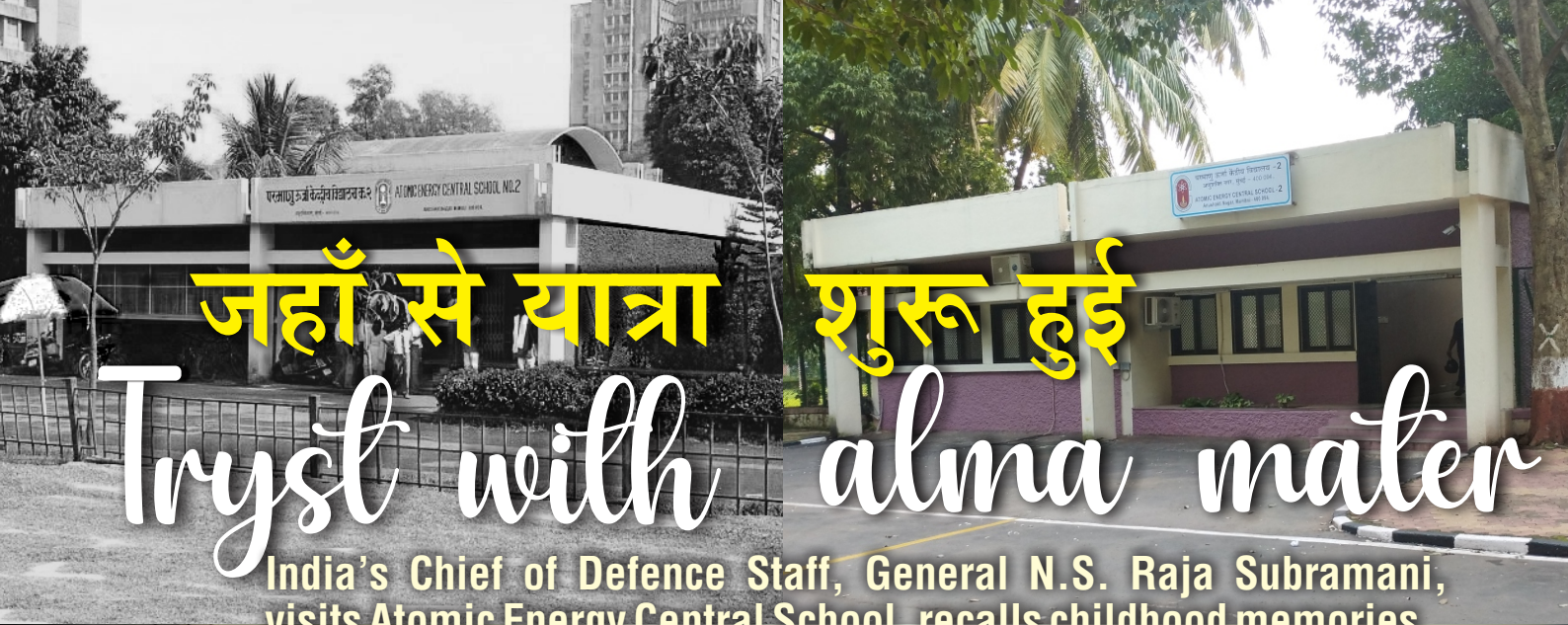




जहाँ से यात्रा शुरू हुई Tryst with alma mater

India's Chief of Defence Staff, General N.S. Raja Subramani, visits Atomic Energy Central School, recalls childhood memories



*It is 50 years
since I have returned to Anushakti Nagar.*

*My father was an employee of DAE. He was working as a
civil engineer in the late 1960s (I think in '69 or '70). He served here
(in BARC) and then moved to Narora, and later to Kalpakkam where he
was involved in the construction of reactors. If I remember correctly,
he was also the civil-engineer-in-charge for the Fast
Breeder Test Reactor in Kalpakkam.*

*I've done
my schooling in Atomic Energy
Central School here in Mumbai where I
studied till Class VI and I did my remaining
schooling in Narora till Class XI before joining
the National Defence Academy.*

*I was
preparing for IIT and my father
told me that go and prepare for this exam (NDA).
This will be a test for you, and a preparation for you for
IIT. So, I prepared and I passed. At that time you could join
NDA without doing Class XII. Little did I realise that you have
to study life-long to reach where you are now. And this
applies to every profession, and it is also a
good lesson for you.*

