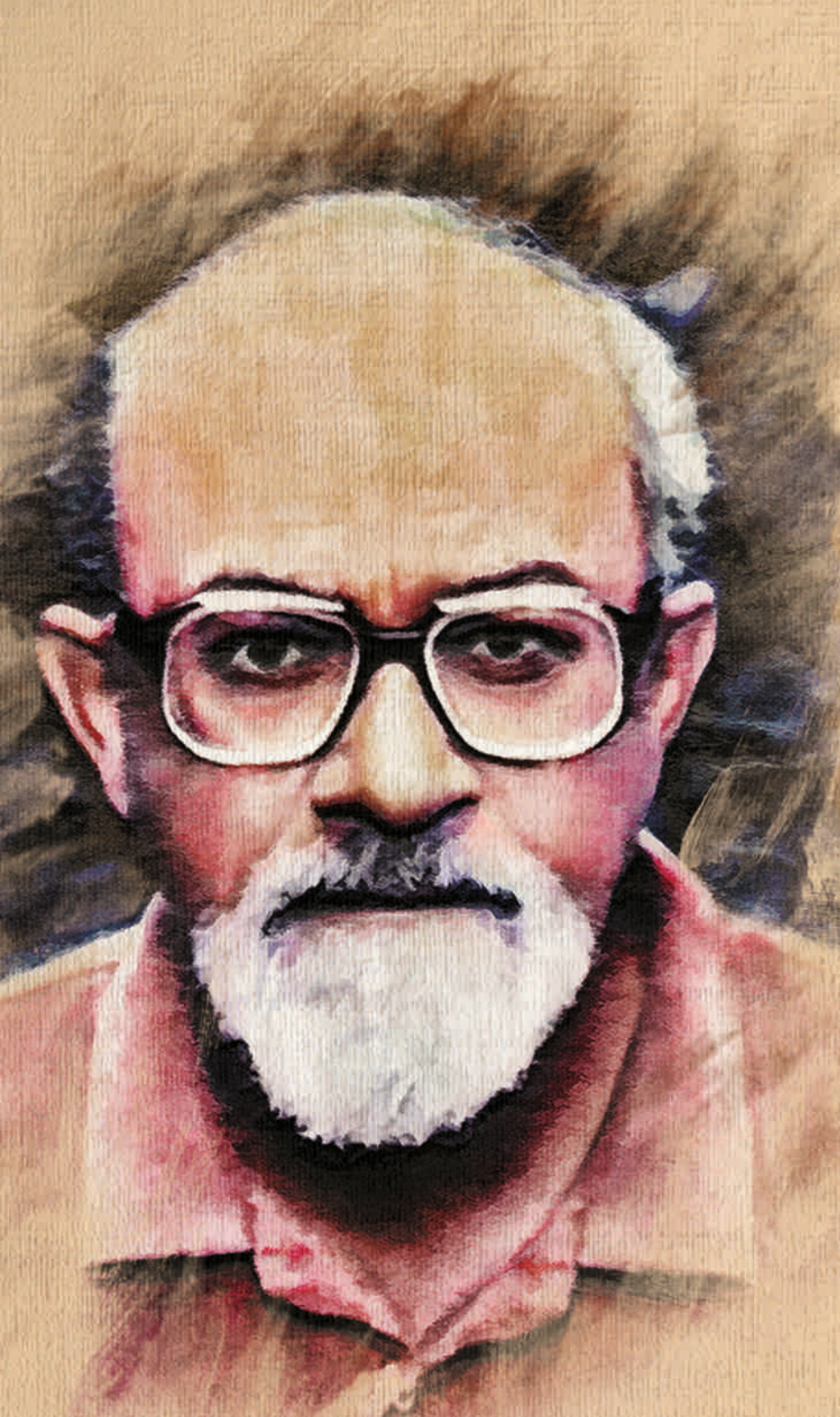




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Dear Members,

It has been an eventful year and I am extremely pleased to break up the sequence of Events that have unfolded which have helped in achieving a remarkable all around progress for our society.

Starting with the - The 80th Founder's Day Dinner, 2017

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Mohit Saigal, President -2017-2019
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3rd Edition of CAGI, Chandigarh Alumni Golf Invitational

The 3rd Edition of the Chandigarh Alumni Golf Invitational was held on March 9th, 2018.

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Re Unions

1. Kolkata- Northeast Chapter Annual Lunch

As usual the lead was taken by the Kolkata Chapter by organising once again an extremely warm and a hospitable event. We are extremely thankful to Harsh Bansal, Surya Todi and Vivek Bansal for carrying on this tradition year on year.

2. Ms Oliphant's Annual Dinner, New Delhi

The Delhi Get Together, this year, was a little different, ThodaHutke, from the regular WOBS get together.

More than 150 people attended the event. Notably, it had great presence of a few very old boys.

For the first time, we had the WOWs (Women Of Welham) chipping in with their bit. We encouraged all the WOWs to register themselves with WOBS. Many have already done so.

We had some wives, sharing their experiences of being married to a Welhamite. It was insightful and had the crowd roaring with laughter.

Vikram Abhishek Mall, 1987 (Ganga 108), a motivation speaker, helped people find their lost mojo.

We also had a small presentation by Colonel (Retd) Anil Alagh, who is spearheading a renowned NGO- 'Shaping Lives'. We are proud to be associated with them. As an initiative by the WOWs, to give back to the community, a lot of members and their families brought in old books, toys, games, wearable but discarded clothes to help the under privileged.

We were also hugely encouraged by the small impromptu Reunions that took place all over the World and the Members were kind enough to share their moments with the Alumni on Facebook.

Silver Jubilee Batch

I am extremely impressed with the active participation of the Silver Jubilee Batch of 1993 and on how they have engaged with the Society in all of their endeavors. In this their Silver jubilee year, they have donated a top of the line 26 seater AC bus to

school in memory of 2 of their classmates, Hariyotinder Singh and Gursajan Gambhir, who unfortunately are no longer with us.

Memorabilia

In our endeavour to come out with upmarket products, this year we are trying to outsource some of our memorabilia from a company which has a huge amount of experience in this field and is catering to various corporate houses and top international brands. They are also catering to some of the top public schools in the country.

Executive Committee and WOBS Secretariat

The EC Members were extremely active in their appointed roles this year. Each member chipped in where he was required, be it the conceptualisation of Ms Oliphant's Dinner by Arun Khanna (1986) or spearheading of our media cell by Rohit Jaiswal (1995) and Ankush Salaria (1997). Insightful inputs and suggestions from Anurag Chadha (1988), Ankur Nigam (1996), Pavitra Arora (2004), Vivek Bansal (1997) and Ajeet Bajaj (2000) made my job so much easier. Gurjot Singh our VP has been his forever dynamic self all throughout the year.

The WOBS secretariat under the able supervision of Mr Siddharth Rakshit has been doing a fantastic job. This effort has largely contributed in a very pro active participation and information dissemination for the Alumni. The Secretariat has further been consistently updating the Members Register and validating the same. This effort has helped in establishing the updated Register of Members.

I conclude with expressing my gratitude to you all for participating with the Society Initiatives and consistently engaging with the EC with newer ideas which are innovative and easily executed. I thank my team on the EC for a wonderful coordinated effort this year and also the Secretarial Officer and his Team for a wonderful effort and performance.

"From Strength to Strength"

Yours truly,

Mohit Saigal



Prashant Kochhar, Batch Representative 1992

HOW THE BATCH OF 1992 CELEBRATED THEIR SILVER JUBILEE YEAR 2017

Every Founders is special, however, for the batch that completes 25 years of passing out of school (not sure about this as I believe some of us are still at School) it becomes extra special as the batch gets designated as the Silver Jubilee batch. In order to make the celebrations truly memorable our batch, like the previous Jubilee Batches, too started to plan the celebrations early in the year with a meeting held in Delhi in the month of February. The plan was simple, to have a three day celebration during the Founders weekend at school and also to make a meaningful contribution to our alma mater. As a batch we identified Music as our special focus for contribution, dedicating it to our brother Debashish whom we lost soon after school.

Once the dates for Founders

weekend were frozen, our batch Whatsapp group, with batch mates spread across different time zones from Australia to USA, started buzzing 24/7. There was constant chatter, with a customary good morning message from Pilibhit, an evening Cheers from USA and a travelogue by our Travelathon man, we did manage to book the hotel in Dehradun and decide on our dress code as well as the venues for the celebrations. But above all, with quick response from the Principal, Ms Bindra, we decided on donating custom built music cubicles to the school.

The year went by in a jiffy and the month of November arrived bringing with it a lot of excitement and chill. We managed a fair attendance with more than 30 of us present in person for the Founders and began the celebration with a batch dinner on November 30th at Arjun Mann's residence on Laxmi Road. Though the attendance of better halves was sparse but was more than made up that night by the specially crafted cake which our man from USA - Rathin, for obvious reasons, had the honour of devouring first. We discovered a lot of singers that night and also managed to surprise our guests that evening, with a fairly long list of achievements of our batch mates.

December 1st was made special with our batch leading the old boys march past during the Sports Day at school. The WOBS annual general meeting followed by the official dinner at school made us all nostalgic. The presence of lots of teachers who taught at school made the dinner extremely special and bought back many memories.



December 2nd was indeed the big day. In the morning, we were blessed by the presence of our music teacher Ms Mohini Mishra who kindly consented to inaugurate the music cubicles and Shashank once again demonstrated his prowess with the Tabla. A small speech in remembrance of Debashish, Rajnish and Ashish found its way into many a hearts and wet handkerchiefs. They were sorely missed at the celebrations and with the wishes of our entire batch we now have their names etched on the Donor's wall. Post the inauguration of the music cubicles we quickly proceeded for



the night at the batch dinner then Mithun's and Govinda's definitely took all by storm on the dance floor till the wee hours of the morning.

December 3rd, time for all to go back. The magical weekend was over and so were our silver jubilee celebrations. Lots of memories were relived and lots of new ones were created during this weekend. Now we all await 2022 when we shall be usher in the triple decade celebrations with greater fervor and might. Until then, from Strength to Strength to each Silver Jubilee Batch !!!

God Bless the entire Welham community.

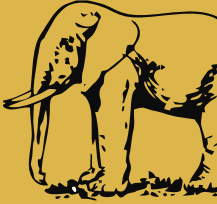
the batch photograph with the Principal and then for the special lunch hosted for the silver jubilee batch at Principal's cottage. It was extremely thoughtful of the school to invite all the teachers who had taught us, though retired now, for the lunch. An exchange of mementoes and another set of photographs brought an end to the most fulfilling afternoon.

The evening started with the founders day speeches followed by the play at school. The customary open house dinner for the Welham community was hosted by our batch at Abhimanyu Cricket Academy and was well attended by WOBS members across batches and a few special guests. If the Kishore Kumar's and Mukesh's were the highlight of



WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UPTO DURING 2017-2018

WELHAM 80TH FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER, 2017




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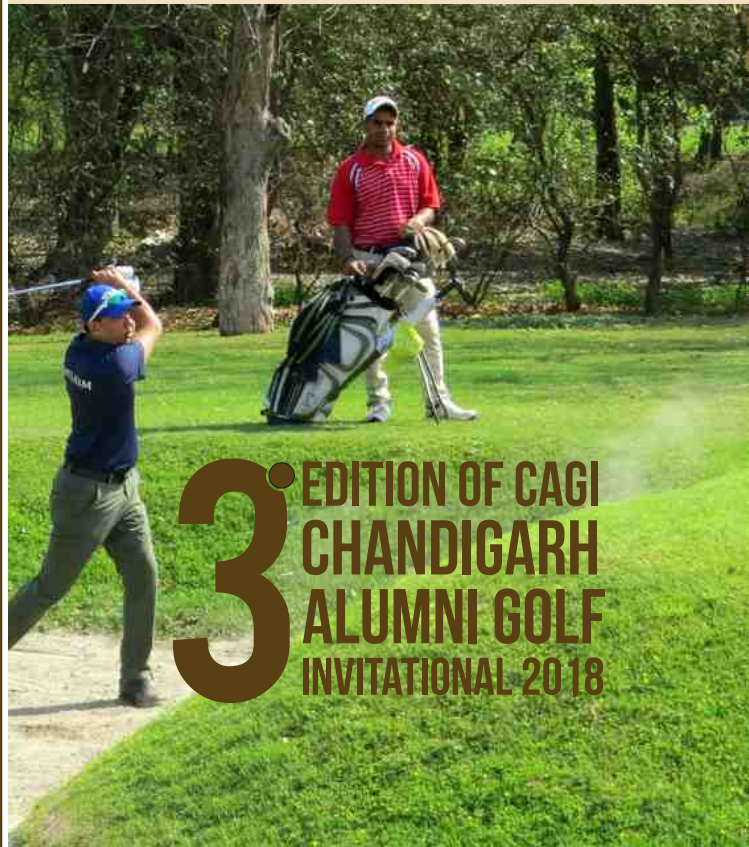
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KOLKATA GET TOGETHER



3RD EDITION OF CAGI CHANDIGARH ALUMNI GOLF INVITATIONAL 2018



The Old Boys of this city never misses to get together once a year to bond. Making sure it happens each year, the warm and hospitable Bansal brothers, Harsh (1996) and Vivek (1997), yet again, hosted the get together at their residence, on 25th February, 2018.

Thanks once again, Harsh & Vivek, for the lovely afternoon..

The 3rd Edition of the Chandigarh Alumni Golf Invitational held on 9th March, 2018. This year, Welham Old Boys' Society took over the responsibility to organize the event. Parampreet Sandhu (1991), who is also the WBS Golf Captain, executed the event meticulously.

The winner's trophy was lifted by Mayo College and Bishop Cotton School finished as the Runner's-up. Many other individual prizes were also given out during the Gala Dinner in the evening. Our own, Arjun Malik (2010), was one of the top scorers in the tournament.

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Well done Team WBS. We should look forward to lift the winner's trophy in 2019, with more number of participation.



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Prem Dham at 4 PM for the Second SUPW activity for another noble cause..

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After Installation of International Standard poles and Boards



Canada's National Team Head Coach Roy Rana visited Dribble Academy Foundation, Gejha Village Project



Amazing Time with the Nba basketball School director Joel Yoba dropping some dimes at the Gejha Village Project




We Playing regular friendly Matches & Tournament in neighborhood schools and Various Clubs.

OUTREACH INITIATIVE


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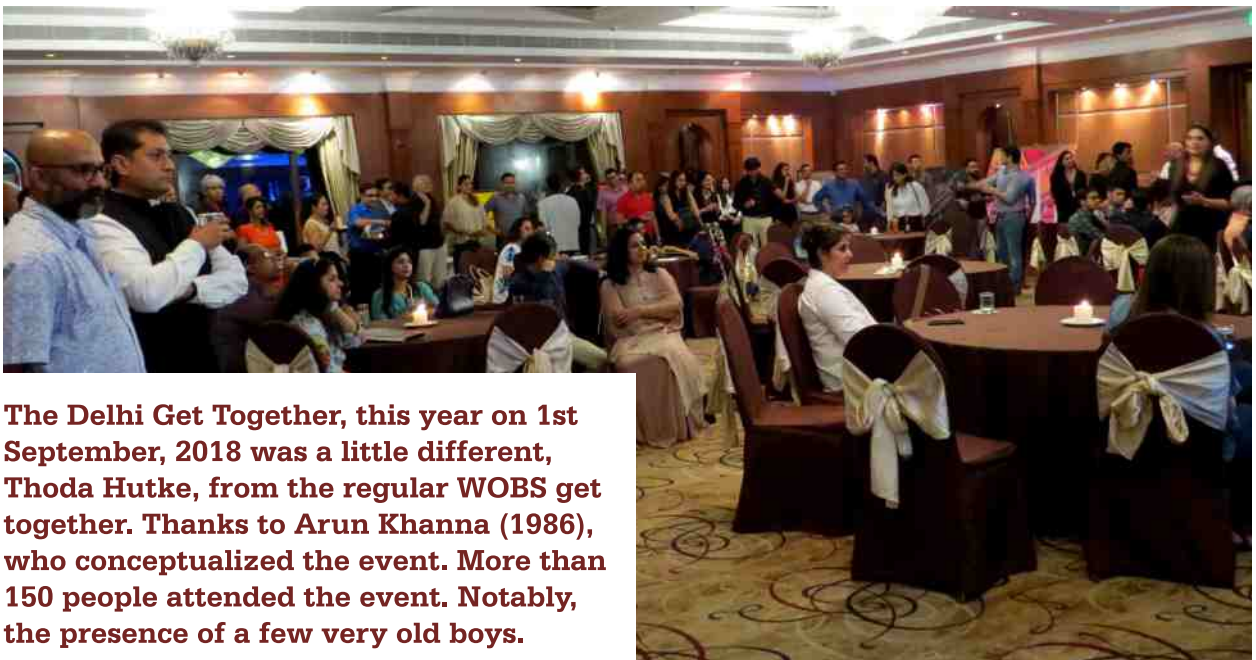
Welham Old Boys' Society

March 17, 2018



The Welham Old Boys (Wobs) did a fundraising campaign and donated Two International Standard poles and Boards at the Gejha Village Project. The opening was attended by a Group of Old Boys from Welhams and a friendly match was played against the kids from Gejha. Thanks to them we are now in a position to conduct district and Inter School Tournaments.

MS OLIPHANT'S ANNUAL DINNER NEW DELHI



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Vikram Abhishek Mall, 1987 (Ganga 108), a motivation speaker, helped people find their lost mojo.



19 Boys from the pass out Batch of 2018, attended their first ever WOBS get together. Also in attendance were 6 members of the Welham Boys' School Board of Governors along with their spouses.

We also had a small presentation by Colonel (Retd) Anil Alagh, an Army veteran, who hung up his uniform to solely pursue his real calling, the life of service to humanity, nurturing under privileged children, the old and the destitute.

As an initiative by the WOWs, to give back to the community a lot of members and their families, brought in old books, toys, games, wearable but discarded clothes to help the under privileged.

As inevitable, the evening witnessed the camaraderie, the enthusiasm and memories shared between generations, over drinks, food and music.

Gunrasan Kohli w/o Amrinder Kohli (1991) was the Master of Ceremony, for the evening.

Thanks to all who attended the event.





Riverside



A KITCHEN LOVE STORY

Javed Ahmed 2015 (Krishna 49)

learning- by watching others. I have always very passionate about experimenting with different recipes and food. Whenever I am worked up or feeling low, I am most likely to be found in the kitchen conducting one of my new experiments.

A Kitchen Love Story gives me my very own space to showcase my love and passion towards food. When I first came to Dublin, I saw a beautiful kitchen in my apartment and I got a kick that this is the right time to start something which I can be proud of. I did my undergraduate degree in Business and am currently doing my masters in Management and a lot of people ask me why? "Why didn't you do hotel management or something in the field of hospitality?" I just have

'A Kitchen Love Story' is very different from the typical love story. This love story of my life began at the age of 10 when I fell in love with cooking as I watched my mother cook. I always wondered and still wonder sometimes how my mother learned to cook these mouthwatering dishes because our common best friend-the Internet- did not exist then. This really amazes me because we are so dependent on technology that most of us have either forgotten or never even a thought of the traditional way of



a simple answer for these questions - Believe in what your heart says and remember that you will feel complete when you have discovered what you feel passionate towards and magic and miracles will happen.

A Kitchen Love story primarily focuses on the food I cook along with different restaurants, pubs and bars I visit across the world. It is just a beginning for me and I feel so blessed with the love and support I am receiving. I hope and I will strive towards making my dreams come true. I, from the bottom of my heart, believe in it's not the idea it's the journey which matters.

I hope to connect with everyone and receive constructive feedback as that will help me grow.

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WILD ANTARCT



On a ship cruise like this, one is treated like royalty. I had muffins and cookies delivered to my room by the porter every day. We also got a welcome gift - a lovely men's cologne, a great lavender and vanilla smell that I enjoyed wearing when I went for supper. I used to roam around the ship in my blue denim, black t-shirt and flip flops as casual as ever. I would wake up late at times and miss a few dockings and expeditions to the islands but that was cool as I was in no hurry. As it is, I could get the view of the great Antarctic Peninsula from the balcony of my room where I had put my camera on a stand. I would shoot pictures from here all the while. At times, there would be an announcement from the captain's deck when any whale has been sighted. We would all rush to the top deck to take a view from the grand terrace pool on top.



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WEDDELL SEALS AND THE ANTARCTIC PENGUINS



But, it was the wildlife of Antarctica which was the most majestic with Weddell Seals, Antarctic Penguins, Elephant Seals and Fur Seals. These seals are blobby little things and most of the time, it feels as if they are trapped in their own body. They are very poor on land and have to almost drag themselves inch by inch to move on the ground. They feel restricted and helpless on the shore but in water, they move like magic. Their thick rubber-like blubber gives them a lot of protection from the icy temperatures of the region. They love to eat fish as a meal to survive. The Weddell Seal was discovered by James Weddell in 1820. It grows a brown and dark fur around its skin as it grows to protect it from the cold climate of the region.

I saw many of them. Some were just lying

on the pebbled earth on the seashores. Some were almost snoozing on top of thick masses of ice. They would move a bit or open their eyes to give us a pose for the camera. Then like snails, they would try to wriggle past us with not much progress as they are hopeless on solid ice or land.

I also spotted the famous Tuxedo Penguin who had black lines marking their necks which looked like a bow tie in a black tuxedo. A huge colony of Antarctic Penguins dances around the land mass of Antarctica making funny noises and flapping their wings. We were asked to keep our distance and take photos from afar so as to not scare these gentle creatures. It's as if nature had made these creatures just for this great continent. Their entire notary was suited to the icy

cold terrains of this region. Most of these animals feasted on krill, prawns and sea fish to survive and give them the required energy.

The panoramic view of the slates of ice floating on the ocean bed was another sight to behold as our ship motored through cutting the thick plates of ice and sending them to the sides. This was the only way to cruise forward. Vast regions of the ocean were covered by slates of ice like granite floating on the surface of ocean water.

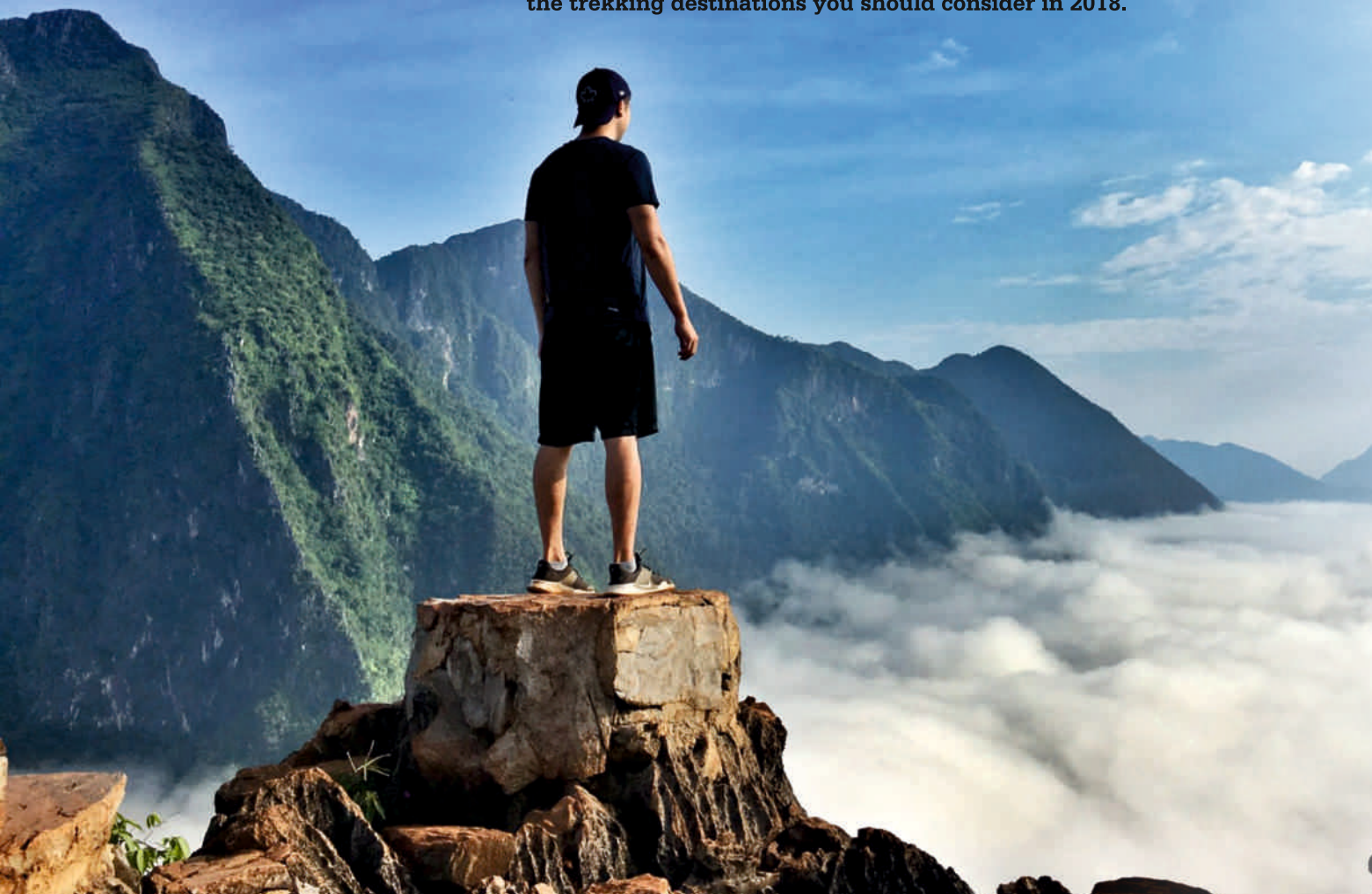


Set your pulse racing and adrenaline pumping while exploring regions and soaking in views you had only seen on postcards. Let the adventurer in you go take a hike!

Aatir Ansari (2003 Ganga 25)

TREKS TO ADD TO YOUR BUCKETLIST

Like a lot of life's best experiences, you don't realise what you're missing out on unless you've trekked once. And then, it's almost like tasting blood (quite literally sometimes, when the going gets tough!), you'll only want more! The world-with its high mountains, rugged terrains, uncombed forests and gushing waterbodies-becomes your playground, and you want to explore every inch of it, scale greater heights! As we begin the process of initiating you into the world of excursions, here are some of the trekking destinations you should consider in 2018.



ATTEMPT A 6000M PEAK, LADAKH

Duration
10-14 days

Time
Mid July to September

When it comes to trekking, the best part about the Indian Himalayas is that there is something for everyone! From easy and moderate to technical climbs, the range gives you enough scope to gradually build your experience and intensity. We suggest you begin your escapade from Ladakh. The region has the highest concentration of 6000m plus peaks in the world! While most of them are isolated, bordering Tibet, and are advance climbs, there are a few that are accessible and can be attempted by people with some basic camping and trekking experience. Of these peaks, Stok Kangri (6150m) is the most popular! It is one of the highest walking peaks in the country, offering a fun climb that also tests your stamina, fitness and mental fortitude. You can also attempt Golep Kangri (5900m) from the same base camp. If looking for more semi-

technical climbs, opt for Mentok Kangri II, overlooking the stunning Tso Moriri (6210m) and Kang Yatse II (6250m) in the Markha Valley. Do make sure you undertake all these climbs with experienced guides and, proper gear, complete with crampons and ice axes.

Sometimes you may even be roped together depending upon the weather conditions. These climbs can be challenging in parts, pushing you physically as well as mentally, but trust us, once you reach the summit, there is no better feeling!



Duration
09 days

Time
Mid July to September

PHYANG TO HUNDAR, LADAKH

While at Ladakh, this is another trek we swear by, and everyone must try at least once! Ladakh is well-known for its cold arid desert landscape, but

what if we told you it has sand dunes as well? Yes, Nubra Valley, nestled on the banks of Shyok River, is home to some magnificent silver sand dunes

and Bactrian camels! But instead of going there by road, we suggest you trek to Nubra from Leh. This voyage, starting at Phyang, will take you to the high pass of Lasermo La (5400m), offering unmatched views of the snow-capped Karakoram range, ending with a walk through the sand dunes. A phenomenal experience! You can also visit monasteries in Phyang, Hundar and Diskit on the way. Do keep in mind that it is a tiring trek, and you will need to get acclimatised to the thin air of Ladakh. But nothing that determination, preparation and some 'getting used to' can't conquer.



EVEREST BASE CAMP, NEPAL

Duration
14 days

Time
March to April,
September to November

Embark on the same epic journey that Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay had set off on in 1953 to trek to the most famous base camp on the planet! In this 14-day excursion, not only will you get to experience some astounding mountain views, but will also catch fascinating glimpses into the lives of the famous Sherpas, enter the Sagarmatha National Park: a world heritage site, and tour some breathtaking high-altitude Buddhist monasteries. The adventure also includes climbing Kala Patthar (5643m), to admire the panoramic views of the mighty Everest, along with other majestic mountain offerings such as Nuptse, Changtse and the peak of Lhotse. Few things in life (if at all) compare to the thrill and the sense of accomplishment that grips you on seeing the tallest



mountain in the world so up close! But don't let the proximity daunt you: the itinerary is designed for even new trekkers who are in good health with average physical fitness. The

ample distance covered between daily itineraries, steady gain of altitude and separate rest days ensure that one gets properly acclimatised to fully enjoy the trek.

Duration
10-11 days

Time
March to April, October to November

GOECHA LA, SIKKIM

From one majestic peak to another! Kangchenjunga, at 8586m is the third-highest mountain in the world, and the Goecha La trek provides the

perfect trail to pay homage to it! This moderate climb starts from Yuksom in North Sikkim, with small lodges for travellers peppered at the

campsites. On the way, Dzongri offers some great views of the Singalila range, Mt Pandim, Mt Japuno and Goecha La peak. Requiring to walk through rhododendron, pine and magnolia forests in the first days of the treks, the trail to Kangchenjunga is also a treat for bird watchers, with thrushes, cuckoos, blood pheasant, monal pheasant and other feathery friends hovering about in abundance. If lucky, you might also spot a yellow fronted marten! Revered by the people of Sikkim, climbers are not allowed to go all the way to the top and have to stop about 10m short of the summit of the mountain. But the sights are still as mesmerizing, and the feeling almost indescribable! Catching Kangchenjunga bathed in golden sunlight during the early morning sojourn to viewpoint 1 on the Goecha La pass is something that will remain with you forever!



DZUKOU VALLEY AND MT JAPFU, NAGALAND

Duration
5 days

Time
Throughout the year (but heavy rainfall during monsoon can make it slippery)

This is not just one trek but a destination! Nagaland, one of the eastern most states in India, borders Burma and is home to 16 different major tribes which are further divided into sub tribes. Each tribe is unique in its character, culture, food and customs, making this a cradle of colour and festivities. Head out to Dzukou Valley, covered with bamboo stalks, to camp for a couple of nights. Catch a stunning sunset here and wake up early to witness ice crystals frozen on bamboo leaves! We would suggest to trek up Dzukou from Viswema village, 20 kms from Kohima and climb back down via the Jakhama route. If you crave even more adventure, go climb Mt Japfu, the highest peak here at 3048m,



overlooking Kohima. A rugged, steep trek through rainforest, and a little bit of rock climbing just before the summit: this will test your endurance

and quench your thirst for adventure all the same time!

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GREAT LAKES, KASHMIR



One of the most scenic treks in India, this one is a fantastic walk in the meadows in Kashmir, and also the most easily doable! Allowing you experience five amazing high-altitude lakes, the trek starts from Sonamarg and ends in Narnag, with Gadsar Pass (4200m) as the highest altitude that you will be walking to. The trek promises fantastic views of Gadsar and Satsar lakes with The twin Gangabal lakes, nestled in the foothills of Mount Harmukh, being the highlight of the trek! These oligotrophic lakes are home to a variety of species of fish, including the brown trout. You will be required to carry your ID. With high mountains, deep valleys, numerous lakes, snow clad mountain peaks, thick forests and sparkling rivers, this is a must-try for every adventurer!

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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Rajnish Goswami (Cauvery 208) & Rohitash Sharma (Ganga 55) both Batch-mates of 1992 completed the IRONMAN in Norway, this year. It was Rajnish's third achievement and Rohitash's first attempt at the IRONMAN.. Hats off to them.



Pavita Kumar Arora 2004 (Krishna 79), was part of the Commonwealth Business Forum delegation, this April, in the United Kingdom, accompanying the Prime Minister, Mr Modi. Wow Pavitra.



Prashant Gupta 2006 (Jamuna 231), was awarded the "40 Most Influential Asians Under 40", at a summit held in Singapore, in January this year.

Congratulations Prashant



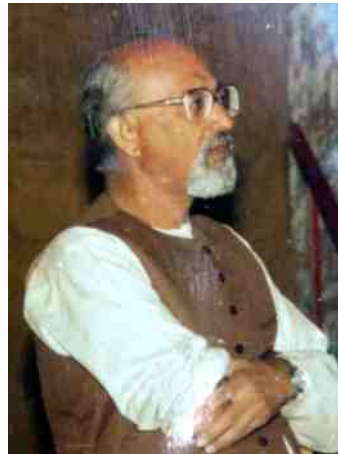
Tejaswi Dev Chaudhary 2013 (Cauvery 636) and Chetan Sharma 2013 (Ganga 953), did a cameo as Indian hockey players in the film "GOLD", released in August 2018. We wish you both, many more films in the future.



DID YOU KNOW?

IN MEMORIAM

- Mr Dev Lahiri - Ex Principal (2003-2011), passed away on August 23rd 2018
- Dhruv Karwa 2010 (Ganga 468) Ganga), passed away on May 13th 2018
- Sunil Chawla 2010 (Krishna 452), passed away in Moscow, on April 17th 2018
- Dr Sabharwal - School doctor during the late 80s and early 90s, passed away peacefully at his home in Kashipur, Dehradun, on March 14th 2018



Mr Surindar "Charlie" Kandhari was fondly known as the 2nd Founder of Welham Boys' School.

He was the longest serving Principal of the school for 18 long years (1st December, 1982 to 20th May, 2001) since Miss Oliphant, who was there for 25 years.

He was also a student of the school (WPS), from 1st February, 1943 to 18th December, 1946 and went on to complete his schooling from The Doon School.

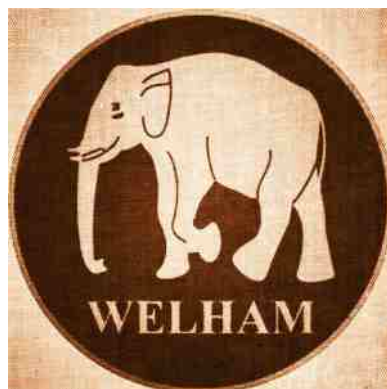
Incidentally, he was also the longest serving WOBS President for 9 years from 1984 to 1993.

This portrait of **Miss Oliphant** in oils, was presented by her nieces, Mrs Beatty and Mrs Morris, in 1976..

There was a special message received by Mr Rao, the then Principal, along with the portrait.

It said "Mrs Morris and Mrs Beatty, the nieces of the late Miss Oliphant, Founder of your school, have had this portrait painted and are presenting it to you as a permanent and lasting memorial of her aunt's work. Welham was her creation and inspiration, she gave her life to it, never sparing herself and the result of her far sighted and great achievement is here for all to see today and for all tomorrows.

We would like to wish the Principal, Staff and Pupils every success in the future and are certain that Welham will prosper and continue to grow in Miss Oliphant's own words "From Strength To Strength"



The symbol of the school, even though it bears such a close phonetic association with Miss Oliphant's name, was conceived exactly because of this confusion. It amused Miss Oliphant and she decided on the symbol, way back in 1941.

"From the inception of the school, I was convinced of success. Failures was not thought of. Faith in the school's future brought the Almighty's blessings throughout these years" - Ms H. S. Oliphant.



AMBALA HOUSE (NEW HOUSE) WAS RECHRISTENED WOODSEATS ON FEBRUARY 27, 1959



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