



# THE EAGLE

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## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The Eagle feels immensely proud to report the inclusion of **Pawan Kant Munjal (S-163)** in the Board of Governors of PPS. The Eagle team also welcomes on board **Lt. Col. Hardev Singh Bajwa (S-25, HARDY)** as Co-Editor. **Hardy** has taken retirement from Army after 29 years of service.

We invite **ONs** to visit PPS websites :

[www.pps.nabha.com](http://www.pps.nabha.com) / [www.pps.nabha.org](http://www.pps.nabha.org) /

[www.ppsnabha.net](http://www.ppsnabha.net). Convergence Technology in which Nabhaites are front-runners should see in the near future **'The Eagle'** reaching Nabhaites instantly on the Internet.

We request all the **local Chapters of ONA** to report their activities/news to **'The Eagle'**. It would be ideal that one **ON** is designated by each Chapter as **The Eagle's** representative/reporter.

The Eagle's email address is: [eagle@glide.net.in](mailto:eagle@glide.net.in)

**Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188)**

**PPS (68-74)**

(Refer) after a name denotes that the address of this **ON** appears on one of the pages of the same issue of **'The Eagle'**.

## HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

I am extremely pleased to note that, **'The Eagle'** in its magnificent flight, **'Onward and Upward'** is playing a vital role in further strengthening the bonds of affection among the **Old Nabhaites**. We deeply cherish your commitment, which is indeed a part of the school's rich heritage.

There couldn't be a greater cause to celebrate in this 40<sup>th</sup> Year since the school's inception than the fact that 25 of our students being awarded scholarships for pursuing higher studies in the University of Wisconsin, USA. It is indeed our

finest hour calling for an **Old Boys' re-union**.

I extend my warm invitation to all the **Old Nabhaites** to participate in the **Founder's Day celebrations on 21<sup>st</sup> October** and join us on the **ONA Day**, which falls on the **22<sup>nd</sup> of October**.

**M.S. Bedi**  
Headmaster

## EX-HEADMASTER WRITES

It gave me immense pleasure to know that the next issue of 'The Eagle' is under print and is likely to be in the hands of **Old Nabhaites** very shortly. The publication of 'The Eagle' has done tremendous service to the **Old Nabhaites** fraternity and I always look forward to go through the contents of 'The Eagle'. It has tied the old knots of friendship and brotherhood among the PPS Students and Staff. The voluminous work, which was undertaken by **Jalandhar Chapter** to restart this Newsletter, deserves appreciation at all levels, not only by **Old Nabhaites** but also by the present generation in the Punjab Public School. **Ashwani Kumar Aggarwal** as the

Chief Editor should be given great applause by everyone in the PPS Community for restarting 'The Eagle'. His determination and courage with which he is pursuing this noble cause has no words to explain. I further endorse that he alone could not have done this gigantic work unless there was sincere support from the **Old Nabhaites** like **Dr. Jashanjot Singh, Navin Talwar and Munjal Brothers**.

I wish all the success and glory for the coming issue of 'The Eagle' and I repeat my invitation to the **Old Nabhaites** to visit Bangkok and be my honoured guest.

Dr. (Col.) D.S. Khera

## SPONSOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow **Old Nabhaites**

I feel really honoured and privileged to be the Sponsor of this issue of 'The Eagle'.

It is through 'The Eagle' that I re-live my childhood and this journey of mine into the past, indeed, rejuvenates me. Thanks to the editor, **Ashwani Aggarwal**, I always look forward to the next issue of 'The Eagle'.

Since there may not be another issue of 'The Eagle' before the 'Rendezvous 2000' (ONA Day) i.e. the 22<sup>nd</sup> October,

2000, therefore I along with my brother, **Suman Kant Munjal**, take this opportunity of extending to all the **Old Nabhaites** an Invitation to join us for the day long celebrations, which would culminate with a dinner in the **ONA Complex**. A complete programme of the day appears separately in this issue.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

**Umesh Kant Munjal (S-166)**

## MESSAGE FROM THE ONA PRESIDENT

Dear **Old Nabhaites**

I want to take this opportunity to personally invite all **Old Nabhaites** to 'Rendezvous 2000' (ONA Day) on 22<sup>nd</sup> October to be celebrated in PPS. I would like to make an appeal especially to those **ONs** who were students in PPS from 1960 to 1965 to attend this grand gathering.

**Jyoti and Vilas Kate**, children of **Late Padamshri Mr. J.K. Kate**, founder headmaster of PPS, will be attending. They will be reading out a message from their mother **Mrs. Nirmala Kate** who may not attend personally because of her poor health. We wish her the best.

**Rajiv Bakshi**, an **Old Nabhaite** and Chief Executive Officer of Cadbury India, will be delivering the keynote address on ONA Day.

**Dr. (Col.) Daya Singh Khera**, Ph.D., Ex-Headmaster (PPS) will lead us for the Morning Prayer on this auspicious occasion.

If you can come on 21<sup>st</sup> October you may be able to witness the **School Founder's Day**.

Hoping to see you all on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at PPS.

**Navin Talwar (S-71)**

President, ONA

## WHILE WE WERE BOYS IN SCHOOL

### *Share and Share Alike*

**Miss G.B. Malkani** was a spinster from Maharashtra, handpicked by **Mr. J.K. Kate** to run the Junior School. For years she headed the Junior School, turning raw village and small town boys into disciplined and well behaved "gentleman boys". Anyone who has been through her care will stand apart.

She can also be called "The Lady in White" because that was the colour of saree she always wore. She was a picture of total dedication. Not only were her clothes white but also her spirit must have been pure white if they have any colours. She carried a lamp at night after "lights out" to see that everything was in order. She did not put on the lights lest she disturb sleeping children. The boys in Junior School must have learnt many lessons from her, one of them, indirectly, was how well she looked after her aged parents. She was an excellent teacher and her students must be writing in Mary and Richardson style that she taught. If Florence Nightingale could have had a reincarnation as a teacher it could easily have been **Miss G.B. Malkani**.

She was dead against wastage of any kind. She also wanted all children to live like a family. The whole House collectively bought hair oil and toothpaste. It was stored in one cupboard by the Housemistress, who would distribute the oil on Sundays to everybody for personal use. The toothpaste was personally planted on the toothbrush by the Housemistress standing at the entrance to the bathroom. To prevent wastage only half the brush was covered by paste. This way the House in-charge also knew who brushed regularly and who did not. Apart from mornings children were expected to brush after meals (Lunch and Supper) but without toothpaste.

Many boys after holidays brought eatables to school. Children from Jat families like myself would bring ghee and "Panjiri" to make us strong. However, these were no match for the different delicacies and sweets brought by town boys like **Navin Talwar** (S-71). Whenever he opened his box the other boys would look expectantly into it from the corner of their eyes.

**Miss Malkani's** sixth sense saw through these feelings. She would put eatables of all boys in a common cupboard. All the boys of the House shared this whether they contributed to it or not. The Housemistress would give equal quantity to everyone on fixed days (usually Sundays). The ghee was put on the Dining tables to be shared by all the Housemates. **Is there a better way to teach the spirit of Share and Share Alike?**

**Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu (S-52)**

### *Mr. Tandon makes history*

**Mr. K.C. Tandon** had been closely associated with my P.P.S. years (1968-74). He was our Music Teacher. But in Junior School, he, also, taught Mathematics. In 1971, in the Middle House, he was my House Master. One year before he was to take charge from **Mr. O.P. Bhatnagar** (Ex Hindi) as the House Master, I vividly recall **Mr. Tandon** sitting next to **Mr. Bhatnagar** in the Dining Hall and learning from him the duties of a House Master.

Later, **Mr. Tandon** succeeded **Mr. Dhar** as the Head of the History Deptt. **Mr. Tandon** worked very hard and with great dedication with his students. To give us a wider exposure he, once got our question papers prepared from **Mr. Dhar** (from Darjeeling).

In the 1974 I.S.C results, in his very first Batch, **Mr. Tandon's** History Deptt. produced the best result among all subjects (Arts & Sciences). **Mr. Tandon** had not only taught History, he, also, created History in the academic records of P.P.S.

**Ashwani Aggarwal (J-188)**

### *Red Tape*

**Avtar Singh Grewal (R-77)** was an athlete of repute during school days and a Gold Medal winner for overall performance in athletics. On the final day of athletics a Red Tape used to be strung across the finish line, which the winner breasted. **Avtar** while running was leading the rest of the field by a distance but when he reached the finish line he was perplexed by the tape, suddenly coming in front of him. Not having been used to this, he stopped, thought for a

moment and confidently bent under the tape crossing the finish line first.

Mr. **M.N. Tankha**, Geography Teacher, athletics in charge and **Avtar's** Housemaster was furious. He gave him a mouthful for his ignorance.

It must be a rare case of a person not breasting the tape and yet winning as **Avtar** had crossed the finish line much before the second placed athlete.

**Lt. Col. H.S. Bajwa (S-25)**

## PERSONAL FILE

**Major Anmol Sood** (J-525) PPS (78-83). Commissioned in 8 Raj Rif. Former instructor at NDA and later IMTRAT (Bhutan). Presently DSSC.

Address: 8 Raj Rif. C/o 56 APO, Permanent: 284, Paryatan Vihar, B-4, Vasundhara Enclave, Delhi. Married Ashu on 04-05-92. Has daughters Aneesha (7) and Arshia (4).

**Parveen Kumar** (J-764) PPS (84-89). B.E. (Mech.). Presently in Business: M/s. Parveen & Co., (Pesticides and Fert. Dealers), Grain Market, Mansa – 151505. Tel: (O) 22126, (R) 25126. Married Shefali on 05-02-98. Has son Aryan (1).

**Dr. Arun Kumar Nagar** (J-164) PPS (67-73). Add.: Gillan Street, Nabha. Tel: (O) 84656, (R) 21000, Mobile: 98141-71773. Married Manisha on 29-05-83. Has daughter Ankita (16) and son Abhinav (10).

**Arvind Mahajan** (J-497) PPS (80-86). Ex school Cricket Team Captain (1986), School Prefect, Editor Chronicle and Winner of Duke of Edinburgh's Award. B.E. (Mech.). Presently with TAFE as Marketing Officer. Add: 11-D, Masjid Moth, DDA Flats, New Delhi – 48. Permanent: S/o Mr. Satya Pal Gupta, Advocate, Ward No. 8, Tehsil: Nurpur, Distt.: Kangra, H.P. – 176202. Tel: 01893-20105. Married Ritu (M.Sc. Biotechnology – Working in CPRI, Shimla) on 25-01-2000.

**Bhupinder Singh Ded** (J-575) PPS (78-82). In Business. Add: M/s. Chand Singh Jang Singh (Cloth Merchants). Main Bazar, Lehra Gaga, Distt. Sangrur – 148031. Tel: (O) 01676/72058, (R) 72358. Married Goldi on 28-2-93. Has daughter Parvaz (2).

**Capt. Paramjit Singh Battu** PPS (69-76). Master Mariner. Add.: 3431, 38D, Chandigarh. Tel: (R) 687646/691761. Married Ashmi on 30-10-88. Has sons Ishaan (10) and Ranveer (7).

**Maj. Anil Kumar Mehta** (R-232) PPS (69-75). B.Sc.,

M.B.A. (Gold Medallist, H.P. University, Shimla, 96-98 Session). Add: 1<sup>st</sup> Assam Rifles, Aizwal C/o 99 APO. Permanent: 40, Gian Colony, Patiala. (Tel: 0175-216683), (O) 0389-320151. Married Nidhi on 21-01-84. Has son Raghav (15) and daughter Gunjan (11).

**Capt. Vineet Sehgal** (R-508). PPS (78-86). Joined Army (1990). Add: L GSC-1433, School of Arty. Devlali, Nasik – 422401. Permanent: A-270, Unitech South City Gurgaon. Tel: (R) 0253-45175. Email: tanmaye@ip.eth.net. Married Sonia on 04-09-96. Has son Tanmaye (6 months).

**Vivek Kumar Mittal** (S-666) PPS (82-88) after doing B.Com. from Punjabi University, Patiala and M.B.A. (Marketing) from BVIMR, Delhi is presently running a Construction Company based in Delhi and office at Patiala. Add.: 153(A), Punjabi Bagh, Patiala. Tel.: (O) 402264, (R) 219880, (M) 98140-71187. Delhi office 7862662. Married Monica on 07-08-97. Has son Kunal (2).

**Lt.Col. Bhagwan Singh Godara** (R-16) PPS (60-66) NDA (69) IMA (70) Commissioned into Engineers. Now Judge Advocate Branch. Presently posted at Udhampur as AJAG HQ Northern Command, Udhampur. Married to Saroj. Has son Rohit (22) who is a Computer Engineer in USA working for Science Technology, San Francisco.

**Rohit Gupta** (J-469), PPS (78-83), B.Com. (Hons.), FCA, presently Financial and Management Consultant. Add.: S-210, Second Floor, Greater Kailash II, New Delhi. Tel: (O) 5749877, (R) 6226714, Fax 5750668, Email: rohitgupta@mantraonline.com. Married Ridhima on 30-11-93. His daughter Angna (5).

**Maj. Amit Mathur** (R-483) PPS (78-82). Presently: Attending T SOC-26, IAT Girinagar, Pune – 411025. Permanent: 11/47, Kaveri Path, Sector 1, Mansarovar, Jaipur. Tel: (R) 392249. Married Rachna on 25-10-93. Has daughters Aaradhana (6) and Aarushi (2).

## ONA NEWS

Wisconsin University would offer 25 Scholarships to PPS students passing 12 Std, for pursuing further studies in USA enabling them an opportunity of global exposure. This scholarship Scheme has been possible because of the untiring efforts of our Headmaster, **Manjitinder Singh Bedi** (J-82).

It appears that the Temple controversy at PPS has been amicably settled. On HM's appeal a committee comprising **Kedar Bansal** (J-4), **Mohan Singh Sidhu** (R-106) and **Anil Chaudhary** (J-20), was constituted which has done the needful.

A special meeting of Old Nabhaites from different chapters and parts of Punjab was held on 20-2-2000 in the school auditorium. The purpose was to get the ONA rolling and to elicit different viewpoints on various subjects of importance. About 60 ONs participated in the free flowing wide-ranging discussions.

Decisions were taken regarding ONs help in resolving the Temple controversy, Constitution framing, Memorial, Criteria for ON representative to Board of Governors, honouring **Late Maj. R.S. Cheema** and **Late Capt. M.S. Bhinder**, donation of trophies, projects by ONA for helping students of PPS, ONA Complex and legal implications of ONA accounts.

Anyone wanting details of the minutes can write to ONA President, **Navin Talwar** or Gen. Secy. **Dr. Jashanjot Singh**.

"I would like to inform all ONs of the sad demise of **Tekinder Singh** (R-539). **Tekinder** was living in Brampton (Toronto Area) and had gone to India to visit his family and especially son Demaninder Singh who was living with his grand parents in Feb. 2000. The car **Tekinder**, his son, his brother, nephew, sister in law, mother and father were travelling in had a tyre burst, lost control and hit an oncoming truck near Bathinda. The lone survivor of the accident was **Tekinder's** father." (Email: from **Gurvinder Uppal** (B-542) (33, City Centre Dr., Floor 3A, Mississauga. Ph. (905) 277-1791, Email: [GurvinderUppal@cgi.ca](mailto:GurvinderUppal@cgi.ca))

**Lt. Col. Sudhir Garg** (R-200) has been posted to Delhi from HQ 3 Inf. Div (Leh) as Jt. Dir (Rehabilitation & Welfare). Add: Ceremonial and Welfare dte, Adjutant General's Branch,

Army Headquarters, DHQ P.O., New Delhi – 110011. Tel. (O) 3373343, 3373344.

ON fraternity shares the grief of **M.S. Sethi** (J-76) who lost his wife Sunita (Sweetie) on 27/4/99 after a long struggle with Lung Fibrosis and the grief of **Lt. Col. T.S. Dhindsa**, Bursar, who lost his mother Mrs. Ranjeet Kaur in 1999.

**Lakhwinder Singh Dhanju** (S-316) PPS (96-98) is doing 2<sup>nd</sup> year B.Com. from Ness Wadia College of Commerce, Pune. Add: C/o P.S. Shah, Flat No. E-1/15, Paud Road, Kothrud, Pune-38. Permanent: S/o S.Jaswant Singh, V.P.O. – ARNO Teh: Patran, Distt. Patiala. Tel: 020-5420657. Email: [Ldhanju@yahoo.com](mailto:Ldhanju@yahoo.com).

**Ramanjit Singh Sohi** (R-812) PPS (86-95) is doing M.Sc. Agriculture at PAU, Ludhiana. He was selected MR. Agriculture Year 1999-2000 at Khalsa College, Amritsar. He is member of P.A.U. Hockey Team, which won the All India Inter Varsity Hockey Tournament 2000.

**Paramjit Singh** (R-963) doing BBA and additional degree in IT at Milwaukee Univ. (USA) has repeated his academic distinction in Spring Semester 1999. Add.: 3245, N.Oakland Ave., #207, Milwaukee (USA).

**Harmandeep Kaur** (J-655) PPS (82-91) has done MA (English) and Masters in Journalism and Mass Communication. Presently working as A.P.R.O. in Punjabi University, Patiala. Add.: R-4, (Behind Girls Hostel), Punjabi University, Patiala. Permanent Add.: Raja Narinder Singh Street, Nabha. Tel. (O) 282461-ext-6655 (R) 01765-22171, 70892.

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**Harjesus Singh Sandhu** (B-060) PPS (90-92) after doing +2 from Apeejay School, Jalandhar in 1999 was selected in AFMC, CMC Ldh, PMT (Pb.) CBSE-288. Joined M.B.B.S. at GMC Patiala (99). Add.: S/o Dr. Harkirtan Paul Singh Sandhu, S.M.O., Civil Hospital, Nabha. Permanent: C/o S.Gurcharan Singh Pandher (Retd. C.O.), Dojhian Street, Nabha. Tel (R) 20664.

**Harvinder Singh Dhaliwal** (B-627) PPS (80-88) after doing B.Sc. Agri (Hons), MBA (Mfrg.) from P.A.U., Ludhiana (95), served with Vardhman Spinning Mills, Ldh. and later (98-2000) at Management Deptt. PAU Ludhiana. Presently he is District Manager, F.C.I. ULUBARI CHARIALI, Guwahati-7 (Assam). Tel.: (O) 0361-543331, (R) 544521.

**Miss Sugandha Goyal** (J-0189) PPS (93-99) is studying

in Plus 1 in St. Bede's College, Shimla-2. (Tel.: 0177-242304). Permanent: Dr. Waryam Singh Street, Nabha, Tel.: (R) 22124, 71482.

**Manpreet Singh** (S-0101) son of **ON Col. Tejinder Singh** (S-70) has won scholarship to study in USA.

**Kulwinder Singh Waraich** (B-868) (refer) and **Vikram Jindal** (J-047) are doing L.L.B. (final year) at Punjabi University, Patiala.

## WHERE EAGLES DARE

**Wg. Cdr. Bikram Dev Singh** (S-84) was decorated with SHAURYA CHAKRA on the Republic Day, 1983. We feel immensely proud in printing this Brave Nabhaite's Citation (President's Secretariat Notification):

"On the 24<sup>th</sup> June, 1982, information was received about 19 Army Personnel having been stranded near INDRAJOT PASS, north of Dharmshala. A rescue aircraft was launched and it was found that the personnel were on a rock at a height of 14500 ft and on the mountainside with a gradient of 75°. The personnel were surrounded by about 10 feet of fresh snow. It was appreciated that no landing could be attempted and that winching operations will be required to rescue the personnel. Food, medicine and blankets were dropped at the site and the aircraft returned to base late in the evening. On the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1982, **Flight Lieutenant Bikram Dev Singh**, Flying (Pilot) was detailed to commence rescue operations in Cheetah Helicopter fitted with rescue hoist. He reached the site at 0900 hrs. The weather at that time was fair but the wind speeds were of the order of about

40 knots. After a thorough recce the aircraft was brought to hover about 15 ft. above the stranded personnel. Because of the steep incline and location of the personnel, the aircraft had to be hovered leaving very small margin between the rotor and cliff side. Hovering under such conditions of high altitude, strong winds and very difficult terrain, is a nightmarish task requiring exceptional skill. The helper was lowered at the site and two army personnel were hoisted up and taken to YOL. On returning to the site, it was found that the weather had sharply deteriorated. Clouds had rolled in over the area, the visibility had dropped to 100 metres and the wind speed had picked up to about 50 to 55 knots. **In spite of this Flt. Lt. Bikram Dev Singh continued the rescue operations with cool professionalism and in two more trips evacuated in all six personnel. By 1730 hours all stranded personnel had been brought to YOL.**

Flt. Lt. Bikram Dev Singh thus displayed courage, a high degree of professional skill, competence and devotion to duty of an exceptional order."

## M.O.D.

**Dr. D.S. Khera** (Ex H M) has joined as Principal of Thai Sikh International School. Add.: 1799, Rim Thang Rod Fai Kao, Mae 1, Samrong NUA, Sanmat 10270 Thailand Ph: 393-6933.

**Mr. K.C. Tandon** (Ex Music & History) and **Mrs. Tandon** (Ex Geography) have taken up a project of a residential school at Bathinda: "The Silver Oaks" (Barnala Bye-Pass Road, Bathinda, Ph.: 0164-218677, Fax: 0164-210936. **Mr. Tandon** writes: "We are both founder teachers of P.P.S. and

**Mrs. Tandon** joined the school before the first boy came to the school. She has spent her whole life at PPS and she retired from there last year. Ever since I got **Dr. Jashanjot's** letter asking us to write a book on school, I have become quite nostalgic and many interesting episodes and events of the school keep haunting me."

**Mr. P.N. Onial** (Ex-English) has settled down at Dehradun (Add.: 46, Lytton Road, Dehradun, Tel.: 0135-650690)

## ONA GET TOGETHERS

Jalandhar Chapter has been very active in the recent past. Get togethers were hosted at Taramount Hotel (on 13-5-2000) and at Jalandhar Club, Jalandhar Cantt (on 3-6-2000). It has been decided to rename Jalandhar Chapter as Doaba Chapter to include the districts of Kapurthala, Hoshiarpur and Nawan Shahar. ONs in Kapurthala district are requested to contact **Mrs. Harinder Sraw** (B-188), Principal, MGN Public School (Tel: 32927, 33598), for Hoshiarpur district **R.M. Saini** (B-139), Advocate (Tel: (R) 24599, (O) 20974) and for Nawan Shahar contact **Kuljinder Singh Sahota** (J-203) (Ph: 22191 (O), 22591 (R), Mobile 98140-28291). The hosts wish to thank outstation ONs **Kedar Bansal** and **Rajesh Jindal** who attended the get together at Jalandhar Club and **Michael Ohri** (J-631) for sponsoring advertisement.

A get together of **Jalandhar Chapter** was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2000 at hotel 'Sekhon Grand'. A large number of ONs

from Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Nawan Shahar, Hoshiarpur, Kapurthala and surrounding areas attended with their families. The newly wed **Paramveer Singh Cheema (S-848)** and his wife were felicitated on the occasion.

Delhi Old Nabhaites Association held its first get together in the new millennium on 15/4/2000 at Taurus Officer Institute, Delhi Cantt. **K.S. Butalia** (B-290) is the President, **Col. J.S. Bajwa** (J-151) Vice President, **Vipin Gupta** (R-169) Joint Secretary, **Rajesh Singla** (S-292) Treasurer. **Dr. Anish Madan** (J-254) is their Hony. Secretary (Add.: F-603, Som Vihar, R.K.Puram, Sector 10, New Delhi – 110022, Tel.: (O) 4360841, (R) 6182834.

**Tarun Kumar Gupta (S-539)** informed the **Secretary, ONA** and the **Editor, 'The Eagle'** and invited them to **Muksar Chapter** get together on 20<sup>th</sup> August at T.M.H. Resorts, Muksar.

## EAGLE'S PRIDE

**Kanwar Sandhu** (J-106) has joined "The Hindustan Times" as Editor of its new edition launched from Mohali/Chandigarh. "I had a long stint of six and a half years as Editor of The Indian Express, Chandigarh. It was a very satisfying and rewarding experience. Now on to another challenge."

**Dr. Satish Jain, MD, DM (R-107)** has done PPS proud by being selected as Professor in Neurology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi w.e.f. 21-2-2000. "I will always endeavour to do my best for the benefit of our school and its alumni and I will always remember what I learnt at the school during my stay from 1964-70. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all my teachers.

**Miss Manmohinder Kaur** (B-973, ISC 96 Batch Head girl) has been selected for Short Service Commission (SSC) course (Army) commencing in March 2000. She takes pride

in attributing this commendable achievement to her schooling in the PPS environs.

It is with great pride we acknowledge our under statement in the January 2000 issue of the Eagle regarding Old Nabhaites doing the prestigious National Defence College (NDC) Course: We had reported two Nabhaites. Actually, there are THREE, namely:

**Brig. Jasbir Singh Lidder** (B-23)

**Brig. Tej Kumar Sapru** (S-43)

**Brig. Gurjit Singh Dhillon** (B-69)

**Lt. Col. Dr. Anil Kayastha (S-63)** (refer) has been decorated with SENA MEDAL on Republic Day 2000 for his work during "OP-Vijay" in Drass Sector. A rare achievement for a doctor in army to get a bravery award.

**Maj. Gurjeet Singh Rajput** (Mama, Ex Ravi) of 7 Vikas has been decorated with SENA MEDAL for his bravery in the Kargil conflict.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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C/o 56 APO.

## YOURS NABHAITELY

"I wish to share with the Old Nabhaites one important fact. Of all the medicos produced by PPS, Eye Surgeons are the most numerous. Here follows a list of eight of them. In case any ON has been missed out, he/she is requested to write to the Editor, The Eagle.

G.S. Dhami	Sarabjit Singh
Preetam Singh	Sanjiv Sehgal
Raghubir S. Randhawa	K.S. Sangha
R.S. Dhaliwal	Jatinder Kausal

**Dr. Kulwinder Singh Sangha (B-371)**

**Col. Bhupinder Singh (J-100)** (refer) writes, "Ever since, I saw the first edition of 'The Eagle', I have been wanting to write and contribute. In the Army, we always find couple of **Old Nabhaites** in every station. It's a pleasure to organize get-togethers and revive old memories particularly with batch mates. A few years ago we had one of the 1970 batch at Delhi at the behest of **Dr. Satish Jain (Ravi)** and **Comdt. Ranbir Ranttan (Beas)**.

It may be of interest to know that in the 1998-99 Higher Command Course at Mhow, we were five Nabhaites attending. During our tour to Bombay, we met **Rajiv Kakkar**, who is commanding the elite commandos of the

Indian Navy.

I also take this opportunity to inform the readers that in my Battalion (2 KUMAON) there has been a rare record of sorts. The Battalion has had three successive Commanding Officers from PPS Nabha from 1990-1998. **Col. Pradip Dhir (Beas), Col JS Bajwa (Jamuna)** and self (Jamuna)."

**Lt. Col. Sandeep Sharma (S-328)** Offg C.O., 12, (Dogra C/o 56 APO) writes, "We the PPS guys are still in OP Vijay and OP Rakshak on the Line of Control and doing an excellent job. We would request you to let us know if we can be of any assistance at this end. **Our motto still remains "Onwards and Upwards". Only the coats have changed from Brown to Olive Greens.**

**Maj. Bhudeo Kumar (B-484)** (refer) writes "I have been ordered for posting to a unit in NE region and I shall be moving out by 09-05-2000. I enjoyed my stay and service at Faridkot, thanks to support from Old Nabhaites at this station. Although, it is hard to call everybody "old". I would request you to kindly let me have some references of ONs in NE region for contact. I shall be generally located somewhere closer to Guwahati (Assam).



## REACHING OUT

**Dr. D.S. Khara** (Ex HM) (refer) writes "Always looking forward to be associated with the activities of ONA. I extend my hearty welcome to the Old Nabhaites to visit Bangkok. They will be my honoured guests. Please convey my invitation through "The Eagle".

**Capt. Lakhinder Singh** (B-88) is presently serving as Manager, in-flight service in Air India. He has expressed his desire to communicate with Old Nabhaites. Add.: G-7, Silver Anklet, Yari Road, Versova, Andheri (W), Mumbai.

**Ravinder Singh Chattha** (J-271) writes; "Any Old Nabhaite visiting Calcutta can contact me. Any service or help required from Calcutta, I shall always be available. Add.: Flat No. 43, Jassal House, 4A, Auckland Squire, Calcutta - 700017. Tel.: (O) 249-1;654, 217-3894, (R) 247-7552, 280-8664, (M) 98300-30174.

**Bhupinder Singh Ded** (J-575) (refer) "wants addresses of my batch mates (78-82). Any ON is Most Welcome to visit us."

**Mr. K.C. Tandon** (Ex Music & History) and **Mrs. Tandon** (Ex Geography) (refer) write "Since we are both at Bathinda and there are number of old students at Bathinda, we would like to open Bathinda Chapter of ONA.

**Mohd. Shafi Mir** (B-595) (refer) writes, "Please publish my message in the next issue of The Eagle. "PPS Nabha

has haunted me in my memories as well as dreams ever since I left it. Even the ten-year-old turmoil of Kashmir could not erase any of those sweet memories. I am very anxious to get in touch with my batch mates and friends especially **Manish Kumar Garg** (S-480), **Raj Kumar Singla** (S-520) and **Lokeshwar Dutt**.

**Adarshpal Singh** (S-547) Add.: M/s Gurbaksh Singh Sethi & Sons, Near Grewal Gas, Sunami Gate, Patiala (Tel.: 221091) wishes to get in touch with his PPS friends.

**Harvinder Singh Dhaliwal** (B-627) (refer) asks "ONs in NE to contact me immediately. I shall be more than excited to meet them at Guwahati.

**Surjeet Singh Talwar** (S-168) PPS (67-73) has sent a message for ONs to contact him always at Godwin Hotel (Behind Green's), The Mall, Patiala (Tel: 217373, 229616) and not at Green's.

**Col. Bhupinder Singh** (refer) presently at Meerut writes, "It will be a pleasure to do anything for the **Old Nabhaites**. I eagerly look forward to attending one of the ONA's get-togethers at PPS."

**Kulwinder Singh Waraich** (B-868), PPS (86-96). Add.: VPO Hathan, Tehsil: Malerkotla, Punjab. Ph: 01675-79149 wishes to contact all his batch mates.

## DESIGNER WATCHES

The School on its 40th anniversary has got made designer watches with school crest on it. Place your order with Lt.Col. P.S. Dhindsa, Bursar, P.P.S. Nabha.

Rates are

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(2) Citizen

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## PPS & ONs THANK THE MUNJAL FAMILY

The Headmaster, Staff & Students of PPS & ONs Thank the **Munjali Family** for presenting Hero Honda Splendour.

Motorcycle & Hero Majestic Moped to the School for the raffle held on the **Vaisakhi day**, April 2000.

## ONA NEEDS YOU

All **ONs** are requested to become Life Members of **ONA** (there is only one type of membership). At a meeting in February it was decided to fix the membership fee at Rs.3000/- per head. But a **special membership drive** has been launched at a discounted rate of **Rs.1000/-** per head till '**Rendezvous 2000**'.

After **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2000** this will be enhanced to **Rs.1500/-** per head. **Students** can pay Rs.300/- for temporary membership for five years **after X+2**. After which they can pay the balance and become Life Members.

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1. **Identity Card** with personal information.
2. Only Life Members will get a copy of '**The Eagle**'.
3. Important **ONA information**.
4. **Voting rights** in ONA (in any decision making

procedure)

5. **Concession** for registration on ONA Day.
6. **Group Bargaining benefits** (with increasing members we may be in a position to bargain as a consumer group with e.g. Credit Card companies, Hotels, Restaurants, Insurance Companies and other consumer goods manufacturers).

Make use of this opportunity and become a member today.

Send in your remittance to **Sqn.Ldr. K.N. Bansal**, Treasurer, ONA, Nai Abadi, Cinema Road, Nabha **by DD or Cheque** (add Rs.20/- for outstation cheques) **payable to Old Nabhaites Association at Nabha.**

**Dr. Jashanjot Singh Bhangu, MD**  
**General Secretary, ONA**

## ERRORS & OMMISIONS

Any unforeseen errors & ommisions that may have crept into this issue of The Eagle are regretted. We would like to apologise in advance & will appreciate any reader pointing out our mistakes.

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