

**CAPT AJ SINGH (RETD) [OS N:1967-77]**

**APPOINTED**

**CHAIRPERSON INDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL CONFERENCE**

At the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) held at the Punjab Public School Nabha from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, for eighty two School Principals of the top residential Public Schools of the country, Capt AJ Singh, Headmaster Pinegrove School, Dharampur was elected, unopposed as the Chairperson of the Conference. He shall hold the baton in this prestigious position till Jan 2020. He shall also be appointed as a member of the Board of Governors of the CBSE in his ex-officio capacity as Chair of the IPSC.

The Principals of IPSC Schools from all over the country meet each year to deliberate on School Educational Policy, share best practices and hold the AGM during the Conclave of 4 days. The IPSC takes keen interest in improving the sporting quality in schools, provides the best infrastructure and regularly conducts Inter-School Sporting and Non-Sporting Competitions throughout the length and breadth of the nation. The IPSC has set very high standards and established many traditions for schools in the performance of Scholastic and Co-scholastic activities in India.

Historically, Shimla was where the IPSC was given birth and instituted at the Gorton Castle, Shimla on 17<sup>th</sup> June 1939. Headmasters of seven great residential schools of India, Raj Kumar College Rajkot, Daly College Indore, The Doon School Dehradun, Raj Kumar College Raipur, Scindia School Gwalior, Aitchison College Lahore and Bhonsle Military School Nasik, met and formed the first All-India Headmasters' Conference, giving direction and establishment of the future secular Public Schools of independent India. The IPSC embodies residential schools and includes all Sainik and Military Schools of the Govt of India as well, including the RIMC.

In modern day India, the IPSC is a coveted body which has representation in the SGFI, the CBSE and the ICSE and has produced numerous luminaries in the field of Politics, Education, Art, Culture, Civil Services, Law, Defence Services and much more and has played a

major part in showing direction and providing guidance for Independent India's policy and progress.

Capt AJ Singh is the 40<sup>th</sup> Chairperson of the 78-year-old IPSC and this honour has been conferred on the State of Himachal after 1980 when Mr SR Das, then Headmaster of Lawrence School Sanawar was elected to the post for the years 1981 and 1982. Capt Singh will be assisted in his duties by a team consisting of Mrs Nishi Misra, Principal of Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya Gwalior as Hony Secretary, Dr Jagpreet Singh as Director Sports, and Principals of Birla Vidya Mandir Nainital, Sainik School Ghorakhal and Rashtriya Military School Ajmer on the Executive Body of the IPSC. The Executive Committee shall aim to concentrate on assisting the Govt of India in the formulating guidelines for Evaluation, promotion of creativity in Schools, College Admissions and promotion of Sports in the "*New Educational Policy*".