



# 12<sup>th</sup> { OSAPS } reunion 14 Feb. 2015



## Old Students Army Public School



**Admiral Robin K. Dhowan**  
PVSM AVSM YSM ADC  
Chief of Naval Staff is an Alumnus of  
1969 Batch of our School





## Chairman's Message



Brig Mukesh Bansal

APS Dhaula Kuan has a unique identity of its own, not only amongst the school in Delhi but also amongst all the APSs in the country. The rich value and traditions set out by the 'pioneers' have been passed on and inculcated by the students and faculty over the years. The same is evident for the respect commanded by 'TAPS' and the diverse fields in which the prodigies of the school have carved a niche for themselves.

OSAPS keeps the spirit of the school alive and helps in developing bondages amongst the ex-students and the Alma Mater.

I wish OSAPS all the very best. I am confident that the OSAPS will keep the school flag flying high.

## Principal's Message

As Principal of the Army Public School, Dhaula Kuan, it's a pleasure for me to welcome you to this place of great enthusiasm, energy and promise. Connecting to one's Alma Mater is always a great feeling and the School shares this sentiment. We are very proud of our school spirit and our positive school culture and are elated when we get to know about the various achievements of our former students.

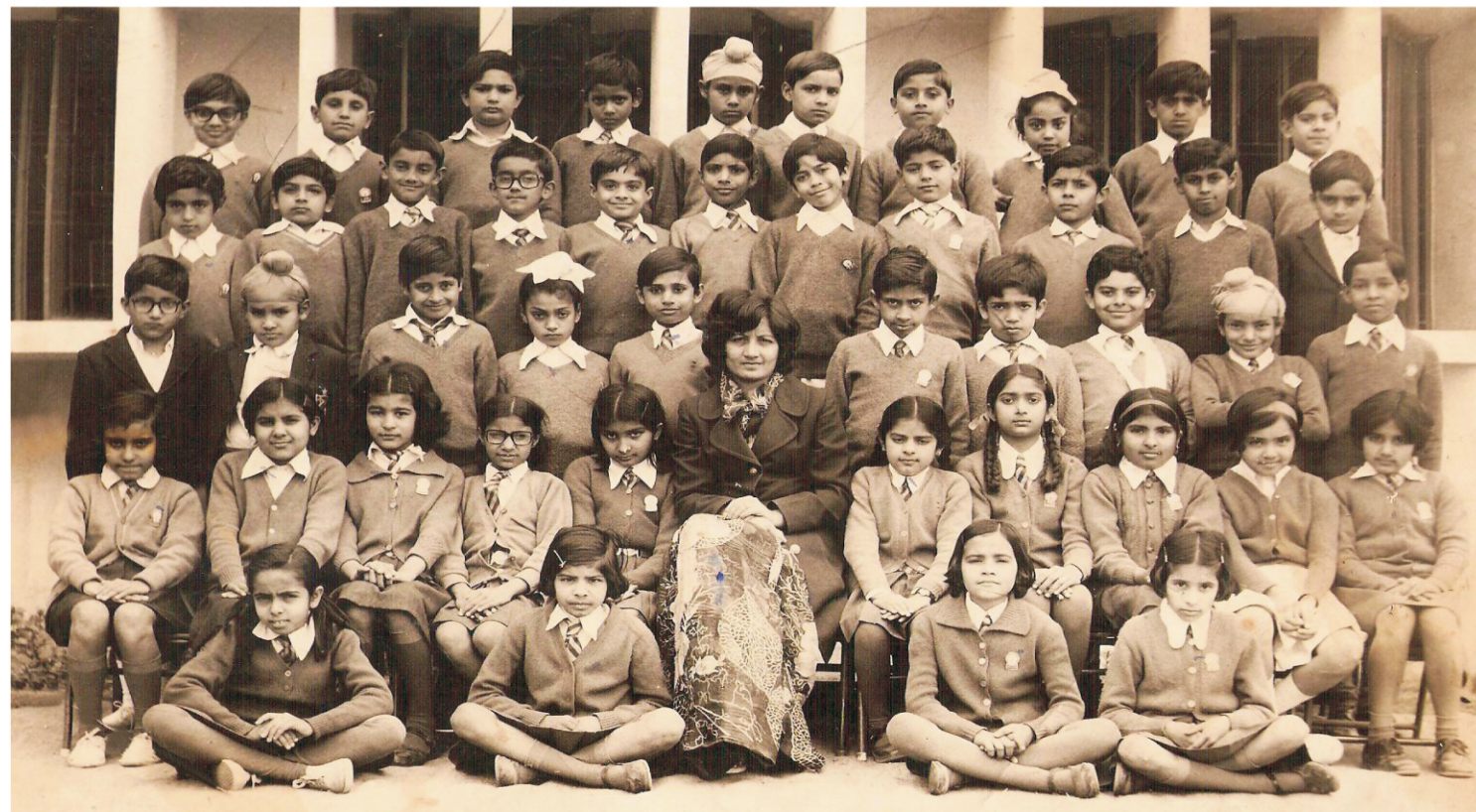
We certainly look forward to a meaningful contribution from the alumni to the Alma Mater including sharing professional expertise with the present students and contributing to nation building as knowledgeable, efficient and upright citizens, who have imbibed the right values during their tenure at APS.

We eagerly encourage all of our alumni to get involved in the life of APS. Keep in touch. Volunteer your time. Make sure we have your updated contact information

I wish all of you the very best in life



*Mridula Pant*  
Mridula Pant



## YES, WE CAN !

Obama's phrase 'Yes ,we can' became a big hit in not too distant a past. PM Modi, too, repeated recently 'Yes, we can'. Do I hear a loud 'Yes, we can' from our Alumni workforce's end?

The volunteers of OSAPS committee, with the mission of 'My School, My Pride' in mind, propose to take up the 'Clean, green Environment' initiative in our/their beloved school.

In the forthcoming session, we propose to draft a proposal for a mechanism to be put in place, under the able guidance and co-operation of the school Principal.

With the objective of creating awareness with respect to the significance of clean and green environment amongst the present day student community, we propose that volunteer OSAPS join hands with volunteer students and faculty members to take up the task of segregation and disposal of waste at source in order to promote this project.

As the scheme gets underway, we will approach & seek the help of agencies which advocate and promote setting up biogas plants in schools, after taking requisite permission from the school authority.

There are two major goals for setting up a biogas plant—the first is to make provisions for treating organic waste at the source itself and the second, by default, is to promote vegetable cultivation in school. The residual slurry will be used as manure.

The idea is to initiate a sustainable cycle in school. The biogas produced would be used in the hostel kitchen while the slurry obtained as by-product would be used as organic manure for the vegetable garden of the school. The vegetables, in turn, would go in to the meals prepared in the hostel kitchen.

Are you in??

Remember you are a force to reckon with!!

You can, actually, turn around the image of the school to such greater heights, which will be remembered for a number of years to come.

**Mrs. Namrata Ramani**

Teacher In Charge - OSAPS Welfare Association (Regd.)



# 2014 – A year full of proud moments....



OSAPS AWARD

Starting with an extremely successful Annual Reunion held on 8th Feb 2014 where the OSAPS had a unique distinction of hosting the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of graduating of the class of 1964 (the first batch to graduate from APS – then known as Maulana Azad Road Children's School), there were many proud and memorable events during the year, some of which I am listing below-

The Silver Jubilee celebration of the Class of 1989 which was held at The Mapple on 7th Feb night was a super hit event.



TUG OF WAR

I feel immensely proud to tell you that the current Chief of Naval Staff – Admiral Robin Dhowan, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, ADC – is also an alumnus of our Alma Mater from the class of 1969. Our School invited Admiral Dhowan as the Chief Guest at a function at APS where he presented the school with a model of a war ship which is on display in the school's main lobby. We had the opportunity to meet and connect with him and his classmates at the event.

The OSAPS Welfare Association (regd) continued to provide financial assistance, as earlier, to students of APS, DK, whose parent/s have passed away. The mentoring programme also gathered a lot of momentum during the year.

An OSAPS Award was instituted for recognition of significant contribution to the society, which was awarded to Mrs. Amita Dhiman Sachdeva from class of 1980 for her contribution to the social cause of imparting vocational training and providing employment to people especially women from underprivileged sections of society.

We are coming up with an eco friendly project in partnership with APS, the details of which shall be available on our website shortly.

Our website became functional and we have uploaded a few OSAPS Magazines in pdf format for our Alumni to download and view from anywhere across the globe.

At the Annual Sports Day held in December 2014, Team OSAPS won the Tug of War against the current students of APS in a best of three event. The whole team was given a Gold Medal each by the School.

In order to bring together OSAPS present in every city/state/country, different chapters of OSAPS are being launched across the globe. To begin with, the OSAPS - GTA (Greater Toronto Area) Chapter was launched in June 2014 in Toronto, which is being coordinated by Hemant Nijhawan from class of



OSAPS GTA



OSAPS MUMBAI



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1989. The second one – OSAPS Mumbai Chapter was launched on 7th Feb 2015 in Mumbai which is being coordinated by Pankaj Kanal from class of 1988. As the word is spreading, more and more alumni are joining and meeting each other present in the area of their chapter with each passing day. For launching of OSAPS Chapters in other cities/countries, we are setting up pages on Facebook for these chapters and all those present in the cities/countries may join the FB page and confirm their presence. The pages for a North American Chapter and a Middle East Chapter have already been created. Dates of launching subsequent OSAPS Chapters shall be communicated via Facebook or our website – [www.osapsdk.com](http://www.osapsdk.com).

Membership for OSAPS Welfare Association shall open shortly after our reunion and will be active on our website – [www.osapsdk.com](http://www.osapsdk.com) very soon. Those desirous of membership of the Welfare Association may subscribe by downloading the form from our website. For any queries please feel free to call me at 9810030701 or mail to – [info@osapsdk.com](mailto:info@osapsdk.com).

**Gurpreet Singh Chadha**

1986 Batch (President)

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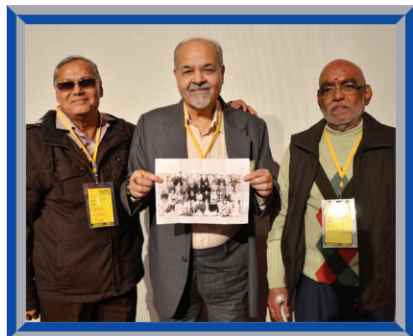
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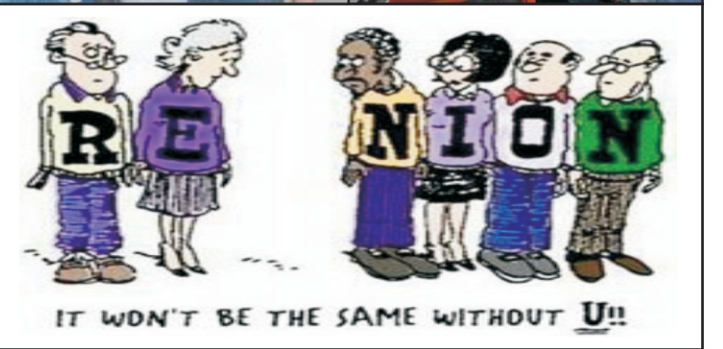
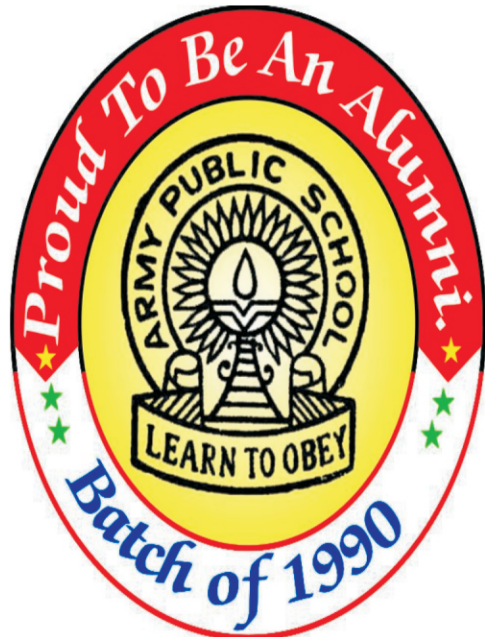
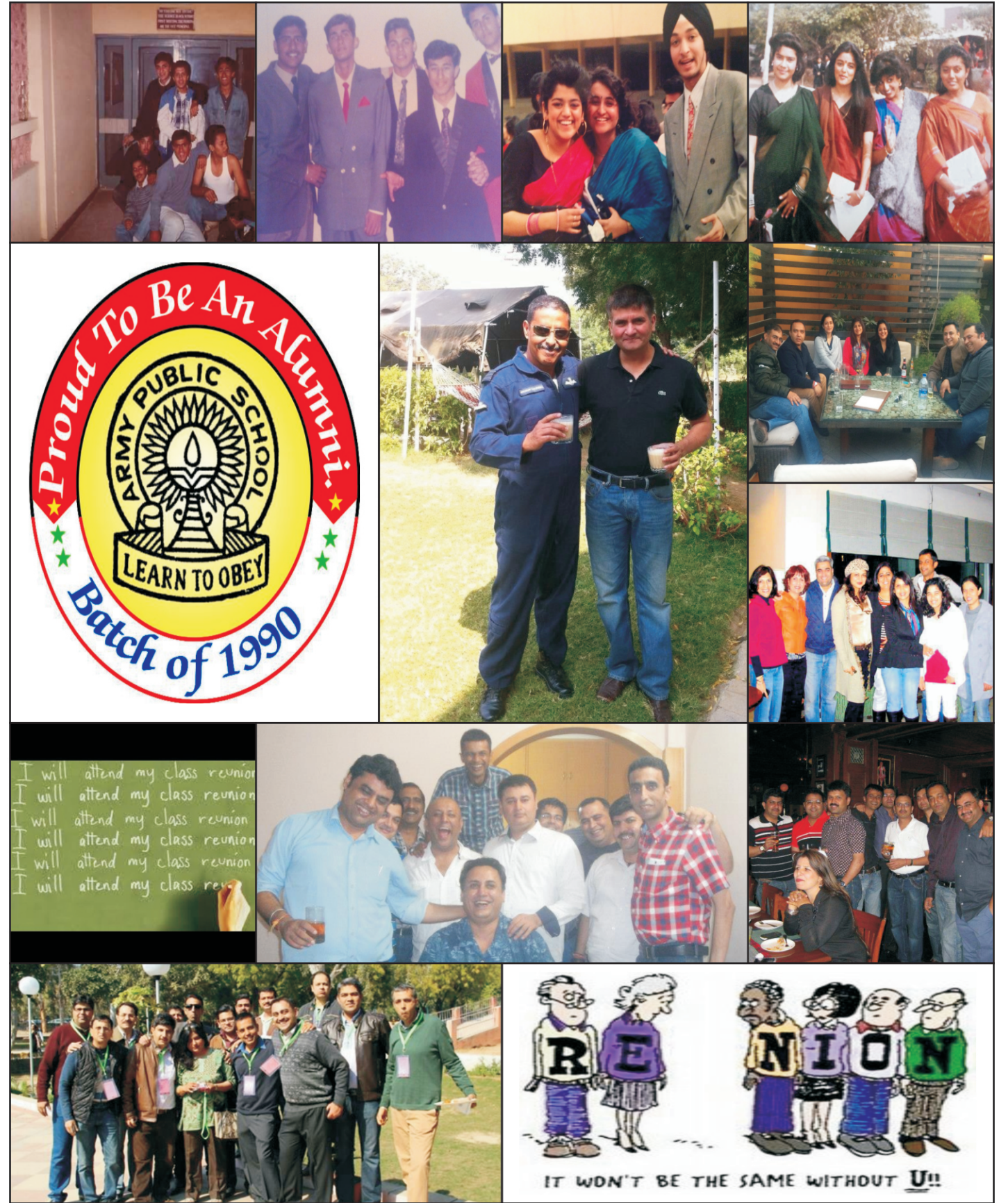


# 11<sup>TH</sup> OSAPS REUNION - 2014

Highlights











### Diary of a Tapsite Tapsite's Wife

Amongst the first things Vipin told me about him at our introductory meeting was that he is a Tapsite. I could sense the pride he would take in talking about his school and his memories of 12 years (1986-1998) that he spent there. I always wonder how the experiences of one's formative years hold so much significance in one's life. I believe he owes his confidence, self-reliance, strong will power, rationality and a balanced sense of being to his schooling.

We are married for the past 4 years and all these years I have always witnessed him remembering his school days with much fondness. His early morning school bus, which would come even earlier in winters; the small half pants till class VIII, even in winters; the fighter jet in the school premises which the boys would sneak into elatedly; the canteen's kitchen on the first floor from where they would eat little hot oily burgers; the ice candy from behind the bars of the school gate, the weekly screenings of old classics in the Primary Wing A-V room, Mr. Manoranjan's Guitar, Mr. Parsaram's Drums and Mr. Ravi Kohli's French classes - these are some reminiscences he would bore me with telling about several times. Every time we travel across Dhaula Kuan, he would point towards the lush green campus with an expression of a child- "See, this is my school!". Perhaps this attachment is one of the reasons that Vipin never wants to miss any OSAPS Reunion, he is so excited about them.

The teachers of TAPS take the major credit of Vipin's love for his school. I am always surprised by his memory of almost all his teachers in his school days. He had one or more favourite teachers in every class! Class-I- Ms. Grover, Class-II- Ms. Sahwney, Class-III- Ms. Pushpa Dean, Ms. Ahuja, Class-IV- Ms. Kavita Puri, Class-V- Ms. Chopra, Ms. Renuka Dang, Ms. Gill and so on... There are many other teachers whom I know and have met some as well - Ms. Namrata Ramani, Ms. Suman Bawa, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, Ms. Neeta Arora, Mr. Mukopadhyay, Ms. Girija Rajmohan, Ms. Santosh Gupta, Ms. T. Sudha, Ms. Annamma Zachariah, Ms. Anita Nanda, Ms. Sudha Srivastava, Ms. Archana Dhawan, Ms. Ruby Dey, Ms. Rita Choudhary, Ms. Saha, Ms. Poonam Chand, Ms. Sujata Nijhawan, Ms. Dhall, Ms. Laxmi Ganesh, Ms. Manju Sharma, Ms. Alka Mahajan...the list just won't end!!! I would have to say- Vipin was indeed a favourite student amongst his teachers!

After school, Vipin did his B.Tech in Electronics & Communication Engineering (HPU, Shimla), Management Programs in General Management (IIT, Delhi) and International Business (IIFT, Delhi). Having travelled world-wide and worked with ITC, IBM and KPMG for around 13 years, he is currently working as a Senior Management/ SAP Consultant & Entrepreneur. What brings him back to school is the sense of belongingness and the vibrancy that is invariably exclusive to him. He is constantly in touch with the dearest school friends and the revered teachers who have been instrumental in making him what he is now. Amongst friends, there are some who are as old as the 1986-Wine - Seema Sinha, Neeraj & Nitin Aggarwal, Preeti Tekur, Amit Ranjan, Gaurav Singh, Shweta Bhat, Pallavi Rai, Manoj Kumar, Abhishek Kumar, Upasana Prabhakar; and some pals of later years in school - Kunal Sharma, Geetika Bhatia, Komal Adlakha, Avantika Gautam, Vishesh Dikshit, Vikram Sharma, Gautam Mahohar, Rohit Nischol, Aditya Yadav, Dhanya Rajmohan, Randhir Singh, Maninder Jit Singh, Nisha Arya, Harleen Kaur. Nevertheless all of them, and many more, are friends of all times.

It makes me feel proud to have got a chance to tell you about TAPS; the ironical part is that I am not a Tapsite, but Vipin's immense love for his school days has turned me into one...**Don't you feel so?**



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## Retirements During the Year

### Mrs Neelam Toteja

a teaching faculty from the Primary wing, had an illustrious career for about 27 years, in various capacities, in this school. Although the school bid farewell to her yet her ever-smiling face and pleasant disposition shall always remain with her students and colleagues alike. Ma'am we wish you joy & happiness in the years to come.

### Mrs Shashi Prabha Sharma

superannuated after a long stint of about 29 years in the school as a Hindi language teacher. She shall, always, be remembered for her caring nature and 'no-nonsense' attitude. Ma'am we wish you well in all your future endeavours.

## Remembrance



**GAURAV RANA (batch of 2006)** passed away in January 2015 due to an unfortunate accident  
Live in the moment...love and appreciate everything and everyone while you still can  
Gaurav Rana was a star waiting to shine so bright...he'll be missed so very deeply every single day  
....we will never forget that beaming smile of yours...it brought the whole room alive every single time...  
*...Rest in Peace Man.*



### Anish Anand

(batch of 1986)  
passed away on  
15 January 2015





*Horse riding  
Team - Year 1984*

*Show Jumping  
on  
Sports Day - 1984*



our website -

[www.osapsdk.com](http://www.osapsdk.com)

Please send pictures and/or information available with you about APS/OSAPS, worth sharing with fellow alumni, which may be included in our website or annual OSAPS magazine.

Membership of OSAPS Welfare Association (Regd.) is open.

Please log on to the website for details and registration