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#### **Editorial**

#### As the Thoughts Flow.....

A New Year is an insignia of new hope, aspirations and promises. It is the time for us to channelise our thoughts and empower our vision to accomplish the desired aim. Every year is full of challenges and setbacks which we, as responsible citizens need to shoulder. The cadets at RIMC have always been proving their mettle- be it on the athletics track, the shooting range, the cricket pitch or in the boxing ring. Multi-tasking with a sense of responsibility and sincerity, and working with the same sense of dedication and determination even when situations are adverse, is the prime spirit that RIMC aims to inculcate in every greenhorn. Getting a punch in the ring and then knocking the opponent down with an even harder punch for the spirit of the Section and the pride of the colour accentuates mental tolerance and courage in every RIMCO. The strength of character does not depend only on intellectual efficiency but also on our perception and willpower. A man with a strong will-power and optimistic vision is second to none. This is what we as RIMCOs always strive to develop. Cadets have been seen sweating day in and day out at the PT display, riding, hockey and cultural activities to make the 90th Foundation Day a great success, the memories of which would be cherished by all the Rimcollians and RIMCOs eternally. It is the time to showcase our talents, prove our mettle and to share our experiences with the Old Boys who have been doing their alma mater proud, by earning laurels for themselves and for the nation.

I sign off here, by wishing everyone a promising term ahead...

Cdt NCO Abhyuday Prakash

Class VA

#### Reflections

The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential... these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

**Eddie Robinson** 



**Nurturing New Hopes** 

#### **Dateline**

17 January

- The Spring Term 2012 commences

18 January

- RIMC Chess and TT Opens begin

25 January

- Class I vs IA Cricket match

26 January

- Republic Day celebrations

27 January

- RIMC Squash Opens begins

31 January

- Doon Darshan

07 February

- Cadets vs Staff Hockey match - Inter-Section English Debates

08 February

11 February 13 February

- Unit Tests commence - Inter-Section Cricket Competition

23 February

- Inter-Section Shooting Competition

28 February

- Inter-Section Quiz (Round 1)

29 February

- Novices Boxing

08 March

- Holi celebrations

#### **Pratap Section**



#### Cadet Vickrant Raj

This lad from Himachal Pradesh seems to be an allrounder. A good football player and winner in various Olympiads shows how determined he is towards his work. Way to go Vickrant...



#### Cadet Yashodhan Isher

This lad from Jammu and Kashmir is a good basketball player and a good guitarist. He has the josh to learn and excel at every game. All the best



#### Cadet Ashish Kumar Pandey

This lad from UP has a keen interest in playing Cricket. A budding shooter, he is always looking for new opportunities to learn something. Godspeed Ashish...



#### Cadet Shivam Bansal

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This lad from MP is good at academics.

Quizzing and Debating is his passion an
he leaves no stone unturned to refine?

skills. Way to go Shivam...



#### Cadet Ankit Kumar Awwal

This lad from Bihar is good at academics.

A budding shooter, he is trying his best to excel in every field. Godspeed Ankit...



#### **Cadet Lalit Kumar**

This lad from Jharkhand is a good mathematician. A gold medal in karate proves how skilful he is. Reading books is his hobby. Way to go Lalit...



#### Cadet Anmol Shrivastava

This lad from MP is a budding horse rider.

Working hard for each and every game shows his perseverance. Way to go Anmol...

#### **Ranjit Section**



#### Cadet Sumit Raj Kandwal

This lad from Uttarakhand is a quizzer and is sure to do well in athletics. Soccer is his favourite game. Godspeed Surnit...



#### Cadet Deepak Gupta

This cute boy from Himachal is a very good dramatist and debater. A keen member of the Alchemist Hobby he is surely expected to do well in all spheres. Long way to go Deepak...



#### Cadet Avinash Kumar Singh

This bright cadet from Jharkhand is good in all fields. He wants to join the College Shooting Club and do well in Soccer. Wish you good luck, Avinash...



#### Cadet Ullas Bhadouriya

This ever-smilling face from Gwalior is a district level quizzer and has achieved many laurels in his previous school and is expected to take the name of RIMC to even greater heights. Best of luck, Ullas...



#### Cadet Ambuj Sen Patra

This Einstein from Delhi is a great guitarist and has already started coaching his termers. He wants to join the Indian Air Force and fly high. Keep going Ambuj...



#### Cadet Adarsh

This cool lad from Patna is a future quizzer of the College. In his spare time, he likes to dance and sing. His aim is to become an army officer. All the Best Adarsh...



#### Cadet Ishan Trivedi

This Michael Jordan from UP is not only a good basketball player who has taken part in many basketball tournaments but also a diligent student. Best of luck, Ishan...



#### Cadet Chinmay Goyal

This inquisitive and mischievous boy from Patiala is a good quizzer and shooter and has achieved the first rank in his city in NSO and IMO. Good going Chinmay...

#### Shivaji Section

#### The Chronicle



Cadet Rakesh Chingangbam

This lad from Manipur is a good shooter and has won the second prize in the Inter - School Essay Competition. Long way to go Rakesh...



Cadet Shivam Negi

This shy boy from Maharashtra has won the award for Most Upcoming Player in chess and is interested in reading books. Good luck Shivam..



Cadet Sumit Misra

This Debater from UP has participated in many debates and his hobby is horse



Cadet Abhash Kumar Jha

This avid quizzer and long jumper from Bihar likes to draw sketches and his hobby is horse riding. Good luck



Cadet Kushagra Mishra

This athlete from UP likes to read books and is also a mathematician. Attaboy Kushagra!



Cadet Kshitij Jayant

This lad hails from Arunachal. He is the signature josh machine of the section. He has not left any stone unturned, whether it be basketball or quizzing. Good going Kshitij...



Cadet Manyendra Dubey

This chap from MP is an avid quizzer. His cricket skills have secured his place in the Inter Section Cricket Competition.



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Cadet Devesh Rathaur

This Einstein from Uttarakhand secured the 11th position in NSO at state level. A Master Blaster and to make a mark in RIMC. Long way



Cadet Pandit Vikas Bhardwaj

This quizzer from Bihar bagged the first position in Rashtrabhashra Pratiyogita. A scholar of Sainik School, he is also a poet and an upcoming cricketer and horse rider. He wants to join the Indian Air force. Godspeed Vikas..

#### **Chandragupta Section**



**Cadet Animesh Chug** 

excellent player of basketball is sure to excel in all fields in RIMC. Godspeed Animesh



This Cheetah was adjudged the best speaker in the Junior Inter-Section English Debate and also the most promising Player in the Squash Opens. He has picked riding as his hobby. Keep going



**Cadet Sahil Yadav** 

This Rajasthani boy is very good at athletics and is also trying to excel in basketball and squash. This funny lad is good at academics too. Best of luck Sahil...



Cadet Shailesh Dwivedi

This lad from MP, with a smiling face is an ardent quizzer who wants to excel in oting at RIMC. All the best Shailesh...



**Cadet Paarth Gupta** 

This artist from Haryana has joined the Art and Craft club in RIMC. He is also a budding patriotic poet. Way to go Paarth.



Cadet Nishant Vishwakarma

This chap from MP is an avid quizzer and also a This lad from 8ihar is good at academics. He is volleyball player. He is doing well in all the spheres and has joined the, Alchemist hobby. Best of luck Nishant..



also a quizzer, has joined the riding hobby and likes listening to music. Keep going Ravi...

#### From the Hand that Heals...

Water is the basic amenity of life. It plays an important role in the growth, nurturing and development of the human body, just as we water a young sapling that grows into a huge and shady tree.

Deficiency of water gives rise to many problems and diseases, such as muscle cramps, numbness in extremities, infection in oral cavity as ulcers,



infection in the angle of the mouth as stomatitis and Cheilosis, electrolyte imbalance causing loose motions in summer and also constipation and less output of urine.

The normal requirement of water in a day is about six to seven litres, therefore please, drink plenty of water to combat these ailments and stay healthy.

Dr (Maj) Nalini Jessica MenezesCMO

#### **CREATIVE PURSUITS**

#### What a Wonderful World

I see trees of green, red roses too; I see them bloom for me and you, And I think to myself, What a wonderful world!

I see skies of Blue and clouds of White; The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night, And I think to myself, What a wonderful world!!

The colours of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky, Are also on the faces of people going by, I see friends shaking hands, saying "How do you do?" They're really saying"I love you" I hear babies cry, I watch them grow They'll learn much more, than I'll ever know.

And I think to myself, What a wonderful world! Yes I think to myself, WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD!!

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Cdt B Liangsanga Class IA

#### Love Me the Way I Love You

It's my birthday today,

I dreamed of you the whole day,

When I got terrible birthday bashes,

I could only imagine your lovely eyelashes.

When everyone's face had smiles,

I realised you were away a thousand miles.

My party had a lot of noise,

But I couldn't forget your soothing voice.

People believe I was the happiest,

But I believe I'm the luckiest,

To have a soulmate like you.

So always remember, to love me the way I love you.

**Cdt Taral Chachani** 

Class IV

#### The Boy in Front of Me

How many of us are lucky, To have someone make this world so merry.

Even if it kills him to do, He's always right there, No matter what you do.

When you need him the most,
Be it academics or sports,
He's always there for you no matter what,
Even if it gets him in trouble,
It matters to him not.

He's from the land of wild apples,
His wit is as long as the longest of maples,
He might be the biggest dope of the century,
But he's the best friend in all of History,
He's the Ken Mikami of the 178<sup>th</sup> Reds,
He's second to none,
But simply the best.

I think you would have guessed it by now, He's the boy in front of me right now.

Cdt Vijayant Rana

Class II



## RIMC Squash Opens



The Squash Opens were held from 29 January to 31 January 2012. The matches were held in Under-13, Under-15 and Opens categories. The competition was conducted on a knockout basis. The winners of the competition are as follows:

Under-13

Cdt P Y Shrivastava

Under-15

Cdt Vivek Boora

Open

Cdt Sub NCO Puneet Kumar

The cadets took part in the competition with full zeal and enthusiasm and were appreciated by the Commandant during the prize distribution ceremony held on the final day. The overall coordination was done by Mr Balvir Chauhan, OIC Squash.

**Cdt Gaurav Mhetre** 

Class III A

# Broadening Horizons: Doon Darshan



## Articulate Arguments to the Fore



The Inter-Section English Debates for the Jan Term 2012 were organised on 8 February. The debates saw budding orators from Juniors as well as eloquent and seasoned speakers from the Seniors.

The final round left the entire house spellbound with the meticulously drawn arguments of the speakers. The final Section standings were:

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

The Best Speaker in the Seniors Category was awarded to Cdt Rishav Raj and in the Juniors Category to Cdt Watandeep S Sidhu of Class I. The competition was organised and conducted smoothly by Mrs Ruchi P Datta, OIC Debating. The Chief Guest of the occasion, Mr Carol P Joseph, Principal, Kasiga School applauded the efforts of the participants and stressed on the need to become thinking members of society.

Cdt Amit Kumar Rai Class IV A

Educational visits play a vital role in shaping the student's wholesome personality and broadening their sphere of knowledge. Thus, the cadets of RIMC visited various institutions in the Doon valley on 31 January 2012.

The cadets of Class I visited IMA, FRI and NIVH. The cadets of Classes IA and II went to the Wadia institute of Himalayan Geology. The cadets of Class IIA visited the National Institute of Soil and Water Conservation. The Cadets of Class III went to DEAL (Defence Electronics Appliances Ltd.), the cadets of Class IIIA went to the office of the Surveyor General of India, while the cadets of Class IV and Class IV A visited IRDE and NHO respectively.

The educational visits not only provided a welcome break from the monotony of classroom learning but also gave the cadets an insight into the functioning of many organisations of national repute.

**Cdt Gaurav Mhetre** 

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#### Sharp-Shooters Excel at the Inter-Section Shooting Competition



The Inter-Section Shooting Competition was conducted from 20 February to 23 February 2012 under the two categories:

- ★ 177 Open Sight Air Rifle
- ★ .22 Open Sight Prone

Cdt NCO Rajat Tripathi emerged as the best shooter in the Open Sight Air Rifle category with a score of 287/400 followed by Cdt Mani Shankar Raj and Cdt Md Salman. Shivaji Section emerged as the best team in this category followed by Pratap Section.

In the .22 Prone category Cdt Chetan Kumar won a Gold Medal. Cdt Anil Verma and Cdt Ligang Kobing won the Silver and Bronze Medals respectively. Ranjit Section team emerged as the best team in this category and Pratap Section was declared the Runner-up.

The overall standings of the sections were as follows:

Pratap and Ranjit-I

Shivaji-III

Chandragupta-IV

Brig Gyanoday was the Chief Guest for the Prize Distribution Ceremony. He praised the cadets for their wonderful performance at the state and national level and motivated them to continue with the same zeal and spirit. The competition was held under the supervision of Mr Khushi Ram, OIC Shooting.

Cdt Ravi Pathak

Class IV A

#### Agility and Skill on Display



The Inter-Section Cricket Competition was held from 13 February to 22 February 2012. Each section comprised two teams, i.e. Juniors and Seniors. There were 12 matches held in all.

The following are the overall standings:

- I Pratap with 20 points
- II Chandragupta and Shivaji with 12 points each
- IV Ranjit with 4 points

The Chief Guest on the final day was Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant, RIMC. On the basis of individual performance, the following cadets were presented with the prizes in their respective categories:

#### Juniors

Best Batsman- Cdt Purnendu Kr Singh Best Bowler- Cdt Shivakant Best Fielder- Cdt Ayush S Rawat

#### Seniors

Best Batsman-Cdt Captain Harsh Arora Best Bowler-Cdt Captain Harsh Arora Best Fielder-Cdt Pratik Pegu

The most upcoming player was awarded to Cdt Devesh Rathaur of Class I. The competition was held under the able guidance of Mr Birjesh Chauhan, Dean of Sports.

Cdt Karan Raj Sohi Class IV A

A person without a sense of humour is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.

Henry Ward Beecher

#### **RIMC Novices Boxing**



The Novices Boxing Competition was held at RIMC on 29 February 2012. The event holds a very important place in the life of a fresh cadet at RIMC as facing a punch with courage and hitting back when in a corner are integral qualities for youngsters, aspiring to be officers of the Indian Armed Forces. A total of 36 bouts were fought.

The judges for the bouts were Mr UP Dalvi, Mr PN Naik, Mr Birjesh Chauhan, Mr Khushi Ram, Mr Sanjay Kumar, Mr T Selven, Mr Prashant Sharma, Mr Sant Kumar, Mr Keshav Anand, Mr Shishupal, Mr BS Chauhan and Mr PK Jain.

The referees for the bouts were Nk Sub KS Bafila, Nk Jogwinder and Sub Major BS Thapa.

The jury comprised Mr KS Ahlawat, Mr CS Vishwakarma and Mr DN Thapliyal and the co-ordinators of the event were Wg Cdr SK Thapliyal, Mr Neeraj Negi and Mr Kamal Gupta.

Cdt Taral Chanchani Class IV

#### **Scaling New Heights**

We came here with a belief that our parents had chosen right path for us. Until yesterday it was only our parents but the day's events made us realise that they had done the right thing. We had imagined a fixed military routine and so it was, but what came as a surprise for us was the trek organised especially for us by the administration. We were up with the Sun on the day of the trek and were ready to take



on the challenge ahead of us. We were accompanied on this trek by Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant RIMC and Mr Sanjay Kumar, our Class Master. We finished our breakfast by 6:30 am and reached Pali Ghat, the starting point of the trek by 7:30 am. We were going on a special route specifically meant for trekkers. It was going along fine until we had some bad experiences with a few reckless drivers at a sharp turn. Taking it in our stride, we kept on going and in a short period of time we reached Jhadi Pani. It was around 9:30 am and there we bought some eatables for ourselves. We recouped for some time and stated off again. Commandant Sir kept on informing us about the cultural and archaeological history of the sites which we were on crossing. By 11:30 am we had reached Barlowganj from where Mussoorie was only 3.5 km away. There we took a wrong turn but due to Commandant Sir's vigilance we realised our mistake and corrected it due to which we were able to reach Mussoorie by noon. We visited the Picture Palace and after that we were left to ourselves. Our class was divided in groups of three with their respective team leaders. First, we were to have our lunch and then we could do anything that we wished to do. Moments later, all the cyber cafes and games parlour were full. But then all things, whether they are good or bad, come to an end and so we stared retracing our steps towards the city. This time we used a route which was last used by the British. It was steeper and we felt like running. It was certainly easier than climbing up and thankfully no one was left behind. We reached our bus and after a journey of about half an hour we were back at the College after thoroughly enjoying ourselves. We were completely exhausted but were satisfied by the thought of the great day that had just passed.

Cdt Animesh Chug

Class

#### Honing the Intellect

The Inter Section Quiz 2012 (Round I) was held on 27 February 2012. The following rounds were conducted:

- Science and Technology
- Current Affairs
- Literature
- Ecology and Environment
- RIMC Round
- Audio
- Video
- Sports
- Buzzer

At the end of the Quiz, Pratap Section emerged victorious with 55 points, closely followed by Ranjit Section at 30 points, followed by Chandragupta and Shivaji Sections.

Individual performances that deserve a special mention are those of Cdt NCO Prakhar Kaushik, Cdt Rishav Saha, Cdt Abhijit Vaish and Cdt Lalit Kumar. The quizmasters for the evening were Mr Balbir Chauhan, Mrs Rakhi Chamola, Mr UP Dalvi, Mr Kamal Gupta and Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta. Mr Neeraj Negi provided the technical support and the Quiz was co-ordinated by Mr PK Sharma, OIC Quizzing.

Cdt Rishav Saha

Class IV



#### **Obituaries**

It is with profound grief that we inform the passing away of the following Rimcollians.

- Air Marshal Malik Nur Khan (1934-40, Rawlinsons) on 15 Dec 2011
- Sahibzada Alamzeb (1927-31, Rawlinsons) on 5 Jan 2012
- Cadet K Vignesh (2005-2010, Shivaji) on 7 Jan 2012
- Col Rao Ram Singh (1937-43, Kitcheners), former Union Minister on 30 Jan 2012.

May the Almighty grant the bereaved families courage to bear the irreplaceable loss.

#### **Book Post**

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#### Reflections

Experience is pure gold.
Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.
-Ann Landers

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#### **Editorial**

#### Musings - Post Reunion

Travelling is an integral part of true education. In the words of Vivekananda, "Education is the manifestation already in man." The aim of true education is to develop a holistic personality which is possible only through varied exposure that imparts a sense of exploration in every young mind. It helps the nascent mind to take a practical view of the society which is the prime objective of education. It is not about bookish knowledge and getting marks but education is to build virtues and morals which ultimately transform an individual into a responsible citizen of the country.

Cadets were back from the hikes after being rejuvenated and having revitalised themselves to take in their stride, the onslaught of the remaining term. These five days are the most awaited ones for every Cadet in the term as they give the much required break after a tiring Mid-Term Examination. Hockey fields and Basket ball courts are regaining their charm as the Inter-Section competitions are approaching near. Senior classes are also putting in their best for their upcoming Board and UPSC exams. Here's wishing 'All the Best' for the exams, and to everyone, a very successful term ahead.

Signing Off...

Cadet NCO Abhuday Prakash

Class VA



#### **Date Line**

09 March - Semi-finals of Inter-Section Boxing and Inter-Section Skit Competition

10 March - Semi-finals of Inter-Section Boxing

12 March - Hockey Match between RIMCOLLIANS XI and RIMC XI

- Inter-Section Boxing finals

13 March - Wreath Laying Ceremony

Cricket Match between RIMC XI and RIMCOLLIANS XI

Inter-Section Riding Competition

16 March - Mid-Term exams commence

25 March - College Mid Term hikes begin

#### Of Bonding & Dossiers

As the long awaited 90<sup>th</sup> Reunion commenced on 12 March, 2012, the 'Cradle of Excellence' was illuminated to mark its 90 glorious years. It was not just I or the cadets who were looking forward to the occasion but hundreds of Old Boys whom this institute has shaped from wet clay to luminous and lustrous personalities. A series of events were arranged for the Old Boys to project the transformation the RIMC has undergone in these years.

On 12 March, a Hockey Match was played between the Cadets and the Old Boys. The Patiala Pavilion witnessed numerous scoops and powerful tabs. With their sharp edge of skill and fervour, the Rimcollians were able to drag the result to their advantage with a score of 2-0.

In the evening, the Inter-Section Boxing finals were organised in the Open Air Auditorium. The pugilists punched their opponents out with all the might they could muster. The Trophy presented by Gen VN Sharma was equally shared by Ranjit and Chandragupta sections.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> morning, the seniormost dignitaries of the Three Forces laid wreath and we all paid homage to the soldiers who had sacrificed their lives for the Nation. With huge waves of sentiments and gushing adrenaline, we proceeded towards the Pavilion where the cadets displayed excellent prowess in Equestrian and Gymnastics. A Cricket Match was also played between the Rimcos and Rimcollians in which the Rimcos had an edge over the Old Boys. With an array of parajumping and various hobby displays, we came to the cultural extravaganza where the cadets sang melodious songs, displayed excellent choreography, and exhibited their aesthetic sensibilities.

All these events culminated the next morning on a promising note of stronger bonding and a steadfast will to reach higher. Bidding good-bye generates an empty feeling, but, contrary to expectation, this parting left everyone on a high - with a firmer resolution to meet again next year.

Cadet Amit Kumar Rai

Class IVA

#### 90<sup>th</sup> Reunion Extravaganza

















#### With Salutations

Rimcollian, Dr Deepak Narwal, on behalf of all the Rimcollians in the UK, expressed deep appreciation to be associated with RIMC on its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations by presenting a Plaque to the Commandant on 13 March, 2012.

Felicitations galore on the Plaque came from Viscount John Slim, TGK Mahadev, Aditya Swarup, Amit Jain, Marcus Pradhan, Paramvir S Chatwal, Saranjit Arora, Vivek Sood, Rahul Ghosh, Tony Johnston, AE Foucar, Sandeep Singh, Sumeet Sharma and Ravi Gulati.

#### Life Is All About.....

Life is like a tramp, without any voyage,
It's like a magnolia, with aura lost somewhere,
Life seems to be like a trail without destination,
It appears to be a night without the morning ray of hope,
Life is like a sabre with bulbous edges.
It has become a voyage with every now and then,
A lighthouse to beckon;

Above all, it's the struggle to know what's life.

Cadet Shivam Sharma

#### Hope

Hope - it was always there for me, When I lost my will to live. It all started when I was in the womb, I was keen to see this new world. As I came to this very new world, I was happy but not my parents. They wanted their child to be a boy, But got me in the form of a baby girl. I passed my days lying on bed, Looking at the ceiling with a bleak smile. But I was not able to see or speak, Which became the turning point for me. And a change came at the age of three, When my younger brother was born. That earned me less attention, I could not even blame my brother. I grew up with these difficulties, Even though my parents shunned me; Yet I never lost the Hope to survive, When all was dark with no one in sight. I left my home at fifteen. To do something for distressed like me. I strove hard and fought this world, For my rights to survive where mists swirled. At last I succeeded in my work for those, Who were like me with the group called - Hope

> Cadet Mayank Dhama Class IV A

#### Delightful Hiatus

Hikes-a five letter word which takes the memory of a Cadet on a roller coaster ride! From the woods of Chakrata to Metro Mumbai, from snowcapped Shimla to marvelous Golden Temple and Taj Mahal, every hike has its own character, fun and excitement. At the grass root level, hikes give all the cadets a much required break from the hectic routine of the College. The cadets enjoyed these hikes to the maximum, the account of which goes as follows-

32 cadets of Class I, along with Mr Khushi Ram and Mr Shishu Pal went to Chakrata. They pitched their tents in the lush and dense jungles of Kanesar and trekked upto Budher Cave. Their interaction with the residents of the Koti Village and the inmates of a local school was an eye-opener.



34 cadets of Class IA proceeded to Amritsar under the wings of Mr DN Thapliyal and Mr Neeraj Negi. Their visit to Wagha Boder, Jalianwala Bagh and Golden Temple was an experience by itself, helping them gain an insight into the historic culture and ethos of Punjab. Their meeting with GOC of that area Maj Gen Anirudh Chakroborty, a Rimcollian, was truly a memorable one.

Class II cadets were accompanied by Mr PK Sharma and Mr Keshav Anand on their hike to Ranikhet and Nainital. A remarkable stay at the Kumaon Regiment Centre and the interaction with the Commander at the Centre made this hike a momentous one. Nainital and Almora too were included in this itinerary.

The hills of Shimla beckoned 30 cadets of Class II A, Mrs Rakhi Chamola, Mrs Neelam Kaushik and Mr Sanjay. The Vice Regal Lodge and Army Museum at Annandale took the visitors to the vintage era. At Gilbert's House, they met Rimcollian, Brig P Ananth Narayanan over coffee. The blooming nature at the Pinjore Garden, en route, provided relief to the eyes of the hikers.

One of the best considered hikes i.e, the Class III hike, was accompanied by Mr PN Naik, Mr KS Ahlawat and Sep Boro to Mumbai and Pune. They visited the pilgrimage of the cadets 'NDA', CME and Air Force Station at Lohegaon, Pune. Glittering Mumbai was no less a place of interest and the Naval Dockyard motivated many Naval cadets.

The Yamuna banks of Agra were adored by the cadets of Class III A, along with Mr CS Vishwakarma and Mr UP Dalvi. The scenic beauty and the intricate details of the architectural marvel, Taj Mahal and the royal history of Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri dumbfounded the cadets. The visit to the Air Force Station at Agra and the Para Jumping demonstration served as sources of inspiration for the cadets.

24 spirited cadets of Class IV hiked all the way into the salubrious environs of Nagtibba. A memorable stay at Teva Village was the highlight of their journey. Dhanaulti and Mussoorie were painted red by this ebullient bunch.

22 cadets of Class IV A along with Lt Pinku Haikham went to Rishikesh on rafting hike. Gushing rapids like Golf Course, Roller Coaster and Three Blind Mice sent the adrenaline sky-rocketing and the trek to Neer Waterfalls in the lap of Mother Nature soothed the senses and provided solace to the frenetic human spirit.

These hikes are not merely a time for the cadets to rejuvenate themselves but they also play a vital role to widen the horizon of the cadets. They expose them to a wide range of experiences, helping them acquire the requisite skill and the art to traverse the challenges and throes of life.

#### **Obituary**

 Maj Gen(Retd) Ashok Samantray (Shivaji June 1959-May1964) passed away on 27 March, 2012.

May his soul rest in peace.

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#### Reflections

Don't be afraid of the space between your dreams and reality. If you can dream it, you can make it so.

- Belva Davis

#### **Editorial**

Life is all about how we perceive it. A good perception of things makes life better. It is an important aspect of personality to perceive things in right perspective. It is only possible through optimistic vision and determination. People having innovative ideas and inquisitive minds are sure to do well in life. It gives them a platform to understand the concept of various things and also to correlate pragmatic approach with theoretical knowledge. It is very pertinent to analyse the real life situations and to implement the class room knowledge to draw logical conclusions. It is the essence of real education and it depends upon the manner in which we accept challenges and work upon them. We as cadets should persevere to develop a correct perception of things in life and should always welcome changes. After getting rejuvenated in hikes, the cadets and eager to meet a series of events starting from debate-quiz to hockey which are already set for this hectic month of the term. Cadets have been seen practicing hard for these competitions. Their hard work is sure to bring laurels for themselves and for the College. Class V A is putting their every bit to cross their last obstacle 'The Board Exams'. As the exam is approaching near, the cadets are seen studying day in and day out for it. Here is wishing every one the very best for the rest of the

Cadet NCO Abhyuday Prakash



SJA Receiving The Hugh Catchpole Debates Trophy

#### **Date Line**

19 April

21 April

01 April - Ram Navmi celebrated

03 April - Inter Section Basketball Competition

commenced

10 April - Finals of Inter Section Basketball

Competition held

14 April - Baisakhi celebrations and Langar function

held

15 April - Cadets appeared for UPSC NDA Written

Examination

16 April - Inter Section English Essay Writing

Competition held

- Inter Section Hockey Competition

commenced

17-18 April - 7<sup>th</sup> All India Hugh Catchpole English

Debates held

- RIMC Inter School Challenge Quiz held

- SPIC MACAY organized Kathak dance by

Padma Vibhusan Pt Birju Maharaj

#### Inter Section Basketball Competition 2012



Basketball is a team game which requires a huge amount of skill, stamina and ability to improvise. Basketball was introduced in RIMC long back in 1959. This year the Competition was held in the following categories: Juniors, Middles and Seniors. The results were:

Juniors -

Pratap, Ranjit, Shivaji - 1<sup>st</sup> Chandragupta - 4<sup>th</sup>

Crandragupta
Highest Scorer
Best Player
Most Upcoming Player
Cadet Vijayant Rana
Cadet Paras Singh
Cadet Sahil Yadav

Middles -

 Chandragupta
 1st

 Shivaji
 2st

 Pratap
 3st

 Ranjit
 4st

Highest Scorer - Cadet Vivek Boora

Best Player - Cadet Param Bhoominathan

Seniors -

Highest Scorer - Cadet Captain Harsh Arora Best Player - Cadet Amit Kumar Rai

Cadet Vijayant Rana

Class II

#### Hero

Turning and turning in the widening gyre,

The falcon cannot hear the falconer,

Things fall apart,

Centre cannot hold.

Here anarchy is loosened upon the world.

In such a state a hero rises,

He bewilders all with his serene choices,

A man of diligence he is,

His precise aim is never a miss

So now's time for you

to make a choice,

There is a hero in you,
Just hear the inner voice

Get the world rid of

Anarchy and disguise

Be a hero and rise,

RISE, RISE.

Cadet Siddhant Mishra

Class IIIA

#### Memories

Entering RIMC as a tender boy,

Being moulded into a soldier from a little boy.

Those first term's carefree days,

When I learnt that hard work always pays.

Picking up each and every new game,

Remembering complete College's names.

The fear of running College rounds,

The excitement of cutting bounds.

The DLTPO seems to reduce too fast,

The days left on the campus don't seem to last.

All these were just memories – left behind,

When I asked God to go back as a first termer he didn't seem to be kind.

Those days were indeed fun,

When athletes practise under the hot sun

In IA, the excitement of being a senior,

With this we realize that many responsibilities come near,

In Class II, teaching first termers mess manners,

In Class III, making section banners.

In Class IIIA, the fear of tenth boards coming near,

Completing the syllabus in fifth gear,

In Class V, burning midnight oil,

With long hours of study the mind starts to boil.

The excitement of clearing NDA written soon fades away,

With the dawn of a new day.

In VA, SSB brings the cast barrier,

It being the only way of a Defence Career

Then I looked ahead and said "Yes, that is my destination,

And that's where I'll accomplish my dream to serve my Nation.

Cadet Gurvir Talwar Class III

#### Mrs Russell's Nature And GK Quiz

Mrs Russell's Nature and GK Quiz was organised by Welham Girls' School on 8 April. RIMC team consisted of Cdt NCO Prakhar Kaushik, Cdt Aditya Kalsotra and Cdt Abhijit Vaish who took part in the quiz. Cadets gave an excellent account of themselves by coming Second after a gruesome tie breaker with Modern Girls' School, Kolkata. Over all, there were nine teams, out of which five teams qualified for the

The final position were as follows:

Modern Girls' School, Kolkata

RIM

Welham Girls' School

La Martiniere Girls' School, Lucknow

Welham Boys' School

Cadet Abhijit Vaish

Class IIIA

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Gen JJ Singh Shooting Championship



Four cadets of RIMC had the privilege to participate in the 8th Gen JJ Singh Shooting Championship held at Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow on 15 April 2012. The Cadets were accommodated at the Infantry School, Mhow. On 17 April, the ball was set rolling for the competition, specific instructions were issued, weapon control and kit inspection followed in the later part of the day. The 60 Lane Vijay Range was a delight for the young cadets, which matched international standards. Cadet Atul Tiwari finished fifth with 532 points. Cadet Mani Shankar Raj won a Silver Medal in Rifle men's category with a score of 550 in 600 and in finals 94.6 out of 100. He became the Highest Scorer in the final round. Lt. Gen JS Bajwa, UYSM, VSM, SM, Commandant Infantry School, Mhow presided over the prize distribution ceremony. The cadets were appreciated by one and all for their excellent performance. Eventually they finished fourth sharply following Western Command, North Western Command and NDA.

Cadet Shivtej Sawant



#### All India Inter School Challenge Quiz

The 11<sup>th</sup> All India Inter School RIMC Challenge Quiz took place on 19 April 2012. It was conducted in two rounds- Preliminary Round and Final Round. A total of twenty two schools participated in the competition, out of which, six teams made it to the Finals. They were:

- 1. St Joseph's Academy, Dehradun
- 2. Summer Valley School, Dehradun
- 3. The Asian School, Dehradun
- 4. Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie
- 5. Scholar's Home, Dehradun
- 6. RIMC, Dehradun

A special round named Big Cat Round was anchored by none other than the Chief Guest Ms Gargi Rawat, the NDTV anchor. Various other rounds such as Ecology and Environment, Science and Technology, Current Affairs and Sports, Ask or Quit, Do or Die, Audio-Video and Buzzer Rounds were conducted by different masters. RIMC emerged as champions followed by Summer Valley School and St Joseph's Academy.

Cadet Sub NCO Ankit Singh

Class V

#### All India Hugh Catchpole Inter School English Debates



All India Hugh Catchpole Inter-School Debates were organised in Rashtriya Indian Military College, Dehradun on 17 April and 18 April 2012. A total of seventeen schools participated in the Debates. After two rounds of debating, four teams qualified for the Finals-namely, St Joseph's Academy, Dehradun, Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie, La Martiniere Boys' College, Lucknow and RIMC. The topic for the Final was 'With 24x7 Television Viewing and Internet, Newspapers are a waste of Time'. St Joseph's Academy and La Martiniere Boys' College, supported the motion while Wynberg Allen School and RIMC were against the motion. The judges for the Finals were Brig (Retd) S Dangwal, Mrs Sangeeta Gairola, Mrs Sonia Sidhwani, Mrs Annie Singh, and Mr Virender Kalra. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mrs Anuradha Dalmia, Director, NIVH. After an enthralling performance by all the contestants, La Martiniere Boy's College finished 4th, Wynberg Allen School 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Joseph's Academy 2<sup>rd</sup> and the Winner of the 7<sup>th</sup> All India Hugh Catchpole Debates was RIMC with 589 points. The RIMC team won the trophy after a gap of four years. The individual prizes won by the contestants were:

#### Quarter Final Round

2<sup>-d</sup> Best Speaker - Jahanvi Srivastava, St. Joseph's Academy Best Speaker - Bhuvnya Vijay, St Joseph's Academy

Semi-Final Round

2 Best Speaker - Vandita Khanna, Vasant Valley School

Best Speaker - Cdt Rishav Raj, RIMC

Final Round

Best for Proposition - Bhuvnya Vijay, St Joseph's Academy
Best for Opposition - Cdt Sub NCO Kumar Vikram, RIMC

The Chief Guest for the evening, Mrs Anuradha Dalmia, DIrector, NIVH, complimented the contestants on the quality of their debating and shared her experiences of all the UN summits she had attended.

Cadet Vijayant Rana

Class II

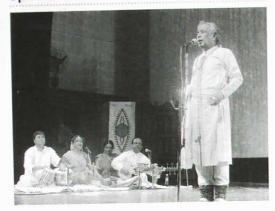
#### Delhi Horse Show

Eight cadets along with Sep Dashrath and Sep Ranjit left for Delhi Horse Show on 31 March 2012. Cadets participated in several events such as Show Jumping, Cadet Jumping, Rescue Relay, Top Score and Dressage. Cadets did extremely well and Cadet NCO Ram Krishan Sharma bagged a Bronze Medal in Young Rider Dressage event. It was indeed a nice experience for all the riders and especially for those who went for the first time.

Cadet Shivam P S Sisodia

Class III

#### Spectacular Performance



SPIC MACAY stands for the Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Among Youth. It is an organisation which has been instrumental in organising programmes to create an awareness about the rich culture and heritage of India among the youth of our country and the people living abroad.

This time the event took place on 21 April 2012. The Chief Guest of the event was Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant, RIMC. Like other events, this event also commenced with lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guest.

The renowned artist of this event, Pt Birju Maharaj, the recipient of Sahitya Natak Academy Award and Padma Vibhusan, enthralled the audience. He was accompanied by Ms Shaswati Sen who briefed the audience about the origin of Kathak. Then came Septuagenarian, Pt Birju Maharaj on stage and enthralled the audience by his poetic recitation and dance.

Such events at the College do not merely entertain the cadets but also give an insight and understanding into India's rich culture and tradition which undoubtedly will benefit the cadets in the future.

Cadet Shashi Kumar Class II A

#### **Budding Hussains**



Sketched by Cadet Akash Sraban Ghosh



Cadet Kapil Dhiman

#### **New Year Resolution**

The priest asked "Son, any new resolution this year?" I said "Father, driving with the helmet and in first gear." "That's good my son, but have you anymore?" "Sure, there are ten, but I shall keep four."

The first will be never to wipe the shoe behind my pant. The second will be to say without hesitation, "I can't," The third is to always keep the toothpaste cap on, It's something which I never did since I was born.

The fourth is to hold my head high under water, Learn simple things of life from the potter, He moulds wonders out of his two hands, Leaving impression forever on the sands.

Cadet Om Bawiskar

#### **Promotions**

Rear Admiral to Vice Admiral
Vice Admiral BK Verma, AVSM (1971-75, RAN)

Wg Cdr to Gp Capt Gp Capt Prabhat Kumar (1982-87, RAN)

#### Congratulations ...

Wishing you a prosperous career ahead!

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# Graduation Special

#### REFLECTIONS

Graduation is the beginning of knowing who you are, what you are, why you are, and always knowing where you are going.

#### **Editorial**

#### **Changing Hands**

When a seed is sown in the soil, it faces many challenges coming up its way and its only ambition in life is to grow from a tiny seed to a big, magnificent and fruitful tree. Same is the case with the cadets at the hallowed portals of RIMC. The Cadet who enters this great institution as a novice, passes out as a punctilious gentleman, the gentleman who becomes the future leader of the Indian Armed Forces. The end of his tenure brings in the nostalgia of those host of activities which he undergoes here in the College, specially the 'Funda' learning that takes place in Class I, getting frustrated in IA, Cadet Guardianship in Class II, the 'not so busy life' in IIA, the Paradestates in Class III, boards time fun in IIIA, newly – wed 'Seniority' in Class IV, PT kit sessions in IVA, burning midnight oil in Class V and living life king size in VA.

This is Cadet Sub NCO Deependra Singh signing off as I take over from the outgoing Chief Editor, Abhyuday Prakash.

As the hunter from the warm summer sky gazes down at the young warriors toiling away in the fields of RIMC and riding back valiantly from the 'Battle of Terminal Exams', another era draws to a close. With the air of festivities and mood of joivality which injects the cadets at this time of the year as they look yonder towards the most yearned for holidays, the gallants of 171° Course get ready to take their final steps in the place, that for the past five years they called 'HOME'. Wherever they see, they find reminisces of their stay here, assailing them. Can they efface from their memories the checkered stairs in front of the Senior Ante Rooms, where they stood together the first time, not knowing that they were bound for a lifetime? They look at those places, the fields, the kitrooms, the CC Lawn, the Academic Block, the Parade Ground and the Administrative Offlice, where they stood to undergo all joys and sorrows unitedly. The prospect of finally parting from this place and from each other is certainly painful, yet, such is the way of life.

As a circle of life draws to a close, another one takes up from where it ends and standing here at the horizon of them both, I can feel the responsibility that the tag 'RIMCOLLIAN' provides me with the confidence that we shall always keep the RIMC flag flying high. So, I end here with the well known punch line-

"When the going gets tough, The RIMCO gets going."

Cadet NCO Abhuday Prakash



#### From The Cadet Captain's Pen

As I sit down to pen down a few of my last words here at the RIMC, I cannot help but feel nostalgic yet proud at this juncture. As the 171<sup>st</sup> Course looks behind at the past five glorious years, it is only with reverence for this prestigious institution. This place has given us a lot more than just studies or games. It has given us the confidence that has instilled in us a sense of honour and respect for our traditions and the will to excel in the future.

As we, the twenty warriors of the  $171^{\circ}$  Course step out from these sacred precincts , we bow in gratitude to our Alma Mater.

Cadet Captain Harsh Arora

171" Course

#### **Date Line**

27 April - Second round of Inter-Section Quiz Competition held

- Ranjit Section emerges victorious

28 April — RIMC Team participates in Izhaar-e-Hunar held at Hopetown Girls' School, Dehradun

- RIMC adjudged the Winner

8 May - RIMC SSE (XII) and SSCE (X) Board Exams commence

14 May - College Terminal Exams begin

22 May — College Terminal Exams finish

SSCE and SSE Board Exams conclude

24 May - Section Socials

25 May - ROBA Dinner

28 May - Wreath Laying

- Commandant's Special Assembly

30 May - Graduation Ceremony

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Cadet NCO Abhyuday Prakash

A brilliant litterateur and disciplinarian all in one, 
'Hercules' of the College without whom it won't run.



Cadet NCO Ankit Malik

Seeing his shooting skills, even Ranjan Sodhi shall sigh, The ultimate marksman never missed the bull's eye.



Cadet NCO Chandrakant Acharya

This silent 'Spartan' beguiled many with his PT skills and styles, Always well turned out and ready with his enigmatic smile.



Cadet Sec Com Aman Kumar

The 'Big Show' of the College ruled the discuss pits, In the ring, nobody could withstand his smashing hits.



Cadet Sec Com Ankit Shukla

This articulate "jumper" always left the podium on fire, Epitome of discipline, he led in his immaculate attire.



Cadet NCO Hari Verma

The 'Johnny Lever' of the College can make the dullest times sunny, With his editorial skills, he can give ever 'Barkha Dutts' a run for their money.



Cadet NCO Prakhar Kaushik

A virtual storehouse of talents is Prakhar, An academician, shooter, debater and a phenomenal quizzer.



Cadet NCO Amrit Panda

The 'Oriya Maestro' weaves magic with his hockey stick, The 'Bolt' of the College, everyone's favourite pick.



Cadet NCO Avnish Singh

Full of spirit and endless spunk, he showed height didn't matter Be it the cricket pitch or the boxing ring, every opponent did he batter.



Boxing ring, stage or the pitch, everywhere did he rule, Carefree and honest, he was the definition of 'being cool'.

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# o Adios THE 171<sup>ST</sup>





Cadet Sec Com Rahul Mishra

The 'Marathon Man' amazed many with his perseverance and stamina, A favourite of the Commandant, he was the spice of the College Drama.



Cadet NCO Samarth Gangapure

One of the most amazing gymnasts that the College has ever produced, This 'Maverick' was famous throughout for his cool attitude.



Cadet NCO Sonu Kumar His prowess on the PT fields is true stuff of legends,

This biggest prankster will make you laugh till you get the bends



Cadet NCO Rajat Tripathi

He is the next 'Rathore', an ace marksman,
A 'Sehwag Devotee', never gives
up but says "I can".



Cadet NCO Shibasish Bhattacharya

This aesthetic genius was Mr Vishwakarma's favourite, On the table or the canvas, unmatched was this academician's spirit



Cadet NCO Tarun Munna

Introvert, hardworking epitome of discipline, He puts 'juggernaut' to shame, when he throws the javelin.



Cadet NCO Siddhartha Das

Quick smile and quicker reactions, the most hardworking person lis prowess on the tracks, makes eve Olympians take a lesson..



Cadet NCO Ram Krishan Sharma

The 'prankster' from Rajasthan was treat to watch on horseback, He left everyone stumped with his uncanny ability to hack.



Cadet Sec Com Shivam Lakhera

The 'kangaroo' of the College Athletics Team, Never did he let anybody down, whether on a horse or the beam



Cadet NCO Nimon Chakma

The mini 'Mohd Ali' bashed all his opponents with amazing alacrity, 'The Dancing Star' he was our own 'Facebook Celebrity'.

#### MATH CRUNCH

Welham Boys' School. Out of the nine participating showed marked keenness in answering the questions. teams, four qualified for the finals. It was followed by an 'Activity Round', which involved making bridges The overall result was as follows-

the help of straws. The Finale comprised four rounds:-

- Number Bytes 1.
- Buzz thru 2.
- Math in talkies 3.
- Gone in 60 seconds

The final standings were:-

- 1st Welham Boys' School
- 2nd -RIMC
- Doon International School

Cadet Pranjal Thakur

Class III A

The Finals of the Inter Section Quiz Competition were held on 27 April 2012. Overall, eight rounds were held in the event, namely-

- 1. Current Affairs
- 2. Sports
- 3. Ecology and Environment
- 4. Science and Technology
- 5. Literature
- 6. Audio
- 7. Video
- 8. Buzzer

The Quiz Masters of the evening were Mrs Neelam Kaushik, Mr Sant Kumar, Mrs Taiyabba Khatoon, Mr Shishupal, Mr Birjesh Chauhan and Mrs Rachna Malhotra.

The Chief Guest for the event was Col PK Kumaria, Commandant, RIMC. He urged the cadets to avidly

participate in all the activities with similar zest and dedication.

On the 27th of April, four cadets participated in the The cadets displayed great skill and talent as most of inaugural Math Quiz, 'Math Crunch - 2012', held at the questions were answered. The audience too

1 <sup>st</sup> -Ranjit	75 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Pratap	60 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Shivaji	50 points
4th-Chandragupta	35 points

Cadet Om Bawiskar Class II

#### ' RAJEEV KHANNA MEMORIAL SCHOOL QUIZ 2012

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, the RIMC quizzing team participated in the 16th Rajeev Khanna Memorial Quiz at Scholars Home. We reached there at 5 O' Clock in the evening accompanied by Mr PK Sharma, Mr T Selven and the Quizzing Hobby. The theme of the Quiz was 'Incredible India' comprising legends and Myths from the Indian mythology. In the written round, six teams out of the 18 participating teams qualified for the stage. After a volley of questions on cultural heritage, festivals, cuisines and religious places, RIMC finished close behind Delhi Public School, Haridwar. The Winner of the Quiz was the defending champion, Doon International School, Mussoorie. We were awarded a cash prize of Rs 1500. The Quiz enhanced the knowledge regarding our Nation.

Cadet Sub NCO Nishant Rana Class V

#### **OBITUARY**

The RIMC Fraternity mourns the demise of Mr Pran Nath Talwar (1938-1944, Roberts) and Col (Retd) Biswajit Bhattacharya (1954-1958, Pratap). May God provide strength to the bereaved families to bear the irreparable loss.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> ONGC - SPG MASTERMIND QUIZ

Four cadets along with Mr PK Sharma left the College premises for ONGC KDMPIE campus on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. A total of 36 teams from 18 schools participated in the Quiz. The two teams from RIMC were:

Team 1:-

Cadet Nishant Rana Cadet Ankit Singh

Team 2:-

Cadet Piyush Panwar Cadet Shrilipta Jaiprakash

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Team qualified for the finals and after an array of mind boggling questions on Geography, Geology and various Earth Sciences along with Sports, Science and Technology and the Buzzer Round, we finished Second, close behind Ann Mary School, Dehradun.

Cadet Sub NCO Nishant Rana

Class V

#### **INSPIRING PRESENCE**

Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of May saw the day begin with an inspirational and highly motivational talk by Lt Col Kamal Deep Singh KC, 4 Rashtriya Rifles. Lt Col Kamal Deep Singh KC, a distinguished serving Officer, was recently conferred the Kirti Chakra by the Hon'ble President, Her Excellency, Smt Pratibha Devisingh Patil. He was in the College from 1987-93 in Ranjit Section. He served in Army Aviation for eight years. He has also received a GOC-in-C Commendation card. He carried out his first counter insurgency operation in 1999 during his posting in Kashmir as a Lieutenant. The recent successful operation carried out by him was Operation Maidanpura from 16-18 July, 2011, which earned him laurels, in conjunction with a tremendous media coverage.

The talk enlightened the cadets about the modus operandi by which an infantry battalion carries out a counter terrorism operation. The talk further made the young cadets' spirit more resolute and enthused everyone with a tenacity to serve the Indian Army.

Cadet Sub NCO Deependra Singh

Class V

#### I BELIEVE

I believe, for every drop of rain that falls,
A flower grows;
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night,
A candle glows,
I believe everyone who goes astray,
Someone will come to show the way!
I believe, I believe
I believe the smallest prayer will fill the air,
I believe that someone in the great somewhere,
Is everywhere.
Every time I hear a new born baby cry,

Every time I hear a new born baby Cry, Touch a leaf, or see the sky! Then I know why I believe!! I believe!!

> Cadet B Liansanga Class I A

#### **ETERNAL SERENADE**

Sometimes, the infatuations make me realise, How hard it is to quote the inner song in the inked nook and size,

And many a time did the incident come to pass, That the song's life was lost in the jumbled mass.

Just look Inside and you shall realize, How complicated, yet uncomplicated your identity lies, The song that flows in its eternal silence, The chords of whom make themselves felt through the 'murky' lens.

Everyday is a new day and I learn something anew, It's like from my youthful days, a 'life quilt' yet to sew, Before me and after, the answer we sought and seek Lies in this very song, which sounds both silent and meek.

Who is a poet? Do you know really?
The one who quotes cheap ink in everyday Sally?
A poet is the one who unfurls the song,
Jotting down the notes, tho' sometimes right, yet almost wrong!

I am on the same path I realise, Which letter, which language does it suffice? The heart, mind or soul, whatever makes my conscience roll, Be it right or wrong, I am going to quote my life's song.

> Cadet Prakhar Kaushik 171<sup>st</sup> COURSE

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#### **WOVEN REMINISCENCES**

Eliciting vivid memories on the threshold
Is the quintessential soundtrack loud and bold.
Strumming on the notes of 'Strength and Wisdom',
The 'first few blows on the anvil' to a rhythm.
The five year chimes in the wondrous climes,
Weave lyrical recollections of the spent times.
Twenty in unison plucking the harmonious chord,
Love of Alma Mater enshrined, can they ever sever
the cord?

Gauche entrants embarking at the portals hallowed,

Stumbling to get up and tread on the arduous road,
The pathway to glory and gallantry supreme
Each one a sterling example rarely seen.
From Cradle of Excellence to acme of credence

They have been the hallmarks of diligence and perseverance.

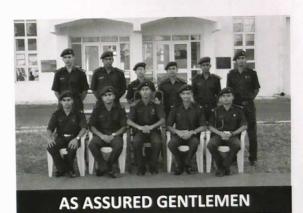
Rhagat hall Antercoms Dorms, kit rooms.

Bhagat hall, Anterooms, Dorms, kit rooms, Are testimony of the manner they've bloomed, We wish you well for the day is nigh, so 'CARPE DIEM',

Adios the 171st and as you part - 'ICH DIEN'.



**AS GAUCHE ENTRANTS** 



#### THE RIMC FRATERNITY

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#### REFLECTIONS

"There is no shame in not knowing; the shame lies in not finding out."

#### **Editorial**

Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men and men are great only if they are determined to be so.

Charles de Gaulle

The theory of Karma as described in the Bhagwat Gita lays the foundation of human behaviour, one's expectation and desire to achieve greater heights as what all one is likely to face depending on one's deeds. To this day this holy book remains an inspiration for me and countless other people and as I begin my final journey at RIMC, I do have a sense of satisfaction and nostalgia.

As I look back at the times spent here, there isn't a single moment which I would want to forget. Everyday has been special, full of challenges and has obviously taught me innovative ways to overcome them. For one thing has always been special at this heaven, and that is value based learning. My seniors have always taught me that it's not just about doing a particular thing; it is doing it is the right way which matters the most. This one simple message I believe, will ensure the purity of action and soul.

I vividly recall the tough days of sweating out during X-country practices, and then sitting in the lap of nature and relishing juicy mangoes. That abdominal lull before my boxing bout on the final day of the Reunion celebrations, the pressure before a shooting match and the joy after winning a hard- fought championship, these small yet unique experiences make a cadet worthy of being called a RIMCO. He learns with every step he takes, the art of controlling himself, learning the fact that a man's capabilities are limitless, that failing once or twice is not defeat but after failing if he does not make an attempt to rise again then that will be his end. I have found a legend in every Rimcollian whom I have met till date, he is someone who will always have a different opinion yet will be acceptable by all.

At RIMC, we live and learn the harder ways of life. Despite challenges at every step, no one gives up and fights till the end. Indeed, this is the desired quality of any warrior gentleman. We are trained here as defenders of our nation and any failure can be detrimental to the

#### Wreath Laying



safety of our nation. Losing is not an option and therefore the cadets develop the killing instinct with perfection.

As a cadet of the seniormost class in RIMC, like all my termers, I would love to give anything and everything that I have learnt till date to my juniors. After all, they are the future flag-bearers of our heritage and it becomes our prime responsibility to show them the right path.

One must always know that there is no substitute to hard work and even with all the riches of this world, one cannot command the respect of his subordinates. The only way is to lead by example, as Mahatma Gandhi rightly said, 'Be the change you would like to see in this world.'

Idealism, if not practised on oneself, cannot be experimented on others. A novice can never be a coach just as only a burning candle can impart light to others. If each one of us pledges to stand by our values and instil a sense of self discipline in our lives, then no dream is too big to achieve. In the words of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam:

'You cannot change your future. But you can change your habits and your habits will surely change your future.'

Cadet Captain Kumar Vikram

#### **Date Line**

16 July

- Cadets Report back

17 July

- Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Tabbing Ceremony Special Assembly

19 July

- First Round of Kit-Inspection

22 July

- Shramdaan

25 July

- Class I vs Class IA Soccer Match

Staff XI vs Cadets XI Soccer Match

#### RANJIT



This happy-go-lucky boy from Tamil Nadu is a budding artist. An All India Olympiad prizewinner, he likes to play soccer and badminton. May God be with you, Maalan!



This Sainik School product hailing from Mizoram, is interested in swimming, basketball and needless to say, soccer. The member of a winning basketball team, he is surely going to be an asset to the College.



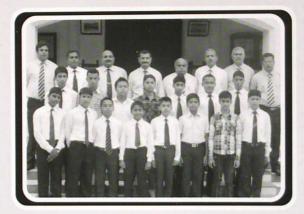
This tiny Drama-King from Jammu and Kashmir loves to act. An upcoming debater and dancer, he also loves to swim and play squash and soccer. Way to go, Aryan!

#### **PRATAP**



Raushan Kumar

This young chap from Bihar is a voracious reader. His love for soccer seems to be unmatched. A budding academician, he is sure to do well!





This lad from the city of Gwalior in the Heart of India, seems to have won many laurels in life.

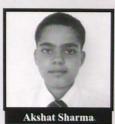
He takes keen interest in swimming and shooting. With this spirit, we are assured of his bright future!



This sports-freak from UP, has many games as his forte. An avid tennis, soccer and a badminton player, he aspires to join the College Soccer Team. All the best, Suyash!



A national medal-winning kickboxer hailing from Tripura, he has a black belt in Kick-Boxing. An All India Olympiad champ, he loves playing table tennis and swimming. More to come, Souradeep!



This boy from Jammu and Kashmir is a splendid musician. He loves to play soccer, cricket and guitar. Once the prefect of a house, he has also won many music competitions. We are sure he will do well!

#### SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AUTUMN TERM 2012

The term got off to a flying start on the 17th of July, with the Special Assembly conducted by the Commandant in the historic Bhagat Hall. The assembly started after paying homage to the Martyrs at the War-Memorial. On seeing the books for the Book Prizes in Bhagat Hall, I was struck by a sense of nostalgia, as I had attended my first assembly in this very place. That day was my last Special Assembly as a cadet. With a total of 15 new cadets, the assembly commenced with a prayer seeking the blessings of the Almighty. The Commandant, Col PK Kumaria announced a special prize instituted by a Rimcollian, FIt Lt K Vinoth Vanya, in the loving memory of his brother, late Cadet K Vignesh. This was followed by the Tabbing Ceremony, in which all the appointments were administered 'The Oath'.

The achievements of the cadets in the previous term were recognized in the Prize Distribution Ceremony. The Commandant congratulated all the prize winners and the appointments and welcomed the First Termers to the RIMC fraternity.

Here's hoping that my last term at RIMC would be a sucessful one and I would pass out with a sense of achievement and satisfaction.

Cadet NCO Kh Arjun Class VA

#### KAYAKING AND CANOEING

21 cadets escorted by Hav Negi left RIMC on 31 May 2012 for the BEG Centre, Roorkee. On the first day, we were fortunate to witness the splendid Inter-Battalion Kayaking and Canoeing competition. After this, on early mornings and late afternoons we went to learn Kayaking. The initial days on the Kayak were difficult but towards the end we were able to balance ourselves well and could kayak on our own. During our course, we also visited the BEG Centre Museum and learnt about the Indian Kayaks who have made us proud by winning laurels. It was definitely an enriching experience and we look forward to many such opportunities in the future.

Cadet Arjun Thakur- Class IIIA Cadet Harshit Kaushik- Class III

#### NIM

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A total of 3 cadets, Cadet Paras Singh, Cadet Rupesh Kumar and Cadet Chandrashekhar Panigrahi attended the NIM Course from 20 June to 5 July 2012. The cadets learnt a lot of things like rock-climbing, rappelling, rivercrossing and jummering. They were given lectures on bush craft and ropes. A number of competitions were also held in which Cadet Paras Singh won a Bronze medal in X-Country and Cadet Rupesh Kumar won a Bronze Medal in the Obstacle race. In group events, Cadet Chandrashekhar Panigrahi and Cadet Rupesh Kumar won the 1st prize in a point to point march. We expect and hope to exploit more such opportunities in the coming future.

Cadet CS Panigrahi Class IV

#### **NAVAL CRUISE TO ANDAMAN**



Thirty-five cadets, one JCO and Maj Richardson left for Vishakhapatnam on 31<sup>st</sup> of May. After a long, tiring, yet exciting journey, we reached the Eastern Naval Headquarters on 2<sup>std</sup> June. After we were allotted dorms, our liaison officer Sub Lt Amar Shankar briefed us about the ship. The ship set sail for the Andaman Islands the following morning. The ship experienced heavy Rolling and Pitching and we suffered from sea-sickness. On the way, we saw tiny beautiful islands and many dolphins too. We also witnessed Halo (Helicopter) landing on our moving ship, an act that requires tremendous skill and co-ordination.

The next day, we reached Andamans and visited the capital, Port Blair. We visited the historic Cellular Jail and also the wonderful local markets of the Island. The citizens there were very warm and friendly. We enjoyed the local delicacies, shopped for souvenirs and enjoyed a lot in Port Blair. We also visited the Kumaon Regiment and were welcomed warmly by the officers there. On the 8th, we started for our return journey to Vishakhapatnam. On our way back we visited Indira Point and witnessed Missile Firing from the ship. After a long journey, we reached our destination. There we saw various Naval establishments like the Marco Training School and other ships.

The entire trip was a wonderful experience and we are sure the memories of this trip would stay with us forever.

Cadet Rahul Dwivedi

Class III

#### ON A GOOD NOTE

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On 21 July 2012, Cadet Rishav Raj and Cadet Taral Chanchani participated in the Maharaja Judh Shumsher Singh Memorial Inter-School English Debate 2012 organised by Cambrian Hall. A total of 10 schools and 20 speakers participated in the event, in which the RIMC team bagged the second position and Cadet Rishav Raj got the prize for the Second Best Speaker. The Debate was won by St Joseph's Academy. The debating term has indeed started on a good note!

#### THE GURU SPEAKS

You know, there are situations in which you find yourself the centre of attraction (for all the wrong reasons though). Just visualise this-you're amidst a bunch of people sitting together for a meal. You excitedly bark out the name of any food item. Oops... you sense that something has gone wrong. The girl's attention is suddenly towards the boy sitting next to you. And you get the attention of that weird, spectacled chap who you just want to throw out of the room. The oops element? Pronunciation. And yes, it matters (personal experience!!) And the fact that you say it in such a manner, as though you knew it from the time you were in your kindergarten, makes it all the more difficult for you. So, rather than making any such sort of situations for you, invest your time in reading. Refer to the internet. Although we hardly believe that anyone in today's world would seriously do that, it would be really good. If he could kindly utilise his free time in such things. They help, they really do!!

For a start, here's one of them. For the delectable ice creams that you have after your meals, don't cry out "des-sert is really good". That does not sound good. It seems as though you're recollecting the safari trip you had through the Sahara desert. It is dis-sert. Ummm.. Yummy!!

Cadets Anirudh Panicker and Hardaman Singh Class IVA

#### R.O.A.R

Seasons change. Summer follows winter and the spring follows, thereafter. Yes, it's the Rhythm Of A Revolution. The simple trick behind it is to dare

Steve Jobs dared to despise the button, and we got the i-Phone... a revolution. Anirudh Ravichandran, by virtue of birth, could not master the more popular languages in the country. He settled for Tanglish instead. And he gave 'Kolaveri di', a revolution...

He may not be the Eric Segal of India. You may love to hate him for his contempt of language. But then, you never mind reading him from cover

to cover, without a dictionary, do you? Thank him or not for the reading revolution in the country, Chetan Bhagat has no qualms.

From being a Harvard nerd to becoming the youngest billionaire in history, the saga of Mark Zuckerberg would definitely make a masala pot boiler (in fact it has already been made). He went on to make Facebook, which went on to capsize Orkut, and to inspire the Arab spring. Now that's what you call a revolutionary wave, the ROAR.

But then, how politically do our dictionaries define a revolution? Most simply, they are a shift from an existing order to another, they say. But don't we have our own interpretations of this word. Norms may be  $thought lessly \, accepted, but \, we \, all \, perceive \, things \, differently, don't \, we \, ?$ Wasn't 'sadda haq' considered to be a revolution? Don't we celebrate Barcelona F.C as a revolution? Wasn't 'JAWS' a revolution? 'I have a dream'- don't these four words define the entire civil tights revolution of the States? The tiny islands of Japan comprise a revolution in themselves, don't they? From 1857 to 1948, to '71 to '91. From Meerut to Kashmir to Arunachal to Longewala and ultimately, Kargil. Aren't the lives of the Indian soldier a revolution in themselves? Romeo and Juliet- how two characters could break all barriers of borders, languages and cultures, and become immortal in public imagination, is of course revolutionary. And look at us all, we the people. With our everyday affairs, and issues; ups and downs, joys and sorrows, relationships and breakups, love and heartbreaks, success and failure, acceptance and defiance. How we take them all in our stride, and fall sometimes, but get up anyway and move on; and finally, we quietly slip out of the picture, never realising the difference our being made to this world- don't all these tiny intricacies that we unknowingly take for granted, make our lives a manifestation of this very rhythm, the Rhythm Of A Revolution.

It's all about dreaming and believing.
It all Boils down to a simple question, DO YOU DARE?

Cadets Rishav Saha and Vanmalsawma

Class IVA

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#### Reflections

"A successful person is one, whose desire for success is greater than his fear of failure."

#### **Editorial**

Life is a rigorous cycle of events, replete with challenges at every step. It teaches us not to stop but to always march ahead. It teaches us not to sit back and relax but with every challenge we face, we should be bubbling with renewed energy and face it with full enthusiasm. Vis-a-vis, these day-to-day ups and downs of life, a cadet's life at RIMC can be taken as a real life example. This vigorous and enthusiastic lifestyle is the quintessential challenge.

Every term heralds a new beginning. Gradually, the activities speed up and the hectic schedule braces the cadets to put their best foot forward and hone their present skills, contributing every bit to make their Section victorious.

It's the ability of a Cadet to withstand all kinds of pressure - be it mental or physical which not only makes him strong and self determined, but also makes him capable of taking on the next one. As we are all growing up to be the future leaders and we will have armed men under our command, it's the spirit we develop here in our stay at this prestigious place that will hold us in good stead later, as a leader, a leader who leads from the front and leads by example. This is the feeling which is instilled in each and every alumnus of this great place and it's this attachment that binds us all together under the reputed acronym of a 'RIMCO'.

Long Live RIMC! Cdt NCO Deependra Singh Class VA



SHIVAJI WITH THE SQUASH CUP

#### **Date Line**

26 July - Chess Opens commence

27 July - Inter Section Squash Competition

30 July - Comdt's Lunch for Cadet Appointments

31 July - Finals of Inter Section Squash

Visit to various Institutions and Army Fmns

1 Aug - RIMC Table Tennis commences

5 Aug - Inter Section X-Country Competition

8 Aug - Finals of Inter Section Hindi Debate

**15 Aug** - Independence Day Celebration and Shramdan

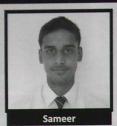
16 Aug - Unit Tests begin

19 Aug - NDA-UPSC Exam

20 Aug - Eid-ul-Fitr celebrated

23 Aug - Inter Section Soccer Competition
Commences

#### Shivaji



This localite, is a budding shooter.

Apart from having been a house captain in his previous school, he is also an amazing cricketer. His 'strive-hard' spirit shall surely take him to great heights.



This keen sportsman is a National badminton player. Apart from being India Number 3 in badminton, he also loves to play all games. We wish him all the best!



This ever-smiling boy from Himachal Pradesh loves to play squash and his passion for musical instruments is unbridled. Apart from being awarded the Best Musician Award, he is also a budding debater. All the best, boy!



This young man from Bihar is a mastermind chess player. A medallist in kick-boxing, he is also a good quizzer. Onward to great glories, Aniket!



This academician from Punjab, is also a good guitarist. Academics is his forte and he indeed is unbeatable in that arena. A young and ambitious one, he surely has a bright future!



This lad from Sainik School, Purulia, is a keen academician and a very good basketball player. He is very keen to learn soccer and swimming and we're sure that this 'Josh Machine' will make impossible things, possible.

#### Chandragupta



Rishabh Shukla

This sprightly lad from
Pratapgarh, is a future
Einstein. He has been
awarded the 'Man of Series'
at cricket competitions, and
loves to play football. Best of
luck, Rishabh!



This boy from Sainik School, Nalanda, is a good X-Country runner. He loves running and playing basketball. A former karate player, he is also an Olympiad Champ. More to come, buddy!



This determined Manipuri, loves reading. He is an amazing footballer and also a budding athlete. He also loves playing computer games. Do well, Lalit!



This boy from Gwalior, loves clicking pictures. A good all-rounder in cricket, he is also an upcoming Medhavi. He aspires to be an Army Officer. We are sure, he would achieve his aims!

# Shivaji Section Squashes All Competition

The RIMC Annual Squash Championship started on 26 July and 108 closely contested matches were witnessed. It was an amazing sight as players as young as 12 and 13 to national level players fought for the pride of their respective Sections. The competition produced some nail biting matches and some unexpected winners. The result bore testimony to the closest final of RIMC squash history in recent times with Shivaji and Ranjit Section leading the pack with 38 points each and a sub clause was to be enforced which led to the cup being awarded to Shivaji Section. Chandragupta and Pratap Sections followed with 28 and 04 points respectively. The individual prizes were as follows:

Most Upcoming Player- Cdt Aman Vashisth

**U-13 Category** 

Runners up - Cdt C Lalliansanga

Winner - Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan

**U-15 Category** 

Runners up - Cdt Samarth Singh

Winner - Cdt Vivek Boora

**U-17 Category** 

Runners up - Cdt Punnet Kumar

Winner - Cdt Ankit Singh

The Chief Guest for the event was Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant RIMC. He appreciated the hard work put in by the cadets and motivated them to continue excelling the same way in other Inter Section and Inter School Activities. The event was held under the overall co ordination of Mr Balvir Singh Chauhan.

Cdt Vijayant Rana Class II A

#### Scotch Eggs And Tipsy Pudding-Happy Days Are Here Again!



Never once known to miss an opportunity to catch up with old friends, A GROUP OF Rimcollians got together at the Panther's Officers Institute, Amritsar, on 17 March 2012. The get-together was graced by the presence of Maj Gen A Chakravarty VSM, GOC 15 Inf Div and the elegant Mrs Falguni Chakravarty. The Rimcollians from in and around Amritsar who attended the event were: Mr Chiranjeet Banerjee, Captain (IN) Arvind Kumar, Lt Col ML Bhagat, Lt Col Nitin Chaturvedi, Mrs Teotia (W/O Col Rohit Teotia), Lt Col Pankaj Sinha, Lt Col Rahul Maan, Lt Col S Sirohi, Maj Satyam Singh, Maj S Mahapatra, Maj P Gosain and Capt V Sinha.

Those who attended the event expressed their tremendous appreciation for the 'wonderful arrangement, especially the mesmerising music played by the Jazz band of 4 Jak Rif and the delicious meal which couldn't have been complete without the Scotch Eggs and the Tipsy pudding".

#### Pratap Leads Inter-Section X-Country Competition!



X-Country, as we all know is a very important event in a cadets life. The reason for it being organised at the beginning of the term is that this sport imbibes 'the-never-say-die' spirit in a cadets' mind which further helps him throughout the term.

The Inter-Section X-Country Competition was organised on 5 August 2012. The competition witnessed tremendous grit and determination among the cadets. The Juniors X-Country route was of 3.85 kms, whereas for the Seniors, it was 9.25 kms.

There was a special category for the new entrants and the cadets of second term. In this category, Cadet Sahil Yadav bagged the First Position and Cadet Kushagra Mishra and Cadet Vaibhav Chouhan bagged the second and third positions respectively.

The fastest among the junior cadets was Cadet Prateek Jadhav who stood First in the competition. He was closely followed by Cadet Akshat Raj and Vijay Choudhary who figured second and third respectively in the competition.

Pratap Section remained first among four sections with 728 points followed by Chandragupta, Ranjit and Shivaji section with 704, 640 and 592 points respectively. Inter Section X- Country Competition for the senior cadets would be organized in the month of September.

Commandant, Col Pankaj K Kumaria lauded the cadets for their hard work and perseverance and emphasized on the requirement of physical and mental strength in the daily routine of armed forces.

**Cdt Taral Chanchani** 

Class IV A

#### PROMOTION:

CONGRATULATIONS to Col Adosh Kumar (1977-82, Pratap) on PROMOTION from Col to Brig

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#### Off To A Good Start...

The Preliminary Round of the INCA Map Quiz was conducted in the College on 9 August, 2012. A total of 36 teams comprising three cadets each participated in the Quiz. The result was declared on 17 August and a total of 12 teams qualified for the Second round and from Uttarakhand 29 teams qualified. Three teams from Class IIIA, five from Class III and two each from Classes II and IIA. Overall, the cadets put up a very good show.

Cdt Rahul Dwivedi

#### Santla Devi Trek



It was a chilly Sunday morning on the 12 August when the 181 Course (Class I) got up to go for a trek to Santla Devi with our Class Master, Mr Sanjay & Mr U P Dalvi. We got up early and filled our satchels with some grub, poncho and our swimming trunks. Our excitement increased as we left for our first visit out of the College. We walked towards the Ghangoda Cantt enjoying the beauty of nature. We saw many trekking sites like Hathi Paon, Gunhill as they were clearly visible in the early morning. Our trekking trip converted into a Bio trip as Mr Dalvi educated us about several plants including the Sagvan tree, Jatropha tree, Flame of the Forest and others. Mr Sanjay told us about the basic trekking rules. Our path became muddy as we approached the river Tamsa. When we reached the footbill of the mountain. we rested there for five minutes and bought some eatables for our residual journey. We started our climb enthusing each other with the requisite spirit. But only after a few steps we were tired. We took four rest stops and at last we were in front of the famous temple established by the 5th Battalion of the Gorkha Rifles, Santla Devi. We prayed for our success in life and especially for our Unit Tests. The landscape which we saw from the temple was fantabulous. Then we moved down walking only a little but slipping a lot. We reached down and had breakfast on the grasslands. This whole trek was a memorable one and we couldn't believe that we had trekked for 10 kms

Aman Vashisht & Akshat Sharma

Class

### Articulating Thoughts And Ideas..

On Familiar Tides....

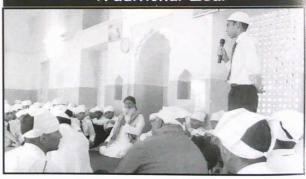
The Hindi Debating team comprising cadets Saurabh Shukla and Rishav Raj competed at the Maharani Gambhir Kumari Memorial Inter-School Hindi Debates held on18 August at the Cambrian Hall School, delivering impressive vocatives. However, the debate which witnessed the participation of 12 schools, culminated on a not-so-sordid note with RIMC placing second behind The Summer Valley School. Cdt Saurabh was adjudged the Second Best Speaker and Rishav was placed third.

Earlier in the month, on 11 August, 2012 at the Inter-School English Debates at the Summer Valley School, Team RIMC charted a relatively dominating trail beating the most dreaded team of the valley, St Joseph's Academy, to emerge victorious. The Debate was an impromptu affair with 16 schools from across the valley as also Delhi participating.

The team comprising Cadet Captain, Kumar Vikram and Cdt Rishav Raj put forth strong arguments on the topic, "Do Social Networking Sites Do Us Any Good? OR Are They Just a Sophisticated Way of Stalking People?" The RIMC lifted the trophy with Cdt Rishav Raj being declared the Best Speaker.

Cdt Rishav Raj Class IVA

#### Eid-ul-Fitr Celebrated with Traditional Zeal



It is said that the Armed Forces follow no religion other than the religion of the motherland. This spirit of nationalism is instilled in the cadets from a very young age with RIMC having a rich tradition of celebrating all festivals of all religions. This creates a secular environment on the campus.

On the occasion of Eid, a Moulvi was invited to overhead the proceedings of the day. It began with a brief history and significance of Eid and Ramzan by Cdt Abdul Muzeeb. We were also told about the Roza, its meaning and reason. The moulvi talked about the sentiments associated with Eid and also praised RIMC for instilling the spirit of brotherhood in the cadets as it greatly reduces discrimination in the society. The Commandant, Col Pankaj K Kumaria expressed his gratitude to the Moulvi for enlightenening the cadets.

Cdt Vijayant Rana

Class II A

# RIMCOS Go Green on Independence Day



As we know the RIMC has a lush campus of 135 acres with a variety of flora and fauna and the authorities have created a huge workforce to keep the environment at its best. This Independence Day was a special one for the cadets as they got to plant a sapling each to increase the productivity of the waste land areas in the campus. The employees also participated in the drive. The saplings were of blackberry, guava, gooseberry and Indian laburnum.

Each section was allotted a separate area of operation and they did their best in removing the weeds from the existing plants and planting new ones. The masters could also be seen working alongwith the cadets and planting their own saplings. The day began early for them with the flag hoisting in the morning followed by the plantation drive. The drive lasted for three hours and around 400 saplings were planted by the cadets. The event was keenly participated in and the cadets did their best in making it successful. Col Pankaj K Kumaria, commandant RIMC, thanked Col. Rana, Commanding Officer, Eco Task Force, TA Battalion for having provided the saplings free of cost for the cadets. The overall coordinator of the event was Mr PK Sharma.

Cdt Vijayant Rana Class II A

#### Shuttling A Victorious Path



Two cadets of RIMC, Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan and Cdt Mridul Rawat participated in the District level Badminton Tournament. They gave a stiff competition to the other participants and the results were as follows:

Under 13 Single's Title : Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan

Under 13 Double's Runner's Up: Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan and

Cdt Mridul Rawat

Under 15 Single's Title: Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan

Under 15 Double's Semi Finalist: Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan and

Cdt Mridul Rawat

Under 19 Single's Runner's Up : Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan Under 19 Doubles Runner's Up : Cdt Vaibhav Chauhan

Cdt Saurabh Shukla

#### Creating Waves of Success

On 18 and 19 August 2012, 14 cadets of the RIMC Swimming Team participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Brar Memorial Inter-School Invitational Swimming Competition organised by the St Georges College, Mussoorie. The cadets participated in two divisions out of three. The result of the competition was as follows-

Name	Event	Medal	
Cadet Akash Ghose	50 M Breast stroke	Silver	
Cadet Sourabh Thorve	50 M Butterfly	Gold	
	100 M Freestyle	Silver	
	100 M Backstroke	Silver	
Cadet Shashank Dahiya	100 M Breast stroke	Silver	
Cadet Sai Ganesh	100 M Backstroke	Bronze	
	4 X 50 M Freestyle Relay	Bronze	
	4 X 50 M Medley Relay	Silver	

The overall standing was as follows-

First - Aryan School - 50 points Second - Asian School - 46 points

Third - RIMC - 41 points

Cdt Taral Chanchani Class IVA



#### Kudos

Congratulation to Maj Himanshu Panwar (1991-95, Ranjit) for being awarded the Shaurya Chakra on 15 Aug 2012.

#### Errata

The credit for R.O.A.R in the previous Chronicle was given to cdt Rishav Saha. However, the article had been written by cdt Rishav Raj. The error is regretted.

#### Doon Darshan

#### Class

21 cadets of class I accompanied by Mr Sanjay and Mr Sant Kumar visited IMA (Indian Military Academy) and NIVH (National Institute for Visually Handicapped). In IMA they visited Hoshiar Singh Gymnasium and the Vikram Batra Mess. They also visited the Chetwood building and the museum. They interacted with the Commandant, Lt. Gen Manvendra Singh. Their visit to NIVH was also equally exciting where they interacted with visually handicapped people. They saw audio books used by them and also understood as to how they use computers and the internet. In all it was an exciting visit for the First termers as they got a chance to see these prestigious institutions.

Cdt Arvan Singh

#### Class IA

32 Cadets of class IA accompanied by Mrs Neelam Kaushuik and Mr P N Naik visited the Graphic Era Institute and the Buddha Temple. At Graphic Era Institute they saw the campus, classes in function, different models and a presentation on the institute. They were given a lecture on its history and how it became the 8<sup>th</sup> best private institute in India. After that they went to the Buddha Temple were they saw the great Buddha Stupa and an enormous monastery. But unfortunately the monastery was closed and they came back without visiting it.

Cdt Ravi Ranjan

#### Class II

34 cadets of class II accompanied by Mr Keshav Anand and Mr T Selven visited the Survey of India. They saw the printing room, where they saw maps being printed. They were also shown a demonstration on how to prepare a map and print it. They also saw ancient telescopes and climate detectors. It was an educating visit for them and they enjoyed it a lot.

Cdt Mridul Rawat

#### Class IIA

22 cadets of Class IIA visited Centre Soil and Water Conservation and Research, accompanied by Mr Kamal Gupta. They saw various stages of erosion, causes of erosion and many other interesting facts about erosion and how to deal with it. They were also shown full scale maps on the erosion rates in India. It was an interesting and informative visit for them.

**Cdt Abhijeet Tomar** 

#### Class III

31 cadets of Class III, accompanied by Mrs Rakhi Chamola and Mr Neeraj Negi visited the IIPM (Indian Institute of Petroleum Management). To begin with they were shown how to prepare and  $treat\,microbes\,in\,labs\,through\,a\,very\,long\,and\,difficult\,process.\,After\,$ that they were shown how Jatrobha oil is extracted from its seeds and how it is eventually converted into Gasoline, Petroleum and other products. The cadets thoroughly enjoyed the visit and gained valuable knowledge from it.

Cdt Rahul Dwivedi

#### Class IIIA

22 cadets of Class IIIA, accompanied by Mr Khushi Ram visited IRDE (Instrument Research and Development Organisation), where they were shown a presentation on DRDO, IRDE, its history, importance, implementation of its productions and inventions. They were warmly received by Mr R K Gupta, Liaison Officer. They saw equipment such as Night Vision Goggles, models and machines. The visit was a good experience for them.

Cdt Shashank Shekhar

#### Class IV

22 cadets accompanied by Mr C S Vishwakarma and Mr Balbir Chauhan visited DEAL (Defence Electronics Application Limited). The cadets were shown a presentation on Nishant UAV and its functioning. They also visited NC centre, a VLF modulator and VF receiver. They were also informed about the various inductions that Army and Navy have done recently. This visit was very motivating for the cadets.

Cdt Shashank Dahiya

#### Class IVA

29 cadets of Class IVA accompanied by Mr D N Thapliyal visited the Rama Krishnan Mission Ashram. They were shown how they prepare the Vermi Compost for the plants and trees. They also visited the Sai Temple where they saw different idols of Sai and took the blessing of the Diety. After this they visited the Malsi Deer Park too. It was indeed a educational and interesting visit for them.

**Cdt Hemant Poonia** 

23 cadets of Class VA along with Mr P K Sharma and Mr Shishupal Singh visited the Wildlife Institute of India. The cadets were shown an environmental movie and also visited the forensic lab. They were also briefed about the fake and real ivories. The visit was very helpful as it taught them about their natural resources.

Cdt Deependra Singh

#### Articulate Expressions:



Shivaji Section Emerges Victorious

The Inter Section Debates is a platform for new speakers to hone their oratory skills. RIMC has a formidable debating team and all of them have excelled at this level.

The Inter Section Hindi debates were conducted on 8th August in juniors and seniors categories. The topic on which the Juniors articulated their thoughts was 'Manav Tanav Me Jee Raha Hai' and the senior cadets put forth arguments on the topic ' Manav Adhikar Sabhaya Samaj Ko Sunishtit Karte Hai'. They gave a good account of themselves and impressed the judges with their skills. After two gruelling rounds of debating, Shivaji Section emerged victorious followed closely by Pratap, Ranjit and Chandragupta Sections. They individual prizes were as follows:

In the junior's category.

3rd Best Speaker: Cdt Abdul Malik 2nd Best Speaker: Cdt Anushil Kumar Best Speaker: Cdt Aman Vashist In the senior's Category: 3rd Best Speaker: Cdt Rishav Raj

2nd Best Speaker: Cdt - Kisnav Raj 2nd Best Speaker: Cdt - Lalit Kumar Best Speaker: Cdt - Saurabh Shukla

The judges for the evening were Mrs Meenu Jain, Editor of 'Dignity Dialogue', Environmentalist Mr Jagdish Babla and Mr Shrish Dobhal, an eminent film director and theatrical personality. The Special Guest for the evening was National Award winning author and cartoonist, Mr Aabit Suri. The Chief Guest for the evening was Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant, RIMC. He praised the cadets on their performance in the debates and urged them to continue doing the same in Inter School activities too.

Cdt Amit Kumar Rai

#### Tales of Grit and Valour...



August 4 was an important day for the cadets here at RIMC as they got an opportunity to be addressed by Hav Sanjay Kumar, PVC. Hav Sanjay Kumar, PVC is a war veteran of the 1999 Kargil War and is currently posted in his unit, 13 Jammu & Kashmir Rifles in Dehradun. Hav Sanjay Kumar, PVC belongs to a small village in Himachal Pradesh and was commissioned in the Indian Army in April 1997. Two years later, when Pakistani soldiers occupied certain vital peaks in the regions of Kargil, the Indian Army declared war and retaliated with sending some of its best infantry battalions, including the 13 JAK rifles. He showed great courage in the first objective of his unit, that was the capture of Peak 5140 on 5th July 1999. The unit was tasked with capturing another peak, Peak 4180. He volunteered into the advance group and played a major role in the destruction of enemy bunkers in the region. He suffered numerous bullet wounds but kept going on in spite of mortal danger. He killed 7 infiltrators and for his bravery in face of enemy, on 26th January 2000, he was awarded the Param Vir Chakra by the then president of India Mr. K R Narayanan. He had the honour of fighting alongside another PVC award winner, Capt. Vikram Batra, PVC(Posthumous).

He gave a presentation on the 1999 Kargil War, apprising the cadets on the conditions that they faced during the course of the war, which the cadets watched with rapt attention. An inspiring event for the cadets, it motivated them tremendously to prove their mettle in face of the enemy. The presentation was well received and numerous questions were asked by the cadets. Col. Pankaj K. Kumaria, Commandant RIMC, thanked Hav. Sanjay Kumar, PVC for inspiring the cadets with his true tales of grit and valour.

Cdt Taral Chanchani Class IVA

#### Dramatic Musings



Renowned Author and Environmentalist Conducts Workshop at RIMC National Award winning author Mr. Aabid Suri visited RIMC on Wednesday. As an author his output has been prolific, from fiction, nonfiction and travelogues to even children books. He has written 84 books till date and they have been translated into almost all Indian languages. As a screenwriter he has been associated with renowned filmmakers of the like of Rai Khoslaand Rai Kapoor. He is also an accomplished painter and also created the innovative technique 'Mirror Collage', which won him critical acclaim in Japan. He has held 16 exhibitions in India and abroad. A famous cartoonist to boast, he is the creator of the famous character Dabbujee. It is one of the longest running cartoon strips in the country and has been published without a break for the past 30 years. He was awarded the National Award in 1993 by the Indian Government. He runs a NGO named 'Drop Dead' which aims at saving water. He conducted a workshop for the cadets and told them about his early years when he lived in a place where there was a scarcity of water and how this motivated him to start his NGO. He explained the value of water in the coming years and urged the cadets to save water wherever they could.

> Cdt Vijayant Rana Class IIA

#### Beyond The Corner.....

Joel December gave an awkward smile, perhaps his last to her. If he ever gets to see the girl again he mumbled, he'll surely ask her number then.

Linda Grace was out with her friends that very same day. It was Christmas Eve and people crowded the streets. There was music and happiness, an atmosphere of joy, exclusively for a day this special. It was the day when a dream came out of the blue. That very day, a boy saw a girl and fell in love for the first time. Yes, the very beginning of love, compared to nothing at all. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a love sacred, from the very roots of the heart. It is pure and it is real; you cannot compare it to anything, nothing at all.

The Blue Grass concert was about to start at Sunset Avenue and people began piling in; Joe was one of them. He was alone. Alone with a cup of coffee and a heart awaiting a 'fill-in'. The sun winked for the last time; with the slide of the strat, the dark became magic, and in the midst of loops and soul swings, Joe found a wonder.

"Hello there, what's your name?"

"The name's Linda Grace, but you can call me Linda."

The usual cool Joe was pumped up, heart thumping faster than a chorus bass slap.

"I'm Joe, wanna cuppa coffee?" and both disappeared among the crowds.

That evening, a thousand years down the line, love emerged at a stable in Bethlehem and Joe discovered it after centuries, and the magic has not faded, not a shade darker.

A cup of coffee never tasted so good. Every sip, every gulp was worth a 'pause-rewind-replay'. It was 12 am, 0000hrs to be precise, the 25  $^{\rm th}$  of December and Joe just had the time of his life. He swore he'd go to church daily if the One above can grant him a replay, all over again.

'It is late, I must go". Linda said with a wry smile. Joe said nothing. He waved and Linda took the steps, every step away with a hope that the guy she had just met may ask her number. But no response from Joe, she closed her eyes and slowly her heart along; she disappeared into the dark, beyond the corner.

Joe was stung, ached and scared to death to follow his heart. But people, love is an energy, strong as a rushing tide and when attained, a destructive power.

Joe proceeded along the path he never dared; he overcame fear and love prevailed. He ran into the darkness... beyond the corner.

He made it clear; deep within his mind that love will happen for sure. The discovery of love is beautiful, it is divine and words cannot define; love for the very first time, it is like none other, comparable to nothing at all.

Cdt B Vanmalsawma

Class IVA

#### Obituary

The RIMC family expresses profound grief at the demise of Col Abdul Qayyum (1944-48, Kitchners), this August. May his soul rest in peace and may the Almighty grant the strength to his family to bear the tragic loss.

## Book Post

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#### **Editorial**

The choc- o-bloc schedule has gained momentum and the 181<sup>st</sup> Rimcos have started moulding themselves into the 'League of Extraordinary Gentlemen'. The X-country cramps have not even disappeared that the upcoming competitions are looming large in many minds.

Where, in the classes the studies have turned cadets insomniac, but in dorms, loud snores reverberate in the space.

And it is this irony which would be etched into the minds of the 172<sup>nd</sup> Course, who would, in due course of time, preserve it in a special corner of their hearts.

However, a lot of goals are yet to be set, and a lot more to be achieved.

"Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;

Where the mind is let forward by Thee

Into ever widening thought and action..."

And this perfection seems to be relentless with cadets thumping to glory, be it debates, badminton, swimming or soccer and the list is endless.

"The magnitude of success depends on the depth of desire" The NDA tryst of Class V finally concluded on the  $19^{\rm th}$  of August with all fingers crossed for the result.

Though the rain gods seem merciless, yet the 'RIMCO SPIRIT' seems to set ablaze the entire field with splendid moves, all set to over awe the spectators in the upcoming Inter Section Soccer Competition.

I was always told that VA is the best term...but with SSBs mounting on top, board examinations ahead and the whole College to manage, there seems to be something wrong with the equation.

As they say, 'Uneasy lies the head that wears the CROWN'.

Though uneasiness is not a virtue we are bestowed with...

You know they never taught us that!

And with my pen insisting on a rest,

I sign off with gratitude to all the teachers who have been instrumental in moulding and shaping us, to be what we are today and what we shall evolve as.

Class V A

Pofloctions

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein



The Triumphant 'Cheetahs' at the Inter Section Swimming Competition

#### **Date Line**

25 August

Inter Section Soccer Competition commences

31 August

- Inter Section Soccer Finals

2 September

- X-Country held for Class V

5 September

Teacher's Day celebrated

Inter Section Variety Entertainment

8 September

Inter Section Swimming Competition

commences
Finals of Inter Section Swimming

10 September -

Competition

11 September -

College Mid Term Exams commence

Inter Section Quiz Competition, Round 1

17 September - 22 September -

Class III goes for NDA hike

25 September -

College Mid Term Exams end

26 September -

College goes for hikes

#### Legends in the Making



After running an arduous X-Country route and dripping with sweat in fields, the sport hunt finally came to 'SOCCER'. Soccer is a game which requires a great amount of zeal, stamina, skills and enthusiasm.

In Juniors category, Chandragupta emerged victorious followed by Shivaji, Pratap and Ranjit respectively.

The list of individual prizes is as follows:

1.	Most Upcoming Player	Cadet Aryan Singh
2.	Highest Scorer	Cadet Devesh Rathore
3.	Best Player	Cadet Tomthin
4.	Best Goalkeeper	Cadet Shikhar Singh

In Middles category, Shivaji bagged the First position followed by Pratap, Chandragupta and Ranjit respectively.

The list of individual prizes is as follows:

1.	Highest Scorer	Cadet Rohan Basnett
2.	Best Player	Cadet Maikel Singh
3.	Best Goalkeeper	Cadet Pratyush Navak

In Seniors category, Chandragupta stood First followed by Pratap, Shivaji and Ranjit respectively.

The list of individual prizes is as follows:

1.	Highest Scorer	Cadet Sub NCO Nelson Singh
2.	Best Player	Cadet Sub NCO Nelson Singh
3.	Best Goalkeeper	Cadet NCO Mayank Dhama
Thef	inal standings of the secti	ons were as follows:
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1.	Shivaji Section	(19 points)
2.	Chandragupta Section	(18 points)
3.	Pratap Section	(11 points)
4.	Ranjit Section	(2 points)

The Chief Guest of the evening was Col Pankaj K Kumaria. He appreciated the efforts of the cadets and urged them to do better.

Cadet Ujjwal Gupta

Class II A

#### A Serenade to Dedication





"Those who educate children well are more to be honoured than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well." This famous quote by Aristotle indicates the integral role of the teachers in our lives. The bond between the teacher and the student is one which is based on respect and devotion. Even in Indian mythology, the bond of a 'guru' and a 'shishya' is considered to be a very holy bond. Every year, on 5 September, Teacher's Day is celebrated to honour this sacred bond and mark the birth anniversary of one of India's greatest teachers, Dr S Radhakrishnan. This year on Teachers' Day, an Inter Section English Drama Competition was organized by the cadets to pay tribute to their teachers. Each Section portrayed a different theme, ranging from mythology to light comedy and talk shows. The cadets amazed everyone with their dramatic and creative skills. The final standings were as follows:

IV-Chandragupta (181 points)
III-Pratap (187 points)
II-Ranjit (188 points)
I-Shivaji (200 points)
The individual prizes were as follows:

 Most Upcoming Actor
 Cadet Aman Vashisht

 Best Actor
 Cadet Akshat Raj

 Best MC
 Cadet Aditiya Kalsotra

 Best Director- Cadet Section Commander Akshay Chugh

The judges for the evening were Mr Alok Ulfat, a Post Graduate in Theatre from London University, Mr Shirish Dobhal, an alumnus from National School of Drama, Delhi, and Mrs Jagriti Dobhal, Director, Kala Manch, Dehradun. After the contest, all Members of Staff were felicitated by the cadets for their selfless industry and dedication in pedagogy. The Chief Guest for the evening was Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant RIMC, who lauded the cadets for an excellent display of their dramatic skills and inspired them to hone them further.

Martin Heidegger has rightly said, 'If you can read this, thank a teacher.'

Cadet Vijayant Rana

Class II A

The overall standings of the sections were as follows:

IV-Ranjit (518 points)
III-Shivaji (547 points)
II-Pratap (583.5 points)
I-Chandragupta (644.5 points)

The Chief Guest for the evening was Col Pankaj K Kumaria, Commandant RIMC. He praised the cadets on their swimming standards and encouraged them to continue improving and break their own records.

Cadet Vijayant Rana

Class II A

#### **Azure Lengths**





Competitive swimming gained popularity in the nineteenth century. Since then it has seen many drastic changes like the introduction of the Dolphin Kick and recently, the controversial 'Drag Suit'. At RIMC, this sport plays an important role in a cadet's everyday life. The swimming tests are conducted to ensure that all cadets maintain their swimming standards. The Cup was introduced in 1922 and since then it has been won by Pratap Section-23 times, Ranjit Section-22 times, Shivaji Section-29 times and Chandragupta Section-7 times. On the calendar of events, the Inter Section Swimming Competition is held annually in the first week of September. This year, the Competition was held from 8 September to 10 September with a total of 34 events being conducted. Five College records were broken by the cadets. The details are as follows:

#### Juniors:

Cadet Omkar Dalvi Chandragupta Section (400m Free Style): 6 min 55 sec (4x50m Free Style relay): 2 min 30 sec

Seniors:

Cadet Sourabh Thorve Cadet Karan Raj Sohi (100m Free Style): 1 min 3 sec (200m Breast Stroke): 3 min 12 sec (200m Back Stroke): 3 min 18 sec Cadet Ambui Sen Patra

Most Upcoming Swimmer Best Paddler

Best Swimmer (Juniors)
Best Swimmer (Seniors)

Cadet Atul Tiwari Cadet Sai Ganesh Cadet Karan Raj Sohi

#### **Au Revoir**

The College bade farewell to Mrs Rakhi Chamola, the Master of English, on 15 September, 2012.

#### Welcome

The College welcomes to the fold the new Master of English, Mrs Rekha Negi and Master of Social Sciences, Mrs Indrani Bhattacharjee. Here's wishing them a fruitful tenure.

#### **Master Minds at Work**

The first round of the Inter Section Quiz Competition-2012 was held on 11 September, 2012. There were eight rounds in the competition which are as follows:

- (1) Science and Technology
- (2) Sports
- (3) Current Affairs
- (4) Brain Teaser
- (5) Ecology and Environment
- (6) Audio
- (7) Video
- (8) Buzzer

After the competition, the standings were as follows:

I-Ranjit Section-55 points

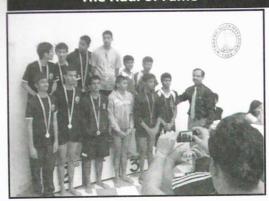
II-Shivaji and Chandragupta Sections- 45 points each III-Pratap Section- 25 points

The Chief Guest for the event was Col Pankaj K Kumaria. The Quiz Masters were Mr Kamal Gupta, Mr Balvir Chauhan, Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta, Mrs Rakhi Chamola, and Mr Sant Kumar. The score was ably kept by Mr UP Dalvi.

Cadet Om Bawiskar

Class II A

#### The Haul of Fame



On 11 September, 2012, 22 cadets accompanied by the swimming coaches participated in Mr PA Kidd Memorial Invitational Swimming Competition at Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie. RIMC took part in the following categories:

Juniors Intermediate

(7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) (9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>) (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

The RIMC contingent won a total of 10 Gold, 8 Silver and 10 Bronze

The results are as follows:

Juniors

 25m Free Style:
 Cadet Ambuj Sen Patra (Silver)

 50m Free Style:
 Cadet Ambuj Sen Patra (Gold)

Cadet C Rakesh (Bronze)

25m Breast Stroke: Cadet Ambuj Sen Patra (Gold)

Cadet C Rakesh (Silver)

25m Back Stroke: Cadet C Rakesh (Gold)

Intermediate

25m Butterfly: Cadet Shailesh Naik (Silver)

Cadet Shantanu Shukla (Bronze)

25m Back Stroke: Cadet Sai Ganesh (Silver)

Cadet Shantanu Shukla (Bronze)

25m Breast Stroke: Cadet Akash Ghose (Silver)

50m Free Style: Cadet Sai Ganesh (Silver)
Cadet Omkar Dalvi (Bronze)

00m Free Style: Cadet Omkar Dalvi (Bronze)

100m Free Style: Cadet Omkar Dalvi (Bronze)
4x25m Medley Relay: Gold (Record Broken)

4x25m free Style Relay: Gold (Record Broken)

Seniors

50m Free Style: Cadet Karan Raj Sohi (Silver)

Cadet Taral Chanchani (Bronze)

100m Free Style: Cadet Sourabh Thorve (Gold)

Cadet Karan Raj Sohi (Bronze)

25m Back Stroke: Cadet Sourabh Thorve (Gold)
Cadet B Kumran Ravi (Bronze)

25m Breast Stroke: Cadet Karan Raj Sohi (Gold)

Cadet Shashank Dhaiya (Bronze)

25m Butterfly: Cadet Sourabh Thorve (Silver)
Cadet Shashank Dhaiya (Bronze)

 4x25m Medley Relay:
 Gold (Record Broken)

 4x25m Free Style Relay:
 Gold (Record Broken)

The overall standings were as follows:

IV-Indian Public School

III- Wynberg Allen School

II-RIMC

I-St George's College

The Seniors and Intermediate titles were bagged by RIMC and Cadet Sourabh Thorve was adjudged the Best Swimmer in the Seniors category.

Cadet Sourabh Thorve

Class IV A

#### **Great Going**

- Col Prem Prakash, SM, Ex-Commandant, RIMC, is likely to visit the University of California around mid October for two weeks as part of his international study programme.
- Lt Col Mandeep Grewal, VSM, (1984-90 CHA), stood First in the Senior Command Course at Army War College, Mhow.

#### **How Many More???**

How many more lives are to be taken?
How many more families are to be shaken?
How many more hearts are to be torn?
How many more people are to mourn?
People with guns and bombs everywhere,
Why can't they listen to millions of prayers?
Here's a message for all Kasabs & Osamas
Think about the crying dads and mamas
About the people you've killed
About the losses that can never be filled.
Have some pity, have some shame
What you're doing is completely lame,
And don't forget the Mayor up there
Will make sure everything is good and fair.

Cadet Amul Rawal

Class II A

#### A Rimco Incarnate

The days start with the rigorous PTs. After it ends, exhaustion and fatigue take over. Hunger forces us to gulp down food. Even the sight of food makes us drool and brightens our mood. At the time of academics our tension gives us tonnes of pressure to study hard and harder still to score well in tests and to become a Medhavi. After a satisfying lunch, we have to rush for games. Soon, the Sun flies away, allowing the Moon to establish her rule. During the day, hard work comes to a temporary end. And at the time for Preps, our mental pressure increases to study harder for the tests. Inter Sections are always there to motivate us even more for winning. Whether, we win or lose, the motivation continues. After so much mental and physical work the night falls, and the eyelids can't take it anymore. They start to doze. The body can't take anymore. At last, I get to bed and I look out of the window of my dormitory, and I see the beautiful bright moon over the lights of Mussoorie. The sight fills my mind with bliss and peace. The sight was like never ever seen before. It felt like beautiful home. Thinking of home, I sit on the bed and start thinking-Why did I leave the comfort of my home to come here to develop my-self physically and mentally? Why do I have to take all this load, pressure and stress? Why do I have to do this? Why? Why did I leave home? Thinking of home, I open my trunk and take out my old and precious diary. I start flipping through the pages and I keep on reading my history. Soon, my eyes stop at a page written three years ago. The words read."I WANT TO BE A RIMCO." Then, my mind's door unlocks and it starts answering my questions. It tells me the difference. The difference between home and RIMC. The difference between people and the RIMCOS. The difference between previous me and present me. I have come here to become a man - a true and a worthy man. Here is the difference between my old friends and me-that I am a RIMCO now. These mere hiccups are nothing for a RIMCO. I have miles to go, thousands of miles. And to complete this marathon, I have to take the load and give my best. Nothing shall come in my way. Because, I am a RIMCO-a die hard RIMCO.

Cadet Souradeep Dutta

Class I

#### The 181° Course

Studied a lot from every source,
And were the lucky ones to become the 181<sup>st</sup> Course,
Not taking up any social or 'seniority' stress,
Carrying the motto of 'young and reckless',
Showing the power what lies beneath,
Kicking away every frustrating defeat.
Giving away our very best,
Adding four inches more to the RIMCO's proud chest,
Proving ourselves in academics and sports,
In soccer fields and squash courts.
And we certainly take this pledge,
We'll carry strength, dignity and honor,
When we pass out of this college.

Cadet Aman Vashisht

Class

#### A Walk Down The Memory Lane

I was walking down the lane, My heart was full of pain. For I was leaving my love forever, As there was no other way. My time had come to an end, Five years were gone and all I felt." Something was missing. A void in my stomach As I walk down the memory lane The artlessness of a first termer, The new sense of seniority as a second termer. Cadet Guardianship in third term, Unbounded fun in fourth term. Oh! What fun we had. Plucking guavas under the master's very eyes, The love for the incessant rain, Dorm PT was never a pain, The sweat continues to roll off my face, As I go round and round again. I hated this place when my dad left me, Now I hate to leave when my dad takes me How I wished I were young again, To enjoy that fun over and over again. Five years is a short time, Trust me, it goes in the blink of an eye.

Cadet Vijayant Rana Class IIA

#### When I Die

When I die

Mother India will give me a saluting good bye.

When I die,

Everyone will know that I gave my best try.

My name shall be inscribed on the wall, Till the end my spirit shall never fall.

Never shall I fear to bleed, For it will do me proud when they lay my wreath.

My blood shall stain the grass, From where my enemies shall never pass.

Their Guts won't let them come near my grave, Forever they will fear this soldier who was just too brave.

"When I die, Pin all my medals to my chest, And tell my mother that I did my best".

Tell my mother not to cry, I was the soldier...born to die.

Cadet Gurvir Talwar



#### If You Want

If you want to respect
Respect your elders
If you want to serve
Serve your country
If you want to leave
Leave your own comfort
If you want to follow
Follow your own conscience
If you want to die
Die in Battlefield
If you want to 'Be'
Be a true soldier.

Cadet Ishaan Sharma

#### Friendship

May the angels protect you,
Trouble neglect you
May sorrow sail away,
With joy guiding your way
May heaven accept you
When it's time to go home.
May your tears come from laughing
With my warmth surrounding
If our needs part us,
Without leaving any dusk
With you being in the middle of the sea
I will face the unknown to find you and see
Our friendship without bounds.

Cadet B Liansanga

Class II

#### **Vignettes Of Greenhorns**

The memories of the enchanting and enticing stories told by our grandmothers still remain afresh in our hearts. The raconteurs of Class I are here with their enthusiastic and endearing life stories that shall regale the readers and transport them to a different world altogether. We bring to you excerpts and chunks from the woven magic of the pens of the  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  termers. The first one that comes your way is Cdt Souradeep Datta of Tripura. The 'shorty' likes to knock people out in the kickboxing arena. His dreams are promising and rare as he says, " My biggest dream in life is to own a Great Dane and a Bugatti car and own a lot of computer games." Godspeed Souradeep!!! Suyash tells about his never ending mischievous acts. His love for 'Rasgullas' can be clearly seen as he exclaims, "Rasgullas of my hometown (Orai, UP) are famous. The sweet shop was most of the time occupied with my presence." Hope the College satisfies your sweet tooth, Suyash!!!!!!!! Akshat talks about how life has changed after joining RIMC. He speaks, "After studying hard, I have reached RIMC and hope to become a good person and achieve everything I want to." Hope that your quest pays you rich dividends in future Akshat!!!!!! This hybrid Bihari-cum-Jharkhandi is soft spoken and humble. Suraj loves to play a lot. A josh-type guy who wants to join the defence forces, Suraj's longing for the OG is clearly evident from his anecdote.

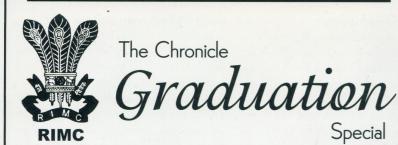
> Cadet Yashashvee Raj Class III A

#### **Obituary**

- With profound sorrow we inform you of the sad demise of Wing Commander Vikram Singh (1985-91, CHA) on 30 August, 2012. He died in a helicopter crash near Jamnapur in Gujarat.
- Mr Tej Ram (1936- 41 Kitcheners) passed away on 4 September, 2012 at New Delhi.

Our prayers for the peace of their souls.

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#### Editorial

It's time for the sun to set, leaving behind all the glamour and exploits of the day only to rise again tomorrow with a new message for its subjects. If autumn comes, can winter be far behind? As the chill of the cold winds begins to revive the



Cadet Captain Kumar Vikram

urge for heaters, a sense of nostalgia prevails in the air for some senior cadets who are on the brink of concluding their journey as Rimcos. At this juncture, one looks back at the days spent here and wonders if there is anything better as compared to this institution.

Every day, when I sit outside my room, admiring the lush green lawn, I am constantly reminded that nowhere on this earth is a place better than my school and despite all my effort, I would fail to find a place which would even come close to the aura of RIMC. The feeling is very intense and therefore to my juniors, I would only say that fortunate you are, for you still have time before you don the hat of a Rimcollian.

For the 23 of us, it has been an exceptional experience, from fast rounds in the lawn to giving the assembly a miss, we have formed a bond of sweat and blood which will not erode and is time tested. To be very frank, if you wish to experience this feeling, you have to live it, and no amount of second hand explanation will do justice to the feeling.

Observing the cadets being nurtured at RIMC is a treat in itself. How a group of kids coming from different coordinates of the Nation are groomed into a league of extraordinary gentlemen, ready to shoulder the security of this Nation. They truly satisfy the criteria laid down by our old boy, Lt Gen PS Bhagat, who said 'Be magnanimous, be loyal, be courageous and be a gentleman. You will then be an Officer in the true sense.

This piece of writing is a tribute to everyone who has been instrumental in making our lives worth it. We were fortunate to have been brought up in this secured and heavenly environment, in a land which is indeed blessed. We promise that the day will never come when anyone of us shall he sitate to go beyond our limits to keep the flag of our College and Country flying high.

VivalaRIMC. Cadet Captain Kumar Vikram 172nd Course

#### Reflections

Each time you see a seed driving itself through the soil in order to survive, each time you see a small stream overcoming a big rock in its path, each time you see a wiggly caterpillar transforming itself into a beautiful butterfly, nature is inspiring you to excel.





- Inter Section Quiz Competition II Round held 14 Nov - Children's Day 01 Nov

03-04 Nov - District Athletics Meet in Doon School held 23 Nov - College Terminal Examinations finish

28 Nov - ROBA Dinner 07 Nov - Inter Section PT Competition held

12 Nov - College Terminal Examinations commence 29 Nov - Graduation Ceremony 13 Nov - Diwali celebrated in College

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Cadet Captain Kumar Vikram

A role model for every first termer, he leads the way by following it first. With an indomitable spirit, he is sure to make a

#### Cadet Section Commander Pratyush Mohanty

His active participation in all the fields made him a 'Jack of all trades.' Discipline and hard work are his morals, which are sure to take him a

#### Cadet Section Commander Punit Kumar

His charisma not only made him the best in squash but also in motivating juniors. His sharp voice hit more deeply than his parallels which could boost up one's spirit in no time.

#### Cadet Section Commander Anmol Rawat

He is a balanced mix of all talents. Friendly and straightforward, he could boost himself from nadir to zenith in no time. All the best Anmol!

#### Cadet Section Commander Akshav Chugh

A zealous Cadet, he had no bars and kept going further. Be it academics or the hockey field, he lies undefeated in his forte. A glorious future awaits

#### Cadet NCO Abhishek Kundlia

He proved that height does not come in play when courage and determination are tested. Be it undying shots in the boxing ring or the deft shots in football, he was par excellence. He is sure to rise with flying colours.

#### Cadet NCO Khangjrakpam Arjun

He was the same as a lion waiting for his prey. When the time came, no one could surpass him. Though quiet outside, he left no stone unturned when the time was right. God bless him!

#### Cadet NCO Ashutosh Banathia

His jocular attitude made him a favourite of all. A source of motivation and inspiration, he helped all to understand the tricks and techniques of every game. Do well Ashutosh!

#### Cadet NCO Deependra Singh

He is very affable and approachable to the first termers. A very motivated Cadet, he enthuses all his juniors with the same enthusiasm. Godspeed Deependra!!

#### Cadet NCO Piyush Pawar

A voracious reader and a fan of warfare stories and movies, he is a good athlete and a keen sportsman as well.

#### Cadet NCO Ankit Singh

An excellent squash player, he was always ready to help his juniors. An example for his juniors; Class IA and IIA will miss his unique way of behaving.

#### Cadet NCO Tabish Hasan

This passionate mountaineer has shown his expertise in all the fields at RIMC. An execellent academician, he is sure to come out with flying colours in his life ahead.

#### TIMELESS HUES

The poignant Pride has wielded its blow, The gong goes for the chiseled 23, And its' time for them to go. With tottering treads and beatific beams, Unsure of what lay ahead Plunged into what was a haven of their dreams. 'Quintessence' at the precincts sacred, The quality of leadership to inherit, Laboured with love to dispel hatred. Effervescent always was their presence, Academic Block, Mess and Pavilion, Catapulted at them with all their lessons. Triumph, defeat, laughter and tears, Left behind on five years threshold, Clouds of haze their Alma Mater clears. Hues of memories bitter sweet, Form a nostalgic rainbow to beckon, 'ICH DIEN' as, to a brave new world, GO THE 172<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs Rachna Malhotra

#### Cadet NCO Akhilesh Gupta

Often seen loitering around the cyber café and lab, he is the 'josh machine' of his Course. We wish him all the best for his future. Godspeed Akhilesh!

#### Cadet NCO Shantanu Mohan

An excellent academician, debater and rider, he has excelled in all fields in RIMC. He is sure to keep the flag of RIMC high in NDA.

#### Cadet NCO Aman Gupta

A studious and industrious Cadet at the College, he is always on time for every parade. He will be lovingly remembered for his unique kit inspections.

#### Cadet NCO Nishant Rana

The 'Cyber Whiz' of the College, he is also an excellent gymnast and an ardent quizzer. He will surely be missed for his candid behavior.

#### Cadet NCO Bhupendra Singh

The backbone of Chandragupta Section, who always led from the front. His scaling of Mt Banderpunch has been a constant source for motivation for his juniors. Junior dorm will surely miss him for his frustrating kit inspections.

#### Cadet NCO Jarkop Doke

His perfectionist temperament and jolly attitude made him an enigmatic personality. His famous 'cycle shot' compelled all to emulate him in soccer

#### Cadet NCO Tanmay Pothhare

A strict disciplinarian, he could always be seen correcting mistakes of others. This orator nade all sway their heads when he played the tabla, Godspeed Tanmay!

#### Cadet Sub NCO Ankit Arsh

His cheerful disposition and ingenuity made him everyone's favourite. This demagogue displayed his skills in acting and was very keen to pick everything up.

#### Cadet Sub NCO Suyash Gupta

A very affable and affectionate Cadet, he is a keen reader and speaker as well. His mild temperament is admired by all.

Cadet Sub NCO Abhishek Yadav Captain of the College Basketball Team, he has promoted the standards to a great height. He is also known as 'silent killer' for his unexpected performances on the D-Day.

#### Cadet Sub NCO Raushan Kumar

One of the finest in gymnastics, his muscular strength has proved its mettle in the boxing ring as well as the athletics track. Being a keen academician; he can be often seen studying late night and helping others.







Ouizzed All the Way

Ranjit Section returned to the winning ways by lifting the Inter Section Quiz Trophy. It was their first Cup of the term and it brought a sense of joy for the 'Ranjitians'. The Quiz was conducted in two rounds. The first round was held on 26 August after which Ranjit Section took the lead. Continuing in the same momentum, Ranjit Section lifted the Trophy in a closely fought contest with a narrow margin of 5 points. The final scores were as follows:

I Ranjit (135 points)

II Chandragupta (130 points)

III Shivaji (95 points) IV Pratap (90 points)

It was a closely contested Quiz with the cadets giving out the best for their sections. The Chief Guest for the evening was Lt Col Ambarish Tewari, Officiating Commandant, RIMC. He lauded the cadets on their prowess and grasp of knowledge. He asserted on how difficult it was to participate in a Quiz. He said, "It's not that easy to take part in a quiz. To extract that one byte of knowledge, which is the correct answer, from the terabytes of knowledge inside your brain is no mean feat." The Quiz was conducted by Mr Birjesh Chauhan, Mrs Neelam Kaushik, Mrs Taiyba Khatoon, Mrs Rachna Malhotra and Mr Shishupal. The Quiz was conducted by the overall co ordination of Mr PK Sharma.

Cadet Vijayant Rana Class IIA

#### Obituary

Cdr AK Sood (1949-52, Shivaji) passed away on 31 Oct 2012. May his soul rest in peace.

Winning Spree Continues

RIMC Athletics Team thrashed all opposition and continued the winning spree after defeating Welham Boys and Oak Grove School in the closely contested District Athletics Meet. The tournament was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012. It was an exciting finale to a closely contested Meet, with 22 schools from the valley participating with full fervour and spirit of the game. Gold medals were won by Cadets Kobing, Prasenjeet, Kush, Tomthin, Sohail and Nelson. The team also won the U-16 relay and broke the existing record. Cadet Tomthin smashed the 200m U-14 record while Cadet Prasenjeet Mehta broke the U-14 High Jump record. It is the second consecutive triumph of the RIMC team, the previous one being in MP Sports College in November, 2011.

The Last Inch of Scaffold

There was yelling for help but no one was there to respond to his fading voice. Its last rays spread across the ochre stretch like the subsiding echoes of the cry. Not a single bird was to be seen, either all were devoured by some monster or mummified in their nests. The grass was growing gaunt, losing its vitality to the approaching doom.

Stream had not the temerity to run down with its usual gush. Instead it seemed to have frozen to the extent that the trickle was impossible to be heard. The leaves endeavoured their best to avoid rustling. Crickets seemed to have been crippled by an unknown foe.

The atmosphere had grown humid to the extent that it seemed no less than the surface of boiling water. Wind seemed to have been deported to the Hall of Hades. The temperature was on an ascent. Sweat ran down faster than the stream.

My world had turned upside down. Brain had given up and failed to comprehend what my eyes grasped. My vision was in a merry go round. The sun was fading or rising, whether the sun was subsiding to gloom or rising dawn, I couldn't tell. All I could tell was I felt the cloak of the Dark Knight engulfing my vision.

From the corner of my eyes, I saw a face but was barely able to make out whom it belonged to. But her eyes couldn't go unnoticed. Those had such a hint of innocence that even the Dark Knight felt reticent to browbeat space them; the knight which had inundated the source of light of all the world in its fury.

Amid the entire enervated environ, I felt a scintilla shoot up my body standing on the last inch of the scaffold

Adieu!

Cadet Amit Kumar Rai Class V

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