

Military-Media Symbiosis

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The president of Centre for Reforms, Development and Justice (CRDJ) Sidharth Mishra on 17 September 2013 had the opportunity to address the officers and gentlemen cadets belonging to the 2nd and 3rd term at the Indian Military Academy. To be received at the venerable Khetrupal auditorium and escorted to the stage was like a dream come true for Mr Mishra. [](#)

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Memories of walking down from RIMC or riding in the Nissan/Shaktiman 3-tonne trucks to the Academy from his school – Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) -- twice a week for the movie show came rushing back to him. Mr Mishra's first exposure to IMA was in January 1979 when his tutors at his school -- Gopal Singh Bisht and K Kumar -- took his class of freshers out for Doondarshan and IMA was the first stop. Bisht had then quipped, 'it would be your final stop before becoming an officer.'

Years later Mr Mishra came back to cover the Passing Our Parade (POP) as a media fresher and that was his first experience of having a brush with military as media person. A few years later he again had the opportunity to visit and stay at the IMA for a two-three days to do a news feature on them.

This was the third as media person and the sheer grandstanding of the visit made it absolutely memorable. To have the auditorium full with the frontbenches occupied by General Officers is no mean challenge for even a professional lecturer like Mr Mishra to rise to the occasion. The task became more onerous as he had his school senior -- Lt General Manvendra Singh -- sitting in the front row with high expectations, having reposed his trust in him.

Mr Mishra rose to the occasion as numerous sharp and intelligent questions followed from the gentlemen cadets before the Commandant said it was his turn to speak. The discussions overshot by 20 minutes, something, which is not easily permitted in the military. Mr Mishra placed on record his deep appreciation for the Gen Manvendra for having organised this lecture on Media-Military Symbiosis. He had prepared 10 slides for the talk and the link for the same is provided below.

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