

45 TH REUNION DAY (OBA) - 28 JUNE 2014

SPONSORED BY THE 1989 BATCH

EVENT REPORT

1. The various activities that took place on 28 June 2014 (and earlier in connection with OB's day) at SSKZM are as shown in the succeeding paragraphs:

0730h - Alumni arrive at School Campus

Alumni started arriving in the Campus as early as 0700. A total of 210 Alumni registered at the counter. The conducting batch (1989 batch) was in full strength with as many as 46 members with their family members attending. Rs.68500/- was collected as registration fee / sale of mementos. Thank you, 1989 batch, for attending in such large numbers.

0800h - Guard of Honour to & Wreath Laying Ceremony

Air Vice Marshal IP Vipin VM (877 / 79) was the Chief Guest. The school NCC contingent along with the Band provided the guard of honour in an impeccable manner. The CG inspected the guard of honour and then laid a wreath at the Stupa of Remembrance in memory of those alumni who laid their lives in the service of the nation. Vishnu Peethambaran, the Sword of Honour at IMA this year was also present (now an officer with 4 SIKH LI). Then, the Chief Guest and the Old Boys accompanied by the Offg Principal Lt Col Suresh Kumar PG (1764/87) and OBA President Dr.Mohanachandran(428/72) proceeded to the Hut of Remembrance where homage was paid to the departed Alumni and Teachers.

Then, everyone proceeded to the School Mess area, where AVM IP Vipin inaugurated the "TURNING POINT", a corner dedicated to MP Anil Kumar (1122/81), made possible by his 1981 batch mates in the N J Nair AC, KC motivational hall. Adjacent to the School Mess, the motivational hall will feature all the achievements by the alumni of the school in order to motivate future generations of cadets.

Subsequently, everyone returned to the school academic block area. AVM IP Vipin inaugurated the newly built sunset point named Cherish Point—an open-air gallery behind the Stupa of Remembrance.

Thereafter, the Gurudakshina Project of 1989 batch—the renovated Staff Room—was inaugurated by ex-Master in Maths, Mr.Sreekumaran Chettiar in the presence of AVM IP Vipin, present Masters, the 89 batch and other OBs including the President, OBA. The total project outlay for the staff room was Rs.5 lakhs.

0900h - Commemoration Meeting And Address by Chief Guest at VKKM Auditorium

Comde G Prakash (1064/81) started the proceedings with a moving tribute to MP Anil Kumar(1122/81) which was followed by 2 minutes silence in his memory.

The commemoration meeting then moved on to the distribution of prizes sponsored by the OBA. The Chief Guest, Air Vice Marshal IP Vipin VM (877 / 79) distributed the prizes to the cadets who excelled in various areas in past academic year.

Among the prizes was a cheque for Rs.25000 sponsored by Lt Gen (Retd) Y Chacko Tharakan (381/70), AVSM, VSM for breaking his merit list ranking set in 1970. The cash prize

went to Cadet Akash KR who stood 3rd in Merit in All India Merit List of UPSC NDA and Naval Academy this year.

OBA and the School felicitated the following illustrious alumni for their achievements in 2013-14 jointly:

1. Lt Gen (Retd) Y Chacko Tharakan, AVSM, VSM (381/70) for being awarded the Best Distinguished Alumni by IMA on 13 June 2014. The award has been instituted recently and Gen Tharakan is the first recipient of this award.
2. Lt Col PG Suresh Kumar (1764/87), Principal Sainik School for his yeoman services to SSKZM and the OBA and for being the first alumnus to become the Principal of SSKZM. Notable among his contributions to the OBA has been the sanctioning of a campus office, which was inaugurated by him and the President OBA jointly on 26 June 2014.
3. Christo Tomy (4075/2005 batch) for winning the award in the 'Best Debut Film of a Director' category at the 61st NATIONAL FILM AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2013 (NON-FEATURE FILMS) for his movie, 'Kanyaka' (Malayalam).
4. Vishnu Peethambaran (4593/2010) for winning the SWORD OF HONOUR IMA Dehradun for Best All round Gentleman Cadet & Top in the order of merit. First from SSKZM to win this coveted award.
5. Cdt. Akash K R for standing third in Merit in All India Merit List of UPSC NDA and Naval Academy this year.

The OBA President also felicitated three General employees retiring this year with a ponnada and a gift during the OB Day:

1. Mr. Raju, Head Waiter
2. Mr. Krishnan Nair, Head Cook
3. Mr. Somanatha Panicker, Electrician

The OBA President and the Chief Guest unveiled the following new prizes respectively:

1. Mr. Simon Peter Memorial Book Review Trophy instituted by the OBA for the best house in book review competition held for senior, junior, sub junior and holding house categories.
2. Gyan Anushasan Sahayog Trophy instituted by Lt Gen(Retd) Y Chacko Tharakan, AVSM, VSM (381/70) for best all rounder from 11th std.

Subsequently, in a moving address, Air Vice Marshal IP Vipin engaged in a metaphorical take on Tagore's famous poem from his magnum opus, Gitanjali—"Where the mind is without fear"—drawing parallels between the sublime lines and the education one receives at SSKZM. He requested the community to be supportive of each other and also exhorted the cadets to do well in life while promising them all the help from the senior Old Boys.

Dr. B Mohanachandran (428 / 1972), President, OBASSKZM thanked Air Vice Marshal IP Vipin and all the Cadets, Staff and Alumni for their active participation in all the events of this year's OB day.

Thereafter, all moved for Tea arranged just outside the auditorium.

1030h - Tea

1100h- **AGB Meeting at VKKM Auditorium.**

Minutes attached herewith separately.

1315h - Lunch for Alumni, Faculty, Class XII and all Cadet Appointments.

Sumptuous lunch was organised by SSKZM. OBA thanks the School Administration and Batch of 89 for the same. A total of 1100 pax approximately attended the lunch, which included Ex-Masters, OBs, spouses and children.

1400h- Magic Show for Ladies, children and cadets

1400 - Festival Cricket Match Principal's XI vs OBA XI.

The SSKZM team, in spite of the OBA putting up a fighting total of 99 runs in 15 overs, won this. The OBA score was largely due to Cmde G Prakash's valiant knock of 42 runs. However, the other OLD Boys (including Wing Cdr Padmaraj and Captain Louis George) failed to impress.

1530h - Tea

1645 - Waterpolo, Basketball, Football and Volleyball matches and Prize Distribution for Festival Matches.

Water-polo match was not held for lack of participation.

The football match was won by the SSKZM Team 1 - 0. The volleyball match was also won by the SSKZM team 2 - 0.

However, the OBA Basketball team avenged the defeat in other games. The scores were initially tied at 12 all and were going neck-to-neck for a long time. However, the OBA team with stalwarts like Major Robin, Major Savit, Nelson, Mobin, Vishnu, Captain Louis George, Ahammed Sukarno, Akhil and others comfortably beat the School team by over 20 points. Thereafter, a three-point shooting competition was held. The SSKZM team won the prize of Rs. 500/- for the competition.

1730 h - Departure of all Alumni and Families

HOPING TO MEET ALL OF YOU FOR THE 2015 OB DAY. EXACT DATE WILL BE INTIMATED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SPONSORING BATCH (1990 BATCH).

AGBM MINUTES

1100 hrs VKKM AUDITORIUM

The General Body meeting started by observing one-minute silence in memory of our dear departed Alumni, Cadets and Staff. 115 alumni attended the AGBM. After a brief introduction by Offg Principal Lt Col Suresh Kumar PG (1764/87) and Dr.Mohanachandran (428 / 1972), President OBA SSKZM, the Agenda points were taken up for discussions.

OBA activity in brief for 2013-14

- 4 EC meetings held on 10 August, 14 December, 29 March and 14 June.
- Updated accounting statements filed in all EC meetings.
- Grand Kazak Meet 2013 - 10th august 2013 at Cochin with the Ernakulam chapter
- New office in campus for OBA sanctioned by Principal SSKZM Lt Col PG Suresh Kumar.
- Farewell dinners to outgoing principal and headmaster
- SAF contribution of Rs.50000 for deserving SSKZM cadets
- Chennai chapter meet on 19 Sept 13 along with visiting 12 std SSKZM cadets
- Malabar chapter meet held at Kozhikode on 2nd march 14.
- Bangalore chapter meet held on 10 November 13.
- Mumbai chapter meet held on 16 February 14
- Helped coordinate a collection drive to meet treatment costs of Rs. 5 lakhs for an alumni's father.
- Contribution of Rs.90,000 towards a school-approved project.

1. Presentation of Accounts. Approval sought from GB.

The Treasurer, Mr.Rammohan GS 2529/95, presented the audited account statement for 2013-14. The General Body approved the statement unanimously. Audited statements are attached herewith.

2. GB to approve bye-law registration procedure. Dues and Way Ahead

The amended bye-laws passed for registration by the previous AGBM can be done subject to payment of dues to the relevant authority. The due amount is yet to be ascertained and informed to the OBA by the authority. Once this is informed, the EC will take the appropriate action to pay the dues and get the bye-laws registered.

3. Upgrade of alumni website. Way Ahead

The upgrade of the alumni website is under progress. The work is being undertaken free of charge by Ceejo Thomas (2183/91), who was previously associated with the website while it was operated by Cordiant Technologies owned by alumni Mr.Dennis Paul. The login procedure has been smoothened already making it easier for alumni to register themselves on the website without using the mandatory Facebook login procedure. The new-look website will be augmented with requisite features during the course of the year.

4. OBA Reunion in 2015, date proposal by Batch of 1990

The 2015 sponsoring batch (1990) proposed December 2015 as their preference for holding the OB Day. After much deliberation, the proposal was put to vote, which turned out to be in favour of the sponsoring batch's proposal. The proposal has been placed before the school for acceptance. The final date will be decided after a discussion between the School (after their own internal discussion) and the Sponsoring batch at the earliest.

		<i>Shri Habeeb</i>		
14	1986-1990	<i>Mohamed</i>	1750	1987
15	1991-1995	<i>Shri Saju SS</i>	2584	1995
16	1996-2000	<i>Shri Kannan S</i>	2766	1997
17	2001-2005	<i>Shri Cyril Cyriac</i>	3434	2003
18	2006-2010	<i>Shri Kevin Sunny</i>	3986	2007
19	2011-2014	<i>Shri Arun.K.Nair</i>	4413	2011
	<i>Communication Cell (Co-</i>	<i>Wg Cdr Padmaraj</i>		
20	<i>opted)</i>	<i>(pappan)</i>	2298	1993

Thereafter, members proceeded for lunch at the Cadets' Mess.