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“The Eagle” conveys to ONs a very Happy New Year and has a special wish.

As the New Year dawns, India faces, in the words of the Army Chief, “a situation which can comfortably be described as serious”. There are more than 600 ONs serving officers in varying seniority in the Armed Forces. This means that the defence of India is in very safe hands. While we are very proud and extremely confident of ON’s bravery, we wish for tranquility. PPS blood is very very precious, indeed.

This issue of “The Eagle” was supposed to be post ONA Day special. However, there has been some delay because of events like the PPS Equestrian Show and the first ever Batch Reunion held by 1976 ISC Batch which also was desired to be covered in this issue. Then there was the marriage and festive season and finally our computer broke down, compounding the delay.

We hope the delay makes the Old Nabhaites devour this issue the same way as a hungry person relishes his delayed meal.

ONA Day “Interaction 2001” (Saturday, 3rd November, 2001)

The morning of 3rd November, 2001 was quite breezy. It threatened to blow away the *Shamianas* set up for the reception and registration counters outside the Pavate Hall (Auditorium). However, the young schoolgirls and boys who looked after different counters, did a good job of sticking to their seats. The Old Nabhaites trickled in gradually and the proceedings of the day began by 10.30am.

The audience consisted of Old Nabhaites and their families, the students passing out of School (classes X and XII), the staff members of the School and the ex-teachers of PPS.

The day started with the school assembly and prayer, conducted by **Mr GS Punia, Ex Headmaster**, PPS, followed by the school song.

A two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the Old Nabhaites who left us during the year, namely **Mrs Gen Kulwant Singh**, Member, Board of Governors, **Lalinder Singh Dhindsa (B-52)**, **Tarif Singh (J-53)**, **Harpreet Mand (B-137)**, **Dr Parminder Singh Pannu (B-840)**, **Dr Anoop Singh Dhindsa (B-281)**, **Jasbir Singh Gill (J-43)** and **Laxmi Narain Bansal (J-83)**.

The first part of the morning session was conducted by **Naveen Talwar (S-71)**, President, ONA. He focused his address on the students passing out of PPS. The thrust of his talk was that ONA was not just a simple association of individuals but it signified an association of individuals with a particular spirit inculcated in them while in PPS. He gave numerous examples of the spirit of bravery shown by Old Nabhaites when duty called. Whether it was **Rajwinder Cheema (R-8)**, **Capt Manjinder Singh Bhinder**, **Capt Harjeet Aulakh (S-297)**, **Harpreet Mand (B-137)**, **Maj Harpreet Singh** or **DSP Rupinder Teja**, they all exhibited the finest qualities that can be asked of an officer. They all became martyrs to noble causes. This is the type of spirit Old Nabhaites possess and the ONA is an association of such people.

The Headmaster **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)**, in his report, gave a very encouraging account of the School in the past one year. The School has shown allround progress in sports by winning the Inter Public School Hockey and Athletics Meets and also the Sub Juniors Hockey Meet. In academics the School has produced the best results in the last decade and more. The School children have exhibited a very good performance in debating skills and horse riding etc. in various competitions.

The keynote address was given by **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)**, Editor, Hindustan Times, Chandigarh and Member of the Board of Governors of PPS. His speech was full of wit and humour. He recited small incidents and anecdotes, which happen in the dining hall, in the dormitories, playing fields and elsewhere, which help the School students in becoming what they are, when they pass out of PPS. All these are great learning processes outside the classroom, which only a residential school like PPS can provide. His speech was acknowledged with a thundering applause from the audience.

The last part of this session was dedicated to honouring martyrs **Harpreet Mand (B-137)** and **Capt Harjeet Singh Aulakh (S-297)**'s families. The citations were read out by **Naveen Talwar (S-71)** whereas **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)** and **MS Bedi (J-82)** honoured the families with plaques, which read, "*The Old Nabhaites Association is proud of the achievements, dedication, commitment and sacrifice made by **Capt Harjeet Singh Aulakh / Harpreet Mand.***"

Capt Harjeet Aulakh (S-297)'s father made a short but touching speech saying that his son could have died due to sickness or any other cause but they were proud that he had died for his country. He said death was something which lay in the hands of "Waheguru".

Harpreet Mand (B-137)'s family donated a trophy to the School in the memory of **Harpreet Mand (B-137)**.

After tea break, the Old Nabhaites reassembled for the closed door ONA general body meeting. The account of this is given elsewhere in this issue.

As the ONA Day had been given a theme name "Interaction 2001", an Inter House contest of Old Nabhaites was conducted by **Dr Jashanjot Singh (S-52)**. A Questionnaire had been prepared which was distributed to the four Houses - Sutlej, Ravi, Beas and Jumna. The team or House, which submitted the maximum number of correct answers by dinnertime, was to win the contest. The Questionnaire, which is printed in this issue was so prepared that it tested the knowledge of Old Nabhaites from different batches on their awareness and knowledge of PPS and its history. It was interesting to see the Old Nabhaites taking this contest very seriously and running around the School campus looking for clues and answers. The contest was not confined to a single place or short duration.

During the second session, the ladies of the School led by **Mrs MS Bedi** conducted Tambola for the families of Old Nabhaites.

After the second session everyone moved to the dining hall for the **Headmaster's Lunch**. The aroma of food emanating from the dining hall brought back memories of the School days and had the gastric juices of the ONs' running.

After lunch, on request of the Headmaster, **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)**, Old Nabhaites went to their respective Houses with their families and spent some time talking to the present students of the School.

At 3pm, the Old Nabhaites and their families were treated to an excellent display of Horse Riding skills and a wonderful performance by the School Band on the School grounds. This was followed by a traditional Past Vs Present Basketball match at the new complex built next to the new Junior School Dining Hall. Although the Old Nabhaites were huffing and puffing, they did show sparks of talent and brilliance here and there during the match. With the joint effort of many Old Nabhaites and the obliging umpires, the Past was able to beat the Present as usual. The teams were introduced to **Jora Singh Bhullar (J-16)**, the most senior Old Nabhaite present at the occasion. An Aerobics display by the School girls on the Basketball courts added a lot of colour and vibrancy to the occasion.

The high tea was held in the Junior School lawns. It provided ample opportunity for interaction amongst the Old Nabhaites themselves and with the staff and students of the School.

In the evening, dinner was held at the ONA Complex next to the School grounds. It was a splendid affair. Old Nabhaites and their families and the School staff with their

families were smartly turned out. The spirits were high. There was a Slide Show sponsored by **Gurdarshan Singh Gill (S-587)**, Bhatinda, of all the ONA meetings held during the year. An excellent DJ arranged by the Nabha Chapter, livened up the atmosphere. Soon everyone, including the ladies, was on the floor. The judges **Mrs Bedi** and others found it difficult to judge the best dancers, as there were so many good dancers on the floor. The results of the Questionnaire were announced on the floor. Ravi House bagged the first prize, thanks to **Iqbal Kooner** (ON and School teacher). **Anil Choudhary (J-20)** who worked very hard for Jumna House could not believe that his House got Second Prize and that Ravi had beaten them. Sutlej House was Third, with Beas House failing to submit its answers even after extended submission time.

Time flew quickly and soon we were bidding good-bye to each other promising to meet again. The seniors left early while the youngsters continued to dance to the tune of the DJ well past midnight.

Adios “**Interaction 2001**”!
Hope to see you on the next ONA Day.

Gurdarshan Singh Gill (S-587)

Minutes of the General Body Meeting of the ONA held on 3rd November, 2001 (ONA Day) at Pavate Hall in PPS

The meeting was called to order and was presided over by **Naveen Talwar (S-71)**, President of the ONA. The Old Nabhaites who came to attend the ONA Day were present in the hall.

1. **Sqn Ldr Kedar Nath Bansal (J-4)**, Treasurer, ONA presented the accounts.
 - Rs. 4 lac had been transferred from Delhi, an amount already existing in the form of FDs of ONA
 - During the last year the ONA had collected about Rs. 3 lac as follows:
 - Rs. 1.15 lac as membership fee
 - Rs. 60,000 as registration for ONA Day
 - Rs. 33,000 as Interest on Fixed Deposits
 - Since ONA does not have enough funds for running its affairs it was proposed and resolved that every Old Nabhaite contribute one day’s salary as donation to ONA
2. **Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188)** suggested and it was resolved that the ONA register itself with IT Authorities for exemption of Income Tax.
3. **Dr Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)**, Secretary of the ONA, read out the annual report of the Association.
4. Printed copies of the Constitution (sponsored by **Dr Preetam Singh (J-242)**) were distributed to members.

5. The Secretary read out a letter from an Old Nabhaite in distress requesting for help. It was resolved that ONA must have a plan to help those ONs who are not doing well economically and the families of those Old Nabhaites who may have died young and need help.
6. **Lt Col Bhupinder Singh Grewal (S-50)** took over as the new Secretary of ONA and **Dr Jashanjot Bhangu (S-52)** relinquished his charge on completion of his term.
7. It was resolved that **Dr Jashanjot (S-52)** will now look after all aspects of “The Eagle” except the finances.
8. A proposal was made by **Dr KS Sangha (B-371)** to make **Dr Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)** as the permanent Executive Member of ONA for the services rendered by him over the years. It was unanimously accepted and resolved.
9. **Jasbir Singh Ryait (B-413)** offered to sponsor an issue of “The Eagle”.

Then, there being no other point to be discussed, the meeting was declared closed by the President.

Kishan Singh (S-94)

**Letter received by S Mahinder Singh F/o Capt Harjeet Singh Aulakh
(S-297) from CO, 207 Mountain Regiment**

Maj RKANand
Officiating Commanding Officer
207 Mountain Regiment
C/o 56 APO

04 Dec 84

Dear Sir

Capt Harjeet was performing his duties in an area which is snow bound throughout the year and temperature goes down to minus 40 degrees to 50 degree C. On 27 Nov 84, enemy resorted to unprovoked Artillery shelling on our troops. **Capt Harjeet**, being from Artillery himself, and located in that area, volunteered to retaliate. In order to observe the enemy he was required to climb to a peak 20,000 feet high. He was advised not to take this risk. Brave, young, energetic as he was, undeterred by this Herculean task, he, on 28 Nov, started climbing the peak. He found that he was ill equipped to cross huge crevices and returned to his base. On 29 Nov 84 morning again, with six mountaineers and full equipment, at about 8am, he resumed climbing with renewed determination. When he was just about 50 yards short of the peak from where he had decided to shoot at the enemy, he was observed by them who were about five hundred yards away. At about 10am they started heavy shelling. **Capt Harjeet** continued advancing regardless of his life's safety.

Enemy shelling triggered off an avalanche. It happened to be as big as 60x40 feet and about 4 feet deep. This swept **Capt Harjeet** and five others into a crevice about 200 feet deep. Only one mountaineer was thrown away on a ridge and his ice-cutting axe got stuck in the mountain. He remained unconscious for sometime and when he regained consciousness, realized the situation and reported at the base about 12.20pm.

Immediately, mountaineers and helicopters, which were readily available, swung into action for rescue operations. They continued the search till late in the evening. Rescue parties, with the help of ropes, ladders and torches went down into the crevices but could not trace them. On 30 Nov morning these search operations were started again and continued till noon when another avalanche of similar magnitude came. These parties were then forced to abandon the search. It was then considered that after the burial of the bodies for such long duration, there could be no hope of anyone's survival.

Capt Harjeet displayed a very high sense of duty, which was much beyond the call of his duty. Regardless of his personal safety in the face of enemy, he has set an example of courage and bravery for the generations to come. He gave the supreme sacrifice for the honour of the nation and became a "**SHAHEED**".

Although it is a matter of great sorrow, yet, we salute you for being a father of this brave officer and an inspiring soul. India is proud of him.

He is being recommended for the highest gallantry award of the country. We are trying our best that his sacrifice is recognized by the nation.

With profound regards

Yours sincerely
Maj RK Anand

Letter received by ONA from Parents of Harpreet Mand (B-137)

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26 Oct 2001

We as a family are highly indebted and appreciative of the deeply felt condolence by the Nabhaites and the honour you wish to bestow on our son **Late Harpreet S Mand** for his honest and devoted commitment to his duty and thus attaining Martyrdom in the process to achieve his thought of goal during his life.

We are grateful to the Association from the core of our heart for the extended invitation to the function at Nabha but for the reasons of frail health we may not be able to attend

for which we must be forgiven for missing this thoughtfully offered opportunity to us. Our thoughts and affection is always and ever with the Nabhaites, with Nabha Public School and all the Staff Members who have given us lot of love and affection at this time and hour when we most needed it.

My daughter in law Tahira Mand and grand daughters Tarina and Sohawani will attend the solemn occasion.

Thanking you all for giving us as **Harpreet's** parents so much of love and affection.

Yours sincerely
(Mrs & Col Satwant Singh Mand)

While We Were Boys in School

All-rounder

My House Master, **Mr VN Bhave** (Ex Chemistry) was greatly concerned with the all round performance of his students. I had started doing well in studies but was totally the opposite in all other activities. **Mr Bhave** valiantly tried to associate me with some sports. But I was such a diehard mediocre that the only way I could contribute to a sporting activity for my House was to be made the official scorer during the Inter-House Cricket matches. Many years later when I got the privilege to write for "The Eagle", I continued my grand role of a scorekeeper who loved to compile the brilliant scores of fellow ONs.

Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188)

The Man from Protonia

As one grows up, getting a moustache and a beard is a very important event in one's life. Being a natural process, every man grows a beard and a moustache sooner or later. The next logical step is to put the house in order; that is to keep your beard neat. While at school, the sign of being macho is to be shaving as early as possible.

Being from the Sikh religion, shaving was out on religious grounds. One of my dorm mates got an electrical shaver. Now the dilemma was how to put it to good use. So the only possibility was to try it out on my eyebrows. Amongst the whole crowd I tried it on one of my eyebrows. It became shorter than the other one. So I tried it on the other eyebrow to equalize it. This equalizing process went on and on till I was left with no eyebrows.

During those days comics were in great demand. So the alien from Protonia landed in Rave House. When I went to the dining hall for dinner, it was an experience to remember. The whole crowd in the dining hall queued to have a glimpse of the alien from Protonia.

The next day there was a picnic at the Rohti Canal Rest House. So the alien had to be converted back to the man from native planet earth. So our House Master's wife came to my rescue by providing me with an eyebrow pencil. Thus the alien from Protonia boarded his spaceship and returned to his native planet.

Avaninder Singh Minhas (R-120)

The Inevitable

Though DEATH is sure and certain, and has to follow BIRTH; it is an extremely sad occurrence to COPE with. Death of some one close is always a loss. Early in life, death of a grandparent, or some one from the older generation, though extremely painful, (and probably the first time one experiences the phenomenon), is eventually accepted as inevitable! As one grows and time passes, one keeps learning to cope with Death. Death of someone from one's own age group, generation, however, brings one closer to the fact of the fragility of one's own existence!

It was extremely sad to learn of the passing away of, not ONE, but TWO of my classmates in a single article of THE EAGLE! Their images are still very very crystal clear in my mind's eye!

JOHN STERLING's words came to my mind on reading the sad news.

This our hope for all that's mortal,
And we too shall bust the bond;
Death keeps watch besides the portal,
But 'tis life that dwells beyond.

Tarif Singh (J-53)

What can one possibly say or add about a person whose very name "**TAARIF**"!!! personified admiration! I had the honour to be in the same house (Jamuna), the same N.C.C. Naval Wing, and the same class as **Tarif**. He had to repeat one class (the 9th or was it the 10th?), because of his inability to come to grips with the English Language! He was a simple soul. He had his basics very clear. For him there were only two classes of people. The agrarians (read that as fighters), and the urbanite fats! For him I was the urbanite LALA! He always called me that! And believe me, it NEVER hurt. A lot of OTHER nicknames most certainly DID: they were extremely pejorative to say the least!

At an N.C.C. Naval Wing camp, near Dharamshala, in the summer of 1967, I had bandages on both my hands. Water for bathing and washing was accessed by going down a near sheer drop of hilly terrain some 150 feet. **Tarif** really mothered me throughout the duration of the camp, be it for washing / bathing, or to reach different locations around the Camp for different activities. **Tarif** never left my side even when we visited Dharamshala Town prior to the break of Camp!

After a road accident between Bombay (MUMBAI now) and Lonawala – Khandala, while he was in the Indian Navy, he was admitted briefly in the AFMC hospital. I came to know this from some ONs at the AFMC. Unfortunately on reaching the hospital, I was informed of his having been discharged. What a personal loss to me! I would have loved to meet him and give him the opportunity to call me LALA again!

Lalinder Singh (B-52)

Lali, as he was popularly called, was in the same class as me throughout my stay at P.P.S.

While on a posting in Bhopal for a private Office Information Systems Company, I was working alone in my office on a holiday. The front portion was my office, and the back was my residence. Being new to the area I was catching up. A gentleman walked in, asked if this was the company with its H.O. in New Delhi? And if this company was formally known as.....? After replying him in the affirmative, I was wondering what this chap really wanted? I wanted to get back to my work as I had a lot of catching up to do. He then informed me that an old schoolmate and classmate of his was working or had worked for this Organisation! He volunteered the name: **Gurinder Singh Chhachhi (S-76)!!**

I was taken aback completely, flabbergasted! Forgot my work and everything there and then! It took me a while to respond! I asked him which school! He did not at all look familiar! I was totally dumbfounded when he said P.P.S.!!!

And who would you be MATE??? **Lalinder Singh** – he said! “**LALI** ”? – I shot back.

All three of us were in the same class throughout my stay at P.P.S.

Living alone (a forced bachelor), in a huge residence, I made him leave his hotel there and then. Those few days that he spent with me are memorable. After his marriage and his posting to Bhopal, I helped him get a decent accommodation. We met often and spent time together. My wife and I have extremely fond memories of that young couple. They made you remember a couple of lovebirds! My wife still remembers **Lali** telling her so very proudly about his long thick hair before he sheared them off! For days my wife was not herself after hearing of his passing away.

Though belated, my heartfelt condolences to the families of BOTH these fine Human Beings! As also to the entire Nabhaite Family - especially all those Nabhaites who knew them or came in contact with THEM.

Rajiv Joshi (J-102)

Eagle's Pride

Dr Shivinder Singh Sandhu (Willy) (S-269), the renowned Orthopaedic Surgeon of Amritsar operated upon the Punjab CM S Parkash Singh Badal at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi along with another famous Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Maini. **Dr Sandhu (S-269)** enjoyed the confidence of Mr Badal who had access to the best available treatment anywhere in the world.

HGS Dhaliwal, IPS, SP (Operations), Chandigarh, was selected by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as “Young Achiever” for an interaction with the British PM Tony Blair at Infosys Technologies Campus, Bangalore. This is the first time that a Police Officer has been selected for the “Young Achievers Session”. **Dhaliwal**, a 1997 IPS officer, earlier received the Vice President of India’s Trophy for the highest marks in all round assessment in the 50th (Golden Jubilee) batch of the National Police Academy, Hyderabad in 1999. He also won the Prime Minister’s Silver Cup Essay Competition for 2001 when posted as ASP, Chandigarh.

Rajeev Vadehra (S-189), PPS (1968-74). Address: 6, St. Andrews Lane, Annandale, NJ – 08801, USA. Email: rajeev_vadehra@chiron.com. Tel: (R) 908-730-8195, (O) 908-672-9570, has now joined CHIRON Corporation, Emeryville, CA 94608, as Sales Manager, Eastern Division. Earlier Rajeev worked for 11 years with Johnson & Johnson.

Satish Saini (R-568) has been appointed as:

- 1) The Honorary Treasurer of District Hockey Association, Ambala
- 2) The Honorary Treasurer of District Women Hockey Association, Ambala
- 3) The Executive Member of Haryana Hockey Association

Pawan Kant Munjal (S-163), also Member, Board of Governors, PPS, has put India on top of the World. In 2001, Hero Honda Motors Ltd. became world’s largest manufacturer of motorcycles with model “Splendor” (launched in 1995) becoming world’s largest selling mobike. **Pawan (S-163)** has done for India with his “Splendor” what Henry Ford did for U.S.A. with his “Model T” – conferring the glory of global leadership.

Col Pinka Virk and **Maj Ajay Ahalawat (S-546)** are regular members of the Indian Polo team. They have been regularly participating in International Polo Championships. **Col Pinka Virk** has gifted 4 horses to PPS and has promised another 4 in the near future.

Rear Admiral JS Bedi (J-3) has taken over as the Flag Officer and Commander of the Western Fleet of Indian Navy. He is the highest-ranking seafaring (sailing) and ‘on active duty naval officer’ in India.

The PPS Equestrian Show

“The PPS Equestrian Show” was organized by ONA at Police Grounds, Sector 26, Chandigarh, on 14th December, 2001.

If you did not make it to the show, you missed something!

To say "The PPS Equestrian show" was a grand grand success would be a gross understatement.

The riders of PPS, both girls and boys performed so well that all Old Nabhaites present felt their hearts swell with pride and test the confines of their chests. The crowds of Chandigarh and school children let out gasps of admiration at the daring horse riding displays taking place in front of them. I am sure many a child of Chandigarh must have gone back dreaming of PPS. Even oldies like me felt cheated that there was no riding during our times in PPS.

The standard of riding, according to ON Col **Pinka Virk**, was of national level and comparable to the army's best.

His Excellency, the Governor of Punjab, Gen JFR Jacob was the chief guest.

Finance Minister, Punjab, Capt Kanwaljit Singh stayed throughout the show, arriving early and leaving after the chief guest.

Many Old Nabhaites were present with their families. The elite of Chandigarh was there. Despite it being a working day, the local schools had sent their children for the show.

The wonderful horse riding skills were given timed breaks when the school band (led by Samrinder) and the girls aerobics team (led by Parneet Sandhu) filled the interludes. The standard of each was again of a very high calibre.

The comperes led by **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)** gave a wonderful account of the history and marvels of the animal called horse. Their commentary on the events was brief and to the point and well worded. Interspersed in this compering was information for the audience relating to the ONA and PPS. I think their performance was of no less quality than the events unfolding on the ground. The spectators were literally lapping up each statement and cheered from their hearts whenever a great feat was performed. Some statements by comperes were:-

1. Tent pegging started in India.
2. Polo is an Indian game.
3. Horse has the strength of a man and the beauty of a woman.
4. PPS is the only School this side and that side of Egypt offering horse riding as an important part of its training.
5. The school has 20 horses and 350 student riders.
6. The PPS is set to revive the horse-related sports in Punjab region.
7. **Late Capt Manjinder Bhinder** (Old Nabhaite) braved many a fall from the horse to become the best Indian rider but succumbed to the fire in Uphaar Cinema hall in Delhi.
8. **Col Pinka Virk** and **Maj Ajay Ahalawat**(ONs) are part of Indian Polo team.
9. Many of the horses in the school have been presented by Old Nabhaites like **Brig Tej Sapru (S-42)** and **Pinka Virk**.
10. You are getting this information straight from the horse's mouth.

The show was grand right from the start where Jaspreet Brar and his co-riders standing tall in the stirrups released a white pigeon while galloping past the VIP Dias at full speed as a guard of honour for the chief guest, to the end where a rider did tent pegging from between the legs of a boy sitting on a chair and reading a newspaper.

The show jumping was flawless. After many of the riders had done the full course, it got tougher with two riders on a horse and that too without a saddle, doing the course without a slip. Then there was the rider who had the PPS Flag in one hand while he used the single free hand to guide the horse over the hurdles. It had the crowd rising in unison and clapping.

We wish to record our gratitude to **Pawan Munjal (S-163)** for sponsoring the event along with Coke people who provided free drinks. Finally we appreciate **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)** and his team of ONs from Chandigarh for the organization.

Three cheers! - for PPS, ONA, Risaldar Sahib (riding instructor) and last but not the least, the horses Thunder, Black Beauty, Fury, Dauntless, Duke and others.

KJS Sujlana (B-125), Dr Jashanjot (S-52)

ONA News

Mehardeep Singh Dullat (R-743) got married on 19th October 2001 to Upneet Kaur.

Col Paramjit Singh Sandhu (J-262) has, on promotion, taken over as C.O., 8 Guards (Mech), C/o 56 APO w.e.f. 22.06.01.

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Baljinder Singh (B-0158) PPS 1992-2001. Has gone to USA for further studies through the Pilot Project of PPS. Address: Carroll College, Steele Hall, Room No. 310. 100 N, East Ave., Wankesha, Wisconsin – 53186 (USA).

Col HPS Bedi (R-58, Peter Bedi) (Address: Col Q, HQ Delhi Area, Delhi Cantt – 110010. Tel: (R) 5666035). His elder son who is doing MBA at Pune met with a serious road accident in Sept. 2001. The ONA wishes him a speedy and total recovery.

Vijay Patel (S-127) is presently in Cleveland, Ohio (USA). He may be contacted through Raman Chopra (S-126), email: rcfriendly@aol.com.

Sqn Ldr Balraj Singh Bhullar (J-397), PPS 1975-83, in the beginning of this year, sustained multiple fracture injuries. **Balraj** while landing his Mig 25 at Adampur airfield faced an unexpected obstruction on the runway and had to make in a split second an extremely difficult and dangerous bail out. He is presently undergoing treatment at Military Hospital, Jalandhar Cantt. “The Eagle” and ONA wish him a speedy recovery. **Balraj**’s wife **Simmi (nee Heer, B-664)** is also a Nabhaite and so is **Simmi**’s fighter pilot brother **Sqn Ldr Amanjit Singh Heer (B-663)**.

Lt Col Dalel Singh Ahalawat, VSM (Ex Jamuna) 1974 batch. Won Gold Medal in Sri Lanka IPKF Operations. During service has done LI.B. (topped) and M.Sc. Computers thus continuing his excellent academic and overall performance. (Statues sculpted by **Ahalawat** still adorn the front lawns of Kairon Block, PPS Nabha). Currently **Ahalawat** is GSO (1) ASD & WE, HQ, 15 Inf Div, C/o 56 APO (Amritsar). Tel: Amritsar (O) 802416, (R) 802018.

Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188)

Reaching Out

Jyoti Mahajan (nee Kate, R-52) informs us of the good news of her daughter Chumki's engagement to Shashank Luthra, a Management Consultant with Mckinsey & Co. The marriage has been fixed for 2nd March (evening). The family would like ONs to join them on this auspicious and happy occasion and bless the newly weds. RSVP Rajeev and **Jyoti**, E-6, Clarion Park, Behind Anand Park, Aundh, Pune – 411007.

Maj Mangat Saini (B-506), 12 BN, The Dogra Regiment, C/o 56 APO. Email: harry23nov@rediffmail.com, "Presently, I am posted in a field area but if there is any way I can be of use from here, please do not hesitate to let me know."

Ajay Gupta (J-375), Associate Director, Hyatt Regency, New Delhi. Tel: 6791234, Extn. 1451, email: www.delhihyatt.com has sought ONs' views so that he can be involved in any activity that might be of good cause to "my school" and "The Eagle". For fund raising action for "The Eagle", **Ajay** has suggested events like fashion show, star night etc. To involve ONs with PPS, **Ajay** has suggested some sort of priority admission / concession to ONs' wards in PPS.

Raman Chopra writes, "If anyone is coming to Canada they are most welcome to stay with me. Or others who are visiting and they need Sponsorship declarations please let me know". Email: refriendly@aol.com. He is also in touch with **Vijay Patel (S-127)** who is in Cleveland, Ohio, USA. He remembers **Suman (S-165)** and **Mahesh Munjal (S-183)** and other classmates and wishes them to contact him.

Ms Neelam Shah (R-981), email: neelam_lucknow@hotmail.com, wants to know the whereabouts of her classmate **Ms Rosen Virk (S-933)**.

Avaninder Singh Minhas (R-120) writes, "Other day I talked to Lila Bhan (nee Kat) after 35 years. It was indeed a pleasure talking to her."

Lt Col HS Bajwa (S-25)

ONA Get Togethers

Felicitating Mrs & Maj Gen Om Parkash Nandrajog (B-1)

It was a great moment in the history of PPS and ONA when **Om Parkash Nandrajog (B-1)** became the first Old Nabhaite to pick up the rank of a Major General in the Indian Army. He had already won laurels as the Brigade Commander in the Kargil war.

The ONA felicitated **General OP Nandrajog (B-1)** and his wife at Hotel Grewalz in Ludhiana on the eve of 22nd June 2001. He was able to make it as he is posted in the nearby city of Ferozepur, which also happens to be his home town.

Old Nabhaites with their families from all over Punjab had driven down for the occasion. **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)**, the Headmaster and **Lt Col TS Dhindsa (B-167)**, the Bursar and many other staff members with their families came from PPS.

Ludhiana Chapter needs to be congratulated for not only organizing this dinner but also sponsoring it.

Nabha Chapter too honoured **General Nandrajog** on 15th October 2001 at a Dinner held in the ONA Complex. **General Nandrajog** had been invited by the School as the Chief Guest at the Prize Distribution of All India Inter Public School Basketball Meet held in PPS on the same day. The ONA Executive also held its meeting before the Dinner. Thus apart from the whole of Nabha Chapter, the School Staff, the Executive Members and the Office Bearers of ONA were also able to attend the honouring of **General Nandrajog**.

Col Tej Inder Singh (S-70, Ludhiana) & Sanjay Mittal (S-609, Nabha)

Nabha get together

The Nabha Chapter in its Annual Election Meeting has elected **Rakesh Singla (R-174)** as President, **Sanjay Mittal (S-609)** as Secretary and **Gulshan Bansal (J-653)** as Treasurer. “The Eagle” congratulates them.

The Nabha Chapter of ONA celebrated the New Year Eve at Milan Palace on 31st December, 2001. It coincided with the regular bimonthly meeting of Nabha Chapter. The evening was hosted by **Sanjay Mittal (S-609)**, **Dr. Paramveer Singh (R-325)**, **Sant Singla (S-702)** and **Vijay Gupta (R-921)**. The evening was attended by **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)** (Headmaster) and **Lt Col TS Dhindsa (B-163)** (Bursar) apart from members of the Nabha Chapter with their families. A few prominent personalities of the town were also present as guests. The evening was a grand success and lasted till morning 3am.

Sanjay Mittal (S-609)

ONA Malwa Chapter inaugurated

Bhatinda: Oct 21, 2001: Old students of Punjab Public School, Nabha, assembled at Silver Oaks School. The Malwa Chapter was opened under the Patronage of **Mr KC Tandon (Ex-T)**, Chairman, Silver Oaks School. About 50 Old Nabhaites from Malwa region comprising of Bhatinda, Ferozepur, Faridkot, Malout, Muktsar, Abohar, Kotkapura, Sangrur, Mansa, Sirsa, Moga and Ganganagar attended the inaugural meeting. Besides the above, Executive Members of the Parent Body and the Officer Bearers of Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Nabha, Amritsar and Chandigarh Chapters also joined the meeting. The President, **Navin Talwar (S-71)**, **Secretary, Dr Jashanjot (S-52)** were among the prominent old students present in the meeting. **Mr KC Tandon (Ex-Teacher)**, Patron of Malwa Chapter, stressed on the need of an active Chapter for this region. He expressed his happiness that it was perhaps the only school in India where the ex-students were so closely knitted and they went out of the way to help each other. Since, the Malwa region is educationally lagging behind in educational spheres, this

Chapter will be engaged in doing some social work in the sphere of education and public welfare. In the meeting, the following Office Bearers were unanimously elected: President: **Gurdarshan Singh Gill (S-587)**, Secretary: **Arvinder Singh Sidhu (J-447)**, Treasurer: **Jagjit Singh Sandhu (R-771)**.

Arvinder Singh Sidhu (J-447)

1976 Batch Reunion (ISC)

The ONA, Chandigarh Chapter held a Dinner Meeting on the 3rd of November at Chandigarh Club.

The unique feature of this meeting was a simultaneous reunion of the ISC batch 1976. It had been planned and organized by **Rajinder Jain (R-266)** and **Harjit Kandhola (B-235)**. Obviously a great effort had gone into it. The organizers need to be complimented. About 22 ONs of 1976 (ISC) batch and 13 other ONs were present. **Mr & Mrs Tandon** and **Mr & Mrs SC Sharma** were the Ex-Teachers present. The list of names and addresses of 1976 Batch are given at the end.

The 1976 batch has set a trend, which was lacking in ONA, namely "The Batch Reunions". We have been pushing for it for quite some time without success. It is hoped that other batches will follow suit.

The party included families of ONs. The atmosphere was informal, as if all were back in the same dormitory. The high point of the evening was the Old Nabhaite coming up to the mike and reciting funny anecdotes of school days. At one time there were almost ten ONs trying to grab the mike.

Another interesting feature of the meeting was when **Mrs Tandon (nee Pannu)** got up to announce that all the ladies present were unanimous in their view that Old Nabhaite make good husbands and fathers. Gulp that!

Kanwar Sandhu (J-106), a senior Old Nabhaite and Member, Board of Governors, announced the holding of "PPS Equestrian Show" on 14th of December and asked the cooperation of all present.

All ONs of 1976 batch were given momentos at the occasion by Ex-teachers **Mrs & Mr Tandon**, **Mrs SC Sharma** and, senior ONs like **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)** and **Jashanjot (S-52)**.

The 1976 batch, and especially **Rajinder Jain (R-266)**, **Harjeet Kandhola (B-235)** and **Suresh Mittal** need to be commended for having organized such a wonderful evening.

If any other batch wants to have a reunion anywhere at anytime, please inform "The Eagle" and we will see to it that the meeting is well publicised in "The Eagle", the website and the eONnet. However, the meeting must be planned in advance.

List of ONs (1976 ISC Batch) present on 01.01.2001 at Chandigarh Club

- 1. Maj DPS Waraich (J-281)**
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- 3. Col Chander Kant Sood (R-268)**
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- 4. Anil Bansal (J-233)**
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- 6. Adarsh Pal Singh (S-196)**
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- 7. Jagdeep Singal (B-279)**
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- 8. Harnarain S Saraon (J-256)**
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- 9. Arun Mahajan (B-260)**
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- 10. Guridner Pal Singh**
Ludhiana
- 11. SK Mittal**
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- 12. Rajinder Jain (R-266)**
#1155, 15-B, Chandigarh. Tel: 893307.
- 13. Yudhister Pal Sharma (R-265)**
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- 14. Lt Col Sukhwinder Singh Aujla (S-264)**
HQ Dehradun Sarf Area, Dehradun. Tel: 702294.
- 15. Lt Col PS Shaheed (B-270)**

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16. GS Sekhon (B-372)

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17. Arjinder Bains (B-428)

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18. Jagdeep Singh Galvatti (S-230)

#581, G.Z. Nagar, Ropar. Tel: 20912.

19. Lt Col Dinesh Gupta (B-274)

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20. Jasmail Singh Bulagan (B-250)

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21. Ranbir Singh Khatra (S-270), SSP

Punjab Police Recruitment Centre, Hoshiarpur.

22. Balwinder Singh Dhindsa (R-237)

C/o Dhindsa Freight Carrier

G.T. Road (Near Railway Crossing), Rajpura

23. Lt Col SS Bhullar (J-223)

(Deemed 76 batch)

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Dr. Arjinder Singh Bains (B-298)

Role of Old Nabhaites and the ONA in the Progress of PPS

The Jalandhar Chapter organized a discussion on “The Role of Old Nabhaites and the ONA in the Progress of PPS” at Hotel Regent Park on 30th September in Jalandhar. The participants included Chief Guest of the day, **Kanwar Sandhu (J-106)**, Member, Board of Governors (**Pawan Munjal (S-163)**, the other Member of the Board was out of the country during that time), the Headmaster, **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)**, the Bursar, **Lt Col TS Dhindsa (B-167)**, Ex Teachers **Mr KS Nijjar (Ex-T)**, **Mr & Mrs KC Tandon (Ex-T)**, the **Office Bearers** and the **Executive Members** of the ONA and Old Nabhaites from different parts of the state. It was the biggest gathering of the Old Nabhaites in the year 2001 second only to the ONA Day.

Before the discussion **Kulwaran Singh Athwal (S-178)**, President, Jalandhar Chapter, welcomed the guests.

Dr Jashanjot (S-52) introduced the subject by saying that ONA has come of age. Many Old Nabhaites had gained prominence, the Headmaster and the Bursar were Old Nabhaites and even two of the members of Board of Governors were Old Nabhaites. It was time to sit down and discuss how all of us, the Old Nabhaites can play a positive role in the future progress of PPS.

Sqn Ldr Kedar Nath Bansal (J-4) gave a financial picture of the ONA. The ONA has about Rupees Five Lacs in bank deposits. With falling interest rates, the ONA needs about Rs 20 Lacs of Fixed Deposits just to run the organization from the interest accrued on the principal amount. It is obvious that ONA cannot give any lump sum amounts to the School.

Mr MS Bedi (J-82) suggested that any help from the Old Nabhaites is welcome in furthering the interest of the School and its students. He requested that Old Nabhaites, when they visit the School, must interact with the present students of the School. He would welcome any suggestions that Old Nabhaites had to offer for improvement in the School. He pointed out that a project for making an indoor Gymnasium in the School is on the anvil. The budget of this has been brought down from Rs 1 Crore to Rs 30 Lacs. If ONA could contribute any amount it would be a good gesture. **Mr Bedi (J-82)** felt very strongly that ONA is one of the pillars of PPS. He gave the example, remembered by everyone connected with PPS, of the solidarity shown by the ONA with PPS when the temple issue had shaken up everybody.

Col SP Singh (R-84) felt that ONA should play a greater role in looking after the School so that whenever there is a crisis in the School, as there have been in the past, the ONA can move in and conduct damage control.

Col Longia (J-122) felt that ONA should not interfere in the School matters. It was pointed out to him by **Dr Jashanjot (S-52)** that ever since the origin of ONA there has never been a situation (fortunately every ON subscribes to this view) where ONA has interfered in the administrative matters of the School. **Mr MS Bedi (J-82)** also emphasized that he had never faced such a situation in the last two years.

Capt Inder Jit Singh Dhama (R-257) announced that he was working on a student exchange program between PPS and Derby Educational Council of UK. He has already initiated discussions with the Council on his recent visit to UK.

Kanwar Sandhu (J-106), the Chief Guest of the day, offered to provide all help that he could as a Member of Board of Governors to PPS. He also suggested that he would be directly accessible to the Headmaster and the ONA. He was very keen that we all work towards getting the Scholarship amount for deserving students increased in tune with the rising expenses and the fee structure. The Scholarships have not been growing with the time.

Naveen Talwar (S-71), President of ONA, offered that ONA will do its best to contribute to the indoor Gymnasium as and when the project is undertaken by the School.

He also said that as and when ONA has enough funds it will try to provide Scholarships to deserving students so that the distinctiveness of PPS not being a School only for the elite is maintained in the interest of the State and the country.

Mr KS Nijjar (Ex-Teacher) stated with a lot of spirit that schools have no dearth of funds provided they are run sincerely, honestly and with dedication from the heart. He gave his own example when he was a Principal of Guru Har Krishan Public School, Delhi they never had to ask anybody for funds. It was obvious from his enthusiasm that he is still very much attached to PPS where he once taught Maths.

Dr Jashanjot (S-52) wound up the discussion by saying that this was the first step we had taken in identifying the areas where Old Nabhaites and the ONA could help their Alma Mater in achieving the highest status among Public Schools in India. The funds may be lacking but the expertise and specialization, which Old Nabhaites possess in different fields which could be used for the benefit of the students of PPS as a vast human resource. Career guidance, talks by eminent Old Nabhaites in different fields, theatre workshops, arts workshops, services of Sportsmen etc. are some of the things which can be easily arranged by ONA without too much financial involvement and at the same time go a long way in helping PPS and its students. The discussions on the subject would continue.

Dr KS Sangha (B-371) on behalf of Secretary, Jalandhar Chapter, thanked the guests at the closure of the meeting.

Dr KS Sangha (B-371)

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M.O.D.**Nostalgia of PPS****(From Mr KC Tandon's diary – 1960)**

Time evening around 5.30pm. I had boarded the Ambala-Nabha shuttle with my baggage containing a suitcase, *sitar & israj* (an instrument like *Dilruba*). I was quite unsure about this assignment of mine because at Pilani (Birla Public School), I had settled very nicely and had made a place for myself in the town. The train steamed in around 7.00pm. A very quite place. There were only two coolies who had already been engaged by some co-passengers. I just wondered as to where I had landed. When I came out of the station, there were only three rickshaws, I rushed to one of them and without asking anything I asked him to put my luggage in the rickshaw. We left for PPS (it was the time when floods were just over). It was a very quite and lonely road. The *rickshaw-wala* brought me to the main school building. I saw a man with an overcoat and felt hot when I got closer, it was Mr. J.K. Kate! Greeted him and after exchange of pleasantries he (Mr. Kate) asked Jung Singh to take me to the Junior school in the station wagon. I was asked to stay on the first floor left hand corner room. Later Mr. Jagdish Singh (our Librarian) joined me for the night. Next day I was asked to shift to the right hand ground floor near the corner room. It was properly furnished with new drudget and furniture. After settling there, I came out for an evening walk. On my return to my utter surprise, what do I see! The whole room is flooded with water. How come! From where has the water come? After a lot of search I discovered that the students were having their bath and the top of my bathing tub was connected to the main hot water pipe and its outlet was plugged to

fill up the tub (I didn't know anything about it). All the boys (Beas Nandrajog and friends) and some employees helped me in getting the room cleared.

Next morning the H.M. came to take me to the Senior School for morning assembly. I was asked to select assembly songs, which I did and compiled them for the school Prayer Book. It had English, Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit and Punjabi hymns. I was supposed to compose the tunes and this was done with the help of Mr SC Cowell, Head of English Department. Our H.M. was trying to get the President of India, Dr. Rajindra Prasad for the formal inauguration of the school. We were all very busy. I had to commute from Jr School to Sr School twice, sometimes thrice a day. I didn't have any means of transport. It was very hard to walk to the school thrice. I discovered a unique method. Mr Kate would take me in the morning, then I would take lift from Mr MS Bhatnagar who also had to come to the Jr School and again go to Sr. School in the afternoon. I noticed that Mr Kate used to cycle down for lunch to Jr. School and go back at 3.00pm. I started taking his bicycle at 1.30pm and leave it back by 3.00pm.

One day while I was coming back Mr Kumar (PTI) asked for a lift, I obliged him on my way to Jr School. Mr Kholia (Despatch) also joined us (three on one bike). No sooner had we reached SDM's residence then I saw Mr Kate walking down towards Sr. School. Just imagine my plight. I said, "Sir, I am sorry for using your bike." He was just giggling and asked me if I could accommodate one more on the bike.

Next morning the HM called me to his office, asking me to write an application for loan to buy a bicycle. The loan was sanctioned and I bought a new bicycle, which in those days would cost just about Rs 100/-. The problem of walking down was over.

This was the way Mr Kate used to give personal touch to his staff.

Down the memory lane

Mr B.S. Bhatnagar (Ex English) writes, "although I have never been able to attend the ONA meet, the photographs (sent through email) made my wife and me walk down memory lane and we remembered with great fondness our days at PPS. We spent the best part of our lives there. There was no other school those days like the PPS. PPS is also unique in one other respect. There is no other school that I know of which has its alumni as Headmaster and Bursar. It is a fact we are all proud of. Our blessings and best wishes to all ONs."

Mr. Surinder Beri (Ex Maths) is in Toronto (Canada). He may be contacted through **Raman Chopra (S-128)**, email: rcfriendly@aol.com.

Bereaved

ONA expresses its heartfelt condolences on the passing away of **Mrs T Kulwant Singh**, who served PPS, for decades with great dedication and distinction as Member of Board

of Governors. Her husband **Lt Gen Kalwant Singh** was a founder member of the Board of Governors of PPS. He laid the foundation stone of the School Swimming Pool, which was his initiative.

ONA shares the grief of **Dr Vidya Rattan Mehta (R-76)** (Address: Mehta Clinic, Patiala Gate, Nabha. Tel: (R) 20349) who lost his wife after a prolonged illness.

And the grief of **Surjit Singh Talwar (S-168, 73 batch)** of Godwin Hotel, Patiala (Tel: (R) 210103, (O) 217373) who lost his father S. Surjan Singh Talwar on 24.12.01.

ONs share the grief of **M.S. Chadha (J-266) PPS (70-76)**, presently House Master, Sr Jumna House who lost his father S.Kirpal Singh.

Sporty PPS

The Punjab Public School has shown remarkable sports achievements in the year 2001. It won the Inter Public Schools Hockey and Athletics meet and Colts Hockey Championships. They were placed 4th in the Inter Public Schools Basketball tournament. The number of schools participating in these meets has gone up to more than 16. The School is hosting more than its share of Inter Public School meets because of the organizing capabilities of PPS staff. Three cheers for PPS!

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Naveen Talwar, President, ONA

Gratitude

We are grateful to **Jasbir Singh Rayait (B-413)** of GS Auto International and **Gur Kiran Singh Dhillon (J-735)** of Alpha Lasertek (India) Ltd who between them sponsored the ONA Day and post ONA Day special issues of "The Eagle".

Naveen Talwar, President, ONA

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We are preparing CDs (Compact Discs to be used on computers) with following information:

1. Addresses of all Old Nabhaites on record with us
2. Email IDs of all Old Nabhaites on record with us
3. All issues of "The Eagle"
4. The Constitution & Memorandum of Association
5. Photographs and Slide Shows (in Power Point) of all meetings and events that have been stored by us till date

If you are interested in acquiring this CD please send the following amount by draft:

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(The draft should be made in the name of ONA and payable at Nabha)

Yudhveer Singh Shergill (R-793), Secretary, Jalandhar Chapter, has offered to sponsor the Nabhaite car stickers. If you send a self addressed and stamped envelope (size 4.5cm X 10cm minimum) we can mail the Sticker to you.

We have a few lapel badges of ONA, which will be sent free along with a Car Sticker, free for each order received for CDs, till they last.

Those who would like to become Life Members, the Life Membership Fee is Rs 1200/- by draft, payable to ONA at Nabha.

PPS Watches

Designer Watches with School Crest on them are available as follows:

HMT Watch: Rs 525/- each

Citizen Watch: Rs 1,500/- each

Order may be placed with Lt Col TS Dhindsa, Bursar, PPS by sending a DD for the cost price mentioned above. Add Rs 50/- for postage within India.

Lt Col Bhupinder Singh Grewal (S-50), General Secretary

Have You Had a Kindness Shown? Pass it on...

A letter from an Old Nabhaite in need was read out at ONA Day meeting. It was very heartening to see **KDS Bedi (R-413)** immediately offer a job to the concerned Old

Nabhaite in Pepsi at Chandigarh. This was not practical for the Old Nabhaite concerned. Then, **Gurdarshan Gill (S-587)** helped the ON get a job in his hometown. ONA is grateful to **KDS Bedi** and **Gurdarshan Gill** for their kind gesture and the concern they have shown. Helping ONs in need is one of objectives enshrined in our constitution.

Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)

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