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General Vijay Kumar Singh, Mrs. Bharti Singh, Maharaja Tukoji Rao Puar President of the Board, former Governors and former Principal Mr. Vijay Bhatnagar, Honourable Justices, Generals, Senior officials of the Government, parents, honoured guests, members of the media, and Old Dalians, especially the Class of '86 who have turned out in close to full strength.

We are fortunate to have as our Chief Guest, the Chief of Army Staff, General Vijay Kumar Singh, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC who is a third generation officer of the Rajput Regiment. The General had his formal education at Birla Public School Pilani, NDA, Defence Services Staff College Wellington, at Fort Benning in the USA and at the US Army War College. He in turn has served as Instructor at the Infantry School in Mhow, as Chief Instructor at JLW Commando Wing in Belgaum and as Instructor at HQ IMTRAT.

The General has commanded 2 Rajput, a battalion in an active LOC environment and a brigade in an operationally sensitive area. As General Officer Commanding an insurgency force in Jammu & Kashmir he was awarded the AVSM. On staff he has served in MO Directorate at Army HQ, as Col. GS of an Infantry Division and as BGS of a Corps during operation Parakram.

General VK Singh has commanded the prestigious Strike Corps in the Western Sector and has served as Army Commander Eastern Command.

He was awarded the PVSM by the President in 2009.

The General plays all games popular with his troops and is also keen on tennis, badminton and golf. His hobbies include trekking and photography.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with the General that our Founder, General Sir Henry Daly, had the distinction of commanding three elite cavalry regiments - Delhi Guides, Hodson's Horse and Central India Horse. He was recommended for the Victoria Cross but was disqualified on grounds of being an officer of the East India Company. Also that the Daly College for 2 years served as an officers training school and that among the officers who trained here were the first Chiefs of the Indian and of Pakistani Armies.

We, Sir, pride ourselves as a school which aims to produce good human beings with a sense of purpose and of service. We are blessed with possibly one of the best infrastructure and staff to enable individual students to pursue their own passions resulting in them receiving the acclaim of their peers further leading them to become more confident, articulate and happy.

As a result we lead nationally in the sphere of cultural activities, being undefeated among the Indian Public Schools the last 5 years. We are reigning school champions in girls and boys squash and girls and boys shooting. Our boys have won the IPSC shooting for the last 4 years. We have nationally ranked sportspersons and over 90 students have participated in the nationals this year.

In the sphere of environmental awareness and service we are very proud of the achievements of our students and will soon be a zero run off green campus.

We are also engaged with students from Italy, Germany, France, the UK, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, Thailand, Peru, Columbia, S. Africa etc. and have regular 6 to 12 week individual student exchanges with them. The exchanges, conferences and Model United Nations in India, China, Korea, Pakistan, etc are resulting in our students being more aware and exposed to globalisation.

Academically we are doing well and are proud to offer the Cambridge International Exams at our CBSE fee both of which are amongst the lowest of any Public School in India.

And most important of all we as a school are focused on the individual student.

Thank you Sir for honouring us today with your presence. We have been eagerly awaiting your visit ever since Air Chief Marshal Major gifted us a MIG 21 as the plane is looking for some ground support.

Principal's Report
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Mr. Ramesh Agarwal, Maharaja Tukoji Rao Puar President of the Board & Hon'ble Minister, Thakur Narendra Singh Bidwal Vice President, Members of the Board Mr. Dilip Kasliwal, Mr. Kamlesh Kasliwal, Mr. Devraj Badgara, Mrs. Jyoti Agarwal, Mr. Ashwini Varma, Mr. Abhimanyu Garha and Mr. Kamendra Singh Jhabua, former President & Governors and former Principal Mr. Vijay Bhatnagar, Honourable Justices, Generals, Senior officials of the Government, parents, honoured guests, members of the media, and Old Dalians, especially the Class of 1986 who have turned out in close to full strength.

Good afternoon and welcome to the 129th Annual Prize Giving of the Daly College, which has in all its 3 avatars – the Rajkumar Residency School, the Rajkumar Residency College and the Daly College - been in existence now for 141 years.

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At a national level, the opinion poll conducted for Education World, once again ranked Daly at No.5. This is disappointing but some consolation was there as Mayo College dropped behind us to No.6.

At an international level we are more respected. A three year survey being funded by the Australian government and being conducted by university professors in Australia and the USA has selected 10 Elite schools in Globalising Circumstances. The only school from India is Daly. Similarly the Cambridge University Students Union is celebrating Cambridge's new ranking as

No.1 in excellence by releasing in March 2012 a book on the excellent schools of the World. Daly is included.

And the exclusive G-20 Club of Heads has once again included only the Daly College Head from India.

Our students continue to be the only ones from India to be invited yet again to the TiltShift Conference in Singapore.

Your school's Principal continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Round Square in London and on HM King Constantine's Executive.

Selected to meet with their Majesties Queen Elizabeth, King Constantine, Queen Ann Marie and HRH the Dukes of Edinburgh and of York was Khyati Kakwani of the Daly College.

Round Square continues to be very active in the spheres of Conferences, Model United Nations, exchanges, service, adventure and the environment.

We hosted a Young RS Conference and will next month play host to 33 Heads and 50 educators from 9 countries.

Our students have attended the following Conferences in the past twelve months.

International RS Conference at Wellington College, UK.

Junior RS Conference at Scindia, Gwalior

Americas Conference at Appleby College in Canada

Young RS Conference at VDJS

Junior RS Conference at Pathways World School

The Congressional Youth Leadership Conference in New York.

MUN at Cheong Shim International Academy, Korea

PAIGAAM at Dhirubhai Ambani Mumbai

WEMUN in Beijing

MUN at the Doon School

DAIMUN in Mumbai

Harvard MUN in Mumbai

Tour of NASA, Disney & Universal Studios.

Two students are on AFS scholarships in Japan.

Youth for Environment Sustainability at UWC Pune.

In Malaysia at the UCMAS International Competition, Ananya Sethi of Class 3 was the 1st runners up, Anant Kasliwal also of Class 3 was the 3rd runners up. From Class 4 Tanishq Keswani was 4th runners up.

The Green Club which has done outstanding work within and outside the campus has been recognised for its efforts. The Central Government has extended assistance of Rs. 25 lacs for solar water heating and photo voltaic cells for power generation. These projects have been commissioned earlier this month. In this area we are grateful to Prof. SP Singh for his support and guidance.

At the Raffles Institute Singapore we are one of 20 schools from 20 countries partially funded for our water management project in the tribal hamlet of Sanawadia.

The Government of Madhya Pradesh, through the Collector, Mr. Raghwendra Singh, has supported our Sanawadia service projects that include a double storeyed community hall.

Our children continue to enjoy good relations with the villagers and the village children recently

visited Daly.

The most ambitious project of the Green Club is the setting up of a Demo & Resource Centre for the youth of Indore. This has been designed by the Club members and Old Dalian Dhruv Bhaskar, an environmental architect at Auroville. It is being supported by another Old Dalian Abhishek Jhaveri.

It will showcase composting, vermiculture, mushroom farming, paper recycling, wall gardening, roof gardening, sustainable methods of power generation, a library, exhibition area, meeting room and organic farming.

Creating awareness on sustaining the environment were Junior School children who could be seen campaigning all over Indore.

Within the campus Mr. S.Tewari from the faculty has been successful in catching and transferring to Ralamandal dozens of our resident snakes.

Two students Rohan Saboo and Ridheshwar Singh attended the RS International Service Project in Philippolis in South Africa.

Daly hosted the RSIS project on aero generation of electricity for street lighting in Sanawadia.

We were dependent for technical and local support from Jimmy & Janak Macgilligan. All the project participants were heartbroken to hear Jimmy's passing away soon after in a road accident.

The College has supported the dancing troupe of hearing impaired students of the Mook Badhir Sangathan Indore in participating in an conference in Seychelles.

In what has become an annual feature, students from the L'Ermitage in Paris, along with Daly and the Choithram Eye Hospital jointly hosted the 4th eye camp, this time in the densely populated and less developed area of Khajrana. A total of 4150 patients were examined, 3700 spectacles distributed and 280 cataract operations performed. We are grateful to Mr. Raghu Parmar who coordinated our effort with the local people.

I would also like to mention Ashok House's efforts in collecting, washing, ironing and donating 1250 garments in Jyoti Niwas orphanage, where Daly has built a dormitory for the mentally challenged.

Of great satisfaction are the RS & AFS exchange programmes.

19 students went on exchange to 9 countries.

Mr. R. Nagpal went on exchange to the Indian School Salala along with 9 students.

Visiting us have been two teachers Ms. Ceilidh Wood from Canada & Ms. Margaret Claire Hunt from New Zealand.

We had the pleasure of hosting 23 students from 9 countries.

We also had Dinah who had been to us last year, visit us during a week long vacation from her school in Germany.

4 students and 2 teachers from Fernhill in Canada visited us for the second year.

The Principal & Jasmer Singh were special invitees at Aitchison College Lahore for their 125 year celebrations. The presence of the Principal of the senior most Chiefs College at the celebrations of the junior most Chiefs College was welcomed and acknowledged by Pakistan's Prime Minister who extended his hand in friendship with the people of India.

In conclusion of my RS report I acknowledge the tireless contribution of all the students and teachers of the RS Committee and others and also of those who help fund our service projects. A special thanks to our Director RS & Internationalism Ms. Sarita Badhwar.

Our Director Cultural Affairs, Mr. Ahmed Ansari has been selected for the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator's Award.

The school was fortunate this year to have with us on the Bolia Fellowship Ms. Kipp Longstaff, an exceptionally talented director of dramatics from Appleby in Canada. I would not be exaggerating to say she has transformed dramatics at Daly.

I would also like to congratulate those who organised and participated in the Pre-Primary Concert. They put up a great show. The pre-Primary continues to flourish under the guidance of Ms. Indu Kapoor, causing me problems at admission time because of the excessive demand.

I also acknowledge the creative innovations introduced at the daily Junior School assemblies by Mrs. Rashmi Ahuja. Learning has become more activity oriented and children are enjoying the change.

At an international level Shilpika, Sachi & Anandita represented us at the 15 nation Raffles Institute Debate in Singapore.

Within India our students have added many feathers to their caps.

Akshat Mahajan was declared best speaker at the IPSC debate hosted by Welham Girls.

Shilpika Ganeriwala & Sachi Simlot were Runners Up at the JK Kate debate in PPS Nabha. The debate was chaired by our Principal.

Anjali Vyas was declared best interjector at the MGD Hindi debate.

Vibhuti Wange was adjudged 3rd in the JK Kate Hindi Debate.

Purusharth Singh was declared Best Speaker in the preliminary round of the Hindi Debate at Doon.

And then came the IPSC Cultural Festival for Performing Arts at MGD Jaipur. At this national level premier event, Daly literally swept the table clean.

Tanya Sojatia stood first in Classical Vocal

Tanya stood second in Western Solo song.

Shourya Jain stood second in Semi-Classical Vocal singing.

Purusharth Singh & Avni Goyal stood third in Jugalbandi.

Our Choir won the Group Patriotic song event.

Shivani Karmarkar, for the second year, stood first in the Classical Solo dance event.

Our troupe finished 2nd in Choreography.

We were runners up in the Folk Dance event.

Yash Bhargav & Priya Kumar stood first in Spin a Yarn dramatic event.

We won the Ad Mad dramatic event.

The school participated in the IPSC Fine Arts Festival at VDJS.

Bijit Bharali stood first in T-shirt designing

Pooja Rawat got second prize in Mehendi and Pooja Rawat & Aashna Patel were runners up in paper craft.

The IPSC Literary Fest has been postponed, leaving 25 students very disappointed.

On the cultural side, Mr. Utpal Banerjee's achievements have been recognised and he has

received the Justice GL Oza Award.

And now on to sport which is headed by our Sports Director Mr. Dharam Verma.

Pooja Laddha is in the MP Women's **Basketball** team and is presently playing in Chennai. She led Daly in the Honoria Lawrence Tournament in Sanawar. The team won the Championship and Pooja was declared the Best Player.

In the IPSC we were runners up in the Girls event losing to Modern School. Pooja was declared the most promising player of the tournament.

Pooja, Aashna Patel & Aishwarya Madan have been selected for the nationals U-19.

Among the boys, Akshay Chhawri has been selected for the nationals.

In the **Squash** Nationals the entire MP team was from Daly. Anandita Gupta won the individual bronze medal, a first for MP and she was awarded Rs. 2 lacs by the Chief Minister.

Adwatiya Kasliwal was ranked No.1 in India in the U-11 girls.

Two of our students Anandita Gupta and Manik Dutta played in Indian colours in the Asian Junior Championship.

Konpal Patni won the U-15 Girls Championship at the Otters Club & Kunj Bansal reached the semifinals in the U-15 Boys.

In the ITC open winners were Anshul Jain, Anandita Gupta. Runners up were Shreya Suresh, Kunj Bansal, Sanaya Modi, Mridul Agrawal, Sarthak Tongia & Konpal Patni. Jasmer Singh came within a stroke of upsetting his former coach in the mens section.

In the Pune Open Vruddhi Doshi & Anandita Gupta were both losing finalists.

In Chennai at the Indian Junior Open Plate event winners were Jasmer Singh, Shreya Suresh & Akshita Kasliwal. Adwiteya Kasliwal finished a very creditable third.

At the Jodhpur Junior Nationals 8 players reached the quarter finals. Our students ensured the 3rd position for MP in the team event.

In the Bhopal Open Vruddhi Doshi won the U-15 and was runners up in the U-19. Konpal Patni was runners up in the Women's section. Mridul Agrawal was runners up in the U-15 & U-19 and Rahil Saboo was runners up in the U-13.

In **Tennis** 12 Dalians have played for Indore Division and golds were won by Harshyal Sethi, Suraj Haryani, Aditya Dafria, Atishay Modi, Panya Bhalla, Sanjana Modi & Jhanvi Rajpal. Rushank Lunkad won a Bronze.

The MP team included 6 Dalians, Aditya, Atishay, Harshyal, Panya, Sanjana & Jhanvi.

The IPSC team for the Nationals includes Harshyal, Yashesh, Chetanya Dev, Isha and Panya.

In the IPSC we were runners up in the U-14 girls & U-19 boys.

Overall four players deserve mention:

Bankim Silawat, Harshyal Sethi, Yashesh Mulchandani; Isha Budwal

Isha Budwal is nationally currently ranked No 4 in U-14 , and we can expect to see her reach great heights in the years ahead.

In **Chess** 4 students have qualified for the nationals. These are Purusharth Singh, Krishnesh Bapat, Mudit Gupta & Samyak Gangwal.

The sport where Daly is truly dominating for the last few years is **Shooting**. We were looking forward to defeating the RIMC team for the fourth time in a row in the all India IPSC but RIMC was unable to participate this year. we once again won the boys & girls IPSC Championships.

For the Nationals to be held in Pune, 20 Dalians qualified in the IPSC team and 12 qualified in their individual capacity as per their performance in the Mavlankar Championship.

The first 20 are Chakradhar Singh, Abhyuday Singh, Kartik Chitale, Shivang Sullere, Tejeshwar Singh, Shakti Singh, Abhiveer Singh, Yashvardhan Singh, Shourya Goel, Sakshi Agrawal, Ipshita Suvarna, Akansha Agrawal, Ragini Pawar, Dhurvraj Singh, Rudraditya Singh, Shiladitya Singh, Amita Singh, Aishwarya Mahajan, Snehdeep Kaur and Kimmi.

The twelve who qualified in their individual capacity are – Chakradhar Singh, Shivang Sullere, Harshraj Singh, Shakti Singh, Chirantana Jamnia, Amita Singh, Himadri Singh, Yashvi Singh, Aishwarya Mahajan, Ragini Singh & Ritvika Jhalani.

In the 10th MP inter school and 14th MP Championship Dalians bagged a staggering 131 medals – 50 golds, 46 silver & 35 bronze.

Special mention should be made of Shivang Sullere's performance where he won the gold in the open category in the Mavlankar Championship.

And of Chakradhar Singh who has been included in the selection camp for the Indian team.

In **Soccer** DC won the Kasliwal Trophy. On the basis of their performance in the IPSC, four boys have been selected for the nationals. These are Bhanu Pratap Singh, Danish Patel &, Abhimanyu Verma .

4 girls played in the soccer nationals at Port Blair. These are Purva Agarwal, Kanika Puar, Shilpika Ganeriwala and Mrinalini Singhi Pawar.

In **Equestrian** sports Mehta brothers –Rishabh has won the Eklavya Award. This year Rohit received the Eklavya Award from the Chief Minister. .

In the IPSC **Badminton** championships held in Dehra Dun three of our teams returned with bronze medals. These were U-14 girls, U-14 boys & U-19 boys.

Selected for the nationals at Pune are Rishank Modi, Vansh Dang, Ishita Mohta & Jasleen Bhatia.

In **Athletics** Harshvardhan Rathore and Deepak Bodade have been selected for the Nationals.

In **Cricket** Nitiraj Singh Parmar, Abhijit Patel & Jonty Kakwani have been selected for the U-14 Indore Division Cricket Academy.

Four boys – Aviral Tulsian, Chirag Agrawal, Premraj Jhalani and Shankul Dwivedi have won cash prizes and been included in the Indore division **hockey** team.

In Gymnastics Kashish Singh and Commond Everett has been selected for the Nationals.

And finally in **Swimming** 10 students have been selected for the Nationals. They are Akansha Wadhvani, Gehna Modi, Zenab Bandoowala, Naquiya Barwaniwala, Pushendra Pal, Tanvi Satish, Bharat Verma & Mili Kapadia.

In NCC Mrs. Savita Khardadkar was adjudged the best officer in a national field of 100 trainees at the NCC Officers Academy in Gwalior.

Academics – under the Directorship of Mrs. Pratibha Joshi, academics, is undergoing a transitional phase with grades replacing marks at the Class X stage and the introduction of the Cambridge International Examinations under the coordination of Mrs. Asma Ansari. The first

CIE, IGSE batch will take the Board exams next year.

That we are able to offer CIE at the same fees as CBSE is something we are immensely proud of. This will create a possible intellectual divide but not a financial one.

We had 126 students in the **Class of 2011**. 109 got a first with 59 securing distinctions. Stream toppers and their 5 subject aggregates: :

Khushagra Agrawal in Engineering, Apoorv Chopra in Commerce, Pranav Kumar Jain in Humanities and Chahak Chaddha in Medical.

6 students received CBSE Merit Certificates.

22 students secured 85% and above in all subjects.

From the Class of 2011 the majority are pursuing courses in finance. 11 joined DCBS. Chartered Accountancy, Mass Communication, Fashion Technology, Law, History, Engineering, Computer Science, Psychology & Economics are also popular while Biotechnology and Medical have lost in popularity. Amal Pal has joined IIT Roorkee while Prince Dhawan has topped IIT Delhi. Adeeba Ansari has joined IIM Bangalore. 5 students are pursuing their higher studies overseas.

Krishna Gupta of the 2009 batch is at MIT. Shirish Deshmukh is at ISB Hyderabad.

In **Class X** we now don't have percentages or ranks. Merit Certificates were issued by CBSE to 4 students.

To help the younger students with learning difficulties we now have a counselling department FOCUS which is in addition to our student counselling and career counselling.

19 teachers have attended various conferences and seminars. The Vice Principal attended a conference at the University of Hull in England.

CIE teachers are completing on-line training and also workshops. The Principal was the keynote speaker on 'Redifining School Leadership' at an educators conference at IIM Lucknow.

Through the RS & AFS 35 teachers have been overseas in the past 8 years. This obviously helps broaden experience and enrich informal teaching.

Every year the College is upgraded by its Board of Governors. Whereas the Board looks at various aspects of life at Daly, the most obvious changes are the structural ones. Often we are assisted in our efforts by well wishers and I would like to acknowledge those not already mentioned earlier in my report.

The Desai family has sponsored the lake near the Auditorium

The Kataria family the lake near the hospital

Mr. Manish Kalani has donated the fountains.

The Agrawal brothers – Nitin & Punit and also Rajkumar Agrawal have been making available to us on a regular basis their JCBs, dumpers and cranes without any cost.

The old Assembly Hall where the 1912 Darbar was held has been restored as the Durbar Hall.

The sponsors for this project are: Praveen Agarwal, Chanddas Bagree Sewa Trust, Simran Group, Parul Dawar, Rasnidhi Trust, Neeraj Kapadiya, Lulla Family & Mira Sumer Singh

Princess Wilhelmine Von Prussen, a former exchange student, has donated a garden hut for her old House, Bharati.

The school has modernised the kitchen and dining hall with the help of our honorary Consultant Mr. Deepak Nirula. We now also boast of rotary toasters and an automatic dishwasher.

The school has modernised the Junior School toilet block as also the toilet blocks in Ashok & Vikram.

Also modernised are common rooms in Malwa, Rajendra, Ashok & Vikram.

The new flats for our support staff are nearing completion and we will soon demolish the old structures freeing the area in front of Bharati House for a park.

Stone benches and fountains have been added all over the campus to add to comfort and aesthetics.

Emus are now resident on campus. They have layed 5 eggs.

Keeping us in good health through the busy year are the medical staff headed by Dr. S. Maitra. His timely interventions have helped us escape epidemics that trouble the city from time to time. The administration of the school has been in the safe hands of Old Dalian Harshwardhan Purni who has overseen some important projects and has been supported by an excellent team of department heads.

We have accepted our first batch of RTE students in March 2011. To ensure they are funded for all curricular and co-curricular activities, uniform, shoes, stationery, text books and pocket money, a separate fund has been created. The first cheque for this fund was received from the Collector, Mr. Raghwendra Singh. Subsequent donations have been received from Mr. Amandeep Singh Bhatia & Mr. Sandeep Lulla.

There is no doubt that the Central & State Governments and their agencies are finding more reasons to regulate and tax private unaided schools. As a result a Principal's job profile has changed considerably, leaving him less time for the business of education and interaction with students. The Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has notified the admission process outlined in the Right to Education provisions enacted by Parliament. We are therefore following a random method which preserves both the legal requirement and the autonomy of the College.

Having said that, I would like to further state that the random method is not best suited to either academic or educational excellence or to specialisation within individual schools with a view to developing independent identities and a variety of choices for parents.

However, as long as this law stands we have no choice but to follow it.

The CBSE however is constantly changing for the better. Cumulative and Comprehensive evaluation encourages a more complete education and is in tune with our efforts to provide every opportunity for the development of the individual.

The next proposal of the CBSE is an excellent one which will allow students to take their Class X & XII exams in phases, in line with the system followed by Cambridge University for the CIE.

Anyway, even if the Principal has less time to devote to the business of education, fortunately, we at the Daly College are blessed with some outstanding senior staff and so the actual progress of the school continues uninterrupted.

In conclusion I would like to thank our Board of Governors for its support and guidance, my colleagues on the staff, the administrative and support staff, our parents and students and all our well wishers including the Old Dalians, District Administration and the media.

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