



# आरोह

अविराम, अथक, अनंत...



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## From the Patron...

Launching of AAROH is an historic occasion for Alumni Association as well as CIE. I give my best wishes for this excellent initiative with the hope that AAROH will evolve into an effective platform of communication amongst the CIE members.

- Prof. Sadhna Saxena

## संपादक की कलम से...



आरोह का पहला अंक आपके सामने है। शिक्षक दिवस के अवसर पर यह न्यूजलेटर माध्यम है उन सभी शिक्षकों को शत-शत नमन करने का जिन्होंने अपने विद्यार्थियों के लिए जीवन जीने का मार्ग प्रशस्त किया। यह माध्यम है साथ आने का, मिल-जुलकर अपने विचारों को अभिव्यक्त करने का, कुछ सुनने का, कुछ अपनी सुनाने का, सी.आइ.ई. के प्रांगण में बिताए समय की खट्टी-मीठी यादों को ताजा करने का, अपनी उपलब्धियों को सभी के साथ साझा करने का, अपनी सत्परम्पराओं को पुनर्जीवित करने का, पुरातन और नवीनतम के संगम का, शिक्षा के विविध आयामों पर अपनी राय व्यक्त करने का, नीतियों की समालोचना का, शिक्षा क्षेत्र की समस्याओं पर चर्चा करने और अपने सुझाव देने का। यह मंच है अपनी-अपनी संस्थाओं में आपके द्वारा किए गए महत्प्रयासों को सबके समक्ष उजागर करने का ताकि हम सभी उन कार्यों से प्रेरणा ग्रहण कर सकें।

- नीरा नारंग

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“When we think we know, we cease to learn” – Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

## ***Straight From the heart...***

*My journey in CIE started in 1951 as a student of the B.Ed. course. In CIE, through its various activities, from orientation camps to everyday life, I got the opportunity to experience a unique philosophy of education. Of the many memories, the most cherished one had been of my interactions with our great A.N. Basu sir, who oriented us to the legacy of Tagore and Shanti Niketan. He often quoted that a teacher should know all the aspects of life and so, CIE, as a premier institute in teacher education, should be open to the thoughts from all directions and from all spheres of work. To respect this progressive vision, every Friday we used to invite a guest speaker, preferable not from CIE, to share experiences of life. At that time, CIE was the first institution that gave equal importance to academic as well as to co-curricular activities.*

*Along with CIE, I am also deeply attached with CIE alumni association. During sixties, I was the secretary of CIE alumni association for about seven years. At that time, we used to do many activities each month. The alumni had a strong bond with schools around the nation. I wish that CIE alumni association would take this legacy forward and do more than what happened in the past.*

*Every child is like a diamond, no matter how small, yet unique. The alumni of CIE has the significant responsibility towards every child across the Nation. As a member of this community, I extend my best wishes to each member of the CIE Alumni Association.*

**- R.S. Devi (B.Ed., 1951-52)**

*"My heartiest congratulations on your new venture. Your endeavour will no doubt bond both new and old alumni closer. To my new friends, I have only one advice: Let the "Deep's flame burn eternally with all its magnificence and glory."*

Affectionately

**- Anand Prakash (B.Ed., 1960- 1961)**

*"It is an arduous and challenging task to write a message particularly when you have a dual role to play, both as an alumnus as well as a teacher, since I was an alumnus of CIE and then worked as a teacher for several long years. Anyway I feel that I shall be well within my rights to say or suggest a few words of advice, both as a colleague and as a teacher because this message would go to hundreds of my students too who are occupying very big and important positions, not only because of CIE but also in spite of CIE, still the truth remains "Once of CIE always of CIE".*

*I would like to share my frustration and agony with you because we could not bridge the gap between what we preached and taught and what actually happened or happens in the schools. If we can bring about this coordination ensuring complete harmony between the school, its needs and what we actually do in our training colleges we would be able to revolutionize the entire education. Enough of Committees and Commissions .The time is for action in concrete terms. Recently a high powered committee "Yash Pal Committee" (1992) gave its recommendation on learning without burden, but perhaps the weight of the school bags has increased. So the time has come for action and now it is for you-the youngsters to pick the gauntlet and suggest measures which can really be translated into action in our conditions.*

*In the end allow me to wish best of luck and successes after successes to the CIE Alumni Association."*

**- S.P.Pathak (M.Ed., 1960-61)**

*"CIE encourages individuality and creativity and my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the brilliant teachers who taught me here. It has been truly rewarding and energizing to be a part of this wonderful institution."*

**- Geeta Sahni (B.Ed., 1974-75,)**

*'संवाद' एक शब्द नहीं अपितु 'जीवन-दर्शन' है। संवाद का अभाव 'जीवन' को त्रासदी के रूप में रूपायित करने लगता है। यह "अचानक" नहीं है कि मानवीय-मेधा में विश्वास रखने वाले जीवन-जीने की राह को 'संवाद' में ही तलाशते हैं, तो "शिक्षा ही जीवन का आधार है" के दर्शन में विश्वास रखने वाले 'संवाद' को ही शिक्षा के आरोहण का सोपान मानते हैं। मानवीय मेधा के उन्नयन का 'नैरन्तर्य' संवाद में ही निहित है। यही कारण है कि औपनिषदिक काल से अद्यतन की शिक्षा 'संवाद' में ही अपने मार्ग को खोजती है। यह अत्यन्त प्रसन्नता का विषय है कि "संगच्छध्वं, संवदध्वम्" के दर्शन को अपना आधार मानने वाले "केन्द्रीय शिक्षा संस्थान" की 'अलमनाई असोसिएशन' अपनी 'मूल की खोज' के लिए आतुर होते हुए इस संवाद के द्वारा आरोहण के 'आरोह' की ओर अग्रसर है।"*

*अनेकानेक शुभ कामनाओं सहित....*

**- चाँद किरण (बी.एड. , 1979-81)**

An Idea is born,  
Divine, fresh and unique,  
Water it with passion,  
Care it with devotion,  
Grow it with purpose,  
don't allow it to falter midway,  
As it is 'Aaroh': Anyway  
**-Krishna Maitra (B.Ed., 1977-78)**

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"It gives me an immense pleasure to know that CIE Alumni Association has decided to bring out a e-newsletter on a regular interval in order to foster a spirit of cohesiveness amongst its members.

This will give an opportunity to all members for participating regularly in professional and social activities and stay connected with its alma mater. Undoubtedly this initiative by the association will boost professional enhancement of all its members and will also act as an effective mechanism for giving professional feedback to the alma mater for revising and updating its programmes and practices in the field of Education as well as in School Education.

Besides academics, the e-newsletter will hopefully act as a forum to exchange notes to promote fraternity and solidarity amongst its members. I am very sure that there will be various sections in the News Letter to facilitate socialization and mass-participation. Let's be persistent in our pursuits, exhibit our talents and distinguish ourselves.

Commensurate with the above, I congratulate the newly elected CIE Alumni Association Team for taking this commendable initiative. Let's embark our odyssey for professional excellence with full support to the association's President and her team of office bearers.

I am confident that together we shall scale the highest summits of glorious achievements in the times to come."  
Keep it up !!!

**- U.S.Sharma (Ph.D., 1981)**

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"It actually gives me immense pleasure to know that CIE Alumni Association is reviving its glorious tradition of connecting with its 'own people' in a meaningful way. As it is popularly and rightly said "once of CIE, always of CIE", everyone connected with CIE wants to BELONG to CIE, share its pride and do proud to it by serving the society according to the highly cherished values, it stands for. Alumni associations are a means to strengthening of bonds not just with the alma mater but, with the entire fraternity; it is a means to promoting faith in the collective wisdom of the

institution. It gives me joy and hope that this 'Bodhi tree' will spread its branches to give 'Sattva' and space to chirp, continue to learn, and light endless strings of Deep."  
Best Wishes

**- Bharti Baveja (Ph.D., 1989)**

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"It is a great pleasure to learn that a quarterly publication to be named **AAROH** is proposed to be started by the Alumni Association of CIE.

I feel convinced that the proposed publication will be a valuable contribution at the present time, when some basic questions relating to the Teacher Education programmes and National Policy on Education are under discussion and the right decision need to be taken by the Authorities. Contributors will get the opportunity to express their views in their writings and will stimulate thinking.

I congratulate all members of the Alumni Association for the initiative taken by them to bring out **AAROH**."

With Best wishes and greetings!  
**- M.S.Bawa (B.Ed.,1957-58)**

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"The Year was 1976 when I joined as a M.Ed. student at the CIE. It was soon after spending a year (1974-75) attending the EDM (M.Ed. in reverse) classes on a non-credit basis at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Enrolling at the CIE then was a unique experience. The horse shoe designed Seminar Room was always attended by researchers from NIEPA (today's NUEPA) and the NCERT and all the Faculty members of CIE made it a point to be present regardless of whose scholar it was that was making the presentation. This seemed the most encouraging as the scholar seemed to represent CIE and not any particular teacher.

My association with Dr. S.N. Mukhopadhyay, with whom I was academically mainly connected for more than 7 years, was a true learning experience in a teacher-scholar dialogue and healthy arguments. That is the Central Institute of Education one will always remember...

The CIE academic ethos and spirit however changed from the early 1980s when CIE became a Department of Education under the University of Delhi.

I wish the current CIE Alumni Association and its Management Committee the very best for taking forward that CIE ethos and 'esprit de corps' to the new generation."

**- Nina (Dey) Gupta (M.Ed., 1976-77)**

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*"For years CIE as an institution is going on nurturing talents and passing it on to the world outside. It would be great to know all about what these community members as alumnus have been busy doing, millions of ways in which all such stars are enlightening the world. I hope that this newsletter will bring all such members closer to each other and create a sense of belongingness.*

*My best wishes and love to you all."*

**- Manju Aggarwal (M.Ed., 1976-77)**

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*"I am extremely happy to learn that the alumni association of Central Institute of Education, most beautiful enlightening and prestigious temple of*

*learning is releasing its first e-newsletter. I am not only hopeful but confident as well that this effort will be continuous and the e-newsletter will be informative, inspiring and enriching for all present and future students of the department."*

**- S.R. Mittal (M.Ed., 1978-79)**

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*"I hope that through the newsletter the CIE Alumni Association will bring together more members and be able to initiate discussions and debates about various issues in education."*

**- S.P. Tyagi (M.Ed., 1963-64)**

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### ***From past to present....***

*In my education from early childhood (Pre-primary) to Ph.D. I have been a student of seven institutions. I have been very fortunate to have been shaped for my life and professional work by all the seven. Yet, on fair consideration, I have no hesitation to conclude that as alumnus I value the most two of them the University of Allahabad and the Central Institute of Education (C.I.E.)*

*I was a student of Allahabad at a very critical political situation, freedom movement. Allahabad was then considered the Oxford University of India and the producer of high administrative officers. (I was sent by my family to be one), but the 1942 Quit India Movement which coincided with my first year in the University and the regular visits to Anand Bhavan (a five minute walk from my hostel) educated me to decide by the time, I passed out as a M.A in 1946 that I would not join a government job. That was not to be my life.*

*In 1955, I got admission to the B. Ed class in the CIE. In 1956, I joined as lecturer immediately after B. Ed and lived a very happy personal and professional life there till I retired in 1989 and left CIE residence in June 1989. I am proud and privileged to be an alumnus of the CIE which was the first educational institution established by the Central Government of Free India. The inaugural address at the foundation mandated among others that "It will turn out teachers who will be 'model teachers' ... and will be a beacon light for the training institutions of the country".*

*With confidence I claim that the CIE soon achieved the mandates. Its B. Ed's were lapped up by well-known schools as soon as they were out. And a very large numbers of highly rated good teacher*

*education institutions and departments followed what CIE did. It soon got national and international recognition and through CIE the country had become a leader in teacher education.*

*The CIE's working day was not just 9 to 5, the teachers and the students were physically present actively as long as they needed to be. The practice teaching and programme in schools was not confined to only teaching two lessons. The students were expected to be in the school at Morning Prayer and report to the school Principal who marked their presence, like the regular school teachers but in a separate register. The B. Ed students participated in all activities of the school, teach absentee teacher's class, invigilate examinations, set question papers and evaluate answer books. The supervisor also would be there in the school full day. I remember when I went as supervisor to Modern School, it was only after the school was over and we walked over by a back gate to get to the Bengali Market for Chat at Nathu's. It was a full day well spent.*

*An example of CIE's academic programme for B. Ed's is as follows: Admission to B. Ed was finalized in the month of June. I soon received a letter of admission, asking me to be present on the opening day of the session, 16<sup>th</sup> July. Along with this admission letter there was an instruction letter that said by the 16<sup>th</sup> July, I should buy and carefully read the Secondary Education (Mudaliar Commission) Report which was out a year before. In the first week of the new session, there was a test on that report. Reading this Report was an introduction to the then school education history and problems.*

*There were opportunities for variety of talents and tastes – academic, cultural, library, sports, daily P.T*

at the end of the day. Weekly wall magazines by different Houses, Annual Magazines, plays – even a play for which there were tickets and it was compared with the Shakespeare drama festival in St. Stephen's College, annual picnic, educational conference. During the first international UNICCO meeting for which Vigyan Bhavan was constructed, the CIE started a UNICCO club. It was Headquarters of the Indian Association of Teacher Educators. It organized an international conference of New Education Fellowship and American Association of Teacher Educators and International Council of Education for Teaching.

With this type of full day B. Ed programme, I take this opportunity of expressing my well-considered opinion that making B. Ed a 2 year course is neither justified on academic grounds nor on economic and social grounds. It is painfully surprising to see while all over the world, universities are reducing the period needed to earn a certificate/degree with integrated courses, easy entry and exit, we have doubled the period for the same degree. Also let us face it. Even in the 50s and 60s there used to be many B. Ed students who found it financially difficult to join the course. They took loans and arranged expenses in the hope that they would immediately after get a teaching job and pay back loans etc. Yes, of course there were many students who belonged to well to do families.

For the many good teacher education institutions (fortunately there are many in different parts of the

country even now) for which an additional year is superfluous and a waste. And for the commercial institutions whose number has during the last ten years multiplied hundred fold, the two years is a further gain of money. They will give the students nothing more than what they have been giving now. Internship will get a false certificate as practice teaching does now.

I may be pardoned for saying that it is surprising that the 2 year B. Ed has been supported by some of my respected and eminent colleagues of CIE.

As a humble alumnus of the CIE, I have grabbed this opportunity of writing a small note (I am sorry that the small has become long I beg to be excused for it). Probably the danger of verbosity was not apprehended while asking me to write a note.

I am happy that the Alumni Association is planning to bring out a Newsletter. I hope it reaches the hands of the Alumni regularly and punctually.

My thanks and congratulations to those who are planning and organizing it. This is the well-known genuine CIE spirit. Alumni Association used to bring out for many years a Quarterly Journal-Educational Forum.

Good wishes and blessings,

A humble and privileged alumnus

- R. N. Mehrotra (B.Ed,1955-56)

## बसु स्मारक व्याख्यान (26 फरवरी, 2015)



बसु स्मारक व्याख्यान के अवसर पर लब्धप्रतिष्ठ साहित्यकार डॉ. नरेंद्र कोहली ने 'विवेकानंद और शिक्षा' विषय पर अभिभाषण दिया। इस अभिभाषण का केंद्र-बिन्दु विवेकानंद जी का 'व्यक्तित्व' एवं उनकी 'शिक्षा के प्रति दृष्टि' थी। उनके अनुसार स्वामी जी पारलौकिक ज्ञान एवं लौकिक ज्ञान के समन्वय पर बल देते थे। उन्होंने स्त्री शिक्षा का विशेष समर्थन किया। स्त्री शिक्षा को वे उस स्त्री विशेष के लिए ही नहीं अपितु उसके परिवार तथा समाज के लिए भी महत्वपूर्ण मानते थे।

कोहली जी ने पर्याप्त विवेचन-विश्लेषण करते हुए यह सिद्ध करने का प्रयास भी किया कि स्वामी विवेकानंद जी की शिक्षा के प्रति दृष्टि रूढ़िबद्ध नहीं थी बल्कि वे पुराने ज्ञान का नवीन ज्ञान के साथ समन्वय करने की बात करते थे। वे भारत के वैदिक ज्ञान को आधुनिक पाश्चात्य ज्ञान से जोड़ने के पक्षधर थे।

## Reminiscences...

### **DOWN THE MEMORY LANE**

*Nostalgia has its own rewards, the most important being the pleasure of reliving moments that dance upon "the inward eye" "from time to time. 1975 – freshly having done masters in English Literature from IP and performed reasonably, well was sure of getting a job in one of the Colleges. At that point my father in his sagacity asked me to appear for the entrance at CIE which I did most reluctantly. At the interview, remained my arrogant self which later Dr. K. Bose never let me forget. Joined the institute and was flung into the orientation/cultural programme which was my forte and settled down to the routine which I gradually began to enjoy in spite of myself.*

*Soon was engrossed in a whirlwind of activities – house Captain, President of the Literary Club, lead actor in almost all plays . Life was a suddenly very exciting. I used to be found outside the canteen in all free periods – 'under the green wood tree' as Mr. R. P. Sharma described it savouring each moment. The PT period at the end of the day, the efforts to avoid it, the skirmishes with Dr. U. S. Sharma, the wonderful lessons with Mr. K. K. Jain, the delightful classes of Mr. Aggarwal all come back in a flash.*

### **CIE My learning steps into empowerment**

*It was 1983... Destiny took my life into a new chapter ... One that would change my entire life....and maybe thousands of students thereof.*

*I entered the haloed portals of the venerable CIE to learn how to teach  
And that first lesson over, I'm still learning .*

*Because that's what CIE does. put you on a learning track ... where one never stops learning.*

*From the myriad rooms, the confusing corridors, the lush greenery interspersing the buildings, the Main Hall. .where I got voted in as Captain Gandhi House, the running to classrooms not to miss the lectures, the endless lesson plans, the assemblies, the canteen revelry, the Psycho practicals I can't begin to open down the immeasurable memories.*

*Besides the mandatory 5 papers what we learnt is palpable in us ....all of us who passed out in 1984....*

*And above all the practice teaching sessions, the stern demeanour of Dr. Anand Prakash – the attempt by CIE to make teachers out of us was a delightful experience. Soon, too soon the academic year came to an end and I realized that with exams around the corner, I had yet to get down to the serious task of studying-actually understanding the syllabus. That also happened and I passed with distinction. Soon got a job and was immersed into the rigours of life. Many many years later I was invited to CIE and felicitated for being an 'achiever'. Some of my teachers narrated incidents from my student life that even I had forgotten – What a stupendous feeling to be felicitated by your Gurus. Today as I head a school and see the new crop of teachers coming from varied backgrounds and compare them to those from CIE, I have no hesitation in saying that there is a remarkable difference in the texture – CIE makes not you not only a good teacher, it gives you values that stand in good stead for years to come and enrich you beyond words – in fact give wings to your dreams and roots to your aspirations.*

**Rekha Sharma (B.Ed, 1975-76 )  
- Principal, Bal Bharati Public School, Rohini**

*Have touched thousands of our students. ...even now 31 years later my students count me as the most powerful influence in their lives.*

*Yet I was an ordinary 23 year old who had joined the institution with a desire to become a teacher. I changed. ....into a Teacher.*

*There is No institution as the CIE with its Rich Faculty of Empowered Sensitive Erudite Educationists whose sole purpose in life is to Empower. Through Education.*

*I am humbled to be given this honour to express my feelings for my Alma mater.  
And words are just not enough. ....*

*One only acts on the learning obtained.*

*That is what I have been trying to achieve all the way.*

**Manleen Ahluwalia (B.Ed, 1983-84)  
Principal, Springdales School, Jaipur**

## **Ek Nazar...**

*the news corner*

*The general body meeting of the CIE Alumni Association was held on August 8, 2015.*

*The Elections for the executive committee were held. The executive committee of forty one members representing twenty five batches from 1960-61 to 2014-15 was elected. The members of executive council elected the office bearers of the CIE Alumni Association.*

### **To Our Readers ...**

*Come and join us in this endeavor. Send your memories of association with our alma-mater, let us apprise each other of the achievements and let's be proud, share experiences and practices followed by us at our workplace, which have a significant contribution in the field of education. Ponder for a moment, share your thoughts and views about education, your assessment or response to various policies and initiatives. You can send your write-up either in English or in Hindi. Please mail us at [ciealumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:ciealumniassociation@gmail.com)*

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