



THE UNLOCKED CHRONICLE

REFLECTIONS

*Coming together is a beginning
Staying together is progress
And working together is success*

- Henry Ford



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GRADUATION 27 MAY 2020

STAFF VS CADETS 28 - 30 MAY
GAME 2020

HARELA 16 JULY 2020

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INVESTITURE 6 AUGUST
2020

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MATCHES 2020

MOS WORKSHOP 7-8
AUGUST 2020

Hardly had we stepped into March that the world was dealt a sordid hand in the form of the rapidly spreading COVID-19 - a contagion that had few parallels and left the scientific community and governments around the world befuddled! The pandemic was nothing like anything (to plagiarise a line from one of the better-known brands of mobile phones) and it caught the powers that be with their proverbial pants down. The mayhem and havoc that then pandemic let loose brought about economic ruin and despondency. Millions were affected, directly and indirectly. Some lost their lives while the comparatively luckier ones just lost their jobs. India also saw the largest mass migration of humanity ever witnessed after the partition (which in itself was the largest mass migration of humans ever). We at the RIMC too weren't left unscathed. While the world fought its own battles, the administration at RIMC went into overdrive, sealing down the College much before the nationwide lockdown was even announced! This translated into the much anticipated Reunion had to be cancelled, much to the dismay of Rimcos and Rimcollians alike. Understandably, everyone took it sportingly and the remaining staff that resided on the premises cheerfully took on the additional without a grumble or even a whimper of protest! The denouement miraculously guaranteed sacrosanct activities on the campus, especially academic classes and terminal examinations, smooth sailing, consequently preventing Jan Term from having to rough it out. Conscientious plans were drawn up and executed for cadets to remain in ruddy health during the pandemic without compromising on their studies or having to send them home, to enjoy their Summer vacation. The manner in which the exams were conducted could occupy pride of place in the history of the college as a unique chapter that delineates



the most challenging times ever seen on the campus. Vacations in RIMC are not synonymous with a life that is all happy go lucky (though it ought to be): cadets try to complete their assignments, some prepare themselves for a retest and some remain on the campus for pre-NDA classes. This time around, the college stayed ahead of the curve by organizing an intra-school online debate, perhaps the first of its kind in the country. 'Home is where the heart is', and the heart of a cadet never resides outside the campus. Despite multiple roadblocks, literal or otherwise, brought into being by the pandemic, homesickness galvanized the cadets into action, helping many of them reach the campus on time for July Term, which got underway in a spectacular fashion by organizing avant-garde online classes for the junior RIMCOs. At the same time, classes V and VA were introduced to a novel classroom in the form of NDA Cell, intended to put them ahead of the pack - young boys outside of RIMC that are fiercely chasing the dream of undergoing a life-changing experience at the National Defence Academy.

In conformity with the lockdown norms followed in every nook and cranny of the country, the cadets returning from various corners of the country post Summer break were confined in solitary in Chandragupta section for 14 days, before being launched into the new routine on the campus, after making sure that face masks and sanitizers constitute an indispensable part of their uniforms.

Though the pandemic succeeded in wreaking havoc on many activities around the globe, it could not prevent RIMCOs and young RIMCOLLIANS from making waves outside the campus; Cadets Nakul Singh Rathore and Siddharth Singh won prizes in the Hindi Extempore Declamation Competition organized by the Indian Public School, Dehradun for the first time on an online platform, and the RIMCOLLIANS at NDA and IMA did their alma mater proud by bagging the coveted awards—the highlights being GC Omkar Dalvi, BCC Paarth Gupta and Cdt. Vaibhav Chauhan winning Best Riders of the Passing Out Course, (Deccan Horse Trophy), President's Bronze Medal (Best in B Sc Computer Science stream) and a Blazer in Squash respectively.

The administration has so far not only blunted the impact of the pandemic on the campus but also introduced a few things which have indeed come as a breath of fresh air. The plantation drive organized before the arrival of cadets in connection with the celebration of Harela was a wonderful exercise to enrich the campus with the beauty of nature. Another beautiful brainchild of the administration was the first-ever in-house Faculty Development Workshop which not only brought out innovative and profound thoughts on pedagogy but also involved the cadets through a series meaningful and thought-provoking interactions with their masters.

To sum it up, the Cradle for Excellence's moral fibre has been put to the litmus test by circumstances never seen before, and it has manoeuvred its way out of it unscathed.

Cdt Nakul Rathore



A UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

The Jan term 2020 gave the Commandant and Team RIMC a golden opportunity to distinguish themselves by embracing the vicissitudes of life and coming out smelling of roses. When the outbreak of the corona and its ramifications on human life sent chills down the spine of the world and his life outside the campus, the RIMCOs and their teachers enjoyed each other's company outside the academic block in the lap of nature on the campus. The classes were scattered to various corners of the campus along with their paraphernalia, and each cadet had to wear a mask, carry a hand sanitizer and maintain social distancing without fail. Online classes were carried out by those teachers who could not come to college due to the lockdown. When the college was bothered by dearth of teachers for a while thanks to the pandemic, Mrs. Vandana Hamal, wife of Lt Col Gaurav Hamal, Administrative Officer RIMC, gifted the college a magic bullet by volunteering to teach some of the English. The cadets benefited a lot from her classes and they feel they shall forever owe her a debt of gratitude for imparting wonderful lessons to them with affection and care.

-Cdt Omkar Ashutosh
Class IV A





AU REVOIR

The graduation ceremony at RIMC is a rite of passage which captures the historic moment of transition from a RIMCO to a RIMCOLLIAN. It marks the beginning of a new life defined by a few exceptional leadership qualities gathered from a five-year journey at RIMC as a cadet. All the efforts put in by the outgoing cadets in various disciplines are formally acknowledged in the presence of their proud juniors, teachers and parents. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, the graduation ceremony of the Jan Term 2020 was attended by only a few of cadets and no parents. However, to keep the grandeur of the occasion intact the administration played a masterstroke under the circumstances: the ceremony was organized online in the THIMAYYA auditorium on 27 May 2020 and it was graced by Maj Gen Rajendra Singh Thakur, GOC Uttarakhand Sub Area. It was indeed quite heartening to see the small but special audience in attendance cheering the 187th course also called the TARKOMEN with a thunderous applause whenever they went onto the stage to receive awards from the chief guest. The following are the award winners:

BEST IN LEADERSHIP: CDT SEC COM DAYNE

BEST IN ATTITUDE: CDT SEC COM AFRID AFROZ

MOST HELPFUL CADET: CDT QUARTER MASTER ANDY L KHOBUNG

BEST IN INFORMATICS: CDT RUDRAKSH CHAUHAN

BEST IN MILITARY BEARING: CDT CAPT AMAN MISHRA

WAVELL SWORD: CDT ADJUTANT K. THANIL KUMAR SINGH

SWORD OF HONOUR: CDT CAPT AMAN MISHRA

The TARKOMENs will be remembered for being a powerhouse of football and boxing.

ADIEU 187TH TARKOMEN.
-Cdt Nishkal Dwivedi
Class IVA

EXAMS IN DORMS

When no other school in the country opened its gates for its students to attend classes, let alone writing exams, in the latter half of Jan Term 2020 due to the outbreak of corona, many cadets assumed that the college might swim along the tide and do away with exams. Much to their surprise, the college took the unbeaten path to make sure that cadets wrote their terminal exams in May in the safest place in the world and the place happened to be their dorms. Earlier, the administration had arranged for the cadets to reside in the dorms class-wise with a view to helping them establish a 'stronger rapport among the termers'. It was indeed the best plan one could come up with under the circumstances. The cadets went through a unique experience that was an alloy of homely snugness and excitement as they wrote their exams under the supervision of the faculty. The special modus operandi that made the smooth conduct of the exams required some out-of-the-box planning and serious involvement of all and sundry on the campus.

Cdt Siddarth Singh Dusad
3081/R IVA





FIRST EVER IN-HOUSE FACULTY WORKSHOP

In a first for RIMC, a two-day in-house faculty workshop was organised on 7 & 8 August 2020 on various topics relating to pedagogy. The involvement of cadets during the interactions hot on the heels of perspicacious presentations by the elite faculty made the program exceptionally edifying and thought provoking. It was a wonderful initiative undertaken by the Administration to broaden the academic horizons of both the teachers and the taught.

TOPICS

Understanding and Administering the emotional needs of the cadets

Language development strategy for Cadets

Strategy for succeeding in Maths and Science: A teacher's perspective

Effective Teaching techniques and classroom management

Developing Communication Skills for effective teaching

Blended Teaching and learning Expectations from Masters at RIMC

EXPERTS

Mrs Taiyaba Khatoun & Mrs Rachana Malhotra

Mr Khushi Ram & Mr Pramod Sharma.

Mr PK Jain & Mr Shishupal Singh

Mr UP Dalvi & Mr Balvir Singh Chauhan.

Dr K Shymsundara Singh & Mrs Rekha Negi

Mr PK Sharma
Lt Col Gaurav Hamal, Administrative Officer





A TIME WELL SPENT !!!

The afternoon of 8th August 2020 gave the faculty a whale of a time. The faculty team was split into two, namely, VP's team and AO's team, and they were pitted against each other in a fun-filled but fierce volleyball match at the OT lawn. Initially rain threatened to play spoilsport. However, the enthusiasm and the fighting spirit of the two teams made a mockery of the Rain God's plans. The match unfolded many thrilling and spellbinding moments, keeping the supporters of both the teams on the edge of their seats: some of them being AO's vicious serves that bewildered VP's team too often, the battle of spikes between the Commandant and his son Ahan, amazing retrievals by Wing Commander Gaurav and Mr Dalvi, smart lifts and drops by Mr Pramod Sharma and intelligent serves and touches by Miss Sakshi. Eventually, AO's team edged VP's team 3-2. It was followed by another match between two teams, each comprising, in equal proportions, ladies and a few masters who had never played volleyball before. In the evening that followed a sumptuous and scrumptious dinner was organized at the New Cadets Mess, where the faculty along with their families enjoyed themselves. A few rounds of Tombola, in which Mr Khushi Ram's family bagged a lot of prizes, and some beautiful songs by Mr Dalvi were the highlights of the special evening. It was indeed the best way to help the faculty recharge their batteries and get ready for the challenges of July term.

Cdt Prashant Gurjar
Class V





IPS HINDI DECLAMATION

Team RIMC comprising Cadet Nakul Singh Rathore and Cadet Siddharth Singh did the college proud by bagging prizes in a Hindi Extempore Declamation Competition organized by the Indian Public School, Dehradun for the first time on an online platform, and it was graced by the founder of the Vatsalya Gram, Madhavi 'Didi Maa' as the Chief Guest. The competition witnessed the participation of other thirty-six well-known schools from different parts of the country. Owing to the large participation, the declamation was divided into two phases, and they were slated for 7th and 8th of August 2020.

Cadet Nakul Singh Rathore who spoke on the topic concerning the boycotting of Chinese products from the Indian market was adjudged the runner-up of the first phase and was given a cash prize of Rs 2500. The following day, Cadet Siddharth Singh expressed his views on the increase of nuclear families and decrease of joint families in the modern world. He secured third position in the second phase of the competition and was awarded a cash prize of Rs 1000. Cadet Nakul Singh Rathore also got the opportunity to speak on the topic 'Adoption of the orphans in our community.' The cadets and college expressed their gratitude to the organizing committee, the Chief Guest, the judges and the Indian Public School for ensuring the smooth conduct of the online competition.

-Cdt Swastik Gautam
Class IIIA

DEBATING POWERHOUSE

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." With seven months into the global pandemic and uncertainty lingering in everyone's mind. The RIMC cadets along with Mrs Rekha Negi took on the challenge of conducting the first-ever 'Online Debating Session' not only in the history of RIMC but also the whole of the Doon Valley. The pioneers were the cadets of the Debating and Drama Club and Class-IV. The Debate was held on the festival



of Eid, 1st August 2020. The topic on the anvil was '**Social Media Sites should filter the fake news**' with four participants from Class-IV, namely Cdt Vevesh Bogia, Cdt Adarsh Bandoliya, Cdt Rubin Singh and Cdt Rishaan Gupta. The debate was chaired by Cdt Adityaraj Singh of Class IV-A. The judge for the event was Mr Abhimanyu Singh, an experienced entrepreneur in the financial services as well as an alumnus of BITS, Pilani. Having donned the hats of a debater and a quizzier during his college days, he was able to enlighten everyone with perspicacious feedback which provided lessons for everyone to take home. The results were declared after a gruelling session of rebuttals during Open House, in which the cadets in the audience took part with avidity, and feedback by the chairperson. It was wonderful and healthy competition that went neck and neck as evidenced by the standings given below:

Cdt Vevesh Bogia was adjudged 4th with 16.5 points,
Cdt Rishaan Gupta was adjudged 3rd with 20.5 points,
Cdt Rubin Singh was adjudged the runner up with 21.5 points and
Cdt Adarsh Bandoliya stood 1st with 22 points.

At the fag end of the competition, everyone in attendance had the chance to listen to the Commandant's words of appreciation and encouragement. The session came to an end with a fitting vote of thanks by Mrs Rekha Negi. The session amidst the pandemic surely proved that the obstacles are nothing but mere stepping stones to greater heights for RIMCOs.

-Cdt Adityaraj Singh
Class IV-A



HARELA ON THE CAMPUS 16 JULY 2020

When the entire world was enveloped by an unprecedented darkness of trepidation and bewilderment begotten by the spectre of COVID 19, the sun of hope rose on 16 July 2020 in Uttarakhand in the form of an epoch-making event which witnessed the people of the state celebrate their famous monsoon festival Harela by enriching the environment with saplings of thousands of traditional plants as well as meditational plants. It was indeed an exemplary effort that did the nation proud. Just as Uttarakhand set an example for other states in the country, so did The Rashtriya Indian Military College for other educational institutes in the country. The nearly 100-year-old premier institute, which abounds in flora and fauna, carried out a plantation drive which was conceived and executed over a period of two months by the top brass of RIMC in the run-up to the Harela festival.

This was done in a planned manner by identifying the places where the saplings could be planted. A significant amount of liaison was carried out with the forest authorities, the Territorial Army Eco Task Force Battalion and FRI.



Plants that are suitable for Dehradun climate and geography were selected carefully after painstaking research and consultations with experts both from UFRMP (JICA Project) of Uttarakhand forest department and Eco task force Battalion. The Herculean effort resulted in selecting around 2,000 saplings and planting them carefully in designated places so that they could have higher chances of survival.

The College is indeed blessed with, apart from the beautiful tall trees planted over hundred years ago, many rare species of flora and fauna which are otherwise fast becoming extinct in the state. A concerted effort is therefore put in by the authorities to make sure that the pulchritude of nature remains at its best in the generations to come. The plantation exercise not only reveals the RIMC family's craving for making the surroundings greener and healthier but also goes a long way towards establishing a tradition in the College that enshrines protecting and enriching of the environment as one of most important duties of every responsible and dedicated member of the faculty.



MAN MEETS AMBITION

Is it discovery of fire, or the invention of the wheel?
Is it the adoption of farming , for a secured meal?
Which is the greatest event in history , still remains unknown.
And then I pondered upon it , quiet and alone.

After hours of thinking , I finally hit it!
EUREKA ! EUREKA ! Yes I did it .
It is none which you thought, to be too important before,
It is man's meeting with ambition ,which started every lore.

He wants , he wants ,does everything and gets ,
He attacks , He plunders ,even on his own he bets.
It is nothing new , because this is as old as history ,
How was life before that ,its all shrouded in mystery.

Expand ,conquer ,earn ,protect;
Be rich ,Be powerful ,better than the one you dealt.
Its all upon this mantra ,that we pledge our lives,
Human has dedicated generations ,and this is how he thrives.

Be it Alexender , Caesar ,or even Jesus!
It has engulfed the wise and fool alike ,everyone among us.
It is ,what has helped us stand all,
And we have emerged, as the king of all.

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UPCOMING EDITION

- Investiture Ceremony
- Visit to Pegasus
- Inter section Volleyball Competition
- Inter Section PT Competition
- Welcoming the rookies

Great as it is , some sacrifices haves taken place,
But it has , to an extreme extent ,glorified human race.
Its contribution in our making goes down deep,
The master of all, today its fruits we reap.

It is engrained in us , it flows in our veins,
The instinct, the fire, to overcome numerous pains.
An ambition is a necessity ,much like food ,water or air,
It is our soul purpose ,a deal which seems fair.

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