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THE LAST RIDE

-Donovan Figg, XI

The Chief Guest for the evening was Air Commodore Dharmendra Dangi, VM, who is Air Officer Commanding, Tezpur Air Base. AoC Dangi was first commissioned in the fighter stream of the IAF, from where he has amassed over 3000 hours of accident-free flying both as a fighter pilot and as an instructor.

Also in attendance was the AoC's wife, Group Captain Dr. Mona Dahiya, and the serving couple were a living testament of the resilience and commitment of our armed forces.

The festivities began with a choral rendition of the hymn, "One moment in time", following which the Headmaster addressed the congregation. He applauded the Batch of 2022 for their perseverance, and grit and their achievements across the spectrum despite all odds. He encouraged them to invest and build meaningful

relationships and cautioned that their challenge would lie staying a step ahead of the constantly evolving situations.

After the Headmaster's speech, the erstwhile School Captain, Ms. Naviya Chamariya took to the stage to talk about her journey through the highest office in the school. After her address, Naviya yielded the stage to the graduating class. Following Naviya, Takhe Tamo Reela, a longtime student of the school took to the podium to give a leaving address in which she reminisced over the many small events that came together to signify what it meant to be an Aviator. It left a tangible reaction in the crowd.

Post this the school choir performed their rendition of Charlie Puth's billboard song "See you again", followed by the schools artiste extraordinaire, Ms Nilasha Bhimsaria who spoke to the audience about her time

at school and those who had come to inspire her over the years. After Nilasha, the audience was addressed by Mubin Khan, whose speech, sprinkled with hilarious anecdotes of his times in Tihu, stole the show. The current School Captain, Karleen Tok spoke to the house next on the topic of leadership.

As is tradition, The Assam Valley Media Center presented an excellent batch movie, titled "The Beginning of An End", which left most teary eyed. The Chief Guest then presented the graduating students with their memento - a beautiful silver miniature R.B. Magortrophy. Immediately after, Air Commodore Dangi addressed the gathering, talking about the importance of routine, and how the armed forces is a fulfilling and rewarding career. He spoke of his experiences of three

decades in the air force, first as a fighter pilot, then as an instructor. Air Commodore Dangi then moved on to speaking about how the armed forces play a pivotal role in any country's dynamics, and ended his speech with a vote of thanks to the headmaster. Next, the Chief Guest presented high achieving students with the school's highest honour, the School Colours, represented by way of a black tie.

The evening was brought to a close with the choir coming in one last time to sing the school song, "Pass it on" and the national anthem. As per tradition, the graduating class stayed behind in the WMH for their class photograph, the scenes of which truly made it a night to remember.

In Conversation

On the 25th of February, AVS celebrated the Graduation Ceremony of the Batch of 2022. Gracing the occasion as Chief Guest was Air Commodore Dharmendra Singh Dangi. AVE caught a while with the Air Commodore and asked him a few questions. His answers would inspire many.

AVE- As an air officer, what advice can you give to those who seek a career in the air force?

Sir- It is a good choice of career. As we move ahead with our career in time, the variety of opportunities start to increase. One will have numerous experiences that they will learn from.

AVE- The new Tejas is touted to be India's new export to the world. What are your thoughts as an insider?

Sir- It is a very capable platform. India should be proud of the 'technology marvel'. In fact, it is also ready for export.

AVE- How do you see the possibilities of women in the air force grow from where they are today?

Sir- Endless. I only see the opportunities grow for both genders. Girls in huge numbers are being admitted into the NDA and the IMA. I don't think gender discrimination can stand in anyone's way today if they want to serve their country.

AVE- During times when you face obstacles, from whom or what do you seek inspiration from?

Sir- There are seniors whom I have always looked up to. They are the people who have nurtured me. They inspire me and I know whenever I'm facing an obstacle, I can handle things if I take a look at it the way they would have.

AVE- Over the span of your career, what do you personally think is the key component of an effective leader?

Sir- I think in order to lead, one must be professional. An effective leader knows how to communicate with people and how to work for the welfare of the community. Integrity is a necessary quality and doing what is right, over doing what is easy, is important in order to work effectively.

AVE- Working in the same field as your wife, how do you both encourage one another and your family?

Sir- My wife is a doctor. We, as parents, have never forced our children in any way. We have let them make their own choices in case of choosing their subjects and careers. The only thing we want is for them to give their 100% in whatever they do.

AVE- What does a regular day in your life look like?

Sir- I wake up around 6 to 6:15 a.m. I have to be ready for the office by 7. A good portion of my time is involved in attending and conducting meetings.

AVE- What is your favourite flying machine?

Sir- I believe the TigerMoth. It is a wonderful flying machine created in the post-independence era. I flew it

first in 2012.

AVE- We often hear flight exercises taking place in the sky above us. How does AVS look from up there?

Sir- Beautiful. This place reminds me of my NDA days. There, we too, had our strict routine just like yours. Your schedule of waking up at 5:30 and going to bed by 10 to get ready for the next day, is what we did back in our time. Truly, it brings back memories.



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School Colours



Kaustav Basanta Arya: A quick smile with a clever mind and an aspirational heart, he is an achiever who completed what he set out to do.



Aarav Jain: The DHA of Manas and Baba of the students, he's added prestige to the position he held.



Anushcka Joshi: Focus. Grit. Excellence - behind the quirky spectacles.



Luqmaan Ahmed: Creative and dedicated, he is a true example of resilience and integrity.



Naviya Chamariya: An all-rounder who came, who saw and who won the hearts of all who know her.



Sanjana Barooah: Unabashed with a fearless attitude, she calls a spade a spade and shows it too.



Sourav Khodal: Set a benchmark in integrity, resilience and persistence, he added promise to the colour green.



Kaustav Garg: He led by example and was an inspiration on and off the field.



Tanisha Bhadra: Consistent, committed and an editor par excellence, she is the Boss Lady of AVE.



Vasumann Lohia: A thorough gentleman, a thinker, writer, and quizzier, he is the proverbial Aviator.



Trinayana Saikia: Passionate, ambitious and adventurous, she set her own path and is the queen of networking.



Shubhajeet Dasgupta: A passionate artist and an entertainer he is all about lights, sound and action!

Ripple #179

-Takhe Tamo Reela, XII

*Empty Google classrooms by the
first crack of dawn.*

*From Joey, Cygnet, Leveret and
Fawn*

*The sheltered inner children now
clad in black robes,
stepped off the rollercoaster to sit
on the next ride in the
amusement park of life.*

What is AVS to you?

1. "Fun" -Tiara Warjri, XII
2. "Life Lite" -Shubhajeet Dasgupta, XII
3. "Friends and Family" -Trinayana Saikia, XII
4. "Memories" - Pratham Somani, XII
5. "Playing Dungeons and Dragons" -Imnasong Longkumer, XII

Keep It Reel!

A New Chapter

-The Photographic Society



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