HONOUR CODE

I believe that a cadet must be truthful, trustworthy, honest and forthright under all circumstances. I will not lie, cheat or steal nor will I mislead or deceive anyone. I undertake to faithfully live up to this code and to continuously encourage my comrades to do so.
A Mother Prays

Enter my portals O glory bound ones
Learn to lead I’ll make you men
In my dreams the bugle sounds
In my heart hope abounds
Leave my portals live like men
Death or glory it matters none
The hour beckons honour at stake
O valiant sons a mother prays
Lead with vigour straight up front
Rocklike bear the enemy’s brunt
I shall write your untold story.
I shall uphold your blazing glory
Go my sons the earth beckons
Hear my warriors the oceans call
Soar my eagles the sky is yours
Death before defeat
Death before dishonour
Death with distinction
A mother prays for all your days
Strive and seek victory with grace
A mother prays...
A mother prays...

Martyrs' Paradise: The Hut of Remembrance

Commandant paying homage to the Martyrs at the Hut of Remembrance
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Change of Command
Commandant's Overview

"During the cadet's tenure at the Academy, it is our endeavour to invoke in them - the spirit of a challenger, mind of a visionary, quest of a researcher and the discipline of a soldier."

- Vice Admiral R K Dhowan, PVSM, YSM
Commandant NDA 2009
(Presently Chief of the Naval Staff)

It is indeed an honour for me to have assumed office as Commandant of this iconic institution and to pen the 'opening page' of Trishakti. It has been more than three decades of satisfying naval career, standing proud on the solid foundation laid by NDA, some 33 years back. It is 'payback time' to my alma mater. Just two months in the chair and I have had the privilege and satisfaction of watching the 128th course pass out from the symbolic 'Quarter-Deck' as transformed men indeed - confident, mature and ready to take on contemporary challenges. The credit, without doubt, goes to the Instructors, faculty and staff, but more importantly to the 'NDA cadet' who has come through a stringent selection process to go through the rigours of tough training and join the most noble profession. While I wish to congratulate the passing-out course - the 128th Course - I urge them to live up to the NDA credo 'Seva Parmo Dharma' and as the new ambassadors of NDA cult, carry forward the onerous reputation of simply being the best amongst equals, in their respective Pre-Commission Training Academies (PCTAs) and further on.
The last six months have seen a sea change in training methodology, and the results have been very encouraging. We are now proactively factoring feedback from PCTAs and fine-tuning the training methodology. The reorganisation of the Defence Application Course (DAC) has ensured training on contemporary subjects related to Defence. These subjects were rehashed into 10 common subjects, which are taught to all the cadets irrespective of their stream thereby facilitating increased awareness and practical application in their service careers. Implementation of percentile system for assessing the champion squadron has narrowed the margins between the victor and vanquished. As a result, the Numero Uno position remains dynamic till the very end, motivating all squadrons (and in turn, the entire academy) to remain competitive till the last event of each term. This has resulted in 'raising of the bar' and overall improvement of standards. This year saw drastic reduction in injuries as an outcome of structured and scientific coaching for X-country. Additional structured coaching is being conducted for cadets weak in ODT and other disciplines. No longer is this task left to the squadrons alone.

Then, there has been a concerted drive to unshackle certain undesirable practices being followed in the name of squadron traditions. This would pave the way for a more conducive environment in the squadrons. Further, a lot of thrust is laid on close involvement of officers towards cadet’s training. Of course, such an initiative needs to be thrust top-down initially, before the results speak for themselves and make it convincing and self-sustaining.

Special emphasis is being laid on improving the living standards of cadets by way of facility enhancements and stress on cabin cupboards. Our cadets now routinely don branded clothing and that too at reduced prices.

The infrastructure also needs to keep pace with the growing strength and hence, there has been a renewed focus on completion of various infrastructure projects and maintenance works. The newly commissioned Long Range has provided the much needed fillip to ATT and the runway extension at AFTT has also commenced in the right earnest, just to name a few.

Our cadets continue to be exposed to other military academies, viz participation in 6th International Cadet’s Conference in Japan in Feb/Mar 15 and participation in 14th International Competition on Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC) for Military Academies at San Remo, Italy from 23-27 Mar 15. The NDA cadets bagged the Best Mixed Team trophy in the competition. In the sports arena, our cadets have excelled in the 58th National Shooting Championship held in Dec 2014, bagging one gold and one silver medal.

As the new Commandant, I am in the process of charting the course ahead and as a part of that I have reached out to the finishing academies for a first hand feedback. I will urge one and all to stay tuned for some novel initiatives by the next edition. Till then, it would be my endeavour to carry forward the good work done in the past and undertake further value addition in consonance with higher directives and expectations from the military environment.
Lastly, I wish the 128th course, all the very best in future endeavours. We shall be keeping track of their stellar performances and I urge them to excel in all fields, with fire in the belly and a will to win. Mediocrity is akin to 'being dead' and hence not acceptable. We are confident that each passing out cadet will come out as a self confident, articulate, physically fit, self-disciplined and intellectually enabled officer.

My special appreciation for the editorial team of *Trishakti*, who have worked hard on the publication and to various contributors, whose thought provoking writings will definitely interest the initiated souls.

Well done and keep it up.

Jai Hind!

Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar AVSM, VSM
Commandant

**Commandant : Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM**

Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM is an alumnus of 60th course of National Defence Academy and was commissioned into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 1982.

He is a graduate of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and has attended the Army Higher Command Course at Mhow as well as the Expeditionary Operations Course at Quantico, Virginia, USA.

The Admiral has held various challenging Staff and Command assignments during his distinguished Naval career spanning more than three decades. After having completed his specialisation in Navigation and Direction at Kochi in 1989, he served as the Navigating Officer of Indian Naval Ships Beas, Nilgiri, Ranvir and Vikrant. His other sea tenures include Commanding Officer of INS Kulish and Ranvir and Executive Officer on board INS Brahmaputra. Among his shore tenure, the important ones include Staff Officer (Ops/ND) at Indian Naval Work-up Team, Head of Training Team (Navy) at Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and as Defence Advisor at the High Commission of India in Singapore. He has also been the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of the Western Naval Command. On promotion to Flag rank, he has held the important assignments of Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST), Chief of Staff (COS) of Southern Naval Command and Flag Officer Maharashtra and Gujarat (FOMAG). The Admiral has assumed the office of Commandant, NDA on promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral on 01 Apr 15.

He has been awarded Ati Vishist Seva Medal on 26 Jan 15 and Vishist Seva Medal on 26 Jan 2011 in addition to receiving a commendation by the Chief of Naval Staff in 2000.
From the Deputy Commandant's Desk

For the last sixty years, the National Defence Academy has continued to strive for excellence and grown exponentially. From its portals have emerged officers who have demonstrated unequivocally inter-service camaraderie and jointmanship both in war and in peace.

Our emphasis has been on the excellent standards of academic learning, OLQ and physical fitness. Allied skills and attributes were equally imparted to the cadets through various club activities. The values of loyalty, love, respect and dignity are faithfully being instilled in all cadets.

Our cadets have energy; ideas and vitality in abundance. After passing out from NDA they prove to be outstanding leaders of men - leaders of significance and stature. Inevitably, in the present day military hierarchy they are a presence, a voice and a source of inspiration.

I am sure that the Passing out cadets will carry forward the rich legacy of NDA resolutely at all times. I urge you all to remain steadfast in your uncommon task of building the Nation, through your assigned roles in defence of our territorial integrity.

Jai Hind

Major General Ashok Ambre, AVSM, SM
Deputy Commandant & CI
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Passing Out Parade: 128 Course

A spectacular Passing Out Parade was displayed by the cadets of 128th Course of the National Defence Academy as they marched past the quarter deck of the Khetarpal Parade Ground on 30th May 2015. The ultimate D Day is the culmination of the three years rigorous training of the cadets of the tri-services of NDA. It was a proud moment not only for the cadets but also for the parents and many dignitaries, serving and retired veterans from the three services, citizens, schoolchildren who came to the parade ground to witness the parade.

A total of 401 cadets including 14 foreign cadets marched ahead shoulder to shoulder in measured steps and scored their antim pag (final steps) on the tunes of "Auld Lang Syne". The Reviewing Officer on the occasion was Honorable Raksha Mantri Shri Manohar Parrikar. The Commandant NDA Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM assisted the RO on the parade.

Maj BD Lenka, Adjutant NDA, riding the grey charger "Warrior" conducted the parade. The Academy Cadet Captain (ACC) Rajender Singh Bisht commanded the parade of a total of 756 cadets in 18 contingents dressed up immaculately in white patrol.

The RO presented the medals to the best performing cadets. Academy Cadet Adjutant AK Sinha of 'G' Squadron bagged the President's Gold Medal for standing first in the overall order of merit. The Silver Medal for standing second in the overall order of merit was bagged by BCC Nishant Philip of 'N' Squadron. ACC RS Bisht of 'D' Squadron received the Bronze Medal for standing third in the overall order of merit. November Squadron won the coveted title of Overall Champion Squadron and was presented with the Chiefs of Staff Banner.
Fly past by three Super Dimona motorized gliders and Sukhoi-30 fighter aircraft marked the culmination of the event.

Nishan Toli carrying the President’s Colour presented to the National Defence Academy in 1978 was led by Squadron Cadet Captain A Thakur.

After the spectacular parade a tea party was organized at the Salaria Square. It was also an occasion for everybody to meet and interact with the RO and other dignitaries.
Address by the Reviewing Officer

Honorable Raksha Mantri Shri Manohar Parrikar addressing the POP

Commandant, NDA; distinguished Guests; proud Parents; members of the Media; Cadets on Parade and Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is a great privilege for me to be here this solemn morning to address the 128th course cadets, who are passing out from the portals of this iconic institution. I am extremely impressed by your immaculate turnout and disciplined drill. This is indeed a veritable symbol of the professional tenor of the Indian Armed Forces that echoes across the comity of nations. We in India are justifiably proud of our forces and their commitment to the service of the nation and are forever indebted to them for being ever ready to make the ultimate sacrifice when the need arises. Even as I watched you, I was assured that the future of the Indian Armed forces lies in safe hands. I must also congratulate your Commandant, Deputy Commandant and all the instructors for grooming you to be the best in the world.

Cadets, India today stands at the threshold of a great future. It is no small achievement that the world looks up to India as a country that will provide direction and guidance to the entire human race. I dare say, you will be part of that future and you are the leaders of tomorrow who will guide our nation in its tryst with the destiny. Therefore prepare yourself adequately to chart the destiny of our dearest motherland. This requires perfecting your mental capabilities, your physical fitness and your moral and ethical values. Cadets! I am aware that in life nothing matters more than a sound mind. It is often said that the battle is first fought in the mind of men. Your capacity to think through a situation and find solutions to a problem or even to take split second decisions will all depend on how well you have trained your mind. Plans and strategies are worked out in the war room before being executed in the field. Therefore, I urge you to equip your mind continuously with reading and understanding on things that matter. Get yourself acquainted with the latest in technology. All this
will go a long way in keeping you mentally alert to take on the tasks at hand.

I cannot over-emphasise the aspect of physical fitness. Yes, the world has changed and we need thinking soldiers. Hand to hand combat is a thing of the past. Notwithstanding all this, physical fitness is a major requirement of a soldier. The more physically fit you are the better your mind ticks. The posture of a man, his bearing, his demeanor - all have an impact on his thinking. It builds self-confidence and a sense of wellbeing that is at the heart of discipline.

Cadets, the mind and the body matter no doubt, but what matters most is the spirit, the conscience which guides you always to do right, no matter what the cost is. More than courage, what the world lacks most today is moral courage - the conviction to do what is right, at all costs. I must proudly say the nation has always looked up to the Armed Forces as the bastion of morality, discipline and loyalty. In times of natural disasters, in times of internal strife and external aggression, it is the Armed forces that have displayed the rare virtues of selfless service and commitment. Preserve this hoary tradition of selfless service. Be honest, be truthful and you will march on with a clear conscience.

Shine forth as beacon lights in the darkness of this world. Be always prepared to commit yourself to doing good. Always set the benchmark for your men. Be leaders with humility in your heart and conviction in your minds. Then no task will seem impossible, no terrain unconquerable and no goal unreachable. I know that you will keep faith with your destiny for it is ever so bound with the destiny of the nation of which you are the pillars. I wish you all the very best for a great and prosperous future ahead. May God shower His blessings on you.

Jai Hind!

RO being felicitated by the Commandant
The Convocation Ceremony for the 128th Course was held on 29 May in the Habibullah Hall. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof Sudhir Kumar Sopory, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The Commandant NDA Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM welcomed the Chief Guest. The Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor Major General Ashok Ambre, AVSM, SM was also present along with the members of the academic council of the NDA.

Prof OP Shukla, Principal NDA presented the Academic Report of the 128th Course. He put on record that 403 cadets, including 14 International cadets of 128th Course were receiving their Degrees from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The Principal congratulated 34959/O/Cdt KC Sinha (FGPA 8.21) of Social Science Stream for securing the first position in the overall order of merit in Academics, and 35150/I/A DCC Dineshkumar N for standing first in the Bachelor of Science Stream with an FGPA of 7.91. He also congratulated 35141/R/A BCA S Mehta (FGPA 8.07) for standing first in the Bachelor of Computer Science Stream and 34959/O/A Cdt KC Sinha of Social Science Stream for standing first in Bachelor of Arts Stream with an FGPA of 8.21. He also congratulated other Cadets of 128th Course, who received their degrees. He lauded those cadets also who brought laurels to the Academy through their excellence in ADOP, COP & DELF in various foreign languages particularly in Chinese Exams.

The Principal highlighted the academic training at NDA and its permanent value in the career of the passing out cadets. He also emphasized upon the state of the art infrastructure that the academy is having and the number of learned academic faculty that relentlessly imparted the quality academic training to cadets. The principal concluded with the following words of advice to the cadets- "As Armed Forces Officers, you should remember that acquisition of knowledge is an ongoing process. It does not begin or end at the NDA. You need to develop the spirit of inquiry and mental alertness, which will lend you the attitude of a winner always and every time. You should fine-tune your efforts in consonance with the changing parameters of 21st century – the knowledge century. Please keep it in mind that knowledge will forever govern ignorance; your continuous engagement of intellect will make you innovation enablers, the genuine stakeholders of the knowledge era we all are heading to. Last, but not the least, I wish you all the best in your life and career. God bless you all for your future endeavours."

The Chief Guest for the occasion Prof Sudhir Kumar Sopory, Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University delivered the Convocation Address. 59 cadets were conferred with BA degree, 192
BSc and 166 BSc (CS) degree. 35150/1/Cdt Dineshkumar N won the Commandant’s Silver Medal and the COAS Trophy presented by General K Sunderji for standing first in Science Stream with highest FGPA. 35141/R/Cdt S Mehta received the Commandant’s Silver Medal and the Admiral’s Trophy presented by Admiral Sureesh Mehta for standing first in Computer Science Stream with highest FGPA. 34959/O/Cdt KC Sinha was conferred with the Commandant’s Silver Medal and the CAS Trophy presented by Air Chief Marshal NC Suri for standing first in Social Science Stream with highest FGPA. 34959/O/A Cdt KC Sinha also bagged the Chief of Naval Staff Trophy presented by Admiral OS Dawson, for standing First among all the three streams.

Finally, Major General Ashok Ambre, AVSM, SM, Deputy Commandant and CI proposed the vote of thanks.
Convocation Address

Commandant of National Defence Academy, Principal Prof OP Shukla, esteemed members of the academic committee, parents of the graduating cadets, distinguished guests, Press and dear cadets.

I am extremely honoured to be here at the convocation ceremony for the Passing Out 128th course. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the graduating cadets of the three streams. I also congratulate the teachers, staff and the authorities for their dedication towards making this institution as one of the best. I extend a warm welcome to the parents and guardians who have come to participate in these joyous moments of the sons and wards. We also feel great satisfaction and proud that the cadets of this Institution receive degrees from Jawaharlal Nehru University. I would also like to put on record that yours is not just a graduation, rather it is complete qualification to enter into the world of unyielding professionalism. It is a qualification that is not guaranteed in the graduates of the world outside NDA.
Education is the most powerful tool to empower us to pursue our dreams and achieve excellence in our chosen path in the service to the Nation. In your efforts towards achieving your objectives, you must not underestimate the contributions of your teachers and parents and I am sure in whatever capacity you serve, their blessings will always be showered on you.

Being the alumni of this institution and in a way of JNU, I call upon you to set the best standards of work, culture and dedication. You will have great responsibility to lay a path that will be followed by generations of other cadets who will pass out from this Institution in the years to come.

Gentlemen, I am sure you realize that you will be executing your jobs in a situation where information will be readily available to all. Your actions, conduct and approach will go through a thorough scrutiny not only by the learned and informed citizens but also by the common citizens. It is here that the knowledge you have gained and training that you have received at NDA will greatly help you sail through difficult situations.

Today the knowledge in every domain is expanding at a very rapid pace. The Google director once mentioned that our information would increase by more than 1000 fold in next few years. There are new discoveries going on in every field including the domain of Military science and technology. Artificial intelligence and robots will be the future tools that will be used for different purposes in peace and war. Therefore, your learning does not end today. It will and has to continue all through your life.

Dear cadets, you are going to make a career in the prestigious armed force of India, which reflects the ethos of this nation, unity in diversity. You in time to come will become great leaders in your own fields. It is your responsibility to strengthen the values of secularism, apolitical outlook and professionalism, which your worthy predecessors have so painstakingly nurtured. Not only we in this country, but world over people respect the professionalism and commitment of armed forces. We should all remember the selfless sacrifices that our officers and jawans have made.
for protecting the territorial integrity of our nation. I am sure that at the time of overwhelming danger on our country, there will always be to destroy the enemy, a Salaria, a Manoj Pandey and an Unnikrishnan.

NDA has produced insurmountable leaders of courage and conviction. A great leader leads from the front. In many of our organizations we are generally governed by authority. In armed forces, authority and leadership go hand in hand. They build respect and trust of the people all around.

In an article that I was reading sometimes back by Dan Oswald, and this was about a book by Marvin Bowler on the “Will to lead” he describes some of the attributes required to be a good leader: trustworthiness, fairness, unassuming behaviour, listening, open minded, sensitivity to people and to situations, initiative, good judgement, broad mindedness, flexibility and adaptability, capacity to motivate and also take sound and timely decisions and sense of urgency. A good leader favours action and not inaction. This is extremely important for all of you who will face many urgent and emergent situations. Presence of mind and a focussed approach can carve out great leadership role for all of you.

I would certainly like to add my token of advice to the passing out cadets. Never allow the fire of passion and your zeal to dip down under any circumstances. The entire nation looks upto you. Nation’s peace is in your toil and nation’s progress is your workmanship and nation’s image is the reflection of your personality. The country also expects you to bail out the countrymen when they are struck by natural calamity. Who can forget the wholehearted rescue operation of the armed forces in the recent floods of Jammu and Kashmir?

Education across the globe is seen as the force that can emancipate races and break the shackles of poverty, crime, hatred etc, which are causes of conflict and battles. At times, I feel our education has not produced great thinkers and involved citizens. There is need for critical thinking skills in our changing workspace and to deal with the complexity of our social fabric. But may I say that you are fortunate to have gone through the portals of this great academy. It has given you solid foundation to deal with any situation. I am sure you will accomplish much in the years to come and do the NDA and the Nation proud.

Dear cadets, I once again congratulate all those who are graduating today and compliment those who have excelled and won medals. My blessings to you for your future endeavours.

In the end may I say, always stand by the motto of your alma mater “Seva Parmo Dharma- Service before self.” We have high expectations from you and I am sure you have also from your own self.

Wish you all the best and God bless you.

Jai Hind.
NDA Expo

Expo NDA, a wide-ranging exhibition by the cadets of NDA, was organised in the foyer of the Rakesh Sharma Block from 27 to 30 May 2015. A large number of parents, school children, officers and families of the campus visited the impressive exhibits put up by 26 clubs. The Expo NDA was inaugurated by the first lady Mrs Geetha Ashok. Commandant NDA Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM, Dy Commandant General Ashok Ambre, AVSM, SM, Officers, ladies and gentlemen were also present.

The event is jointly organised and coordinated by two branches of the academy - the Training Branch and the Education Branch. The event gives due recognition and pays compliments to the achievements of our cadets who display their creative talents through the Outdoor and Indoor Clubs at the NDA. These clubs range from Astro-Navigation, Aero-modelling, Automotive, Artificial Intelligence & Robotics, Archery, 10 mtr Air Weapon Shooting to the Arts, Media, Dramatics, Music, Dance, Design and Craft, and further, Golf, Trekking & Rock climbing, and group of Watermanship clubs among others.
The aim of the clubs at NDA is to generate interest in healthy extracurricular activities and to provide opportunities for self-expression through creative use of leisure time. The aim is to instill organizing ability and development of a disciplined and inquisitive mind by stimulating lasting interest in hobbies of their choice.

Each club has specific objectives in line with the scope of their activities. Besides developing the skills of a scholar-soldier in this cradle of military leadership, cadets are expected to give expression to their creative side. The clubs play a vital role in polishing and perfecting the aesthetic abilities of our cadets.

Motivation Awards: Commandant's Motivation Award was given to the cadets for excellence in club activities during Spring Term 2015 at the NDA Expo.
NDA Ball: Glitz and Glamour

The EOT activities for the 128th course made an ardent beginning with the NDA Ball. It was held on 16 May 2015 in the exotic lawns of the Cadets' Mess. The event was well planned & executed by Group Capt Sanjeev Dosi & his team. They left no stone unturned to ensure that the evening was a memorable one, and which would leave a lasting impression on all cadets & their fabulous partners.

As per the tradition, the ball was set rolling by the Commandant, Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM. This was followed by the customary waltz by officers & their ladies. The highlight for the evening was the NDA Western Music Band, which belted out heart thumping numbers to the delight of the audience. Then came the most awaited moment of the evening the selection of candidates for Mr & Miss NDA. This was conducted in a thoroughly professional manner by Mr Sandeep Dharma, a well-known name in Pune fashion circles. Since not everyone could be amongst the lucky few who were selected amongst the probables for the NDA Ball, the organizers had planned a Raffle Draw for all cadets & ladies present at the venue. This was very well received.
wherein the cadets & their ball partners were delighted to receive gift vouchers from prominent brands. During the course of the event, DJs Vaggy N Stash mesmerized the crowd with their foot stomping numbers, which were suitably augmented by an awe inspiring light & sound show. The climax of the evening was the crowning of Cdt Virender Singh as Mr NDA & Miss Anuja as Miss NDA. They were the toast of the evening & their conduct was appreciated by all.
Hall of Fame - Medals and Trophies

Medals: The details of medals awarded to cadets of 128 Course are as follows:

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Replica of the COAS Trophy, presented by Gen K Sundarji, PVSM (Retd) for first in Sc Stream. (B. Sc.)
Replica for the Best Cdt for Max Contribution Towards Joint-Man-Ship
Replica of Cup presented by Govt of Hyderabad for First in Specialist Service Subjects (Air Force) instituted by Shri SS Jog.
Replica of Cup presented by Govt of Madhya Bharat for Best Air Force Cdt in Flying instituted by Shri SS Jog.

Rolling Trophies / Shields / Cup:
COAS Trophy presented by Gen K Sunderji, PVSM (Retd) First in Science Stream (B.Sc)
CAS Trophy presented by Air Chief Marshal NC Suri, PVSM, AVSM, VM (Retd) for First in Social Science Stream (B.A.)
Admiral's Trophy presented by Admiral Sureesh Mehta, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of Naval Staff (Retd) for First in Computer Science Stream
CNS Trophy presented by Admiral OS Dawson, PVSM, AVSM (Retd) for First in Order of Merit in Academics
Lt Gen SPP Thorat, DSO, KC (Retd) Rolling Trophy for Best Cdt in OLQ
Chiefs of Staff Trophy for Max Contribution Towards Joint-Man-Ship
Exceptional Leadership and Bravery Award 45th Course Leadership and Courage Trophy,
First in Specialist Service Subjects (Army)
(Cup presented by Govt of U.P.)
Best Cdt in Weapon Training Trophy
(Ashoka Pillar presented by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru)
First in Specialist Service Subjects (Navy)
(Cup presented by Govt of Madras)
Second in Specialist Service Subjects (Navy)
(Cup presented by Admiral Sir Mark Pizey)
Naval Cadet Standing First in Astro Navigation
(Trophy presented by Admiral OS Dawson, PVSM, AVSM)
Best Cadet in Seamanship (Trophy presented by Vice Admiral Madhvendra Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, FOC in C, Western Naval Command)
Best Helmsman in Yachting
(Cup presented by Vice Admiral RD Katari)
Cup presented by Govt of Hyderabad for First in Specialist Service Subjects (Air Force)
Cup presented by Govt of Madhya Bharat for Best Air Force Cadet in Flying
First in Air Force Ground Subjects
(Late Flt Lt PV Apte Trophy)

Winner
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35180 / E / 128 Cdt Naveen Yadav
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35150 / I / 128 DCC Dineshkumar N
34959 / O / 128 Cdt Kumar Chandan Sinha
35141 / R / 128 BCA Shivam Mehta
34959 / O / 128 Cdt Kumar Chandan Sinha
35060 / L / 128 BCA Manvendra Singh
35150 / I / 128 DCC Dineshkumar N
No suitable Cdt identified
Hence, not being awarded.
35150 / I / 128 DCC ND Kumar
35028 / D / 128 ACC RS Bisht
35165 / A / 128 Cdt Suyash Malviya
34994 / C / 128 Cdt Ankit
35318 / H / 128 Cdt Rohit Bora
34969 / B / 128 Cdt Prashant Panwar
35008 / I / 128 Cdt AS Rattani
35180 / E / 128 Cdt Naveen Yadav
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Visits to the National Defence Academy
(Conducted in co-ordination with the Adm Br)
Important Visits during Spring Term 2015

- Mrs Usha Singh, President Regional AWWA, Southern Comd accompanied by Justice (Mrs) Nirmaljit Kaur
- Lt Gen VK Ahluwalia, PVSM, AVSM**, VSM, YSM (Retd)
- Brig SK Malani, HOD & consultant, Cardiology Dept of Military Hosp (CTC) Pune
- Maj Gen GS Talwar (Retd)
- Defence Services Staff College Tennis Team comprising 05 student offrs and two faculty members.
- Maj Gen T Parshad, Judge Advocate General (JAG), IHQ of MoD (Army), New Delhi
- Maj Gen TS Sidana, VSM, ADGTE SC Pune
- Col SS Kulkarni OC 5 PARS(Peace Ammunition Repair Section), HQ MG & G Area, Colaba
- Brig Pankaj Saxena, DACIDS (AFTI), HQ Integrated Defence Staff, New Delhi
- A group of 18 IAS Officer Trainees of 2014 Batch of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie (Uttarakhand)
- Lt Gen Arvind Mahajan (Retd), ex DGEME
- Maj Gen Anil Kumar, MG AOC Central Comd
- Maj Gen Pankaj Sachdeva, Dy Comdt, Army War College, Mhow
- Two Offrs from DIPAC to deliver a lect on "Satellite Imagery" to VI term cdts and faculty
- Maj Naresh Kumar, EMAE (SA) of HQ MG & G Area
- JNU Officials for the scrutiny of results
- Maj Gen YT Jain, MG GS (SD), HQ Southern Comd
- A Study Tour from Air Force Academy, Hyderabad (Faculty of Ground Training)

A delegation of Afghan National Army (ANA) Strategic Group, led by Lt Gen Mohammad Dawran Masoomi

A delegation from Russia, led by Col Gen Viktor Nikolaevich Bondarev, CIC of Russian Federation Air Force

A delegation of Nepal Army Comd and Staff College (NACSC), Brig Gen Gaurab Tandul, Dy Comdt (Leader of the Delegation)
- 'Op Saddhavana': A group of 25 students and two teachers of Gandhi Memorial High School, Churachandpur (Manipur), accompanied by Maj Kunal Gosavi and 04 x personnel of 7 Assam Rifles (The visit was org by 7 ASSAM RIFLES).

- Cdr SK Kulkarni (for administering Questionnaire wrt research proj on "Attracting recruiting and retaining Gen Y youth to the Indian Navy through Sports and Adventure - A Cost benefit analysis" on young Offrs and Naval Cdts as part of his project).

- Air Cmde GK Garud

- A gp of 110 students and 03 staff members of Sainik School, Satara

- A Study Tour from Air Force Academy (Faculty of Flying), Hyderabad

- Book Insp for Annual Adm Insp FY 2013-14 by Inspection Team from HQ, Southern Comd

- A Gp of 32 Gentlemen Cadets (GCs) of Offrs' Trg Academy (OTA), Gaya, accompanied by Capt Ankit Singh

- Defence Services Staff College Cricket Team comprising 14 student offrs and two faculty members

- Maj DP Singh (Retd) (delivered a lecture on "How to continue growing in life" to Cdts and faculty at Habibullah Hall

Maj AK Singh, KC, SM, (Retd) (delivered lec on "Beyond Horizons" to Cdts and faculty at Habibullah Hall

Lt Gen (Retd) KS Brar, PVSM, AVSM, VrC (Delivered a lecture on 'Ops Blue Star' to Cdts and faculty

A five member delegation of Kenya Military Academy

A group of 25 Cadets of Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun
Visit of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence

A Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence, comprising 20-25 members along with 4-5 Officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat visited the academy on 06 Feb 2015.
The Committee comprised the following members:
- Maj Gen BC Khanduri, AVSM (Retd) - Chairperson
- 20 Members of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
- 10 Members of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
- 4-5 Offrs of Lok Sabha Sectt
Campus Notes
(Campus Activities conducted under the aegis of Adm Branch)

NDA Day celebration (16 Jan 2015)

Army Day celebration (16 Jan 2015)
Ladies Meet

Mrs Geetha Ashok being welcomed at the Ladies Meet

Mrs Geetha Ashok with the PSO's wives & at Asha School
Cadets’ Holi at a Sqn, and Offrs’ Holi at the Golf Ground

Farewell Ceremony to the Outgoing Commandant
Air Marshal RKS Bhadauria, AVSM, VM
In order to have all-round development in a cadet, a number of extra curricular activities are organised during a cadet's stay at the NDA. As far as feasible, he is permitted to pursue a hobby of his choice in the clubs. The Club Section has been instrumental in organizing the following extra-curricular on campus/off campus activities:

**Inter Bn Competitions/Programmes**

- **In-Bn Public Speaking** was held in the Habibullah Hall on 11 March 2015

- **English Play:** William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* was performed by the Dramatics Club of NDA. The cultural event was followed by a scintillating performance by the Cadets of Western Music Club.

- **Hindi Play:** A Hindi play titled "उस पर जाने के लिए" was staged by the Cdts on 15 Apr 15 in the Habibullah Hall.
• **Inter Bn Hindi Debate.** Inter Bn Hindi Debate Competition was held on 22 Apr 15 in the Habibullah Hall. The topic for the debate was "भारत में मूल्यवंश बंद होना चाहिए".

**Cadets of Classical Music performing at the Cadets' Mess**

**Cadets of Western Music club performing at the Cadets' Mess**

• **Night Sky Gazing:** A practical session on night sky gazing for 33 Cdts of Astronavigation Club was conducted in the presence of an expert, Mr Tushar Purohit (who is instr in NTT & Astronavigation Club) from 1740hrs to 2115hrs on 03 Mar 15.

• **Inter Battalion Quiz Competition:** The Inter Bn Quiz Competition of ST 15 was held at Habibullah Hall on 25 Mar 15.
Indian Army Hot Air Ballooning Expedition Flagged Off from National Defence Academy

Lt Gen Ashok Singh, Army Commander, Southern Command flagged off the expedition from NDA on 03 March. The expedition, which was undertaken by the Army Aero Nodal Centre located at Jabalpur, covered a distance of 1140 kms and crossed Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh by March 11. The two balloons with the crew of three members each, led by Maj Saurabh Rajput and Maj BB Koirala, flew in synchronization. The expedition was conceptualized with an aim of promoting adventurous spirit of the Indian Army, and generating awareness among youth of the country towards activities in general, ballooning in particular.

Flag in/ Flag off Ceremony:
- Tps of MARATHA LI conducted an Adventure Advanced Trekking Expedition. The expedition terminated at NDA on 28 Feb 15 at 1200hrs and a Flag in ceremony by MGGS (Ops), Southern Comd was held at Bombay Stadium.
- An Army team comprising four offrs, two JCOs and seven OR conducted a Foot Launched Powered Harness Hang Gliding (FLPHG) expedition from Mhow to Pune from 05 Feb to 07 Feb 15. The expedition was terminated at NDA on 07 Feb 15 and a Flag in ceremony was org at AFTT Hangar.
Commandant Orientating with the Academy
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**Silhouettes 2015:** A total of 101 Cdts participated in the ‘SILHOUETTES 2015’ (Dance, Music, Debate, Quiz, Drama and Sports event) held under the aegis of Armed Forces Medical College from 12 Feb to 15 Feb 15. Result of the events are as under:

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**Mid Term Educational Hikes:** Fwg Mid Term Edn Hikes ST-15 were conducted from 18 Mar to 22 Mar 15. A total of 45 cdts accompanied by 2/3 Offrs each visited the u/m locs :-

(a) Aurangabad  
(b) Pachmarhi  
(c) Mumbai  
(d) Goa  
(e) Udaipur

**Addl Mid Term Adv Hike.** Fwg Addl Mid Term Adv hikes were conducted from 18 Mar to 22 Mar 15:-

(a) White Water Rafting, Kundalika River (Mulshi Dam Pune)  
(b) Scuba Diving No 2 Swimming Pool  
(c) Trekking and Rock Climbing Kalsubai Peak (Near Nashik)  
(d) Alibag, Murud & Janjira Fort (only 1St term Cdts)

**Nehru Planetarium:** Astronavigation Club: Cdts of Astronavigation club accompanied by OA and JOA isited Nehru Planetarium and Science Centre, Worli, Mumbai on 08 Mar 15.
- **Arts and Photography Club:** Cdts of Arts and Photography club accompanied by OA/JOA club visited a photography and painting exhibition organized by Art Institute, Pune on 14 Mar 15.

- **NDA CADETS AT THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT SEMINAR AT SAN REMO, ITALY**

- **Yoga Club:** 30 Cdts of the club accompanied by JOA of Yoga club visited Lonavala, to attend International conf on "Ancient Yoga: Different Traditions - One Mission" on 17 Jan 15.

- **Trekking and Rock Climbing Club:** 38 Cdts of Trekking and Rock climbing club visited BEG Centre, Kirkee, Pune for utilisation of artificial rock climbing wall on fwg days:
  - (i) 17 Jan 15
  - (ii) 28 Feb 15
  - (iii) 14 Mar 15
  - (iv) 04 Apr 15
Transforming Boys into Men

Training Team Reports
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Camps
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The Training Branch at NDA is responsible for planning and conduct of service specific and outdoor training to the cadets. In addition, the Branch also coordinates all activities essential for the overall development of the cadets.

As part of Team NDA, the Training Branch has been ensuring highest quality of training and it is our constant endeavour to upgrade both the training methodology and infrastructure with the aim of contributing to creating 'Gentlemen and Warriors' capable of providing exemplary leadership for the three Services.
The aim of Army training at NDA is to train the cadets to be proficient in basic soldierly skills to inspire and lead a section as part of platoon in combat. During Spring Term 2015, training in Specialist Service Subjects (SSS) was imparted to 306 Army cadets of 128th Course and 228 cadets of 129th course. In addition, weapon training was imparted to the cadets of 130th Course as part of Foundation Course.

Training Events

**Foundation Course (Weapon Training):** As part of Foundation Course, cadets of IV term are given basic training in handling and firing of 5.56 mm INSAS Rif.

**Specialist Service Subjects:** 306 Army cadets of 128th course and 228 Cadets of 129th course were imparted Army training during Spring Term 2015. The cadets displayed keen interest towards service training and achieved standards that will enable them to take on training at Indian Military Academy with confidence.
Sixth term Army cadets were trained in basic skills including Map Reading (MR), Radio Telephony (RT), Field Engineering (FE), Tactical Training and Weapon Training (WT). The

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Important Training Events: In addition to weapon and tactical training of VI term Army cadets, the training team successfully conducted the following events during Spring Term 2015:

(a) Firing for Air Force and Naval cadets of VI Term.
(b) Firing for cadets of IV term (Foundation cCourse).
(c) Conduct of embedded training for III term cadets through their attachment to various units and formations.
(d) Training visit of VI term Army cadets to BEG Kirkee.
(e) Cross training visit of V Term Naval and Air Force cadets to MIRC and ACC & S, Ahmednagar.
(f) Study of military campaign and leadership profiles was carried out by VI term Army cadets at squadron and battalion level. Presentations on the same were organised to improve the oratory skills of the cadets.

(g) Individual submission of book reviews was carried out by VI term Army cadets based on the military history books allotted by Army Training Team.
Camp Torna

Camp Torna was conducted from 04 to 12 May 2015 in general area Vill Mangdari and Nigade. It was conducted as a two sided semi-controlled tactical exercise. The course was split into two equal groups of two companies each and deployed in the terrain akin to operational areas. The exercise was conducted in two phases involving occupation of defences in plains and hilly terrain. Air Force and Naval cadets joined the camp on 07 May 15. The cadets got an opportunity to undergo the complete battle procedure for defence and attack of an Infantry section as part of an Infantry Platoon. The VI term Army cadets were exposed to the following:

(a) Briefing by Coy Cdr & Pl Cdr
(b) Sitting, occupation and preparation of a platoon defended locality as part of a coy defended locality in plains and hilly terrain.
(c) Routine in defence, including patrolling and ambush.
(d) Elements of defensive battle at section level as part of a platoon.
(e) Section Battle Drill: The cadets were trained in clearing of minor opposition at section level.
(f) Lecture and demonstration on Attack in Platoon Rods as part of Ex Fateh –I.
(g) Demonstration on Small Team Insertion & Extraction (STIE) operations.
(h) Basics of combat survival, including handling of snakes.
(i) Day and night navigation exercises.

Service Attachments/Visits

During Spring Term-15, Army Training Team organized service training visits/attachments for cadets of III, V & VI Term as under:

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<td>15 to 22</td>
<td>III term Army Cadets</td>
<td>11 &amp; 54 Inf Div</td>
<td>These visits and service (131 Course) attachments provided NDA cadets an insight into the organisation and functioning of Army units, thus facilitating better correlation of NDA training with their future employment as Army Officers.</td>
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<td>V term Air Force and Naval Cadets (129th Course)</td>
<td>MIRC &amp; ACC &amp; School, Ahmednagar</td>
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<td>02 May 15</td>
<td>VI term Army Cadets (128th course)</td>
<td>BEG Centre, Kirkee</td>
<td>Cadets of 128th course familiarised themselves with the role, functioning and equipment of Engineers at BEG Kirkee, Pune.</td>
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Competitions:
The competitions conducted by the Army Training Team and the results are as follows:

(a) **Inter Squadron Firing Competition:** Detailed results are given at Appx A (pl see end of the report).

(b) **Shooting Competition:** Army Training Team is entrusted with the responsibility to select and train the Academy Shooting Team. Team and individual performances of the Shooting Team are as follows:

(i) **Team Performance:**
    
    (aa) Academy No 35603/J/129 Cadet Kumar Vikram - 1st rank for Team Event in .22 Rifle Prone Match (Gold Medal).

    (ab) Academy No 35603/J/129 Cadet Kumar Vikram - 2nd rank for Team Event in .22 Rifle Three Position Match (Silver Medal).
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Utilisation of Training Aids

Training Aids available were optimally utilized. Some of the aspects on state of the art training aids available are highlighted below:

(a) **Firing and Training on Drona Simulators**: The cadets were given squad post training on handling of 5.56mm INSAS Rifle and Light Machine Gun (LMG). They were trained on the Drona simulators prior to the conduct of actual firing. Both the existing Drona Mark 2 Simulators have been upgraded to Drona Mark 2.1.

(b) **Navigation by Ground Positioning System (GPS)**: A total of 74 Ground Positioning System (GPS) are held with the Army Training Team. During Map Reading, the cadets were allowed to acquaint themselves and seek clarifications during structured classes on handling of the equipment. The cadets are adequately versed with the functioning of GPS.

Improvement in Training Infrastructure

**Operationalisation of the New Long Range**: The New Long Range has been operationalised with effect from Spring Term 15. This Range has the facility to fire from upto 500 m and its availability alongwith the Old Long Range has ensured conduct of firing simultaneously without time sharing.

**Passive Night Vision Devices and Thermal Imagers**: 20 Passive Night Sight for 5.56 mm INSAS weapon system have been sanctioned and collection is under progress. Case of six Hand Held Thermal Imagers is being similarly pursued.

**Display Boards and Training Charts**: Training charts and display boards utilised for training of cadets have been revised to remain contemporary.

Future Visualisation and Projects

**Baffle Range**: Proposal for a 300 m Baffle Range has been forwarded keeping in view future appreciated constraints which may be caused due to rapid pace of infrastructure development around NDA.

**Pakistan Room**: Establishment of Pak Info Room is under progress and it will be commissioned shortly.

**Renovation of Central Tactical Training Shed**: Proposal to install Stadium type seats in the Central Tactical Training Shed has been accepted and the installation will commence shortly.

**Additional Seven Squadron Training Shed**: Seven additional Squadron Training Sheds have been proposed to be constructed to allow tactical training of all 18 squadrons remain uninterrupted even during monsoons.
### Appx A
(Ref Para 9)

#### Inter Sqn firing Competition result 128th course: st-15

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Naval Training Team is entrusted with the responsibility of transforming land lubbers into seafarers. The team believes in the overall development of the cadet academically, intellectually and personally. Hence, along with Specialist Service Training, the Team also endeavours to encourage creativity, improve presentation skills, inculcate a flair for Watermanship and encourage research oriented studies among cadets through the study of contemporary military topics and naval campaigns.

Naval Training Team lays the basic foundation on Navigation, Seamanship and Communication for Vth and VIth term Naval Cadets at NDA with the aim to ensure that all naval cadets imbibe basic knowledge of Navigation, Seamanship & Communication in both theoretical and practical aspects. In addition, the team also instils in cadets of the three services, a sense of adventure, camaraderie, courage, mental agility and enhanced endurance through watermanship training. Lot of emphasis was given on improving the watermanship equipments/boats to enhance the overall efficiency of the watermanship activities including repair of power boats. With a view to improve the communication and reading skills, all Term VI naval cadets were made to submit and present a book review and give a presentation on Military and naval war campaigns under the guidance of Naval DS. Service training is accorded the topmost priority at NTT. Toward this end, a number of recent initiatives have been taken to ensure imparting of optimal and quality specialist training to cadets.

Training Activities

Various training activities conducted under the aegis of NTT during the Spring Term 2015 are as enumerated:

(a) **Visit to NBCD School:** The training visit of VI Term Naval Cadets to NBCD School, Lonavala was conducted on 19 Jan 15. The visit entailed damage control exercise on 'Akshat', Damage Control Simulator and visit to Fire Fighting Training Facility (FFTf) Simulator, 'Ajar'. A walk around of the simulator facility was carried out with dry
instructions and drill on various fire fighting techniques. A demonstration was also carried out on various fire fighting equipments. The cadets were also demonstrated on various NBC equipments and donning procedure of NBC suits. The cadets donned NBC suits and instructions on measures to counter NBC attack were given.

(b) **Visit to Central Water & Power Research Station:** The training visit of V Term Naval Cadets to CWPRS was conducted on 09 Feb 15. The cadets had an unique opportunity to witness the working models of 02 important harbours of India i.e. Mumbai & Visakhapatnam.

A presentation on these two harbours which included layout of harbour, importance of breakwater and tidal effects on the harbour were shown to the cadets. The flow of tidal stream, effect on the harbour/ships and the importance of breakwater was practically demonstrated to the cadets.

(c) **Visit to Garware Wall Ropes (P) Ltd:** The training visit of V Term Naval cadets to Garware Wall Ropes (P) Ltd was conducted on 09 Feb 15. The cadets visited various sections of the plant which included Quality Control Section, Load Testing Section and Packaging Section. During the visit the processes involved in manufacturing a rope were demonstrated and explained thoroughly. It included the manufacturing of fiber from Polypropylene granules, spinning to yarns, preparation of strands, making a rope and its packing for distribution. The consolidation of theoretical concept of rope work, construction, characteristics, details of Man Made Fiber rope, twines, whipping, splicing, making temporary eye, cargo nets, berthing hawser and load testing into practical learning was an unique opportunity to the future Naval officers.
(d) **Service Attachment of Term III Naval Cadets to Visakhapatnam** – The visit of III term naval cadets of 131 Course to Visakhapatnam was organised from 14–21 Mar 15. A total of 30 naval cadets, accompanied by 01 officer and 02 sailors proceeded to various ships, units and establishments at Visakhapatnam. These units included INS Satvahana and Escape Training School, INS Dega, Base Victualling Yard, INS Kalinga and Kurusra Museum. An overnight sea sortie onboard INS Ranvijay was also organised on 17 Mar 15. Various evolutions were carried for the cadets during the sortie which included ASW Rocket firing, NBCD drills and anchoring runs. The cadets were also shown Close Range Anti Aircraft Firing. The cadets were placed on watches in Bridge, Ops Room, MSO and MCR.

(e) **Training visit to Naval Dockyard (MB) by Term VI Naval Cadets:** Mid term sea attachment for 46 VI term naval cadets was organized from 18-20 Mar 15. The cadets were accompanied by 01 officer and 02 sailors. The cadets were divided into two groups and boarded INS Mumbai & INS Tarkash. The cadets were familiarized with various compartments, characteristics and role of the ships. The ships sailed out on 18 Mar 15 and returned harbour on 20 Mar 15. The sortie witnessed lot of evolutions including OOW Manoeuvres, CRAA, SKBDL & Jackstay, lowering of boats and fire fighting drills. The cadets were made to do watches in Bridge, MCR & Ops Room. The sea sortie turned out to be very useful and gave a practical application to the theory learnt at NTT.
Cross Training visit to Naval Ships and Submarine. Cross training visit of 166 Army, 65 Air Force & 07 Foreign cadets were organized in 02 groups on 18 & 19 Mar 15 at Naval Dockyard (Mumbai). The cadets were accompanied by 02 officers & 02 sailors and on each day. The ships nominated for the cross training visit was INS Viraat and INS Shishumar. The cadets were initially briefed on the ship and a walk around was conducted later. The cadets had a highly interactive visit posing lot of questions on the role and importance of various equipments fitted onboard. The cadets were also taken to Naval Dockyard Mumbai museum. They were provided with a brief on dockyard and a movie on the functioning of Dockyard was shown. The movie also depicted various departments and facilities available in ND (MB). The cadets were taken around CG Dry Dock and briefed about the basic working and utility of a dry dock.

Cross Training Visit of Term V Army & Air force cadets to ND (Mumbai)

Watermanship Activities at Peacock Bay: NTT conducted Watermanship training as part of Club activities for the future officers of the Indian Armed Forces that included Sailing, Rowing and Kayaking. To inculcate a spirit of adventure among cadets and empower them to master the waves, various adventure activities were organised where Watermanship equipment were extensively utilised by the cadets. A number of competitions in open category were conducted at Peacock Bay that included Open Sailing in Enterprise and Laser class, Inter Battalion Boat Pulling Regatta & Peru Cup. The details of various Watermanship training activities conducted under the aegis of NTT during the Spring Term 2015 are as enumerated:

(a) Sailing Expedition to Mandovi Gaon: The sailing expedition to Mandovi Gaon for VIth term naval cadts was conducted on 18 & 19 Feb 15 with the primary objective to expose the cadets on the nuances of sailing especially DK Whaler sailing which the cadets are unlikely to sail in their service career. The expedition witnessed participation of all 52 VI term naval cadets in 08 DK whaler. The cadets sailed out from Peacock Bay at 1530h on 18 Feb 15 to Mandovi Gaon in Whaler boats and returned back by 1830h. It was an unique opportunity for the cadets to hone their sailing skills in DK Whaler. The cadets again sailed out the following day to Mandovi Gaon at 0630h in Enterprise class boat and returned back to the bay by 0900h thus honing their pulling and sailing skills. A camp fire was also conducted on 18 Feb 15 which included a cultural program by cadets followed by dinner. Post completion of the sailing the cadets were also exposed to power boat handling.
Sailing Expedition to Mandovi Gaon

(b) Lecture and demo on survival at sea: A demo and Lecture on survival at sea was conducted at WTC Peacock Bay on 25 Mar 15. All VI term Army, Naval and AF cadets, V term Naval cadets and all Watermanship club cadets attended the same. All VI term Army, Naval and AF cadets took part in wet shod demo post completion of lecture. The drill entailed swimming and boarding the life raft.

Lecture & Demo on Survival Drill

Biangular Sailing Regatta: Biangular sailing regatta (EP Sailing) between NDA & INA was conducted at INA from 19-21 Mar 15. The NDA team comprising 12 cadets were accompanied by an officer & a sailor. The regatta comprised of 05 team races and 01 individual race. INA won the regatta 4-1. Pre regatta a coaching camp was organised at P Bay from 10-17 Mar 15 wherein coaching instructor was provided by BEG Pune.
End of Term Prize Distribution Ceremony for ST-15: The grand finale to the Watermanship club activities was held on 22 Apr 15 with Inter Battalion Pulling Regatta and End of Term Prize Distribution Ceremony. No other sport is better equipped than Whaler Pulling to encourage teamwork and camaraderie which traditionally has been termed as the pinnacle of sports achievement in naval history. Thus to keep the eternal flame of Watermanship alive and to inculcate interest and wider participation, this term all the squadrons fielded their respective teams to participate in the regatta. This event marked the culmination of all Watermanship events for the term.

The prize winners of Watermanship Activities Spring Term 2015 are as follows:

(a) Results of Enterprise Class.

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(c) Best Helmsman (Enterprise Class). 35312/I/128 Cdt A Takhar

(d) Inter Battalion Boat Pulling Regatta Spring Term - 15: The overall result of the Inter Battalion Boat Pulling Regatta is as follows:

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The Air Force cadets undergoing training at Air Force Training Team at National Defence Academy get a glimpse of their future in the IAF. It is here, at this team that an Air Force cadet realises his dream of flying and gets the first Air Experience of his life. The Super Dimona motorized glider, which is used for flying training by this team, is a modern and safe aircraft in its class. The Team is mandated to provide 'service-specific' training to Air Force cadets at this Academy. The objectives of training include laying a firm foundation of airmanship, exhaustive knowledge base before flying, inculcation of correct flying orientation, adoption of Air Force ethos and developing an enduring interest in all aviation related activities.

A total of 62 Air Force cadets (128 Course) of the 'graduating' course were trained by this team in Spring Term 15. Flying syllabus for each cadet is 10 sorties/07:30 hours. Towards their Flying training the team flew 620 sorties/465:00 hrs. During the term, sustained efforts by members of the team ensured timely completion of this task with qualitative training.

While imparting flying training, due care was taken to groom the cadets for the next stage of training at the Air Force Academy (AFA) Hyderabad. Exposure to powered flying at this Academy has laid a sound foundation for these cadets and goes a long way in helping them earn their 'WINGS' at Air Force Academy. To show a glimpse of flying training given to the cadets, and as a tradition, the Air Force Training Team is privileged to fly a formation during the 'Passing-out Parade' as a salutation to the cadets. A flypast with cadets who have excelled in their flying training was carried out on Super Dimona aircraft with their instructors during PT & Equestrian display.

It goes without saying that a sound theoretical knowledge is a precursor to proficient and safe flight in future. Prior to commencement of flying training, the cadets of 128 course were taught theoretical and practical aspects of Super Dimona aircraft. The cadets got an insight into the aircraft systems which enable a pilot to fly proficiently and to handle emergent situations, if they do occur. The ground training syllabi comprises 416 classes (in V & VI term), encompassing a range of subjects such as Aerodynamics, Aero-engine, Airframe, Instruments, Navigation, Meteorology and Aviation Medicine for V term Cadets and Aerodynamics,
VI TERM AF CADETS

Airmanship, Aircraft Airframe, Aero Engine, Instruments, Avionics, Navigation & Meteorology for VI term Cadets. The ground training at AFTT is imparted using modern computer based training aids and also cross sectional models of aero-engines and instruments. Skeet shooting is conducted at this Team with the aim of exposing the cadets to the basics of deflection shooting which they will require to track & destroy a moving target in air. This helps the budding pilots in mastering the skills of air-to-air firing later on in their flying career.

The cadets passing-out of this Academy are the Military leaders of tomorrow. The studies of Air Campaign and the lives of famous Military Leaders help these budding aviators to develop an understanding of modern warfare. With this intention, Book Reviews in V term and subsequently presentations of the same Book review in their VI term were undertaken to inculcate the habit of reading in depth, improve Vocabulary and oratory skills.

In order to expose the cadets to the functioning of a modern operational airbase, the VI term Air Force cadets of 128 C visited Simulator training facility at Jeet Aero Space Institute, 11 BRD, AF (Nasik), HAL Assembly Line and 02 Wg, AF. This gave them an insight into the functioning of the defense establishments, combat and support units of the IAF.

The team also organised a service attachment for III term Air Force cadets to AF station Jamnagar and other stations in the vicinity to expose them to the working of operational units and stations.
To promote interest in the field of aviation, cadets (from all three Services) are encouraged to join aero-sports clubs conducted at this team. These include Aero-modeling, Skeet Shooting, and Parasailing.

Over the years, the training facilities at this team have been upgraded. The Aerodrome has an airstrip suitable for operations of light fixed wing aircraft and medium lift helicopters. Present runway at AFTT is planned to be extended to 4500 ft and widened to 100 ft. The Air Traffic Control Complex regulates air traffic in and around this Academy. A PC-based flight simulator is also utilised for flying training and Team also has a virtual training centre equipped with two HPT-32 Simulators established for giving more flying exposure to cadets. The team has a well stocked library which is subscribed to by cadets as well as staff.

SI, Air Force prize distribution ceremony for award of flying pins, trophies and book prizes to passing out AF cadets of 128 course was held at AFTT on 21 May 15 at 1230 h.

Going by the motto of this Academy 'Service Before Self', the Air Force Training Team endeavors to maintain the highest quality of training imparted to AF cadets to meet the challenges and standards of the Indian Air Force, where they would be able to 'Touch the Sky with Glory'.
Horsemanship is a time tested skill, which goes down in the annals of military history as a compulsory component in building strong military leaders, and hence, Equitation training is one of the most important facets emphasised upon in military academics across the world. It teaches humility, human relationships, perseverance, compassion and courage - qualities essential to military leaders.

Equitation Training Team of NDA was inaugurated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 06 Oct 1949. Since then the ETT has been committed to training cadets in the basics of Equitation and Animal Management skills with the aim of systematic building up of leadership traits in cadets. The team is also responsible to select keen and proficient Cadets to form the Academy Riding and Polo Team. The team also trains young horses that are received from remount depots every year. Equitation training is carried out in various disciplines of equestrian sports.

**Training Methodology:**

A preliminary grading test is taken by the eqtn offr by mid term to asses the potential of the cdts. The cdts based on the ibid test are categorised as under:-

(i) Above Average
(ii) Average
(iii) Below Average

(a) The rides for the eqtn trg classes are then made on the ibid classification. Two instrs per-ride are dedicated to the "below avg" cat for effective trg.

(b) The weak riders of Avg & Below Avg cat are advised to attend the weak riding classes in the evening wherein dedicated instrs attend to the riders for personal guidance.

Various improvements to enhance the effectiveness of eqtn trg & other adm aspects have been carried as under:-

(a) TRAINING:-

(i) Approval for conduct of Spurs Test once in a year was obtained.

(ii) Revision of SOP for assessment of equitation grading test
(iii) Revision of SOP for motivation proficiency award
(iv) SOP of spurs test was prepared
(v) Lesson plan of each sub prepared
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INTER BN POLO CHAMPIONSHIP:-

(a) The Inter Bn Polo Championship was conducted from 08 Apr onwards & the finals on 15 Apr 2015. No1 Bn defeated No 03 Bn by 05 goals in a breathtaking 04 chukkars.
Cadets who excelled and passed test to join NDA Riding & Polo Team were included on merit basis. For the current term NDA Riding and Polo Team comprised the following:-

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Hack Rides were conducted on 14 Apr 2015 & 26 Apr 2015 and were popular amongst offrs, cadets, & children (not to forget the famous cold coffee). It gives them a chance to test their riding skills in real-time environment.

**Infrastructure:** ETT has amongst the finest equestrian infrastructure as under:-

(a) Polo Field - One  
(b) Show Jumping Arena - One  
(c) Dressage Arena - Two  
(d) Polo Pits - Two  
(e) Riding Simulator - One  
(f) X-Country Track - One  
(g) Hunter Course - One  
(h) Riding School - Six  
(i) Polo Training Net - One
Various steps have been taken to further improve the infrastructure such as:

(a) RIDING SCHOOL WITH OH SHELTER

(b) METALLIC PIPE RIDING SCHOOL
Training of Trainers: The Instructors are adequately motivated and trained to impart instructions. Further, probation cadre for instructors are run at ETT. The following methods have been adopted to enhance proficiency of instructors:-
(a) Lesson plans prepared in detail and issued to instructors
(b) Each instr is allotted one charger & one rmt for training
(c) Participation of instructors outside NDA at Army, National and Interna-tional Level Competitions
(d) Coaching / Training of new instructors
(e) Eqtn trg to horsemen for specialist discipline of horses

**Animal mgt is an inseparable part of eqtn trg.**

Following innovations have been instituted to enhance the animal mgt aspect:

(a) Hay Sieve : To make the hay Clean and palatable.

(b) Repair of Riding Helmet for cdts

(c) Salt Water : Used to remove dust from the hay and helps in its palatability.

(d) Body Prot for cdts in eqtntrg.

(e) Cdt First Aid Box

(f) Vet First Aid Box
Performance of NDA Equestrian and Polo Team

In order to give valuable exposure to Cadets, they are exposed to various polo and equestrian Championships with the aim to boost their confidence and to develop/promote the sport in defence forces. During current term the Academy Riding and Polo team was exposed to various National, Services and Regional level Polo and equestrian Championships. They performed exceptionally well by winning large number of medals incl two "NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD MEDALS" and trophies in various Championships.

(a) ARMY EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIP & MEERUT HORSE SHOW 2014-15 FROM 04 DEC 2014 TO 07 DEC 2014

- Gold Medal: 12
- Silver Medal: 06
- Bronze Medal: 07

(b) NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN TENT PEGGING CHAMPIONSHIP, ASIAN & INTERNATIONAL TENT PEGGING - 2015 & THE NOIDA HORSE SHOW - 2015 FROM 25 FEB 2015 TO 03 MAR 2015

- Gold Medal: 08
- Silver Medal: 09
- Bronze Medal: 09

(c) DELHI HORSE SHOW 2015

- Gold Medal: 01
- Silver Medal: 01
- Bronze Medal: 01
- Highly Commended: 04
Physical fitness is the hallmark of a military leader - 'A healthy mind in a healthy body' goes the old saying. When the cadets are faced with challenges in future, it is their physical fitness and mental alertness that would stand them in good stead. Towards ensuring overall physical development of the cadets, the Physical Training Team (PTT) continued to evolve the training methodologies and applied them meticulously during the term. Special attention was given to the cadets identified weak in some areas of physical development. The physical training was aimed at systematic development of the body and mind. Specific exercises for physical toughening, flexibility and agility formed part of the curriculum. Classes in yoga were also conducted to improve flexibility, relaxation and coordination of body and mind.

The PTT also conducted training for troop games and individual events, with the aim of making every cadet proficient in at least one troop game during his training at NDA. A brief on activities of the Physical Training Team is given in succeeding paragraphs.

**INTER SQUADRON/ BATTALION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Athletics**

Inter Battalion Athletics competition Spring Term-15 was conducted from 14 Jan to 20 Jan 15. 35508/L/129 Cdt T J Sebehela was adjudged the Best Athlete of the meet. The overall Battalion position was as under:-

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Inter Bn Athletics Competition under Progress

Inter Bn Athletics Competition under Progress
Inter Squadron Cross Country Competition

Inter Squadron Cross Country Competition Spring Term -15 was held on 12 Feb 15. The race started from AFTT Runway (near ATC Tower end) and finished at Bombay Stadium covering a distance of 12.5 kms. ‘Quebec’ Squadron won the Gliders Trophy with an average of 13.4355 points. A total of 1563 Cadets from II to VI term participated in the run. The first three individual positions were as under:-

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Inter Sqn X-country in Progress

Cdt TJ Sebehela Receiving the Best Cdt Trophy in X Country

Inter Bn Tennis Championship

Inter Battalion Tennis Championship Spring Term 2015 was conducted from 06 Jan to 14 Feb 15. The matches were held amongst the players as per their seeding. The overall result was as follows:-

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List of Winners of Inter Bn Tennis ST-15

I Seed : Winner - 35757/B/130 Cdt N Soin
Runner Up - 35056/O/128 DCC R Sharma
II Seed :  
Winner - 35547/I/129 Cdt R Kumar  
Runner Up - 35639/O/129 Cdt A Pandey  
III Seed :  
Winner - 35467/B/129 Cdt B Aiyer  
Runner Up - 35462/I/129 Cdt V Yadav  

Inter Bn Cricket Competition ST 15

The Inter Battalion T20 Cricket Competition Spring Term 2015 was conducted from 22 Feb 15 to 05 Apr 15 at Bombay Stadium on 'Knock Out' basis. No 4 Bn was overall winner of the competition. The overall result was as follows:-

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List of Individual Medal Winners :-

(a) Best Batsman of Inter Bn T20 Cricket Competition ST- 15:-  
\[36014/B/130\] Cdt B Pandey  

(b) Best Bowler of Inter Bn T20 Cricket Competition, ST- 15:-  
\[35436/B/129\] Cdt K Bhatia  

(c) Best All Rounder of the Inter Bn T20 Cricket Competition ST 15:-  
\[36599/M/132\] Cdt I Khan
Inter Squadron Basketball Competition:
Inter Squadron Basketball competition was conducted from 22 Jan to 09 Feb 15, on three string basis. 'November' Squadron won the overall trophy with 1575 points.

Inter Squadron Volleyball Competition:
Inter Squadron Volleyball competition was conducted from 22 Jan to 10 Feb 15, on three string basis. 'Delta' Sqn won the overall trophy with 1565 points.
Novices Cross Country ST-15:

Novices Cross Country for I Term Cadets (133 Course), ST 15 was conducted on 29 Feb 15. The run started from AFTT at 0700h. The distance covered was 08 Kms. Along with this, Cross Country run of total distance of 12.5 Kms was also conducted for all those Cadets from IInd to Vth term who had not taken part and VIth term Cadets who had finished the race beyond VIth enclosure during Inter Sqn Cross Country Competition ST-15 conducted on 12 Feb 15. A total of 284 Cadets from I term and 172 Cadets from II to VI term participated in the run. The first 3 Positions of Novices X-Country Spring Term-15 were as follows:-

(a) 36745/R/133 Cdt Baba Saheb Patil - 28.57 Min
(b) 36922/F/133 Cdt Maikel - 31.09 Min
(c) 36913/J/133 Cdt M Salman - 31.29 Min

Inter Squadron Hockey Competition:

Inter Squadron Hockey Competition, Spring Term 2015 was conducted on five strings basis from 30 Mar to 20 Apr 15. Each Squadron fielded five teams consisting of 11 plus four players each. Vth Spring consisted purely of Ist term Cadets. 'I' Squadron emerged the overall winner of Inter Squadron Hockey Competition Spring Term-15 with 3195 points.
Novices Boxing:
Black & White Boxing demo for Cadets of 132 Course was held on 27 Apr 15. Novices Boxing, Spring Term 2015 for 132 Course and left over cadets of 131 Course was conducted from 28 Apr to 01 May 15.

Friendly T-20 Cricket and Tennis Matches between DSSC Student Offrs and NDA Academy Cricket Team

A friendly Cricket & Tennis teams between DSSC Student Officers and NDA Cricket and Tennis teams were conducted on 08 Jan 15 at Bombay Stadium and Academy Tennis court respectively at 1215 hrs onwards. The results were as follows:-

(a) Tennis Matches:—
   (i) Tennis (Doubles):— Two matches of doubles were played between DSSC and NDA Academy Tennis team. In one match NDA team won by 2-0 set and in the second match DSSC won by 2-0.
   (ii) Tennis (singles):— One match was played between DSSC and NDA in which DSSC team won by 3-1 set.

(b) Cricket T-20 Match:—

   In the friendly Cricket match played between NDA Academy Cricket team and DSSC team, NDA team won by 28 runs.

Festival Volleyball Match:

A Festival Volleyball match was played between the Officers of NDA and the Cadets of passing out course (128 Course) on 01 May 15. The match was won by Cadets of passing out course (128 Course) by (2-1) sets.

Festival Volleyball Match in Progress
Matches with Clubs/Teams:

Friendly matches were organized for Academy Teams to give exposure to the Cadets with the following:

(a) Army Institute of Physical Training  
(b) AF Stn, Lohegaon  
(c) BEG, Kirkee  
(d) Balawadi Club, Pune  
(e) Deccan Club  
(f) MLI Centre  
(g) CME, Pune

Participation in Sabhiki Cup 2015:

Sabhiki Cup 2015 was held at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun from 24 to 27 Mar 15. NDA stood overall runners up. The Results of overall standings and positions are as follows:

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The NDA teams put up a splendid performance during the Sabhiki Cup 2015. The NDA X-Country and Tennis teams emerged overall winners and Volleyball and Hockey teams were runners up. The NDA and IMA points tally after the events was equal with 38 points each. However, IMA won the overall trophy by virtue of winning two major games.

PT & Eqtn Display

A spectacular PT & Eqtn Display by the Cadets of this Academy was held in the impressive ambience of Bombay Stadium on 28 May 15. The cadets displayed physical strength, agility, coordination and flexibility at various stunts. The breath taking performance of the Karate and high horse teams were appreciated by one and all. The traditional Alvida jump performed for the Passing Out Cadets that drew curtains to the physical training activities for Spring Term 2015.
The JTT is exclusively responsible for training cadets on all aspects of jointmanship, leadership, personality development, ethics and values of services (Military Studies). By giving adequate exposure in the elements of warfare and allied subjects, JTT aims to imbibe and appreciate the functioning of each service, and by this to inculcate jointness among the three services thereby to enable the cadets to shoulder the responsibilities in a Joint Warfare environment.

Training Conducted by JTT in ST-15

During ST-15, JTT conducted the following training:

(a) **Military Studies.**

The 1st to VIth term cadets were taught Military Studies (MS) portion of the Joint Service Training Programme (JSTP) comprising 314 periods. The subjects taught were Introduction, Role and Org of Indian Armed Forces, Map Reading (MR), Service Writing, Weapon Trg, INSAS Firing, Military Law, International Humanitarian Law (IHL), Leadership and Personality Development topics, basic operations of each service and study of contemporary military campaign to extract and study the best leadership traits.

(b) **Orientation Capsule.**

The Orientation Capsule for 133 Course was conducted from 29 Dec 14 to 31 Jan 15. During the capsule, the cadets were:

(i) Familiarized with the conduct of training, locations of various offices and institutes/facilities of NDA campus.

(ii) Introduced to norms of three services and various policy matters governing their training at this Academy.

(iii) Given practical demonstration of first aid and familiarized with various clubs like Watermanship (Sailing, Kayaking, Rowing, Water Skiing, wind surfing) and Aero Sports Club (Aero-modelling, Flying, Paragliding, Parasailing, Skeet Shooting).

(iv) Initiated to ODT activities, which was scientifically planned from low physical exercises like walk, aerobics and slowly graduating to upper body exercises, swimming, running, drill etc. Physical training was conducted in a gradual and planned manner during the capsule.

(v) Shown various motivational movies on all three services and taken for a hike to Sinhgarh Fort.

(vi) Taught the relevance of 'IF' and NDA prayer.

(C) Following classes/lectures were conducted during the conduct of Orientation Capsule:

- History & Org of NDA
- Defence services as a career
- Honour Code
- Administrative instructions for cadets & Academy Standing Orders
- Turn out and paying of compliments
- PT, games and sports policy
- Daily Routine & Dress Code for cadets
- Customs and etiquette of service
- Training at NDA
- Discipline and punishment policy
- Academic Education Policy
- Mess Etiquette
- Coping with physical and mental stress at NDA
- Diet and Nutrition
- Discussion on relevance of 'IF' and NDA prayer
- Intro to Foreign Language
- Service Norms
- Personal Attributes
- Introduction, Psychometric test & Counseling
- Club activities
- Various classes on Intro to English Language
- Military Values

(d) **Military Grooming Capsule**

Military Grooming Capsule was conducted for the cadets of the passing out 128th Course (VI Term), with an aim to broaden the horizon of the trainees and to help them make a smoother transition from a cadet to an officer. In addition a DVD on the subjects has been prepared for handing over to the cadets for future reference. The following lectures, workshops and performance were conducted successfully during the term:

**Lectures undertaken by JTT Instructors**

- Military Courtesies
- Life at Finishing Academies
- Different Branches, Courses, Exams & Opportunities of Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Customs & Etiquettes
- Financial Management.
- Know your Men & Life of JCOs/ ORs
- Leadership
- Personal Grooming & Civil Dressing

**Outsourced Lectures & Workshops**

- Social Graces & Skills: Lecture on Social Graces & Skills was conducted by Flames Dance School, Pune on 23 & 24 Apr 15.

As part of the various training activities listed above, JTT conducted the following outdoor training visits/hikes/activities during ST-15:

(a) **Singarh Hike**

A Hike to Singarh Fort was organized on 10 Jan 15 as part of Orientation Capsule for I term Cadets. A total of 173 cadets from the I term trekked upto Sinhgarh top.

(b) **Practical MR classes for 133 Course**

Practical aspects of Map Reading were conducted for all 1st term cadets after adequate theory classes on the subject on 05 Mar 15 and 28 Apr 15.

(c) **MR Day Navigation Ex**

Day navigation exercises were conducted for the cadets of 132 Course on 27 Jan & 11 Feb 15 in general area of NDA. The aim was to acquaint the cdtts with point-to-point day Navigation.

(d) **Ni Navigation Ex**

Night navigation exercises were conducted to test night navigation skills of cadets of 130 courses on 10 & 25 Jan 15 and for 131 course on 28 Mar, 11 Apr & 18 Apr 15 in general area of NDA. The aim was to train the cadets in Point-to-Point Night Navigation.

(e) **Camp Greenhorn**

Camp Greenhorn was conducted by Joint Training Team for 132 Course from 18 Feb 15 – 21 Feb 15. A total of 345 Cdtts attended the camp. The focus of the camp was to develop MR Skills, Comn procedure and handling RT qpt and understanding camp routine and discipline.
(f) **Camp Rover**

Camp Rovers was conducted by Joint Training Team for 130 Course from 23 Feb 15 – 28 Feb 15. A total of 367 cadets attended the camp. Both the camps were conducted at general location of village Donje.

**Special Josh Run**

Special Josh Run was conducted on 25 Apr 15 for VI th & Vth term Cadets who had not completed Camp Rovers ST-15.

**Training Initiatives**

Following initiative towards improving the training were introduced during this term:

(a) In order to improve understanding and assimilation of the nuances of Map reading for 1st term cadets, theory classes were followed by practical trg at TT shed area. The cadets were split into smaller groups. They practiced the Map reading under the guidance of basic DS from Sqs.

(b) Lectures and Demo on GPS / Ropes & knots were introduced and practical GPS exercise was conducted.

(d) DS Solutions for Case Studies have been compiled and the same have been forwarded to Sqn for standardisation of the discussion on case studies in the Sqs.

(e) New campsite was selected to conduct Camp Greenhorn and Rovers to break the monotony & previous course knowledge. New and challenging routes were given to cadets for Navigation training.

**Conclusion**

The Joint Training Team had conducted all the training activities as per schedule during the ST-15. Based on regular feedback received from time to time changes have been incorporated in the syllabus. Adequate audio-visual aids were used for imparting training.
The challenge of Camp Rovers has been a matter of pride for every NDA Cadet. Camp Rovers is a roving camp for the cadets of the fourth term with an emphasis on night exercises. It entails long marches by night and taking shelter in bivouacs during the day. As the training objective is to maintain efficiency under stress and strain, sleepless nights are followed by days interspersed with lectures/demonstrations on camp related aspects, briefing/debriefing of exercises and preparation for the night exercises. For a teenager, the grueling five days at the camp are an extreme test of human endurance, grit and determination. The camp strengthens the bonds of camaraderie, ignites the spark of initiative and enhances the qualities of leadership, but, most importantly it instills a sense of confidence and faith in the cadets and their capabilities. No wonder, cadets view Camp Rovers as initiation rites of passage from boys to men.

Camp Rovers ST-15 was conducted by JTT in general area Donje Village, near Singhargh. A total of 300 Cadets from 130th course and senior term participated in the camp.

**Ex Approach March**

The camp commenced at 2100 hrs on 23 Feb 15 with an independent 12 kms Ni March from NDA to the campsite. The exercise was planned for gradual build up of endurance and to sensitize the Cadets to the rigors of the camp. With an aim to facilitate reliance on self and independent learning, Sqns were left as one entity at an interval of 10 mins each. This march over hilly terrain full of thick vegetation took almost 5-6 hrs to complete. All Sqns reached the Campsite by 0200 hrs on 24 Feb 15.

**Ex Bivouac Pitching**

On arrival at the Campsite, Ex Bivouac Pitching, ie occupation of the campsite commenced. Despite a long night march, the cadets got down to work with full zest. They pitched their bivouacs, dug snake trenches, established fire points and armory as laid down in the camp procedures. A high standard of camp occupation was on display by breakfast time on 24 Feb 15.
The day remained hectic with lectures demonstrations related to camp activities. A short one hour rest in the afternoon and preparation for Ex Mini Josh, a graded exercise, commenced.

**Ex Disha Gyan**

Ex Disha Gyan was the first independent point to point night navigation exercise. The distance was approx 12 kms. Being an Inter Sqn Competition, accurate navigation had to be complemented with speed at all stages of the exercise. The exercise commenced at 1900 hrs on 24 Feb 15. As night navigation proved to be a challenge to few Sqns, the Ex got extended to 0500 hrs on 25 Feb 15. Final activity was the individual assessment of Map Reading skills and Radio Telephony. The assessment validates the capabilities of each cadet and the grades are reflected in the Joint Service Training Programme (Military Studies) portion of his academic studies.

**Ex GPS Navigation**

Ex GPS Navigation was the first independent point to point night navigation exercise using GPS. The distance was approx 12 kms. The exercise commenced at 1900 hrs on 25 Feb 15.

**Camp Fire**

The Campfire was conducted on the evening of 26 Feb 15. It was an ideal opportunity for the cadets to relive the moments and share their experience with the instructional staff. The Offg Comdt commended the performance of the Cadets of 130th Course.
Camp Games

27 Feb 15 at the Camp was of fun and frolic - The Camp game. All Sqns competed with each other in Medical Stretcher Relay Race. Post game the cadets were geared up for the most prestigious event of Camp Rovers - the Josh Run.

Ex Josh Run

The Josh Run is the final test of endurance - a 25 kms long point to point march across a strenuous hilly terrain. The exercise commenced at 1900 hrs on 27 Feb 15 and finished at NDA by 1400 hrs on 28 Feb 15. Once they reached NDA they launched themselves for Ex Firing and Obstacle Course that involved crossing a series of manmade obstacles and finally reaching the firing range, where they fired at the ultimate objective with remarkable accuracy.

Conclusion

During Camp Rovers ST-15 the involvement, zeal and enthusiasm of all cadets and DS was found to be at its zenith. Cadets participated in all the exercise and activities with high spirits and motivation and displayed a positive competitive attitude. They really developed a strong bond of togetherness among each other and carried the same at all times. The Comdt commended the performance of the cadets of 130th Course and gave away the prizes to the winners. 'R' Sqn was the overall Rovers Champ and were awarded the Camp Rovers Plaque ST-15.
CAMP GREENHORN

The young Greenhorns of the 132 Course, who were anxiously waiting for their birth into the Academy since their first term, participated in the Camp Greenhorn, conducted by Joint Training Team. Their means of transformation from a teenager to a cadet is routed through the four days of camaraderie among themselves during Camp Greenhorn. The camp for the 132th Course was conducted from 18 Feb 15 to 21 Feb 15, in the general area Donje Village, Near Singharh. Undergoing the camp, which is a keenly contested trg activity, is a matter of great pride for the young cadets.

The aim of the camp was to develop and instill qualities of leadership, esprit de corps and camaraderie. Imparting basic knowledge of Map reading to all the cadets against the usual practice of just the designated 'Map readers', learning map reading, was the main thrust point of the camp. The focus areas of the camp were as follows:

- Development of Map Reading skills
- Communication procedure and handling of RT eqpt
- Camp layout, discipline and hygiene
- Handling of combat clothing, store and controlled store
- Physical endurance and stamina building

A total of 278 cadets attended the Camp. The camp included various trg and endurance activities for the cadets. The various events conducted as competition and as trg activity, during the Camp are as below.

**Ex Approach March**

Approach March was conducted on 18 Feb 15 with Sqn DS accompanying the cadets. The Sqn was left as a single entity from NDA and were required to navigate through 04 x CPs using Map and Compass. The ex aimed to gradually build up navigation skills in cadets in an unknown territory. The cadets were allowed to make mistakes during the course and DS were monitoring the same while giving lessons enroute. The Ex commenced at 0800 h on 18 Feb 15 from NDA and each Sqn covered a distance of 10-12 Kms before reaching the camp site at 1230h.

**Ex Tent pitching**

(a) The cadets reached the campsite after a long & exhausting approach March and were allocated space for setting up of their tents as a part of the exercise. Equal spaces were allocated to each
squadron for symmetry. Their ample enthusiasm was visible in rigging up the tent in most military manner.

(b) In addition to the pitching of tents, the squadrons were also assessed on the following:

(i) General hygiene
(ii) Establishment of fire points
(iii) Water points
(iv) Standard of snake and drain trenches in their area

**Ex Mini Josh**

The Day Navigation Ex commenced at 0630 hr on 19 Feb 15. The preparation of ex started a day prior where all the map readers were brushing up their skills on MR and prepared to give a tough fight to each other. For the conduct of the ex, all squadrons were divided into two groups each competing two different routes. This was initiated so as to give more number of Cdts chance to carry out map reading. Basic DS manned the individual check points. Cadets were given Map and Compass for this Ex. The route had 4 CPs excluding SP and FP and cadets covered a distance of approximately 15 Kms.

**Ex MR Test**

All Squadrons, under different DS were taken for this test around the camp site. A question paper was prepared centrally by JTT and the test was conducted centrally for whole course. The map reading skills of the cadets were tested by conducting the test (Map to ground, ground to map and finding own position). At the end of the exercise the weak cadets were taught map reading with special emphasis on their problem areas.
Camp Games

To give a welcome break from the tough life & tactics during the camp, camp game was conducted. 'Medical Strecher Relay Race' was organized during Camp game to instil the qualities of esprit – de-Corps and endurance. It was a keenly contested event, wherein ample josh and skills were displayed by cadets.

Campfire

The Campfire was conducted on 20 Feb 15 at the camp site. The cadets actively participated in the entertainment programme and showcased their hidden talents. The camp fire was witnessed by the Comdt who interacted with the cadets and motivated them. The young greenhorns had transformed the quiet and serene camp area into an electric atmosphere.

Ex Josh Run

The ultimate aim of each cadet is to fight and win the JOSH RUN. For them it is a matter of great pride and their josh was evident by the huge and loud war cries that each sqn demonstrated prior to the Josh Run. The exercise Josh Run commenced at 0600 hrs on 21 Feb 15. The route was approximately 18 Kms long with five Check points excluding SP and FP. The josh run started from interim camp site and finished at the Bombay Stadium on the afternoon of 21 Feb 15. All sqns displayed high std of josh, stamina and enthusiasm in competing against each other.

Conclusion

During Camp Greenhorn ST-15 the involvement and enthusiasm of all cadets and DS was found to be at its acme. Cadets participated in all the exercises and activities with high spirits and motivation. There were no major casualties barring few minor cases. 'M' Sqn was the overall Green Horn Champ and were awarded the Camp Green Horn Plaque ST-15.
Camp Torna for Spring Term 2015 was conducted by the Army Training Team on the Southern foothills of Sinhagad Fort, an inspiring and imposing bastion of Shivaji’s conquest. This majestic fort was witness to the metamorphosis of 128 Course Army cadets into proficient Section and Platoon Commanders. The location was in proximity of Villages Mangdari and Nigade, located approx fifty five kilometres from the Academy.

Camp Torna is a tri-service Camp in which all sixth term cadets of 128 Course underwent Army training ranging from seven to ten days, depending on service. The Camp was conducted in two phases at NDA and in general area Mangdari – Nigade respectively. Phase One was conducted on 25 Apr 15 in which Army cadets were given practice in setting of platoon and section defences and verbal orders while Phase Two commenced on 04 May 15 with induction of 304 Army cadets into the exercise area. 62 Air Force and 48 Naval cdts subsequently joined the Camp on their return from Ex Garuda and Ex Varuna respectively.

Camp Torna is designed as a two sided semi-controlled tactical exercise and accordingly, the course was divided into two sides, each depicting two companies each of opposing forces, deployed in semi- hilly terrain and separated by a two km wide No Man’s Land. Each cadet was given the opportunity to command an Infantry Section in atleast one of numerous tactical exercises conducted during the Camp.

Each day in the Camp commenced with ‘Stand To’ at the first light. The forenoons were devoted to operational discussions whereas the afternoons saw the cadets giving out verbal orders and carrying out rehearsals for patrols and ambushes. During the night, cdts carried out patrolling and ambush and imbibed the concept of aggressiveness in defence. They were assessed in detail for their performance in various exercises and drills by the Army Training Team and the Directing Staff.
Lecture and Demonstration on Attack in Platoon Rods

Demonstration on Snakes Handling

Finishing of the Josh Run

Cadets Negotiating the Obstacle Course after Josh Run

Commandant being Briefed by a Cadet Section Commander

Deputy Commandant & Chief Instructor Witnessing Demonstration on Attack
The Education Branch is the largest branch in the academy and caters to nearly 70% training of the cadets. It has constantly updated itself with the changing patterns of the academics. The academy is recognized by the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for the award of degrees. Presently a completely revised up-to-date syllabus in BSc and BSc (Computer Science), BA is in place for the under-graduate cadets. The NDA has complete autonomy in the registration, allotment of streams, monitoring their academic progress, and conducting tests and examinations.

The iconic status of NDA and its trainee cadets is because of the rigorous regimen of the training towards achieving the required standard for the three services of the Armed Forces. The regular classroom teaching by faculty members of the Academic Branch culminates in the end of term Semester Examination, after which the result is prepared, compiled and declared. The degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) is conferred on the cadets of the Passing Out Course. The Academic Branch is also involved in the conduct of extra-curricular activities such as Quiz Completion, English and Hindi Debates and other Club Activities.
ACADEMIC AUDIT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY (NDA)

As per the provision of JNU ordinances, the Vice-Chancellor instituted a committee to conduct the Academic audit of NDA. Accordingly, the following committee members visited NDA from 27 -28 Feb 2015 to inspect the Academic standards:
(a) Dr Anuradha Banerjee, CSRDSSS, JNU
(b) Prof Kandaswamy Subramanian, IUCAA, Pune.
(c) Prof Bupinder Zutshi, Controller of Examination, JNU.

During the ensuring period the committee inspected all twelve academic departments and Training Teams. The members looked into the examination evaluation systems, laboratories, building equipments, infrastructure, teaching methodology to mention a few. The committee members interacted with faculty members and with the cadets of 'D' Sqn and that of 'J' Sqn.
The assessment done by the JNU team reflected the following:

(a) Teacher-Student ratio was found to be highly satisfactory
(b) Course Curriculum reflected academic rigour
(c) Laboratory facilities were found to be excellent
(d) Educational resources were highly adequate, well maintained and in excellent condition.
(e) Evaluation methodology followed JNU system. The continuous evaluation recently inducted was found to be highly beneficial to the cadets.

Finally, the Committee also found that NDA has an Academic Committee in tune with other JNU recognized Defence Institutes, and regular visits and interaction with the University is maintained.

Nevertheless, in order to further streamline the things, a few specific recommendations have been made by the ibid committee. Necessary action as deemed appropriate has been initiated on the subject.

VISIT OF THE PRINCIPAL TO THE INDIAN NAVAL ACADEMY, EZHIMALA (17-20 JUN 15)

Prof OP Shukla, Principal, NDA visited the INA from 17 - 20 Jun 15 along with a team of officers viz Lt Cdr P Chauhan, OIC NKN, Dr SS Jambhorkar, OIC Result and Dr LC Nand OIC Exam.

During the visit effective deliberations were held with the INA higher authorities. The focus of the discussion was upon exploring the feasibility for introduction of B Tech degree to Naval Cadets undergoing training of NDA. Further, the positioning and the utility of National Knowledge Network (NKN) for cadet activities was also deliberated upon for benefit of trainers and trainees.
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

10 Jan 2015: Dr Vinay Deep, Vice Principal, delivered a talk as a resource person at the One Day Workshop on “Language Skills for Job Opportunities” held at Mahatma Phule Mahavidyalaya, Pune, affiliated to Savitribai Phule Pune University.

- 20 Jan 2015: was the Keynote Speaker at the National Seminar on “Re-thinking Diaspora” held at Abasaheb Garware College, University of Pune.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

- 15-17 Dec 2014: Shri BY Waghmare, Associate Professor, participated in 33rd Annual Conference of ICC (Metal complexes of chiral Schiffs base ligands and their application for stereoselective Henry (Nitroaldol) reaction) at Department of Chemistry, Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad (Jharkhand).

- 23-25 Dec 2014: Dr BK Mehta, Assistant Professor, presented a research paper in 6th Bihar Science Conference 2014: An International Conference on Science & Technology at Magadh Mahila College, Patna University, Patna, Bihar.

- 28 Feb 2015: Dr SN Rao Pasupuleti, Assistant Professor, delivered a talk in the workshop entitled “Innovation in Emerging Science & Technology” at Sangamner Nagarpalika Arts, D.J. Malpani Commerce & B.N. Sarada Science College, Sangamner, Ahmednagar (Dist), sponsored by Savitribai Phule University, Student Welfare Association.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

- 23-24 Jan 2015: Dr Chitra Ganesh Desai, Professor and HoD, delivered Keynote address on “Cryptography: Research Perspective”, at Marathwada Institute of Technology, Aurangabad-231010.

  - 14-15 Feb 2015: Delivered a talk on “Cyber Security and Cyber Crime” at Marathwada Institute of Technology, Aurangabad


- 28 Feb-28 Mar 2015: Shri Rajesh Doss, Assistant Professor, attended Refresher Course in Computer Science organised by UGC- Academic Staff College, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli.

  - Published a research paper “Application of Knowledge Management in Social Networking” in International journal Advanced Research in Computer Science and Software Engineering (IJARCSSE) Volume 4, Issue 11, Nov. 2014.

- 13 Feb 2015: Dr SS Jambhorkar, Assistant Professor, acted as External Examiner for Ph.D Final Viva-Voce at Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati.

  - 10 Mar 2015: Attended a workshop and also invited as a Keynote Speaker at Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

- **08-10 Jan 2015**: Dr Johny T. Abraham, Associate Professor, presented a paper on “X Ray Diffraction & Allied Techniques in Forensic Examination of Metal Samples” in the National Conf on Atomic Physics, Molecular Physics, X Ray Crystallography at Vijaya College, Bangalore.

- **04-06 Feb 2015**: Dr KK Choudhary, Associate Professor, presented a paper at SRM University Chennai titled “Spin Fluctuation Effect on Electrical Resistivity of LaCaMnO Manganite Nano particles”.
  
  09-11 Mar 2015: Presented a paper on “Development of Laboratory Scale Fusion Grade Tungsten Coatings for Target and First Wall Components of Fusion Reactors” at School of Studies in Physics, Vikram University, Ujjain, India.

- **11 Feb-03 Mar 2015**: Shri PD Bhandakkar, Assistant Professor, participated in Refresher Course in IT Applications at Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.

- **07-27 Jan 2015**: Dr Ashwani Kumar, Assistant Professor, Attended Refresher Course in Physics (MD) at UGC – ASC, Sambalpur University, Odisha.

- **09-11 Feb 2015**: Dr Prasun Ganguly, Assistant Professor, attended 26th Annual General Meeting of Materials Research Society of India (MRSI) & presented a paper on “Multiferroicity in Liquid Crystals” held at University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

  
  Published a research article titled “Theoretical calculations of structural, electronic, optical, elastic and thermal properties of YX3 (X = In, Sn, Tl, Pb) compounds based on density functional theory” Journal of Material Science 50 (2015) 542-554 (Springer Publication) (Impact factor : 2.305).

  Participated and presented a research paper titled as “Electronic and Optical properties of RESn5 (RE = Pr & Nd) Intermetallics : A First Principles Study” in 59” DAE SSPS 2014 sponsored by Department of Atomic Energy & BRNS, BAARC, Mumbai held at VIT University, Vellore Tamilnadu during 16-20, Dec 2014.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- **19-20 Feb 2015**: Dr Shibu Simon, Professor and HoD, acted as judge in a Debate Competition at Army Institute of Technology (AIT), Dighi Hills, Pune

  22-25 Jan 2015: Presented paper in an International Conference at Nagpur on “Interconnection between Education and Technology in ICT”.

- **09-14 Mar 2015**: Dr Nishamani Kar, Associate Professor, delivered a talk on “Personality Development through Soft/Communication Skills” and attended the pre-submission PhD viva-voce at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar in a Seminar at Govt Autonomous College, Angul, Odisha.

- **13-14 Feb 2015**: Dr SK Pandey, Assistant Professor, presented a paper titled “The Recurring Archetypes of Woman as Marginalized” in the International Conference at YM College, Pune.
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

- **26-27 Feb 2015**: Dr Chandrashekhar Aronkar, Associate Professor and HoD, presented a research paper in absentia during International conference on “A Comparative Study of Customer Perception Towards Traditional Marketing and e-marketing in the City of Jabalpur” at Tirpude Institute of Management Education, Nagpur.

- **06-07 Mar 2015**: Dr (Mrs) Thangamani, Associate Professor, paper presentation in absentia at National Seminar on “Problems and Issues in Implementing Poverty Eradication Programme in Tribal Areas: A Case Study” on 06 and 07 Mar 2015 at PG & Research Centre of Economics, Vivekananda College of Kanyakumari District, Tamil Nadu.

- **Feb 2015**: Shri Sreenath U, Assistant Professor, contributed a paper titled “Does Increased Financial Status Bring Better Social Status: A case of Nurses and Air-Hostess” in the conference proceedings titled, “Gender Economics”, brought out by the PG Dept of Economics, PM Government College, Kerala.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- **28 Mar 2015**: Dr MV Bade, Associate Professor and HoD, attended and presented a paper “Element of Drama in Chekov’s Short Stories and its Application in Russian class” at National Seminar in Russian Dept of University of Mumbai.

- **12-15 Mar 2015**: Dr Indira Advani, Associate Professor, was examiner for the DELF – DALF exams, on 12 Mar 15, invited by the Alliance Francaise, Pune.

- **16-17 Dec 2015**: Dr AK Upadhyay, Assistant Professor, attended and presented a paper entitled “Language and Culture – A Sociolinguistic Perspective” UGC Sponsored National Conference on Role of Language and Culture in Society, Marathwada University Aurangabad.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

- **13 Dec 2014**: Dr Ashok A Devikar, Professor and HoD, delivered the Guest Talk on invitation in Chatrapati Shivaji College, Shirigonda.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

- **01 Dec 2014-28 Feb 2015**: Dr Harihar Panda, Professor and HoD, collected data for Post Doctoral research work from several places in Koraput, Rayagaraha, Ganjam, Gajapati, Khurda and Nayagarah districts of Odisha and Sompeta, Ichhapur and some adjoining places of Andhra Pradesh. Also consulted the State Library, Museum, Libraries of Utkal University, Berhampur University, Sri Jagannath Sanskrit University and Ravenshaw University for his D. Litt topic “History of the Origin and Growth of Saivism in South Odisha”.

- **31 Jan-01 Feb 2015**: Dr Suryakant Nath, Associate Professor, attended 36th Annual Session Odisha History Congress at Kendrapara Autonomous College, Kendrapara.
27 Feb-01 Mar 2015: Dr Manbendu Pathak, Associate Professor, participated and presented a research paper “Ghadar Party and its Impact on Indian National Movement” in the Punjab History Conference (47th Session) at Punjabi University, Patiala.

10-12 Mar 2015: Dr Rajeev Bargoti, Associate Professor, attended a seminar on the theme of “Transitions in Indian History” at Savitribai Phule Pune University.

27 Feb-01 Mar 2015: Dr Pankaj Sharma, Assistant Professor, participated and presented research paper “The Psychological and Physical Relevance of Elephants in light of the Shifting Contours of Ancient and Mediaeval Warfare of North Western India” in the Punjab History Conference (47th Session) at Punjabi University, Patiala.

20-22 Feb 2015: Mr GSV Prasad, Assistant Professor, Attended Seminar titled “Nizam & British Relations” in Kakatiya University, Warangal, Telangana.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

22-24 Jan 2015: Dr BK Barnwal, Associate Professor, attended and presented a paper “Re-Examination of Indian Princely State Formations and Analytical Frame work” at the Inter-Disciplinary International Conference on the theme Colonial Ideology and Princely States in India at Abasaheb Garware College, Pune.

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

27-28 Feb 2015: Dr AK Sahu, Associate Professor and HoD, attended and presented a paper on “Hindi Katha Sahitya Mein Stree Vimarsh” at Poona College, Pune.


04 Feb-04 Mar 2015: Dr AK Pandey, Assistant Professor, attended four weeks Orientation Course at UGC Academic Staff College, JMI, New Delhi.

♦ 18-19 Mar 2015: Attended and presented a paper on “Classical Hindi Short Stories” at Mamasahab Mohol College at Kothrud Pune.

27 Jan-02 Feb 2015: Smt. Uma D Sanhotra, Assistant Professor, attended Short Term Course in Hindi held at Dept of Hindi, Savitribai Phule University, Pune.

DEPARTEMENT OF MATHEMATICS

02-04 Jan 2015: Shri HR Pawar, Assistant Professor, attended a National Conference on Number Theory and Modular Forms held at Department of Mathematics, Savitribai Phule, Pune University, Pune


02-03 Jan 2015: Dr Mohammad Ahmad, Assistant Professor, attended International Conference on Algebraic Number Theory and Modular Forms and presented Research paper entitled “Characteristic Properties of Bilateral Mock Theta Functions of Order Nine” at the Department of Mathematics Savitribai Phule, Pune University.
Address by

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru
Prime Minister of India

[At the Passing-Out Parade of Naval Cadets of the Eighth Course and Air Force Cadets of the Tenth Course, National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, on the 5th of June 1955.][English Translation]

Young men,

Five years ago I came here to lay the foundation stone of the Academy buildings. I come again now after a span of years and find a new picture. Many dreams which we dreamt then have now taken concrete shape. I am glad I have had an opportunity of seeing your youthful faces, your training and your work. I am impressed with the type of young men who come to this place from different parts of the country and with what the Academy makes of them.

This place and these hills around us have seen many important events in our history. Today they are witnessing a new chapter in India's history. Historians write history but history is made not by their pens but by our labour. Nations have been made by hard work and sacrifices. These hills around us and many other parts of India bear witness to this truth. In our great country a time has now come when we have not only to listen and watch but also to act, because in the history of every country there comes a time of vigorous advance and quick progress, and those who can catch up with it, progress where others lag. In our country too we made notable progress in the past; but then we stopped, with the result that other countries went ahead and we were left behind. Now again a stage has come when we should rapidly advance and the responsibility for that devolves not upon a few individuals but upon all the people of India. The great burden falls especially on young men who have acquired training and skill in the use of their brains as well as their hands, because in the final analysis the progress of a country depends on such trained people.

You have done a part of your training here and you are going to other institutions to complete that training. It is only proper, because the more you learn and strengthen yourselves, the more, skill and ability you will have to serve your country. Our country needs strong and skilled men because we are faced with formidable tasks. We are determined that our country will not lag behind in the march of nations. We must make haste in what we do, for we do not have a hundred years to accomplish our mission.

We have no enmity towards any nation; we are friendly to all. But that does not mean that we should become careless and lazy and forget the old lesson that a nation which does not perform its duties becomes weak. Countries must always be vigilant and alert. In the past we became narrow
minded and thought that we were superior to others, whereas in reality we had fallen. No country
can advance like that. We should keep our minds open and receptive to fresh ideas, so that with their
help we can strengthen ourselves and advance.

The present time in our country calls for vigorous action and lucky are the people who are
born in this age when such great tasks await to be accomplished. Specially lucky are the young boys
and girls of India who have witnessed the changing face of their country and have wonderful
horizons before them. We have seen the time when India was under British Imperialism. We have
also seen the end of that Imperialism and the dawn of our freedom. It was a great event in our history,
nay, in the history of the world. But now another and a bigger task awaits us. We have to achieve
another independence, so that our masses are emancipated from the evils of poverty and
unemployment. This is a sterner fight, not against any individual or country, but against our own
weakness; and we must fight it out. It is to be a great struggle and the slightest and the slightest
negligence on our part will throw us back, because the world is advancing at a tremendous speed. So
we have always to be prepared.

We must always remember that our great nation can advance only if we are united. We have
many big states, religions and communities, but they will all weaken themselves if they forget that
their progress depends upon unity and cooperation. Our Army, our Navy and our Air Force draw	heir men from all parts of the country, and are a symbol of our unity and homogeneity. I wish all of
us could imbibe that spirit. Unfortunately there are still people in our country who are parochial and
narrow minded. They forget that India is one and speak for their village, their state or their
community. They come forth with different flags, forgetting that we have only one flag and that is the
flag of our nation not of any village, state or community. We honors the one and only flag of India. We
have no other flag. Those who assemble under different flags cut themselves off from the rest of India
and forget that we have a common heritage which is ours whether we live in the North, East, West or
South. The whole country, from the Himalayas to Cape Comorin, is ours. If we owe allegiance only to
a small part, we lose that greater heritage. Each one of us has to learn this lesson and learn it is so
thoroughly that we may never lose sight of it.

We worked for the freedom of our country and we have attained it. India is now a free and
independent country that commands respect in the world. We are all citizens of that India and have
one Administration, one Constitution and one Parliament. There is much more that we have in
common; for example, our Armed Forces. But we have to go a step further. We should have unity of
hearts, irrespective of our state. Religions or community. If we do that, we shall be so strong that
none can shake us.

Perhaps you know that within a few hours I am going out of the country. I shall be visiting
many foreign countries. There is no specific task, but it is important all the same. I am carrying with
me a country, for this is what our country stands for. Our president too has given me his blessings
and asked me to carry stands for. Our President too has given me his blessings and asked me to
carry this message to other lands. I will do it with pleasure and as I go, a picture of these hills that
have seen so much of India's history will constantly remain in my mind. And with that will also
remain a picture of these trained, smart and active young men who are standing before me and who,
I vow, are capable of facing all odds in fulfilling all tasks.

Jai Hind.
Chinook In The North Sea

(A memoir looked back as a third person)

We say that the hour of death cannot be forecast, but when we say this we imagine that hour as placed in an obscure and distant future. It never occurs to us that it has any connection with the day already begun or that death could arrive this same afternoon, this afternoon which is so certain and which has every hour filled in advance. -Marcel Proust

It is excusable if you thought the Chinook was a warm wind that blew over the Canadian prairie, melting snows and raising temperatures. After all, that was what we learnt in geography at school, and few, if any of us, have had occasion to add another ‘Chinook’ to our vocabulary. But Boeing has been making a helicopter called the Chinook since about 1962. In fact, the Chinook-47 is perhaps unlike any helicopter you may have encountered either in real life or the movies, because it can carry up to 47 persons on board.

And for all but two of the 47 unsuspecting people who boarded the British Airways Chinook 234 on the beautiful morning of 6th November 1986, the hour of death was not in ‘an obscure and distant future’, but a scant four hours away. The two people whose survival was nothing short of miraculous were Pushp K. Vaid VrC, and a 20-year old passenger Eric Morrans. Even today, when he recounts the horrific accident, there is amazement in PushpVaid's voice that he lives to tell the tale.

Pushp Vaid was born in 1941, in what was later Pakistan. His family migrated to Delhi during the partition. He joined the Indian Air Force in 1963 as helicopter pilot, served for eleven years and was awarded the Vir Chakra in 1971 for his service in the Bangladesh War. In 1974 he migrated to the United Kingdom, where the helicopter industry was set to mushroom. He joined British Airways 9 months later and flew with them until 1993.

In November 1986, he survived the worst ever helicopter accident in civil aviation history. At the time, British Airways operated 6 Chinook helicopters for Shell, ferrying company personnel to and from oil rigs on the North Sea. Aberdeen, Scotland, was the oil city of the UK, with a lot of big oil companies based there and about 50-60 helicopters, along with the biggest heliport in the world. The Chinook 234 is large, about 2700 pounds, with a 21,000 pound payload capacity. It is like an airliner, with headroom, luggage racks, a toilet, and inflight service! Helicopter pilots struggle with
small payloads and limited fuel capacity; the Chinook was a helicopter pilot’s dream – it could always carry the full 47-person contingent, enough fuel for over 6 hours of flying and it had very powerful twin engines. Even after the nightmare that the 1986 flight turned out to be, Pushp Vaid maintains that the Chinook will always be the best helicopter he has ever flown – and that is weighty testimonial from a pilot with 45 years and 17500 hours of helicopter flying behind him.

The Monday before the accident, Pushp had taken one of the Chinooks to Sumburgh, Shetland Island. He would operate out of Sumburgh for five days, heading back to Aberdeen on Friday evening. There were 02 sets of crews, one for the two morning flights to East Shetland Basin and one for the single afternoon flight. As they say, when someone’s time is up, the whole universe unwittingly conspires to make it happen. First Officer Neville Nixon, who died in the accident, was not even supposed to be on the ill-fated flight. He had been allotted afternoon duty, but swapped with the morning crew since he was totting up flying hours, having been off flying for a year. Nixon was at the controls on the return trip, leaning forward a little in his seat rather than resting against its back. Nixon was killed by whiplash while Vaid, next to him, survived. Yet another bizarre twist of fate directed events that day. The original flight schedule was two stops – oilfields Brent Bravo and Brent Delta, and then back to Sumburgh. But Brent Alpha was unexpectedly included in the outgoing schedule, adding ten minutes to the flying time. The accident, which occurred a couple of minutes short of landing, would have caused no fatalities under the original schedule.

The outbound trip was uneventful, with not the slightest portent of what lay ahead. When Nixon took over for the return trip at 1043, the weather was sunny and clear. They quickly climbed to 2500 feet and switched to auto-pilot, chatting meanwhile of inconsequential things. After about an hour of flying they began the descent to 1000 feet, and then continued descending to 500 feet. Pushp Vaid contacted the company to give them the ‘two minutes from landing’ intimation which was routine. When they were 3.5 nautical miles from the runway, a whining noise became audible in the cockpit. It didn’t sound dangerous and didn’t worry the pilots. They were coming in to land; they would get it checked as soon as they landed. The noise was getting louder though and they wondered where it was coming from. Just then, the steward entered the cockpit to inform them that the passengers were strapped in and ready for landing. He immediately realised the noise was coming from above where he stood. That was the gearbox. They were now roughly 300 feet above the water, speed was reducing to below 100 knots and they were cleared by the control tower to land. The steward went out, closing the door behind him; instantaneously there was an “almighty bang”, and all of a sudden, Pushp Vaid was looking “straight up at the sky”.

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The whining noise had actually been the front gear (Spiral Bevel Ring Gear) breaking up. Once the gear broke, the front rotor began decelerating and it was only a matter of time before the two rotors, which intermesh as they counter rotate, collided, making a loud bang. The rear rotor and gear box broke away and fell into the sea, causing the rear of the helicopter to drop down (the two rotors worked together to keep the body level) while the nose pitched up. The speed went from 100 knots to zero, causing whiplash. Half the passengers and Nixon probably died on the spot. When they retrieved Nixon’s body from the bottom of the sea there were no other injuries on it apart from a broken neck.

The helicopter was now falling apart and dropping backwards into the sea like a stone. Pushp Vaid grabbed the cyclic control and pushed it all the way forward to level the helicopter, but only the front rotor responded; the rear rotor was gone. This flipped the cockpit section of the helicopter over so that the front and rear sections were now only attached at the floor, like a hinge. They were diving head first into the sea. The front rotor had broken part of the windscreen and debris was flying into the cockpit. There were cuts and bruises on Pushp Vaid’s face, but no damage to his eyes or ears. When they hit the water, the rear end of the helicopter took the impact, and all the remaining passengers, save one, died of it. Eric Morrans, who was in the first row, sitting facing the rest of the passengers, had zipped up his survivor suit when he heard the bang. He lost consciousness under water. Air trapped in his suit shot him out of the water like a football.

Meanwhile, Pushp Vaid swam towards sunlight and surfaced. He was alive, and coherent, in his own words, “Not for a moment did I think that anybody was going to die!” But bodies started popping up all around him. He realised there were casualties but still didn’t guess at their magnitude. He held on to what appeared to be a piece of the fuel tank and floated. His survival suit, which he had had no time to zip up, was full of water. The temperature of the water was about 7-8 degrees centigrade.

Luckily for Morrans and Vaid, the Coast Guard helicopter had just taken off for emergency training and the crew saw the debris in the sea. In fact, the guardian angel worked overtime for Morrans and Vaid that day. Morrans came to for a few seconds on surfacing right next to an inflated dinghy. He wrapped the rope of the dinghy around his wrist before passing out again. Vaid has no recollection of undoing his seat belts – they were found intact later, save one, which had broken – but he still managed to get free and make his way up.

They were winched up by the rescue helicopter, whose training mission had morphed into an actual emergency. As the coast guard searched for more survivors, Vaid and Morrans began to droop with hypothermia. When they reached the hospital at Lerwick, Vaid’s body temperature had fallen to 32 degrees; another few minutes would have spelled death for him. They cut open the clothes of the survivors and wrapped them in tin foil. Vaid, his eyes still closed, heard a voice talking to him in Hindi, and wondered if he “had reached heaven”... by a strange coincidence the doctor to treat him was a fellow Indian. Apart from his brush with hypothermia, and a few cuts and bruises, Vaid had no injuries. The whiplash had only caused him a painful jerk. While the rear of the helicopter had taken all the impact, the cockpit had gone into the water as if from a 10 foot high diving board. A month later, when Vaid's wife insisted to him that his nose was crooked, the doctors found he had broken it; he had no recollection of the injury.

The mechanical failure that caused the gear box break was a one in a million chance. That it resulted in so many fatalities was a terrible orchestration of events. The Chinook was withdrawn from civil operation, though it is still popularly used in the military. Friends advised Vaid not to go back to flying. After all, the company would pension him off comfortably. But Vaid knew “money wouldn’t fill the hours”. Flying was all he had ever wanted to do. By February, he was ready to fly again. The company insisted on psychiatric checks however, and he resumed flying in April. He was 45 when the accident happened, and flew for another 20 years before retiring.
Creative Section
Mercenaries: Soldiers of Fortune

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Anyone who joins a combat unit in any army is indoctrinated to think they are the best. Combat soldiers exist only to see action. After being on adrenaline high during their times in uniform, it is impossible for some to switch back into retired life. For such men it becomes an extremely tempting option to operate as mercenaries for a specific army of any country or organization. They are always filled with a strong desire to lead a life full of adventure and thrill. On the other hand, some are hired for huge sums of money. They find it as a feasible incentive in exchange of their skills and experience as combatants.

Mercenaries are broadly divided into four categories:

1. Firstly, the soldiers who legally enlist with a regular armed force and official or government sponsored troops with support of their own government. For example, the Nepalese Gurkhas who serve the British Army.

2. Secondly, some forces are involved in some 'covert operations' and have to clear out a discreet task in any other country without much fuss. Then they turn to mercenaries or so called "private security consultants".

3. Thirdly, some are freelance contractors who will fight for anyone without caring about the right or wrong consequences of their action if the price is right. They work for governments, rebel groups, large MNCs etc.

4. Fourthly, some are volunteers, individuals who fight in foreign wars for personal and ideological reasons rather than money.

The Geneva Convention does not cover mercenaries and that is why they are executed on capture. Article 47 outlaws mercenary soldiers if they are motivated to gain and are paid more than local combatants are. Once captured they are left to the will of their captors as they do not differentiate between the soldiers of the rebel army.

This poses a great threat to their lives. In spite of knowing the consequences, they are ready to risk their lives for the sake of fulfilling their adventure spirit or in other cases serving their armies.

The weapons most popular among these soldiers are AK 47/74, M16, FN FAL, Heckler&Koch MP5, Dragunov and Zastava M76. Such lethal weapons have the ability to devastate the enemy armies to the worst state possible.

Finally, mercenary soldiers are indispensable as a part of any army. Their role in modern warfare has become predominant and their demand continues to grow in today's scenario.
Soldier's Best Friend

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It was hot in the desert
High in the sky was the sun
Covered in sweat and dirt
Stood the soldier with his gun

This time his friends were dead
He was tired, scared and done
The only assurance was
That in his hand he still had his gun

He was now moving fast
Wondering if he was the only one
Not knowing it was his last minute
With his beloved gun
When the bullet hit his heart
His soul was free to run
On his body they found his card
And in his hand his empty gun.

The Wait

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After a long wait,
Again
At our Home's gate
Done
With the daring Rovers
So one more term
Over
Covering every single tile
Of
My squadron's corridor
Enjoying comfort of a home
Without
Sound of fire
Nor any dong or siren near
Home's holiday & choice
Hard for another to understand
The feel of holiday & home
After hard training years
The Battle of Waterloo

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War and Peace by Michael Howard gave me an interesting insight into the "Battle of Waterloo". The Battle of Waterloo is undoubtedly one of the most interesting events of modern times, but the account of all its details are not much known to the public. Germans, British, Russians all have made their own fascinating stories to derive morale for their next generation of men. Europe has been torn by revolutionary turmoil and war for over a century. Its political institutions had been overthrown.

On 1st March 1915, Napoleon Bonaparte had again landed in France and without firing even a single bullet had rebuilt his regime, which had troubled all Europe. Leaders of Great Britain, Russia, Prussia and Austrian Empire had come to a consensus that they must have at least 150,000 men in the field if Napoleon was to be overthrown.

However, the assembling of men was no easy task as they all had their own issues to be taken care of. That time British had 31,253 troops, Wellington had 93,717 men but Austrian Empire had mustered 344000 troops while Germans had 200,000 men.

These are awe-inspiring figures and with the force of such numbers, they could easily have defeated Napoleon Bonaparte who just had 124000 troops to guard his frontiers. However, such assessment would be reasonable for any General but not Napoleon Bonaparte. When the allies were planning for a mass invasion of France, the Napoleon Troops had attacked the junction of Anglo-Dutch Forces, breaking their communication line and which was just a few miles from the allied outposts. A tactic, which was used unsuccessfully by Germans a century later and in May 1940 successfully by Germans again.

It had given an advantage for Napoleon in the "Battle of Waterloo". But the climax was not over. His two main Commanders were not efficient enough. His plans were not carried out effectively. His army was tired of fighting continuously for 19 years. He had to rely on his old soldiers. That very day luck was not with him - it was raining heavily the whole night, which resisted the maneuverability of his guns and it gave its enemy the time to reorganize and attack on him. His men were slow and could not match Napoleon’s thought or vision.
The recently concluded ICC World Cup saw defending champions India, losing out the race and the cup to Australia. This prompted a frenzy of speculation on the possible causes for the loss, on all media platforms, be it electronic, print or social. The limelight quickly fell upon budding star Kohli, who is famous for his bold taste and aggressive body language besides handsome looks. The public in general came to a weird conclusion and blamed Virat’s ‘Actress’ girlfriend Anushka Sharma for his failure. Personally, I think the argument is illogical to the point of being funny. However, (without) justifying my stand immediately, I would like to highlight the larger issue, which the above incident brings to focus.

Firstly, it shows that our predominantly patriarchal culture still remains so. Gender bias based on misinterpreted social responsibilities has plagued the country for over two millennia. Typical Patriarchy has seen an appreciable decline. However, recent times stand witness to a growing intolerance against bold, confident and outgoing women for no reason than just that. Women often become scapegoats, taking blame for a mishap either willingly or otherwise. Even mythology is no exception.

In the 9th century epic Ramayana, Sita is made to undergo an ‘Agni Pariksha’ in order to prove her purity after several months of captivity and even after successfully facing the fire is banished to the forests during pregnancy merely due to rumors among King’s subjects. The Bible too shows Eve in bad light by portraying her as gullible and responsible for earning God’s ire (by offering Adam the forbidden fruit). Such is the nature of these stories that a subconscious bias against women sets in and later reflects itself in the body language of the persecution for witchcraft or bringing ill luck making an occasional headline. The mentioned events usually restrict themselves to rural areas, not to say the urban and the semi urban settlements can be declared free of such misdirected emotions.

This brings me to my second point, under which I will describe how the society, now forced to accept women in positions of power struggles to come to terms with the changing phenomena. Thanks to broadening horizons of most people across Nations, it is no longer Taboo for women to compete with men (especially on what used to be considered male turf). People indulging in public ridicule of such women find themselves facing an increasingly growing crowd of critics. Hence, they resort to more passive means of faultfinding. Such means include mocking public statements, endorsements and even dressing sense. Although changing for the better, in our largely conservative country when the aforementioned issues face the scrutiny of the media, the person in question more often than not comes out in bad light for reasons as petty as driving an expensive car or ignorance of some trivial incidents or defying convention in any trifling manner. Only recently, Tennis superstar Maria Sharapova was targeted for her public acknowledgement of not knowing who Sachin Tendulkar is. Fans of the cricket legend used all possible platforms to make their displeasure known. The language and manner though was downright vulgar and highly objectionable. Choicest profanities targeting her looks instead of the relevant issues were hurled. International disgrace apart, the incident highlights the narrow mentality that still persists in the country.
If one looks at the entire situation from a broad perspective, the irony of it is incredible. Here, you have a country where a remarkable number of women who are beginning to prove their mettle in fields like sports, politics, entrepreneurship, administration, teaching and what not, getting bogged down by issues infinitesimally smaller than their achievements and stature. This is what seems rather ironical to me. On one hand there are people proclaiming India as the next superpower while on the other the same people turn a deaf ear when it comes to women’s rights. This parallel might seem a bit far-fetched. However, it is only to highlight that without addressing the seemingly trivial issues, the wholesome progress and development of the country is but a distant dream. Men and women must move forward together, the women more so.

Conservative Right wingers, a shadow of many social evils that prevailed, improper upbringing or maybe a combination of all these is to blame for the bias that has been talked about. All that is obvious is that a problem is certainly there and the solution is yet to come.

I wish I were six,
Running down those grassy grounds
And you as always chasing me down
Even today, I want to play,
But I stand helpless as I am away.
I wish I were six,
Holding your hand, leading my strides,
Learning to walk, learning what is right.
Being my role model, being on my side,
I remember you being my guide,
Guide for lifetime who left her mark.
You showed me the path in the dark.
I wish I were six,
Standing here today with no fears,
You gave me power, you gave me strength,
You gave me power to resent.
You made me stronger, You made me wise,
You taught me how to deal with lies.
I wish I were six,
But I am turning nineteen soon.
Sitting here adoring the beauty of this beautiful morn,
It reminds me of you.
You being calm after knowing my mistakes too,
Being my best friend, showing me my way,
I remember you here each and every day!
I miss you mother,
I miss those days,
But I can’t be six always.
I will be there beside soon a day,
A day in summer’s May.
The Cinquain Poem

The Cinquian is a form of pattern poem useful for vocabulary development. It has a five-line structure and teaches economy of expression and the creative communication of a single idea. The following poems are my cinquains generated at the Literature Club:

**Tiger: A Cinquain**
- Tiger
- Majestic, strong
- Roaring, pouncing, killing
- Killer for small animals
- Cat

**Cadet: A Cinquain**
- Cadet
- Agile, Curious
- Rolling, running, Training
- Trained Gentleman Warrior
- Trainee

**Soldier: A Cinquain**
- Soldier
- Strong, brave
- Fighting, killing, protecting
- Fights for his people
- Warrior

Sun: A Cinquain

Sun
Yellow, Shiny
Rising, Setting, Energizing
Shines a ray of Hope
Star

So the typical format of Cinquain is thus:
Cinquain Pattern
Line 1: One word, both title and subject of the poem (noun)
Line 2: Two words that describe the subject (adjectives)
Line 3: Three words that express an action by the subject (participles ending in -ing)
Line 4: Four words that tell a feeling the writer has about the subject (verb phrase)
Line 5: One word that is a synonym for the subject or restates or sums it up (noun)
All of the Haiku

The Haiku is a traditional form of Japanese poetry. Haiku poems are short consisting of three lines. The first and last lines of a Haiku have five syllables and the middle line has seven syllables. The lines rarely rhyme. It can be written on any topic as long as it follows the correct format. The following haikus were improvised ones written at the Literature Club session.

Dreams: A Haiku
The stars shining down
Laughing at our crazy dreams
Will they die or fly?

Cdt Anirudh
Shashindran
36156/P/131

Holidays: A Haiku
Holidays bring peace
Full of enjoyment food, rest
Watch movies with pals

Cdt Dheeraj Sharma
35366/A/129

Nature Green: A Haiku
Nurture Nature Green
Plant More and More Green Green Trees
Make the Earth Pollution Free

Cdt Chirayu Gandotra
35393/K/129

Aviation: A Haiku
Air Safety a must
Check, control, agile is best
Training will do rest

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The Structure of a Limerick Poem

A limerick is a poem with a strong beat and a funny or absurd theme. The theme can be so hilarious that it can sometimes be utter nonsense. A Limerick consists of five lines. The first line usually begins with the phrase "There was a..." and ends with a name, person or place". The last line is normally unusual. Lines 1, 2 and 5 rhyme and lines 3 and 4 rhyme. Each line is stressed and unstressed in specific places:

da-Dum da-da-Dum da-da-Dum

da-Dum da-da-Dum da-da-Dum

da-Dum da-da-Dum

da-Dum da-da-Dum

da-Dum da-da-Dum da-da-Dum

Here are a couple of Limericks written at sessions of the Literature Club:

**The King**

There was an old King
Was very fond of killing
King ran behind the prey
His men busy at pray
But finally he got nothing

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(Literature Club)

**The Old Boy**

There was once a very old boy
Walking dancing like a toy
He sang songs loud
He walked mad in crowd
And peeped through the window with a joy

Cdt Rahul
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(Literature Club)
As my journey here goes on,
Trials and tribulations tested upon.
Life seemed easy in the first go,
But it was a deceiving show.
Then it came up with what it was,
And told me the latent cause.

I came slow for you to flow,
And guard you from a sudden blow.
I am like a running clock,
Discovering me would be a shock.
Now that you are ready to face.
Struggle hard till the winning grace.
You are not the only one,

Something even the greatest have done.
Stop not till you succeed,
Honest and upright in your deed.
Giving up is the loser's art.

Already half done with a good start.
Have no fear when you are right,
Aim to achieve the soaring height.

I come hardest to my toughest creation,
For he, human, to handle every situation.

Have faith in whatever you do,
I am with all but enjoy with a few.
Live me fully and make me king-size,
I will stick to you, be happy or otherwise.
Pashan Gate is a wormhole, which connects the noisy and bustling city of Pune and the unusually silent NDA campus. The first step I took inside NDA was one to remember a lifetime. I was met with a baggage of emotions, both positive and negative - anxiety, excitement and feeling homesick to name a few. After reporting to the administrative office, I was allotted my Squadron, Golf squadron which was to be my home away from home for the next few years and indeed it was. My squadron mates were supportive and helped me fit right into the hectic routine of the academy.

Togetherness and camaraderie binds every cadet of the squadron. Initially I felt there was a major curtailment in my freedom, as compared to the freedom I used to enjoy in college. But only later did I realize that I had learnt how to value freedom in my life. In the academy, I was able to bring my interest in sports and PT into the limelight. I was able to bring my skills to play basketball for my squadron for which I was awarded accordingly. At NDA, the seniors take it upon themselves to shape and nurture their juniors both physically and mentally, teaching them vital etiquette and manners which would help shape their personality.

There is a stark difference in the life inside NDA and the life outside. There is no room for complacency in the life of a cadet. Uniformity and equality is displayed everywhere in the academy. Every cadet is treated the same way irrespective of any difference. In NDA there is a plethora of opportunities to interact with people from different regions and also with cadets from different countries. Enthusiasm or what they commonly call “Josh” is displayed everywhere from the salute to the marching.

The initial days in the academy might be a little tough but it is just a passing phase. There maybe times when one is not in one’s comfort zone but all we need to be is motivated and look towards the future when we would serve the country as “Gentlemen and Warriors”.

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Figurative language is used to describe and imply ideas indirectly. The expressions used are not literally true but express truth beyond the literal level. Figurative language most often appears in poetry. The two most commonly used types of figurative language are the simile and the metaphor.

The idea of a poem can be figuratively explained. I came across figurative comparison in the poem I analyzed at a session in the Literature Club titled “Hockey” by Scott Blaine.

The most figurative comparison in the poem that is very effective is the comparison of life to the game “Hockey”. It reflects that in life as in the game we are all running behind the same goals. We are part of a rat race ready to feel the taste of success but in our manic rush to win the rat race we commit actions, which are haphazard and multidirectional like “electrons in motion”. Life is explained in the form of a game. The whole game is tensed and packed with action and other people rejoice the struggle the players are going through. The pathway is smooth but the race is tough. Our goals are not stationary and once they go out of sight, it becomes difficult to track back. Yet the medium of struggle is challenging. The ungoverned rat race is fierce and fast and everyone is part of a wild search for success. It is the one with a calm approach and strategy who achieves his goal in the game of hockey and the game of life. The two most memorable figurative styles in the poem are thus:

“The air bites to the centre” (Metaphor) and “Sticks click and snap like teeth” (Simile).

An Afternoon-mare

I felt scared of the dark rain clouds above my head. The stormy winds made the heavy rain hit on my bare skin. I was shivering, cold and wet. I wanted to scream for I was overwhelmed by this grey darkish atmosphere. I was trying to reach home but all roads were rain filled. Suddenly thunder struck almost making me numb with fear. I started running, my clothes soaked in every drop of rain. I still ran anger and raindrops biting my skin together, I felt helpless. Suddenly I felt myself falling into a deep pit, deep, deeper until I screamed aloud and woke to see the sky made of wood above my head. I had just fallen off my bed, just a kind of afternoon-mare.
THE STRANGER

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I am a stranger who lives his own life
I wonder I could control Time
With many dreams and promises to fulfill
With many aspirations 'n' compromises in it
    I feel the world around
    As if searching for something
Every time it makes me strong
But sometimes it takes me down
I dream of the day when my time will come
The day when situations push me until dark
    But somehow light will come
    All odds against me
Still that spark will come
    My path will be lit
It will make me the "One"
    It all will end one day
There will be no dreams n no compromises
And I will not be just a mere stranger
I am a stranger who lived his own life.

A stranger who Leaves:
An "I am" Poem

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I am a stranger who leaves myself
I wonder there is no end to this life
I see hopes, sorrow, peace, war cries
I want to know about free fly
I am a stranger who leaves myself.
I pretend life is a bouquet of flower and thorn
I feel sometimes fun and sometimes mourn
I worry I will be stuck in the wheel of life
    I cry when People live to die
I am a stranger who leaves myself.
I understand it is my duty to work my part
I dream to be an undefined art
    I try to keep home happy
I hope to be satisfied at last
I am a stranger who leaves myself.

(This poem is termed an "I am" Poem. It is a type of pattern poem, which requires a good knowledge of syntax and the ability to choose between closely related verbs. Every line needs to be a complete sentence)
THE CAMP: A POINT OF VIEW

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Point of View of a Boot:

Am muddy, smelly, torn fine at the edges and yet here I am precious. If am not well fed, mind it many a feet shall foot an extra mile. Without me, there is no use pitching up that tent. Though you did think, a boot can be muddy, smelly and torn am the apple of the camp’s eye or so I claim.

No boot, no camp. My role was to protect the feet of a cadet who had trusted me enough to choose me. I was his lifeline through the camp. He walked with me, ran with me and after every camp I saw him born into the academy.

There were trying moments through the camp when I felt worn out. But I was loyal to him. I took care not to let anything stop him from becoming a man!

Point of View of a Tent:

Life of a tent is not so good! Pitched, striked, again pitched! Again! Yet am the first and foremost ‘thing’ at a camp. I am the first person to reach the campsite. Thrown off the truck and the two-legged termers reach out in search of me. They pitch me a feat in itself and then leave me to watch the rest. I watch them dig trenches and then am checked again for perfecting their faults and merit.

Then the grand racy run, and am ’destriked’ folded, packed and thrown back into a truck. I am not just leather and rubber; am ’history’. That is quite a life whew...striked, pitched, and thrown to be pitched again!
The Catalogue Poem

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The Catalogue Poem is the simplest of the pattern poem. It enriches vocabulary learning. It does away with syntax. For the reader the Catalogue poem is a puzzle when read top down, a kind of discovery of the noun in the last line. For the writer/poet it is a visual challenge of writing a poem beginning with the last line.

The pattern of a catalogue poem is as follows:

One present
participle
per line,
with each one
describing
the nouns
in the last line of the poem.
Noun, noun, noun.

Here is a sample of a catalogue poem written at the Literature Club session:

Toddling
Chuckling
Tickling
Spoon-feeding
Her lap being the safest place
'Mama' all the world
Showing little teeth
Sometimes Smiling
Sometimes smacking
Blowing bubbling nose
Biting own Thumb
Crawling
Crying
Whimpereing
Sleeping
Baby, Baby, Baby.
The Vyas Library: A Five Senses Exercise

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The five senses exercise teaches descriptive writing. With all the senses available, one has to concentrate on using the impressions gained at any given setting. This is how we applied the five senses to an experience of the setting at Vyas Library.

1. Open closed books. The mica covered wood desks felt like cold sleep. The room lit by glazed light added to the wintry air. The creaky noise of the whirring fan kept 'closable' eyelids open. The teak windows with glass panes constantly tapped at the fear of being not at work. The projector held by the arm fixed to the wall was like a radar hovering over the whole class.

2. There is a blend of knowledge in the air. It has decades of experience in it; thousands of unexplained, unanswered questions felt against shelves. It is a reader's arena evoking adventure in the eye. A destination to feel a war, taste a memory and see action.

3. The luminous light around the Vyas hall and the two-three decades felt books lined on shelves. The smell of old pages with enthralling knowledge within them. The silence, the aura of wooden furniture tempting to read. The distant rustle of leaves on trees like the sound of pages turned across.

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I look for you
In the morning
Before
The sunlight can find
My eyes and yours
I look for you
Across this city
On every street
I'm forced to drive thru'
But I swear
I'll find you
I swear by the promises
I couldn't keep
I'll find a reason
Why you died
Before we met.

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Learning to Leap

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We were all standing in the balcony of the Social Science Block. It wasn't dawn yet. We had a flat that day! The only voice, other than the sounds of boots clicking rhythmically on the metalled road and the bikes (cycles) being parked in the racks neatly, was made by a little kitten, who seemed to have somehow climbed on top of a small tree opposite the road to the Social Science Block. The poor creature seemed troubled and crying for help! While walking to my class little early that day, I noticed the kitten and kept standing on the road, wondering Start walking!", whether to help it out or not.

A squad of second termers passed by me. A guy behind me shouted at the guy in front, “Dude! Are you mad? Relax! They had just crossed the vision span of a Drill Saab who was standing near the Habibullah Hall. The loud shouting of the Saab could still be heard though. His echoing words pierced harshly through the silent morning. "Daudke. DAUDKE my dear..!! Again 10 flat. CARRY ON!" The guy in the front, probably a first termer, started walking with a grin. I wondered how easily they become happy at the silliest things. “Today 5th termers are off for services! We'd get for a walk! I had had a heavy breakfast today! I slept for complete 5 hours yesterday!” are some of the happy declarations guys make when they reach their classes in the morning - after escaping from a bunch of merciless sergeants and drill saabs who are set loose behind their lives. I wondered how even basic rights were a luxury here! One high pitched meow of the troubled kitten drew me back from my thoughts.

One of the guys in the squad turned out to be Bharadwaj of Foxtrot squadron, whom I had met during the Battallion VE. He stopped and asked me, “Are you mad, you stupid? Trying to get a cat down safely huh?! You know it can fall from a third floor and still land smooth and safe!"

“O ya man! I forgot that!” I replied like a dope and joined him.

“What if the kitten didn’t know it?” I wanted to ask him, but then I thought that'd make me look even more stupid. Another reason could have been that I was simply too tired to argue! Rest and sleep are indeed scarce commodities here. The seniors, however it seemed, thought that sleeping is a waste of time! Considering the amount of stuff we are made to do each day, we should be getting at least 8-10 hours of sleep. But what to do! There are just 24 hours in a day!

During my initial days in the Academy, I used to do front rolls even in my dreams! And such beautiful dreams would usually be interrupted by my overstudy's loving words, "Adithya Prakash bugger! Get up you scoundrel! And bla bla". And there my nice day would start! During the first few days, when I'd wake up, puzzled as to where I was because of the unfamiliar and unusual way I was woken up, my military tissue-type mosquito net, which made me look like I was locked up in some sort of a cage, would slowly come to my focus and I'd mutter to myself in my half-sleep state "where the hell am I?!"

I never wanted to wake up! Dreams, even though they too were somehow similar to real life then, were still a comfort! Every day I wanted to just keep on sleeping! But then, just like the day before, I'd just get up, wear my gown and go to brush. Seeing my face in the mirror, as I apply shaving cream, I used to wonder what the hell was I thinking when I decided to come here, leaving behind everyone and everything I loved! I was, for the first time in my life, out of all my comfort zones! All those things that I used to relate myself with; my home, my music, my mobile, my bike, my face book id! Every precious thing was taken away from me and without these things I didn't really know who I was! I was lost! My identity was lost!

Deep inside, I knew there was still something in this life and I knew that the decision I had made
wasn’t all wrong but I couldn’t quite figure out this world. I tried to think it out but all my efforts to think went futile. The moment I stopped doing anything and tried to think, I’d fall asleep. Now this was an unnatural dilemma. I just couldn’t think. You must experience it to know how suffocating the feeling is! You are in a completely different world and you want to figure out what exactly is happening to you and around you but when you try to sit and think about all that, your cerebrum says “I’m gonna get some sleep”. Well, I was told by my overstudy that “thinking is 4th-termer’s privilege!” So, I thought, as an attempt to make myself cheerful and optimistic, “maybe things might start making a lot more sense in the 4th term!” But the exhausted 4th termer who came limping and joined me to brush his teeth, cursing his seniors, his leg, his toothpaste tube, the hot water tap and then, when he ran out of specific things, his life in general, made me doubt that! He was running puttee parades all night. He looked more frustrated than me! Now that didn’t help at all! I had heard, before coming here, that 'NDA make boys in to men!'. Seeing the frustrated fourth termer as he limped past me, I had serious doubts in their manufacturing process.

It was still dark and our LH (lecture hall) was still locked. There was a ladder and I was climbing it to the roof just to find out what is up there when some seniors who were parking the bikes down there saw my silhouette in the darkness and shouted, "Who are you? Get down, you insane ‘fella’. You want to die or what!"

I saw the moon up in the sky. I wanted to climb on the roof and sit there for a while but then I decided to come down when I remembered the puzzled face of the kitten stuck on the tree. Its expression was like "Oh God! I’m gone! Why on this earth did I come up here?!”. “And if you fall down from third floor terrace”, I reminded myself, climbing down the ladder slowly, “you can hardly die!”

I came down, and went to Mayank, who was standing alone in one corner of the balcony. Dawn was breaking and the other guys had gathered in small circles and were all laughing non-stop, sharing funny anecdotes of their respective squadrons. Some, who were unlucky the last night, could be found sleeping wherever they found space and at whatever position they could, let go off their bodies! This really is a funny place and it teaches you funny skills! You could go to sleep while standing or even in the infamous Maharaja position!

Even though, when we went home during term breaks we boasted off to our friends in facebook about how we dared through the tough training, and shared big posts which carried bigger words, great quotes about army, sacrifice, nation, patriotism and stuff which we didn’t even fully read or understand - as if we were the guys who save the entire nation and knew what we were doing, back in the Academy, we didn’t have a single clue as to what on this earth we were doing there! Because back in the Academy, we knew we were all dopes and nuclear bombs and as a result had undeniably found our lives terribly DBAR! (Deformed beyond any recognition). I always wondered how these guys can be so happy even after what they are made to go through every day. “Enjoy while the time lasts in the NDA, funda for you may never know when it would end or when you’d get another chance! You can get screwed anywhere and anytime for the silliest reasons on earth. You just can’t escape it! It is like playing that old minesweeper game in Windows 98. No matter how hard you focus and concentrate, you know you just can’t win! Some or the other mine is gonna blast anytime!

Though I get philosophical sometimes, I too had learnt to be happy with whatever I had got the rest of the time. Bare-bodied and drenching-wet, we would be made to stand in the balcony during the cold winter nights till dawn. Shivering, bodies blue, we would still be laughing at each other’s expressions behind the back of the senior who’s taking us. Well that is one good thing though. You are never actually alone when you get screwed. You’ve always got a bunch of idiots with you!

But all of us do have our times alone. When we miss our homes, friends and of course, girlfriends! (They think we do cool, fancy and heroic tasks here with guns & pistols & other stuff! Makes me laugh every single time I think of it!)

Mayank was in one such mood. I had figured this out from his deep inward expression. Dawn was
breaking slowly. There was a rusted iron structure on the far end of the balcony, the upper part of which was an arrow which pointed the direction in which the wind blew and the lower part of which constituted four arrows that pointed towards east, west, north and south.

"DLTG - 117!". I said as I went there and stood next to him. Now for anyone else, that would have made no sense at all! But for a cadre in NDA, that is the only thing which brings some sense to his existence. At NDA, a guy's happiness is inversely proportional to the DLTGH! (Days Left To Go Home) Mayank just turned, gave me a vague smile and then resumed his stare to the oblivion.

"What's going on in the squadron?" I asked.

He didn't reply. He didn't seem to listen. Then after a pregnant pause, he spoke, pointing forward with a mischievous smile, "My home is there!"

I was puzzled. All I could see was the bike racks, the iron fencing that rose to about five meters high and beyond that, forest! For a second I thought the guy had lost it under the pressure but then he completed his sentence, "About 1300km away...!"

I couldn't help a smile. His face beamed with ecstasy...at the thought of home.

"Hey! It's open!" Someone shouted and everyone in the balcony started heading rather reluctantly towards their classes. Someone, while running back gave a push to the arrow showing the wind direction. It rotated round and round wildly and I was immediately reminded of the helicopters; I was doing earlier that day back in the squadron during muster. The sunlight made the arrowhead shine every time it reached a point and I smiled.

"You bastard! It was my home there!" Mayank shouted at the guy who fiddled with the arrow, casually. We laughed and started walking to the class. As we were settling down, I asked Bharadwaj, for the kitten's meows were still audible and now, even louder.

"Yaar" I asked, "Dude! I don't think that it knows it can jump off the third floor."

"Who? The cat?", he asked, with a puzzled expression.

"Yeah! If it knows, why doesn't it just jump off?"

"You idiot! When it falls once, it will learn on its own. It is like that! Now don't eat my head".

And then he put his head on the desk and dozed off in no time. Then I noticed that everyone had done the same thing. Now the teacher must come and wake them up! There was a peaceful ambience in the class. So silent...so still...so peaceful! 25 exhausted teen souls lost in a happy dreamy world. Free from all the worries and stress this world has to offer. I took out my books slowly, careful not to wake anyone up, kept them aside and decided to join them and work towards meeting my minimum sleep-hours. The kitten's cry had come to a stop. Perhaps it had finally discovered its 'amazing skill'.

Resting my head on the desk, I smiled as it occurred to me that the kitten was never going to learn about it as long as it kept holding on tightly to that branch of tree. It had to fall! Then there must indeed have been those moments of uncertainty between the branch and the ground, where the poor little chap must have almost considered him dead and then came the moment of triumph! The glory!

I remembered Bharadwaj's comment about how the kitten must fall in order to learn to land smoothly, and said to myself, "The things you can do when doing them becomes your only option. The stuff you didn't know before it was possible to you - until you somehow end up doing it; the untapped human potential which has no boundaries. I couldn't complete the sentence. I paused for a second and reflected on the intensity of what I'd just heard. I couldn't help a chuckle!

"Brilliant!" My brain told me, complimenting itself. "Now get off to sleep you idiot!" I lay down, and once again, in a few moments, entered that wonderful world of dreams and I was home! And I was having breakfast which my mom served me.
One of the deep-rooted reasons for the psychological rupture that eventually led to the bifurcation of Pakistan in 1971 was the imbalanced military dynamics between the East and West Pakistan. Nominal representation of the East Pakistanis in the country's armed forces and uninterrupted military rule, apathetic attitude of the military leadership towards the East Pakistani grievances, and above all, merciless killings and atrocities of the Bengalis by the Pakistan army had severed ties between the East and the West Pakistan. India's military intervention was the last straw that reinforced these military dynamics, accelerated the creation of Bangladesh and ended civil strife.

With the exception of religion, West Pakistanis shared almost nothing with their countrymen in the far eastern region of the subcontinent cut off by the vast 'unfriendly' Indian landmass. That is why the army cast itself as a so-called 'essential unifier and bridge' between the two wings from the very beginning. But at the same time, the army was predominantly comprised of non-Bengalis who failed to acknowledge Bengali culture and aspirations. Pakistan's military recruitment policy followed the lines established during the colonial era, when the British judged Bengalis among the 'non-martial races', denied the East Pakistanis their legitimate representation in the country's armed forces. As a result, Bengalis constituted only 1 percent of the Pakistan army in 1947 and their number went up to only 7 percent by the late 1960s.

Most of the officer's cadre belonged to the West Pakistani provinces of Punjab and Khaibar Pakhtunkawa (previously North-West Frontier Province). The following table shows the number of East and West Pakistani officers serving in Pakistan Army in 1955, i.e. after eight years of its independence.

East Pakistani representation of the officer corps in the Navy and Air Force was no better. There were only 7 officers in the Navy from the East against 593 from the West; and 40 officers in the Air Force, against 640 from West Pakistan. The popular perception that the country was safe only in the hands of the West Pakistani military officers naturally
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alienated the Bengali majority. This overwhelming Punjabi-Pathan officer corps dominated the armed forces and treated the Bengalis – who constituted 56 percent of Pakistan’s population – as militarily inferior, which also implied ‘over half of the country comprised lesser Pakistanis’. The idea of Bengali majority was indeed an ‘anathema’ to the military rulers. Consequently, the West Pakistani power structure became the national power structure, and as the military rule continued in Pakistan, the army looked like a colonial force and became a key instrument in the alienation of the Bengali people.

In the meantime, in October 1958, the Pakistan military, under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief of the Army General Ayub Khan deposed the civilian leadership, abrogated the Constitution and imposed martial law which, in retrospect, is seen as a watershed moment in the history of Pakistan, particularly in the context of the relationship between the two wings of the country. Ayub had to craft a new system because the 1956 constitution had no place for the Punjabi dominance of the army, thus creating an avenue for the military rule and military culture in the country for a long time to come.

The political leadership of the two wings, which at least used to meet and bargain over their differences, came to an abrupt standstill. From then onwards, the country’s future was dictated by the military leadership and that ‘The East Wing would thus be confronted with the formidable combination of the Punjabi dominated army and the Punjabi politicians, both having, by and large, the same views about East-West relations’. Many political leaders of East Pakistan were intermittently arrested and taken into ‘judicial custody’, 'detention', and jailed for their 'conspiracy' or 'anti-state activities'. As a result, East Pakistan remained enflamed with political unrest, student riots, mass protests, etc. However, East Pakistan continued to oppose the military rule and its atrocities against the Bengali people. Thus, the country’s military rule substantially widened the gap between the East and the West Pakistan.

Ayub Khan’s martial law had upset the entire scheme of things and set the country on a new and uncharted course altogether as the feeling of alienation in East Pakistan
continued to deepen during his regime. Ostensibly, the absence of Bengalis from the two important decision-making bodies—civilian bureaucracy and military—heightened the Bengali apprehensions. The establishment of such a highly centralized regime and banning of political parties effectively cut them out of the national scene with no voice at the center. In fact, 'the imposition of martial law in 1958 and the abrogation of representative democracy ... sealed the political hopes of the Bengalis and turned them toward independence'.

The Military's role in the 1965 India-Pakistan war was another turning point in the history of relationship between East and West Pakistan. During the war—which took place on the borders of West Pakistan—East Pakistan was totally cut off and the Bengalis were left undefended and completely abandoned to their fate. Military dictator General Ayub Khan's theory that 'the battle of East Pakistan be fought in West Pakistan' only added to the feeling of isolation and alienation in the Eastern Wing of the country. The war proved the unsoundness of Ayub's speculation and exposed East Pakistan's vulnerability and the impossibility of defending it by the military efforts based in the West. One most significant aspect of East-West Pakistani relationship during and after the war was also that many Bengalis saw the cause of the war—the Kashmir question—as an exclusively West Pakistani concern. They thought it indefensible that while the bulk of the nation's army was used in West Pakistan to fight for the rights of five million Kashmiris, 55 million Bengalis, all but surrounded by India and defended by only one division of government troops, were left to fend for themselves' (The New York Times 24 April 1966). Further, there was hardly any interest shown by the Bengali people or politicians in policies that increased spending for the armed forces, especially in the context of fighting a war with India over Kashmir. In fact, the East Pakistanis were quite indignant about the country's unbridled military expenditure to fight with a neighbor which had century-old cultural and economic ties with the Bengalis. Instead, they were resentful of the government's refusal to restore normal trade relations with India. This strategic dissonance between the two parts of the same country increasingly aggravated their differences. Hence, the 1965 war instead of acting as a unifying force—as national wars often do—dealt a grievous blow to the incipient process of national integration.

Shortly after the war, signs of political unrest had begun to surface in both wings of the country. The sentiment of Amar Sonar Bangla (our golden Bengal) was an all-pervading slogan in the East, rejecting union with the West.

The Bengalis were also disappointed by the way General Yahya Khan's military regime treated East Pakistan when two natural disasters struck it in July and November of 1970. One a devastating flood and the other a killer cyclone and a tidal bore of twenty to thirty five feet high, in which hundreds of thousands of Bengalis perished and about three million were marooned. International aid poured in, but the attitude of West Pakistani military rulers was one of negligence. Adding to the anguish of the East Pakistanis, not a single political or military leader of any standing visited the Eastern Wing except Yahya Khan—who visited East Pakistan on his way back home from China. Yahya had an aerial view, 'casting an alcoholic eye' (as he was inebriated) 'on the
barely visible destruction beneath'. He did not announce any relief for the victims and only instructed the governor to take charge, and left for Rawalpindi. The military leadership clearly failed to address the East Pakistani tragedy and further alienated the people at the time of their distress. One American diplomat serving in Dhaka at the time viewed: 'The cyclone was the real reason for the final break'. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the popular East Pakistani leader, described the devastation as a 'holocaust' and condemned the West Pakistani rulers of 'criminal negligence'. He declared that the Bengalis 'have been treated so long as a colony and a market'. It influenced Bengali passions and dashed the prospects of the political parties which did not support Mujib's demand for autonomy. It became such a sensitive issue for the Bengalis that even before the election; one leading political party demanded independence for East Pakistan and boycotted the elections which were held in the next few months. This Bengali passion also added to the vote tally of Mujib's Awami League in the December 1970 elections – the first and only direct countrywide elections in undivided Pakistan's history. The military's apathetic attitude to the East Pakistani problems further intensified their conviction that only through autonomy could they control their own destiny.

The tension between the two wings reached a climax when the Awami League, led by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, won a landslide victory in the national election. This gave the Awami League the constitutional right to form government at the centre. But the country's military establishment refused to accept a popularly elected Prime Ministerial candidate from the East Pakistan on the ground of ethnicity and declared martial law annulling the results of a free and fair election (Awami League won 162 out of the total of 313 seats in the National Assembly, securing a clear majority). They also arrested Mujib and placed him in Rawalpindi jail. The news spread like a wild fire and the struggle for complete independence began in East Pakistan. West Pakistani rulers resorted to a military solution to their own political problems and Lieutenant-General Tikka Khan (A brutal military commander known as the 'Butcher of Baluchistan' for his suppression of an uprising there the previous year), who afterwards gained the epithet as 'Butcher of Bengal', led the massive atrocity and massacre campaigns.

West Pakistani military rulers' arrogance, high-handedness and cruelty against their Eastern wing are clearly depicted through the timeline between the December 1970 national election and the December 1971 division of the country. Soon after the election, a general visiting Dhaka told his military colleagues: 'Don't worry. We will not allow these black bastards to rule over us'. After a few days, when 'short and harsh action' against the Bengalis was decided by the Yahya's military cronies, the generals concluded that 'killing of a few thousand would not be a high price for keeping the country together'. This followed the infamous 'Operation Searchlight' on 25 March 1971, a ferocious military action aimed to 'reduce the number of Bengalis so they were no longer the majority in Pakistan'. Hundreds of thousands of people were shot, bombed, or burned to death. Untold atrocities were committed against the unarmed civilians, including women and children. About a million people fled the
country. One commanding officer of the Eastern wing assured his fellow officers: 'I will muster all I can - tanks, artillery and machine guns - to kill all the traitors and, if necessary raze Dhaka to the ground. There will be no one to rule; there will be nothing to rule.'

The level of brutality and the slaughter of Muslims (and Hindus) by Muslims revealed the hollowness of the so called Pakistani concern of 'Islam in danger.' Islam being part of the state ideology failed to bridge the gap. The 1971 genocide of Bengalis by the Pakistan army speaks volumes about the arrogance of Pakistani rulers and the failed nature of the Pakistani state and can only be explained in terms of the 'colonial relations between the East and West Pakistan and the semi-fascist character of the West Pakistani military'. Yahya's decision of military action against the Bengalis was clearly a tragic miscalculation and showed lack of foresightedness in terms of its political, economic and diplomatic consequences on the part of the military leadership. The army failed to understand that the Bengali nationalist movement was not counterinsurgency; it was a political problem and needed painstaking efforts to solve it.

There was a general feeling of hatred against Bengalis amongst the West Pakistani soldiers and officers, including generals. Bengalis also hated the army in the same footing. A The New York Times reporter gave a vivid picture about how the Pakistani soldiers had to stumble upon their own fellow citizens as 'alien' during the war:

... Pakistani is a fish in a hostile sea. As he retreats, there is always a Bengali guerrilla somewhere who may jump him and cut off his fingers to watch him die slowly.

Many Pakistani soldiers are trying to escape the Indian advance by getting into civilian clothes and trying to slip through the countryside. But it will be futile. The Pakistani soldier cannot hide in a land of Bengalis. He is taller and broader and lighter-skinned than they. Even if he has learned the Bengali language, they will detect the accent. And if he can speak only his own Urdu or Pushtu, then surrender is his only hope (The New York Times 12 December 1971).

Thus, the East-West military dynamics had played a very significant role in widening the psychological gap between the two wings which witnessed the final showdown in 1971. Indian intervention amidst an East Pakistani revolution against their Western wing worked as a arduous catalyst that picked up the pace for the independence of Bangladesh. Perhaps the time has come for the Pakistan army to go for its own conscientious introspection: the present Pakistan has survived considerably longer after division (forty four years) than the East and West Pakistan managed to live together (twenty-four years). Certainly, the Muslim nation deserves better than the military's obsessive policy towards its neighbors. The lessons of 1971 should be their cardinal principles in promoting a peaceful environment in the region.
Counselling And Self Development Centre: National Defence Academy

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The National Defence Academy has emerged as a centre of excellence and icon in the field of military training across the globe. During the cadets tenure at this Academy it is the endeavour of the entire training program to invoke in them the spirit of a challenger, mind of a visionary, quest of a researcher and the discipline of a soldier. The training at this academy aims at an all round development of the cadets personality and their transformation into a responsible leader, junior military professional and good human beings who have imbibed the qualities required of an officer and a gentleman.

The Counseling and Self Development Centre aims to facilitate every cadet to optimize his potential and effectively develop himself to face challenges during and after the training. The physical, cultural and psychological stress associated with the initiation into the profession of arms also necessitates an institutional helpline essentially for the cadets to help themselves through counseling.

The Academy provides counseling facilities through the Academy Counseling Organization headed by Psychologist at Counseling and Self Development Centre. The Psychologist performs his duty as a counselor and facilitator to the cadets during their stay in the Academy. Squadron counselors assist the Psychologist in providing feedback, mentoring the cadets and providing help as and when required.

Cadets are at liberty to meet the counselor when required to discuss issues related to training, self-development, problem areas etc. CSDC aims at facilitating the training and adjustment of the cadet to the training environment and thus confidentiality in all matters discussed is maintained.
What Type Of Leader Are You?
A Multiplier Or A Diminisher?

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1. Have you ever worked with or for someone that made you feel weak, dumb or incompetent? Most of us have. If we go back to that period, there's a strong chance that your previous colleague/superior got far less from you than your best effort. On the other hand, think of your favorite high school teacher or college professor, and honestly ask yourself, “Did I like this professor because his or her class was easy or because he or she inspired me to do my best?”

2. The difference between these two types isn’t based on having good intentions or even intelligence, but instead it’s based on how a leader treats the people around them. These two types of leaders are described as “Multipliers” and “Diminishers.”

3. Multipliers see people as smart and capable of figuring out how to solve problems. Diminishers, on the other hand, assume that even smart people need their help. Research uncovered an interesting statistics: Leaders that were classified as Multipliers got twice as much effort from their employees than Diminishers got. In fact, Diminishers, on average, got only 48% of people's “intelligence and capability.”

Multipliers

4. Make no mistake: Multipliers are NOT people that make others feel good all the time, nor are they people who are constantly upbeat and positive. Instead, Multipliers are people that find ways to empower their team. Multipliers have the following attributes:

(a) They debate. This includes debating those around them in the decision-making process as well as their employees.

(b) They don't provide easy answers. Instead, Multipliers keep people under pressure
and ask questions that will help them arrive at an answer.

(c) They create challenges. This is a way to create intensity, which will get people's full attention, effort and best thinking.

(d) They hold people accountable. Accountability helps others feel that they have ownership over their actions, so Multipliers hold their teams to account.

**Diminishers**

5. In many cases, Diminishers are easy to recognize. They can be tyrants, a know-it-alls or micromanagers. But many managers with good intentions ended up creating a negative environment for their teams as well. These people are called “Accidental Diminishers,” and they often possess one or more of the following attributes:

(a) They think too big. “Visionaries,” as we call them, are good at seeing the grand vision of a plan, but bad at connecting the dots for those around them. What happens in these cases is a lack of enthusiasm, as people can’t see a way to achieve their goals.

(b) They brainstorm too much. A lack of creativity isn’t the problem, but the lack of focus that comes with each new idea is. In many cases, people become frustrated by the constant change in direction and don’t have enough time to see their original ideas through.

(c) They help too much. These “rescuers” believe they are helping their team, when in fact they are creating dependency.

**How to be a Multiplier**

6. If you find that you have diminishing qualities, there are ways to change your bad habits. The following three things are suggested for doing:

(a) Learn how to ask the right questions instead of providing what you think are the right answers.

(b) If you’re the person with too many ideas, consider holding some back. The fewer ideas you share, the more valuable your existing ideas become. Working with a limited number of ideas also allows people time to work on them and think them through.

(c) Expect—and ask for—complete solutions, thoughts and projects. Making your team accountable to come up with solutions to problems will allow them to struggle with the tasks at hand, which will help them grow from their experiences.

**Conclusion**

7. Now that you have some knowledge of how Multipliers and Diminishers work, pay attention to the people around you and how you react to them. Perhaps it might be even more important to notice how people react to you. If you’re in a leadership position, do not assume you’re the best leader you can be; few people are. If you work for a Diminisher, you have two choices. Start being a Multiplier to him or her, or look for a situation where you can work for a Multiplier.
"WAR AND PEACE"

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"You My Brother"

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You will kill only that who would have killed you a second before. Kill his body not the heart because heart has strings attached to many hearts and the agony of all you will not be able to afford.

Leave his body to be washed and cleaned, and to be held by his mother who bore him, his darling who kissed him, for, his last peaceful looks will fill them with pride, and encourage his comrades to fight or fend, not rage and revenge to mutilate.

When you fight humans fight like humans and if beasts – you know beasts have madness - and deserve no mercy. Life is precious why to lose it but slavery is death why to live it?

Down memory lane, All I remember is you.
One person on this planet, I can talk openly to.
You give me strength, to give a tough fight
And the will, to work with all my might.

A brother they may call you,
But a lot more, you are to me.
You're my guardian, a paragon of virtue,
And a gem, I truly admire thee!

A wall in the extremities and much more,
I earnestly worship and adore.
You're the only one I always look for,
When I just can't fight anymore.

You my brother, are a lion,
Who fought death with the bare hands
You my brother, are a king,
With the walk of an emperor and solid plans.
You my brother, are a hero unsung,
Ideal, principled and young.
You expected no gain or favour
You emanate aura and an extra flavour.

You my dear, are ready to give it all
To one and to all!
You my brother, are the hero of my life,
And I mean it all!
Love in the Land Of Creators

Aeons ago, when the genesis of the Earth had not yet taken place, only two worlds existed; Heaven: the land of the just and the fair and Hell: the land of the evil and the lost. It was difficult to predict which of them had a more decisive role to play in ruling the universe.

Satan was, as always, hell-bent on winning the war, whereas, God was determined to overpower Hell's mortifying attacks. People believe that Heaven always had an edge over Hell and I'll tell you why according to me, it did.

One day, parchment was received in the courts of Hell and Heaven. It was titled 'Crucial' and it was sent by the 'Creators'. It read:

'Please enroll your representative for this contest. The winner will be presented the opportunity to create a new entity called- The Earth.'

God instantly knew his representative would be his angelic, gifted daughter- Angela. Angela had gentled manners, a courteous attitude, was knowledgeable and was also a personification of vanity. Satan, on the other hand, took it as a competition between Heaven and Hell. He decided his ambassador for this event would be his evil and wicked son- Devlin. Devlin had those powers of black magic. His cunningness, pride, cruel and cold behavior proved to be an advantage for him, against his innocent opponent Angela. Angela, out rightly refused to face her opponent, as she didn't want to face his evil ways, but God eventually convinced her. Soon a charter of rules was sent to Heaven and Hell. It read:

1. No sabotage
2. Time limit 24 hours
3. Reach on time

Devlin was furious after reading the first rule, but his father assured him not to worry and continue the way he wanted. The D-Day arrived and both Angela and Devlin reported at the same time. Since that moment they kept looking at each other continuously. The tasks given to them were:

1. Create heat and light
2. Create a source of entertainment
3. Create a source of water
4. Create a place to live

The Creators soon announced, "Let the game begin." Both of them rushed to their places and set to work, all along darting continuously glances at one another. A random thought suddenly struck Angela, 'Devlin is pretty cute.' But the guardian angel on her left shoulder immediately got
her to senses. The arrow had struck on the other side too. Devlin, too, was gradually getting infatuated with Angela. But soon both of them sincerely devoted themselves to the task. As 24 hours got over, a gang tolled and both of them approached the jury. Angela could easily make out that Devlin was brag. The Head of Creators spoke, 'Decide who would go first.' Immediately Devlin replied with politeness, 'Let the lady begin.' Angela deep inside her mind liked his chivalry but was also afraid of his ulterior motives. For heat and light, Angela flicked her hand and created the Sun. Devlin created fire with bright and fiery flames. Angela created rivers and seas, for water and Devlin created 'The Tsunami'. For entertainment, she created music and he created crime. For inhabitation, she created forests, grasslands and meadows and he created concrete jungles, cities etc. Soon, the result was undoubtedly announced in favour of Angela. But she and Devlin were busy looking into each other's eyes. Devlin took the initiative and came to Angela. He came on the knees and told, 'However pristine, serene and pure you may be, Angela, I Love You. Please marry me!' Her eyes were filled with tears of joy, she replied, 'I love you too.' Even though they faced vituperation from both the families, they got married and decided that Earth could be a conglomeration of both their creations. And hence, it is good and evil, that prevails on Earth, as we see it today.
It Is Never Too Late
to Pursue Higher Education

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What is the use of pursuing higher studies while you are already working? Often, people are confronted with this question. Well! Getting a qualification never goes wasted at any phase of life irrespective of age, experience or earlier qualification. Further qualification is not an impediment in your professional life. In fact, it is always a boon to your personality as well as your way of working. Asset of qualification cannot be denied or disregarded. It not only gives you a feel of utilizing time productively but provides further more opportunities to be explored.

Most of the time people get placed in good companies immediately after finishing the graduation, and the lucrative opportunities at that point of time, seem to be so attractive that they don’t consider studying further. The journey of professional life is like driving on a highway. You keep getting promotions and keep on raising the gear. The blistering pace certainly gives you satisfaction but sometimes you forget to slow down to take rest and or go back to enjoy the beauty of life that was once overlooked. Thereafter, once the link is broken, hardly anybody feels like taking a break for further studies or even think of forsaking the regular income. There are still many others, who, due to the improper counseling or sometimes compelled by their dominant family members, tend to opt for the subjects or the stream not of their interest, and off late realize the lacuna of right education at the right hour. In both the cases it’s about making up your mind to break the barrier of your own thinking. Forget about your age and time you are in, just considering what’s awaiting ahead and you could immediately catch a glow on your face.

‘It’s too late now!’ people generally mutter despairingly. Rarely do men prioritize their will to study or pursue further education merely for the sake of studying the subject of their choice that has been their suppressed desire. Is it really difficult to go back and chase your dreams? I’m sure, it is never too late. The advantage of education is simply undeniable and hence, makes it irresistible.

Firstly, it broadens your horizon beyond mind’s eye. The pith of my argument is not to promote education but to promote education for a good cause. The good cause is nothing but your overall personality enhancement that will any day make you a better choice amongst your colleagues in your work place. Secondly, education acts like a multivitamin tonic that stimulates thinking process. It enables you to experiment with new ideas without hesitation. There is always a scope of improvement in every field therefore, exploring and implementing better ways comes only by churning your mind. Thirdly, it gives insight for better analysis. Analyzing situations effectively turn out to be the outcome of thorough knowledge. To argue that knowledge can be attained by lot of reading is not completely wrong, however, it is not even completely correct. There is no substitute to the experience of going to a college, doing a professional course and getting a
professional degree. Nevertheless, a glass is always half empty prior to professional learning.

Another paramount aspect of further education is that it helps you in taking better decisions. I don’t say you are indecisive, but I repeat, there is always a scope of improvement. The process or effects of higher education may be visible or invisible to you however, it can never be insignificant. I can bet! Now, to put it more technically, I would rather say that it provides a vision, changes the way of thinking tremendously, enhances negotiation skills and last but not the least, equips you for better crisis management which is undoubtedly needed in any organization.

What better can a person do than getting back to the learning process! The entire process will de-stress you and will provide a good reason to believe that nothing is irreversible. Go back and fix it. It is only a matter of realization. Sooner or later, you will realize that you were incomplete prior to taking a break for further education. Only education can give you immense confidence of growing old graciously. Think about it. You might not be in need of it but you ought to have it. Believe me! Try and romance with academics and you will fall in true love with it.

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**PEACE**

"I am a man of peace,
I live in peace
But I don’t want peace at any price,
I do not want the peace that you find in stone,
I do not want the peace that you find in the grave."

These are the famous lines spoken by the great, Mother Teresa,
When she got the noble peace prize.
Peace is already found embedded in human breasts which are exposed to the whole world.

It is protected from all harm by the power
Of the almighty God, let the one’s first act every morning be to make the following resolution.

"I shall not fear anyone on earth
I shall fear only God

I shall conquer untruth, I shall put up with all suffering.
Self-Belief

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When you are not physically strong
And it's taking you along
Just go on with your efforts
On the right path instead of wrong.

When all eyes are against you
And people trusting you are few
Still be yourself and do good
'Coz you don't need to change their view.

There definitely will be a morning
When you will rise and shine
So just keep your hand on your heart
And tell him everything will be fine.
Human Dilemma

Was there light when 'He' said, "let there be light"?
Or, is it some big blast and bang that defines
Our existence. Merely a boom is the midst of
Nothingness, the power that collides with the
Powerless or the powerless who collide with
The power.

The raging storm of light and booms, the war that has haunted
Mankind for centuries, when does it come to an end?
For no sound may ever exceed the speed of light,
Can test tubes and giant mirrors define the world we live in?
Or are there worlds beyond our world, where a new sun dawns
From heaven.

Can mere theories explain our complete skeleton?
Are calcium and ion our only body building blocks?
Is the hot red blood just protein and water and
Our sensitive hearts a mere pump?

Or is there more beyond our learning, far from our delusion
Of having learnt it all. I don't know for the light
Is yet to shine upon me and for the blasts
They shine and die out each day.
'LIBERTY'
a mere word it was,
Till the time I was free.
Yes, till the time I was unshackled and
Uncrowned and there was none to pull me down.

No limits had me ever bound,
Did never know, how chains would sound.
Had always done what this heart desired.
Was blessed with the company I always admired.

But then, there came a day,
A day, when I chose a new way of life.
A day, very different altogether.
A way, that bound me into a system.
A way, that would hold me forever.

My profession, was that new way.
A passion that almost took my freedom away
A bound for me, was discipline for them,
Tough though, it had become my aim.

An aim, that brought me honour,
An aim, that allowed me a service to nation,
An aim, that made my parents proud,
And that very aim gave me a stand in crowd.
Glory Requires Madness!

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Life is tough as you take so,
Come!!! And think.
The darkest part of
The night is closest of sun's glow.
Only strong rooted trees resist head high
Proudly, when the hurricanes blow.
Swimming with currents has
Another joy, while the floods flow.
Life is this, present is a present; never,
All dreams come true.
Something may come; someone might go,
But
The winner is one who
Passes all ups and downs through
Be mad, mad for your dreams, as mad
Doesn't care, when others show his due.
I WILL FIGHT!

Cdt Gaurav Kumia
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I will fight till my last breath
And won't surrender till I reserve strength.

He sets up hell, putting me through torture,
But will never see my tears, hence won't conquer.

Let him put me through the toughest time,
Because ultimately the glory is mine.

Ou put any obstacle in front,
I will always be ready to confront.

I have come here to train,
Then why to run away from pain.

For lakhs who are asleep, I shall be awake,
For lakhs who are shamming, I shall put in.

Life is not about binding yourself,
It's all about exploring ourself.

I push through these times, for the promises I made
So at this point I shall not let them fade.

Surviving in this hell, all my body covered by injuries & scars,
I shall still continue, for I am my dad's shining star.
Heart cries, so do my eyes...
It really hurts when you miss your life.
Life was wonderful then...
No Love...only friends in den.

Things were so straight and so fine,
No compliments were in line.
We enjoyed each others' company and friendship began,
We teased each other with others in class.

Projects, Studies, Parties were in talks...
"Boss!! Whose love story is on the rocks...??"
Beautiful was the time...Enjoyed a lot...
Then came an end, to tear us apart...

Final exams were over...
Time was to say Goodbye...
Wished, that time had never passed by...

Some showed courage to propose their dream gals,
Some were still shy to take a step forward.
Some love stories came to an end,
While some started afresh to continue till the end.

Pictures were taken for memories forever...
Friends made promises to stay in touch and lose never...
Evening it was... All were to depart,
Nearby one said, "Let's Party Hard".

I was standing aloof from them all...
Thinking...
Is it the End or a New Start for all??

Time passed by...All were scattered...
Only close ones in contact... Others didn't matter.
NDA or IMA was on their minds,
Weekend masti was still on time.

Years have passed and all have been settled,
Now we talk, but on Facebook & Twitter...
Training/Studies is eating most of our time,
Rest of it is family time...

Every time we decide & fix up a date...
It gets postponed... And we have to wait...

Then will come time another...
Will have partners and kids all together.
Meeting them will be a tougher task,
An hour the call will at least last.

My life was fun... I had tension none...
Friends were on cards... That was done...

Time has changed, and it will change further...
We all will be in the memories of one another...
"When we move ahead in life there are always some obstacles but it is on us how to respond to it."

We entered the 21st century through the burning gate of 20th century, which saw hazard in war to its extreme level. Moreover, our world had never been in peace. With the dawn of human civilization the gift of war followed us.

Starting from the historical war like battle of Panipat, battle of Haldighati, battle of Plassey, to the havoc of world war I and II and now in the modern civilization we have a demon who checks on the peace which we were able to cherish and that is terrorism.

The root of Terrorism can’t be traced as it is a mentality which seeks wild justice and is concentrated to make the world a solo religion in turn always degrading the religion. But terrorism, it can be said, started with the thinking that I am superior and so is my religion. I have suffered so you must also suffer. It started with the insurgency that erupted in Iraq, Iran and the Middle East when USA forced itself into it. From that time it took a larger shape and now it is rampant.

Some sick people with nefarious intentions have poisoned the society to an extent that now the world lives in a state of fear. The attacks on 26/11, 9/11, Mumbai blasts and various violent acts by organizations like ISIS, Al-Qaida, Boko Haram etc. have crossed all human limits of brutality.
जन्म लिया इस संसार में बैठे,
इन्जीनियर का ठुप्पा लगा दिया।।

पूछना मुनासिब न समझा किसी ने,
आखिर मैंने क्या फैसला लिया।।

समझ पाता जब तक इस दीढ़ में बहुत आगे निकल गया।
थोड़ी-सी आजादी माँगी थी, पैसों का रुख दिखाकर बाबुंशों में चाहिये बांध दिया।।

दिन कब बीत गए बचपन के पता न चला।
इस दक्षिणांत में मार्ग होने का पाठ पढ़ना चला।।

फिर हुआ एक नया सवेरा जन्म हुआ बदलाव की किरण का
एक रथ देश सेवा का देखा जो साकार करने में चला।।

लोग बेजहाज ही जेल कहते इस जगह को।
आजादी से भरा खुला आसमान मुझे लगा।।

अकेलगी एक जनत थी।
था न यहाँ कोई दिखावा।
न था जहाँ कोई धोखा।
झूठ के लिए जहाँ जगह न थी,
अनुशासन और प्रतिष्ठा की चुनियाद पर हर कड़ेट बढ़ता चला।।

कठिन परिश्रम और दण्ड निश्चय ही माँग थी यहाँ एक की।
साँस लेना मुश्किल लगा मगर असभ्य कभी न था।।

परिवार के प्यार का अभाव लगता जब भी,
आती याद दोस्तों की जब भी।।
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dिलासा दे लेता खुद को,
कि बस कुछ समय और बचा ॥

कहने को हम जीते हैं; पर मर रहे हैं हम यहाँ;
है नहीं कोई जुनून; थक गये सारे जिवान;
रो रही वो चाँदनी; छुप गये तारे कहाँ;
फट पड़ी है यह जमीन; झुक गया है आसमाँ ॥

कोई जज्बा हो अगर तो; तोड़ देंगे चट्टानों को;
कोई जुनून है बचा तो; ठंडा देंगे अंगाँरों को;
आसमाँ पे छत बना के; तोड़ लेंगे तारे हम;
रात की काली छटा; रीरन करेंगे आज हम ॥

जिंदगी की है कमी; सांस भी है बेवफा;
आ गयी है वो घड़ी; जब रुख हवाओं का पुका;
ना यहा उफान अब; सबलों की लहर में;
जिम्मेदार हैं मैं; इस त्रासती, इस कहर में ॥

लड़ गया इंसान अब; पाप के उस बोझ से;
कर दिये थे उसने जब; सही गलत ना सोच के;
जीतने की है लगने तो; जीतेंगे हम हर कदम;
भूल के उन गलतियों को; कुछ कर दिखायें आज हम ॥
एक पल का ही खेल है होता,
एक पल ही कहिर कमा जाता,
एक पल ही बनता वसल का कारण,
एक पल ही जुदा करा जाता,
एक पल की याद सीना काट खाए,
एक पल का प्यार रुला जाता,
एक पल का दीदार जीने का कारण बन जाए,
एक पल ही तरले निकलवा जाता,
एक पल सम में जान है डाले,
एक पल है कातिल बना जाता,
हर पल एक नई मंजिल दिखाए,
एक पल ही पता भुला जाता....
Cdt A Kumar (A): Affectionately called 'Khiladi Bhaiya' and 'tedha' for his head which was always tilted.

Cdt A Bhanot (A): An icon of public speaking. Great at heart, was approachable to all juniors, he rocked the Jam sessions with his Dance moves.

Cdt Sandeep R (AF): This Mallu flyboy was good at academics had a tough time in PT, believed in "Work Hard and Harder Attitude".

Cdt Y J Yakshit (A): Believed in 'my cabin my life'. Mainly kept to himself.

Cdt Shatrunjay Singh (A): A Silent Pongo who believed in my cabin my life. Put-in in X-country DESPITE SEVERAL INJURIES.

Cdt P Verma (A): The Public Speaking Captain of Ist-IIIrd termers, seen mostly on periphery.

Cdt N Najeeb (A): This josh type Afghan was a motivation for the Squadron. A torchie and 3rd enclosure type.

Cdt Arjun Singh Dewara (A): This die hard Chittorian used to put in for Squadron in every event. Always had a smile on his face and cared a lot for his juniors.

Cdt Saurabh Kumar (A): A flying eagle landed in Apache Kingdom, who proved that tough time never lasts, but tough people do.

Cdt Parminder Singh (A): This potential DCC, a jolly character and stud in PT Source of entertainment for the whole squadron.

DCC Akshaj Chandel (A): Basketball Captain was highly respected among juniors, was famous for his ML's.

Cdt Gulshan Kumar (A): This Kunjean always entertained the Squadron with his mimicry skills. Was affectionately called 'Gullu' by his coursemates.

Cdt Kumar Gaurav (A): This “Bihar ke Lalla” was a character who used to put-in in every field. ‘Never give up’ was his attitude.

CQMS S S Slaria (A): Maria Sharapova of the Sqn, this smart and hardworking SOSA focused on teaching good things to juniors, and always kept them motivated by his talks.

Cdt Vedank Godiyal (A): Hockey captain of the SQN and a potential X-country medalist. A Mr. India type built.

Cdt Kartik Pandey (A): A calm and composed guy and a fantastic volleyball player. Was a very soft spoken person.

Cdt Sudhir Kundu (AF): Tallest guy of the course. This fly boy was josh type volleyballer. He was good at heart.

DCC Jitendra Pratap (AF): This white tiger performed in every field. A potential X-country medalist. Was stud in P.T. and academics, cared a lot for Sqn.

Cdt Suyash Malvia (N): A torchie of the course, this naval cadet followed the funda of my cabin my life.

Cdt Vikas Kumar Jha (AF): This flyboy maintained 'My cabin my life'. Had a serious demeanor, his voice was barely heard in Sqn.

DCC Aarnish Singh (A): This josh type Rimcollian was a role model to his juniors. PT stud, he taught his juniors a lot of good things.

Cdt R Bhainsora (A): This Ghorakhali always had a smile on his face. Approachable to all juniors and loved by everyone in Sqn.

Cdt A Kandpal (A): This Ghorakhali believed in 'actions speak louder than words', literally. Put-in everywhere but never said a word. Affectionately called 'Baba'.

Cdt Pema Dorji (A): This josh type Bhuti was a PT stud and loved listening to music. Put in a lot in camps.

SCC Tushar Thakur (A): Jack of all trades. X-country medalist, boxing medalist, COP Arabic, Merit card Academics, the list is never ending. Led the Sqn by example.

Cdt A Sharma (A): This Nawab was a PT Stud and a diehard Pongo. Had a good sense of humor.

Cdt B Kalita (A): Biggest 'Bhand' of his course, as well as periphery kingdom, throughout his six terms.

Cdt Upender (N): This naval cadet from Haryana was a P.T. Stud and was always joking around. He set the dance floor on fire during Jam sessions. Affectionately called 'Upi Bhai', he put in a lot for Sqn.

Cdt S K Singh (A): This down to earth Bihari believed in 'live and let live', was rarely heard in Squadron.

Cdt S R Fernandez (A): This Pongo was always found howling out drill commands. Was mad about drill and put-in a lot for sqn in X-country, games and drill com.

CSM T Longkumer (A): X-country medalist and academy team footballer, stud in PT. Led the sqn by example, very hardworking and humble, his favorite words were 'That's Why'. Had a 100 watt smile.

Cdt A Sharma (N): This Naval cadet was a die hard 'Marco' optee. Very kind to juniors. Was affectionately called 'Pika' by his coursemates.
SCC Ayush Salaria (A): This cheeku performer type Rimcollian could play all games at academy level but could never pass clear orders.

CSM Hitesh Malik (A): This Jat CSM always kept the name of the Kunjeans high. English was his Waterloo. A very good basketball player and X-country runner who maintained his enclosure throughout his NDA stay. Nightmare for 5th terms.

CQMS Shubham Pant (AF): He was a master of all games and the only Ghorakhalli torchie. His expressionless, non-interested, moody behaviour was an unsolved puzzle.

DC AS Patil (A): Don't go by his size and innocent face, a torchie, who was considered as academic base of sqn. A terror type Maratha, always interested in sqn.

CDT Satya Prakash (A): A cheerful Bihar who was an avid participant in sqn activities. Approachable, easy going and determined. An excellent volleyball player, and a X-country runner. Was ever vibrant and loved to play loud Bihar music.

DCC P K Kuntal (A): Kuntal was his name and had a very big fame. Academy SGT in 5th term, and academy DCC in 6th term. Basketball was his game, and terror, his second name. He ran with lightning pace.

CDT Ketan Gusain (A): A josh-type Ghorakhali, was a very good football player. Academics and 10-m jump were always his Waterloo.

CDT S Lakheya (A): A josh-type Rimco, spur in riding at academy level. His sqn was his life. Whenever he smiled, he ruled the world.

CDT M Jindal (N): This Bhatinda chap was known for his angry looks. He needed a job completed either by hook or crook. Tie-touch champ and a good basketballer.

DCC Jay Tiwari (A): Very mischievous and full-fledged 'Bihari' torchie DCC. Knew his way out of everything.

CDT P A Ujawane (A): He was genuinely helping and interested in sqn PT. A PT stud himself and always taught juniors. Highly motivated and always seen on ground.

CDT S R Patel (A): This Baluchadian pongo resolved to 'my cabin my life' in his 6th term. Very good in firing and very famous for make everyone get-wet.

CDT Arun Saini (AF): This Doonite was a high-time motivator, a flyboy who was an excellent public speaker. He had different method of teaching, a good footballer and his looks were killing.

CDT Harsh Tyagi (AF): A potential appointment and the cadet who has always improved since his junior terms. A diehard air force cadet who used to put-in in each event.

CDT Abhimanyu Dabas (N): A josh-type overstudy and a guy whom you could always approach for any problem. Excellent basketball player, he knew where to put-in and worked on MRP, minimum required put-in.

CDT P K Singh (A): The chikoo type chinki Bihar is a good volleyball player. My cabin my life was his motto from his 3rd term.

CDT D Siwach (N): A typical SOSA with the SOSA attitude who was more like a buddy than an overstudy. Would always help his juniors.

CDT S K Yadav (A): Calm and gentle Haryanavi boy, known for his kind heart. Always tried to become a terror-type senior but never succeeded. A good X-country runner who terrorized his juniors with his strange games and jokes.

CDT Ashish Anand (A): The Bihar pongo remained a potential torchie till his 6th term. Chill-type and was easily approachable.

BCA Akshit Kapil (A): The Sujanian was a PT stud of his course. An all-rounder in sports, he was always seen cheerful and love-loving.

CDT P Panwar (N): A very motivated Naval cadet, simple and was eager to learn all games and sports and used to manage his time properly.

CDT P Kothari (AF): This Pahadi was the cyber cafe of the sqn. One could find electronic gadgets of all sorts in his cabin. A good X-country runner and football player.

CDT J Dorji (A): Fantastic football player and a very humble BHUTI (more of an INDIAN). Very energetic and a good senior.

CDT K Harjule (A): This taant SOSA was very smart and knew every funda of the academy. A good basketballer and runner. You could hardly find him angry.

CDT S K Yadav (A): The josh-box of Sqn. Always set example for juniors. Was cheerful and used to motivate juniors. An easily approachable senior.
CDT R Sahil (A): This horse rider was generally seen on periphery road, was favorite of his juniors as a cool, kind hearted personality who always cared about his juniors.

CDT K Acharya (AF): No need of mike for this Bihari to speak, howling out was his way of motivating sqn. This flyboy never missed a chance to teach his juniors.

CDT C Tiwari (A): He had the ability to change his mood from happy to angry within seconds, always seen guiding or setting guidelines for his juniors. This Georgian was a good basketball player.

CDT Y Vikhlur (N): This never seen never heard 'Saikorian' was a P.T stud and good in X-country. He was the bunking captain of his course. He spent his 5th term in ante room, one of the rare guys who changed their service from Army to Navy. Was ACC-Ante room Cadet Captain.

DC Ankit (N): This Bihari Neva was Mr. perfectionist in whatever he did, was the restriction king of his course, least interested in others but passed out as DCC, was very good in drill.

CDT M K Meena (A): This Sujian was a very good hockey player. A firm believer of 'my cabin my life' and a good combination of clever mind and innocent looks.

CDT TP Yadav (A): This Georgian was least interested in his juniors and played almost all games. He was the most hi-tech guy of his course.

DCC V Dhaman (A): This Jat Georgian was the ultimate chill DCC. His MLPs were full of comedy; he was good in X-country and always knew the right way to motivate his juniors, a good basketball player.

CDT Ravi Kumar (A): This journalist from Nalkanda found a great source of knowledge from the newspaper. He was famous for his missed calls 'o hello!'. His cabin always mesmerized his juniors because of its cleanliness.

DCC H Singh (AF): This flyboy Khalsa was a 4 star coorie and an excellent swimmer, good in drill and famous for his slim figure, he was interested in juniors & gave a lot of lift to pal party.

CDT R Godoy (A): A good volleyball player who always had a different way of motivating his team on ground which resulted otherwise. Had a whole different set of theories and took keen interest in games.

CSM Rajat Yadav (A): This flyboy tried to become terror type CSM but his voice and body structure never helped. His 'aein' after every sentence was popular he was good in drill and academics.

CDT Abhil M Raj (A): Kept the mood of sqn positive every time, this OQ guy always remained & believed in high morale. He was a terrific dancer and a big bhad of his course.

BCC A K Gupta (AF): This chiku Rimcollian was a good hockey player. He was the asasshiq of his flank, a 5 star coorie and course topper too.

CDT K Sunny (A): Was a good public speaker, was always found busy with his guests in his cabin on Sundays. He was the public speaking captain of sqn. An IITian but failed to become torchie.

CDT S Rathore (A): This Ajinkya was the favorite of his juniors. Wearing a wicked smile 24/7, this super chatki was never seen, never heard. Was good in pt, X-country & played every game.

CQM D Singh (A): This cool OQ was famous for his British cum desi hinglish. Often found in mess calling sahab as steward. His jat accent made him more funny, played 1st string in all games and was a brilliant javelin thrower.

CDT V Sampath (A): The sexy munda of his course was known for his moustaches was always seen in jolly mood. He hated going to classes and always impressed his juniors by his speech, failed to lose weight even after a lot of effort by him and seniors.

CDT Ankit Shukla (A): This X-country medalist had same face expression always hardly smiled; this calm and cool guy had a different and effective way of motivating his juniors.

CDT S Das (A): Was good in X-country always remained on his toes; this Assamese Rimco was very put-in type and used to speak in a mysterious way.

CDT P Chaturvedi (A): This guitarist was a band of his course this Nawab was favorite of his juniors, famous for his diving in volleyball matches. A cool person and good volleyball player.

CDT H Singh (A): This Khalsa had great interest in commandant's tea, very chill type flyboy but took keen interest in teaching juniors whatever he could.

CDT Aman Kumar (A): This Rimco was a boxing medalist, riding spur and a PT stud. He was known for the PT sessions he took of his juniors. Was a very jovial and cool attitude guy.

CDT A M Ahmed (A): This cadet from Maldives was a foreign PT instructor for his juniors he was good in pt and taught new and effective exercises to his juniors.

CDT M S Birdie (A): This high OQ SUSA was a terror among his juniors for never ending knowledgeable MLPs. He was a pt stud of his course and a good guitarist.

SCC W Dorji (A): This Bhutia was a good footballer and good in drill. He was generally confused among his juniors. This most put-in type foreign cadet always used to be with the sqn and took keen interest in sqn activities.

CDT H Gill (A): The ultimate joshbox of sqn, was able to inspire each and every guy of sqn, was never seen standing still or passing his time. His loud way of talking was famous, good in X-country, PT, games and took keen interest in teaching his juniors every possible thing.

CDT M Maheshwari (N): This neva tried to become terror type but failed, he is famous for his motivational speeches both in Hindi and English. Always guided his juniors to make abs and six packs but failed to do that for himself.
CDT A Fotedar (A): This josh type cadet was good in PT. Known as the 'PT Saab', was a good 'bhaand' and coursemates wanted him to join APTC.

DCC R Yadav (A): The 'Action Jackson' of the sqn. Known for his affinity towards the word 'the'. Interested in 5th termers. A single star torchy and good in volleyball.

DCC M A Siddiqui (A): This white tiger was the 1st term DCC, closer to 1st termers than their over studies. The hockey vice-captain motivated the Sqn to do well.

CDT V S Agilan (A): This Amaranian was seen only inside his cabin or in an anteroom. Tamil songs could be heard from his cabin throughout the day.

DCC D Sarma (A): This Assamese was from Sainik school, Golpara. Potential X-country medalist and stud in PT. Was interested in 4th termers.

CDT K Vikram (A): This Bihari Georgian was good in PT, X-country and academics. Potential appointment and famous for his unyielding threats.

SCC G S Saini (A): This chill type Georgian turned interested and serious after becoming SCC. Josh type senior was the fastest Indian in X-country in his 6th term.

CDT R Sharma (A): This flying ace was stud in pt, had problems in his 4th term. Super-interested till his 3rd term, became non-interested later.

ACA R S Bisht (A): This soft spoken Ghorakhal was a performer type. Always looked out for his juniors. Super-stud in PT. Did not have enough space in his name slip to write all his achievements.

CDT A Sharma (A): This public speaking in charge of his course discovered his pt stud qualities in his 6th term.

CDT M Yadav (A): Had his fundas straight. Excused himself from exercises and interested in eats and drinks. Had his terror among the saabs of mess table.

CDT D S Jodha (A): Super non-interested. Won many laurels with his horse in the riding team, but had to sweat it out to pass the 'horse' in the PT test.

CDT K Thiney (A): This josh type 'Bhuti' knows where to put in and never did anything more than that. He was a chill type senior for his Indian juniors but a terror type for his bhuti juniors.

CDT I Sharma (A): This deadly Ranger was an ex-flaggy. Always believed in motivation. Good in pt and hockey.

CDT A Rajput (A): This deadly Apache was a jack of all trades. Good in hockey and x-country. In his 6th term did a mistake of taking a small shortcut.

CDT S H Yalagi (A): This Bijapurite was the hockey captain of the sqn. Realized his running capabilities in his 5th term. Famous for likes in his 4th term's end of term.

CDT Abhishek (A): Chikoo was the academics captain of the sqn, a two star torchie. Seen taking rounds during study periods and seen near phones.

CQMS R Malik (A): This Kunjeenaan was highly interested till his 5th term and in 6th term got interested in bikes, bedbugs, eats and thin clients. Known for his haryanvi accent.

CSM P J Bisht (A): This true (CSM) Cadet Scrowning Machine was a X-country medalist. Always passed higher tests in PT. A double disciplinary star holder and was very senti for sqn performance. Known as the 'prabhudeva' of the sqn.

CDT P Sasmal (A): This pongo was the most put-in type guy of his course. Good in football and volleyball. Mostly found washing his clothes.
CDT D GUPTA (A): This Sujanian was a much put in type cadet. He was seen more in pt fields than in sqn. Very silent by nature and always stayed in stealth mode. Cross country and PT were his nightmare.

CDT S KUMAR (A): This lad from Gopalpur was the Pankaj Udhas of his course. COP in disgust and ADDP in sadism were his major achievements. This guy of poetic nature will surely be missed by his flankies.

CQMS P AGARWAL (AF): This second generation CQMS of his family known for his excellence in academics and led by example. Loved down kondwa with his div kids. He was also known as sqn mummy with extra OLQ. He always had a soft corner towards his div kids.

CDTA NASRANI (A): Popular as father in the sqn. This immensely talented painter was known for his sensible heart to heart decisions. He was always found giving pep talks to juniors and really loved the coziness of his cabin.

DCC AR GAIKWAD (A): This grounded DCC was the LIC king of Echo sqn who was known for his immense appetite. He was a PT stud but cartwheel remained his Waterloo. He was a good runner and an amazing hockey player.

CDT A SOLANKI (A): This cheeku Georgian is an angry bird. Started every line with his patented word and claimed to be an all ball shop. COP drill. X country was a hard nut for him to crack his 6th term. Best caretaker of his understudy course in all norms.

CDT N YADAV (AF): This flyboy so proud of himself that his only merit is that he is a fly boy. This bookworm was the only person in the academy who dared to keep spikes throughout his 6 terms.

CSM K S CHAUHAN (A): This cheeku CSM was stud in PT and X country. Order fall ins were his spoken English classes. Found mugging up lyrics of English songs and roamed around in his towel with a name of terrorizing the juniors and ignited once in a blue moon.

CDT R MISHRA (A): This ex hunter Rimcillian was a X country medalist. An ace 400m runner of the Bn. Always set the tracks on fire. ATTN A, B or C; you name a thing he had it all in his 6th term. Ortho dept of MH will surely miss his regular visits.

SCC S K YADAV (A): This great leader really believed in the power of motivating juniors until blood came out of their ears. One can never really recover from the trauma of having to hear his terrible jokes. COP in Chinese, he will be remembered for the weird ideas he had in his mind.

DCCA TORA (A): Known for his witty one liners and sense of humor. He was the reason why the sqn laughed out loud. This PT stud would never fulfill his dream of becoming a torchie. For his understudies, he was the ultimate savior.

DCCA RANA (AF): This mummy overstudy was the biggest psycho of his course one could really understand the literal meaning of blast just after seeing this OC turned DCC’s cabin. He always looked for ideas which could help him run the sqn but ended up making them into raps.

CDT A SINHA (AF): This almost merit card in PT and ex flaggy discovered his true potential in his senior terms known for his drill and crave for pizza. This flyboy was always interested in sqn activities but got unlucky with sqn office every time. Known for planning mischief.

CDT MPS TOMAR (A): This Meerut boy was a COP in Chinese and body builder of his course. PT stud and what not will be remembered by his flankies for caring attitude and ultimate juice bar sessions.

CDT D DUTT (A): This ‘Eid ka chand’ of his course became the academics captain without attending classes. Good X country runner who barely smiled, of the most beloved Georgian. He has seen all phases of Echo sqn.

CDT R RANJAN (A): A mystery man of his course rarely seen on holidays was known as ‘roop ki rani’ by his coursemates. Good in X country and swimming captain of Echo sqn. He will always be remembered for his once in a lifetime smile.

CDT S P SAGAONKAR (N): This ‘bhar se bholu bhaila ander se bomb ka gola’ neval was a PT stud, easily troubled by his course mates and a great hockey player. He will popularly be remembered as the man who did Rovers with one hand.

CDT V CAITANYA (N): This Gulta navla was known as a person who spoke two to three paragraphs in 1 second which no one understood... Popularly known as dheeul by his course mates was an excellent sportsman.

CDT T DORJI (A): This Bhuvi cadet is ADDP in cartwheel. Only foreign cadet to have academics torch. Good basketball player and an active participant in sqn activities. He would be missed for his pleasant handi and caring nature.

CDT M S GREWAL (A): This 6 ft tall yank Khalsa with weird taste in music and girls has at last taken his first step of manhood. A very lazy person and noble at heart, basketball captain of the sqn. Was always the last person to pass PT in sqn.

CDT S M MANDAL (A): This Bihari Bengali also known as academy pal. Chilled person in the sqn who looks to find a connection with anyone and everyone, has a habit of roaming around bare chest. X country was his Waterloo.

CDT S K PRAPATI (A): Most hard working person who never gave up since the time 124 course came in. Finally has the privilege of passing out as an EVILORD. The Most down to earth person. COP in Chinese and merit card in academics left no stones unturned for the welfare of the sqn.

CDT D DAGAR (A): This Delta to Echo cool dude has found a part in heart of every eagle really humble by nature whose permanent address was on the periphery route. He had the best taste in music, cared for his juniors and kept them on their toes at all times.

CDT S JHA (A): This stalwart of public speaking never missed to give his name in guest list. COP DRAMATICS, COP Public Speaking, foreign OD visit, you name the achievements and he has it all. This two star torchie despite having such merit could only pass out an OC but made everyone proud by his visit to ITALY.

CDT M PRASAD (A): This Gharkakaib with a killer instinct was a good volleyball player and a good runner. Called as ‘tau’ by his course mates was accidentally a good artist.

CDT S D PATIL (A): This PT captain of ECHO Sqn was found to be in his cabin instead of the fields. He loved to maintain connection with the outside world and treated himself on every holiday with frequent visitors. A great sportsman with a wonderful attitude. He would be remembered for his "interactive" nature.
Cdt. Shubham Singh (A): This pongo Nawab was a sqn pal, except when it came to PT. A favourite among all juniors. He passed out without fulfilling his dream of 8 pack abs.

Cdt. Prashant Mishra (A): This Nawab was loved by his juniors for his cheerful nature. Believed only in motivation and was the most O.G person in his course.

Cdt. Avinash Kumar (A): This Ajinkyan was good at academics and G.K. Usually a chill type guy, he however became very difficult to control when he lost his temper.

CSM Sachin Raj (N): This Mallu nevala was one of the coolest CSM's the sqn ever saw. A very good person at heart and a major contributor to sqn's volleyball replica.

Cdt. Azan Miraj (A): This pongo soasa was the geek of his course. Academics Torchie and course topper was often seen during notes check-up fall-ins. Ensured discipline of sqn, always known as a potential appointment.

Cdt. Sahil Singh (A): This Doonite was a ’my cabin my life’ type guy. A true gentleman at heart, always loved to flaunt his muscles.

Cdt. Paaras Misra (A): This pongo was the report sick king of his course. A power PT stud was fondly called "Fazlu". Also known for his polite nature.

Cdt. Pranav P Subramanian (A): This Mallu tried to be the most terror type cadet of his course, always involved in correcting sqn discipline. A good Basketballer and a very special mallu for all. Good at academics.

Cdt. Himanshu Mehta (A): This ever smiling and happy Ghorakhali was famous for his jokes. Unlike other Ghorakhalis he proved himself in public speaking rather than X-country.

SCC N Manchanda (A): This Kunjean pongo had an everlasting smile on his face. COP Russian and rowing, he was one of the most motivated among his course and would be remembered for his sporting skills.

Cdt. V Eraivan (A): This Amravian always remained a highly motivated sportsman, but found it difficult to pass his PT on time, will be remembered for his good nature and English skills.

Cdt. Ashutosh Pandey (AF): This Nawab flyboy was the comedian of his course, a very helpful and jolly guy, definitely the funniest in his course.

Cdt. S K Ojha (A): This Bihari pongo was among the endangered species (Purullian). Popular for his comedy and helpful nature, an awesome runner, was feared for his endurance routes.

Cdt. A S Dhinda (AF): This Khalsa flyboy passed most of his time running the periphery. A good person. Will be fondly remembered for his management skills.

Cdt. A Bhardwaj (A): This Ghaziabadi left everyone in awe thanks to his dancing skills. A spectacular swimmer, his cool & calm behaviour was appreciated by all.

Cdt. S Dey (A): Known for his peculiar Nawabi accent. Drill was always his forte. His hardworking and helpful nature will be remembered.

CQMS M Kumar (A): This Mauryan CQMS left everyone mesmerised by his basketball skills. The O.G of his course will be remembered for his unbiased nature.

DCC Manjunath (A): This skinny Bijapur was among the top X-country runners of his course. Stud in PT, he will always be remembered for his polite nature.

Cdt. Naveen Kumar (A): This Bihari pongo was good in power PT and PT I/C of sqn. The zero point of drill square will always miss him.

DCC K S Kapkoti (A): This cheeku Ghorakhali tried to be a terror type DCC. Good in X-country and a COP Drill, was a highly motivated leader.

Cdt. A Menon (AF): A Mallu flyboy who was a silent chap. Stud in power PT but the vault proved to be too long for him.

Cdt. S Sangwan (AF): A person who entered as a pongo but was lucky enough to pass out as a flyboy. Good in sports and services, a true gentleman inside out.

Cdt. V W Benetto (AF): This Amravian flyboy was a master in stealth. Good character but believed in speaking less. Good in PT and academics.

Cdt. S Goel (AF): This flyboy was very senti about academics. Good volleyball player, believed in motivating the sqn.

DCC Ashish Kumar (N): This Himachali was a wannabe naval aviator, a good X-country runner & PT stud; he believed in running the squadron on motivation and always led by example.

Cdt Amandeep Singh (N): This nevala was among the most hardworking guys of his course who rose from open to 3rd enclosure. True gentleman and hardcore marco optee.
BCC A K Sinha (A): This Bihari BCC was a Merit Card in anything he did. Was really sweet by heart.

SCC P D Jagdale (A): Off Duty SCC, Hardly seen during fall-ins. A PT Stud. Had more than what was required to become Merit Card, but couldn't become one.

CSM II I Raj (A): This Amaravani CSM was famous for his lectures in his typical accent and way.

CQMS R P Singh (A): Real PT Stud. Liked to keep mustache like a man but also liked to perform (dance) as a woman.

DCC M S Yadav (A): This UPsanian was Torchee by chance, cabin cupboard captain by choice, DCC by profession.

DCC R Rasgotra (A): This real great DivPop chiku DCC was COP in Russian and was always concerned about the orientation of juniors.

DCC S Kumar (A): Mr. Perfectionist DCC with a stylish hairstyle. The Bhaiya of sqn. Known for his beret; even BCC called him Sonu Bhaiya.

Cdt P Kumar (A): He was a flaggy but rope was his Waterloo. A great personality at heart and a true Gem.

Cdt A Tripathi (A): Education Minister of sqn. This academy team cricket was also stud in PT.

Cdt A Arora (A): This Merit Card Academics, was a store of technical knowledge for VI term army cadets, he was passionate for volleyball.

Cdt S Kapoor (N): He was the most studious and a Torchee. A cook for the Army Cadets.

Cdt S Mahlawat (A): A PT stud Georgian. His height is inversely proportional to his dare.

Cdt A Bora (A): Dumdaar personality, innocence defined his looks. A guy who never gave up.

Cdt R Gupta (A): 2IC of my cabin my life. The most non interested guy.

Cdt A Thengal (A): Leader of my cabin my life. PT stud and good in X-Country. Classes seemed to be an alien place to him. He sometimes surprised his course mates by saying that he'll go to classes today.


Cdt A K Jangra (A): He was COP Russian, always an aspirant of Torch. Most senti guy, a great DivPop.

Cdt D Sharma (A): This small looking dynamite Chittorian, was good in X-Country but was never seen in X-Country practices.

Cdt A Malik (A): This Rimcolian, an ace shooter, half blue in shooting, good in hockey also academic torch was a great person to take inspiration from.

Cdt P Kumar (N): This yanko bihari was senti about 2 things X-Country and Cold Drink, and a member of My Cabin My Life.

Cdt G Singh (A): Aspirant of Cabin 1 since junior terms. Gentleman orator of the course.


Cdt R Singh (A): Mostly found in the Hockey season. This chhota Khalsa was hardly seen.

Cdt A S Indolia (A): This champ always took the responsibility of camps and liked to give MLs.

Cdt P Singh (AF): This yanko cut Khalsa learned sudarshan kriya in VI term to purify his body from inside.

Cdt K Ahlawat (N): This naval cadet tried to take panga everywhere. Was the Drill Comp in charge in his Vth term and caught many a culprit.

Cdt AV Singh (A): Quebec CSM came to Golf after a day he would love to forget. PT stud, good at heart and had a lovely smile. Highly motivated and positive.
Cdt Kunal Banerjee (A): A joshtype batsman and captain of Academy cricket team. He was a stud in PT and had a special interest in body building. Though, being regular in ODT’s, classes remained his point of disinterest.

Cdt E Hussainzada (A): A kind hearted Afghani. Always helping juniors in need. Famous for his Afghani songs and was good in X-country.

DCC Feroz Sedad (A): This joshtype Afghani cadet was a stud in PT. He was interested in body building, always motivated and helped juniors whenever required.

CSM Dipak Keshari (A): Ever smiling Saibhuan. His one liners haunted squadron for days together. He never cared about his CSM Band. He always motivated squadron about cross country.

CQMS A Chaunhan (A): This speco pongo was a source of entertainment for his course mates. Also called “Chepa” enjoyed most of his tenure in flanks with eats and tea. A well wisher of juniors was always seen taking interest in squadron.

Cdt Tuhin Sarkar (N): This nevra footballer was always the favorite among the seniors. His Excellency in football, academics and drill proves the fact ‘Chota Packet Bada Dhamaka’. A bit OQ in junior terms was least interested in juniors.

BCA Deep Chandra (A): A nightmare for 5th termers. Carrying on the Upasain tradition of greatness. Words can’t describe his character and abilities. A true HUNTER and a good leader indeed.

SCA A V Yadav (A): The white tiger of the squadron showed the true meaning of SQN CADET CAPTAIN. Was known for his true hunter spirit COP RUSSIAN, 4 star tochee and hockey player.

Cdt Aditya Prakash VP (A): The Orator of his course. This Mallu was a non interested 6th termer. He followed the principle ‘My Cabin My Life’.

Cdt Rohit Arya (A): This joshtype Pahadi was known for his hilarious jokes and his ability to spread smiles. Josh type bhaad. His mimcary was famous in the sqn.

Cdt Navin Kumar (A): This jat Georgian was a joshtype basketballer with an accurate shot. A jack of all traits and very polite to juniors. He was periphery king but his life was limited to his cabin.

Cdt Sandeep Kumar (A): A rare combo of Bhari Balachadian. Was the least interested type. Good in X-country and flaunted his good body. Enjoyed IMA like stay in his 6th term.

Cdt Ashish Tomar (AF): This 6 footer was the comedian of his course, a good basketballer and jack of all trades but master of none.

DCC Y D Reddy (AF): A man of few words. He believed in motivation completely. This fly boy was a PT stud and played joshtype hockey, Academics and public speaking were his waterloo.

Cdt Saket Kumar (A): Academics captain of the sqn. Merit card in Academics, two star tochee. ADOP in French, motivated sqn to perform well in academics as well as volleyball.

Cdt IS Belliappa (A): Joshtype footballer and even better hockey player. He was seen more in his walking outs with a category slip in hand.

Cdt N Chakma (A): This small pack bada dhamaka surely prove that size doesn’t matter. Be it in PT ground or the boxing ring. This josht type RIMCO will be remembered for his flexible body in the PT field.

Cdt Vijay Kumar (AF): This Tilayan flyboy was the least interested senior and believed in ‘my cabin my life’. He was fairly good in everything. He played basketball and led the sqn in hockey.

Cdt U Phunsho (A): This joshtype ‘Bhutti’ was a good volleyball and football player. He was particularly known for using a bhuti adjective in every sentence he spoke. X-country remained his waterloo.

Cdt Amit K Tomar (AF): This flyboy Ghorakhali took a lot of interest in 4th termers camp. Fond of music, this ex-killer spent senior terms on periphery route. A PT stud and good volleyball player.

Cdt A K Srivastav (A): This pongo was a great bhaad, kept smiling all the time but was always found on the wrong side. The camps captain of the sqn was good at everything.

Cdt P C Ragit (N): A taant from Nagpur and a nevala. Best in drill, a good natured TAANT. Always had ‘Ghar ke laadoos’ available with him on Sundays. His cabin was the place for Hurt lockers.

DCC KHSK Naid (N): This Gulti nevala was a PT stud. His principles were as high as his name. Potential merit card in PT but always had a kela. A football champ and a motivating soul. A potent type DCC and very interested in basics of sqn.

Cdt R Bora (N): This Pahadi nevala was least interested in juniors. He loved to live his life alone in his cabin playing his guitar. Losing weight remained the utmost challenge in his training throughout. A cheerful senior though.

Cdt M Maheshwari (N): Cheeku of his course. A book prize winner and a potential torchy. He was the academics captain of the sqn and improved drastically in x-country. Before his 6th term very few knew that he was a nevala.
SCC S SATISH KUMAR (A): This Amravatian played all games in 1st string. Tried hard to terrorize his juniors with his soft voice but failed terribly. This TAMBI could hardly speak Hindi but somehow managed to communicate.

CSM SAURABH NAUTIYAL (A): A leading example CSM, filled the sqn with josh, had a unique style of passing orders. A COP in Russian and was equally good at X-country and drill.

CDT HARISH SHARMA (N): This nevala was never seen in his 1st 5 terms. But in 6th term took interest and became the so called "KABIR KHAN" of the sqn. He made hard work and ate even harder.

CDT ABHISHEK DASH (A): He was the most powerful man in his course. Very fond of eating and was an ace basketball player. He was so fond of pets, so much that he had a cat in his cabin.

CDT SHYAM P (A): This pongo was the most uninterested guy in the sqn. Was always with his pals, a nice guy to talk to and could be found UCJ anytime.

CDT SANDEEP OLI (A): This Ghokheri pongo was a terror in the sqn. Juniors would tremble on hearing his voice. X-Country captain who always kept his cabin in cabin cupboard state. An all rounder but swimming was his waterloo.

CDT PRATEEK BISHT (A): The PT stud was correctly called "Para" of the course. He made sure that the course under his charge reached the same PT standards as him. Always kept calm and quiet but no one dared to come on his wrong side.

CDT NITIN SANGWAN (N): The Kunjewar was a boxer from his 1st term but could never hit the gold. This nevala was seen neither in class nor in sqn."MY CABIN MY LIFE" was his philosophy. Was a "PAL" of the sqn office. Always kept calm and quiet but no one dared to come on his wrong side.

CDT BHARAT PANWAR (A): He was a very calm person who rarely lost his temper. Had great will power and determination and had sudden urge of interest in between but then found solace in his cabin. When no running shoe could help him in X-country, he tried barefoot and improved 2 encl.

CDT SUNIL KUMAR (A): This Ghokheri was one of the most uninterested souls in the sqn. ADOP in Chinese & a potential NISHAAN TOU. Known for showing improvement & had a huge collection of awful Pts.

DCC N DINESH KUMAR (A): This pongo DCC was the most put in type. Good at hockey, PT & X-country. Academy team sailing and even course topper. But was miserable in Hindi. Even foreign cadets spoke better.

CDT SUBHAM BISHT (A): A very kind and compassionate PONGO. This doonite was active in 3rd term but went to hibernation thereafter.

CDT NIRVDEH MISHRA (A): This SPECO-PONGO had great sleeping skills, though short tempered but was a great BHAAND and an excellent football captain. Struggled throughout his 6 terms in maintaining cabin cupboard.

CDT SANKALP SHARMA (A): This pongo was an average performer everywhere. Took interest a few places and was famous for making specimens. Master of all FUNDAS but everything vanished at the drill square. Had to struggle a lot for his lanyard even in the 4th term.

DCC ANCHIT S RATTANI (A): This OLQ type DCC was one of the favorites of juniors. He loved to give MILs and his stay at NDA was all about sailing. Took interest in sqn. Was good at X-country, basketball and golf. Flew up to be a BCA but blasted off to be a DCC.

CDT VISHRUT S CHANDEL (A): 3rd gen pongo was a basketball captain. Played all games, 4th encl in X-country and managed to clear M2 in 1st term. Academics was his Waterloo and BHAANDPANTI his inborn talent when it came to enacting DIVOs.

CDT JATIN PUNDIR (A): Smiley faced pongo, kept on cracking jokes on others. Academics and vault were his Waterloo. Was never seen anywhere but was the josh of all celebrations.

CDT ABHISHEK MAHALE (A): A kind and hard Saikapian. The camp captain helped his juniors in all ways possible. But a real JAAT by language, disastrous when it came to English. Still could hold the academics torch.

CDT ASHISH G PHILIPS (AF): This flyboy could dig holes in volleyball court just with his smashes. Was really feared by juniors but was hardly seen anywhere during X-country practice. One of the rare discipline star holders of the academy.

CDT UPMANYU MALIK (A): This Delhite was one of the intelligent minds of the sqn. A 5 star TORCHEER and merit card academics. Good at X-country and football but drill was his Waterloo. Never did a POP in his 5 terms but always commented on it, hoping to pass out as commentator. Academics captain of the sqn.

DCC KAUSTUBH RANJAN (AF): This flyboy Georgian from Bihar was a jack of all trades. Was good at quizzing but somehow his pointer spoke differently. "Potential" medalist in boxing and X-Country. Terrible at Russian but still managed a COP. His comments during order fall-ins were shocking.

CDT CHOKI DORJI (A): This Bhiti was a stud in PT and good at X-country. Was COP in drill and enjoyed singing Hindi songs in bathroom.

BCC RAM KRISHNA SHARMA (AF): This Rimcollian BCC was a national medalist and half blue in riding. Did all his drill periods on horse-back. A course topper & ADOF in French. Always on OD visits and was rarely seen in sqn. In his entire stay he could never "TOUCH HIS TOE" even during academy team tests.

CQMS PRAVEEN K BENUR (A): This Bijapur was an excellent player. Played all games in 1st string. Good at X-country. Could be found only on fields or his cabin. Somehow managed to learn Hindi in his 5 terms.
Cdt R Bisht (A): This Pahari footballer was COP in Arabic. This cool and composed ex-DCC had healthy relations with all the juniors.

CQMS R Chauhan (A): This Himachali was a fantastic footballer. Always seen in a jolly mood, as anger was out of his context. He was a stud in pt and had an academics torch.

Cdt Akhaya Thakur (A): The most “bindass” 6th termer known as the “babaji of sqn”. Keenly interested in football and always liked to remain on cloud 9.

Cdt Sachin Sharma (A): Good footballer and excellent goalkeeper. This himachali was a hard task master. X-country and academics were not his cups of tea.

Cdt A Tripathi (A): This Nawab was a member of academy team volleyball and a academics torch holder too. He was a potential battalion appointment. X-country was his waterloo.

Cdt R Mudgal (A): This Army cadet was COP in Arabic and always had a smiling face. Always gave short and valuable lectures to juniors.

Cdt Azad Singh (AF): This ‘awaz-e-Lucknow’ flyboy was academy famous for his melodious ghazals. 10M jump gave him and other 6th termers a hard time.

Cdt N Agarwal (A): This Army cadet had 3 star academics torch. He was a PT stud and good in X-country. Was a good basketballer and good at services.

SCC IS Tulara (A): As the SCC, he always led the sqn from the front. Good in academics, stud in PT and X-country. Played all the games and kept the motivation of sqn high.

CSM A Mavi (A): This ‘jat’ was initially the CQMS but later became CSM. Most favorite appointment of all juniors had a great sense of humor. To wake him up from sleep was a herculean task. Good in academics and X-country, he was also a sailing medalist.

Cdt A Anand (A): This Georgian and ex-CSM was a jack of all trades. Stud in PT, X country and boxing. Backbone of basketball, hockey, football teams. Along with the aggression at the fields had a good sense of humor. One of the most approachable seniors for any junior.

DCC Ojita Chandra (N): This Imphali was hardly seen anywhere. The coolest DCC ever, was a terror in the football field. His cool way of speaking Hindi will always be remembered.

Cdt Sohal Khun (N): The sailor Saikorian always came up with new ideas to take juniors to task.

Cdt G Saini (A): This chotu academy level bhand was always seen managing things but was good at heart. Sqn academics in-charge, he was brilliant in academics and 3 term course topper.

Cdt V Dwivedi (A): This Chittorian was good at organizing things. Was the favorite of his juniors and good in X-country.

Cdt M Arya (A): This Kunjean was found on periphery more than any other place. Excellent hockey and basketball player. Never missed to shock everyone with his skills.

Cdt Dharamveer Kumar (A): The most chill type 6th termer, was a josh type goal keeper. Famous for his one liners, his coursemates called him by names like ‘dharampal & babuji’. He was torana captain.

Cdt SS Chauhan (A): This sosa happened to be a very desperate lover of the academy. Most of his academy stay went in talking to his girlfriend. Was a josh type basketball player and a hardcore ASC optee.

Cdt S Khan (A): This Georgian was a josh type boxers and football player. Was a great source of motivation for juniors in X-country. Excellent in academics and self motivated.

Cdt Virender Singh (AF): This Kunjean flyboy was famous for his jolly mood and English speaking skills. Excellent volleyball player, had a keen interest in learning new things.

Cdt Ak Vansh (A): This speco had his own unique way of living life. Quite senti about his performance in games as well as X-country, was COP ‘report sick and att’c’. He was the “star” of the sqn.

Cdt S Bhagwat (A): This SPI was a cool tempered guy. Followed the principle of “my cabin my life”. Took active interest in almost all the games. Was a good boxer too.

Cdt D Saini (A): Popular as “daddu” amongst his coursemates. This army cadet was most often found looking for WLL in his 6th term. He was a COP in Chinese and a good hockey player.

DCC Nikhil Aher (N): This Ajinkya, unproclaimed CSM, was a terror type DCC. Good in X-country, football and the hockey captain, was a part of academy team hockey. Often gave MLS to the sqn.

Cdt Bhardwaj V (A): This Gult Army cadet was a true gentleman. He was the public speaking in charge and was good at basketball too. Famous as ‘birdie’ in his course.

Cdt Bhagat Singh (A): This imphali had a world of his own, with no one to interfere in it. Was a terrific football player and X-country runner.

Cdt R Nynyal (A): This non interested 6th termer was a pt stud. He was the true follower of the funda “my balcony my life”.

Cdt S Rattan (A): New to the Jaguar family, this ex BCC was COP in drill and 5 star academics torch holder. He gave outstanding motivational speeches.

Cdt Vishnu S (AF): This flyboy lived his own life. Was good at academics. Pt was his waterloo. Had good relations with juniors.

DCC Pawan Kumar (N): This DCC was a sqn favorite, meethi churi of the course. One of the few public school types to be josh type not only in X-country but also in almost all games.
CSM V DESAI (A): This chiku Georgian CSM had a well ironed face. Never seen smiling in sqn. Always had a serious look. Good in PT and X-country, English remained his waterloo.

CDT S PATHANIA (AF): This flyboy was well known as officiating sqn commander. He tried to become Kabir Khan of every event and helped sqn in getting the public speaking trophy. He liked to give expert advice in every field.

CDT P CHAHAL (A): This Kunjean jat was a josh type athlete and good in X-country. Was often seen in walking outs than in combat dress.

CDT B K YADAV (A): This self proclaimed psycho Nawab loved to have full jug of tea. He would hibernate after giving a guest appearance in sqn. Technical PT and DST were his waterloo.

CDT V YADAV (A): Well known as Buddha (old man). Was always seen playing 20-20 with fourth termers, was a good runner. JLT pal of sqn.

DCC D R RAO (AF): This 'Thangabali' flyboy was the hulk of the sqn, well known for his rowdy accent. Nothing was impossible for him.

CDT AMAN K M (N): This nevla was often seen in golf sqn, good at football, hockey and map reading.

CDT S TANETA (A): This Sujanean was a X-country medalist and was never seen in ODFS. Liked others bed to sleep because he never had his cabin in a proper state, wanted to attain nirvana in his 6th term.

CDT S JAMOAL (AF): This Nagretian was one of the most chill type seniors in sqn, was often seen managing everything possible and loved to sleep a lot.

CDT D TENZING (A): This kind hearted Bhutti was very good in basketball, latest gadgets were his proud possessions, speaking Hindi was his Waterloo.

CDT Y KUMAR (A): He was known as babaji of sqn. A friendly person who took least interest in juniors and believed in MPR (minimum put in required).

DCC H SINGH (A): This Khalsa was always seen lost in sqn, good in shooting. Always remained center of attraction amongst his course mates.

CDT P DAGAR (A): He had too smooth a voice which irritated everyone, so by deeds and attitude. Lifelong used vicks ki goli and passed 1st class rope in 6th term.

CDT VISHNU R (A): A real time bhaand and was always seen doing comedy with juniors. His cabin was like an internet cafe, a regular customer on flipkart.

CQMS S J KOTWAL (A): This taamt SPI was a CQMS who never got cold coffee and eats. Good in football and hockey and enjoyed every moment of life. A torchie who believed in the principle of 'MY CABIN, MY LIFE'.

CDT S KANDARI (N): This Pahadi nevla was sqn pal and never took interest in anyone, good in basketball and was always seen managing ball partner. He was seen only in two places, PTT and juice bar.

CDT A VASHISHTHA (N): This Pahadi nevla was good in volleyball and hockey, believed in MY CABIN, MY LIFE, very chill type senior and least interested in juniors and fondly known as CHUCHCHA.

CDT T SARMAN (A): This drill captain was a terror not only for juniors but also for his course mates. Was very good in football and the sqn will surely miss this goalkeeper.

SCC H AROA (A): This hunter-killer was a put in type RIMCO, and led the sqn in all activities. Fondly known as RUBBER and holds the record of attending NDA ball 4 times.

CDT K P SINGH (A): This Aravalian RIMCO was torchie and good in shooting, he was fondly known as KHAFFTA of the course, he had best fundas amongst all his course mates.

CDT N CHHILLAR (A): This Haryanvi jat was known as xerxius and was known in the whole academy due to his height. Good in volleyball but PT remained his waterloo.

CDT VINOY SK (AF): This Bijapuri flyboy was never seen, never heard in sqn. Was very helpful to his course mates and liked to go on liberties.

CDT A NAGPAL (AF): This flyboy believed in MY CABIN, MY LIFE. He had a bad taste in music and disgusted the whole corridor with his choice of sad songs, actively participated in all sqn activities.

CDT S THAMP (A): Josh type combination of SOSA, OG and Mallu, extremely good in nature, was found disgusted and crying over small issues, improved a lot in X-country in his 6th term.

CSD SUDHEESH S R (A): Better half of the popular jodi of Ramesh and Suresh, this mallu was found only in two places, PTT and babaji's ashram.

CDT D VERMA (A): A very good basketball player and good in public speaking, better known as sprinkler of the course. PT was his Waterloo in the 6th term.

CDT S DESWAL (A): This Haryanvi jat was known for his accent, he took interest in all activities and his favorite was drill comp dress inspection, his proud possession were his cosmetics.

DCC V TEJ (A): A josh type footballer and a very good guitarist, being DCC he believed in MY DIV, MY LIFE. Fondly known as bachcha amongst his course mates.

CDT A JUNEJA (N): This Quebec Killer was a swimming medallist and very good in water sports. He was good in drill and football.
Cdt Aman Dhaka (A): His sleepy eyes noticed everything and his chilling voice was a terror among juniors... A potential torchee remained potential torchee all throughout his six terms.

Cdt Ashok Arora (A): This all rounder Nawab pongo was famous for his attitude since his junior terms... ADOP in French and the only CQ who missed the lassii of CQ flank and became grounded on his own. Known for his cheeky smile for which he earned the wrath of many.

CSM N Sandhya (A): This josh type Tillayan was a stud in PT and a cross country medalist. His motivation rubbed off well on the sqn... A CSM who endured it all & knew how to make his juniors perform.

Cdt Ranjit Kumar (A): This ever jolly naughty Sujanian was the encyclopedia for “chicos” in the academy. The only hockey captain who focused on improving game of sqn by motivation..... NO ONE DOES IT BETTER...

Cdt Ankush Yadav (A): This nevala was known as the GPS of course... calm and sensible. Green horn captain and was most approachable senior for all juniors.

Cdt P Kabthyal (A): This ever jolly Dehite used to enjoy his life in his own way... he was sqn pal and liked by all for his chill attitude. Was the next nuclear deal of the country. A cool dude and big Eminem fan.

Cdt RS Shekhawat (A): The PT captain who lead the sqn to good PT standards.... he with his tilted neck believed that anything could be improved though pumping.

Cdt A D Gadhe (A): This non interested SPI was chill type... And was always in very romantic mood... played every game with full josh and was loved by all juniors.

Cdt T Mahajan (N): Rovers captain of sqn, always had his service class in cabin. Was a PT stud and found in BCA bathroom every morning.

Cdt Abhishek Singh (A): Member of Lion fraternity since stone age was highly interested in basics of junior party. This short tempered hard core pongo had put his heart and soul in BB, was highly OG.

Cdt Gautam Jha (N): This AF to Army to nevala was hardly seen during X-country practice but showed quite a lot of interest in VB.

Cdt Shubham Kumar (A): This Pongo was a 3rd enclosure runner. Highly loved by 4th termers.

Cdt A Tripathi (A): The greatest fundeybaaz of his course was a very big gossip and always in search of eatables. Was a stud in Power PT. His words were a crossword for juniors.

Cdt A Walia (A): This Doonite was swimming/basics captain in sqn. Was hardly seen, but when seen no junior could be seen.

Cdt Rakesh Jhanjaria (A): This Georgian was a PT stud and the Public Speaking captain of Sqn. Was an ideal role model for Sqn whose vocabulary forced juniors to use online dictionary.

Cdt V Chaturvedi (AF): This flyboy improved great upon his PT, and was loved by juniors. Follower of Chatur Ramalingam, famous for utilising the sarkari rashan.

Cdt Kiran Chand C (N): He was more famous than the commandant of NDA, despite being Nevla, dealt greatly in explosives. Was a good sports person and nice at heart.

Cdt K Rana (A): This put in type Himachali was a double discipline star and was loved by his juniors. Motivated the Sqn and mostly lived in his own thought and life.

BCA M Singh (AF): This down to earth Upsanian was highly put in type, excelled in every field. Was the role model of all juniors. His cabin was full of facial cosmetic, he was very photogenic.

DCC Apil Kumar (A): This pongo Jaat changed drastically after his 4th term... believed in my cabin my life, very senti about basics.

SCC FA Ansari (AF): The ideal SCC was an all round sportsman and excelled in everything. Outstanding in drill, PT, great BB player. This Ghorkhali could do almost anything....

DCC Aman (A): This DCC had an exceptional body built.... knew how to sort out juniors well... became very chill type and non-interested in 6th term...

Cdt AK Longwal (A): After being grounded was always found talking to one or the other. He was the handsome computer engineer of the sqn. Could hack almost anything for a chicken burger.

Cdt A Pandey (A): The pille of Bijapur. The cheeku hunter was himself an undiscovered cheeku, could win an Oscar in bhaangdi girl. But when it came to basics he was the CSM.

Cdt Abhishek Yadav (A): The new member of family was a stud in everything. Restriction specialist, two drops changed his life.
Cdt Ankur Dwivedi (A): Known as 'Bhism Pitamah', this godfather of sqn was a non interested person whose interest was seen only in drill comp.

Cdt Jijo James (A): Rambo of the course, hardcore SF optee, worked hard for it on periphery, was a rare performing mallu.

Cdt GK Deb (AF): Bolt of academy! ACC, ACA, BCC, BCA, SCC, CSM all in one, but still was a DCC. Was the black hole of non veg table.

Cdt U D Chatap (A): This Ajinkiya was the "silent killer" of the sqn. Stud in power PT, good in sailing, followed "my career, my life".

Cdt R S Shekhawat (A): This jolly Aravalian was the sqn pal. Mostly found on periphery, this pongo always preferred his cabin.

Cdt Arun Jayan (N): This Naval Kazak was camp IC who got 2 plaques. 'Kabir Khan' of sqn, was good in drill too.

Cdt Suyash Kumar (A): The "Roadside Romeo", was the "cosmetic boy" of his course, this Bihari was a hardcore hockey player.

Cdt Kumar Shanu (A): The wounded lion, famous for mood swings and his funny English MLs, wanted to motivate but ended up demotivating the sqn.

Cdt Pranav Sharma (A): Cheeku Sujian, was bond of his course, fond of his understudy course and was bent on correcting the basics of sqn.

Cdt Anil Kumar (A): This Georgian jat was famous for his accent and tone, seemed to be disgusted with life, cared about juniors, and was loved by all.

Cdt Raushan K Pandey (A): This Bihari Mauryan was a "cheeku detector", fun loving person and enjoyed playing hockey.

Cdt Ninad Mahajan (AF): This flyboy was a late entry into the sqn, loved by all and a very approachable senior.

Cdt Ajitesh K Singh (AF): This Bihari flyboy was a non interested person who 'tried' to apply all fundas, an approachable senior and a fun loving person.

Cdt Himanshu Yadav (A): This Allahabad pongo was 'the lost creature' of the sqn, good in X-country, had a sharp brain but a slow processor.

Cdt Reyo P Augustine (AF): This Mallu flyboy was feared for his long and boring MLs. Stud in PT, his tales of flying were famous in the academy.

Cdt Ashish Kumar (AF): This Mauryan flyboy was a potential BCC, stud at everything, was respected for short MLs and a calm nature.

Cdt Shikhar Gagan (A): This Bihari cheeku Aryan was famous for his pure and raw accent in the sqn, loved by all, he was 'juniors' favorite.

Cdt Anand SC (N): This chatak, cheeku, chotu Bijapur hardy went to classes, worshipped "maggii", good in hockey and football.

Cdt Manikant Kumar (A): This COP in drill Tilaiyan was a stud in hockey, good in X-country, worked on motivation. The juniors feared his English.

Cdt D Suhaag (A): This Kunjean was very interested in camps, an approachable senior, a rare jat with a good accent.

Cdt JS Bajwa (A): This tante-Khalsa 'SOSA' was the gentlemen of his course, was a good golfer and cross country runner.
BCC N Philip (A): He was a jack of all trades, cool minded and tension free, he could carry out any task excellently.

CSM M Kumar (A): A PT stud, brilliant in drill, showed awesome skills in hockey, a dedicated CSM who led the squadron from front.

Cdt M Kumar (A): This Bihari babu from Nalanda was famous for his pure bihari accent. He was mostly called by the name "Manoj ji".

CQMS Parthraj (A): This CQMS deserved to be the CQMS as he was always concerned about eating. Biggest chatki of his course, was a put in type cadet and popular among juniors.

DCC Pankaj (N) (A): This peace loving DCC was the josh box of the squadron on volleyball and hockey fields. The words “never give up” could be seen on his window that kept the squadron motivated.

Cdt S Jakhar (N): A silent flyboy who cared about his juniors as well as Sqn. This Bijapuri spent a ‘my cabin my life’ term throughout his sixth term, had a craze for old songs. Was a riding spur.

Cdt Sukhpreet Singh (AF): An extremely good sportsman and a pt stud of his course, this Khalsa was known to charge at opponents and milk packets with equal ferocity.

Cdt J Nayyar (AF): A chill type, non-interested flyboy. An enthusiastic noble lord with a love for Punjabi songs. Performed exceedingly well in services.

Cdt R Pengoriya (A): This white tiger was the josh box of the squadron. He was popularly known for his sporting skills. He was equally good in academics and pt.

Cdt N Jhobta (A): This Sujanian was an extremely good hockey player. Always a potential medalist in X-country, he believed in the theory of 'my cabin- my life'. Whatever the field maybe, he was always there to perform.

Cdt Mustafa Bohara (A): This Aravallian OC was well known for his long MLS. He was considered as the encyclopedia of the squadron.

DCC M Bisht (AF): This Pahadi DCC was the biggest OG of the squadron. An ideal 6th termer, who was found working hard for every squadron event. This three star academics torch holder did exceedingly well in his services.

SCC K Gaurav (A): A cross country medalist, he led the squadron from front, whatever the event may be. He was rough by tongue but soft at heart. An exceptional basketball player and a pt stud. But 10 m jump was his waterloo.

DCC Puneet Kumar (A): Chill type Ghorakhali, who used to put in for the squadron in every event. An exceptional volleyball player, maintained his enclosure throughout his NDA stay.
CSM R Ojha: He was the 'academy sgt' & his voice was enough to terrorize any junior.

SCC K S Kumar: The cop drill Saikorian worked only on one motto "main jitna silent hu, utna hi violent hu".

Cdt Kc Sinha: This potential BCC was course topper and academy team rider.

Cdt S Rahimzy: A josh type volleyballer. This Afghani was known for his peculiar accent.

Cdt M Zaki Fayyaz: Afghani was stud in PT and wanted to be commando.

CQMS A Gupta: Only flyboy of the course, hardcore transport opti, became famous after the 'poke-mon' incident.

Cdt S Sharma: This Himachali 'echo to oscar' ran the periphery through out the term and was good in hockey.

Cdt G S Rana: Ex DCC, this Himachali was an all rounder, stud in pt, best in sports, best map reader.

DCC R Sharma: He was a josh type tennis superstar of the academy who completed his term only on OD visits.

Cdt S Rathi: This Upsanian jaat was 1st rotation CSM, ADOP French and did all his work in slow motion.

DCC A Singh: The invisible 5th termer who became dcc in 6th term, cop french, good in academics and believed in stats.

Cdt R Kumar: He was known as 'big boss' of the squadron. This Bihari Georgian was always interested in his div kids.

Cdt Sj Gaikwad: This Taant was very senti about guest list and known as baba in his course.

DCC A Anand: This Amravian Olympian was known as the golden goalkeeper, was in academy team basketball.

Cdt A Singh: This ex-Quebec was senti about hockey and was very interested in juniors in his previous squadron.
SCC A. Thakur (N): Saint Cadet Captain was never interested in unnecessarily bothering juniors. Flag corporal ST 14, always led the Sqn in X-country. Preparing his rigs remained to be his hobby.

Cdt. S. Krishna (A): A cheerful Kazak of Panther Sqn, was always looked upon by juniors for help. He was always seen smiling except when cartwheel had a toll in his IV term.

Cdt. T. Parmar (A): This 'Academy Cheeku' was COP in vault. A meritorious pongo, potential bayonet pin. He was always found with ITC and WLL in his hands. Had the distinction of playing all the games first time in his VI term.

DCC M. Kumar (A): "KHUSH HOKE KE KARO YA DUKHI HOKE, FINALLY IT'S YOU WHO HAS TO DO IT" this was the Bihari Georgian. A decorated boxer, PT enthusiast, always encouraged juniors to sweat and earn respect.

CQMS A. Saraswat (AF): This chiku of Panther Sqn was always seen smiling and asking for special bikes. Good in X Country, PT and Academics. Potential torchie and potential Flag Cpl.

Cdt. P. Panda (A): This pongo was known for his typically old Hindi songs. Took charge of hockey in VI term. Was always present whenever the Sqn needed him.

Cdt. M. Singh (A): A tall, good looking guy who was well known for his calmness. He was a stud in power PT, very good in academics and COP Russian.

DCC K. Kawade (AF): This flyboy seemed to be very strict and harsh but actually was caring and loving for all his juniors. Was very senti about basics. PT stud but X Country remained his waterloo.

Cdt. Aditya Kumar (AF): This Mauryan was always found with novels, which also fetched him good number of punishments. The gentlest guy of his course, well known as the human GPS.

DCC U. Surve (A): This pongo was loved by I termers, josh box of the Sqn, always put in type for the welfare of the juniors. Torchie in III term was an asset to the Sqn both as senior and junior.

Cdt. P. Kumar (N): This Mariner was least interested in juniors and participated in every Sqn event and gave his best, be it PT, X Country, games or services.

Cdt. Abhishek Kumar (A): This X Country stud had a hard hand in English. He had a great sense of finding who is applying "chatki", and always helped juniors improve in PT.

BCA K.K. Shukla (A): A pongo novelist, who had all the qualities of a true gentleman. Good in X Country, PT and a potential 6 star torchie. Remained a great help to the juniors in improving their academics.

CSM K.K. Singh (A): A very cheerful person, but only till the time he was banded as CSM. A very well nurtured Chittorian, proved his worth wherever he went.

Cdt. V. Parichha (A): The Public Speaking Captain of the Sqn, was always seen in the Sqn office surfing the net. Was good in PT but X Country remained his waterloo.
CQMS S CHAUDHARY (A): This CQMS by chance was academics in charge of sqn. Very senti about academics and cross-country. Had an assembled body with almost vertical shoulders.

DCC ADITYA BHARDWAJ (AF): This chink Meeruthian was good in PT but X-country was his waterloo. He couldn’t become BCC because of X-country. He achieved flying pin in 5th term and was passionate about flying.

CSM ADITYA SHARMA (A): This CQMS cum CSM was a big mimic. This bhand was good in drill. Was a PT stud but always had kela in toe touch.

CDT NARENDRA KUSHWAHA (AF): This innocent fly boy was drill in charge of sqn. Believed in theory of my cabin, my life.

DCC PA BIRADAR (A): This Taant DCC was good in X-country. He was a saint for his juniors and never bothered anyone.

CDT S GAGAN (A): This Aryan was a silent killer, was rarely seen out of his cabin.

SCC ANKIT MALLIK (A): This Rimco was an all marksman. An avid academician, he was known for his helpful and caring nature. An epitome of modesty for his juniors, will always be missed by Quebec and Golf.

BCC RK YADAV (A): This Bihari Georgian was good in X-country and hockey. A put in type O.C cum CSM cum DCC cum BCC who struggled with his English.

DCC SK JHA (A): This Sujanian had many "BACHAAS" in sqn. Senti for hockey, took a complete round across 3, 1 and 5th Battalion during academy stay.
Cdt Sijo Joseph (N): This frivolous Mallu was known for his American accent. A very responsible in charge of public speaking competition, he was always found searching for the canter of cold coffee.

DCC Dhar (A): This pongo was fantabulous at drill. Ex-Flag Cpl and by default goal keeper of squadron. He will always be remembered for his impulsive looks.


Cdt Pankaj Gupta (A): This sumo wrestler of Romeo squadron was an enthusiastic person. Either he was found measuring the roads of periphery or recovering in juice bar. His sincerity for camps will always be remembered.

BCA S Mehta (A): A perfect OG who always dreamt of torches. A good person at heart and took life as it came. He was always found taking tests and making feedbacks of CAT results.

Cdt T Anirudh Raghavendra (N): This Mariner was famous for his Hindi. He always had tough time in taking care of his I-card. A very jocular person, always had time to teach his juniors, especially basketball.

Cdt Himanshu Takhar (A): This Haryanvi always made everyone laugh either with his one liners or his excellent English. A very kind hearted and caring person, always helped his juniors in maintaining their rigs.

Cdt Anand Prakash (A): This Bihari Sujanian was very jovial person. But all those times he got serious he had habit of using bombastic English. He never said no to any of his junior. Hockey fields will miss him and so will we.

DCC Rana (A): This boy though small but was the kangaroo of his course when it came to vault. A very sincere senior as well as junior "Height kam fight zyada" was his motto. Rope gallows will seem empty without him.

CSM Bagodi (A): He was a perfect person for the job of CSM, always found lost with the morning parade states. He always took endeavor to correct his juniors for Basics. This Bijapuri could instill josh even in the dead.

Cdt Akshay Wagh (A): This down to earth person was known for his modesty. 'My Cabin my life' suited him a lot. He always helped his juniors with Physics. A very caring senior had to fight a waterloo every term in the X-country. His drum beats will be missed.

SCC Karan Thapa (A): This Kumauni was a perfect example of hard work, patience and persistence. He always led by example and went to any limits to teach his juniors. His motivation lectures made everyone laugh. A die hard person was always in quest for the WLL.

DCC KK Jangra (AF): A happy go lucky person opened tuition classes for Russian. This flyboy never lost his nerve and was known as the most sensible senior of the squadron. No one could stop his hard hits at hockey field. A person good at heart, was always found with report sick notebooks of his juniors.

Cdt Sandeep Oli (A): He was the king of periphery. No one ever saw this Ghorkhalai without the big pack. A very hard working person took whatever life threw at him. A driving force behind the killing instinct of the squadron, he'll be missed.
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From the Editor

Time is fleeting. It is so elusive that one often wonders how swiftly the years passed. One can often see people in dismay and despair on the loss of time. It is a big irony that time is virtually effacing the layers of our potential moment by moment and we just keep ruminating under our cozy covers of our dream D Day of tomorrow. This tomorrow never comes. Gluttony and sloth, which are better translated as greed and sluggishness in day-to-day life, are the potent carriers of the 'time sickle'.

This zappy consciousness is akin to indolence sans any meaningful contribution and result towards the society we are bound to empower. The whole drag of money and matter will merge with the dust and smoke, and will occupy neither metaphysical nor material value. What posterity is going to remember is a bunch of 'virtues' that involves character, caliber, commitment and charismatic dealing with the things with humility and humbleness. Greatness, this way, is attracted, not orchestrated. NDA stands tall with its cadets and alumni for this virtuosity.

I believe that the kind of enduring training that our cadets undergo will certainly render them a holistic personality. The Trishakti this term opens with the glimpses of POP and traverses through the variety of on/off campus activities. The spectrum of mainstream training at NDA has been presented in the reports of the Teams and Branches. A pen picture of the Passing Out Cadets too has been given prominence in terms of full view picture and write up.

Your feedback is important therefore do write to us.

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