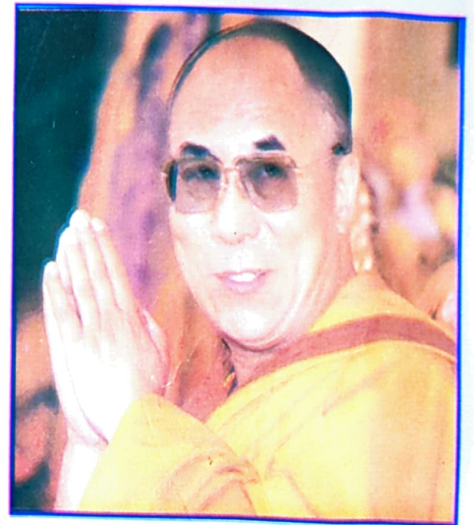
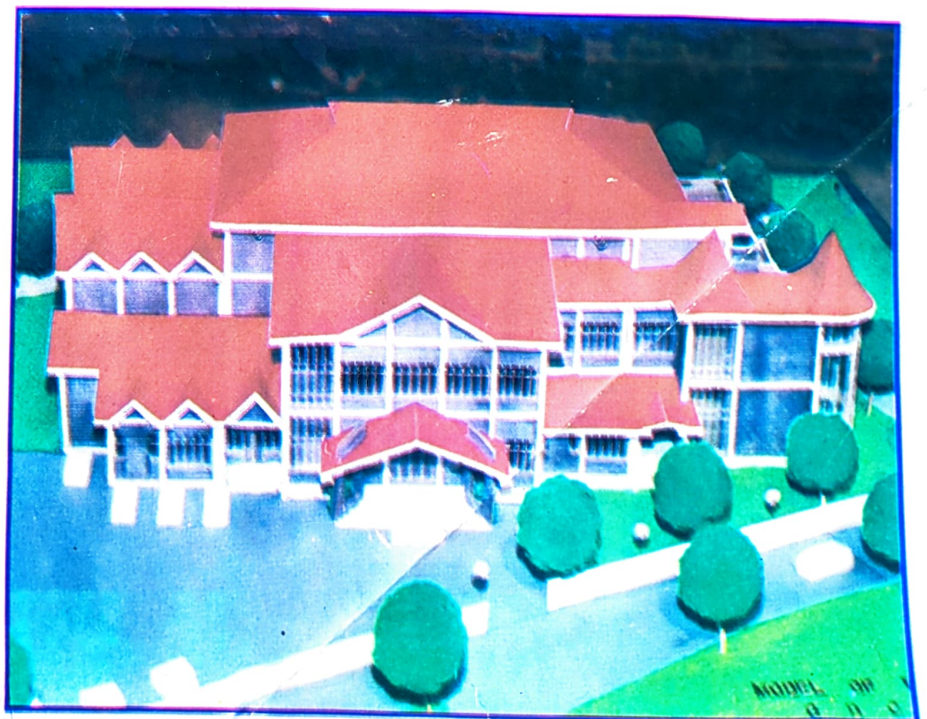


Souvenir

OLD STUDENT ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT COLLEGE DHARAMSALA H.P.

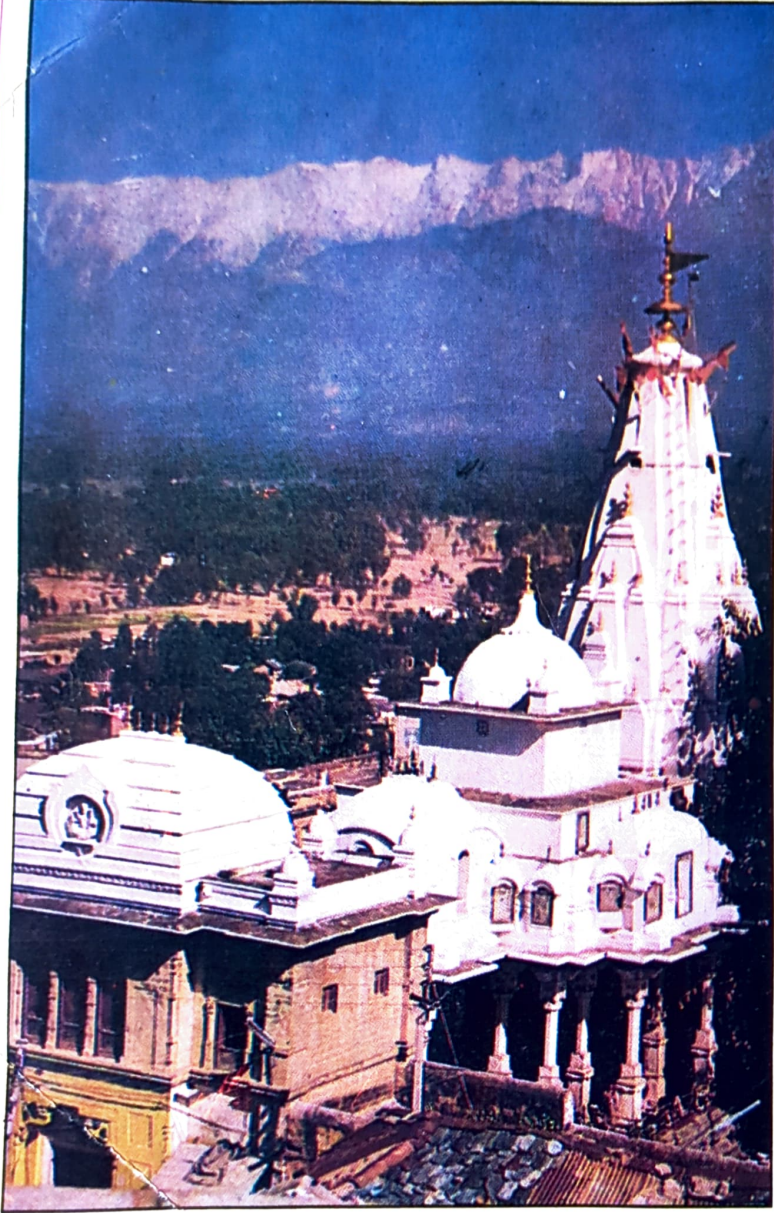


**Platinum
Jubilee
Celebrations
1926-2000**



नगरकोट धाम

श्री बज्रेश्वरी देवी मंदिर कांगड़ा में आपका स्वागत है।



वर्ष 1986 से मंदिर का प्रबन्ध सरकारी तथा गैर सरकारी सदस्यों के गठित न्यास द्वारा चलाया जा रहा है। इस मंदिर की आय यद्यपि अन्य मंदिरों की तुलना में काफी कम है परन्तु श्रद्धालुओं के लिए आधारभूत सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करवाने में यह मंदिर निरन्तर प्रयासरत है।

मंदिर के खुले तथा स्वच्छ परिसर में धार्मिक वातावरण में बिना किसी कठिनाई के दर्शनों का समुचित प्रबन्ध, मेलों के दौरान यात्रियों को सभी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध करवाई जाती हैं।

महत्वपूर्ण योजनाएं

1. मंदिर परिसर के साथ ही 40 लाख रुपये की लागत से आधुनिक सुविधायुक्त नए लंगर भवन का कार्य प्रगति पर है। इसका आधा कार्य पूरा हो चुका है।
2. गुप्त गंगा स्थल पर तीन मंजिलों वाले भव्य यात्री सदन का 75 लाख रुपये की लागत से निर्माण करवाया गया है। इसमें सस्ती दरों पर आवास उपलब्ध है तथा पार्किंग की व्यवस्था भी है।
3. मन्दिर की वर्तमान सहाय में नाममात्र दरों पर आवास उपलब्ध है।
4. कांगड़ा मन्दिर रेलवे स्टेशन से मन्दिर तक सोडियम वेपर लैम्पस लगाए गए हैं।

5. गुप्त गंगा स्थान पर प्राचीन हस्तशिल्प वस्तुओं का बिक्री केन्द्र खोला गया है।
6. मन्दिर में दानी सज्जनों द्वारा दी गई दान राशि को आयकर अधिनियम-1961 की धारा 80-जी के अन्तर्गत आयकर से छूट प्रदान की गई है।

आर.एल. राव

सहायक आयुक्त (मंदिर)
एवं एस्. डी. एम. कांगड़ा

किशोर चन्द भराडिया

मंदिर अधिकारी

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आयुक्त (मंदिर) एवं
जिलाधीश कांगड़ा

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Govt. College, Dharamsala

2 & 3 December, 2000



Old Students Association

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THE DALAI LAMA

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Old Students Association is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Government College, Dharamsala. I wish you success in your celebration.

When you celebrate such occasions and recall the happy memories of the past it is important also to remember the aims and objectives of these institutions. It should therefore also be an occasion to reaffirm your dedication to fulfilling the aims and objectives of your college into whatever fields of activities you are now involved in.

I have lived in India for over forty years - more years than I have spent in my own country. Over one hundred and thirty thousand Tibetans have made their home in this country. Moreover, for the Tibetans India is the home of our precious Buddha Dharma. India and the people of this country are therefore of concern to us Tibetans. India is a great nation and has a long and rich civilization. We should be proud of this. It would be a great pity to abandon the many rich traditional Indian values in our attempts to modernize and copy the West. We should combine material and modern progress with the rich spiritual and traditional rich values. If we are able to do that, India can truly be a great nation in this world. As I have shared this concern of mine with many Indian friends I wanted to share it with you as well.

With prayers and good wishes,

December 1, 2000

मुख्य मन्त्री
CHIEF MINISTER



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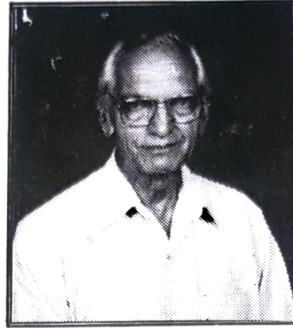
Message

It gives me immense pleasure to know that Government Degree College, Dharamshala is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee on 3rd November, 2000.

Government Degree College, Dharamshala is one of the oldest and prestigious College in Himachal Pradesh and has produced a large number of luminaries. I hope the occasion will afford an opportunity to the old students to meet each other besides highlighting the achievements of the College.

I send my good wishes for the success of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

(Prem Kumar Dhumal)



*Education Minister
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh
Shimla - 171002*

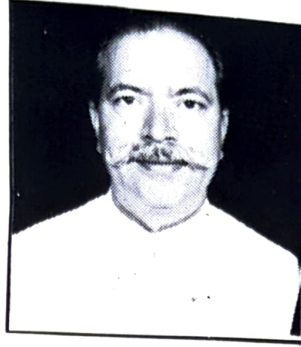
Message

I am happy to learn that Government College, Dharamshala is celebrating its Platinum Jubilee on December 2nd & 3rd, 2000. I am further pleased to learn that Old Students Association is going to initiate the construction of an Auditorium costing Rs. 2.5 crores. This graceful gesture reflects their love and commitment to their Alma Mater.

To think that I was a student of this prestigious institution fills me with a sense of pride.

I wish all success to the organisers and am confident that this institution shall inspire the coming generations to excel in various fields of life.

- Ishar Dass Dhiman



आबकारी एवं कराधान
राज्य मन्त्री,
हिमाचल प्रदेश,
शिमला-171002

संदेश

यह हर्ष का विषय है कि राजकीय महाविद्यालय, धर्मशाला की ओल्ड स्टूडेंट एसोसिएशन द्वारा 2 से 3 दिसम्बर, 2000 तक दो दिवसीय समारोह का आयोजन किया जा रहा है और इस अवसर पर एक स्मारिका भी प्रकाशित की जा रही है।

छात्र जीवन की स्मृतियों और वर्तमान में अर्जित अनुभवों को सांझा करने का यह एक महत्वपूर्ण अवसर होगा और मुझे विश्वास है कि यह आयोजन निःसन्देह एक गरिमापूर्ण आयोजन के रूप में जाना जायेगा। मैं इस समारोह के आयोजन के लिए ओल्ड स्टूडेंट एसोसिएशन को बधाई देता हूँ और आयोजन की सफलता के लिए अपनी हार्दिक शुभकामनाएं प्रेषित करता हूँ।

प्रवीण शर्मा



पशुपालन राज्य मन्त्री,
हिमाचल प्रदेश,
शिमला-171002



Message

It is a matter of pleasure that the Old Students Association is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Government College, Dharamshala on 2nd and 3rd, Dec., 2000.

These celebrations offer a good platform to share the experiences among the 'Alumini' and recall memories of the golden days. I appreciate the efforts of the Old Students Association to organise this function.

I wish the occasion a success.

- Dr. Ram Lal Markanda



आयुक्त एवं सचिव
हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार,
शिमला-171002

Message

It gives me great pleasure to learn that the Platinum Jubilee of Government College Dharamsala is being celebrated on Dec. 2 & 3, 2000. Nestled in the lap of nature in all its bounty and with the backdrop of the mighty Dhauladhar mountain range, the ambience and location is ideally suited for academic pursuits.

Throughout its long history, this College has been known for providing quality education and has the privilege of counting numerous political leaders, bureaucrats and prominent personalities of Himachal Pradesh, and indeed the rest of India, among its distinguished alumni. A particularly heartwarming feature of these celebrations is the significant participation of a large number of the distinguished old students and their contribution towards constructing an auditorium in the College Complex.

On this happy occasion, I convey my felicitations & best wishes to the Principal, the staff and students as well as all its alumni. I am confident that the College will fully meet the expectations of providing high quality education to the generations to come and will continue to make a mark for itself in the educational firmament in the State.

- **C. Balakrishnan**
FC-cum-Secretary (Edu.) to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh

THE GAYATRI

The Gayatri Mantra is the king of Mantras. Down the ages, scholars and sages have sung its praises. It is beyond the capacity of man, wrote Shankracharya, "to know and describe the importance of the Gayatri". The great poet Vyas spoke about it as a poet alone can : "Just as honey is the essence of flowers, ghee the essence of milk, so the Gayatri is the essence of Vedas." It has been given the mythic epithet of Kamadhenu. Swami Dayanand said that the power of the soul increases by Gayatri Japa. It brings the people, who have gone astray, to the right path, remarked Lokmanya Tilak. Here is the mantra :

Aum

Bhuh Bhuvah Svah

Tat Savitur Varenium

Bhargo Devasya Dheemahee

Dhio Yo Nah Prachodayat

[Aum: Sound as the basis of creation; Bhuh : The Earth; Bhuvah : the atmosphere; Svah : Heaven; the region beyond Bhuvah; Tat : 'That' the Ultimate Reality Savitur : Divine Savitri, equated with the power contained in the Sun; Varenium adore, embrace and absorb; Bhargo : Radiance, Lustre; Devasya : Divine grace effulgence; Dheemahee; we contemplate : Dhi : Intellect; Nah parchodyat : Requesting, Urging, Praying.]

It is a prayer to Divine Mother to promote illumination within us.

The famous scientist J.A.S. Haldane has written to say : The Gayatri Mantra should be carved on the doors of every laboratory in the world.





Dream Becomes a Reality

One evening in 1990 I was sitting with Col. Jaswant who is now Brig. (Retd.) and Col. H.S. Mankotia (now Retd.) remembering our old friends, classmates, collegemates and the College. Old memories crept in, pleasant feelings of selfless friendship of childhood and youth were rekindled. We felt why not have a platform which could bring together all the old friends and the students of our College and do something adding to the prestige of our Alma-Mater. These feelings were shared with Prof. P.S. Mishra, then Principal, Govt. College, Dharamsala and thus old students Association was born. I was given the honour to serve the Association as its Founder President.

As you all know this premier Educational Institution did not have even a proper Library, so the obvious choice was to dedicate a Saraswati Mandir. We pledged to dedicate the same. In this connection a three day grand reunion was organised on 8th, 9th & 10th Nov., 1991. The addresses of as many students as possible were traced through mutual contacts and advertisements in various Regional, National and International publications. In this re-union function, the foundation stone of this Library block (which is constructed on the University Grants Commission Pattern (Cost estimated Rs. 36 Lacs) was laid by Sh. Shanta Kumar ji the then Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and who also contributed a grant of Rs. 5 Lacs. His Holiness The Dalai Lama blessed the occasion and donated another Rs. 50 thousand for the noble cause.

We made all possible efforts to raise the funds to initiate this Project and now our dream has become a reality, but this could have never been possible, but for the wholehearted cooperation of the ex-students, present students, wellwishers and above all, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, and the then Hon'ble Chief Minister, Mr. Virbhadra Singh who dedicated this library to the college on 5th Feb., 1996.

It is really a devotional gratitude to our Alma-Mater, which enabled us to have the good fortune to look at our dream becoming a reality. But what is *reality* without a *dream*? Another dream; a new dream has possessed the members of Old Students Association -- An auditorium in our very dear alma mater. Friends, we vow to pool genuine efforts at all levels in this noble endeavour to add to the splendour of our old college.

- **Dr. A.K. Sharma**
F.R.C.S.
Founder President
Old Students Association

My College - A Sentinel of Time

My college, elder to me by almost two years, has carried a long magnificent history of its own. The college like a sentinel can claim to be a witness to history. This college is the outcome of the sacrifices of the soldiers of undivided District Kangra and is a tribute to them by the then Govt. If we happen to see the foundation stone of the College laid by the then Governor of Punjab Sir Louis Dane, it coincides with the history and the place where Bhakhra has come into being and was traced by him during this tour. The College has a rightful claim to the significance due to a monument as during the World War 2nd it housed the Burmese Govt. in exile in the upper buildings. It was the only college to have Geology as a Science subject in the erstwhile Punjab. The College pine groves and the stairs leading to the stadium live in the film archives of Bombay as Sh. V. Shanta Ram shot his film Boond Jo Ban Gai Moti.

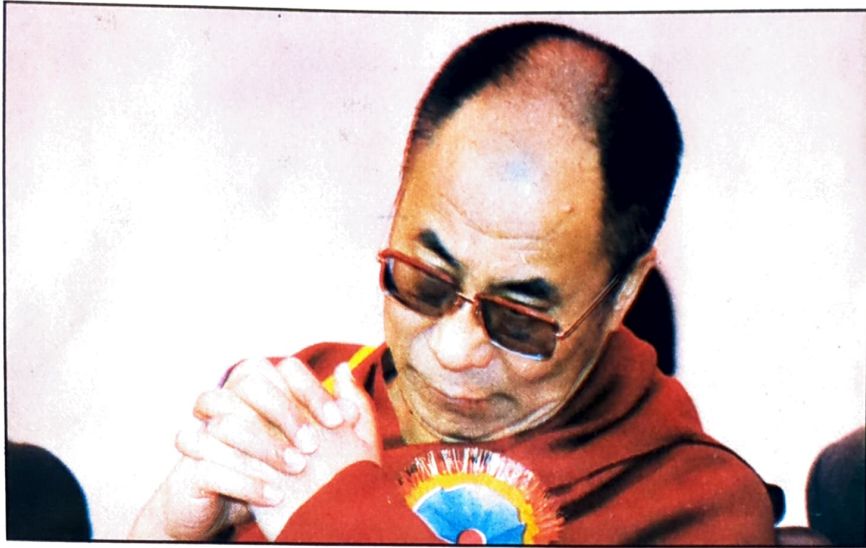
The College has excelled in all fields of life having produced Generals, Army Officers, Political leaders, Judges, Civil servants, high class Engineers, Geologists and academicians, who have shown their worth in their respective fields of vocation. This college can take pride in its students' participation in the freedom movement of the country.

We feel pride to be associated with this institution and the old students association is trying to fulfil their obligation to its alma mater. The new College library is the result of the efforts put in by the Old Students Association and now they have proposed an Auditorium to be built in cooperation with the Govt. The Old Student Association is grateful to its donors who contributed for the library and further expects generous donations for the new auditorium. On behalf of the OSA, I feel honoured in acknowledging a deep sense of gratitude to all the government departments and private agencies, old and present students as also the men and women serving in this great alma mater for their contribution in the successful conduct of Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

**Ragbir Singh Rana
President.**

2nd Dec., 2000

Reunion - 1991



His Holiness The Dalai Lama - A Prayer in Bliss



Dr. A.K. Sharma President O.S.A. looks on as His Holiness The Dalai Lama blesses a copy of the Souvenir



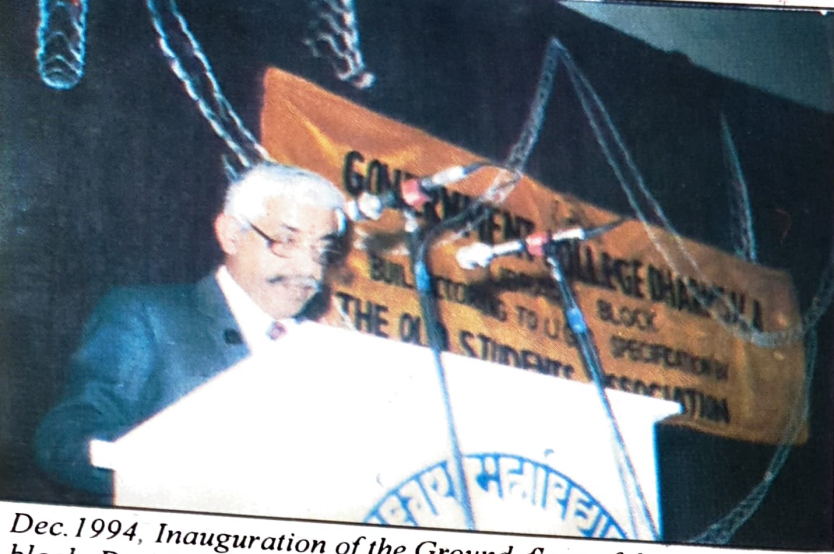
A view of the stage with distinguished dignitaries.



*Distinguished dignitaries arrive for the function on 9th Nov., 1991
(L to R) Mr.P.N.Sharma, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Mr. Shanta Kumar, Hon'ble C.M.*



Pankaj Udhas, the famous Ghazal singer, sings for old students



Dec. 1994, Inauguration of the Ground floor of the new Library block. Dr.A.K.Sharma welcoming the Chief Guest Sh. Virbhadra Singh Hon'ble C.M. and other distinguished dignitaries.



Due to rain the main function had to be shifted to the small old Hall of the college - A view of the audience.

Feb. - 1996



Dr. A.K.Sharma formly welcomes Hon'ble Chief Minister





Dr. A.K.Sharma presenting a role of Honour to the Chief Guest



The O.S.A honours an old teacher, Chief Guest shakes hands with Mr. P.N.Sharma

Nov., - 1996



Interaction fellow ship





Dr. Lalit Mohan Sharma, President - O.S.A. presenting Memento to the Chief Guest.



Mr. Rajinder Guring presents Raghav's Dhwani on the flute.



A Decade That Was (1990-2000)

In April 1990, Brig. Jaswant Singh Pathania and Col. H.S. Mankotia call on a common friend Dr. A.K. Sharma at Pathankot. In this very private get-together takes birth the idea of a larger get-together of Old Students of Government College Dharamshala. The idea floats. Mr. P.S. Misra, the then Principal of the college, acts the perfect anchor. Mr. Parmananda Sharma, retired as Principal in 1982, also enters the scene with his association with the college dating back to 1949 as lecturer in English. In June 1990, Old Students Association is formed. And the rest is history.

THREE DAY REUNION CELEBRATIONS

With Dr. A.K. Sharma as the founder-President, a three-day Reunion celebration was planned well in advance : 8th to 10th November, 1991. The Association began with Rs. 200/- annual membership. Hundreds of addresses of Old Students were collected and letters sent. Very soon, the idea of Rs. 500/- for Life-Membership was picked up. Also evolved the idea of giving something back to the Alma Mater. A new Library Block, strictly according to the UGC lines the Model was on display and the determined efforts of Dr. A.K. Sharma and his team worked relentlessly with a clear aim. Inauguration of the Reunion celebrations was done on 8th Nov'91 by Brig Sher Jung Thapa, MVC, who had studied in this college in 1926, the year the college was started, and now the college has entered the Platinum Jubilee year. In the evening, Old and New students presented cultural items.

Next day of celebrations was indeed a unique day in the history of the College. Mr. Shri. N. Kumar, the then Chief Minister, laid the foundation -stone of the New Library building. N. Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama also graced the occasion and generously announced Rs. 50,00,000 for the proposed building. The evening was reserved for the famed ghazal singer Pankaj U.

Initiating the construction of the Library block by OSA marked a sense of achievement and a sense of having a dream. In December 1994, Mr. Virbhadra Singh, the then Chief Minister inaugurated the ground floor of the Library and on that occasion, he was apprised of the problems of accommodation and infrastructure the college was facing. The result is the 10 storeyed building across the Sports Stadium. Later, in February 1996, Hon'ble Chief Minister dedicated the completed Library Building to the students. The OSA organised these functions in collaboration with the college authorities. The OSA has throughout given ample opportunity for interaction between the old and the present students. On the occasion of Diamond Jubilee celebrations in November 1991, a Souvenir was also brought out. Photographs and addresses of Old students dating back to the decade of 30's were published along with selections out of

of the 'The Bhagsu', the College Magazine.

After Dr. A.K. Sharma expressed his wish to be relieved of the responsibility of being the OSA President in 1996, Dr. Lalit Mohan Sharma took over as President and One-Day Reunion celebrations were planned on 17th November 1996. Besides the Cultural Program, an exhibition of paintings and Old College group photographs was arranged. The Idea of Auditorium too was floated at the time. Major Vijay Singh Mankotia, the then Minister for Tourism and Law, was the Chief Guest and Mr. Kewal Singh Pathania, Minister for Transport (also an old Student) presided over the function. During the day, as the old students interacted, the Army Band as also the Jazz band entertained the gathering with choicest melodies. In Sept. 1996, the OSA contributed Rs. 20,000/- towards the construction of Students Activities Centre in the college. In 1998, Dr. D.S. Katoch, Retd. Jt. Director of Education was elected President, and thereafter in 1999, Mr. Raghubir Singh Rana, a graduate from this college in 1948, took over as President with the General House deciding that the President be elected for two years keeping in view the Platinum Jubilee of the College.

June 4, 2000 The General House Meeting of the OSA dedicated itself to the New dream : An Auditorium in the College. The land on the right when you enter Government College Dharamshala shall soon have a magnificent structure. With the record rainfall Dharamshala has, an auditorium will allow the cultural aspirations of the students to shine bright even if the cloudy skies threaten a torrential downpour. With Mr. S.L. Anand, the present Chief Co-ordinator of the OSA in his capacity as the Principal of the college and Mr. R.C. Kapil (also an old student) the reigning Deputy Commissioner, the OSA has old students at the helm and thus has high hopes to work with devotion towards realization of its dream of an auditorium in their beloved Alma Mater.

Roll of Honour

	<i>President</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
1990-91	DR. A.K. Sharma	Prof. A.C. Gupta
1991-92	DR. A.K. Sharma	Prof. A.C. Gupta
1992-93	DR. A.K. Sharma	Lt. Col. N.K. Khanna
1993-94	DR. A.K. Sharma	Lt. Col. N.K. Khanna
1994-95	DR. A.K. Sharma	Lt. Col. N.K. Khanna
1995-96	DR. A.K. Sharma	Lt. Col. N.K. Khanna
1996-97	Dr. Lalit M. Sharma	Vijay Singh Jaikaria
1997-98	Dr. Lalit M. Sharma	Vijay Singh Jaikaria
1998-99	Dr. D. S. Katoch	Dr. N.D. Sharma
1999-2000	Raghubir Singh Rana	Chander Rekha Dadhwal
2000-2001	Raghubir Singh Rana	Chander Rekha Dadhwal

AUDITORS REPORT

We have audited the annexed Balance Sheet of Old Students Association, Dharamshala (H.P.) as at 31st March, 2000 and also the annexed Income & Expenditure Accounts for the year ended on that date which are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the said Association. Subject to this we report as under :-

That we have obtained all the informations and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

That in our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the said Association so far as appears from our examination of the books of account.

That in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view :-

- i) in the case of Balance Sheet of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st March, 2000; and
- ii) in the case of Income & Expenditure account of the excess of income of the Association for the year ended on that date.

OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, DHARAMSHALA, DISTT. KANGRA (H.P.) INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2000

<i>Expenditure</i>	Amount	<i>Income</i>	Amount
To Printing & Stationery	1743.00	By Donation	0.10
To Postage	372.00	By Bank Interest	16455.00
To Bank Charges	132.00		
To Audit fee	500.00		
To Entertainment	<u>876.00</u>		
To Excess of Income over expenditure	<u>12832.00</u>		
Total	<u>16455.00</u>		<u>16455.00</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2000

<i>Liabilities</i>	Amount	<i>Assets</i>	Amount
Capital Fund .		Fixed Assets	
Last Year's balance	237163.00	Library Block's Model	2995.00
Add Life Membership Fee	14000.00	Furniture	<u>9725.00</u>
			12720.00
<i>Income & Expenditure Account</i>		<i>Current Assets</i>	
Last Year's balance	- 70108.22	Cash in hand	594.00
Less Excess of Income during the year	<u>12832.00</u>	Cash with PNB, D/Sala	14625.00
	(-57276.22)	Cash with KCCB, D/Sala	24825.00
		FDR with PNB, D/Sala	<u>141122.00</u>
Total	<u>193886.88</u>		<u>181166.88</u>
			<u>193886.88</u>

RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2000

<i>Receipts</i>	Amount	<i>Payments</i>	Amount
To Opening Balance :-			
Cash in hand	584.90	By Printing & Stationery	1743.00
Cash with PNB, D/Shala	13988.88	By Audit fee	500.00
Cash with KCCB, D/Shala	13514.00	By Entertainment	876.00
FDR with PNB, D/Shala	<u>126247.00</u>	By Bank Charges	132.00
To Donation	0.10	By Postage	372.00
To Life Membership fee	14000.00		
To Interest from Bank	16455.00	By Closing Balance	
		Cash in hand	594.00
		Cash with PNB, D/Shala	14625.88
		Cash with KCCB,	
		Dharamshala	24825.00
		FDR with PNB D/Shala	<u>141122.00</u>
Total	<u>184789.88</u>		<u>181166.88</u>
			<u>184789.88</u>

Sd/-

For S.C. Dhar & Co.
Chartered Accountants

THE PARADISE THAT IS DHARAMSALA

The tall, serried, snow-covered expanse of the majestic Dhauladhar with its grandeur-filled, awe-inspiring citadels of glacial splendour, dark rain-rich monsoon clouds in the majesty of their congregated watery might, gurgling streams flowing down from the mother-like white mountain and spread like arteries over the valleys, vast, undulating surface, terraced paddy fields, forests of pine and cedar, oak and rhododendrons, pulsating bamboo groves and bush, bramble, barberry and dog-rose and alpine flora rubbing shoulders with the tropical beautiful spring days, charming autumn nights, -- a small little paradise nestling on a vast mountain spur, an open, spacious panorama, -- Dharamshala!

Now, a divisional headquarter, it was 145 years ago, in March, 1855, that the Britishers shifted the civil administration of the district from the better-known historical town of Kangra or Nagarkote to the then little known location, Dharamshala or, 'the way-farer's inn' which was so known for its being a resting place enroute to the myth-soaked pilgrim place of Bhagsunag with its perennially flowing water-springs issuing out of a hither to unknown subterranean source. In fact, it was the requirement of a cantonment for the newly-raised hill regiment that made the Britishers select the spot now known as Mcleodganj (Upper Dharamshala). The name Mcleod came to stick to the place in honour of a Lieut Governor of the province of Panjab at the time. With troops and civil offices came the traders and the shop of Nowrojee and Sons which dates back to the year 1855 itself. This departmental store is, thus, as old as the town.

It was after the devastating earthquake of 1905 that the main civil station, along with administrative offices, was shifted to its present location and so sprang up the present-day main town of Dharamsala. The names of some of the localities in the town still point to its historical past; for example, the main bazar is the Kotwali bazar because the pre-earthquake police station must have been located there. The Depot Bazar may have had an army depot there and the 'Bhedikhana' (now Sham Nagar) was the area of the old slaughter house. The city's municipal committee, the oldest in Himachal Pradesh, celebrated its 125th anniversary in 1991 -- a record of a sort for a small hill town.

Situated at a distance of 12km from Kangra Airport, - a recent acquisition,--, the town has, over the years, come to possess a cosmopolitan face. It has among its residents people of all castes, scheduled tribes, native gaddis and ghiraths, Hindus, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis, Tibetans, Rajasthani migrants and the martial Gurkhas. All these communities live together in perfect harmony pursuing their varied avocations. By and large, an employees' town, it is free from industrial pollution in the absence of any smoke-belching plants or factories. The little environmental pollution caused by the ever increasing rush of vehicular traffic is taken care of by the city's natural cover-- its pine and deodars. The presence of different communities and cultures has woven a veritable mosaic of culture, -- the Gurkha dance, the Pahari Jhamakra, the Tibetan dance -- all coexisting as different facets of the city's composite frame.

Dharamsala -- 'the little way - farer's inn' has now come on the international map. Being the headquarters of the government-in-exile of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, authors, journalists, scholars, and Tibetan sympathisers come from all over the globe to have His Holiness's darshan or confer with him during an audience. All offices of the Tibetan administration are located on the hill midway between lower Dharamsala and Mcleodganj, the latter having the main temple and the Private Office of the Dalai Lama. The award to His

Holiness in 1989 of the prestigious Nobel Prize for Peace gave further impetus to the name of the city which, for all the Tibetans in exile, is now a kind of mini-Lhasa. The imposing Library of Tibetan Works and Archives is the focal point of scholars of Tibetology from all over the world as this institution is a precious capsule of all that Tibetan history culture and civilization stand for.

For a beginning, let us visit the highly artistic Martyrs Memorial located in a dense pine enclave at the entrance to the city or saunter leisurely among the sprawling tea gardens, have a peep into the imposing Museum of Kangra Art or sit in the solitude of the ancient deodars of St. John's Church in the Wilderness, go to the Mountaineering Institute in Mcleodganj, or quietly walk on the level winding tracks in the forests near the Institute or further still let the adventurous take to the trekker's trail to the Forest Rest House at Triund (9000 ft) and proceed to Illaqa (12000ft.) and shake hands with the glacial treasures of the Dhauladhar. If you feel tired, look at the silver visage of the goddess, the mountain or the valley at its feet; you will feel rejuvenated.

AROUND DHARAMSALA

Triund (2975 m) : Above Mcleodganj the gradient is steep. Just below the snow line lies Triund the popular picnic & trekking spot with its breathtaking views and a lovely forest rest house. (10 km).

Kunal Pathri : Not far from the Kotwali Bazar is the little rock temple dedicated to a local goddess (3 km).

Chinmaya Tapovan : A tranquil ashram complex set up by that great exponent of the Gita—Swami Chinmayananda (10 km).

Dal Lake : The pretty lake is a scenic spot surrounded by forests of pine. It is a good base for trekkers. A colourful annual fair is held here every September. (11 km)

Dharamkot (2100 m) : A favourite viewing point located on Dharamkot. Dharamkot hill offers panoramic views of the Kangra valley and the Dhauladhar peaks. (11 km)

Bhagsunath : A pretty waterfall and a small shrine lie at the end of an easy walk from the Mcleodganj bazaar. (11 km)

Tatwani & Machhrial : A beautiful waterfall at Machhrial is on the route to Tatwani (25 km) noted for its hot springs.

Kareri (1983 m) : A picturesque spot where a rest house is located in the cool depths of a pine grove (22 km). The beautiful Kareri Lake, 13 km away from this spot, is set amidst green meadows & forests of tall oak and pine at a height of 3250 m.

Chamunda Devi Temple : Not far from town is the famous temple with the majestic Dhauladhars as a backdrop. It is an enchanting spot with glorious views of the mountains, the Baner Khad, Pathiar and Lahla forests (15 km).

OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST

Trilokpur : A cave temple dedicated to the Lord Shiva is noted for its stalactite & stalagmite formations. (41 km).

Masrur : Fifteen richly carved monolithic rock temples sculpted in the splendid style of the Kailash temple at Ellora and dating back to the 8th century are to be found at Masrur, just 15 km south of Kangra. Images of Ram, Sita and Lakshman are to be found in the sanctum of the main temple. (40 km)

Nurpur : Named after Nurjehan the consort of the Mughal emperor Jehangir, it has an ancient fort and a carved Krishna temple. Nurpur is famous today for its fine pashmina shawls and textiles. (66 km)

My Very Own Golden Jubilee

- Parmananda Sharma

It fills me with a sense of pride accompanied by a kind of nostalgic joy when you celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of your alma mater and snuggle close to the affectionate warmth of a mother's heart; the past becomes alive; your youth returns to you in a kaleidoscopic vision of the days spent in and around these portals of learning; the 'old Student', for once, becomes a 'mere student' again. Ah, the thrill, the bliss inexplicable. I share with equal joy these moments of gladness with all old students of this great institution. However, in a way, my joy is even greater, because within the egg-shell of this Platinum Jubilee is also enclosed the yolk of my own half-a-hundred years of glorious romance with Government College Dharamshala, - my very own Golden Jubilee, my fifty years of sojourn under the stupendous shadow of the White Mountain, the majestic Dhauladhars!

I vividly remember that cold Saturday evening 17 December, 1949, to be precise- when I first landed in Dharamshala on my maiden posting to a government job as lecturer in English. Copper-red shone the snowy range in the light of the setting sun and a soothing quietude filled the scene which made me exclaim : 'ah, how heavenly!' That grandeur and that beatific, picture-postcard solitude instantly conquered me. Who could escape the charm of Dharamshala as then it was ? That Dharamshala has since been devoured by the ogre of civilization.

It was a small college then with about 400 students and thirty odd teachers; an ideal institution, a compact family. My good luck was to begin my tenure under the best boss I have ever served under. An Oxonian by education, an Indian in dress and deportment, he was dedicated to his profession. A votary of truth and nothing but the truth, brutally frank, an excellent teacher-scholar, his qualities of head and heart left a permanent imprint on my young mind. He was succeeded in the chair by another scholarly man, a D.Sc. with a penchant for Vedanta and Hindu philosophy. Harsh and forbidding in demeanour he always looked at you through his spectacles as if he was going to devour you. His authoritative tone would act as icing on the cake.

In those days, some old courtesy still prevailed. Instead of today's "Sahib app ko bula

rahe hain", the peon would invariably approach you with respect and say : "Sahib ne yaad kiya hai". That would mean 'peshi' in durbar and you just couldn't enter the presence without a 'May I come in, Sir?' How is it today? I would always know the mood of this Principal from the manner he would greet me on my entering his office. If he said, "Aaiye Panditji". I felt the weather to be sunny. If he said, 'Come in, Mr Sharma', I knew the daggers would be out. One of his inhibitions was not to shake hands for fear of pollution. All vegetables at his house were cooked after a wash with potassium; even sugarcane had to undergo the process. He recommended nine names for transfer (mine including); the Director wisely transferred him! Once I applied for five days of casual leave. The boss read my application and shouted: 'five days ? no, no, no, and threw away the paper in my face. (Can any Principal dare do it today ?) In the evening. I was in the ground as usual to play games. It was football that day and I was doing duty as a fullback. I never knew the Principal was watching the game. When the play was over, he came down and facing me, said, "Pandit ji! I never knew this side of you; your leave is sanctioned."

Lest the story goes long. I shall briefly speak only about two more of my bosses. One who was a B.Litt. from Oxford and used to head the Department of Sanskrit at Govt. College Lahore, was an epitome of a gentleman. Turbaned, in tie and suit, he was tall and handsome, scholarly, suave and soft-spoken and elicited respect from one and all. The two others had been at Govt. College Lahore where he taught Mathematics. Unimpressive in carriage, he looked very meek and humble and always spoke almost in an inaudible tone. But, he was like 'visa-kumbhamiva payomukham" (like a pitcher of poison laced with milk at the top). He also owned a 1927 model Ford which could be the envy of any junkyard although he himself set much store by it. It was inevitable for an outspoken youth like me to have many a skirmish with him.

Once, during a college function, he started denigrating Hindi with the words : "Hindi garam aaloo hai; usey app nahin nigal sakte. Urdu garm chai hai, usey aap pee saktey ho". I immediately got up and retorted : "Sir, your argument is frivolous and fallacious; what if I call your Urdu 'garam aalu" and Hindi 'garam chai'?" The whole staff was stunned at my audacity but the students cheered me. He called me to his office immediately after the function and said in his usual, hushed tone ; 'You should never get on the wrong side of your boss'. 'What if the boss gets on my wrong side?' I replied ; 'I play hockey and anybody getting on the wrong side is bound to get hit'. In course of time, he commended in my ACR : "He is a Hindi fanatic; he resents advice. Such people are not fit to remain in the department".

Government College Dharamshala, during the fifties, was an ideal institution in all fields -- academic, cultural, Sports, NCC etc. It had on its rolls students from Lahaul, Kullu, Chamba, Hamirpur, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, besides Kangra and Dharamshala. I knew almost all students

by face, name, roll number and parentage. Days used to be rather busy; what with regular games like hockey, football, basketball and cricket ; debates, declamations and the writing and staging of plays, taking students on trekking and mountaineering trips, NCC parades, annual and cadre camps, etc. Of course, all these besides the usual teaching and tutorial classes. Students were divided into four houses and annual sports competitions used to be held on House basis with each vying with the others. Students' attendance used to be hundred percent.

It is a matter of pride for me that many of the students of those days have gone far in life in all fields--army, navy, air force, education, law, politics and civil services. One of the earliest of our NCC 'C' certificate holders retired as a Major General besides some others who reached that rank; officer ranks upto Brigadier were also achieved by some. Chief Secretaries, Secretaries, IAS, IPS, DGPs, and IGs, Air Vice Marshals, High Court Judges, Ministers in the Central and State Cabinets, MLAs and MPs, some as NRIs achieving distinctions in countries far away -- a very, very distinguished inventory-- a matter of pride for me personally and for my institution.

Dharamsala, O Dharamsala! my beloved city! Like poet Surdas's proverbial ship-bird returning to the ship's mast after flying all over the sea (mero man anat kahan sukh pawey, jaise udi jahaj ko panchhi puni jahaj par away), I have returned again and again and again to your soothing environs after going over places on undeserved transfers from place to place. But, 'amor vincit omnia'; love conquers all. Finally and forever, I was back with my beloved college and beloved city in late sixties. Yes, I am finally here -- to spend the last days of life with you, to die in your lap peacefully!

(Poet, scholar and educationists, Mr Parmananda Sharma has more than two dozens of books to his credit. Member, Board of Directors Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) and of the Governing Body of Library of Tibetan Works and Archives (LTWA), Mr. Sharma is Chief Advisor to Old Students Association.)



Giving, whether it be of time,
labour, affections, advice,
gifts or whatever, is one of
life's greatest pleasures.

History of the College

1926-2000

The grandeur of the Dhauladhar looks on as an alma mater enters the seventy fifth year of its life in the valley. 4th May, 1912 : Sir Louis Dane, Lt. Governor of Panjab, lays the foundation-stone. 1914 Rivaz Government High School Palampur shifts to the new building in Dharamshala.

1926 :- Intermediate classes start, and the very next year F.Sc. (Non-Medical). Progress is slow but certain. Upgrading continues. The first batch of graduates leaves the threshold of this institution in 1948. The early fifties see the introduction of teaching in Geology, Geography and Non-Medical upto graduation level. With Botany and Zoology in the year 1962 and commerce in 1968, the college, within another decade, becomes a postgraduate institution with introduction of Hindi in 1977 and English in 1983. Down the years, postgraduate classes in the subjects of Political Science, Economics, Geology and Commerce raise the reputation of this college as the leading educational Centre in the state. In the year 1992, Regional Centre of Himachal Pradesh University enters the scene but till 1998 it is mainly the teachers from Government College Dharamshala who run the postgraduate show, and that continues even after the Principal of the College ceases to be the Director of the Regional Centre and formally the HPU sends its own Director for the Regional Centre. The year 1999 brings in teaching in Law, Mathematics and Public Administration. The Regional Centre of HPU prospers in the very campus of Government College Dharamshala.

The college had just 28 students on its rolls in 1926. It became a co-educational institution in 1938-39. In 1950-51, 287 boys and 22 girls were on its rolls. The number rose higher and higher and presently it is more than 5000 students. A list of the members in various faculties is being published alongwith all the Principals who have led this institution during all these seventy five years. Evening classes, introduced in 1970-71, continue offering graduation courses in Arts.

Presently, besides the boys Hostel courtesy Zila Sainik Board, the College has a three storeyed Girls Hostel to house around 80 girls.

In 1926, the college library had five cupboards with 1500 books. Now, the college has a Library Block, strictly according to UGC guide lines, and more than fifty thousand books and a century of research journals and periodicals available for the benefit of teachers and students. (Construction of this building made possible by the efforts of Old Students Association; history of the OSA is published in this Souvenir.)

N.C.C. : The UTC was started in 1935 with 33 cadets on rolls. In 1948, one company under 1st Panjab Battalion NCC Amritsar was given to this college. The first 4 NCC Officers in this Company were Lt. Reuban R. Dass, Lt. M.K. Kaul, Lt. Jeevan Rishi and Lt. P. Sharma (who later retired as Principal from this college in 1982). In the year 1952, it was raised to the status of an Independent Company. Presently, the NCC and NSS wings form an essential core of student activity.

The present college stadium was built in 1959 largely through Shramdaan under the convenorship of Mr. S. Padamabham, (then senior lecturer and later Principal) and the leadership of Prof. P. Sharma who was incharge of the *shramdan abhiyan*. The Tennis Court near the Sainik Hostel has now been turned into Basketball ground. The college also has a Badminton Hall.

The college has overcome problems of accommodation particularly with the availability of the three-storied teaching Block (across the sports stadium), inaugurated by Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Hon'ble Chief Minister, in September 1998. The one area that needs attention and the College authorities have set their eye on is an auditorium. The Old Students as well the present students, teachers as well as all those concerned with the progress of this institution, -- all are ready in their endeavour to add another chapter in the history of the college by working together to fill the vacant space that should house an auditorium.

OUR PRINCIPALS

1. Bhai Bishan Dass Puri	30-5-26 to 30-9-28	16. Jagan Nath Dudeja	1-9-55 to 30-10-58
2. George Audito	1-10-28 to 5-11-31	17. Dr. Tara Singh	1-11-58 to 1-8-61
3. Shri Krishan Kapoor	6-11-31 to 16-12-35	18. Mrs. H.M. Dhillon	2-8-61 to 31-7-64
4. W.A. Barnes	17-12-35 to 8-1-40	19. Kewal Ram Chaudhary	1-8-64 to 31-10-66
5. Malik Gulam Rasool Shauq	9-1-40 to 1-6-41	20. S. Padmanabhan	1-11-66 to 8-11-74
6. Harish Chander Bali	2-6-41 to 30-9-41	21. Parmananda Sharma	9-11-74 to 22-8-75
7. Chaman Lal Kapoor	1-10-41 to 30-1-42	22. Pran Khosla	23-8-75 to 7-8-77
8. Chirag-ud-din	1-8-42 to 30-9-45	23. Parmananda Sharma	8-8-77 to 30-6-82
9. Harish Chander Bali	1-10-45 to 20-8-47	24. D.N. Sharma	July 82 to Sept. 82
10. Dr. Vishwa Nath	21-8-47 to 28-2-48	25. Dr. Atma Ram	Oct. 82 to 15 Oct. 89
11. Shiv Charn Singh	1-3-48 to 30-6-48	26. P.S. Misra	7-11-89 to 31-10-92
12. Gomti Prasad	1-7-48 to 1-2-51	27. Amba Prasad	14-12-92 to 31-10-94
13. Dr. Mohan Lal Sethi	2-2-51 to 30-10-52	28. L.M. Dogra	2-11-94 to 21-3-98
14. Vidya Chander	1-11-52 to 31-7-54	29. S.L. Anand	27-3-98
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The Achievers

In response to the OSA's request to members to send information regarding their significant achievements for inclusion in the Souvenir, some Life Members of the Association obliged. We are glad to reproduce here the information received—Editor.

G.C. Trehan

Born in 1916, Mr. G.C. Trehan, retired as Administrative Officer-cum-Under Secretary Forest, did his Intermediate from this college in 1936.

Participated in the All India Olympic Tournament for Volley-Ball held at Lahore (now in Pakistan) ; represented Himachal Pradesh in the 7th National Volleyball Championship in 1958.

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Lt. Col .H.S. Katoch

Presently serving in the 16 (Independent) Armoured Brigade and shall be completing 38 years of service in the Army on retirement in May 2001. Two sons, Maj. Ajay Katoch and Maj. Vikas Katoch are presently serving in the Indian Army in 24 Punjab and 6 Assam (Presently 35 Rashtriya Rifles) respectively. Vikas has recently been awarded with the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card.

O.C. Sharma

Born in 1940, Mr. O.C. Sharma served as an I.P.S. Officer for 34 years (1964-98) and retired as Director General of Police (Madhya Pradesh). Also served as Chairman, M P Housing Cooperation for one year, worked with M.P. Human Rights Commission as an IPS Officer Incharge Enquiries and Investigation; as member of Experts Committee on Police Modernisation and Computerization.

Also served in several National and International Committees especially Gender Bias and Violence Against Women.

A keen sportsman , he was associated with Hockey, Archery and Cricket at the highest level. The SSB Stadium at Sapri, (Jawala Mukhi) is his gift to Kangra.

Besides being a top Police Cop's Mr. Sharma's contribution to the world of letters is also astounding, not only by the number and variety of books he has authored but also by the honour and awards that come to him. His more than a dozen publications include novels like *Shav Yatra*, *Sampark*, *General Sahib*, books on History/Art Khajuraho: *Lok Katha Se Itihaas Tak*, and on Linguishes , *Khari boli Itihaas Aur Parampara*

Honours and Awards

Saraswat Sanman : On Hindi Day in 1997, Onkar Rahi (his pen name) was conferred this prestigious award.

Sahitya Sarswat

On 28th Dec, 1997 Hindi Sahitya Sammelan Prayag (Founder Shri Madan Mohan Malaviya-1910) awarded the Honorary degree of Sahitya Sarswat. Rahi's Udhgith Bachan on National Policy in Hindi was considered the first of its kind in the history of Sammelan.

Millennium Hindi Award

In Sept; 2000 during the celebrations of World Hindi Conference at New Delhi he was honoured with National Millennium award for outstanding service to the promotion of Hindi language and literature.

Also nominated for National Harmony Award 2000.

Lt. Col S.C. Sharma, AVSM

Joined the army in August 1943 and posted to The Dogra Regiment. Worked in Officers Selection Board, Meerut/Army HQ, New Delhi, and later as Junior Psychologist in the Psychological Research Wing, Ministry of Defence, Went to Gaza (Egypt) with 9 DOGRA as a member of the United Nations Peace Keeping Force. Extensively toured Europe during the assignment and after retirement visited USA. Commanded an Assam Rifles Battalion in NEFA and was selected as Commander, Army Development Group in NEFA. For his singular contribution and dedication to this Group and outstanding success of the project (which was the first of its kind in the country) was awarded Ati Vasisht Seva Medal by the President of India in Jan 1970. Retired from Army in Aug 1972.

Dr. Trilok Singh, Scientist 'F'

Government of India, Ministry of Defence, Defence Research & Development Organisation.
Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory, P.O. Kanchanbagh, Hyderabad-500058

Professional Contributions :-

- Special Steels for armour/explosive reactive armour applications.
- Rocket motor casing from high strength steels by flow forming technique.
- Materials for futuristic war heads.
- Non Spark tools.
- Strategic components & welding of light weight, high strength, aluminium alloy bridges.
- Thermopak to keep body parts warm where conventional means of heating are not available.
- Indigenisation of imported components.
- Failure analysis of engineering components.

Two patents & published 30 papers in national & international Journals.

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Capt. V.P. Chaudhary

Born in April 1928, Mr. Chaudhary has the privilege of being one of the first graduates of this college. An outstanding sportsman, Mr. Chaudhary played Hockey, Football & Cricket with equal gusto. In dramatics, in gold old days of the fifties, he acted as the typical gaddi belle, and had the good fortune of a congratulatory embrace from a girl in the audience (who knew not she was doing to a male actor) Perfect Camouflage! With a law degree in 1954, he went on to join govt. service as a BDO, and was awarded Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Award for the best Development worker.

The Chinese Aggression touched and provoked him to join Army in 1963 at the age of 35, with three children back at home. The release from the army saw him promoted as an HAS Officer, doing duties at various levels. He retired as Deputy Secretary HP Govt.

Presently engaged in a lot of social service activities, he is Secretary, Senior Citizens, Chandigarh and Executive member, Seva Bharati.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH BOARD OF SCHOOL EDUCATION DHARAMSHALA-176213

Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education is a premier educational institution entrusted with the job of preparing curriculum, prescribing—printing and distribution of books from 1st to 12th Standard. The Board conducts examinations for 8th, 10th and 12th standard every year in which more than 4 lakh students appear. Arranging workshops, seminars and other academic activities to improve the curriculum and examination system is a regular feature.

- To have a purposeful dialogue with the teachers, students and society, the Board brings out a monthly newsletter 'Himachal Shiksha Board News Bulletin' and a quarterly journal 'HIM GIANLOK'.
- H.P. Board of School Education is the pioneer Board to announce the schedule of commencement & declaration of different examinations/results which is strictly adhered to.
- In order to bring uniformity in the conduct of 5th class examination, the question papers for this class are also got set and supplied by the Board.
- Board awards scholarship to the 100 toppers of the Matriculation examination and to 50 toppers of the Plus-two examination every year @Rs. 100/- per month and more.
- To widen its activities & keeping in view the importance of Plus One class, the Board has decided to conduct the 10+1 examination w.e.f. March, 2001.
- Keeping in view the importance of regional language, extension of education & to strengthen the tri-language formula of the Govt. of India, the Board has introduced Punjabi language in the 9th & 10th class as optional subject w.e.f. March, 2000-2001 session.
- A multi storeyed building is under construction in the GIANLOK complex. The foundation stone of the building was laid down by Prof. Prem Kumar Dhumal, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on 21st January, 2000.

Dr. Chaman Lal Gupta
Chairman

Dr. Sunil Kumar Chaudhary
Secretary

A DAWN IN OCT 1965

No Reveille sounded
at the first streak of dawn.
Outside, my traveller's tent
the very spirit of frost
seemed to have settled on scene
the stars were shooting out
sharp clear rays from a steely sky
behind the Gluti Hill,
Below the Pir Panjal
first beam of dawn showing
no force to cheer or warm me
Light sufficient to make
cold more apparent
water frozen solid
last night's dinner lay a hard mass.
Captain Chandra's body lifeless
yet warm, looked at me
years after his glorious death,
Above Mountain hidden with dull
masses of snow, fine and dry
Hoarding storms, penetrating snow,
still this morning was a
picture of desolation.

'A Dawn in Oct. 1965' is a Tribute to my friend and class-mate, late Captain Chandra Narain Singh, Mahaveer Chakra awardee. Captain Singh laid his life, fighting a battle, on the Gluti Hill in Jammu area.

— O.C. Sharma