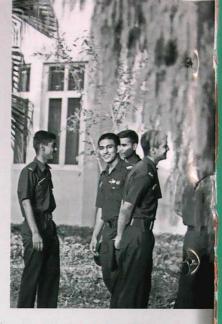
Yet another Cadet whose sole aim in life was to enjoy. A "techy" in his own words, he will be forever missed by the Computer Lab PCs- a lot of them victim to his inquisitiveness. The Journalism Club will never be the same again without his witty sense of humour.

# Astitva Tyagi (Prolific Eloquence)

This nimble footballer was the mastiff of the Soccer Team. When he spoke on the podium, he was bewitching. An epitome of leadership, he was always there for his juniors, everything else came next.

# Anshul Gupta (Hockey Enthusiast)

Popularly known as Coach Kabir, the Hockey Team owes a lot to him for his dedication and sincerity. This quiet fellow immersed himself in stacks of books at one



time, a sight which astonished his juniors.

#### Mukesh Kumar (Serene Jollity)

There was rarely a time when he wasn't smiling. This scholar, bestowed with a sharp mind, spent few hours with books and yet scored high. He performed marvels on the long jump pitch; this lad is sure to take the same strides in his journey ahead.

# Rohit Chamling (Unfazed Zeal)

He was a quintessence of hard work. He was like a lightning striking on the hurdle track, where hurdles seemed to bow in defeat as he crossed them. May he take on life's obstacles with the same enthusiasm!

# Krishna Kant (Creativity Redefined)

This songster cast magic on the audience with his Pied-Piper like expertise. His mesmerizing poems and self composed songs left everyone delighted. May he rise to stardom!

# Utkarsh Tripathi (Deft Strokes)

Another constant inspiration for juniors, he made his mark in every field he ventured in - be it Swimming, X-country or Athletics. Though academics was not his cup of tea, his hard work and sincerity made him emerge a winner ultimately.

# Abhinav Chaudhary (The Spirited Serenity) The serenity in him reflected both on and

The serenity in him reflected both on and off the fields, and his cool - headed leadership always steered the team to higher pedestals. The energy in him seemed to ooze just at the right moment,

as the last day performer who would never let the team down.

#### Sudhir Sindhu (The Lanky 'Rodin')

Little first termers would crane their necks to talk to this tall Harayanvi. His love for tranquility in dormitory led innocent juniors to take vows of silence. His elder brotherly care sometimes made juniors wish he would rather not bother.

#### K Vignesh (The Cherubic Bard)

His motivation would always carve miracles out of juniors. This cheerful lad would always be smiling mischievously and sharing light moments with his dormmates. Music remained his passion throughout the five years, on his journey to a strong and mature voice.

#### Abhinav Sinha (Advocating Optimism)

An epitome of strong will and determination, he was the man behind every teamwork. He would still be awake to put his brains to task when everyone else would succumb to slumber. The academician in him surfaced in his later terms when he took to the desk with

# Mrugank Gargate (Excellence in Azure Depths)

He set the pool ablaze with his dolphin like swift strokes and won laurels for the team every time. On the soccer fields too, he was a phenomenon. He would always be remembered for his poised and timely advice and the infectious smile that would unfailingly charm many.

#### J S Suman (Paradigm of Leadership)

This gentle lad would be remembered for his electric sharp reflexes, be it the Boxing Ring, Gymnastics or even routine work. Academics was his forte, where he did not leave any stone unturned. Undoubtedly this genius would go a long way.

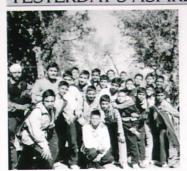
#### Devi Prasad Bhuyan (Adept Quizzer)

This shrewd and sharp quizzer would always be the first to snap the buzzer and never let anyone outdo him. On the fields too, he was no less agile with swerves and sombreros that left everyone gaping. This soccer fanatic would surely carve a niche for himself.

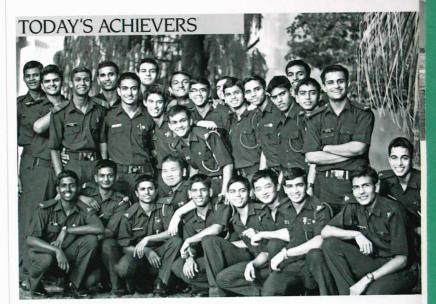
#### Prashant Verma (Brains and Brawns)

This sincere and dedicated lad would sit alone in class, even if everyone else decided to chase a break. He would be remembered for his strict and stern nature. May luck always favour him on his journey to greater heights.

## YESTERDAY'S ASPIRERS







#### Ashish Tiwari (Eye for an Eye)

Known for his unparalleled sense of humour, he was a constant source of inspiration for his juniors. The Shooting Range was his second home, where he rarely missed the bull's eye. He is sure to succeed in his endeavours!

#### Ravi Yaday (Munificent Spirit)

This lad was famous for churning tales out of nowhere, so adept was he at speaking. The hidden talent in him would radiate just at the right moment, when his teammates needed him most. He is all set for the

#### Haopu Haokip (Soccer Freak)

Soccer was his passion and Soccer was all he lived for. He would leave everyone enthralled with his gimmicks in the football arena. His tiny eyes were a baffling mystery that no one deciphered. This cheerful lad is sure to touch dizzy heights.

#### Ambesh Charan (The Quiet Charm)

This ace shooter lived on the dictum 'Silence is Golden'. He made a smooth sailing in his journey of five years. With his optimistic nature and an iron determination, he is sure to win laurels.

#### Vijay Pathania (Fitness Personified)

This charming lad was rarely found with books, as the sporting arena would see him frequently. He was the bulwark of his athletics team, where no relay could be accomplished without him. We wish him luck.

And now they are all set to take on the world, ready to run through life like an all-consuming 'juggernaut', undaunted by the challenges that lie ahead.

# 'AS YOU SET OUT...'

For the twenty seven brave young men

Amiably as they traverse the arduous path

Rising from the clay, moulded into bold stalwarts

Enduring the storms that left them

Walk audaciously on fate's rugged terrain

Encroaching destiny, selflessly enduring

Luscious memories and moments to behold,

Lady luck by their side, we bid adieu to 'the set temper and mould'.

Cadets Tonmoy, Ankur & Ankit, Class V

# DISTINCTIONS **GALORE**

- Congratulations to Lt Cdr Chandrakant Kothari for having topped the Long C Course as well as overall combined phase of all Long Courses at
- Lt Cdr Divakar, who came Second in Long C and Lt Cdr Vishnu Reddy who finished Second in Long ND also deserve a special mention.

# GIRL WITH THE BLUE EYES

Like an angel from the heaven She stood across me for a while Mesmerized there in complete awe I caught her faint smile.

With movements so swift She crossed the path by me Lost in the abundance of her beauty My thought progressed to we.

Her charming eyes did twinkle Like stars in the dark sky There was the childlike innocence in them Which made her look so maturely puerile.

Like crevices of the mountain Her hair was deep black The texture so soft, the colour so rich Which even the mulberry and the coal did

Thinking about her day and night I was puzzled by her being so shy Deeply engulfed by her thoughts now I remember the girl with the blue eyes.

Cdt Sub NCO Siddhartha Pratik, Class V

# **OBITUARIES**

With profound sorrow, we announce the sad demise of those who left indelible imprints on the Rimcollian fraternity:

Col Khushwaqt Ulmulk

Kitcheners - 1924 - 1932

**Brig Sukhwant Singh** 

Kitcheners - 1928 - 1935 Mr Abid Mustaguim

Member of Staff in late 1970s.

On 27th of April 2010, three cadets of RIMC took part in the Lady Russell Environment and GK Quiz held at the Welham Girls High School. A total of 11 schools took part in the preliminary round. The round consisted of 25 questions from myriad spheres ranging from the US Senate to Lord Voldemort of Harry Potter fame. A total of six schools qualified for the Final Quiz, namely St. Joseph's Academy, Welham Boys, Welham Girls, Scindia

School for Boys, La Martiniere for Girls and the RIMC. The Quiz consisted of 10 roundsthe first five being on nature and environment, followed by the sports, audio-video, current affairs and the buzzer round. The first three rounds saw La Martinierre Girls and the RIMC neck to neck but then the cadets put their grey cells to work and took the lead. We led the way throughout and finished on the top spot.

Cadet Pranayjeet Singh, Class V

**Book Post** 

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### **REFLECTIONS:**

Welcome the task that makes you go beyond yourself.

# Editorial

Rains are special. To the thinker, they bring the silence he craves for while still being sweet melody to the performer's ears. For the traveller, rains are a limitation - yet another test of patience; while to the child they mean freedom, the freedom to walk beneath the open sky, playing in the mud with careless innocence and knowing that the world is all his. With a mischievous smile playing on his lips, he returns home dripping from head to toe - having chased paper boats down miniature waterways till they went out of sight , with a conviction that someday soon they will reach the waiting ocean. He dreams, and dreaming keeps him happy. Sweet anticipation of the times yet to come - the beauty of the unknown.

As the College begins with yet another term (...which incidentally happens to be my last!), I can see the same "joy of dreaming" in every cadet's eyes. They are on a mission, the endeavour to rise up and be better than the best. To carve a separate niche for themselves, to be appreciated and to achieve all that they have ever wanted to. In each of their hearts, lies a dream. And dreaming is not bad, no, not at all! It is in the pursuit of dreams that legends are made, and as the old adage goes - "the journey far outdoes the destination". Pursue your dreams, do not let go even in the direst of circumstances and then someday, your dreams will come true. All that is busined is honest effort and some selfless toil, and do it with a fervent vigour-the will to succeed, the satisfaction of labour.

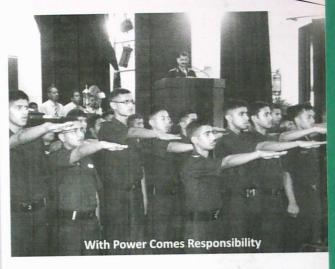
A fresh crop of youngsters have joined the family, and are shaping up well. They must know how important it is for them to love this place, a place they will call HOME for the next five years. Each one of them has a huge responsibility on his shoulders and they must strive to stand up to the enormous expectations. Being India's best, nothing less is expected of them than outshining the rest of the world in all spheres - physical, mental and social!

The time-tested cycle has set off again. With X-Country practices setting the tempo, the cadets are gearing up for the plethora of activities that awaits them this term. The RIMC Soccer Cup is fast approaching, and all hopes now rest on the College Soccer Team which has put in unprecedented efforts this time around. The rains do add that 'fun element' to the soccer practices, with the four sections toiling hard to master some nimble skills before the much-awaited Inter Section Soccer Cup. The post-World Cup soccer fever is natural, but the cadets must never lose track of the other events that are to follow. Squash, Swimming, PT, Quizzes, Debates ... the list will go on forever. Stay focussed, and setting one's priorities right is the need of the hour. Success will follow.

Hoping for a wonderful term ahead.

All-the Best!

Cadet Sec Com Anshul Roy, Class VA



# **Date Line**

12-13 July - Workshop for M.O.S.

15 July - The 177<sup>th</sup> Course joins the RIMC fraternity.

Mandir Function organised.

17 July - College routine commences. Allotment of Hobbies .

23 July - Cadets Vs. Staff Football Match.

25 July - Inter Section Squash Competition commences.

29 July - Shivaji Section lifts Squash Cup.

College goes for educational visits to institutions across the Doon Valley.

1 Aug - Swimming Tests held for Classes III to V A.

# **YOUNG BUDS**



#### Cadet Elijah H Sanga

This spirited cadet from Aizawl loves to play football. A keen painter and an artist, he is trying his best to pick up some hindi. Go ahead. Eliiah!



#### Cadet Ashish Dahiya

This lad from Haryana loves to read. A school level quizzer, he has already taken part in many quizzes at multiple levels. We wish him the very best.



#### Cadet Ayush Singh Rawat

This tiny localite is a new member of the Panther family. Besides being a good soccer player, he is also a keen quizzer and debator. The world is surely an oyster for this small wonder.



#### Cadet Tabu Nguki

This all-rounder from Arunachal is perfect in all fields. An excellent swimmer and a soccer player he is also an upcoming debater in HINDI as well as English. Go ahead Tabu!



#### Cadet Rahul Dwivedi

This whiz kid from Pratapgarh is a good batsman. He loves to dance, and loves it more once he is the one singing too. A good academician, we hope hebrings laurels to the Section.



#### Cadet Anshul Sahu

A keen swimmer from Mumbai, he loves to play soccer and is very keen on picking up Horse Riding and Shooting. We wish him the very best for the years to come.



#### Cadet Anshul Kumar

This academician hails all the way from H.P; he is a very good soccer and basketball player. Apart from this he has also taken part in various quizzes. This boy also wants to do shooting.



#### Cadet Abdul Muzeeb

This artist from Andhra Pradesh is very keen on excelling in all fields. Apart from playing cricket, he has also won various awards in drawing and quizzing. He wants to prove as an important asset to the college quizzing society.



#### Cadet Abdul Malik

An upcoming debater from Saharanpur, Abdul is a good athlete. He has achieved commendable positions in various exams. We hope he has a wonderfulstay here.



#### Cadet Pratik Jadhav

An ever smiling cadet from Maharashtra, he is an academician to the core and also loves to try various strokes in the pool. We hope he proves to be an asset for the section.



#### Cadet Abhirai Gautam

This rider from Banglore is an experienced hand in riding and has taken part in Delhi Horse Show. Also he is very eager to pick up photography and shooting in RIMC. All our wishes are with you!



#### Cadet Purnendu Kumar Singh

This lad from Pratapgarh is a good academician, quizzer, debater and a good athlete. He has come with the aim to excel in each an every field and exploit all opportunites. Good going indeed!



#### Cadet Hridhay Mahajan

Hailing from Kathua, he loves singing and is also a keen academician. Quizzing and Debating also form up his major interests.



#### Cadet Akshat Raj

An excellent athlete from Sainik School, Nalanda, Akshat has proved himself in various competitions. His qualities run ahead of him, making him a brilliant soccer player.



#### Cadet Pratyush Sharma

This boy who has been brought up in the RIMC campus and is an admirable talent in squash, cricket, soccer, basketball, and swimming. He is a dedicated quizzer and has a very enthusiastic mind.

# Panthers Speak!

I venture into the wild, and all noise fades away. The forest goes silent - no single movement at sight. The watering hole is all mine - the rest minnows - creeping back into the shadows. Even the impious snakes lie in holy trance. The chilly wickedness of the jungle - its secrets and mysteries are all instinctive to me. Finally, I pick my prey. I chase. I win. I feast, ...

The silence is quieter still;

The silence is quieter still; I dominate.

## \* Adventure Bytes

The cadets made their presence felt at the following places:

- a) 177<sup>th</sup> Adventure Course at NIM Uttarkashi from 26 June to 10 July 2010
- b) Wind Surfing at AANC, AADC Gopalpur from 3 June to 12 June 2010
- Kayaking and Canoeing Course at BEG Roorkee from 1 June to 10 June 2010
- d) Equestrian Course at AEN Merrut from 7 June to 19 June 2010
- e) Training Visit at Vishakhapatnam from 3 June to 8 June 2010

#### Obituary

We inform you of the sad demise of Lt Gen K Surendra Singh PVSM, AVSM, MC. He belonged to the Roberts Section of erstwhile PWRIMC, Dehradun (1939-1942). Lt Gen Surendra Singh was decorated with the PVSM, AVSM and Military Cross for his distinguished services. He breathed his last on 3 July 2010 after prolonged illness.

Sh Anand Mani, the Mess Staff member passed away on 24 June 2010. He joined RIMC on 17 August 1992. May their soul rest in peace.

## **Aqua Tales**

- a) Uttarakhand State Junior National Swimming Championship was held at Sports Department Swimming Pool Haldwani on 30th May 2010.The Following cadets participated and won 9 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medals:
- 1) Cadet Saurabh Thorve
- 2) Cadet Karan Raj Sohi
- 3) Cadet Aaditya Udupa
- b) Junior & Sub Junior National Swimming Championship was held at Bangalore from 7 July to 11 July 2010. Following cadets participated:
  - 1) Cadet Saurabh Thorve
  - 2) Cadet Aaditya Udupa

#### **College News**

#### Workshop for Masters:

Workshop on 'Enhancing Effectiveness of Teachers' by 'Nvision Learning and Development' was conducted from 12 July to 13 July 2010 for all the Masters of RIMC.

# **MERIT LIST**

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		No			List	
	1	2440/C	JS Suman	AF	1	1
	2	2438/P	Aman Thakur	Army	3	
	3	2444/P	Anshul Bansal	Army	4	
	4	2454/5	Sudhir Sindhu	Army	20	
	5	2445/C	D Prasad Bhuyan	AF	22	
	6	2461/C	T Haopu Haokip	Navy	31	
	7	2439/R	Anshul Gupta	AF	32	27
	8	2451/P	Suvendu Mishra	Army	41	
	9	2449/S	Abhinav Chaudhary	AF	44	6
	10	2450/R	Astitva Tyagi	Navy	54	
	11	2436/C	Ashish Tiwari	AF	56	21
	12	2442/5	G Mrugank Sanjay	Army	57	
	13	2441/C	Ravi Yadav	Navy	75	
	14	2456/C	Prashant Verma	AF	78	33
	15	2432/P	M Sai Surya	AF	83	22
	16	2458/R	Mukesh Kumar	AF	86	45
	17	2463/C	VP Singh Pathania	AF	106	76
	18	2447/R	Rohit Chamling	Army	107	
	19	2420/R	Utkarsh Tripathi	Army	316	
	20	2453/R	Krishna Kant	Navy	323	

#### SECOND ATTEMPT

1	2410/P	Varun Nagaich	Army	36
2	2408/P	Saurabh Kaushik	NA	180
3	2423/P	Saurabh Sarkar	Navv	241

#### THIRD ATTEMPT

1 2403/S Harshit Suri Army 144

# **News From RIMCOLLIANS**

- The awards bagged by Rimcollians of the 124<sup>th</sup> NDA Course are as under:
  - a) President's Gold Medal ACA P Ashok Verma
  - b) Best Naval Cadet ACA P Ashok Verma
  - c) President's Silver Medal ACC Rohit Shekhar
  - d) Best Army Cadet ACC Rohit Shekhar
- 2) The awards bagged by Rimcollians during POP at IMA are as under:
  - a) Sword of Honour ACA Gaurav Hridaya
  - b) President Silver Medal ACA Gaurav Hridaya

## **Change of Command**

Col H Dharmarajan, SM, handed over the Command of RIMC to Col Pankaj K Kumaria on 31 May 2010 and proceeded to National War College, Washington, USA for Higher Command Course.

## **Board Result**

- a) Class X: 24 Cadets appeared and have passed in First Division. Cadet Prakhar Kaushik stood 1<sup>st</sup> with an aggregate of 96.06%. 12 cadets secured more than 90%.
- b) Class XII: 27 Cadets appeared in the examination and all have passed the exam successfully. Cadet Captain JS Suman stood 1<sup>st</sup> with 92.08%. All cadets have passed with 24 cadets securing 1<sup>st</sup> division.

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#### REFLECTIONS

"We would never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world." -Helen Keller.

# Editorial

The rain god towers over the campus, as the heavens shatter and downpour follows downpour. The campus becomes a watery world in itself as it rains everyday without fail. Meanwhile, the cry of "waka-waka" rends the air as football fever grips the world. The rain and the infectious feel of football spread like an ink stain creating a festive mood round the globe while here at our College, the Cadets gear up to their usual routine. All around the picturesque campus, the coloured shirts bobbing up and down and the heaving of chests can be seen clearly. The X-country route beckons the Cadets onwards and every step seems to count. As they say "Its a mind game." and the Cadets seem to be taking it to heart, for sleeping in the prep seems to be on the rise. For the Cadets its truly a war, a war of four loyalties fought over kilometres of grass and road. But as one introspects, the pygmysized trophy of the X-Country Competition seems to be hardly a efitting tribute to the levels of hard work and dedication put in. But it is not that, every inch counts, and, the smaller the trophy gets, the more its valued; for this is a monument, one may say, to the sweat of the Cadets. Meanwhile, the Messis and Xavis of our College move into the sixth gear with the soccer team on a crusade to win the Soccer Cup. With their hard work and home backing, they expect to lift the cup. The agile climbers of the college were recruited and the team put up a good show at the IPSC. With the Swimming Competition too round the corner, the lithe strokes of the Cadets as they practise hard and slice through the water is a delight to see.

All in all, this term appears set to become one enjoyable and hectic term. Be it the Faculty or the 'Ustads' or Cadets all seem to be men with mission. On a final note, let us raise a toast to the indomitable spirit of the Cadets, the jacks of all trades.

Here's wishing everyone a very successful term ahead.

Cdt Arunabh Saxena

Class II



#### DATE LINE

August 01 - College Swimming Test (First Attempt)

August 02 - PT Test (First Attempt)

August 03 - Class I vs IA Football Match

August 07 - Mile Stone Cultural Festival 2010

August 09 - Inter Section Hindi Debate

August 15 - Independence Day Celebrations

Inter Section X- Country Competition Novices X- Country organized for Class I

Run For Fun

August 22 - NDA UPSC Examination

August 23 - Inter Section Football Competition Commences

August 25 - Visit of Brig Arun Bali, DDGMT(B)

August 26 - 1st Round of Inter Section Quiz Competition

August 28 - Finals of Inter Section Football Competition

August 29 - Finals of Table Tennis Opens.

# Eureka Moments!!!

The Cadets escorted by the Members of Staff stepped out of College on field trips in and around Dehradun.



For the 1" termers, the Doon Darshan

provided a peek into their journey ahead, as they had the privilege to visit landmark institutions like the IMA, the FRI and the NIVH.

Cadets of Class IA had a great learning experience at the Wadia Institute while Class II comprehended a lot at the Indian Hydrological Institute, which educated them about plotting of maps of the vast oceans. Class IIA visited the Indian Institute of Petroleum where they learnt about the different methods of extraction of petroleum products from crude oil. Class III Cadets had an incredible venture at

Soil Conservation unfolded its bounties to the Cadets of class IIIA. Here the Cadets got to know about the various methods of soil conservation and the availability of different kinds of soil at different places around the globe. While the Cadets of Class IV were equally delighted at the Wildlife Institute, learning about various methods of tracking the movement of different animals and the various phenomenon of nature. DEAL played hosts to the inquisitive Cadets of Class IVA, providing a lot of information about the working of tanks and RADARS and different methods of tackling and tracking enemies from a distance.

Learning outside the four walls of the classroom was not only enriching but also refreshing, with the weather also favouring the young minds.

> Cdt Rishav Raj Class II A

## WELCOMÉ NEW YOU......

RIMC Fraternity welcomes Mr Shishu Pal Singh, M.Sc. (Physics) and Miss Deepika Joshi, M.Sc (Chemistry). We wish them a very happy and successful stay at the College.

## NO ROOM FOR WORRIES

A troubled mind, perplexing thoughts,
Should I hope, or cry in disdain?
Millions that revolve my worrying mind
A certain oncoming day that frightens every night.
The moment of truth draws closer
When vexing nerves perspire
Conflicting thoughts battle silently
When hope makes room for suspicion.

Amidst fresh green bushes and rivulets of rain
Sprightly new buds await tomorrow
A brighter dawn when little petals would bloom
But is it easy to foretell nature?
A spell of rain or a gust too strong.
When end their stories? Lively little buds
Unpredictable life is, full of surprises
Make no room for gloom because each day lies wrapped.

Cdt NCO Tonmoy Barua Class V A

## **GUNS**

A gun is a dreadful thing. It can kill, hurt and end everything It can rob a person or kill his wife, And it is ten times worse than a knife. It can blow your head right of its hold, And make you do whatever you are told. It can blow your hand right off your shoulders, You can't confront it even if you were bolder. Blood and destruction everywhere, It kills the person who even dares. Shouts of "HELP" flood the air, Groveling in pain while others stare. Devils come to collect your soul. While your body is left filled with holes. An advice to all people out there, You may be businessmen, you may be nuns, Please don't ever use "GUNS"

Cdt Rahul Dev Verma, Class IVA.

### THE MONSOON SOCCER

The finals of Inter-Section Soccer Tournament was played between Chandragupata Section and Pratap Section. The Cheetahs and the Panthers gave each other a tough fight. Adding a third plume to their caps this rainy season, the mighty CHEETAHS lifted the Rolling Trophy.

#### OVERALL POSITIONS

1st - Chandra Gupta Section 2nd - Ranjit Section & Shivaji Section

4th - Pratap Section

Cdt Suhas Wagh, Class IV A

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#### REFLECTIONS

"Never forget that it is the spirit with which you endow your work that makes it useful or futile."

- Adelaide Hasse

# From the Editor's Pen

With the term having crossed the psychological benchmark of 75 DLTGH (days left to go home), it has certainly caught its pace. 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 exhibiting exceptional skill and stamina.

And then of course, began the explorations of the azure pool with renewed zeal and vigour. However, the plethora of activities made a paradigm shift from 'Inter-Section' to 'Inter-School'.

The RIMC Soccer Cup, the Kashi Naresh Inter-School Hindi Debate Competition, all saw the gusto of the ubiquitous cadets. The Debating Team clinched the Trophy with their emphatic efforts and continues to strive for more laurels on their way ahead. Coming back to the realm of the Academic Block, the books are out and the cadets have braced themselves for the Mid-Term Examinations.

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.

The 167<sup>th</sup> Course is expecting to stand tall in the UPSC-NDA examination and heading for the well-earned monsoon break. Though the rain gods have drenched the campus but the spirit remains unfazed, with the ebullient cadets all set to convert this phase of the term as the 'crest of the wave' and keep the search for zenith on...

Cdt Sec Com Piyush Raj Class VA



Her Excellency Smt Margaret Alva, Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand at the 10<sup>th</sup> RIMC Soccer Cup Tournament

#### **DATE LINE**

- August 31 Inter-Section Swimming Competition commences.
- September 1 Finals of the Inter-Section Swimming Shivaji Section lifts the Trophy.
- September 2 College celebrates Janmashtami.
- **September 3** 10<sup>th</sup> RIMC Soccer Cup commences.
- September 5 College celebrates Teacher's Day.

  Inter Section Variety Entertainment
  Competition.
  - Ranjit Section emerges victorious.
- September 9 Finals of the 10<sup>th</sup> RIMC Soccer Cup Assam Valley School, Assam lifts the Trophy.
- September 11 College celebrates Id-Ul-Fitr and Ganesh Chaturthi.
- September 13 Kashi Naresh Hindi Debate RIMC wins the Competition.
- September 17 Mid-Term Examinations commence.
- September 20 Pune-Mumbai Hike departs.
- September 28 College leaves for Mid-Term Hikes.

# RIMC SOCCER CUP

The 10<sup>th</sup> RIMC Soccer Cup saw a great deal of zest, enthusiasm and sportsman spirit exhibited by all the players. A total of 16 teams from the Doon Valley and from all across the country participated in the Tournament. The Opening Ceremony of the Tournament was presided over by Her Excellency Smt Margaret Alva, The Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand. After the league matches in the four pools, the Assam Valley School, RIMC, TNM Foundation School and the Welham Boys' School reached the Semi-Finals. The finalists were decided on the basis of penalty shootouts which led the Assam Valley School and TNM to clash in the Finals. In a thrilling match, AVS, Assam went on to beat them in the 10th RIMC Soccer Cup with a score of 2-1. This was followed by the Closing Ceremony in which the former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Major General (Retd) BC Khanduri was the Chief Guest. The individual awards conferred on the players were:

- Nishant Boruah (AVS, Assam) · Best Player
- Highest Scorer Cdt Ayush Salaria (RIMC, Dehradun)
- Best Goalkeeper Cdt Surya Prakash (RIMC, Dehradun)

Cdt Surya Prakash & Cdt Abhinav Anand Class V



# AZURE DEPTHS SET ABLAZE

After the exhausting Inter-Section Soccer Cup 2010, it was time for the swimmers to showcase their talent in the pool. The swimmers put in their best while the beginners mustered courage to clear their swimming tests.

On the day of the competition, the swimmers were eager to set the pool ablaze. The competition was held under two categories - Juniors and Seniors. A total of 10 new records were set in the Competition.

The Results were:

#### JUNIORS

Most Upcoming

- Cadet Shailesh Naik

**Best Swimmer** SENIORS

- Cadet Saurabh Thorve

**Best Swimmer** 

Cadet NCO Aditya Udupa - Cadet Arpit Sangwan

#### Best Paddler **Overall Results**

1st - Shivaji Section with 539 points

- Chandragupta Section with 485 points

3rd - Ranjit Section with 414 points

4th - Pratap Section with 350 points

The Chief Guest for the evening, Col PK Kumaria, Commandant, RIMC appreciated the performance of the swimmers and motivated the cadets to set more records and increase their benchmark in this arena.

**Cdt Taral Chanchani** 

Class II A

# **Waxing Eloquence**



The Kashi Naresh Vagvibhuti Singh Narayan Inter-School Hindi Debate was organised on the 12th of September, 2010. A total of eight teams from all over India participated and exhibited their debating skills. Some of the out-station schools were Mayo College Girls' School, Ajmer, Rashtriya Military School, Ajmer, Scindia School, Gwalior and The Daly College, Indore. Each school fielded a team of three speakers. The Debate was conducted in the modified Cambridge format.

After two gruelling rounds, four teams qualified for the Final Round which was held in the historic precincts of Thimayya Hall. The Debate was judged by a panel of three judges and the esteemed Chief Guest for the evening was Dr Vidya Sagar Nautiyal, an eminent Hindi writer and poet. The topic for the Final Round was 'CCE has increased the level of stress among students.' The debators from all the schools exhibited a very high level of debating and finally, the RIMC Team clinched the title with their superior articulacy. As per the tradition, the Trophy was handed over to the Runners-up Team from the Rashtriya Military School, Ajmer. The Best Speaker of the Finals was Cdt Sub NCO Sachin Lakhawat who floored the audience with his insightful comments.

The evening came to an end with a very enlightening speech by the Chief Guest who emphasised on the need to promote Hindi literature among the present generation. The Vote of Thanks was given by Col PK Kumaria., Commandant RIMC who thanked the Chief Guest and the judges and commended the efforts of all the speakers

Cdt KH Arjun & Cdt Tabish Hasan Class III A

# FROM THE BLACK IRISES

In a starless cold night I saw you for the first time Standing beneath the moonlight I saw the girl with black eyes.

Mesmerised by her voice, so sweet, I was lost in her beauty so deep. Listening to her thoughts I got a friend for a lifetime

In the isles of my mind Were her thoughts, frozen in the time line I noticed her eyes so kind; That moment in my life is on rewind.

The smile on her face looked so clean I couldn't imagine it to be seen
Dreaming about her, till the smudges of her memory Are etched in mine, like whiteness in a white sheet.

As the wind blew by her side, Her hair shuffled like the high tide; Now, in you I have to confide About the girl with black eyes.

Cdt Sec Com Siddarth Pratik Singh

Class V A

# INTER-SECTION VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT COMPETITION



The most-awaited competition of the term was held on the occasion of Teacher's Day. Each Section had to perform under three categories-Song, Drama and Mime. After an enthralling performance by the singers, it was time for the actors to showcase their talents. Pratap Section regaled the audience with a Hindi adaptation of Guy de Maupassant's 'The Necklace' while Ranjit section performed a Hindi play titled 'Jamun Ka Pedh'.

#### The overall standings were:

- 1st Ranjit Section
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Shivaji Section
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pratap Section
- Chandragupta Section

#### The individual prizes were:

Best Dramatist - Cadet Vishwendra Gill
Best Musician - Cadet Himanshu Thapa
Best Anchor - Cadet Nishant Singh
Best Actor in Mime - Cadet Shashank Dahiya

Most upcoming Dramatist - Cadet Arjun Thakur

The Chief Guest of the evening, Col PK Kumaria, Commandant RIMC appreciated the performance of the cadets and encouraged them to continue refining their skills. The evening was concluded with the presentation of souvenirs to the Officers and the Members of Staff by the cadets of Class V A.

Cdt Supreet Singh Heera Class IV A

# **Chaste Ecstasy**



On 28 August 2010, 18 cadets of Class III A, along with Sepoy Buddha Bahadur Kirki and Mr Ajay, went on a weekend hike to Paonta Sahib. After a frenzied and hectic schedule, cycling proved to be a good source of rejuvenation for the 168<sup>th</sup> Course.

On Saturday afternoon, after collecting our essential requirements from the catering JCO, we were ready to take off on our cycles at 1600 hrs. We took short breaks (some of them being mandatory due to punctured tyres!) and sometimes to refresh ourselves. It took us nearly four and a half hours to cover the 50 kilometres long distance as we cycled, enjoying the pleasant air, clicking photographs and looking at the beautiful birds that we found in the twilight sky.

After reaching Paonta Sahib, we settled down in the gurudwara for the night and laughed and talked until sleep got the better of us. The next morning, we were fresh for our return journey. It was definitely challenging as the route was very steep. It took us seven hours, which included a short lunch break, to reach the College. Altogether, it was a very different and unique experience as none of us had ever cycled a distance of over 100 kilometres in 24 hours.

Looking forward to repeating such experiences in the future ...

Cdt Ankit Arsh Class III A

# **DISTINCTIONS GALORE!!!**

# Accomplishments by RIMC Cadets at NDA in 2010

Visit to Australia:

**Academy Torches:** 

Cdt Nikhil Prabhune and Cdt

Bhojpal Sakya

Academy Football Team: Cdt S Shyam, Cdt Sahil K Sahoo

and Cdt H Haokip

**Swimming Competition:** 

Cdt Utkarsh Tripathi - Two Individual Silver Medals

Cdt Nikhil Prabhune - One Individual Bronze Medal and One Relay Gold Medal

Cdt M Vishnu

- One Relay Gold Medal

## Accomplishments by RIMC Cadets in Inter-School Events in Sept 2010

#### Swimming Competition at St George's College, Mussoorie

A total of Nine Gold, Four Silver and Two Bronze Medals

Cdt NCO Aditya Udupa,

Cdt NCO Ankur Rawat,

Cdt Karan Raj Sohi,

Cdt NCO Myang Hang Rai, Cdt Sourabh Thorve and

Cdt Aditya Kalsotra

Hindi Debate Competition at Cambrian Hall, Dehradun

Cdt Lavanya Tomar and Cdt Prakhar Kaushik -3<sup>rd</sup> Position

Hindi Essay Writing Competition at Wadia Institute, Dehradun

Cdt Tabish Hasan -

3<sup>rd</sup> Position in Seniors Category

Cdt Shashi Kumar -

1st Position in Juniors Category

## **HEARTY WELCOME**

We welcome Wing Commander SK Thapliyal who joins us as the Additional Officer, after a successful stint at Air Force Academy, Hyderabad. We wish him and his family a very pleasant and fruitful tenure at RIMC!



# Making a Difference

The cadets of Class I, along with their Class Master Mr Sanjay Kumar took a day out of their busy schedules to cycle to Santala Devi on the 5th of September 2010. Santala Devi is a famous shrine situated near River Tons. The temple stands as a symbol of the faith people have in the temple and has a great cultural and religious significance. On reaching the shrine, we were struck by the beautiful and natural surroundings. While coming back, the cadets noted that polythene bags and plastics which were strewn all over, had marred the beauty and sanctity of the place. After toiling for two hours, we managed not only to clean the area but also to set an example for others to emulate. It was also a great learning experience in terms of teamwork and co-operation. This was followed by an 'On the Spot Art Competition' with 'The Scenic Beauty of Nature' as its theme. It was definitely an exhilarating experience for the First Termers who would cherish these memories forever.

Cdt Abdul Malik

Class

### CHEERS!!!

The Government of Meghalaya has instituted a scholarship of ₹20,000/- per annum for the cadets joining RIMC beginning from the year 2010-11.

## **Book Post**

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