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Message from the Director

It is a great honour for me to step into the large shoes of my erstwhile Combat Group Commander, Staff Course Instructor, Role Model and Mentor, Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM, Founder Director of Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI. Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM hung up his spurs, for the second time in his career when he bid farewell to AFPI, his dream child! I was extremely fortunate to join AFPI on 11 Jul 2022 and since then have been trying to emulate his vision for the institution which he nurtured like his own. Thank you, Sir, for the great honour bestowed on me, in trying to follow in your footsteps.



Since July 2022 till we go to press, we have had 14 cadets who have joined the NDA/other Service Academies which brings our overall total to 217 cadets out of a total 470 who have passed out from AFPI. 141 of these have been commissioned as officers including those commissioned in May/June 2023. This tremendous achievement has been because of the hard work put in by our Founder Director and his team.

The 'Double First' Course has passed out of AFPI and is now going to make its mark in the world outside. Some of you have made it to the NDA, while a few more would be joining the Technical Entry Scheme (TES). The teachings that you imbibed in your 'Alma Mater', would hold you in good stead in life always. Do make it a point to return to your 'Alma Mater', to meet and motivate the courses under training.

The training staff has worked overtime to see you become physically fit, mentally alert and morally straight. In spite of the turmoil of the change of guard, they went beyond the call of duty, true to the credo of this Institute in ensuring that you are trained to the fullest. Do not forget their teachings and look them up, whenever you come down to the Institute. They would, without exception, be thrilled to meet you all!

Those who have stepped into the portals of the various Defence Training Academies, do not forget, that you have now commenced your journey in the best defence forces of the World. The forces will be looking up to you to becoming true and worthy sons of the nation. Your men will be looking up to you, to lead them from the front, in War and Peace. Your parents would be praying that you rise to the highest ranks of service. We at AFPI would look at your achievements with pride, for you matter!

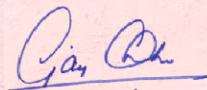
To those not fortunate to get into the Training Academies and having taken admission in various colleges, do not forget that this is NOT the end of the road! You are the best and have been trained by the best! The training that you received in this Institute would have given you the impetus to do well and succeed.

We are extremely confident that you will make your mark in the world outside. We at AFPI, would be extremely happy if you keep in touch with your 'Alma Mater' and let us share the joys of your life.

Your course taught me the ropes of AFPI. The lessons that I learnt from you, would be for the betterment of the future courses. A few changes that I have introduced post six months at the helm are as under :-

1. All cadets would be trained for the Second NDA attempt (NDA-1) post their CBSE 12th.
2. All cadets would be trained for the TES Entry. It is an entry which provides a B Tech degree and has the provision for commission into the non-technical arms/services.
3. Enhanced stress would be laid on CBSE 12th. Today it is the basic qualification and a lot depends on the marks of 12th CBSE.
4. All alumni would be trained for their SSB whenever they clear their CDSE/AFCAT examinations and receive dates for their SSB.
5. Handball has been introduced so that cadets can learn a new troop game.
6. Golf has been removed from the training curriculum.
7. Novices Boxing would be re-introduced with the 14th Course AFPI.
8. One martial art would be taught each year in order to enhance offensive spirit.
9. All alumni are always welcome at AFPI. I strongly believe in the adage coined by the Founder Director, "Once an AFPIan, always an AFPIan".

I take this opportunity to wish the Double First Course the Very Best in their Careers and in Life ahead. Stay focused always!_.



**Ajay H Chauhan, VSM
Maj Gen
Director General**

Dated: 31st Jul 2023

Message from GTO/Sqn Commander - Bravo

The 11th course of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRSAFPI): Today we celebrate all that you've achieved, in the finest traction of the soldier-scholar warrior, and eagerly look forward to the important events that lie ahead. You will now be facing a whole new world-a world of change.



Friends, you gathered at Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute (MRSAFPI) from different corners of Punjab and many hail from small villages and towns. I am highly satisfied by your Commitment, Zeal and Hard Work in tough conditions. Your sincerity & dedication makes our foundations stronger.

Always Remember – A true leader always leads from the front and sets personal example for others to emulate. In addition, he not only needs to be mentally and physically tough, but also to remain calm/composed in adverse situations.

The AFPI has strived to teach you all the core military values of Courage, Loyalty, Integrity and Selfless Service. It has also ingrained in you, the spirit of Camaraderie and working together as a team, so essential for any operation.

Naam – Namak – Nishan. These three hallowed words build courage when courage seems to fail; they help regain faith when dark clouds appear on the horizon and they help generate hope when everything seems lost. These simple words always groom you in their own way to be an Officer and a Gentleman.

I congratulate each one of you and reassure you that your acquired skills, self-confidence and hard work at AFPI will soon bear phenomenal results, irrespective of your location or choice of profession.

I bid you a very warm farewell.

SK Sharma

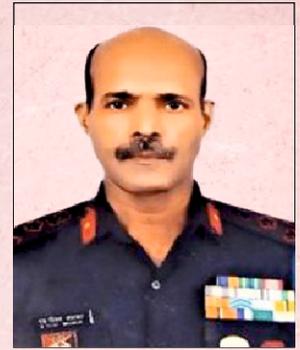
Col.

Sqn Cdr - Bravo

Dated: 31st Jul 2023

Message from IO/Sqn Commander - Charlie

The 11th course has just left the portals of the AFPI. It was heartening to see 6 cadets of the course joining the NDA in their first chance. I am sanguine that more good news awaits this institution, with 21 cadets having got their call from SSB/AFSBs for the 151st Course NDA and a few more expecting their call for SSB for the 10+2 TES Course. The very systematic training at the AFPI will undoubtedly contribute immensely to the training in the Pre-Commission Training Institutions.



The aim of the AFPI remains Personality Development which will further pave the way forward for succeeding in joining the Armed Forces as well contributing to the improvement in society as well as Nation building, irrespective of the field/ profession perused by its Alumni.

The memories of the short and intense two years at AFPI will be another great takeaway from this Institution, combined with the everlasting camaraderie, Espirit-de-Corps and bonds developed here.

I am convinced that all AFPlans will leave an indelible mark of class, positively and never say die spirit wherever they go.

Wishing you all the Best and God Speed.



**S Vijay Bhaskar, Vrc
Brig.
Sqn Cdr - Charlie**

Dated: 31st Jul 2023

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*At the
Helm of
Affairs*

THE OFFICERS



Maj Gen Ajay H. Chauhan, VSM
Director General

Major General Ajay H. Chauhan, VSM was commissioned into the 4th Battalion of the Mechanised Infantry Regiment (1 SIKH) on 09 Jun 1984. He received the *Presidential Colours* for the Unit from the President of India and later commanded a company of same unit in Counter Insurgency Operations where he was wounded in an encounter with terrorists. He commanded the same unit as part of an Armoured Division. As Brigadier he has commanded the only *Main Battle Tank (MBT) ARJUN* Brigade of the Indian Army.

He later commanded the Services Selection Centre Central at Bhopal with its four SSBs.

A highly qualified officer, he has had multiple instructional tenures during service including as a Battalion Commander & Senior Instructor (Army) in National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla and thereafter in the Junior Command Wing at the Army War College, Mhow. As a Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR) trained Interviewing Officer he has conducted interviews of a sizeable number of candidates as part of the Selection System. He is legally qualified both in Military and Civil Law and has done his MSc in Military Psychology, Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management and Post Graduate Diploma in Psychological Counselling. He was awarded the **Vishist Seva Medal (VSM)** for his work in the establishment of Jaisalmer Military Station and completion of the long pending trials of the *MBT ARJUN Mark II*.

He took over the appointment of **Director General** in Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI on 11 Jul 2022.



Brig S Vijay Bhaskar, VrC
Interviewing Officer

Brig S Vijay Bhaskar, VrC was commissioned into the *13th Battalion of the Jammu & Kashmir Rifles Regiment (JAK RIF)* on 14 Dec 1985. He has served extensively in Jammu and Kashmir along the Line of Control as well as in Counter Insurgency Operations and in the Siachen Glacier. He has also seen Regimental service in Rajasthan, Sikkim and Manipur. He commanded a Rifle Company in 13 JAK RIF in the Kargil War (OP VIJAY), where he was awarded the **VIR CHAKRA**. He commanded the 13 JAK RIF in North East and in the United Nations Mission in

Ethiopia & Eritrea (UNMEE). He has also been Deputy Commander of a Brigade in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

As a Brigadier he commanded a Brigade in Semi Desert terrain in Rajasthan, and was Deputy GOC of a Counter Insurgency Force in Reasi, Jammu.

A highly qualified officer, he has been an Instructor as a Captain in the Indian Military Academy (IMA) and as a Brigadier was Deputy Commandant and Chief Instructor at the High Altitude Warfare School in Gulmarg (J & K). He has also been in staff appointments in the Desert Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel and in the Army Headquarters as a Colonel.

A trained Interviewing Officer from DIPR, he has served in Selection Centres in Bhopal, Allahabad and Bangalore and conducted over 3800 interviews of candidates for all entries in the Army as part of the Selection System. He has done his Masters in Business Administration from Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University. Apart from Vir Chakra, he is also recipient of *COAS Commendation Card*, *GOC-in-C Commendation Card* (twice) and *UNMEE Force Commander's Commendation Card*.

He took over the appointment of **Interviewing Officer** in Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI on 11 Apr 2023.



Col Sunil Kumar Sharma
Group Testing Officer

Col Sunil Kumar Sharma is a '**Silver Medalist**' from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai. In March 1989, the officer was commissioned in the *18th Battalion, The Mech Inf Regt*. In his distinguished service of nearly three decades in varied inhospitable terrains, the officer took active part in Op Rakshak, Op Vijay and Op Parakram.

The officer is qualified Air Warfare Controller from College of Air Warfare, Hyderabad and has done his Commando Course from Belgaum. As part of Rashtriya Rifles, he was actively involved in anti-insurgency operations in Distt

Doda (J&K) and was an Instructor at CBS School, Rajouri

He did his Group Testing Officer (GTO) training from DIPR and served at Selection Centre East, Prayagraj. As a GTO, he assessed thousands of candidates and recommended a sizeable number of them to become officers in the Armed forces.

He trained at the prestigious National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad and worked as a Satellite Image Analyst at Defence Imagery Processing and Analysis Centre (DIPAC). He commanded an NCC Battalion at Sagar (MP) wherein he was part of Core Selection team for Thal Sena Camp, Republic Day Camp and Prime Minister rally. He took PMR in 2017 and worked as a Dean and GTO mentor at Saarthi Institute for Career Excellence, Delhi. He is an avid sportsman, a Command handball player and a single handicap Golf player.

He took over the appointment of **Group Testing Officer** in Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI on 01 March 2023.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Hony.
Nb.Sub. Balwinder
Singh
(Warden)



Sub. Swaran Singh
(Drill Instructor)



Hony. Capt
Rajinder Singh
(PTI)



Hav. (APTC)
Atma Singh
(PTI)



Mr. Amandeep Singh
(Account Clerk)



Hav. Avtar Singh
(Head Clerk)



Sub. Maj. Surinder Singh
(Library Clerk)



Hav. Paramjit Singh
(Driver)



Hav. Tejinder Singh
(Driver)



Hav. Kuldeep Singh
(Driver)

HONOUR CODE

“I WILL BE TRUTHFUL, TRUST WORTHY, HONEST AND FORTH RIGHT UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

I WILL ALWAYS FOLLOW THE RIGHTEOUS PATH AND CONSTANTLY ENCOURAGE MY COMRADES TO DO SO.

I UNDERTAKE TO LIVE UP TO THE HIGH VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF THIS GREAT INSTITUTION AND THE SERVICES WHICH I ASPIRE TO JOIN.”

CADETS' PRAYER

“DEAR GOD, WE PRAY TO THEE, FOR THY GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT IN OUR ENDEAVOUR TO JOIN THE NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY AND BECOME LEADERS OF MEN IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE PRAY FOR PHYSICAL STRENGTH TO FACE THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD OF US AND THE TENACITY TO OVERCOME EVERY HURDLE THAT COMES OUR WAY.

IGNITE IN US THE DESIRE TO EXCEL IN OUR ACADEMIC PURSUITS AND THE WISDOM TO APPLY THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE ACQUIRE IN THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.

AWAKEN IN US THE ADMIRATION FOR HONEST DEALING AND CLEAN THINKING, AND GUIDE US TO CHOOSE THE HARDER RIGHT INSTEAD OF THE EASIER WRONG.

GRANT US THE COURAGE WHICH KNOWS NO COMPROMISE OR RETREAT WHEN TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ARE IN PERIL SO THAT WE MAY NEVER FALTER IN DOING OUR DUTY TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE MEN WE COMMAND.”

CREST AND COLOUR

THE INSTITUTE CREST SYMBOLISES THE THREE DEFENCE SERVICES I.E.

THE ARMY, THE NAVY & THE AIR FORCE

IN ADDITION, SINCE THERE IS A LOT OF EMPHASIS ON ACADEMIC TRAINING, THIS IS INDICATED BY AN **OPEN BOOK**.



TRADITIONALLY THE COLOUR OF JOINT MANSHIP IN THE SERVICES IS **MAROON**.

THE COLOUR IS DERIVED FROM A MIX OF THE COLOURS OF **THE ARMY, THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE** IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS WITH THE **COLOUR OF BLOOD** TO DEPICT SACRIFICE.

SINCE THE INSTITUTE CATERS FOR ASPIRANTS FOR ALL THREE SERVICES, THE COLOUR OF THE INSTITUTE IS MAROON.

*Going Down
Memory Lane*

Historical Records

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The 12th Course of AFPI (Titans of the Twelfth) reported on 01 Jul 2022, thereby setting the ball rolling. The Covid hangover remained and everyone was wary. The ubiquitous mask did not disappear. However, there was a change. The online mode seemed to be a thing of the past. Physical classes were being conducted. The 11th Course which had joined the Institute physically in September of 2021 was deep into the NDA Written Training post the half yearly examinations. A new josh was visible!

New Director: Maj Gen Ajay H. Chauhan, VSM, the new Director joined the Institute on 11 Jul and commenced his familiarization. The Institute expects a lot from him as he has stepped into the shoes of his illustrious predecessor, the Founder Director of AFPI, Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM.

Commissioning: 20 AFPlans have been commissioned into the Defence Forces. The AFPI fraternity wishes them the very best and has great hopes of them doing the nation & AFPI proud. Details of the cadets are as under:

26 Nov 2022 (INA)

1. 264/A/6 Cdt Jitesh Garg.

10 Dec 2022 (IMA)

2. 243/B/6 Cdt Gaurav Chauhan into 81 Armd Regt.

3. 251/A/6 Cdt Taranvir Singh into 51 Armd Regt.

4. 293/A/6 Cdt Gurshakti Singh into the Int Corps.

27 May 2023 (INA)

5. 300/B/7 Cdt Divit Kapoor.

6. 341/B/7 Cdt Inderbeer Singh.

10 Jun 2023 (IMA)

7. 237/A/5 Cdt Gaurav Saini into the Regt of Arty.

8. 245/B/6 Cdt Rushil Partap Rai into the Army AD.

9. 257/A/6 Cdt Raghav Sharma into 22 MECH INF.

10. 277/A/6 Cdt Yashandeep Singh into the Regt of Arty.

11. 307/B/7 Cdt Samay Pandhi into the Int Corps.

12. 312/A/7 Cdt Sidakpreet Singh into 72 Armd Regt.

13. 323/A/7 Cdt Bimalroop Singh into 46 Armd Regt.

14. 327/B/7 Cdt Shashank Garg into Army Aviation (attachment with 7CAV).

15. 338/B/7 Cdt Kushal Sharma into Army Aviation (attachment with 17 GARH RIF).

16. 347/B/7 Cdt Ketan Sarangal into 121 Engr Regt.

17 Jun 2023 (AFA)

17. 258/A/5 Cdt Armaandeeep Singh Sodhi into the ATC of the IAF.

18. 301/B/7 Cdt Harshit Bakshi as a Flying Pilot (Helicopters) of the IAF.

19. 311/B/7 Cdt Ishan Bakshi as a Flying Pilot (Fighters) of the IAF.

20. 319/B/7 Cdt Manraj Singh Sahni as a Flying Pilot (Fighters) of the IAF.

Number of AFPlans Commissioned: With the above, the strength of AFPlans who have been commissioned into the Defence Forces is **141** as on date. This is a phenomenal strength for a young institution like ours. Wishing all AFPlans the very best in service!

Joining Service Academies: A huge strength of AFPlans have joined various Training Academies during this period. The photographs of the **Achievers** are in the Achievers Section while the summary is as under:

Jul 2022:

1. One AFPlan of 5th Course joined 211 SSC (Adm) at AFA.

2. One AFPlan of 7th Course joined 153 IMA.

3. 11 AFPlans of the 10th Course and one cadet from the CTW joined NDA 148.

Dec 2022:

4. Two AFPlans of the 10th Course joined NDA 149.

Jan 2023:

5. One AFPlan of the 10th Course joined TES 48.

Feb 2023:

6. One AFPlan of the 10th Course joined INA 111.

Jun/Jul 2023:

7. One AFPlan of the 10th Course and 06 AFPlans of the 11th Course joined NDA 150.

8. Four AFPlans of the 10th Course joined TES 49.

9. Two AFPlans of the 10th Course joined INA 112.

10. One AFPlan of the 8th Course joined 155 IMA.

Number of Achievers: With the above, Achievers are **217** on date. There are a sizeable number of AFPlans who have cleared their SSB and awaiting the merit list post the Second NDA attempt. Another lot is proceeding for the TES SSBs as we go to press. The strength of Achievers is going up each day!

Comings and Goings: The following officers and trainers left for greener pastures or joined the team during this last one year:

Departures:

1. Ris Birbal Singh (Warden) in Jul 2022.

2. Hav (PTI) Gurmail Singh in Jul 2022.

3. Hav (Head Clk) Dharampal Singh in Aug 2022.

4. Gp Capt AK Shrivastava (Psychologist) in Aug 2022.

5. Air Cmde Nitin Sathe (IO & Head of CTW) in Apr 2023.

Arrivals:

1. Hony Nb Sub Balwinder Singh (Warden) in Jul 2022.
2. Hav (PTI) Atma Singh in Jul 2022.
3. Sub Maj Surinder Singh (Library & Training Clerk) in Oct 2022.
4. Col SK Sharma (GTO) in Mar 2023.
5. Brig Vijay Bhaskar, VrC (IO & Head of CTW) in Apr 2023.

Visits: The details of visits are as under:

Training & Motivational Visits: Cadets made the following visits during the period: -

1. Selected cadets attended the Kargil Diwas Wreath Laying Ceremony at Sector 3 War Memorial Chandigarh, on 26 Jul 2022.
2. Both courses went 12 Wing Air Force Station Chandigarh on 13 Sep 2022.
3. Both courses to 14 GUARDS Battalion on 23 Sep 2022.
4. Selected cadets attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Canadian Consulate at Chandigarh on 11 Nov 2022.
5. Selected cadets attended the Chandigarh Military Literary Fest on 03 and 04 Dec 2022.
6. Cadets of both courses attended the special screening of an Israeli movie of the Israeli Defence Forces at the Indian School of Business Auditorium on 06 Dec.

Visits by Teams from State Govts: The AFPI was visited by teams from various states who came to study the Institute model in order to replicate the same in their state. The teams that came were: -

1. Team of Tamil Nadu on 14 Sep 2022.
2. Team of Rajasthan on 25 Nov 2022.
3. Team of Haryana led by Dr Kishan Kumar Chahal, Addl Attorney General of Haryana on 23 Jan 2023.

Visits by Schools in Punjab: In order to motivate children from not so privileged backgrounds, many schools organised visits to the AFPI. The kids were enthused with the Institute and would hopefully become part of our defence forces in future. The visitors were: -

1. 27 students & 06 teachers accompanied by District Child Protection Officer Mohali on 17 Nov 2022.
2. 40 students & 04 teachers of Govt Senior Secondary School Mianpur on 24 Nov 2022.
3. 41 students & 05 employees of District Employment Bureau, Moga on 12 Dec 2022.
4. 35 students & 04 teachers of Government Senior Secondary School, Balari on 23 Feb 2023.
5. 27 students and one officer from District Employment Bureau, Mohali on 21 Apr 2023.

Visit by Honourable Minister: Shri Aman Arora, Honourable Cabinet Minister of the Government of Punjab visited the AFPI accompanied by Ms Deepti Uppal, Director Employment Generation, Skill Development and Training, Government of Punjab. He was the first representative of the present government to visit the AFPI. He met the cadets of the 12th Course over a cup of tea and awarded Academic Torches to 14 cadets, which must be a first time ever. Overall, the Minister was overawed by the Institute and its facilities. He was effusive in his praise for the vision of Founder Director Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM in forming an Institute of Excellence.



Visit by Alumni: Visit of an alumnus of the AFPI motivates everyone. Cadets look forward to tips from their seniors while staff is enthused in meeting their trainees and seeing them doing well. Unfortunately post the departure of the Founder Director Maj Gen BS Grewal, VSM, the visits of alumni to the Institute had stopped totally. The same was understandable during the pandemic, but post the pandemic too, alumni rarely stepped into their 'Alma Mater'. The alumni who visited the AFPI during this period were:

1. 241/A/5 Flg Offr Navjot Singh on 07 Mar 2023.
2. 43/B/1 Capt Harpreet Singh on 07 Mar 2023.
3. 95/B/3 Capt Harshdeep Sohi on 05 May 2023.
4. 301/B/7 Flg Offr Harshit Bakshi on 20 Jun 2023.
5. 311/B/7 Flg Offr Ishan Bakshi on 20 Jun 2023.
6. 319/B/7 Flg Offr Manraj Singh Sahni on 20 Jun 2023.
7. 8/B/1 Capt Barjot Singh on 21 Jul 2023.
8. 91/A/2 Capt Bhupinder Singh on 21 Jul 2023.

SSB Training of Alumni: Commencing Aug 2022, we re-introduced training of alumni for their SSB. A sizeable number of alumni were initially interviewed online and then were called to the Institute for training. 26 alumni have been trained, some repeatedly. 11 out of these have been recommended for various entries, while some have still to report for their SSB. Post their SSB, 09 of the recommended have reported to their training academies while two are awaiting the merit list.

Alumni Meet: On 17 Jun 2023, 58 alumni of AFPI including Capt VPS Bal of the Pioneer Course, 08 officers who had passed out of IMA on 10 Jun 2023 and 49 alumni under training joined us for the Alumni Lunch. The Alumni Meet was held after 25 Jun 2021 and it was extremely invigorating to meet our Achievers. The officers, who were commissioned on 10 Jun 2023, took the 12th Course cadets out for liberty post lunch stating that it was tradition! Some alumni complained to the Director that after the resignation of the Founder Director they were not permitted into the AFPI premises by the interim staff, even after the end of the Pandemic. The Director has taken this extremely seriously and places on record that all Alumni are always welcome in the AFPI. This is their 'Alma Mater'!



LOSS OF AN AFPIan . 483/B/10 Cdt Ritvik Salaria passed away at home on 22 Jul 2022, due to Brain Haemorrhage. He had cleared his NDA written and was to proceed for SSB the second time. A simple cadet his loss is a shock to all! May all his loved ones be blessed with strength to deal with their loss!

Achievements by our Alumni. Information has been received by us that the following alumni of the Pioneers (1st Course AFPI) have made their mark in fields other than defence:

1. 19/A/1 Cdt Rishav Dixit has become a Judicial Magistrate at Jabalpur since Nov 2022.
2. 20/A/1 Cdt Rishabh Bhola has joined the IPS and is presently under training from Dec 2022.

Alumni Association. With the strength of the alumni of this Institute increasing yearly, a great many alumni spoke to the Director recommending the establishment of an Alumni Association. The same is being worked upon and the AFPI Alumni Association should soon see the light of day.

Cadet Training Wing: The brilliant idea of starting the Cadet Training Wing (CTW) was that of the Founder Director. With the CTW he visualized that by extending the training of the AFPI to various schools in Punjab, more and more youth would get attracted to the defence forces. The AFPI lectures were to be delivered in different schools by local officers and the AFPI staff, trained students (who had passed NDA Written on their own) for the SSB within the AFPI premises. The programme which started in 2019 was rudely interrupted by the Covid Pandemic. Government sanction for extension of the CTW programmes is still awaited. Notwithstanding, till date the CTW has trained 18 students in the SSB from different Schools. One student of General Gurnam Singh Public School Sangrur joined NDA-148. One more student of Punjab Public School Nabha, has presently cleared his SSB and is awaiting the merit list for NDA-151.

Expansion of AFPI: An additional 1.5 acres of land located just opposite the main gate of the Institute was allotted to the Institute by the Government of Punjab for the expansion of the Institute. The land was taken over and fenced in Mar 2023. Plans are afoot to move the car parking, the Group Obstacle Course and construct a volleyball and handball court outside.

Upgrades within AFPI: A few minor changes were made within the AFPI as under:



1. Glass Enclosed Trophy Room.

2. The Founder Director's Corner in the Anteroom



3. Upgrading LH-1 into a smart classroom primarily for SSB training and for online classes. LH-2 is also being upgraded into a smart classroom.

Celebrations

Saragarhi Day:

Saragarhi Day is a Sikh Military commemoration day celebrated on 12 Sep every year to commemorate the Battle of Saragarhi. Sikh Military personnel and civilians, commemorate the battle around the world every year on 12 Sep paying their respects to the martyrs of Saragarhi. The day was celebrated at Saragarhi Park within the Institute premises on 12 Sep 2022.



Lohri: The festival to celebrate the end of winters was celebrated on 14 Jan 2023.



Holi: The festival of colours was celebrated on 08 Mar 2023.

Homage. The man who visualized and created Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI, Mohali and was its Founder Chairman Sardar Parkash Singh Badal left for his heavenly abode on 25 Apr 2023. A five-time Chief Minister of Punjab he was 95 years of age. The AFPI and all who have served with him would remember him for a great many things. A man of his stature does not rise every day! May his blessings be with the AFPI always!

Signing Off. As we go to press, the Founder Director of Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI, the man who had worked closely with Sardar Parkash Singh Badal, has sent his Salute in the form of an article. The article follows...

SARDAR PARKASH SINGH BADAL **THE MAN WHO CREATED AFPI**



The sad news of the demise of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal has been received by the people of Punjab with great grief. Gone at 95 – but gone too soon. His vision, foresight, humility, ready wit and political acumen is something that the state needs always and forever. The void he leaves behind will be difficult to fill.

One of his greatest contributions to the people of Punjab was the creation of Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute followed a few years later by Mai Bhago Armed Forces Preparatory Institute.

In my capacity as the Director General AFPI I had the honour of working closely with him. Whenever he visited the institute, and he did that quite often, his first sentence to me invariably was “General Sahib assi ki sewa kar sakde haan”? (How can I be of service to you General?) That opening remark from a long serving Chief Minister was ever so humbling that we were always resolved to redouble our efforts to take AFPI to greater heights.

He did not believe in elaborate paperwork and long-drawn-out procedures to sanction projects. On one of his visits, I projected a requirement to set up a synthetic surface tennis court. He sanctioned it on the spot and with his ready wit he said “Je tussi kaho taan sange marmar da banwa dawange.” (If you say so we shall make a marble surface tennis court.)

A few months later my tennis court was ready. My indoor shooting range was also cleared by him in a similar manner on a subsequent visit.

The story of how I got the swimming pool sanctioned is a little more elaborate. It was in a meeting of the Governing Body that I brought up the need for a swimming pool. The proposal was opposed tooth and nail by some of the members present due to its exorbitant cost. I defended the proposal with equal vigour and the discussion became somewhat heated. The Chief Minister realized that that both parties were not prepared to budge so he quickly intervened with a solution which no one could turn down. He said in his inimitable style “Tussi swimming pool banao. Je sarkar kol paisa na hoye taan main paliyo de doonga.” (You get the pool made. If the government does not pay for it, I shall.) The bureaucratic objectors were instantly pacified. I got the pool. The government paid. All was well.

One particular meeting with him is etched in my memory. It was on the 5th of August 2011. AFPI was only a few months old. I was sitting in my office when I got a call from him saying that he was in Mohali and would like to visit the Institute. I quickly summoned the warden and told him that the CM would be visiting. I had barely finished passing my instructions when I heard a police siren announcing the arrival of the Chief Minister. I took the CM around the institute and then he sat down in my office and said “Tussi mera sapna pura kar dita”. Those words were immensely satisfying to me. I then asked him if he would join the cadets for lunch in the dining hall. He readily agreed. After lunch he spoke to the boys and invited them all for dinner at his residence on the following day. He said that he had enjoyed our lunch so much that whenever he felt like having a good meal, he would drop in to dine with us. Such was his magnanimity.

He would ring me up early in the morning or sometimes late at night to check on how the cadets were doing and whether we required anything. I remember that in 2017 when electioneering was on in full swing and he was preoccupied with speeches at rallies he did not call for several weeks. The final day of campaigning is a particularly busy one for candidates as they try to get in as many rallies as possible. It was a huge surprise for me therefore when I got a call from the Chief Minister late at night on the final day of campaigning to check on the institute and get an update from me. I asked him how did he find the time to think of us on such a busy day and his reply was that it was because the cadets were always very close to his heart.

As the years went by it became apparent to him that the AFPI model was a winning formula. He then asked me to work out plans for an institute for training of girls to join the armed forces. I initially evolved plans for a coeducational institute at the graduate level for entry into IMA / OTA / AFA. He wanted a more conservative approach in that the institute should be exclusively for girls. Thus, Mai Bhago AFPI came into being. On the inauguration he had me seated on the stage and in his speech, he got me to stand up and said that it was because of the success of Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI that the girls institute had been conceived. The idea was his but he wanted to give the credit to his subordinates always. The hallmark of a great leader.

Prior to the elections the Model Code of Conduct comes into play and no major works can be sanctioned by the government. Before this could happen, he called me to his office and told me to ask for whatever we wanted which he would sanction before the Code restrictions come into play. He said there is no telling which way the wind will blow after the votes are counted so we should give him our wish list so that he could do something about it while there was still time. There was never a 'No' from him to anything we asked.

I visited him soon after the elections in which his party had been routed by the Congress party. He spoke at length about various issues and what his vision was for AFPI. He said that he would like the Institute to be a truly 'world class' training academy. I assured him that we would spare no efforts in fulfilling this desire. AFPI, I said was a small sapling planted by him which was now a fruit bearing tree. I said that every June and December, when the passing out parades are held at various academies, the harvest would be in terms of the number of young men from Punjab becoming officers. The Achievers Gallery in AFPI is testimony to the bountiful harvest we have had every year. May these numbers continue to increase and multiply.

He was always very proud of AFPI and would mention us in practically every speech he made. All dignitaries who visited him were invariably asked if they had been to AFPI and if not, they were requested to visit us. Some VIPs he would bring to AFPI personally. Yuvraj Singh, the famous Indian cricketer, was one such visitor who was brought to AFPI by the Chief Minister personally. We had a wonderful evening with him which culminated in dinner in the Cadets mess.

We looked forward to his frequent visits because he always came with the attitude of helping us and not for catching us out on some failings. He would speak to the cadets with great joy and motivate them to work hard and realize their goals. The institutes he created for preparing boys and girls for joining the armed forces are now well established and reputed not only in the state but indeed in the entire country. Many states have tried to copy our model and emulate our success. This is an apt tribute to the vision of Sardar Parkash Singh Badal.

My humble salute to the grand old man. We miss you dear Sir.

'NISCHAY KAR APNI JEET KAROON'



**Maj Gen B.S. Grewal,
VSM (Retd)
Founder Director**

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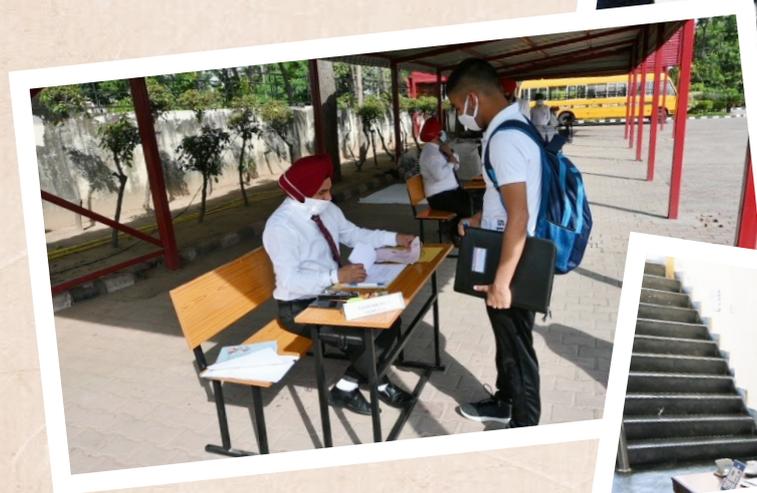
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**Visit by
DC Mohali**

**Visit by
AAG Haryana**



**Visit by
SDMs**

Visit by Rajasthan Govt. Team



Director - Facebook LIVE - May 2023



Lohri Celebration - 13 Jan 2023



Chabeel Service Shaheedi Diwas of Guru Arjun Dev Ji - 23 May 2023



Visit of Mr. Aman Arora (Cabinet Minister, Punjab)



Visit of Ex-AFPIANS



**Capt.
Bhupinder Singh**

**Capt.
Harshdeep Singh
Sohi**



**Capt.
Barjot Singh**

Remembrance Day for WWI Martyrs



Cdts from MRSAFPI and MBAFPI with CM Bhagwant Maan



*Achievers
Gallery*

ACHIEVERS

217 AND COUNTING...

JULY 2022



258/A/6

Cdt Armaandeeep Singh
Sodhi (211 SSC)



305/A/7

Cdt Swastik Sharma
153 IMA (DE)



405/A/9

Cdt Arpit Prashar
NDA 148



455/B/10

Cdt Abhay Singh
Raghav (NDA 148)



476/A/10

Cdt Akshansh Aggarwal
NDA 148



490/A/10

Cdt Harmanveer Singh
NDA 148



472/C/10

Cdt Aniket Kahol
NDA 148



464/A/10

Cdt Anurag Chauhan
NDA 148



489/A/10

Cdt Dilpreet Singh
NDA 148



469/B/10

Cdt Tanmay Sharma
NDA 148



462/C/10

Cdt Udaibir Singh
NDA 148



459/A/10

Cdt Vishesh Sood
NDA 148



458/C/10

Cdt Rhythm Mahajan
NDA 148



CTW (GGSPS Sangrur)

Gurjyot Singh
NDA 148

DEC 2022



504/A/10
Cdt Arjun Singh Toor
NDA 149



474/A/10
Cdt Gurkaran Singh
NDA 149

JAN 2023



487/A/10
Cdt Prasoon Dwivedi
48 TES

FEB 2023



467/C/10
Cdt Anutaj Singh
INA 111

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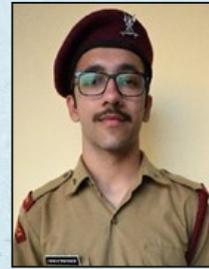
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NDA 150



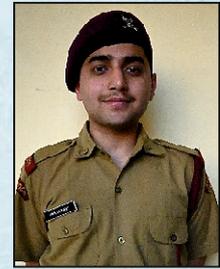
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NDA 150



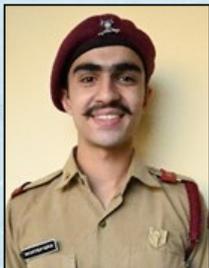
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Singh Walia
NDA 150



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Cdt Dhruv Bhandari
NDA 150



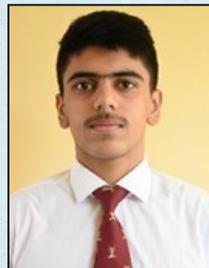
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NDA 150



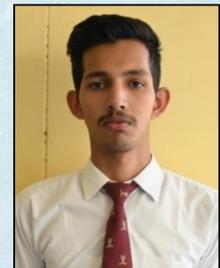
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Cdt Amarjit Malik
INA 112



491/C/10
Cdt Moksh Saini
49 TES



503/B/10
Cdt Manpreet Singh
49 TES



498/B/10
Cdt Shivansh
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488/B/10
Cdt Abhimanyu Goyal
INA 112



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Cdt Saarthak B Sharma
49 TES



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Cdt Aaryan Passi
IMA 155

*Who's
Who?*

11th Course

The Double First



ELEVENTH COURSE (11th) SEP 2021 TO MAR 2023

DOUBLE FIRST

- 1st Row L to R : Sh Paramjit Singh (Dvr), Sh Tejinder Singh (Dvr), SCC Tejinderpal Singh, Sh Kuldeep Singh (Dvr), Sh Avtar Singh (Head Clerk), Sh Balwinder Singh (Warden), Sh Rajinder Singh (PTI), BCC Aryan Kalia, Maj Gen Ajay H. Chauhan, VSM (Director General), BCA Mehtab Singh Sidhu, Air Cmde Nitin B Sathe (IO), SCC Ajayvir Singh, Sh Surinder Singh (Lib Clk), Sh Swaran Singh (Drill Instr), SCC Gurwinder Singh, Sh Amandeep Singh (Accountant), Sh Atma Singh (PTI)
- 2nd Row L to R : CSM Dhruv Chaudhary, Cdt Tanish Sharma, Cdt Yuvraj Saini, Cdt Vishwas Mittal, Cdt Paras Dwevedi, CQMS Manik Loona, Cdt Dhruv Bhandari, Cdt Anmol, CQMS Manas Taneja, Cdt Saksham Malik, Cdt Ashutosh Yadav, Cdt Prathyush Singh Bedi, Cdt Shivang Mangain, Cdt Arsh Kaushik, Cdt Kushagra Garg, Cdt Aryan Rana, CSM Karanesh Kumar, Cdt Suryansh Thakur, Cdt Parth Kavi
- 3rd Row L to R : Cdt Dhruv Wadhwa, Cdt Lakshya Kumar Sharma, CSM Harshdeep Singh, Cdt Harmanpreet Singh, Cdt Ashmit, Cdt Shivom Ghai, Cdt Jagbir Singh, Cdt Divit Yadav, Cdt Simratpal Singh Sandhu, Cdt Jaskirat Singh, Cdt Sachin Bihal, Cdt Manjot Singh Walia, Cdt Anubhav Rana, Cdt Suryavardhan Singh, Cdt Alex Pranav Chaudhary, Cdt Anmol

ALPHA SQN

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>CADET NAME</u>	<u>NICK NAME</u>
1.	BCA MEHTAB SINGH SIDHU	BATTALION CHOTTU ADJUTANT
2.	CQMS MANAS TANEJA	BUY 1 GET 1 FREE APPOINTMENT
3.	CDT HARMANPREET SINGH	PURE SOUL
4.	CDT ASHMIT	SECRETERIAT
5.	CDT ASHUTOSH YADAV	LAUGHING BUDDHA
6.	CDT DHRUV BHANDARI	CHHUPA RUSTAM
7.	CSM HARSHDEEP SINGH	MAHAALI
8.	CDT JAGBIR SINGH	WELL WISHER
9.	CDT ALEX PRANAV CHAUDHARY	KUCH KHANE KO HAI?
10.	CDT YUVRAJ SAINI	FLASH
11.	CDT LAKSHYA K. SHARMA	RAIDER
12.	SCC TEJINDERPAL SINGH	KOI PARTY NAHI MILNI P*NCHO
13.	CDT ANMOL	CHEETAH LOVER

BRAVO SQN

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>CADET NAME</u>	<u>NICK NAME</u>
1.	CDT ARSH KAUSHIK	MR CASANOVA
2.	CDT KUSHAGRA GARG	MICHAEL PHELPS
3.	CDT PARTH KAVI	ACE OF SPADES
4.	SCC AJAYVIR SINGH	MUCHH MARROUD GABRU
5.	CDT SHIVOM GHAI	PATHAAN
6.	CSM DHRUV CHAUDHARY	KOBE BRYANT
7.	CDT ANUBHAV RANA	FIRST IN DOUBLE FIRST
8.	CDT SACHIN BIHAL	SILENT KILLER
9.	CDT SIMRATPAL SINGH SANDHU	ET LOVER
10.	CDT SAKSHAM MALIK	CDT SAXOM MALIK
11.	CDT ARYAN RANA	MAA KASAM AAJ TAK NHI DEKHA
12.	CDT PRATHYUSH SINGH BEDI	TOPGUN
13.	CDT TANISH SHARMA	RUSSIAN LOVER
14.	CDT MANJOT SINGH WALIA	COACH SAAB

CHARLIE SQN

<u>Sr. No.</u>	<u>CADET NAME</u>	<u>NICK NAME</u>
1.	CDT ANMOL	SAVIOUR
2.	BCC ARYAN KALIA	MR AFPI
3.	CSM KARANESH KUMAR	CQCSM
4.	CDT SURYAVARDHAN SINGH	CR SURYA
5.	SCC GURWINDER SINGH	PUTT, GANDA CH*DU
6.	CDT DIVIT YADAV	YAAR TERA GHODE WARGA
7.	CDT VISHVAS MITTAL	KNOCK-KNOCK
8.	CDT MANVIR SINGH	MVH - MANVIR HALL
9.	CDT PARAS DWIVEDI	JUST CHILL – ROOM NO 69
10.	CDT DHRUV WADHWA	PT STUD
11.	CDT SURYANSH THAKUR	GAME CHANGER
12.	CDT JASKIRAT SINGH	UTTERLY BUTTERLY DELICIOUS
13.	CDT SHIVANG MAMGAIN	ATITHI TUM KAB AAOGE?
14.	CQMS MANIK LOONA	SLEEPY EINSTEIN



Creative Corner

HOSTEL DAZE

Have you watched TVF's hit web series 'Hostel Daze'? You must have enjoyed it, but experiencing the life partially shown in it is *much more fun* than the series.

Being in a hostel for almost six years (minus one spent lazily at home during the lockdown), I would call my life much more *interesting* than that of a normal teenager. In a hostel, you gain 'experiences', which I am very sure can't be learned in the boring day boarding school life. No offence to any day boarding student, but that's the reality.

It is well said, "**Friends you make in a hostel last forever.**" A quick question to any adult reading this who hasn't been in a hostel: How many friends do you remember from your school days? 2? 5? Well, but I am very sure that if asked the same question as an adult, I could answer without hesitation, 'More than a hundred'.

A hostel fosters much more in a person than just discipline. A person develops *independence*. A person develops the *maturity* to handle the majority of his difficulties on his own. A person learns to *manage his time*. A person gains *financial management skills*. A person also picks up a lot of 'special' skills, which I won't go into detail about here out of caution. Now let's talk about the enjoyable part.

What is the definition of "*birthday*" for a normal person? A birthday cake, wishes from friends, Instagram stories, and a few gifts, but for a hosteler, the joy of a birthday is tempered with dread of the *special birthday treatment* you'll receive when your entire batch or course gathers to wish you at midnight. *It's best not to say what happens next...*

For normal teenagers, Saturday nights usually mean partying and all, but I still remember dreading Saturday nights in my junior years at Sainik School (*reasons left for guessing*) and eagerly waiting for them as a senior at AFPI.

As for the foodies, how many different things are made in a week at your home? A few? Here in the mess, we have a different menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily (Ranging from Pav Bhaji to Chole Bhature and much more), not forgetting the evening snacks and cool lemon water in hot summer afternoons. (*That's a different thing that the food is well digested by running 3kms as WARM-UP in the afternoon games.*)

The way we anxiously anticipate the one day each month when we are allowed to leave the gates of our institute on "Liberty" and take in the sights and sounds of the city. The way we dread what will occur in the afternoon when we are running late for muster in the morning. (*yes, we have different things to worry about than our followers on Instagram and what to post next!*)

We learn to find happiness in small things and the good in the worst situations. We learn to enjoy the adversities we face.

You will make unforgettable memories.
**"In hostel life, nights turn into morning,
 with friends that turn into family."**

If I keep talking, I could go on for hours about life in a hostel, but let's leave something for the non-hostelers to find out.

**Cdt Keshav Singla
557/A/12**



EAT, RUN, SLEEP, REPEAT!

How do you feel after running with five Bhaturas in your stomach? Well, for most people, it's unimaginable, but for the cadets of *Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI*, it was part of our daily routine.

The schedule was hectic, and in winters the school timings were late, so the dispatch from school was late too. We used to reach the academy around 1500 hours, and holding our hunger was not possible as it was being done for 6 straight hours after breakfast at 9 in the morning. So, what's wrong with eating a lot? Our hunger justifies it, right? But the worst part is yet to come.

It's 1515 hours, and the hooter goes off. "What is it?" Well, it's "fall in! For what?" Well, it's games, sweetheart. You might be thinking that instructors might know about our lunch and therefore you might be saved for the rounds, and that's partially true too, as they knew about our lunch but the rounds were doubled. We used to run for around 3 kilometres and sprint for 500 metres. It's not done yet. How about "push-ups?" Forty was the minimum, and even some days we were hanging on the grill of the basketball court with handstands for about 2 straight minutes. We used to cuss our situation, and the most annoying was our PT instructor's devil smile that he used to pass while seeing us getting mixed with mud. His frequent dialogue still rings in my dreams: "ae ae ae piche wale dekh raha hu main." One can simply say eat less, but it's easy to say that, if there are 3 to 4 kinds of food and you are just dying of hunger, then it's not possible at all. In all these miserable conditions, the good part is that we got used to them. We used to laugh and started enjoying it; there were competitions to eat more and more and come in the top 10 positions while sprinting. Although this all consumed a quarter of our games period, it was fun.

We learned not to vomit while in a handstand, our muscle strength increased, our stamina maximised, and best of all, it became one of the major parts of the memories of the 12th course that almost everyone would miss in their future, whether they go to *NDA, IMA, AFA, NAVAC* or *OTA*. It would all be with us till the end and will keep us united in our hearts. Remember the name

"TITANS OF THE TWELTH".

**Cdt Mankaran Singh
Dhillon
556/B/12**



HAWAN ON THE ROOF

The night of *September 10, 2022*, is a memory etched in my mind, heart, and soul forever.

That particular night, at its beginning, was filled with intense pressure due to the impending *trigonometry test* the following Monday. With the night being Saturday, just 2 days were left with us lowly beings who had just looked at the chapter for the first time and were dreaming through the math class. After a continuous 3–4 hours of study with my coursemates Rajan and Fateh, the brave soul Rajan suggested that we take a break and head out to the roof to relax a bit. So, the *3 Musketeers* headed out to the roof and made ourselves comfortable at the top by admiring the phenomenal view of the academy.

After a while, similar lowlifes like us - Madhav, Divanshu, Karan, and Jaskirat—joined us. They too, being frustrated with the test and wanting to take a break, decided to discuss how the intelligence bureau was planning a coup against us and had their snipers on us. At last, one person (who shall not be named) arrived with a speaker that was playing '*Hawan kund Maston ka Jhund*', and we all danced to it.

Fateh had a sudden urge to pee, so he headed down to his room. Rajan sought to accompany him and went after him, and as he reached downstairs, we heard something that shook us to our core. It was the **WARDEN**.

Fateh was caught as he was behind Rajan. Acting as scapegoats to save others, we came down one by one, but no one could be saved. Instead, I got a kick in my stomach from the Warden and curses we had never heard. Then we headed towards the parade ground for a series of Front Rolls, Crab Walks, Pushups, Frog jumps and many more that went on for an hour or two. After asking us for the thousandth time, 'Who was the bastard that took you guys upstairs?' and seeing our lips still sealed following the *Code of Camaraderie*, the Warden locked us in the Ante-Room and told us he would not let us out until we told him who it was. In the end, feeling guilty for this and seeing his coursemates suffering, Rajan gave himself up.

What followed this was a series of curses and ragda from seniors and officials before being put up to the Director. He decided to award us *7 days of endurance training* for our courageous climb to the roof making us the first ones to get ETs in the course. Ultimately the 7 days of Endurance Training made us grow closer together but we still weren't able to do well in Trigonometry.

There is a saying in the military training academies:

**"Bura Kaam karna paap nahi hai,
Bura kaam karna aur pakde jana paap hai"**

**Cdt Shubkarman
Singh
579/C/12**



LIBERTY AND THE STARES

Just like every other thing, we also have this thing in common with the NDA cadets: the *stares we experience* during liberties. People don't usually see dashing boys in 'Muftis' on the streets, and when they do, they simply can't resist staring at us. So, it was *2nd October, 2022* when we got our first liberty. Having heard a lot about the fun during liberties from our seniors, we were all really excited. Many plans were made, and many were rejected. Finally, around ten of us settled on the same page.

So, on the morning of 2nd October, me and my coursemates went on our first liberty in properly worn muftis, most of us smelling like 'Old Spice's aftershave'. We missed the breakfast at the academy and first went to stuff our peckish stomachs with Amritsari Kulchas. When we entered the market, almost everyone was staring at us as if we belonged to some other planet, and this really excited us. After eating Kulchas up to our necks, we went to window shop around the mall and then caught a movie. We had to reach back by 4 PM, but the liberty was so ill-planned by us that we had to miss the climax of the movie and rush back to the academy. We barely made it on time. Overall, it was one of the *most memorable experiences* at AFPI. Stares are something that almost every cadet – be it NDA or AFPI will always relate with.

Cdt Ojas Gaint
573/C/12



NDA: PATHWAY FOR A BETTER ME

As a young person with a strong desire to serve my country, the National Defence Academy (NDA) has always been a dream destination for me. The NDA is India's finest military training organisation, and I've always wanted to be a part of it. NDA is a place where I can learn and grow as a person while simultaneously serving my nation with pride and honour.

NDA is a place where I can get both military training and academic education. I feel that a well-rounded education is vital for any successful military career, and I am looking forward to learning about a variety of topics. Military training, in my opinion, would be difficult and challenging, but also satisfying and meaningful. I want to be pushed to my physical and mental limitations in order to become the greatest soldier I can be.

An emphasis on personal growth and development is another crucial part of NDA. I feel that serving in the military can be a transformational experience for young people, and I want to be a part of an organisation that helps me to be the greatest version of myself possible. I'd like to learn about leadership, discipline, and responsibility, as well as be challenged to grow in character and ideals.

Finally, NDA is a place where I will obtain excellent military training, intellectual education, and personal development possibilities while simultaneously making a significant contribution to my nation. I am thrilled at the idea of entering this famous institution, and I am determined to work hard to realise my ambition.

Cdt Pranav Thakur
592/B/12



HE WAS, HE IS AND HE WILL: DI SUB SWARAN SINGH

Since the inaugural course, Sub Swaran Singh has been at AFPI as a drill instructor. His dashing style, daring nature, and, of course, his long and curly moustache frighten as well as inspire every cadet. He makes every effort to brighten our spirits, but no other instructor is as serious as him during his parade.

In the initial days, I understood that life would be easy if I maintained cordial relations with him. And my drill assisted me in doing so. He checks every aspect of the mess, the cadets' hostel and rooms, and every ceremony happening here. Moreover, he is also in charge of ceremonial punishments any course gets. The day of March 13th, when we returned from school and were scheduled to go for a brief break, is still fresh in our course's memory. His command was "Paraaaade, Savdhan, Khuli Line Chal, Bag Down, Dorh Ke Track Mein, Football Ground Mein Milo Mujhe." The last day of the junior term eventually became the most enjoyable day. I vividly remember the night roll call of one and a half hours, in which he taught us a lot.

Despite the fact that most of his motivational speeches are the same, they never fail to motivate us. His confidence in me inspires me to constantly perform to his standards. He helped me develop a keen interest in learning drill. When drill was added to our schedule for the first time, one of my seniors told me to be cautious while doing drill; otherwise, Sahab will punish you like a superman as he wants full discipline during his parade.

His words: "**Mai IMA, NDA, OTA sab jagah Instructor reh chukka hun. Yahan pe first course se hun. Kuchh bhi issue hai mujhe batao, par kuchh aisa na karna ki tumhare parents ki insult ho, yahi do saal tumhare jaroori hai**" will always echo at AFPI".

Cdt Aniket Sharma
550/A/12



1st MONTH IN AFPI

AFPI will always hold a very special place in my heart, not only because of the tasty food available for the *Cream of Punjab* but for everything. The feeling of being independent could only be achieved by living without parents and, at the same time, feeling homesick. For the first 3-4 days, not being aware of whom to wish, we wished our batchmates only and then felt awkward, taking time to learn the names of all seniors while knowing everything about us. Showing football skills while at the same time not being able to hit the ball with the hockey stick. Being late for fall in and after that having a good interaction with seniors, eagerly waiting, especially on Monday and Tuesday, and to wash it off with not much but just 2-3 bottles of soda at a time. Interacting with erudite seniors and enhancing my vocabulary with words like Ragda, Makra, and SOSA. Proudly wearing khaki and representing AFPI while every other Shemrockite looks at us is one of the best experiences. I earlier knew that AFPI was known as Mini NDA, but once you start staying here, you will get to know why it is known as Mini NDA. Those of you who are missing home or feeling homesick, just remember that it's not about your parents; it's about the comfort that you would be missing.

Cdt Bhuvan Dhiman
644/A/13



COURAGE - THE DEFINING FACTOR

Many people talk about what virtue they think is the best. Some say honesty, others say leadership, and some even go as far as saying that the best virtue is determination. I believe that all people, not just cadets, should know and understand the best virtue of them all, which is courage.

My previous school's motto went "**Vidya, Vinay, Veerta**". Translated to English, it means "Wisdom, Humanity, Courage". These are truly three words that any gentleman should live by. However, the most important, defining, and impactful of the three is the last one, **Veerta**. To become leaders, as we all aspire to become, we need to have courage. Courage, according to me, is the raw material required to build our personality into the magnificent structure we imagine it as.

To be honest, you need to have courage to face the truth. To become a leader, you need to have the courage to take the fall for your team and be accountable for those you lead. Finally, even to be determined, you need to have the courage to stick to your task and see it through. Once you commit to something, you must have the courage to deal with whatever goes wrong.

We, as cadets, need courage in large doses in our lives. In order to complete our transition from "**Boys to Men to Soldiers**", it is imperative that we build courage in ourselves. I hope my words impact you and that we transform into the courageous and chivalrous officers of tomorrow.

**Cdt Anhad Singh
Khatumria
600/C/13**



THE AFPI

This esteemed Institution set up by the Government of Punjab, whose foundation stone was laid down by Late S. Prakash Singh Badal, who has been an associate to this academy. This institution has been a boon for Punjab as it has given more than 210 Cadets to NDA; INA & many more academies. Thus, journey at the Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI is full of excitement & has to be led by full zeal & determination. My first month at the AFPI has been a mix of emotion from being homesick in the first week to being into the routine till the next has been a great journey. I have found many challenges given as coping up with the routine, and alongwith focusing on academics but I have found the key to overcome such problems, it is to none an optimistic outlook towards life. When one is optimistic then he can always overcome any adversity and become the best. I hope to spend my next two years at AFPI with an optimistic view & patriotic mind set to surely get through NDA!

**Cdt Paramdeep Singh
617/A/13**



LIFE AT AFPI

Maharaja Ranjit Singh Armed Forces Preparatory Institute, an institute where *boys are turned into men*, where cadets groom themselves and where we learn to be independent, a place which I will not forget in my entire life. Not everyone is fortunate enough to be the part of the AFPI family but this family develops us in every possible way it can.

01 July 2022 was the date when with loads in my hands, some excitement and somewhat fear in mind and lots of hopes I stepped into this prestige institute.

Being for almost 1 year in this institute, I can proudly say that this Institute has provided me the best guidance to achieve my goal. My life at AFPI has been extremely amazing. The bon-homie among the cadets and the principle of '*one for all and all for one*' say it all about AFPI. AFPI has changed my life completely in these two wonderful years. The squadron spirit, senior-junior relationship and the traditions here are same as in NDA, that is why AFPI is also known as **Mini NDA**.

From being punished by instructors to night ball with coursemates, from sleeping in classrooms to studying for entire nights and from missing my home to missing AFPI being at home, *I have lived every movement to the fullest*.

AFPI will be in my heart forever and the memories will be unforgettable.

"ONCE AN AFPIAN ALWAYS AN AFPIAN"

Cdt Vivaan Sooden
591/A/12



ONCE UPON A NIGHT IN AFPI

It was the fateful day of 07th Mar 2023. With the new year came a new experience. Although the day was the same as any other in AFPI, i.e., exhaustive and thrilling, at 2100 hrs, the last fall-in was done. The 11th course had their boards going, and we had our finals for grade XI. I had no idea what was coming ahead of me, as nothing was planned for the night. The next day was 8th March i.e., *Holi*. So that night I studied till 2330hrs till a knock came on my door. Me being active and playful, I opened the door without giving it a second thought. A splash of bucket came my way, giving me wings. This movement gave me a choice to take revenge or forget it and sleep. Will I choose the first one? I took out my bucket filled with cold water and saw an unbelievable scene: every cadet throwing water and using colours with chanting of slogans about Holi. Sqn lines were flooded with water, which we later drained with our wipers and buckets; almost 30 buckets were broken, mugs and slippers were lost, and on top of all that, my personal desire to use the fire extinguisher was fulfilled that night. We all made that night unforgettable and one of the best experiences in AFPI till now.

Cdt Ranvir Pratap
571/A/12



A TRIP AND AN INSPIRATION

Opportunities would come; you just need to look upon them.

I got several opportunities at AFPI, which built my personality to the utmost level. Some of my known who have passed through this academy and are now in the Indian Armed Forces always motivate me to undertake all the opportunities enthusiastically. This institute has improved my perspective on all the coming opportunities.

I, along with my coursemates, got a chance to visit the *12 Wing Air Force Station*, the right place for my curious mind to explore. The maintenance and functioning of the station fascinated me a lot because it was my first-time seeing aircrafts in real life. I have inculcated discipline measures from all the officers I met.

But the thing that turned my trip important was **the Chinook**, a magnificent helicopter with one of the best architectures, functions, and structures. My experience out there delighted my spirit with joy.

Due to my attraction, I have turned myself around to get into the Indian Air Force so that I could achieve my goal of "Touching the Sky with Glory."

Cdt Raghav Sharma
596/A/12



INDIAN ARMED FORCES – A WAY OF LIFE

The Indian Armed Forces are the pride of the nation, as they protect its sovereignty, integrity, and security from external and internal threats.

The Indian Armed Forces are not just a career option, but a way of life for those who join them. They offer a challenging and rewarding lifestyle that demands courage, discipline, dedication, and sacrifice. They also provide opportunities for personal and professional growth, adventure, sports, education, and welfare. The Indian Armed Forces symbolize the ideals of service, patriotism, and the composite culture of the country.

The Indian Armed Forces have a glorious history of valour and heroism in various wars and operations, both at home and abroad. Some of the notable ones are the Indo-Pakistani wars of 1947, 1965, and 1971, the Sino-Indian War, the 1967, the 1987 Sino-Indian skirmish, the Kargil War, and the Siachen conflict, among others. The Indian Armed Forces have also participated in several peacekeeping missions under the United Nations and other multilateral forums.

The Indian Armed Forces are a source of inspiration and respect for millions of Indians. They embody the spirit of service before self, loyalty to the nation, and honour for the uniform.

*They are a **way of life** that transcends the ordinary.*

JAI HIND!

Cdt Keshav Singla
557/A/12



I AM A SOLDIER **BORN TO DIE**

Two stars on my shoulder, Are better
than million in the sky.
If I die in a war zone, Box me up and
send me my home.
Put my medals on my chest, Tell my
commandant I did my best.
Tell my mom I was on my best, Her
son would never be late on holiday
for next.
Tell my father not to bow, He won't
get any attention from me now.
Tell my brother to study properly,
Keys of my bikes will be his
permanently.
Tell my sister not to be upset, her
brother will not rise after this sunset.
Tell my love not to cry, because I'm a
soldier born to die
I'm a soldier born to die.

RIVER AND ME

I shared my crop; she shared her drop.
She gave me pain, By overloading in
rain.
My land got merged, In the water of
tub.
She was good at sound, Before the
heavy rain.
Now she sounds like stormy train.
My land is destroyed, I have no seeds.
It took my land, It took my love,
And left me in a vessel of pain.

माँ

एक दिन आया भगवान बंदे के सपने में,
बोला उसे, तेरी माँ का समय, अब नहीं रहा,
वह समझा यह सपना तो नहीं,
पर हकीकत समझने पर वह रोने लगा ।
उसे लगा कि जिंदगी उस माँ ही ने तो दी थी,
उसके बिना वह कैसे रह पाएगा,
रोने लगा वह बिलख बिलख कर,
रब तभी बोला तू चिंता मत कर,
अपनी जान मुझे दे दे, माँ की जान मुझसे ले ले
एकदम ठुकराया उसने शर्त को,
रब बोला तो कैसा बेटा है,
अपनी माँ के लिए जान नहीं दे सकता, भूल गया
उसके बलिदान को तेरे लिए बता यह बंदे ।
तभी बोला बेटा माँ के लिए जान क्या है मैं अपना
सब कुछ कुर्बान कर दूँ,
पर मेरी माँ मुझे मरा देख जीते जी मर जाएगी,
वह खुद को ही दोषी पाएगी,
मैं नहीं दे सकता दुख इतना बड़ा,
मरते मरते भी मेरी आत्मा शांति नहीं पाएगी ।
रब की भी आंखें नम हो गईं,
रब ने कहा जा तेरी माँ हमेशा तेरे साथ रहे,
तेरे जैसी बेटी हर माँ प्राप्त करें,
रहे उसका आंचल तेरे सिर पर हमेशा,
हर जन्म में उसे तू ही बेटा मिले ।

Cdt Shivam Sharma
598/A/12



APACHES

We the Apaches,
Apaches of AFPI.
Apaches on the top
As we knocked everyone off
Knocking everyone down
Like a Bison in the town
Whether it be the Past Champs
Or the Cheetahs in the ground
They all are scared
And we never spare
We will win it all
When they all be there
The josh in our heart
And the calmness in our mind
Leading us there
Where the **Champions** are defined

TALKING ALONE

Talking Alone, With a beautiful tone.
When I become so weird, With no more
tear.
Bright Lights, Small Eyes.
Someone is there, She looks like bride.
I don't know her name, But she is
insane.
I think for me, Or may not be.
I don't have lines, To describe those
times.
She trouble my mind, And make me
smile.
Talking Alone, With a beautiful tone.
Am I mad, Not sure

चार दिन

चार दिन की यह जिंदगी
चार दिन के यह ख्वाब
चार दिन रहे हस्ती
फिर ना पूछे कोई हाल
इन दिनों के चार पहर
चरों पहरों में मैं कैद
कैद इन चार दीवारों में
बुनू चार सपने हर बार
कंदो पर सितारे मेरे
और बारिश में मिले गुलाब
सीने में मेरे हौसला
और अंतिम पग पर मेरे पैर
यह सपना पूरा करना है मुझे
यह वक्त बदलना है मुझे
सब कुछ ना कुछ सुनाएं
पर सबकी सुन कर कुछ बनना है मुझे
और वो जो वहा दूर बैठे हैं
ना उन्हें और थकान दूँ
काबिल इतना बन जायूँ
की उन सब को आराम दूँ, क्योंकि
चार दिन की है यह जिंदगी
चार दिन के है यह ख्वाब
चार दिन रहेगी हस्ती
फिर ना पूछेगा कोई हाल

Cdt Ridam Thakur
583/A/12



DARE TO DREAM BIG

Dare to dream big, don't hold back
For it's the dreamers, who make the
crack

With their hearts set on the prize,
And the fire burning in their eyes,
It's not enough to dream alone,
For a dream without action is a stone,

So take that step, make that leap,
And your success will not be cheap
The road may be rough, the journey
long

But with every step, you grow strong
And the obstacles that you meet
will make your victory that much sweet

Believe in yourself and your dreams,
And nothing will ever be as it seems

For with passion, hard-work and
dedication

you will achieve greatness beyond
imagination

So don't let anyone tell you, it can't be
done

For with every breath, going already
won

Your action is your explanation
and your dreams will be your liberation

**Cdt Karman
Singh Talwar
570/B/12**



माँ न छोड़ना मुझे

माँ को बनाकर उसकी नज़रो के सामने
कोई और परवर दिगार हो गया
सच है माँ को बनाकर खुदा बेरोज़गार हो गया
किए तूने मेरे लिए अनेक बलिदान
कर दी अपनी हर खुशी कुर्बान
किए कई एहसान

एक दिन तुझे ज़रूर होगा मुझपर मान
गुस्से में तेरे हमेशा छुपा था प्यार,
रोता ज़रूर था जब पड़ती थी मार
पर थोड़ी देर में तुम ही आकर मुझे
चुप कराती थी

अपने इस लाडले को गले से लगाती थी
वादा करता हूँ माँ

बचपन से अब तक तुझसे जो सीखा

मैं जहान को बतलाऊंगा

जब नाज़ होगा तुझे मुझ पर

वो दिन यकीनन मैं लाऊँगा

बस बदले में तुम इतना कर देना

कि हर जन्म रहे तू मेरे पास माँ

हर जन्म बनू मैं तेरा विश्वास माँ

जब तक मैं न कहूँ

मत छोड़ना यह जहान

**Cdt Aniket Sharma
550/A/12**



The Loop

Running, Running, Running,
Is not the only thing we do in the
track,
We jump, we roll all around,
Covering our back.

It is the only thing that we fear,
Too scared to go even somewhere
near,
Whether you are late or overweight,
the track's gonna be your fate.

It's the venue for the ET's,
That makes us forget the evening
tea.
Every cadet has memories
associated with it,
Front rolls, side rolls, crawling and,
Various tasks that you won't even
imagine.

It is a 500 long loop,
With no end or beginning.
On the order of Ustaads
We jump, we roll all
around the track
Covering our back.

Cdt Narayana Pujara
567/B/12



Me and My Life

I am alone with little stones,
God give me light,
I wanna be bright.

People doubt me for all faults,
I wanna be the one,
Who can break their thoughts.

I'll do the work,
To make hard things easy,
I'll achieve success,
And will be busy.

My signature will be changed,
Into an autograph,
For this I have to work hard.
I am alone with little stones,
May god shower his blessings,
On my strong bones

Cdt Raghav Sharma
596/A/12



THE MANEKSHAW MESS

Four tables and several chairs,
Set up beautifully and handled with
care.

The mess staff is adroit and
ebullient too

Everyday they cook us new
All the courses are captured on the
wall of the mess

The BCC and BCA board tells us
who was the best

The quote on the top says it all
**Once an AFPIAN, Always an
AFPIAN**

A sound made by your chair and
you are gone

The chair on your head, the mess
becomes a ground

Since 2012, Bravo owned the
Champion Squadron Board
In 2023, **APACHES** of the 12th, Broke
the legacy as they were brave and
bold

Four tables and several chairs,
Set up beautifully and handled with
care.

Cdt Shiven Tayal
566/A/12



ਅੱਜ-ਕੱਲ ਦਾ ਮਹੌਲ

ਅੱਜ-ਕੱਲ ਦੇ ਜ਼ਮਾਨੇ ਦਾ ਕੁੱਝ ਇਹੋ ਜਿਹਾ ਸੀਨ ਏ,
ਕੁੜੀਆਂ ਖੁਲੀਆਂ ਫੈਨਾਂ ਚ, ਤੇ ਮੁੰਡੇ ਨਸ਼ਿਆਂ ਚ ਲੀਨ ਆ,
ਕਈਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਗੱਲਾਂ ਉੱਤੇ ਆਉਂਦਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਯਕੀਨ ਏ,
ਫਸਲਾਂ ਹੋਈਆਂ ਜ਼ਹਰੀ ਤੇ ਬੰਜਰ ਹੋਈ ਜ਼ਮੀਨ ਏ।

ਸਰਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ ਇਹ ਸਾਰੀ ਫੈਲਾਈ ਮਾਹਮਾਰੀ ਏ,
ਸੱਚ ਨਾਲ ਵੈਰ ਅਤੇ ਪੈਸੇ ਨਾਲ ਯਾਰੀ ਏ,

ਸਰਾਬ, ਭੁੱਕੀ, ਅਫੀਮ, ਸੱਭ ਕੁੱਝ ਵਿਕਣਾਂ ਜਾਰੀ ਏ,
ਝੁਠਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਹੈਲਾਂ ਪਰ ਸੱਚਿਆਂ ਤੇ ਭਾਰੀ ਏ।

ਅੱਜ-ਕੱਲ ਦੇ ਜਵਾਕਾਂ ਦੀ ਥੋੜੀ ਸੋਚ ਰਹਿ ਗਈ ਨਿੱਕੀ ਏ,
ਵਿਕਮਜੀਤ ਦੀ ਥਾਂ ਤੇ ਕਹਾਉਂਦੇ ਕੱਲਾ ਵਿੱਕੀ ਏ,
ਹੈਲਥ-ਕਾਨਸ਼ੀਆਸ ਬਹੁਤ ਹੋ ਗਏ, ਚਾਹ ਵੀ ਪੀਂਦਾ
ਫਿੱਕੀ ਏ,

ਫਿਰ ਸ਼ਾਮੀ ਇਹੋ ਚਾਟਾਂ ਵਿੱਚ ਮਿਰਚ ਪਵਾਉਂਦੇ ਤਿੱਖੀ ਏ।

ਅੱਜ-ਕੱਲ ਸਾਰੇ ਇੱਥੇ ਗਲਤ ਕਰਦੇ ਗਾਈਡ ਆ,
ਚੋਰੀਆਂ ਕਰਕੇ ਭੱਜਣ ਦੀ ਕਰਦੇ ਡਿਸਾਈਡ ਆ,
ਬੰਦਾ ਮਾਰ ਕੇ ਬਾਅਦ ਉਸਦੀ ਥੋੜੀ ਕਰਦੇ ਹਾਈਡ ਆ,
ਜੇ ਕੋਈ ਵਿੱਚ ਆਵੇ, ਕਰਦੇ ਉਸ ਨੂੰ ਵੀ ਸਾਈਡ ਆ,
ਇਹ ਨਵੇਂ ਜਿਹੇ ਜ਼ਮਾਨੇ ਦੀ ਬੱਸ ਇੱਥੋਂ ਤੱਕ ਹੀ ਰਾਈਡ
ਆ,
ਪੈਸਾ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਜ਼ਿੰਦਗੀ, ਕਰਜਿਆਂ ਚ ਸੁਸਾਈਡ ਆ।

Cdt Gurnoor Singh
639/C/13



LOVE AND NATURE

In the meadows and the fields so green,
Love and Nature together can be seen.
The flowers blooming in the sun so bright,
As two hearts unite, their love taking flight.
The rustling leaves and the whispering breeze,
A romantic symphony that's sure to please.
As hand in hand, they stroll along,
Their love grows deep, forever strong.
The chirping birds and the buzzing bees,
A sweet serenade that's sure to please.
As they bask in the warmth of the sun,
Their love blooms, like a flower just begun.
The rustling grass and the babbling brook,
A tranquil setting, they can't overlook.
As they sit by the water's edge,
Their love grows deeper, without any hedge.
In Nature's embrace, their love does thrive,
A bond so strong, it will never die.
For Love and Nature are intertwined,
Together forever, their hearts combined.

**Cdt Fatehvir
Singh Dhillon
585/C/12**



THE LAST DAY OF US BEING JUNIORS

On the sunny day of 13th March,
We were back from school by giving our
English final exam,
We all were happy as exam was piece of
cake,
We got down of bus and director arrived
on his full pace.
We were ordered to keep our bags down,
We were informed to make run to football
ground.
Mufti on the body, tie around the neck,
Looking like gentlemen, but running on
the track,
As soon as we reached PTIS and DRILL
instructor breached,
From one pole to another pole, we had
many runs.
Then we were told to roll and roll,
Till our shirts did not turn into a black hole.
After a long 40 minutes we were informed,
To get ready for leave slip for home,
We all went to cabin exhausted and black
dipped,
That black mufti never turned that black.
The shirt was a gift of our Holi celebration
So that was the last day of us being
juniors.

**Cdt Gurvanshbir
Singh
595/A/12**



TO METAMORPH

Know I was a moor – unready, for the desired evolution I couldn't conjure.

To birth a bud but more – grew steady, why would then I ponder?

Known for fragility for too long, while I carried a shaming flab.

They rhymed of me – a sad song, for rage engulfed me to sag.

Know I peered, at spilled – sands of time that lay waste, a dire need to reignite
my hearth.

Days lost – I had to make haste, and challenge sanity for a rebirth.

Know – I did, and met my giddily - grimacing psyche, neared the abyss with
festering Haggard eyes.

For the leap of faith – could have turned me blind, and plunged in while casting
a cry.

Know as I fell, no longer could I hear their howls, anger had buried my ears.

My other senses heightened with a growl, to realize how much I had spent my
tears.

“Would the work turn me jaded, and prevent me from finding my life?”

But – Know – my legs turned livid, for the idea did no stand my pride.

Known from a weak boy, to a stronger man, and hence to a warrior.

The treacherous path leading to my dreams bear its fangs to be glorier.

Know I let them care, for what I want – I am here

Looking in the mirror with a glare, at a boy – not found on there.

Know I did not overween, when I had my name in light.

Ambitious me would turn it black, just to eat on an
empty bite.

Know, as my wrath is to subside, and I wonder to
criticize

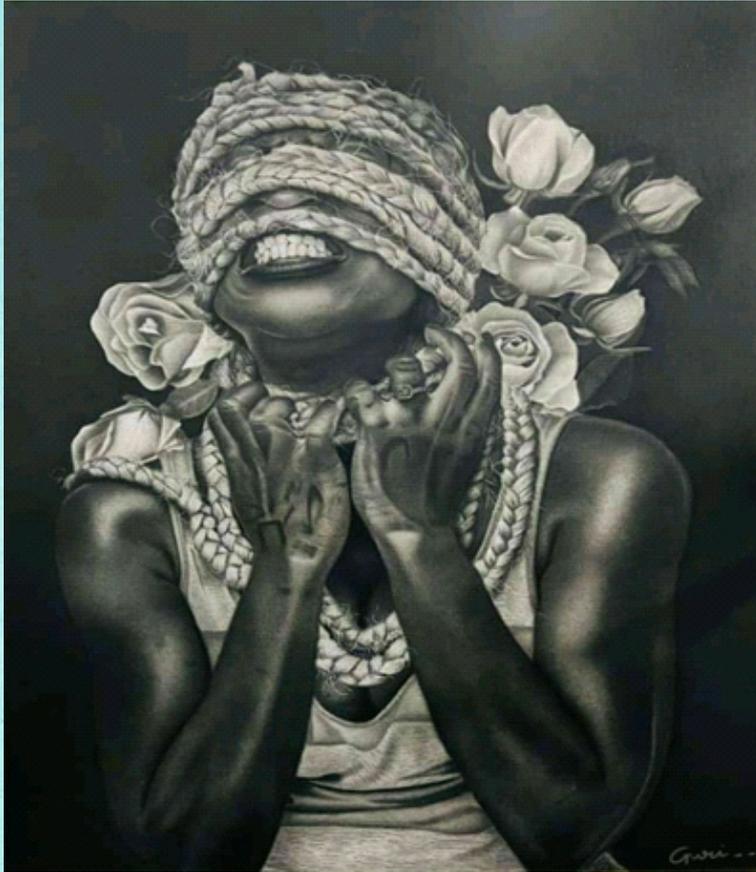
That may be for nothing – I got my cloth fetid dye, only
then I realize.

Now I am able to announce, “I have turned to a giant
from a dwarf.

Oh – It took much more than to pray, while reaching
the zenith to metamorph.

**Cdt Sahib Singh
Dhaliwal
632/A/13**



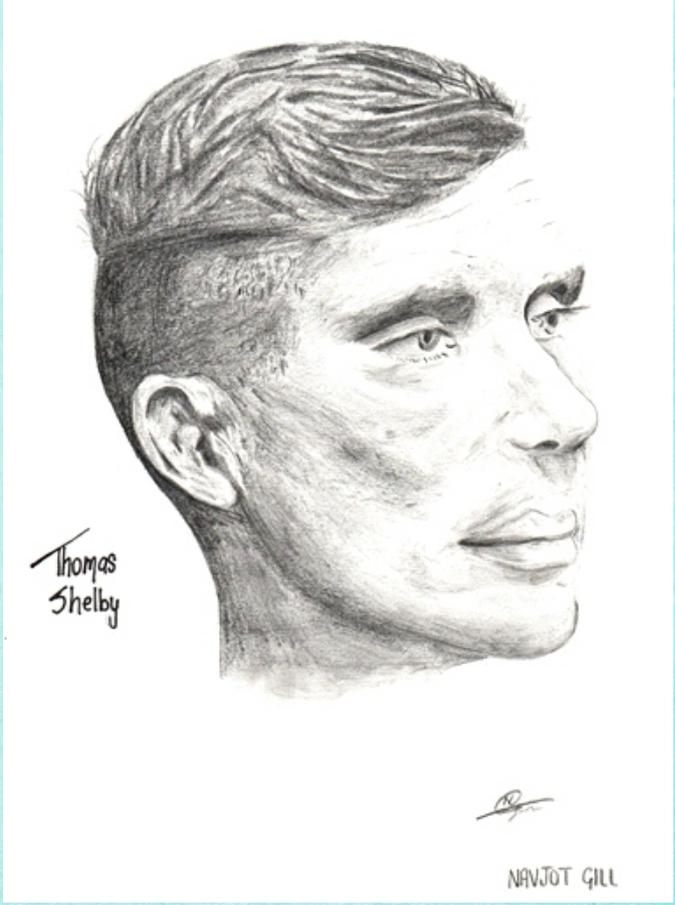


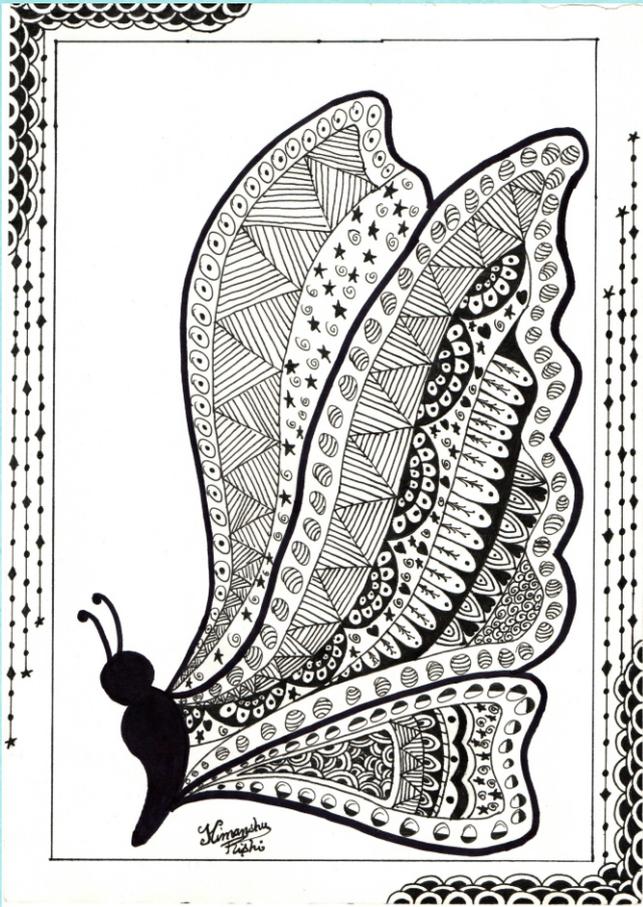
**“The Work of Art is
a Scream of Freedom”**

**SCC Gurwinder Singh
524/C/11**

Thomas Shelby

**Cdt Navjot Singh Gill
551/C/12**





Fluttery Butterfly

Cdt Himanshu Rishi
559/C/12



The Symbol of Love - Rose



Mandella Art

The Girl I Knew!



Perfect Isn't Good Enough



Hey Beautiful!



**Cdt Mankaran
Singh Dhillon
556/B/12**

Tattoo Art



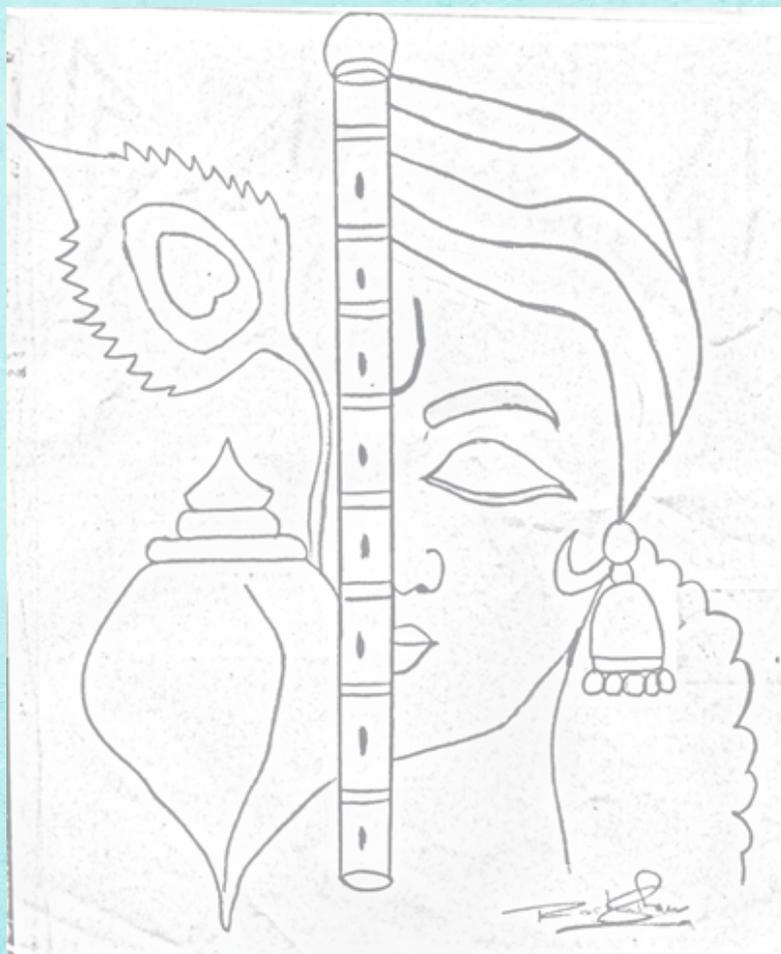
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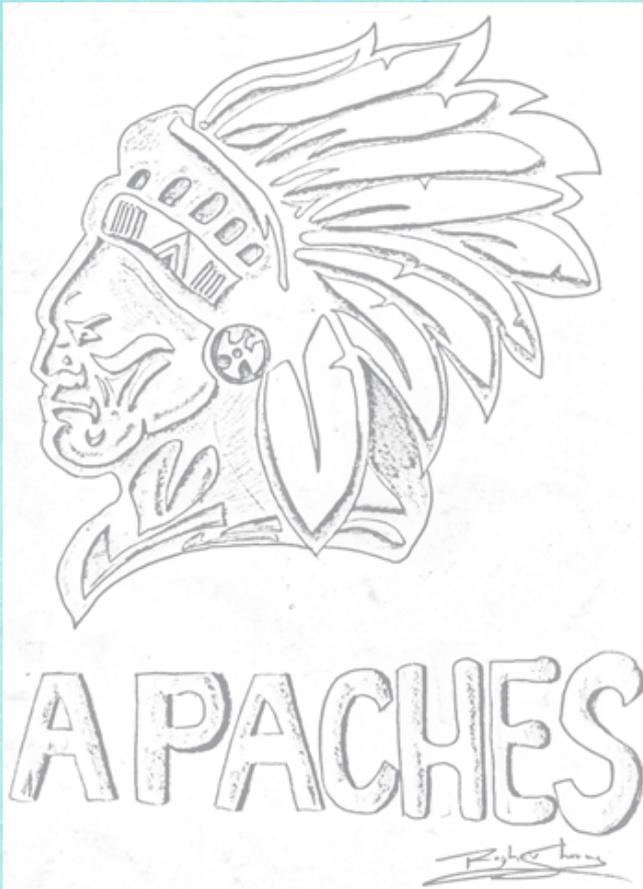
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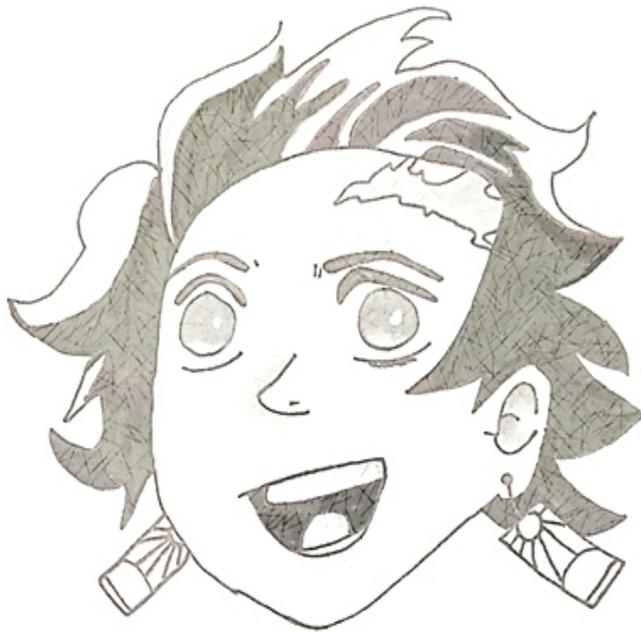
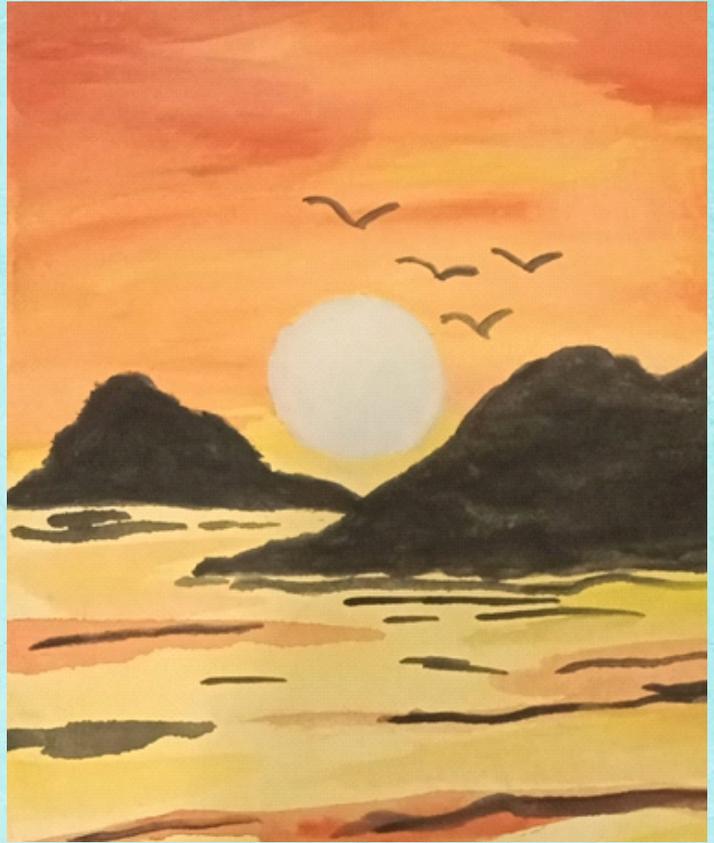


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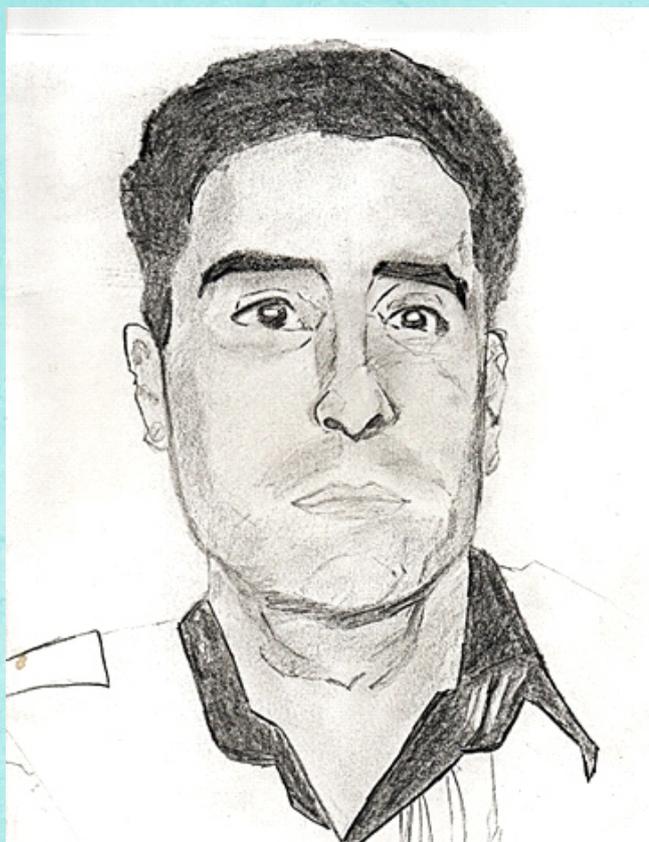
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THE AFPIANS' SONG

*We are proud young men from the land of five rivers,
At the thought of us the enemy is bound to get the shivers.*

*We train hard; we train tough,
We get going when the going gets rough.*

*Play games, do PT every day,
That is what our PTIs say.*

*We stamp our feet with all our might,
Swing our arms and Drill is alright.*

*Chest out; chin in; no movement at all;
Stand tall and erect, steady as a wall.*

*Study hard in school and in our cabins too,
Not enough time there is home work to do.*

*Avoid the 'weak list' at all cost,
And if you get there all happiness is lost.*

*Front rolls and back rolls in the scorching sun,
Punishments galore for mischief done.*

*Late for muster - you are in trouble
Happiness is a fragile bubble!!*

*No matter the hard ship, no matter the pain
AFPIANS have fun, we dance in the rain.*

*Chase our dreams with our heart and soul.
Determined to achieve our cherished goal.*

*We will serve our country with all our might
Leaders of men, we are ready for the fight*

*We are proud young men from the land of five rivers
At the thought of us the enemy is bound to get the shivers.*

HIGHEST SUCCESS RATE IN THE COUNTRY

217 JOINED NDA/OTHER EQUIVALENT ACADEMIES
141 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS



TWICE AIR 1 IN NDA MERIT
JAN 2015 AND JULY 2017

AIR 1 IN NCC SPECIAL ENTRY
FEBRUARY 2019

AIR 4 IN ALL INDIA JAG ENTRY
APRIL 2019

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MARCH 2020

FIRST AND SECOND
IN ORDER OF MERIT AT AFA POP
JUNE 2022



CDT VISHVADEEP SINGH
NOW CAPT. IN 9 PARA SF
SEMAMEDAL
REPUBLIC DAY, 2021

CDT JASMEET SINGH BAMRAH
NOW LT. IN 14 JAK RIF
AWARDED

CDS COMMENDATION CARD
JAN, 2021



CDT HARSHDEEP SINGH SOHI
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