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CHERISHING THE UNFORGETTABLE MYRIAD CONTRIBUTIONS OF
"MY SCHOOL – MY JAAN – DALMIA VIDYA MANDIR, RAJGANGPUR"

TRIBUTE

Respected Ma'am,



1. Post culmination of an important professional conference, one of my colleague asked me, Sir, from where have you studied and believe me, this was not for the first time in my professional career of 21 years, each time with my chest up and expanded and with a tone of pride, I always replied **"I have studied from Dalmia Vidya Mandir, Rajgangpur"**, absolute exultant and jubilant feeling. The nostalgic emotions cannot be penned down. The school days memories remain as vivid as ever and still so fresh as if, I left the school gate yesterday only, still in the time zone of springs and summers of 1997.



2. It's been 29 incredible years since I left the hallowed halls of Dalmiya Vidya Mandir and yet the education, training, principles and values instilled in me continue to shape my life, my career and are the bedrock of my all successes and achievements. The memories and lessons learned during my time there remain etched in my mind forever. As I sit down to write this letter, I am filled with nostalgia and warmth, reminiscing about best old school days. The school holds a very special place in my heart and I often find myself missing the camaraderie, the laughter and the sense of belongingness. Let me mention here that I am penning down my thoughts and fondness from the foothills of Rayang Mountains in Arunachal Pradesh.



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3. I still remember, I use to say to my classmates and school friends that I feel as if each brick of the school building talks to me and also, I was so much in love with MY SCHOOL that I never use to bunk my classes even if, I was not well, I preferred going to school. The warm aroma of the school was so calling and simply magnetising and homely for sure. All credit and kudos to all my distinguished, loving, caring and adorable teachers and definitely to my best friends ever– **Batch 1997**. My salutation to all my Role Model Gurus who were my guide, mentor, philosopher, facilitator and friends too. They are lifelong inspiration for me. I want to put it on record their names. **My Deep and Fervent Tribute** to the following Heroes of my life: -

• Mr RS Garg (Sir)	-	The Principal (Man of Principles & Discipline). A thorough gentleman and a true leader. He earned genuine respect from all. No words can ever describe his greatness. The more I write about him, the less it will be.
• Mr BK Patel (Sir)	-	PT Sir & ANO. My Ideal Teacher. I can't express his immense contributions in my life and he is my all time favourite. His mentorship, discipline and guidance is ineffable. A great human being and a Role Model Guru. The more I write about him, the less it will be. He is always there in my heart.
• Ms B Ghosh (Teacher)	-	English & Oriya Teacher. My Ideal Teacher. I can't express her contributions in my life and she is also my all time favourite. She is extremely caring, loving and concerned for the students. A great teacher. She is always there in my heart. She had a charming persona.
• Ms Aruna Mohanty (Teacher)	-	SS Teacher. One of my Ideal Teacher. She is my favourite too. Always humble, soft spoken, loving and warmth giving. A great teacher. She too had a charming persona.
• Ms Subramaniam (Teacher)	-	Maths Teacher & Class Teacher. Vikas House Josh Machine. She stood like a rock behind me in my all affairs during my school time. I always admired her dedication and care and concern for me.

• Mr Jana (Sir)	- Art & Craft Teacher (who directed biggest ever non-stop play of almost one and half hour - Shahjahan & Aurangzed and I was given one of the lead role). He was a great artist and a person with golden heart.
• Ms Jana (Teacher)	- Music Teacher and Art & Craft Teacher of Primary Wing. Humble, soft spoken and warmth giving. A maestro of harmonium and nightingale of our school.
• Ms Ojha (Teacher)	- English Teacher. If I am not wrong, she was also the Principal of Primary Wing. Extremely learned and well spoken with pleasing demeanor.
• Mr PC Asthana (Sir)	- Geography Teacher. Extremely professional and scholar of the school. A great human being.
• Mr Bhattacharjee (Sir)	- History Teacher. Fan of his magical mesmerizing handwriting. A great teacher. His notes were bible for all of us.
• Mr Ansari (Sir)	- Primary Hindi Teacher. Man of discipline and a great teacher. He has played a major role in shaping me.
• Ms Krishna (Teacher)	- My 1 st Standard Class Teacher. Always smiling & cheerful.
• Ms Asha (Teacher)	- Hindi Teacher. Dedicated & hard working. She was known for her simplicity.
• Ms Vidya (Teacher)	- Motherly Figure. Very loving and caring. A teacher with diamond heart.
• Mr Lala (Sir)	- Hindi Teacher in KG-2 and Class 1 during my time. He is always there in my memories. I still admire his Kurta Paijama and Nehru Topi.
• Ms Supriya (Teacher)	- English Teacher in Class 5. She was very caring and dedicated. She was always there for me. She has been a great guide.
• Ms Jaya (Teacher)	- Sanskrit Guru. Soft spoken and hard working.
• Mr KD Tiwari (Sir)	- Hindi Teacher with good sense of humour.

• Mr Panigrahi (Sir)	-	Librarian Sir. One of the learned man of the school.
• Ms Rama Karthik (Teacher)	-	English & History Teacher. She was very passionate about teaching and had an excellent communication skill.
• Ms Mohanty (Teacher)	-	Chemistry Teacher. A committed and hard working teacher.
• Ms Mondal (Teacher)	-	English Teacher. A dedicated and hard working teacher.
• Ms Kamalika (Teacher)	-	Chemistry Teacher. My First English Play Director – Play Name was Freedom Fighter and the Scare - Crow. She had unique impressive method of teaching Chemistry.
• Ms Indulekha (Teacher)	-	Biology Teacher. Impressive teaching, style.

4. I also take this opportunity to pay my homage and heartfelt gratitude to non-teaching staff and supporting staff of Dalmiya Vidya Mandir during my time. To name a few - Giri Bhaiya, Ga'anu Bhaiya, Shanti Didi and others. Pardon me, if I have missed out any names, but for sure my prayers/ duas and best wishes are always there for all who have contributed directly or indirectly in shaping my life. Once again I extent my heartfelt gratitude to all.

5. The hotspot school lifetime echoes include morning assembly, various prayers followed by National Anthem, the teachings of my gurus, classroom learnings, sports competitions, debates, art & craft periods, cultural activities, annual day function, the blaze and gush of performing on stage – bringing characters to life and engaging with the audience was galvanizing for sure, the thrill of competing for Vikas House and making it Champion House in all fields, representing school in various sports and debate competitions, the joy of bringing laurels to our alma mater, sharing laughter with friends during recess and whenever possible and ultimately the pride of wearing School Uniform leaves me spell-bound and captive. I often reflect on the values, knowledge and skills imparted to me by my **Outstanding Role Model Nobel Teachers** during my time at Dalmiya Vidya Mandir and these have been instrumental in shaping me and in making me what I am today. I am extremely grateful for the foundation laid by the school which has enabled me to navigate life's all challenges with confidence and resilience. The contributions of my school are indelible.

6. My heartfelt and devout gratitude to "MY SCHOOL – MY JAAN – DALMIA VIDYA MANDIR". I am sure school will continue to thrive and inspire present and future generations of students and will also continue the legacy of shaping and nurturing students to be a better human being and a better citizen who contributes in NATION building. I extend my best wishes for the school's continued growth and achievements. Please do let me know if I can be of any assistance from this end. It will be an honour to contribute towards the growth of my alma mater and mentor current students. My contact number – 8437756786 and my WhatsApp number - 7605975464. A Brief about me alongwith school credentials are enclosed for revitalizing about yours truly.

With Profound Regards,

Yours, sincerely,

Salam

BRIEF ABOUT ME

1. I am an Indian Army Officer. Presently in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. I am an Air Defence Warrior and my current abode is in the mountains of Arunachal Pradesh.
2. Cleared CDSE (Combined Defence Services Examination) in the year 2003.
3. Joined the India's one of the oldest and the most prestigious military academy – Indian Military Academy in the year 2004.
4. Got commissioned into the Indian Army in 2005.
5. Most probably I was the first DVM student to crack Combined Defence Services Examination conducted by UPSC and get commissioned into Indian Armed Forces.

SCHOOL CREDENTIALS

- Proud Batch of 1997.
- Head Boy of School – 1996-1997.
- Best Student (D N Sood Memorial Award) of the year - 1996-1997.
- Best Sportsman - Sridhar Trophy Winner.
- Best in Literary.
- Best in Art & Craft. Got Silver Medal for securing 5th Position in all India Painting Competition held at Hyderabad.
- Best in Cultural Activities. Was adjudged twice as Best Actor.
- First Sergeant (NCC) of the School.