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"Don't count the days, make the days count". At RIMC, we lose the count of days and this is exactly what has happened last year. The year went past in a blink of an eye, at least for our Team. However, when we look back, it is a delight to see that we have made every day count with accomplishment in every sphere. The year commenced with a historic event of being honoured with Central Command Unit Citation for exceptional work as a premier Category 'A' Training Establishment. This has been a culmination of rich standards set by the predecessors and continued striving for excellence by our dedicated Team. To maintain the finest standards, our Faculty has indulged meaningfully in various Faculty Development Programmes, including our own MOS Workshops conducted in the month of January and July. This has obviously reflected on the intimate mentoring, resulting in our Cadets achieving landmark successes in every Field. Our Debaters and Quizzers have ruled the Stage with fame from all the reputed Competitions. They have left an indelible mark in the hearts of their peers and in the chapter of our history. We raised the bar of All Indian Hugh Catchpole English Debate, Kashi Naresh Hindi Debate and Quiz. Record participation by reputed Schools only added to the glory. Contribution of our Boys in various LITFESTS/ SEMINARS has been noteworthy, especially with accolades earned during the Military History Seminar.

## FROM THE **COMMANDANT'S DESK**

In the Sports Field, the Boys have played hard, gained richer experiences and maintained the rich glory of many victories, including sweeping the District Athletics Competition. While we played the proud host to IPSC Squash and RIMC Soccer Cup, our Teams also cherished the hospitality of many other IPSC Schools in various events. The selection of our Boys in various IPSC Teams for the SGFI Nationals has been the icing on the cake.

We have maintained our prime focus on the internal and external health of this Cradle of Excellence. The infrastructure development has touched every corner of the Campus with special upgrades for our Group 'C' Employees. The Campus has become more verdant and Classrooms, smarter. The social responsibility on the part of our Team has been - working for the larger cause with AASRA, adding to cleanliness, recycling all forms of waste, planting more trees, and switching to energy saving appliances. Every Member of the Team has contributed immensely and intimately in working towards 'Behtar India' as well as a brighter planet.

We continue to draw strength from the support that we receive in abundance from our local Military Units/Formations, Associated Schools/IPSC, Partner Parents, MT Directorate (especially MT-6) ROBA President, ROBA Secretary/other Office Bearers and our Old Boys. Visits by CAS twice, GOC-in-C, Central Command, AOC-in-C WAC, CINCAN, Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand, COAS have been a great blessing to our Team. The outcome of all the above has been in our continued contribution to the 'Nation Building'. We have sent 38 Cadets to the NDA and NAVAC and what is more heartening is the fact that there has been Quantity of Quality. Our Cadets maintain their 'Marksmen' tag in the UPSC-NDA All India Merit List with three Boys in the first ten in May 2018 and making an improved mark with four Boys in the first five in Nov 2018. Nothing can be more satisfying to the family of RIMC than to see our Cadets shine with grace. True tribute to the efforts of every Member of the Team. Kudos to all the MOS including the Administration, Staff and Instructors for the yeoman service. May the Almighty continue to bless each one with the same zeal, enthusiasm and success.

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