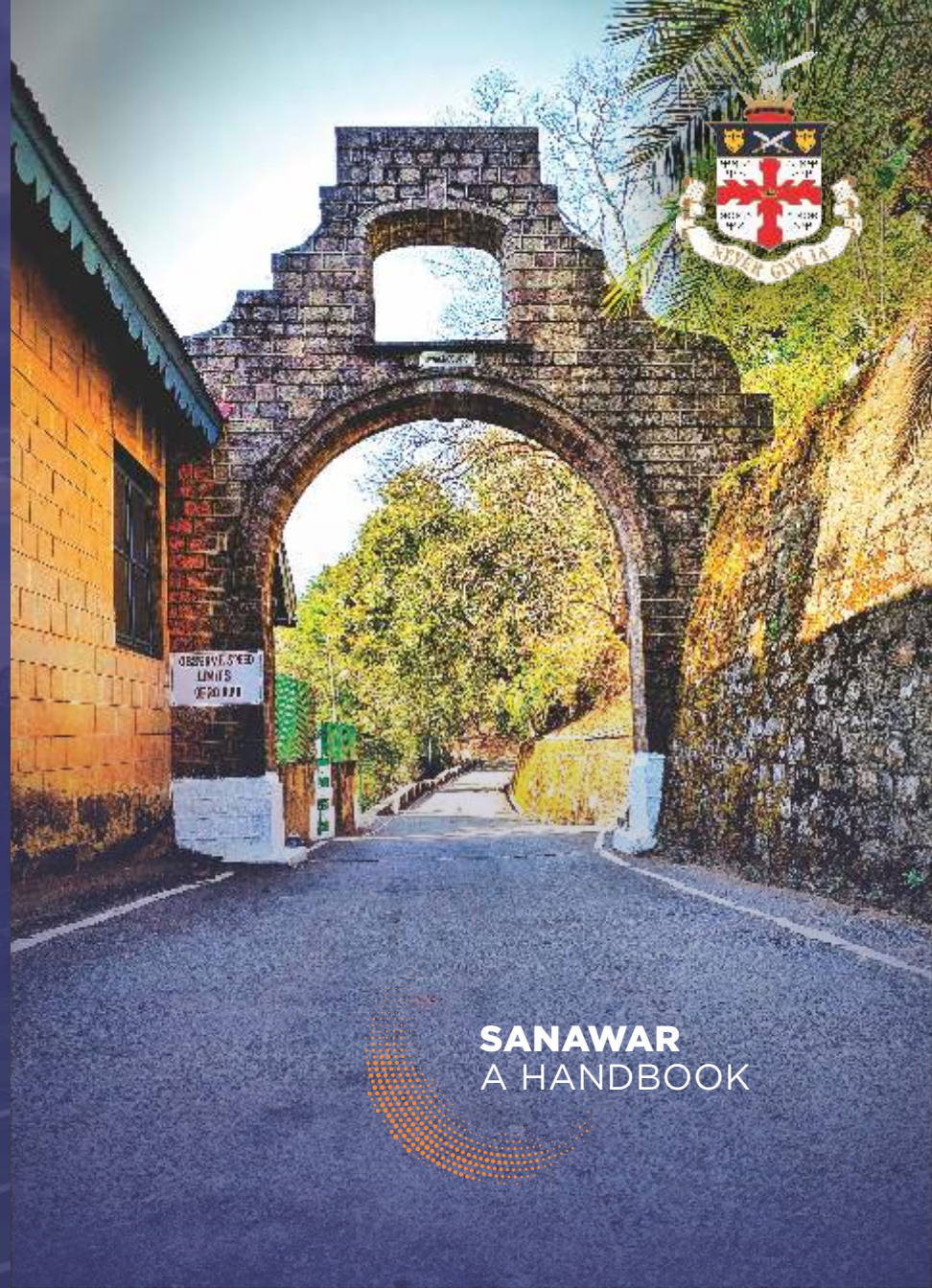




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SANAWAR A HANDBOOK

“Send him to Sanawar and make a man of him”
From ‘Kim’ by Rudyard Kipling



The Lawrence School, Sanawar

Sanawar is not a School, Sanawar is an Institution
I.K. Gujral,
Former Prime Minister of India

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Sanawarians,
Warm greetings
from our beloved
Sanawar!

I am pleased to
share that I am
writing to you
from our sylvan
hilltop on the
eve of the
Commemoration

of the 175th Celebrations of our School! For every one of us it is a matter of great honor and pride that The Lawrence School, Sanawar, arguably the oldest co-educational boarding school in Asia, if not the world, is all set to celebrate its Dodransbicentennial.

This is a handy volume to help orient you as you explore the myriad delights of the lovely hilltop that we know as our home!

The Lawrence School, Sanawar, situated in the sylvan foothills of the Himalayas, is the proud alma mater of many eminent men and women who have made their mark all over the world.

Old Sanawarians have served the country over a span of three centuries! The School has a deep connection with the armed forces. The gallantry awardees who studied at Sanawar include 2nd Lt. Arun Khetarpal

PVC (1950-1971), the youngest officer recipient of the Param Vir Chakra.

The alumni hold prestigious ranks in all three Departments of Defense and in the Police Force. There are a large number of the alumni in the corporate world as well as in the Civil and Foreign Services, occupying highly important posts.

Notable alumni include Mr. Navin Chawla, Mr. Jesse Bhattal, Ambassador Taranjit S. Sandhu, Justice Rajive Bhalla, Mrs. Kiran Nadar, Mr. Punit Renjen, and Mr. Shiva Keshavan.

Sanawar encapsulates the wonderful talent of our community and is a living testament to how much we can achieve when we work together. Let each one of us be a catalyst that will continue to power our vision of a braver, kinder and better world that we are preparing our students to create for our coming generations. This is the ideal towards which we all must strive.

The entire team and I at Sanawar shall continue to support our stakeholders and strive to take our school and our students from peak to peak to even greater heights! I can't wait to celebrate our collective successes as we stride towards our bicentenary.

Never Give In!

With best regards,
Himmat S. Dhillon.

*Headmaster,
The Lawrence School, Sanawar.*



TILLEY'S HILL GATE

Established and erected in 2002

TILLEY'S HILL GATE >



MAIN GATE

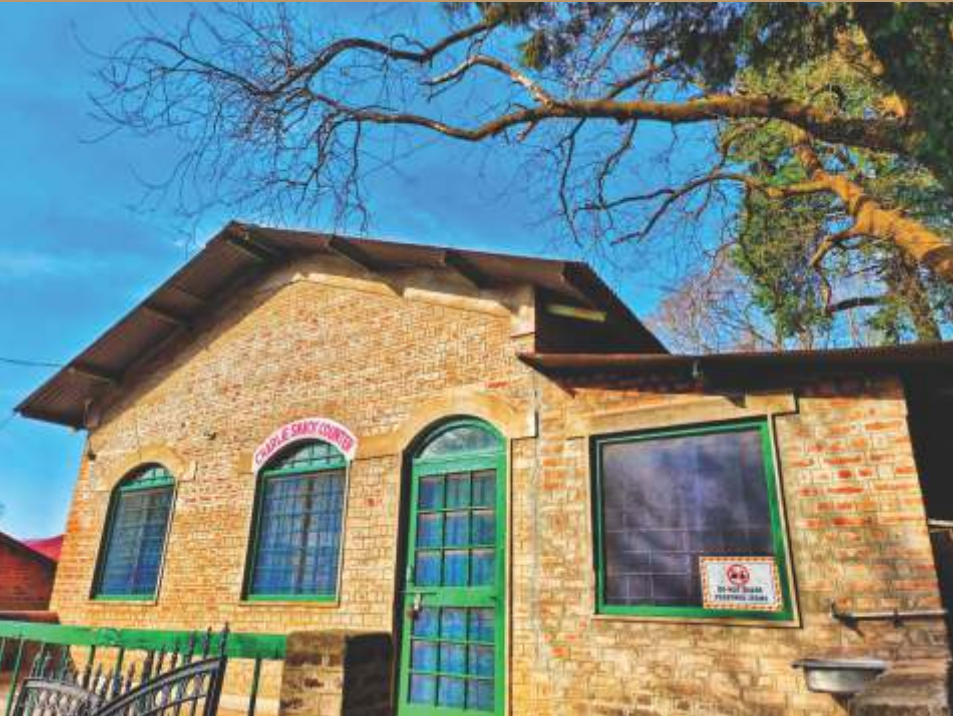
(GARKHAL GATE)

The Main Gate that warmly welcomes students, teachers, staff, and guests.



CHARLIE'S SHOP

Named after Charlie Bootlace who came to Sanawar from Ghora Gali in early 1943 and was formally granted permission to sell sweets on Sundays.



GREEN GATE

Entry to the Mall, the road leading to Lawrence Arch.





WARRIOR'S GROVE

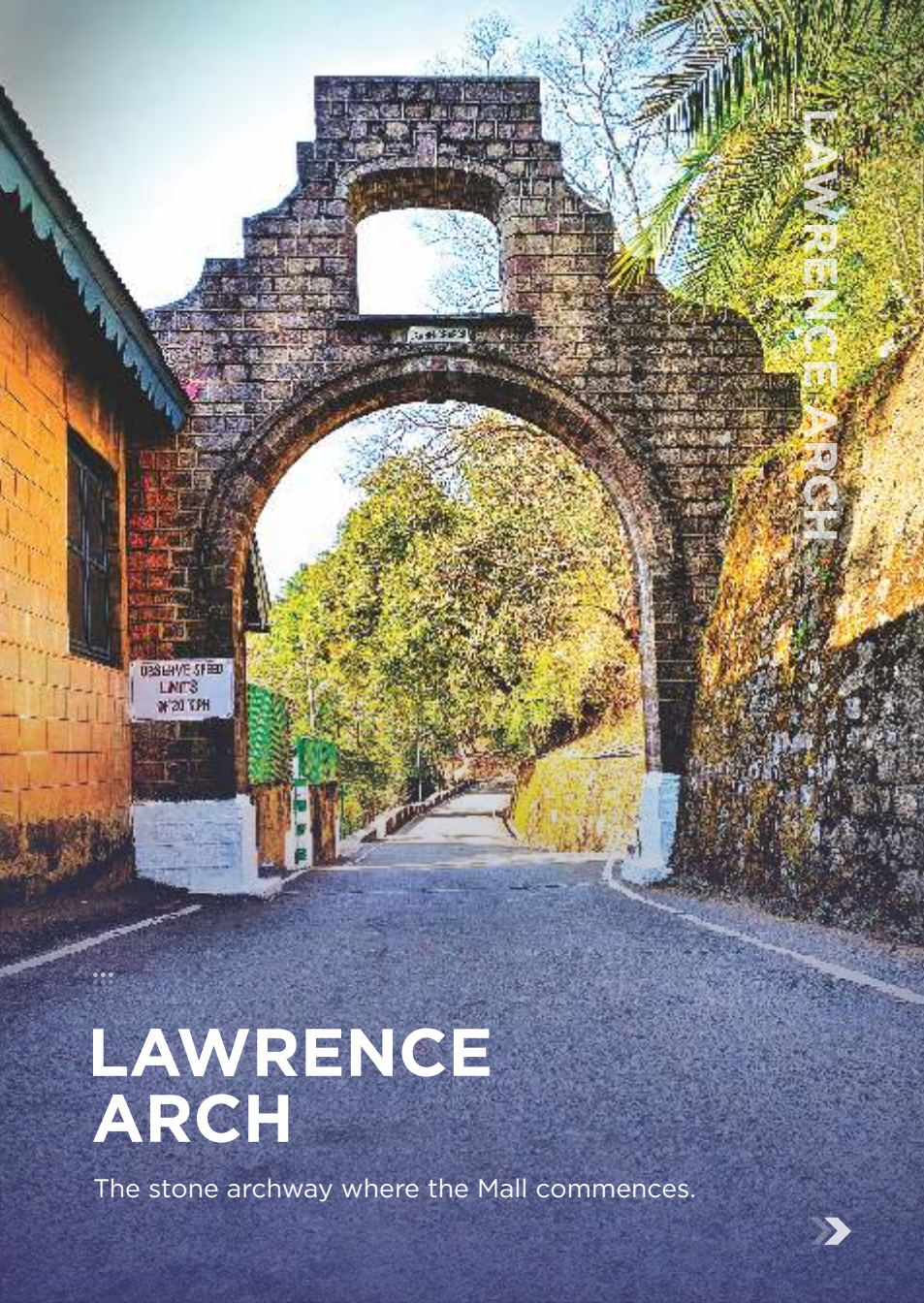
Open air leisure amphitheater; a grove of oak trees situated on the mall.



SUJI'S FORT

Bursar's residence; previously The Headmaster's residence when there was the additional presence of a Principal. Built-in 1883.





LAWRENCE ARCH

The stone archway where the Mall commences.



BD QUAD

The main quadrangle leading to the boys dormitories.





DORMITORIES

BOYS DORMITORIES

Himalaya, Nilagiri, Siwalik, Vindhya and
Holding House.





BAND HOUSE

Situated far from the madding crowd, students visit here during hobby sessions to learn band instruments.

JACOB'S LADDER

More than 100 steps from BD leading to the Barne field, A litmus test of boys' stamina and physical fitness.



BARNE
FIELD >



BARNE FIELD

The cricket field for BD: named Barne's Field
at a short ceremony on April 19, 1941.



MONKEY FIELD

Football field for the Boys
Department.

MONKEY
FIELD >>



GASKELL HALL

Named after the Headmaster (BD), Mr. W. Gaskell, now being used as a gymnasium for the boys department.



GARDEN CITY FIELD

Hockey field for the Boys Department.

GARDEN
CITY FIELD





TUCK SHOP

Built in 1936. It's a place to get some refreshments other than CDH food and daily items for daily needs.



CHAPEL



The oldest existing building built in 1853, Chapel is the spiritual centre of the school. The School assembly takes place here. The porch was built in the memory of the founder by Col Herbert Edwardes in 1858.

WAR MEMORIAL

It is located next to the Chapel. It was built in the proud memory of the old Sanawarians who fell in the war. The memorial is in the form of a Celtic cross and is about 20 ft. high.



HEADMASTER'S RESIDENCE

It is also known as the school guest house. It was rebuilt after it was destroyed in 96' due to a fire.

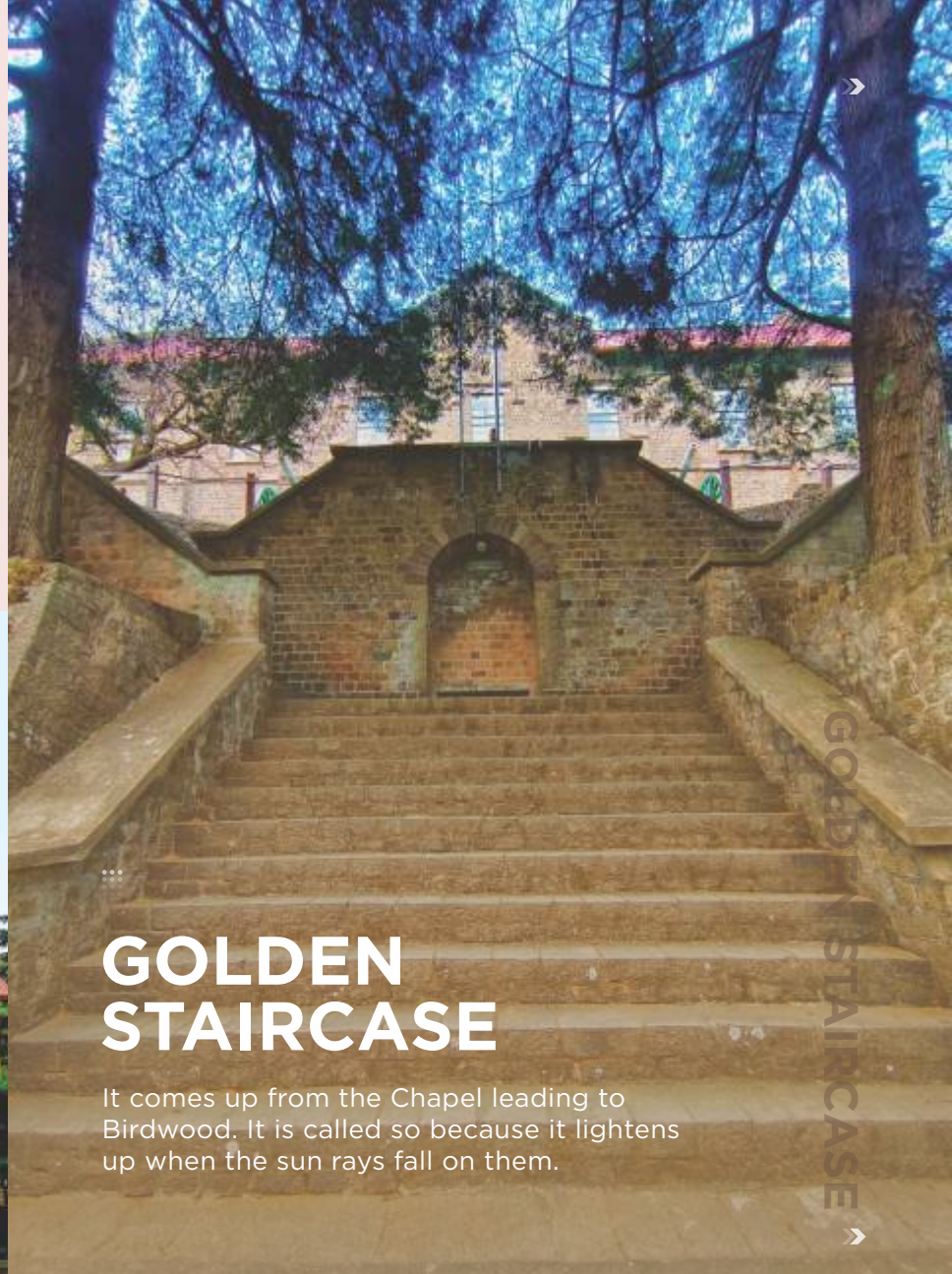
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GOLDEN STAIRCASE

It comes up from the Chapel leading to Birdwood. It is called so because it lightens up when the sun rays fall on them.

GOLDEN STAIRCASE »





BIRDWOOD

The foundation stone of Birdwood School was laid by the Right Reverend, the Bishop of Lahore, H.B Durrent on August 25, 1927 and the Birwood School buildings were opened by His Excellency, Field Marshal Sir W.R. Birwood Bart, Commander in Chief, India, on September 22, 1929. It also houses the school auditorium Barne Hall, named after the then Principal of the school, George Barne. All the stage functions and cultural events of school take place here.



CANNONS

These Turkish guns were presented to the school by the Government of India. They are also a tribute to our founder Brig-General Sir Henry Lawrence. They are located in Birdwood.





SCHOOL OFFICE

It is built in a British way of architecture with pyramidal roof. It is where all the administrative work takes place. It includes the Headmaster and Bursar's office.



POST OFFICE

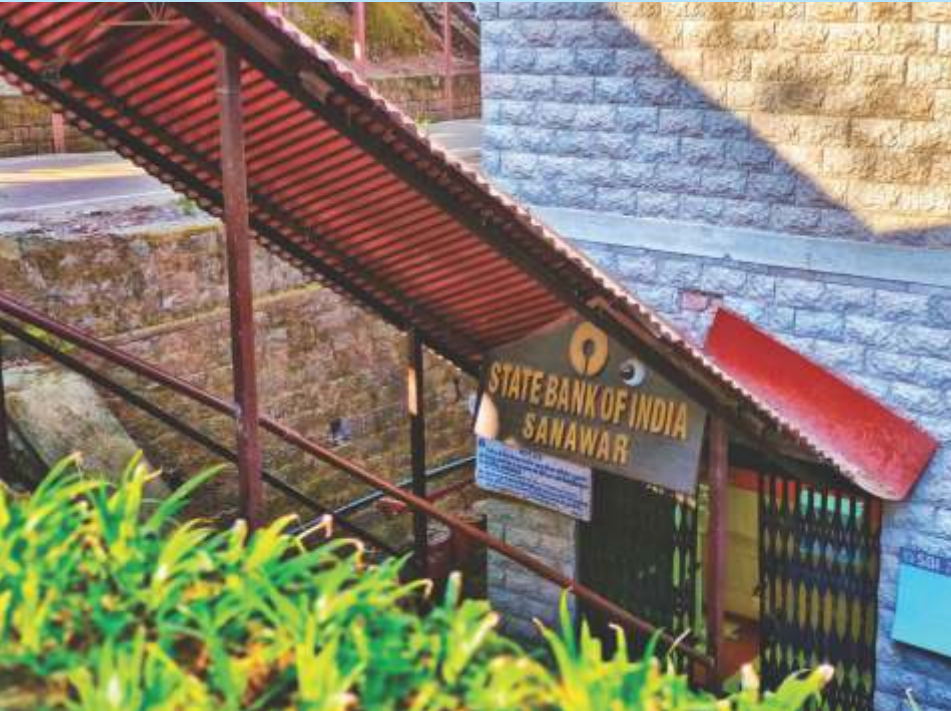
It is as old as the school. All the couriers and letters are sent and received here.





SCHOOL SBI BANK

The students have their very own banking services here on campus where every child/ staff has a bank account.



HONORIA BASKETBALL COURT



The Honoria Girls' Inter-School Basketball Tournament takes place on this court. It is next to the CDH. Trafford Court is the older court situated below the Honoria court also used for Basketball practice sessions and Inter House Basketball matches.



PD DORMITORY

A home away from home for all our little ones who join school in class V and VI.





PD FIELD

Located below the PD Dormitories and above the Moti Corner Gate. The exclusive playground for Prep School students (Class V and VI).

PD FIELD



HOSPITAL

It was built in 1868 for 24 boys and girls. The servant's ward was also constructed in 1868 for 5 servants. The Isolation Ward / TIN HUTS was added in 1915 for 10 patients.

HOSPITAL





MOTI CORNER GATE

One of the two Main Gates that provide an 'in' and an 'out' of school.

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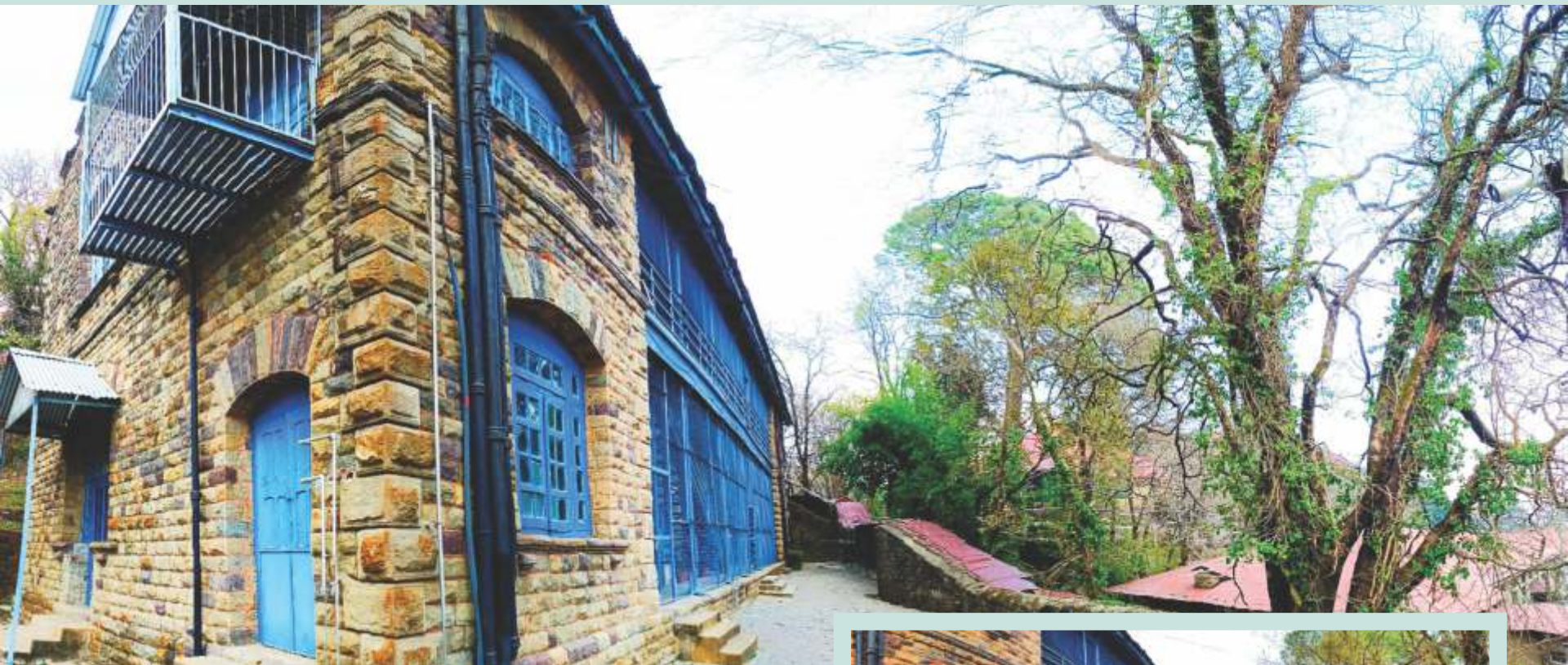


CDH

It stands for the Central Dining Hall. It is where all the students and teachers have their meals. Located near Birdwood, it is also called the Raunaq Hall.

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CDH





PD CLASSROOMS

Where our little ones revel in joyful learning.





PARKER HALL

This is the School Library and Museum; formerly the Girl's Dining Hall, named after Miss Ada Parker, Headmistress of girls from 1890-1923.





HOBBIES DEPARTMENT

Sculpture, art, bamboo craft, and carpentry hobbies are held here. The walls and porch are decorated with various creations made by the students.

» HOBBIES
DEPARTMENT

PRINTING PRESS

The school press where all the cards, brochures, and pamphlets are printed.



G.D. DORMITORIES

Three dormitories, consisting of two senior and one holding house dormitory. The Senior Dormitories were formerly known as Honoria Court, in the memory of Lady Honoria Lawrence (wife of the Founder, Sir Henry Lawrence); established on 21st April 1943.



PEACESTEAD

Laid in 1927, it was the playground for the girls where all matters of games were to be played; reconstructed in 2019 and is the main field for all sporting activities for the girls' department.





HOLIDAY HOME

Situated in the middle of Peacestead, it is used as accommodation for guests. It also has rooms for hobbies of music and fashion design. Used to be the Girl's Common Room; built-in 1868.



SSC

Som Dutt Sports Centre; comprises the school badminton courts and indoor heated swimming pool. Made in the memory of Major R. Som Dutt, the first Indian Headmaster of the school, it was built-in 1984.



THE SCHOOL SONG

THE FIRST SCHOOL SONG WAS A MODIFICATION OF SR HENRY NEWBOLT'S "THE BEST SCHOOL OF ALL". THIS HOWEVER GAVE PLACE TO THE PRESENT SCHOOL SONG, "NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR" WHICH WAS COMPOSED BY BISHOP H B DURRANT, A FRIEND OF REV G D B BARNES, IN 1921. AND THE MUSIC WAS GIVEN BY SGT A SWANN, BANDMASTER OF THE SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL SONG IS SUNG WITH ENJOYMENT WHEN THE SANAWARAN IS YOUNG, WITH FEELING WHEN A LITTLE OLDER, WITH TENDERNESS WHEN ABOUT TO LEAVE SCHOOL FOR THE LAST TIME.

AND WHEN THE SINGER RETURNS AS AN OLD SANAWARAN, YEARS LATER, IT IS MUMBLED WITH GUMMING LIPS, A MOIST EYE AND WITH A HEART SO FULL OF EMOTION THAT THE SENSES REEL.

AN OLD SANAWARAN MUST BE FORGIVEN BECAUSE EVEN STRONG MEN WEEP.

THE STORY GOES THAT DURRANT WAS ONCE SITTING IN A RAILWAY WAITING-ROOM SOMEWHERE IN PAKISTAN. IT WAS THE HEIGHT OF SUMMER. HE HAD HOURS TO WAIT TILL HE COULD CATCH THE TRAIN AND HIS THOUGHTS TURNED TO SANAWAR WHICH HE LOVED SO DEEPLY. IT WAS IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HE WROTE THE SCHOOL SONG.



BRASS BAND WITH BANDMASTER SGT A SWANN.



THE BEST SCHOOL OF ALL

NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR,
WHEN TILL THE SET OF SUN,
AND WE LEARN ITS MOTTO IN THE SPACE OF TONIGHT
FOR THE BEST SCHOOL OF ALL.

FOR THOUGH YOUR HEART SEEMS BURSTING
IN A DORANT, THE SENSES REEL,
THOUGH YOU MAY SAY YOU'VE GOT IT, BUT GIVE IN,
"NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR."

IT'S A DAY WE HAVE IN SANAWAR,
THE BEST SCHOOL OF ALL,
AND WE'LL LIVE IN THAT MOTTO'S POWER
TILL THE LAST BODDED SALL.

"NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR,"
THOUGH THE TICKETS SWIFTLY FALL,
SEE THE COUNTRY BAYARD, OUR HEARTS ARE SAD,
SHE'S HARD TO SEE, THE SELL.

"NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR,"
IT'S A DORANT MOTTO, TOO,
SOMEONE'S GOT TO STOP THE BOT,
AND WHY NOT YOU?

CHORUS: IT'S A DAY WE HAVE IN SANAWAR, ETC.
"NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR,"
WHY SCHOOL DAYS FAR AWAY,
WHEN YOURS ALL WERE JOY, YOU'D OWN

WITH LIFE'S STERN GAME, YOU'VE OWN,
FOR STILL THE OLD SCHOOL MOTTO,
"NEVER GIVE IN, SANAWAR,"

WILL GUIDE US TO THE GOAL, THROUGH,
AND FOR TIME THE WHISTLE BLOW.

CHORUS: IT'S A DAY WE HAVE IN SANAWAR, ETC.

COMPOSED BY
BISHOP H B DURRANT

MUSIC BY
SGT A SWANN BAND MASTER

