

15th OSAPS

REUNION

Old Students Army Public School

10th February 2018



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Message from the Principal



Mridula Pant
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I wish to thank you all for your unwavering commitment to your alma mater. It has been fifteen years since the OSAPS remerged like the Phoenix! The annual reunion is a symbol of our bonding together under the umbrella of APS, and to meet all of you on this occasion is a truly happy, gratifying and encouraging experience for the faculty. As you return to your roots and get reacquainted with your classmates, remember that it is imperative for both past and present students to uphold the principles and values this school epitomizes.

APS Dhaula Kuan has a unique identity of its own not only amongst the schools in Delhi but also amongst all Army Public Schools in the country. Its values and traditions have been passed on and inculcated by the students and faculty over the years. This is evident from the respect commanded by the TAPSites in the diverse fields in which they have carved a niche for themselves.

Keep up your youthful enthusiasm for your alma mater, the institution that helped to make you the men and women you are today. I wish all of you the very best.
God Bless



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It gives me immense pleasure to share my thoughts with you on the occasion of the 15th Annual OSAPS Reunion being held in last fourteen years. Our 1st Reunion was held in February 2004 with more than 1000 attendees and has been a very successful annual event ever since.

Despite having graduated from APS more than 3 decades ago, I could never manage to take APS out of my life or my thoughts all these years. APS has been the best part of my 50 years of existence on earth and today when I look back, I can proudly say that apart from being my school, APS has been my teacher, my mother, my father, my brother, my sister, my friend, my home, my temple, everything.

With great pleasure we welcome our serving as well as ex Principals, faculty and all OSAPS members and their families at our 15th annual Reunion which is also a celebration of the one and a half decade of the existence of our alumni body.

The OSAPS was revived in 2003 as a result of collective efforts of many alumnus as well as staff and management of APS among whom special mention must be made of Mr. Scaria, N.O. (ex Principal) and Lt. Gen. H.K. Kapoor (retd), both of whom sadly are no more with us. Over the past fourteen years the OSAPS has grown steadily and its reunions are attended by alumnus from all around the globe.

It was decided at the outset that the main objectives of OSAPS were to reconnect all Tapsites (ex APS'ites) around the world with each other, foster fellowship amongst them and to actively participate in making our Alma Mater the best institution ever. I am proud to say that over the past fourteen years OSAPS has worked with enthusiasm to realise these objectives.

Since its revival, the OSAPS has thrived on the support and contribution of the loyal alumni. Some of the initiatives / activities undertaken by OSAPS in the past fourteen years are –

Financial support for present students who have lost their fee paying parent/s.

Professional advice and support for any work required / solicited by school.

Financial contribution in setting up of bio gas plant in school.

External financial support for ex student in shape of laptop, airfare and visa for studying abroad.

Supply of robotics kits for setting up a new robotics lab in school.

Financial support for provision of sophisticated new audio visual system in Raina Auditorium.

Internships to students of class 11th and 12th for different professions / jobs / fields.

APS has been granting admissions to wards of OSAPS since many years now.

Many more similar initiatives were undertaken by OSAPS during last few years.

The Annual Reunions held each year have become a happy social occasion which loyal OSAPS and their families make it a point to attend. From our very first Reunion in February 2004 the OSAPS has been publishing an annual souvenir / magazine at every reunion. We now have our own website – osapsdk.com.

I will conclude by taking this opportunity to thank those who have contributed to the success of today's and all previous reunions and to all our activities during the past fourteen years.

GURPREET SINGH CHADHA (1986 Batch)

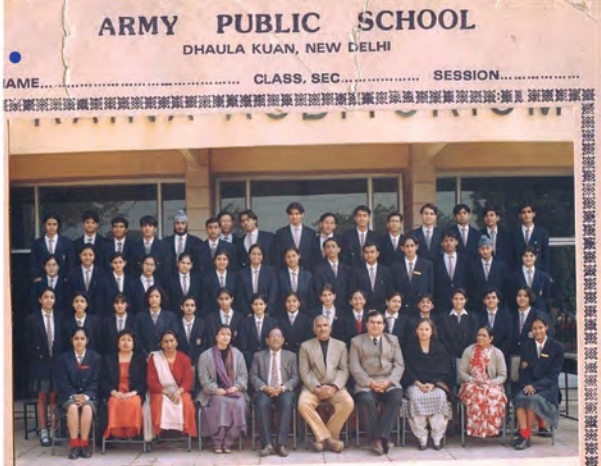
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**BATCH OF 1998
CELEBRATING TWO DECADES
OF GRADUATION**







“TO SIR, WITH LOVE”

Mr SCARIA, N.O. (born 1951) former Principal of APS, merged with God Almighty on 24th January 2018. He had the distinction of being our school Principal for a record tenure of 19 years (from April 1993 to 31st December 2011).

For the OSAPS, our former Principal - Mr SCARIA was no less than an angel.

Based on my own experiences while coordinating the OSAPS and its various activities for past 15 years, I have no hesitation in saying that it would have never been possible to bring the OSAPS to its present level but for Mr Scaria's efforts and support. He made himself accessible 24 x 7 x 365 for any matter related to OSAPS and extended full support whenever required. It is important to mention that many of our alumni shall remain ever indebted to him for being the force in reuniting them with their Alma Mater by way of admissions of OSAPS' children to APS. The wards of OSAPS got admission in APS for free while other prominent schools in Delhi were asking for loads of you know what. Under his motivation and guidance the OSAPS started many socially relevant initiatives for giving back to their Alma Mater by way of financial support for present students, placements for alumni, development works at fraction of commercial estimates, etc.

Mr Scaria was so humble and down to earth that he always put others before self and never sought or expected any honour, recognition or public attention for what he delivered.

The immense respect that our Alumni, present and ex teachers and support staff had for Mr Scaria was clearly evident from the way they used to mob him and enjoy being with him at all OSAPS Reunions that he attended post retirement. The immense love and respect he enjoyed amongst all was evident from the large number of people attending his last rites.

Mr Scaria shall be missed by every individual who came in contact with him.

GURPREET SINGH CHADHA

(President OSAPS)







14th OSAPS Reunion 2017

The 14th Annual OSAPS Reunion held on 11th Feb 2017 was a sort of “OSAPS SELFIE DAY REUNION”. All attendees from Alumnus to Teachers (serving and retired) could be seen clicking selfies with their favourites.

The huge gathering at the event was testimony to the strong bond the OSAPS share with their fellow school mates and their Alma Mater even after decades of passing out from this temple of learning called APS .

The Silver Jubilee batch of 1992 was highly elated celebrating their 25th year of graduating from APS and also had the distinction of being the highest number of attendees at the Reunion. Along with them the Batches of 1997 and 2007 were also present in large numbers to celebrate their 20 and 10 years of passing out from APS respectively.

Many ex teachers and Ex Principals graced the occasion with their presence and our ex Principal Mr Scaria N O and Principal Mrs Mridula Pant unveiled the Annual OSAPS magazine for distribution amongst all OSAPS.

All the Alumni present on the occasion unwillingly departed after lunch with commitment to meet again for our 15th Reunion on 10th Feb 2018 and many more to come in subsequent years.

For any queries please feel free to call me at [9810030701](tel:9810030701) or mail to- info@osapsdk.com

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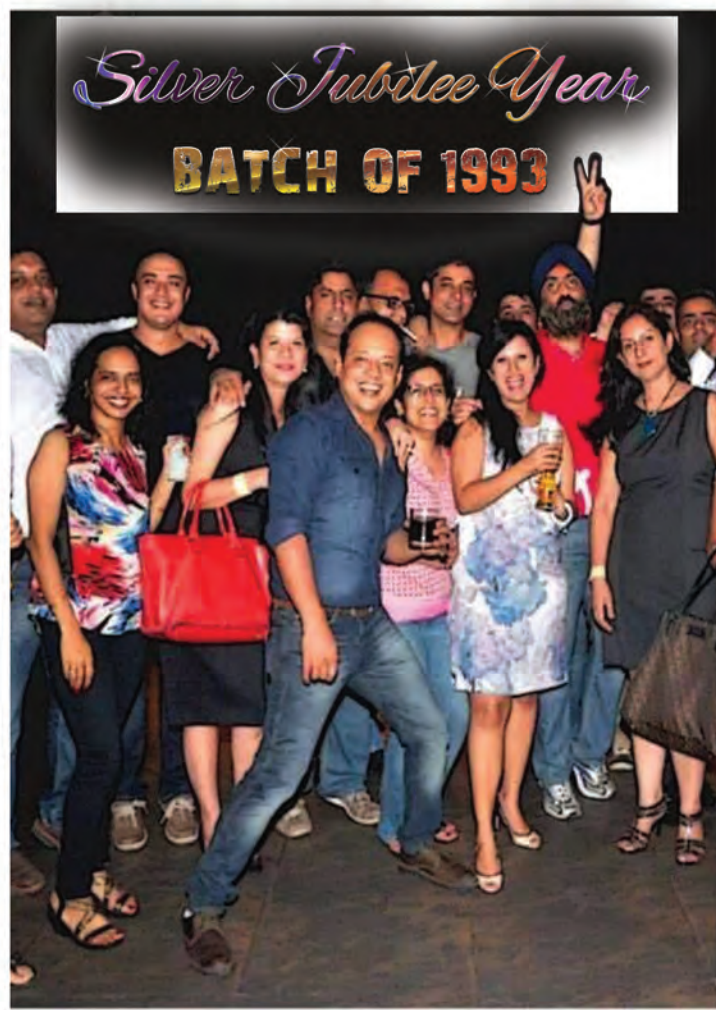
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REMEMBRANCE



Mr SCARIA, N.O.
(1951 to 2018)

Mr Scaria our Ex Principal left us forever on 24th January 2018. Mr SCARIA has the distinction of being the longest serving Principal - for 19 years (1993 to 2012) - in the history of APS, Dhaula Kuan.



Col. ANIL KAUL, VrC

Manager Administration 1992-1994

Col. Anil Kaul, VrC was Posted to the appointment of Manager Administration (the post of a serving officer at TAPS under AWES), in June 1992. Upon reporting he was informed that the then school principal, Mr. Bharadhwaj had put in his papers, so Col. Kaul was to officiate as the Principal of one of the larger schools in New Delhi. With a student body of 4000 and a staff strength of over 300 employees, this was a big change for Col. Kaul,

having worked with tanks and personnel in his career. Although it was a 1.5 yr short stint, he managed to turn things around quite a bit, creating a stir in the fraternity, both in and outside the army. Many remember him even today, some in admiration and some in sheer fear. The administration of the school in those 1.5 years is still looked upon with great appreciation. He ran the school like an education academy, not very different from the NDA (National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla) that he graduated from, the way it was best run. With codes and protocols, he shaped the school to be one of the best in performance and discipline. Many students who passed out of school during his tenure held him in high regard as one who inspired and changed their lives for the better. The essence of him shall remain for years to come. His tenure came to an end in 1994 when he got posted back to his unit that he took over as Commanding Officer, back to where he came from, his love for the cavalry. It has been 24 years since he last walked in the corridors of the school that would come to a deafening silence back in the days when he was out for his rounds. For years after that tenure, he would return for OSAPS meets as often as he could, enjoying the respect and love of his ex-students and staff. Unfortunately, his early demise in Dec 2017 leaves an emptiness in these gatherings as we wish him a farewell deserved by a revered soldier to the core. Thank you Colon



Mr JOGINDER SINGH

Mr Joginder Singh, our ex Physical Education teacher, merged with Almighty on 01st Jan. 2018. He retired in 1996 after serving at APS for three decades.



Mr N.K. GUPTA

Mr N.K. Gupta our beloved sports teacher, passed away on 11 June 2017. Mr Gupta served at APS for more than 32 years from 1980 to 2012

REMEMBRANCE



SUNIL SEHGAL

Mr Sunil Sehgal (of 1989 batch) passed away on 10th July 2017
He did his entire schooling from APS from Nursery (1975) to XIIth (1989).
A very cheerful and lively person, he left us suddenly due to a cardiac arrest.

RETIREMENT



Mrs RAMANI

In Ramani ma'am's words-

A time to look back with admiration,
A time to look forward with anticipation....

Mrs Ramani has an illustrious career of 30 long years to her credit in this school. She created her niche within the school community through her passion for a variety of educational initiatives. She intends to continue making a small difference in the lives of students who wish to dream big .

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