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**CDS General Anil Chauhan
arrives at RIMC**

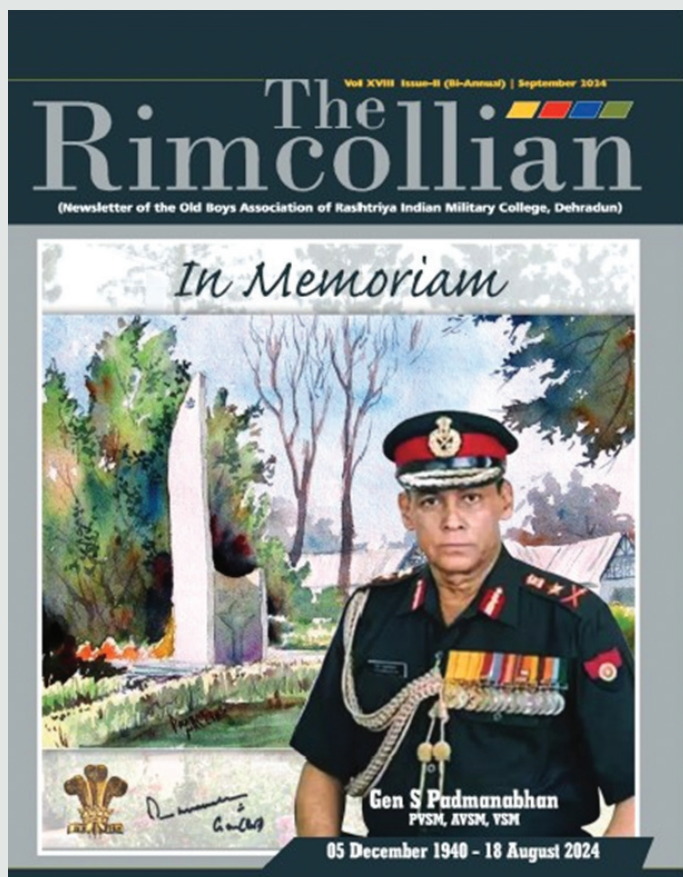
LETTERS TO EDITOR

Dear Editorial Team,

Maj Gen H Dharmarajan took the trouble and came all the way to give me the copy of The Rimcollian RIMC Bi-Annual newsletter. It was so heartening to see Paddy being covered extensively. This journal is very special for me as it has been personally signed by Gen VN Sharma, and I will Treasure it always. Paddy was a Proud Rimcollian and a Soldier.

He loved his Alma mater and felt Blessed to be a Rimcollian. Till the end, he was always full of news about RIMC and used to tell us so many stories. Till the end he remembered only the school days. Whatever he was, it is due to the School only. The Bi Annual is befitting and I am so Happy. I am sure the school is doing very well. My Best Wishes to everyone there. May the School Reach Greater Heights and add More Feathers in its cap.

God Bless
Roopa Padmanabhan



Dear Sir & the tireless Editorial team

Greetings!

You deserve kudos for adding freshness to the newsletter of September 2024. While it is indeed special with our reverence and respect for Gen Padmanabhan, it has a distinct flavour of layout and inclusivity of so much in so little space. Great work of putting together the events, articles and information...

I always feel like an inherent part of the team ... Hats off to you for collecting, collating and preserving the important happenings each time that I share on social media. Puts more responsibility on me to be diligent.

More strength to the team and very best always.

Col Vivek Sharma, Secretary, ROBA

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**Cmde N ANIL JOSE JOSEPH
VSM (Retd)**

Dear Rimcollians,

The 'ides of March' may mean different things for people but to Rimcollians all over the world March is Reunion time, albeit a few days earlier. A time to gather wherever Rimcollians are and for many to try and get to the alma mater. Most stations over a period of time have been conducting the Rimcollian get togethers a week or so after the Reunion in school to enable attendance locally and at the alma mater. Some enthusiastic Rimcollians manage more than two as well. Also time for *'The Rimcollian'* to find its way into print.

A proactive ROBA office and some earnest participation by few enthusiastic Rimcollians have seen quite a few of our long pending tasks finding fruition. And we did discuss the aspect of 'volunteering' and the need for silent majority to do whatever one can. Every little bit matters unlike the proverbial drop in the ocean.

Like the cliché of 'don't volunteer' which does so much harm, there are many more that needs to be curtailed. Some clichés that are oft quoted are 'Zero error syndrome', '365 day syndrome'. Now the problem with clichés is that there is a ring of organisational acceptance. In this case the former only means the individual has a 'fear of failure' and in the latter case suffers from 'procrastination'. Both individual traits and nothing to do with the unit or organisation. Clichés and banter need to be understood for what they are. Rimcollians are meant to be far above clichés, for the secret to getting things done is to act. And that clichés and banter aside has always been the Rimcollian forte..

The Commandant and his team have met the new age challenges pro-actively to take RIMC to the next level of excellence. The NDA results, always a measure has picked up again; and the performance of cadets and Rimcollians always a pleasure and in every field too.

Rimcollian contributions in every field have been noteworthy and many not in the public eye; these too must find a 'share' among the Rimcollian community. It is always inspiring. Some recent articles by 'Non Rimcollians' have wonderful tales of Rimcollians, each reflecting Rimcollian traits and values. Will also make the usual plea for more old boys and families to put pen to paper and contribute to 'The Rimcollian'. Do mail it directly to the editor as and when an event occurs. Letters to the Editor would also be a good start for a small contribution.

And no Editor's note would be complete without mentioning a steady regular Col Vijay Gidh with his articles largely surrounding NDA and Pune. And a young volunteer Shiva Ramnath trying to catch up with the peerless Editorial Team. Special thanks to our publisher Prof Siddharth Mishra and the editorial team members Col Shailendra Arya and Brig Sanjay Kannooh for their selfless and tireless work; as also the ROBA Committee for the steadfast support.

Ich Dien & God Bless

Enjoy Reading

March 2025

— Cmde N Anil Jose Joseph, VSM (Retd)

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT



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Dear Rimcollians,

Another eventful year has passed by with RIMC continuing to take long strides in pursuit of excellence. With the blessings of our fraternity, support and guidance of ROBA & Trust members and most importantly, relentless efforts by Team RIMC, there are many reasons to rejoice. The School is continuing its ascent to be a 'Cradle of Excellence' and 'Nursery of Leadership'. Our young cadets have excelled in every sphere and the icing on the cake has been the much improved performance in Academics as well as the success in NDA entrance exams.

The campus has been bustling with activities and all the visitors have been impressed by the enthusiasm and energy radiating on the campus. The Hon'ble Vice President of India and CDS during their respective visits especially commended the Alma Mater for its commendable achievements and contributing significantly to nation building.

The Rimcollians too have been at the forefront and have done all of us proud. Even at PCTAs, our youngsters have performed excellently, donning the top leadership roles and earning laurels through awards in POPs.

The meaningful engagements amongst the Rimcollians Family have kept the spirits soaring high with great bonhomie amongst the Fraternity. The reunion at Delhi in October 2024 mirrored the spirit of our annual pilgrimage at College with global participation.

On the occasion of 103rd FOUNDER'S DAY and Reunion 2025, I request all Rimcollians for their continued support and further strengthening our brotherhood. I also extend best wishes to Team RIMC and all Rimcollians in their respective endeavours.

Viva RIMC - ICH DIEN.

Thanks and Regards to all

LT GEN ADOSH KUMAR
1020/Pratap

REUNION @ DELHI : 05 October 2024

BY COL VIVEK SHARMA, SECRETARY ROBA

Rimcollian Reunion needs no reason and it has almost become a norm that we celebrate togetherness, at least twice a year. Once as our annual pilgrimage to RIMC to celebrate sacred 13th March and another one at Delhi, making it half yearly affair. Though the regional chapter keeps the flow going through the year, this one is growing bigger and better each year. Accordingly, the date was frozen 45 days in advance giving adequate notice to members to plan their schedule. It was a tough call to find a decent Saturday amidst the complexity of Navratri and Dushehra in the offing. So the finalisation happened with Gen VN Sharma and President ROBA making themselves available on 5th October. The Mobilisation of Rimcollians commenced after we nominated Artillery Officers Mess Delhi Cantt as the Venue. To make it inclusive and encouraging, guests including the children were offered a welcome invite.

The response from the fraternity put the burden of expectation for which RIMC was requested transport the Chef to feed Scotch Eggs, Pancakes and Coffee Pudding to the gathering. Navratri food was catered too but seeing the RIMC kitchen savoury on the adjacent table, many considered it a Prasadam with closed eye.

ROBA Working Committee met just prior the Reunion and indulged in serious issues for the long term impact on matters RIMC. It was heartening to see the passion flow into the meaningful support. The meeting unfolded into the mesmerising evening and the venue seemed to be witnessing the Tsunami of warmth as well as Cheers to Light Blue Dark blue. The Closure Report had the unprecedented tally , as big as the RIMC Reunion if not bigger.

Total Attendees - 237

1. Rimcollians - 161



2. Ladies - 63
3. Children - 07
4. Guests - 06

● All accounts were meticulous with 50 % advance payments helping easy settlement. Due to additional generous amount by some Rimcollians and savings of the event, Rs 33000/- had been added to the ROBA Account, Sub Head Get together.

Some of the Fascinating Facts

● Gen VN Sharma 1941-45 Rawlinson was the senior most attendee while Rishaan Gupta, 2017-21 Shivaji was the junior most. 8 Decades of Generation Gap was bridged and it can only happen with Rimcollians only.

Maj Gen Y K Yadav, 1948-50 Rawlinson - Pratap was another one attending from 1940 decade. 1950s - Brig A N Luthra, Lt Gen Narayan Chatterjee, Col Brij Mohan Baweja, Maj Gen Dipanker Banerjee, Maj Gen A R Kumar, Maj Gen V S Yadav, Flt Lt Ajit ... 1960s Lt Gen B S Pawar, Maj Gen S V P Singh, Col Rimmo Karbok. 27 members from 1970s ... 21 Youngsters from 2010 - 2020 Generation. 03 Ladies joined since they were in Delhi though the members are posted elsewhere

● Maj Gen A R Kumar travelled from Hyderabad especially to attend the event. Col James Brar was the first

Outstation member to book the tickets and accommodation. Anubhav Mishra rescheduled his flight to US by few hours to be able to attend the Reunion. Dr Deepak Narwal changed his schedule to attend the event and catch late night flight to UK. Many youngsters travelled from far east to be landing just in time ... one landing late as well (We ensured that a hamper of Scotch Eggs & Pancakes was kept safe for him however coffee pudding seems to have fallen in the hands of notorious section).

● Lt Gen Narayan Chatterjee assisted in mobilising the spirit and was the first one to fill the form as well as pay online contribution including, additional amount for ROBA

● Dr Saumitra Biswas had booked travel from US to Kolkata but he rescheduled flight to Delhi. Maj Gen PP Singh, as usual, had all his plans directed towards Delhi for 5th, well in advance.

● Cdr Saorabh & Dr Agrawal worked through their professional commitments to land simultaneously at Delhi for the day while Col Rajiv Bhatia and Capt GDS Khurana landed from different corner to be together in same complex a day prior.

● Cmde Pradeep Singh, Cmde Asheem Mittal and Capt (IN) SA Sharma timed their professional conferences to be part of the Reunion. Brig Saminder Mor

drove down from Mathura and Gp Capt Deepak Ahluwalia from Chandigarh. Col GV Arudra made special plans to travel from GOA to attend his first reunion in many years. Capt Nirbhay rushed from Bhopal after his unit's Diamond Jubilee. Capt Vaibhav Deoli from Agra and Capt Adhiraj Rawat from Valley (Incidentally, it was his birthday on 5th and he strongly felt that Reunion was the best way to celebrate) ... Manvendra Dubey and Capt Shailesh Diwedi from Gwalior ... Harsh Rana from Roorkee and many more to add.

Mrs Shubhra - Caesar Basu, Mrs Versha - Sudipto Ghosh and Mrs Nidhi - Asheesh Kashyap demonstrated the Rimcollian Family spirit to be part of this Reunion.

We missed many of the members who had confirmed attendance much in advance but had to miss owing exigencies.

That's the reason it was a REUNION @ Delhi and not Delhi Chapter

Amazing is the spirit. Long live the brotherhood and warmth in fraternity. *Tomorrow will I live, the fool does say, today itself is too late, Rimcollians live it up each day.* ■



GLIMPSES OF KOCHI GET TOGETHER

19 OCTOBER 2024

The Kochi Rimcollian get together was held at Navy House - a day after the birthday of the CINC - VAdm V Srinivas (112 / Shivaji) and therefore had its own special ambience beyond the already picturesque setting. The special efforts by the first lady Mrs Vijaya Srinivas, CINC's staff (Capt Diwakar 142/P, Cdr Arjun, Lt Rishabh), retinue / staff and the young Rimcollians (Lt Ajay Jose Joseph 179/R, Lt Prasad 179/R) attached to coordinate were so noticeable; the attention to detail and planning not to mention the looming self styled Secy of Kerala chapter in the background suggesting and tuning.

The list of Rimcollians attending had a wide spread with the senior-most Cmde BK Kumar Retd 70/R, Gen P Rajagopal 78/S, a master of yesteryear's Mr CA Joseph (History teacher, Section Master, VP) and of course as in group photo duly annotated.



Our cake - A family beyond blood

Cake cutting by seniormost Rimcollian Cmde BK Kumar Retd 70/R, Seniormost serving Rimcollian VAdm V Srinivas 112/S and juniormost Rimcollian Lt Ajay Jose Joseph N 179/R ■



Cake cutting



Kneeling Left to Right

Lt Cdr Ravi Pathak 173/P, Lt Cdr Anmol Rawat 172/S, Master Neil Mathews, Master Avinash Diwakar, Cdr Amrit 156/R Master Amrit, Miss Amrit, Lt Prasad Jadhav 179/R, Lt Cdr Mayank 175/R, Lt Ajay Joseph 179/R, Lt Abhijit Vaish 175/P, Ms Michelle Mathews, Ms Taanvi Diwakar, Ms Ann Mary Joseph

Seated Left to Right

Mrs Amrit, Mrs Yuvika Rana, Mrs Vaish, Mrs Anjali Rawat, Mrs Rawat, Mrs Vijaya Srinivas, VAdm V Srinivas 112/S, Cmde BK Kumar 70/R, Mrs Mallika Kumar, Mrs Radhika Rajagopal, Mrs Rita Mathew, Mrs Mini Mahesh, Mrs

Jenny Joseph, Mrs Rosemary Mathai, Mrs Gita Mathews, Mrs Jeevitha Diwakar

Standing Left to Right

Capt Gaurav Rana 143 /R, Capt Nithin Cariappa 138/S, Cmde Manav Sehgal 125 /S, Cdr MS Mahesh 104/P, Cmde N Anil Jose Joseph 112/R, Cdr Raju Mathews 90/P, Mr CA Joseph, Cdr CM Varghese 120/R, Cmde Pradeep Singh 121/S, Cmde Benny Antony 106/P, Maj Gen P Rajagopal, 78/S, Cmde Simon Mathai 120/R, Capt AJ Mathews 138/C, RAdm Peush Pawsey 123/C Capt B Diwakar 142/P

Missing from photo - Cdr HP Chamola 163/S

Mr CA Joseph with his students - looking younger than most of his students



From Left to Right - RAdm Peush Pawsey, Cmde Simon Mathai, Cmde N Anil Jose Joseph Retd, Cmde Manish Sehgal, Mr CA Joseph, Capt AJ Mathews, VAdm V Srinivas, Cmde Pradeep Singh. Missing from photo Cdr CM Varghese

A FEW OTHER SNAPS



Ann Mary Joseph with two of her brothers from 179 Course



Colours and cheers all round



Watching the cake cutting



In CINCs drawing room



There was some rain and the ladies moved in for dinner while the men huddled around the Scotch Eggs and goodies - all arranged as live counters outside



CINC homes on to the youngsters



Another huddle



A different huddle

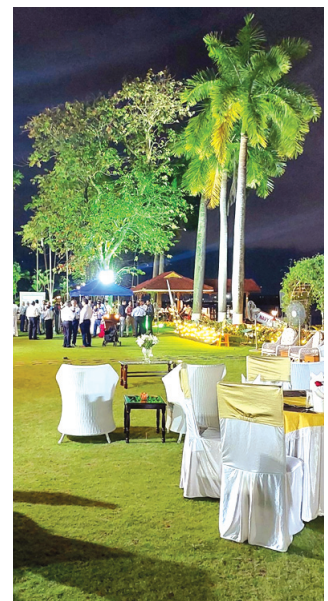
That the Navy House gathering was unique was evident for all who attended. The next March get together is also envisaged to be held in Navy House - likely a week or two after the 13 March in Dehra Dun. Rimcollians across may flock to Navy House in Gods Own Country. Ich Dien



A welcome sight for every Rimcollian



GeNext enjoying their corner



Outdoor arrangements

Rimcollian Revelry: Ahmednagar Chapter

SEPTEMBER 2024

BY LT COL SHAKTI SINGH

A Rimcollian get together was hosted by Lt Col Gaurav Hamal which proved to be a derring do that, true to form, drew a crowd as substantial as a congregation of avid fans at a football final. Though the attendance was impressive, one notable absentee was the Air Force - presumably off saving the world.

The evening unfolded as a splendid affair of camaraderie and nostalgia. Old friends reminisced about school days of mischief and mayhem, with the true attraction of the evening being the Scotch Eggs and Coffee Pudding so thoughtfully catered by Mrs Hamal and Pulin Upmanyu. These culinary marvels, akin to edible time machines, transported everyone back to simpler times when the greatest worry was whether one could change into their breakfast attire post-PT in a reasonable span of time.

Naval representation came in the form of a jovial bunch of seamen from Mumbai, whose tales of maritime adventures and hearty laughter filled the room. Their presence ensured that the evening was not only spirited but also seasoned with enough "back in my day" anecdotes to keep everyone suitably entertained.

The senior-most Rimcollian present was Col DH Parab, the esteemed



Seated, L to R: Col Sunny Ghosh, Lt Col Shakti Singh, Lt Col Gaurav Singh Hamal, Col D H Parab, Mr Ricky Parab

Standing, L to R: Cdr Vaibhav Gupta, Maj Harshvardhan Singh, Maj Ligang Sera, Maj Abhishek Dash, Maj Vivek Joshi, Col Rakesh Verma, Lt Ashish Singh Chauhan

(Missing from the picture: Cdr Ruchir Khajuria and Lt Col Pulin Upmanyu)

Commandant whose distinctive approach to training shaped countless Rimcollian destinies. Those fortunate enough to have been under his tutelage learned the value of being a gentleman both on and off the field, a lesson absorbed through rigorous training, whether on the field, in the boxing ring, or at the swimming pool. These principles of fairness and teamwork in

sport have served many a Rimcollian well over the years, providing a guiding light through the myriad challenges of life.

In the end, the evening was a delightful tapestry of company and shared memories, all united by the enduring motto, "Ich Dien." After all, whether navigating the skies, sailing the seas, or reminiscing over Scotch Eggs, we remain bound by a timeless spirit. ■

President ROBA interacts with Young Gunner Rimcollians

DEVNALI, NOVEMBER 2024



Capt Mrigank Shekhar 178 Pratap, Maj Gaurav Mhetre 175 Pratap, Lt Satyam Kumar Singh 186 Ranjit, Maj Hemant Poonia, 174 Pratap, Capt Rishi Pangeijam 178 Ranjit, Col Rahul Bose, Shivaji, Lt Gen Adosh Kumar, 112 Pratap, Maj Mani Shankar Raj, 174 Ranjit, Capt Vivek Bandral 176 Shivaji, Capt Anil Kumar 178 Pratap, Maj Krishanpal Singh 170 Shivaji, Lt Pankaj Sangwan 186 Shivaji, Capt Lalit Kumar 180 Pratap, and Capt Harshit Kaushik 177 Chandragupta

Rimcollian get together, Batch of 1972, at Kasauli Club

Rimcollians of 1972 Batch @ Kasauli in Sep 2024



Standing L to R: Col Abhaya Prakash, Maj G S Nagrecha, Col Gurbinder Singh
Sitting L to R: Capt Jose Varghese, Sanjay Kishore, Rajeev Sharma

Rimcollians Meet in Singapore

Rimcollian get-together at Singapore Cricket Club on 08 Nov 2024



Sitting L to R: Karan Sonpar, Ranjit; Manish Sain; Chandragupta; Muthu Jagannath, Shivaji

Standing L to R: Jagrut Singh, Pratap; Videep Singh, Pratap; Alok Raturi, Pratap

Kolkata Reunion - 2nd September 2024

Rimcollian Family at Kolkata got together on 2nd September 2024. The event was orchestrated and coordinated by Col Salil Mongia, Ranjit who worked through

the dates, venue and reaching out to all the family members. The smiles convey the happiness quotient in the picture captured.



Front Row, Left to right: Mrs Sucharita Sen, Mrs Aditi Roy, Mrs Gauri Chowdhuri, Mrs Sanghamitra Chowdhuri, Dr (Mrs) Gita Chatterjee, Mrs Sushmita Bhattacharya

Second row sitting, Left to right: Mrs Saikat Sarkar, Mrs Sawera Verma, Col Dharmesh Chandra, Mrs Tanuja mongia and Mrs Namrata Shendye

Standing left to right: Group Captain Saikat Sarkar, Lt Col Richie Richardson, Mr Ambit Mishra, Col Salil Mongia, Mr Aniruddha Chaudhary, Capt(retd) Anil Bhalla, Maj Gen(retd) A K Sen, Vice Admiral Pradeep Chatterjee, Mr Sandip Mukherjee, Group Capt(retd) Biswajit Roy, Lt Col (retd) Kaushik Sircar, Lt Col P P Saha, AVM Amitabh Shendye, Lt Col(retd) Jagmohan Brar and Col Ashish Verma

Rimcollians at NDA



Mini Get together of Trivandrum Chapter on 08 November 2024

Seated (L to R): Mrs. PSC Nair, Mrs. Viswanathan, Mrs. KVM Nair, Mrs. Mohan Chand Standing (L to R) Cdr. Viswanathan (Retd), Wg Cdr Mohan Chand (Retd), Col PSC Nair(Retd), Brig KVM Nair(Retd), Lt Col PK Satish Kumar (Retd), Mr. V Pradeep



Rimcollians at the Gorkha Brigade lunch at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi



PUNE RIMCOLLIAN GET TOGETHER 2024

Col Vijay Gidh, VSM (Retd)

The Rimcollian Get Together in Pune was held at RSI, Pune on 18 February 2024. Since the RSI would not be available in March 2023 due to some commitments, it was decided to conduct the Reunion early in February.

It was a pleasant Sunday evening when the Rimcollians assembled at the RSI. We had a fairly good gathering of 36 officers and 20 ladies. Among the veterans, we were fortunate to have the presence of Maj Gen PD Sherlekar, who was in school from 1946-49, Maj Gen Rajan Aney, Gp Capt AG Bewoor and Col DH Parab. We missed the presence of Cdr KS Karandikar, R Adm PD Sharma, Maj Gen AR Raikar and Col Ashok Bakshi. In view of some commitments in NDA, V Adm & Mrs Ajay Kochhar and the NDA instructors were unable to make it. Mr SS Sandhu and Mr Virender Sharma, who were present during the previous two





Reunions, were unable to attend.

Col Ashutosh Kumar, who was posted in HQ Southern Command, had ensured that all arrangements were meticulously done and everyone could enjoy the function. A lovely big photo frame of RIMC, Dehra Dun; Reunion: Pune Chapter had been installed, and many Rimcollians with their families and friends were seen posing for a photo in front of the frame. It was nice to interact with Maj Gen Sherlekar and other senior veterans, and listen to the anecdotes of their school days.

In addition to achieving glory on the battlefield, Rimcollians have made a name for themselves in several fields! It was interesting to listen to Lt Col Rochak Bakshi (Pratap, 1992-96) - a Certified Financial Planner, giving advice to some Rimcollians on financial matters. I had the good fortune of interacting with Col Ashish Sharma (Pratap, 1985-1990) and Lt Col DP Chaudhary (Ranjit, 1998-2003) who

I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF INTERACTING WITH COL ASHISH SHARMA (PRATAP, 1985-1990) AND LT COL DP CHAUDHARY (RANJIT, 1998-2003) WHO WERE POSTED WITH ARMAMENT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHMENT (ARDE), PUNE. COL SHARMA HAS BEEN POSTED WITH ARDE SINCE JANUARY 2020 AND HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUCTION OF 125MM APFSDS (PRACTICE) AMMUNITION FOR T-90 TANKS

were posted with Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune. Col Sharma has been posted with ARDE since January 2020 and has played an important role in the development and induction of 125mm APFSDS (Practice) ammunition for T-90 tanks; 125mm APFSDS Operational Ammunition with minimum 530 mm Depth of Penetration for T-72 and T-90 tanks; Laser Guided ATGM for MBT Arjun, presently under trials; 120mm APFSDS Ammunition for MBT Arjun and 30mm APFSDS Ammunition for Future Infantry Combat Vehicle, presently under trials. He was awarded COAS Commendation Card in 2022 for his excellent work. Lt Col Chaudhary has been recently posted to ARDE six months back. He is a member of the team involved into development of Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), the most advanced 155mm calibre Gun System in the world and AON for Bofor guns allotted by the



Indian Army; as also deeply involved into final trials by Indian Army before induction.

Some Rimcollians had passed away during the past one year. We solemnly remember Capt HA Mohite (Kitcheners,1936-42), a 98-year old veteran of World War II who passed away on 30 June 2023. A spirited Rimcollian, he would always attend the Pune Reunion in spite of his advanced age.

After the usual round of drinks, snacks and bonhomie, it was time for the cake-cutting ceremony - a lovely cake with RIMC, Dehra Dun; Cradle of Excellence written on top, a nice view of the RIMC buildings in the centre, and Happy Reunion - 2024 written at the bottom. Maj Gen Sherlekar, the senior most Rimcollian, did the

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honours, ably assisted by the junior most Rimcollian, Maj Abhyuday. We had the customary group photograph after the cake-cutting ceremony.

The arrangements for the function were excellent. The menu for the dinner which included Scotch Eggs and Topsy Pudding was delicious and reminded everyone of the excellent food we had in School. We thank Col Ashutosh Kumar and his team for the lovely evening and congratulate him for being nominated for the prestigious Higher Defence Management Course (HDMC) at Secunderabad in May 2024. Finally there was a loud cheer for RIMC. Like all good things have to come to an end, we departed with some fine memories of the wonderful time spent, looking forward to the next meet. ■

LET'S MEET ONLINE

Lt Col Gaurav Hamal discusses the need to live broadcasting the Annual General Body Meeting

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM/ ROBA Meets) of the ROBA is a crucial annual event that contributes towards shaping the future of our Alma Mater. There is a necessity of broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets live to all Rimcollians through platforms like Google Meet or Zoom. By embracing this technology-driven approach, we can enhance transparency, improve participation, generate innovative ideas for improvement, and empower Rimcollians to bring about positive change for the betterment of our Alma Mater.

It may lead to following benefits and advantages;

Transparency and Inclusion

Live broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets ensures transparency by allowing all Rimcollians to witness the proceedings and decisions in real-time. It eliminates any information gaps and ensures that all Rimcollians have equal access to the discussions, fostering a sense of inclusivity and collective ownership.

Enhanced, Enthused Participation

Broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets virtually enables Rimcollians from all corners of the globe to actively participate, overcoming geographical constraints. It provides an opportunity for a far larger number of Rimcollians to engage, express their opinions, and contribute their valuable insights, enriching the discussions and decision-making process. The Rimcollian diaspora is about 4000 strong, whereas only about 150-200 attend the Reunion / Founder's Day. By extending the reach/ participation through Google Meet, we will be able to get a far larger number of Rimcollians on board who can contribute with ideas, expertise, solutions and experience in real time, through comments and interaction on the platform.

Idea Generation and Improvement

The live broadcast of the AGM/ ROBA Meets shall go on to encourage the exchange of diverse perspectives and ideas from a wide range of Rimcollians from all over the world. This collective brainstorming shall cultivate an environment conducive to generating innovative solutions and strategies for the continual improvement of our Alma Mater.

Measurable Security Measures

To ensure security during the live broadcast, implementable measures such as verified registration, unique access codes, and secure login credentials may be used, shared with Rimcollians just half an hour before the AGM is to start by means of verified email details of which are held with ROBA/ School. Utilisation of platforms with robust encryption, secure data transmission, and authentication protocols to safeguard the integrity and confidentiality of the AGM/ ROBA Meets proceedings will be the order of the day and is readily achievable given the expertise of our two Informatics and IT Masters, Mr Kartik Chadala and Mr Manoj Nama present on the campus. The necessary hardware already is installed in the school. And in case the participants, especially those in the uniform are hesitant in attending in uniform (as the AGM is usually scheduled after wreath laying at the War Memorial), it can be slated sometime in the evening, prior to dinner where everyone is attired in a Rimcollian Tie.

Flexibility and Convenience

Live broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets shall allow Rimcollians to participate from anywhere, eliminating the need





for extensive travel arrangements and time commitments. This flexibility increases the likelihood of Rimcollians engagement, as they can join the meeting from the comfort of their own homes or offices.

Real-time Updates

Live broadcasting ensures that Rimcollians receive up-to-date information about the School's progress, initiatives, and challenges as well as the tangible measures that ROBA/ ROBA TRUST has instituted for the Alma Mater's betterment. Rimcollians can stay informed about important decisions, developments, and opportunities to contribute, fostering a sense of connection and involvement. By means of comments, they can contribute in real time.

Connect

Broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets / ROBA Meet virtually creates an opportunity for Rimcollians to connect with one another. By interacting through chat features or breakout sessions, Rimcollians can establish new connections, share experiences, and collaborate on future endeavours.

Archiving and Accessibility

The recorded live broadcast can serve as an archival resource, allowing Rimcollians who were unable to attend the AGM/ ROBA Meets/ get-togethers to access the content at a later time. This feature ensures inclusivity and provides an opportunity for Rimcollians to catch up on discussions and contribute their insights even after the meeting has ended.

Cost-effective Solution

Broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets virtually significantly reduces costs associated with organising physical meetings. This cost-effectiveness allows for efficient allocation of resources, enabling ROBA to invest in other areas of Rimcollians engagement and development and ensures far greater participation.

Rimcollian Engagement and Pride

Live broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA Meets demonstrates the commitment of the ROBA to inclusivity and Rimcollians involvement. It enhances Rimcollians engagement and pride, as individuals can witness the collective efforts of fellow Rimcollians and witness first-hand the progress and achievements of their alma mater.

Conclusion

In this age of technological advancements where MNREGA remunerations are delivered to a labourer in real time, and meetings & seminars, in Government, industry, corporate as well as in academia are beamed online, live broadcasting the AGM and/ or ROBA Meets and ROBA Get-togethers to all Rimcollians via platforms like Google Meet is the need of the hour. Embracing this innovative approach shall empower Rimcollians to actively contribute, collaborate, and shape the future of our Alma Mater. By fostering transparency, improving participation, generating ideas for improvement, and implementing strong security measures, we will create an inclusive environment that harnesses the collective wisdom and aspirations of the extended Rimcollian Diaspora. Let us seize the opportunity to embrace technology, unite our Rimcollians network, and work together for the betterment of our beloved institution.

By live broadcasting the AGM/ ROBA meets to all Rimcollians through platforms like Google Meet, we unlock a host of benefits and advantages for our alma mater. Embracing technology shall empower the Rimcollian community to actively contribute, collaborate, and drive positive change for the betterment of our beloved Alma Mater. Let us seize this opportunity to connect, inspire, and propel our alma mater to new heights through a vibrant and inclusive ROBA Meets / AGMs. ■

*(The author has been an
AO at the RIMC)*



INSPIRATION AND PATRIOTISM

CDS General Anil Chauhan instils spirit and thoughts of modern military leadership among cadets

Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan visited the college on 19 February 2025, reaffirming the institution's pivotal role in shaping the future leadership of the Indian Armed Forces. Gen Chauhan was received with full military honours and accorded a warm welcome by the Commandant, faculty and cadets of RIMC. During his visit, he interacted with cadets and faculty, gaining insights into the carefully structured training, academic curriculum, and leadership development programs at the institution.

In his address, Gen Chauhan lauded RIMC's legacy of producing distinguished military leaders and

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emphasized the values of discipline, integrity, and service to the nation. He articulated the importance of these values in preparing them to become the next generation of officers in the Indian Armed Forces. The CDS particularly urged the cadets to focus on several key areas vital for effective leadership in a modern context.

He appreciated the institution's commitment to integrating modern education with military traditions, ensuring that cadets are well-equipped for future challenges. Highlighting the evolving nature of warfare, he urged cadets to embrace technological advancements, strategic thinking, and





adaptability to meet future security challenges.

The visit included an interactive session where General Chauhan engaged with both cadets and faculty, providing him with a deeper insight into RIMC's rigorous training programs, academic curriculum, and leadership development initiatives.

The CDS also visited the Somnath Resource Centre & Museum, which showcases RIMC's rich history and the contributions of its illustrious alumni to the nation. General Chauhan took keen interest in the exhibits, reflecting on the role of RIMC-trained officers in various military operations.

The visit concluded with cadets expressing gratitude for his inspiring words and reaffirming their dedication to



upholding the values and traditions of RIMC.

As a mark of commitment to growth and resilience, General Chauhan planted a tree on campus.

The visit of the Chief of Defence Staff reinforced RIMC's standing as a premier institution dedicated to grooming future military leaders and instilling in them an unwavering spirit of service and patriotism. General Chauhan's visit resonated with themes of inspiration and patriotism, leaving a lasting impression on the cadets. He emphasized RIMC's vital contribution to nation-building and reminded the aspiring leaders of their duty to maintain the highest standards and traditions of the armed forces. ■



QUICK FLIP

Air Marshal SP Dharkar Appointed Air Force Vice Chief

He has the distinction of being the first Director General of Defence Space Agency.

NEW DELHI: Ace fighter pilot Air Marshal SP Dharkar has been appointed as the Vice Chief of Air Staff. He succeeded Air Marshal AP Singh, who has taken over as the Chief of Air Staff.

SP Dharkar - an experienced fighter pilot with over 3600 hours of flying. He is an alumnus of the Rashtriya Indian Military College Dehradun, National Defence Academy Pune, Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and Air War College, USA. Commissioned in June 1985, he is a Qualified Flying Instructor, Fighter Strike Leader, and Instrument Rating Instructor and Examiner and has also been an Air Force Examiner.



A screenshot of the National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM) website. The header includes the NISM logo and the text "National Institute of Securities Markets A Capacity Building Initiative of SEBI". A navigation menu lists: Home, About NISM, Certifications, Training, Long Term Programs, E-learning, Investor Education, and Conf. On the left, a sidebar menu lists: ABOUT NISM, About NISM, Purpose, Board of Governors, Advisory Council (highlighted in orange), Our Team, and Annual Reports. On the right, there is a circular portrait of Major General H Dharmarajan, with his name and title "Chairperson" below it.

Maj Gen H Dharmarajan has been nominated as the Chairperson of The National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM), a capacity building initiative by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the regulator of the securities markets in India.



Col Shailender Arya being awarded VSM in the Western Command Investiture Ceremony



Flt Offr Kapil Kishan Pandey, Ranjit was awarded 'Best in Air to Air Combat' after completion of training at Bidar





Our Youngsters Perform Exceptionally in Infantry Young Officer's Course at Infantry School Mhow

Not only did they bag the Awards but all of them have earned professionally rewarding Gradings, which speak volumes about their growth.

- Best YO and Second Best in Pl Wpn and 3 rd Best in Tac - Lt Ripunjay Naithani, Chandragupta

- Overall 6 th Best - Lt Sudhanshu

Ojha, Chandragupta

- 2 nd Best in Public Speaking- Lt Agam , Pratap

Lt Gogoi, Lt Pankaj have been amongst the top gradings ... all of them missing Best Student in respective legs by whiskers ... AX / AXI in Support Wpn, Pl Wpn ... AI / A / BI Tac leg.

It was a treat to meet them all in January at Mhow and see them focused to be the best ... together

Our pride ... standing tall in Pic ... Lt to Rt

- Sangkalp Gogoi, Ranjit
- Pankaj Roy, Chandragupta
- Sudhanshu Ojha, Chandragupta
- Agam, Pratap
- Ripunjay Naithani, Chandragupta.

We are indeed very proud. Our best wishes and blessings to them. ■

Ich Dien...Bal Vivek

The NDA Passing Out Parade November 2024

— BY **COL VIJAY GIDH, VSM (RETD)**

Some of us residing in Pune are fortunate to visit the National Defence Academy regularly. A trip to our Alma Mater brings back many pleasant memories of the three eventful years we spent at this hallowed institution. Attending the bi-annual Passing Out Parade (POP) is always a pleasure, particularly if the medal winners happen to be from RIMC.

It was a chilly Saturday morning when we witnessed an impressive POP of the 147th Course of the NDA on 30 November 2024. The temperature in Pune had dropped to 10 degrees Centigrade, while NDA was colder being 8.8 degrees! The Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh was the Reviewing Officer for the parade. A total of 1265 cadets participated in the parade, of which 357 were from the passing out course. The passing out cadets included 215 Army cadets, 38 Naval cadets and 104 Air Force cadets, including 19 cadets from friendly foreign countries - Bhutan, Tajikistan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Sudan, Tanzania, Kenya, Zambia and Maldives.

Addressing the passing out cadets, the Air Chief urged the cadets to carry the bonds created at the Academy towards planning and executing operations. In the beginning of his speech, the Air Chief said, "It takes me back 41 years when on 01 December 1983, I completed my training and passed through this very quarter deck. I never imagined that I would last this long and be back here as the Reviewing Officer on day."

He added, "NDA is not only the cradle of military leadership but also



Col Gidh with ACA Jodha and his family

one of jointmanship. The vast experience of joint training at the NDA needs to be carried forward to the respective service academies. And the bonds created here are to be carried towards the planning and and execution of our operations."

As future military leaders, the Air Chief said, "You will be leading a highly motivated and courageous set of soldiers, sailors and air warriors, and trust will be placed in the leadership, given the perils of life. Therefore, it is your sacred duty to lead from the front only through your immaculate personal conduct, professional competence and unquestionable integrity to win the trust and respect."

While concluding his addressing to the cadets, the Air Chief said, "As you march off to the notes to the notes of Auld Lang Syne, you carry on your shoulders the heavy burden of the great legacy of this hallowed institute. Never forget the courage, honour and sacrifices by your predecessors."

A contingent of 47 female cadets - presently in their third, fourth and fifth terms of training - also took part in the parade. This was the third occasion in which women cadets were part of the marching contingent. It was exactly one year ago, on 30 November last year that a contingent of women cadets had marched for the first time on the revered Khetrapal Parade Ground in the history of the Academy. The President of India and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces Droupadi Murmu had reviewed that parade.

In a historic move, June 2022 saw the NDA admit its first batch of women cadets. These women cadets are part of the 148th Course, and will graduate in May 2025, the Spring Term of 2025.

The most thrilling event for the Rimcollians who witnessed the parade - live or on TV, was the Award Ceremony. Academy Cadet Captain Jodha Thongjaomayum was awarded the President's Bronze Medal for standing third in the overall order of merit. Golf Squadron bagged the prestigious "Chiefs of Staff Banner" for being the



Col Gidh with BCC Nishal Dwiwedi

Champion Squadron.

The passing out course consisted of 17 Rimcollian cadets, of which 08 were from the Army, 06 were from the Navy and 03 from the Air Force. Cadet Onkar Ashutosh was Second in Specialist Science Subject (Navy), First in RoR and was awarded Anchor Pin; Cadet Ananjeet Mishra was Best Firer among Navy and Air Force cadets, and Cadet Pratham Kundu was Best in Riding.

It was a pleasure meeting Jodha and his proud parents after the parade.

I congratulated Jodha on behalf of the Rimcollian fraternity. Jodha (Chandragupta, 190th Course) was a student of Sainik School, Imphal from May 2014 to December 2016 before joining RIMC in January 2017.

Hailing from Imphal, Manipur, his father, Mr Thongjaomayum Rosoraj Singh was a buisnessman, while mother, Mrs Th Chandramala Devi is a housewife. His sisters, Th Dhanamanujri is an Assistant Bank Manager, while Th Dimpa is a school



CAS Reviewing the Parade

teacher. Meeting the family reminded me of our unit's eventful tenure in Imphal Valley in late 1990s, when insurgency was at its peak. During our trip to Manipur in April 2013, late Mr Salam Sarat Singh and other Rimcollians had looked after us very well.

As a cadet in RIMC, Jodha was an all rounder. He enjoyed playing games and was a Merit Card holder in Volleyball. He passed out as Cadet Adjutant during his X term in RIMC in November 2021, winning the Trophy of Best Military Bearing Award.

A colleague made some interesting comments on Jodha during the Graduation Ceremony in RIMC - This lad from the beautiful hills of Manipur has excelled in every field, be it Soccer or Basketball. He is jack of all trades and master of all. He has been great chunk of motivation for his juniors. He would invariably put the Boxing ring on fire. He had the blood of boosted cheetah and would surely be preserved

in him. His intriguing sessions on and off the field will surely be remembered by the College. Chandragupta Section will surely miss this gem of theirs.

Jodha has fond memories of his stay in RIMC. He says, "RIMC was a new home to me with new people and friends from different cultures and background. Yet these five years taught me the most important values of life in the hardest way. All the seniors who used to harass us, most turned out to be the guiding light at the end of the road, and unknowingly we followed their teachings to guide our juniors starting from the day we became class 1A. And lastly, my termers who have been my brothers, we have been through a lot together, yet when we are together those hard times passed with a smile, and now those are memories which we cherish."

On his three-years stay in NDA, Jodha says, "NDA as all Rimcollians say, was a cakewalk for me, having learnt all the chatkis at the College. As we

were rightly informed, 'Learn everything at the College and perform at NDA', survival was never in our minds, coming out victor was all we knew. We not only aim to thrive but take along our coursemates who were in awe with our potential. Having trained from NDA, we felt more confident and competent to face the world."

I had the good opportunity to attend the Commandant's Tea for the VI term NDA cadets at the Commandant's Residence on 18 November 2024. It was a pleasure to meet our VI term RIMC cadets and listen to some of their NDA experiences. It was nice to later interact with the Rimcollian instructors posted in NDA.

It was a pleasant surprise to meet Col BR Satish and his wife. Col Satish (125/Pratap, 1984-90), 21 BIHAR Regiment, was posted in HQ Pune Sub Area, when I was posted as a Bn Cdr in NDA in 2000-2002. Their son, CSM Samanyu B Reddy, India Sqn, 147th

Course, was passing out from NDA. It was a matter of pride that Samanyu was selected among the Nishan Toli - the cadets who accompany the NDA Colours, during the Parade. Samanyu is an Air Force cadet, was third in Flying Pin and aims to be a fighter pilot.

Some officers of 47th Course NDA residing in Pune had attended the POP. 47th Course would be celebrating their Golden Jubilee of passing out from the Academy in December 2024; they would be conducting their Reunion in NDA from 09 - 11 December 2024. Many officers from various parts of India and few from abroad would be attending the same.

148th Course NDA would be passing out on 30 May 2025. It assumes special significance, since the first batch of women cadets would also pass out then. Our 48th Course NDA would be celebrating its Golden Jubilee of passing out from NDA in May 2025. So our course would be conducting its Reunion from 09 - 11 June 2025, and our coursemates are eagerly looking forward to the same.

Cadets of the 147th Course NDA performed the Tattoo show on Friday, 29 November evening, putting forth a formidable display to showcase their varied skills and sportsmanship before an audience of dignitaries, family and friends. The Tattoo event, a long-standing NDA tradition, is an opportunity for cadets to demonstrate their physical prowess, discipline and commitment.

The Convocation Ceremony of the course was held at Habibullah Hall on 29 May 2024. Mr Alok Kumar Rai, the Vice Chancellor of University of Lucknow was the Chief Guest. A total of 359 cadets were conferred the Bachelor's degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), which includes 83 cadets in the Science stream, 85 cadets in the Computer Science stream, and 54 cadets in the Arts stream. In addition, 15 cadets from friendly foreign countries were also awarded degrees during the Convocation Ceremony. Cadets from the B Tech stream, comprising 131 cadets from the Navy and Air Force,



Rimcollians at the Commandant's Tea

received their three-year course completion certificates. These cadets would be conferred degrees after their one-year training at respective pre-commissioning academies - Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala and Air Force Academy, Hyderabad.

Mr AK Rai mentioned that Lucknow University is in the process of signing an MoU with NDA, as part of an effort to leverage the National Educational Policy (NEP). The NDA Principal, Mr OP Shukla, in his speech said that the NDA is signing MoUs with different universities for knowledge and welfare of cadets.

It was very heartening to learn that our RIMC cadets performed very well in the UPSC examination for admission to NDA. Cadet Hardik Garg secured the second position in All India Ranking (AIR), while Cadet Agrim Yadav was No 6, and Cadet Abhijit

Rawat was No 8; out of the 18 cadets who will join NDA in July 2025. This achievement reflects RIMC's ongoing commitment to fostering future leaders. Much credit goes to Mr PK Jain, Officer-in-Charge of the NDA Cell, whose dedication and guidance have been instrumental in preparing the cadets successfully. Additionally, under the inspirational leadership of the Commandant, Col Rahul Agarwal, Team RIMC continues with its proud tradition of being the main feeder institution to the NDA.

The credit for the remarkable performance of our cadets at the NDA goes to the Commandant and Staff at RIMC for the good foundation they have laid while in school. In addition, the inspiration and motivation given by Rimcollian instructors posted in NDA goes a long way in encouraging these young cadets to excel in all spheres. ■

The IMA Passing Out Parade

14 December 2024

Rimcollian Pratham wins President Gold Medal



More News from NDA

RIMC cadets continue to excel in NDA and won many medals during Autumn Term 2024. Cadet Pratham Kundu was awarded a Blue, and Sgt Prabhdeep Singh a Half Blue in Riding & Polo; DCC Archit Singh Patyal won a Half Blue in Sailing; Cadet Siddharth Singh won a Merit Card in Boxing and Russian; while Cadet Swastik Gautam was awarded Certificate of Performance (COP) in Drill and Russian.

Rimcollians in NDA who have won key appointments during Spring Term 2025 are as under:

ACA Madhav Kumar
BCC Tejas Bhatt
SCC Prabhdeep Singh
SCC Nikhil Jangra
CQMS Mandeep Rawat

HONOURS & AWARDS

Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards, Republic Day 2025

Sena Medal (Gallantry)

- Lt Col SK Yadav, 149 Ranjit

PVSM

- Lt Gen Adosh Kumar, Pratap, President ROBA
- Air Marshal N Tiwari, Chandragupta
- Vice Adm V Srinivas, Shivaji

UYSM

- Lt Gen Zubin Minwalla, Chandragupta
- Air Marshal S Dharkar, Shivaji

AVSM

- Maj Gen Khalid Zaki, Pratap

SM (D)

- Maj Gen Ajay Ramdev, Pratap
- Maj Gen Vikram Varma, Shivaji
- Brig Sanjeev Kumar , Shivaji

VSM

- Maj Gen CS Dewgun, Pratap
- Maj Gen MPS Gill, Shivaji
- Maj Gen IS Panjrath, Ranjit
- Brig IS Samyal, Ranjit
- Cmde Rana VS, Ranjit

VAYU MEDAL

- Gp Capt Praveen Agrawal, 142 Shivaji

PROMOTIONS & NOMINATIONS

Nomination for National Defence College

- Brig Rajneesh Mohan, Infantry
- Brig Vardhan Kumar, Engineers

Colonel to Brigadier

- Col Sudepto Ghosh
- Col Rajneesh Giri
- Col R Shankar

DSSC - DSTSC Results Army

Competitive

- Maj Aman Thakur, 167 Pratap
- Maj Ankit Sood , 168 Chandragupta

DSSC

- Lt Col Rohit Shekhar, 162 Pratap
- Maj Avnendra Thakur, 165 Chandragupta
- Maj Ashish Kapoor, 169 Pratap

- Maj Nitish Kr Jha, 169 Shivaji
- Maj Navneet Suman, 169 Pratap
- Maj Abhash Chaurasia, 167 Pratap
- Maj Shinjan Chakrobarty, 170 Chandragupta
- Maj Praveen Mishra

DSTSC

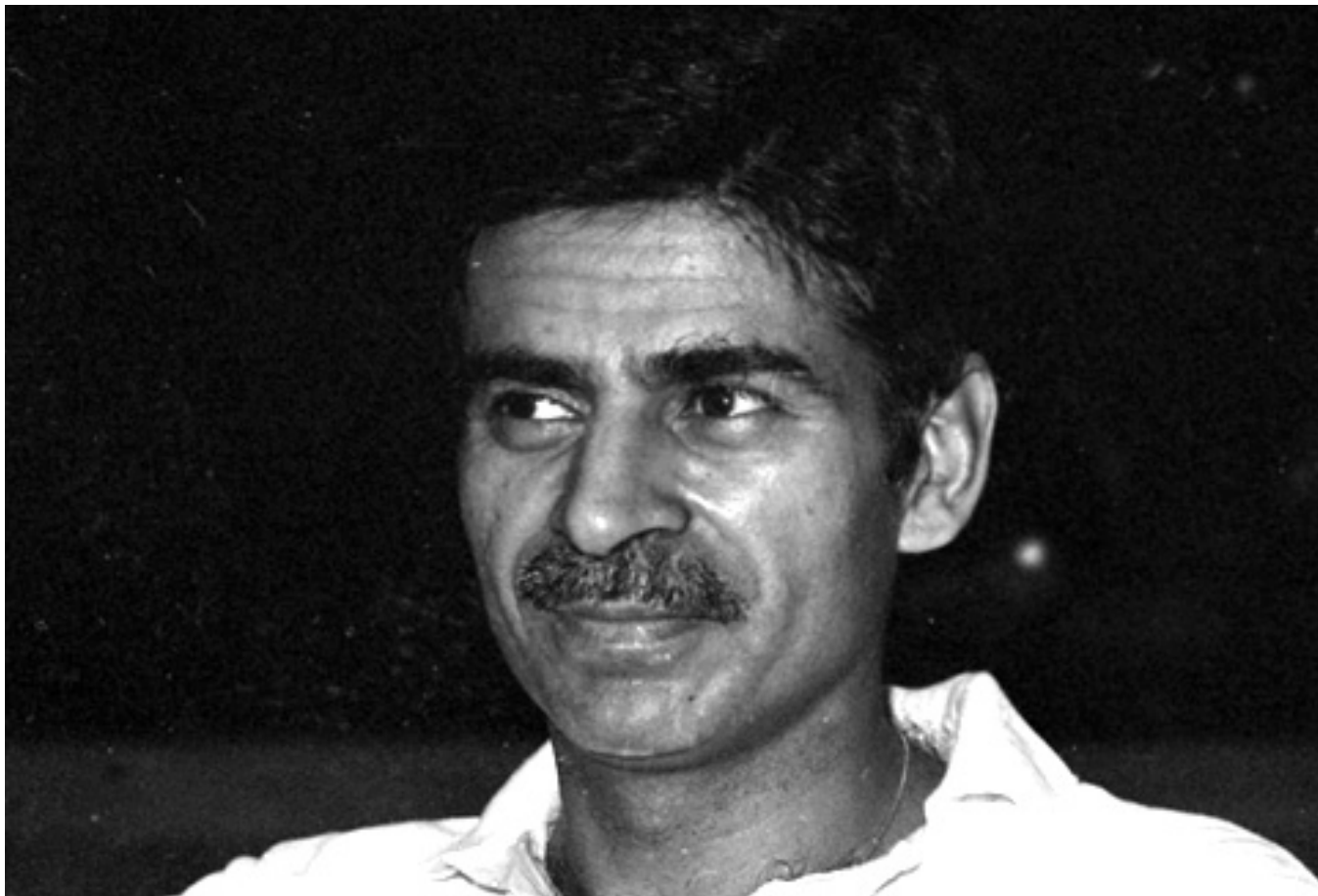
- Maj Abhijeet Baruah, 169 Chandragupta

ALMC

- Maj Mohit Mayank, 170 Ranjit

Nomination for Higher Command / Higher Defence Management Courses

- Col Poshuk Ahluwalia
- Col PV Mohan
- Col Rakesh Verma
- Col Himanshu Awasthi
- Col Sunit



SQUASH LEGEND TRAVELS TO ANOTHER REALM

Brigadier Raj Kumar Manchanda was a much adored Rimcollian and a Squash national champion for almost a decade. Here is an article recalling his prowess, courtesy Sportstar - Editorial Team

Brig Raj Manchanda, the 'Old Fox' of Indian squash, passed away in Delhi on December 1. He was 80. Manchanda was visiting Delhi to attend a wedding and was cremated with Military Honours at Brar Square.

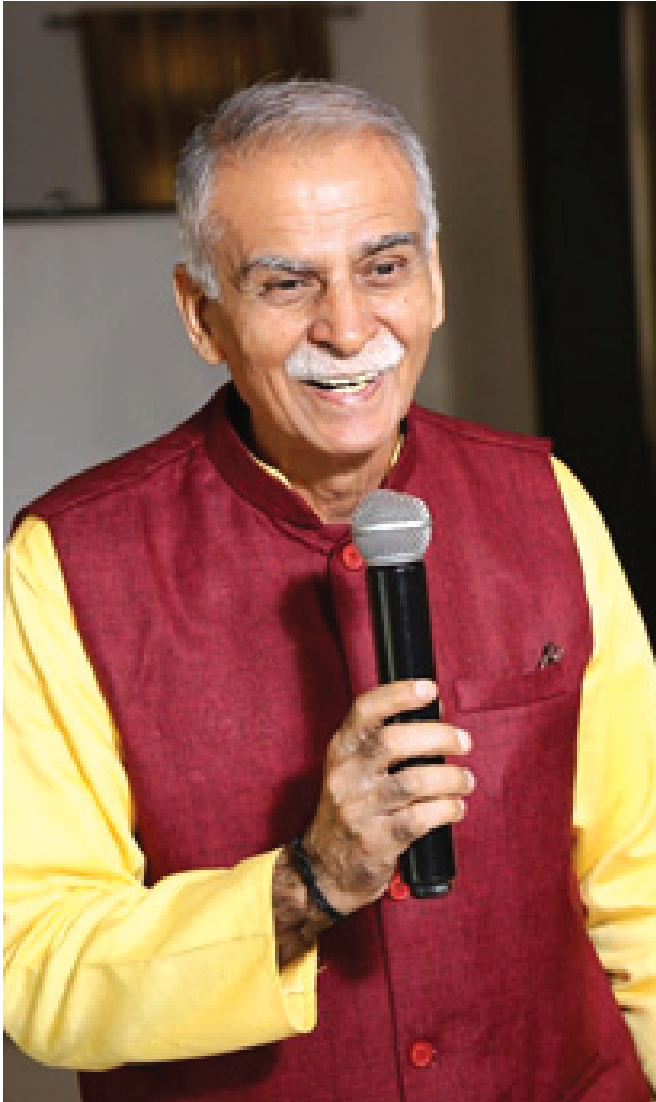
Prime Minister Narendra Modi Condoled his death saying, "Saddened by the passing away of Shri Raj Manchanda Ji, a true legend of Indian squash known

for his dedication and excellence. In addition to the laurels he won, it was his passion for the sport and his ability to inspire generations that truly set him apart. Beyond the squash court, his service to the nation was reflected in his military service too. Condolences to his family and admirers."

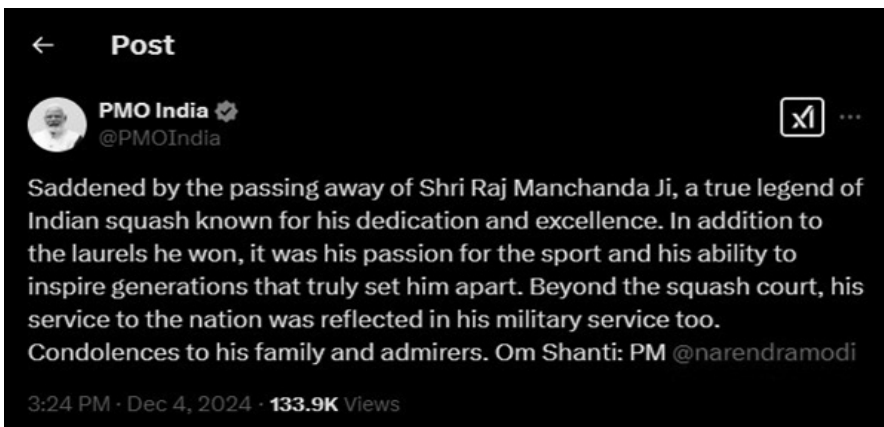
A six-time National champion and an Arjuna Awardee, Manchanda was

acknowledged for his untiring resilience and exceptional ability to outlast opponents. He took to coaching after his retirement. Among his international feats was a fourth place at the 1984 Asian Championships in Jordan.

"He was a dream father, more of a friend. Never hurt anyone and loved to share his experience with young squash players," said his daughter, Shibani, who



Very sad to lose Brig Raj Manchanda. He was in our Shivaji section and as a youngster a great sportsman at a young age. - Arjun Israni, Shivaji, 1955-57



played squash at the National level with her younger brother, Anshul.

Speaking to *Sportstar*, Cyrus Poncha, Secretary of Squash Rackets

Federation of India said: "He (Raj Manchanda) was one of the pioneers from Services to take squash seriously and did really well. He started playing

in his 30s and won all his six National singles championships consecutively from 1977 to '82."

After moving away from squash, Manchanda was a consultant at Exhibition Industries in Delhi. According to his wife, Suneeta, "It is a matter of pride for the family that two courts have been named after him at the National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy."

A popular figure for his talent for singing and composing, Manchanda was a kind man. "As a teenager, he once took his collection of trophies and requested the sports shop owner to sell them and use the money to help squash players," recalled Shibani. ■

LAST POST



Name	Section	Years	Date of demise	Remarks
Maj Gen K N Sardana		1980-82	22 Sep 2024	Ex Commandant RIMC
Brig Raj Manchanda	Shivaji	1957-61	01 Dec 2024	
Col RC Virmani	Kitcheners	1945-48	02 Dec 2024	
Commodore TS Khurana	Rawlinson	1948-49		1st JSW Course
Lt Col Banwari Prasad Singh	Shivaji	1948-52		
Maj Paramjit Singh	Pratap	1954-58	15 Sep 2024	





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Rimcollians of Tomorrow*

REUNION 2025



Welcome Home

Dear Pebbles and Leaves!
You have held the ground,
And given the shade it needs!
We'll come as long as you stand,
Our wish is, you stand longer than we can!

(Courtesy - *Cradle of Bravery* ed. Sidharth Mishra)
(Reunion Collage designed by Col Vivek Sharma)