



11th REUNION

&
46th Anniversary Celebration
of
Rajshahi Cadet College



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I am delighted to learn that Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is going to organise the re-union of ex-cadets of this college on the occasion of 46th Anniversary of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC).

It gives me pleasure to know that the ex-cadets of RCC are playing vital role both at home and abroad and contributing towards glorifying the image of our country. I praise their various humanitarian activities for the well-being of our people.

I wish the 11th Reunion of ex-cadets of RCC a success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Rahman

Md. Zillur Rahman



THE CHAIRMAN
Governing Bodies Cadet Colleges
&
Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army

It provides me immense pleasure to know that Old Rajshahi Cadets' Association (ORCA) is celebrating the 11th Reunion from 15-17 March 2012. I take this opportunity to congratulate with profound acknowledgement of the phenomenal achievements of this glorious institution in last 46 years.

Since its inception, Rajshahi Cadet College has set a standard of quality education filled with character and moral values. Ex Cadets of this institution have earned significant positions both in the national and global arena and their contributions are well acclaimed all over.

I am particularly impressed by the endeavour of ORCA to make it a very dynamic organization. The activities of ORCA in social and nation building activities deserve special appreciation. I am confident that ORCA will continue to expand its sphere of contributions in the days ahead.

My felicitations to all the members of ORCA for their efforts to organize such a gala programme.

I wish the 11th ORCA Reunion a grand success.

Ashraf

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Major General



PRINCIPAL
Rajshahi Cadet College

It is a matter of great pleasure to know that a newspaper supplement is going to be published on the eve of the 11th Reunion of Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA).

ORCA, a glowing example in the field of philanthropic activities has set up a praiseworthy tradition both at home and abroad. It is really laudable to mention the remarkable endeavour taken by ORCA during national crises and natural disasters. I hope and believe that this well set out trend will continue by the ex-cadets in the coming days also.

The Reunion will help the ex-cadets to strengthen their brotherhood, fraternity, togetherness and solidarity.

I wish the Reunion 2012 a grand success.

A K M Iqbal Azim

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Lieutenant Colonel



CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF

Army Headquarters
Dhaka Cantonment

It is a great pleasure to know that the Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) are celebrating their 11th Reunion and publishing a supplement to mark the celebration. I express my heartfelt congratulations to all the members of ORCA family on the eve of this grand event.

RCC has earned its name as a glorious educational institution of our country since inception. This institution is a prime contributor in making complete men and future leaders of our nation through inculcating high standard of moral values, creativity and patriotism. It has set a high bench of achievement in education along with co-curricular and extracurricular training. Products of this institution are now everywhere in the world, and holding glorious positions in every possible sphere.

ORCA is making remarkable contribution in the society. Its participation in the social and humanitarian aspects has earned high acclaim and laurels. I believe that ORCA will continue to expand its span of activities in the days to come.

I wish the 11th Reunion a resounding success. May the Almighty Allah be always with us.

Md. Abdul Mubeen

GENERAL MD ABDUL MUBEEN



CHIEF OF AIR STAFF

Air Headquarters
Dhaka Cantonment

I applaud the commendable initiative and efforts by Old Rajshahi Cadets' Association (ORCA) in various philanthropic services over the year and also to bring out a supplement commemorating the 11th ORCA Reunion to be held between 15 and 17 March 2012. Such effort in this historic month of our Independence surely reflects the prudence and attachment of ORCA and its leadership to imbue and promote the spirit of our glorious Liberation War.

It is heartening to note that, for over forty years, ORCA has been working in the field of social welfare and development. Today ORCA stands out as a glaring example for their philanthropic services. Their projects like "ORCA Poll" for the homeless people in Rajshahi and "ORCA Homes" for the orphans in Chittagong reflects their passion and commitment to the society. More so, splendid contribution in blood donation movement, distribution of relief among the distressed people during natural calamities is the few social ventures of ORCA that deserve high appreciations. Apart from this, the commendable performance of ORCA members in various sector are well acknowledged in home and abroad. I am sure that ORCA with their commendable contribution and dynamic leadership will act as a light house for different social welfare organization working for the betterment of society.

I applaud the organizers of ORCA for their outstanding collective efforts who all are extensively involved in commemoration this grand reunion.

May Allah, the almighty, bless us all.

Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman

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ndc, fawc, psc



CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

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It gives me immense pleasure to know that Ex-cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College are going to publish a supplement to celebrate the 11th Re-union to be held from 15-17 March 2012.

I am also equally happy that former cadets of this institution have earned reputation home and abroad through their valuable service to the society. Old Rajshahi Cadets' Association (ORCA) has already become a shining icon in the arena of welfare activities of our society.

I hope and pray that the Ex-cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College will Proceed ahead to exert their best talent and labour for the peace and prosperity of Bangladesh.

I wish every success of the Reunion.

Zahir Uddin Ahmed

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Vice Admiral



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রাজশাহী ক্যাডেট কলেজের পুনর্মিলনী উপলক্ষে আমি এ কলেজের প্রাক্তন ও বর্তমান ছাত্র ও শিক্ষকসহ সর্বস্তর সকলকে আন্তরিক তত্তেজ্ঞা জানাই।
রাজশাহী ক্যাডেট কলেজ দেশের একটি ইতিহাসবাহী শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান। এ কলেজের ক্যাডেটপন পড়াশুনার পাশাপাশি বিভিন্ন কল্যাণমুখী ও সেবামূলক কর্মকাণ্ডে নিয়োজিত। এ কলেজের প্রাক্তন শিক্ষার্থীরা দেশে ও বিদেশে বিভিন্ন গুরুত্বপূর্ণ দায়িত্ব পালনের মাধ্যমে জাতীর অগ্রগতিতে বিশেষ অবদান রাখছে।

আমি আশা করি, রাজশাহী ক্যাডেট কলেজের প্রাক্তন ও বর্তমান শিক্ষার্থীগণ তাঁদের অর্জিত জ্ঞান, মেধা ও অভিজ্ঞতার সর্বোচ্চ প্রয়োগের মাধ্যমে সর্বকালের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বাঙালি, জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের স্বপ্নের সোনার বাংলা গড়ার কাজে আরও নিবেদিত হবেন।

আমি এ পুনর্মিলনী অনুষ্ঠানের সার্বিক সাফল্য কামনা করি।

"জয় বাংলা, জয় বঙ্গবন্ধু
বাংলাদেশ তিরঙ্গী হয়ে।"

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orca,
old friends

PRESIDENT
Old Rajshahi Cadets Association



It really is a matter of pleasure that Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is publishing this supplement on the auspicious occasion of the 11th Reunion.

We do recall with due thanks to the Almighty that as long as forty years back ORCA came into being with the dedicated spirit "Let all of us prosper together". Since then we have been relentlessly upholding this noble spirit in various spheres of our national life. We have not confined ourselves within the fraternity of the Ex-cadets only but our activities have reached far flung areas of the country in uplifting the conditions of the multitude of the lowest stratum of the country through a series of welfare attempts such as Blood Donation, Relief Distribution, Post-flood Rehabilitation, Maintenance of Orphanage, Sheltering the Landless People and so on.

At this happy moment, I must convey my sincere gratitude to all concerned to arrange the most cherished event of Ex-cadets: Reunion (March 15-17, 2012) which offers a unique opportunity to smell the lost naughty days we have left behind.

May Allah (SWT) bestow his endless mercy on all of us.

Let all of us prosper together.

Kh. Md. Sanaul Haque

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ORCA: 40 years of onward journey

THE EVOLUTION

The devastating war had hit Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC) perhaps the worst among educational institutions of the country. It had to pay a very high price for the liberation - loss of sweat, hardship, blood, tears, and loss of dear ones. In 1972, classes resumed in spite of the loss of teachers, employees, and students who paid the ultimate invaluable price of the War of Independence. Smell of the corpses was still in the air, skeletons of the unknown war victims were yet visible in the distant fields, and the vultures were flying above in the sky. During this critical juncture of depressed situation, the then senior most passing out batch of cadets vowed to stand up firmly. They decided to make such a forum, which would provide them the opportunity to repay their huge debt to the nation by serving the distressed humanity. They also decided to form a concrete platform that would preserve and promote the traditional inherent brotherly ties of the ex-cadets of RCC. These very sentiments finally culminated in the formation of their dearest forum OSCA (Old Sardah Cadets Association) which later came to be known as ORCA (Old Rajshahi Cadets Association). Thus, the month of OCTOBER of the year 1972 has a special significance to each and every ex-cadet of RCC. ORCA took off from the ground on a CLOUDYDAY 40 years ago, but with an uplifting motto: "LET ALL OF US PROSPER TOGETHER"

No prolonged journey can ever be smooth and entertaining. ORCA's journey has not been an exception to this. Specially during the initial struggling days of its survival when all the members were merely students and non-earning members, ORCA had to face the toughest part of its journey. But surprisingly ORCA performed exceptionally well in meeting all these challenging moments with due courage, dedication, and leadership of its series of Executive Bodies of energetic, selfless, dedicated workers. Today's ORCA is the outcome of the immense sacrifice of time, labor and money of a significant number of ORCA members.

ORCA DEVELOPS A FRATERNITY OF BROTHERS

The first and foremost goal of ORCA is to foster a fraternity of brothers. In order to keep the brotherly spirit alive and thriving, ORCA performs a series of programs round the year. Amongst the most notable are: picnic, reception of newly passed-out batches, cultural competition and indoor games competition, Iftar party and Doa Mahfil, inter-house cricket competition, etc. For more than three decades ORCA has provided scholarships to needy student members. For some time now scholarships have been extended to our next generation needy students. For at least three decades ORCA has organized career counseling programs for newly passed-out batches. With a view to encouraging academic excellence of the cadets of R.C.C, ORCA rewards the best academic performers of the college periodically ORCA confers Best Teacher of RCC award. ORCA has actively and compassionately provided support for needy members in their treatment of critical diseases through ORCA Benevolent Fund. ORCA also supports 'ORCA Ladies Club' which in turn helps to foster fraternity among spouses of ORCA members. ORCA Ladies Club also strengthens ORCA programs for the poor and disadvantaged people in society. ORCA has provided a number of computers to RCC to facilitate modern technology in education to cadets. In addition, ORCA has contributed to a number of needy cadets to mitigate their college tuition fees without which they were unable to continue their education in the college. All these funds are generated by the affluent ORCA members both home and abroad.

ORCA RESPONDS TO THE CALL OF HUMANITARIAN GOALS

ORCA had a pledge to repay the huge debt to the nation by serving the distressed humanity. Thus, since its very inception ORCA has been playing a commendable role in the society by helping the disadvantaged and down trodden sections of the populace of the country through its manifold humanitarian programs. It has also regularly participated in distribution of relief materials and re-construction of houses in areas affected by natural calamities: floods, cyclones, winter cold wave spells, etc.

ORCA BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM: Initiated in May 1982, ORCA organized 215 blood donation programs and collected about 11,000 bags of blood. ORCA has been nationally awarded as the highest blood donor agency by the government. In addition ORCA BLOOD FOR LIFE is also a step forward in which ORCA arranges fresh blood directly from the donor to the patient by using database of the donors preserved in its office round-the-clock. Just a telephone call to ORCA BLOOD FOR LIFE office will be enough for any needy distressed patient to get fresh blood directly from a donor.

ORCA PALLI: ORCA Palli is a grand success story of ORCA humanitarian project activity in providing shelter to the floating homeless people. ORCA Palli - 1 was established was implemented after the devastating flood of 1998 in village Mukhtarpur, in the vicinity of RCC. It was established in an area of 3.50 bighas of land with 30 units of houses including utilities like water, sanitation, electricity, community service area, and a mosque to provide 30 landless families with free housing at Tk. 15.00 lac to ORCA. In addition to shelter, they are also paid Zakat money and interest free micro loans to improve their income and standard of living. ORCA Palli 2 (2004) is another successful project of rehabilitation of homeless people in which Spandon - B, USA provided the fund. The project is located at Doldia village of Ulipur (Kurigram). As much as 35 homeless families have been provided with separate housing with adequate sanitation facilities. ORCA Palli 3 (2004) is located at Begumgonj, Ulipur, Kurigram. Another 35 landless and homeless families have been sheltered in separate housing with 7 toilets and 3 tube-wells that provide safe drinking water on an area of one acre. ORCA Palli 4 (2005) is located at Buraburi, Ulipur, Kurigram in which 50 landless and homeless families have been sheltered in 50 houses with 9 toilets, 3 tube-wells for safe drinking water, one mosque, and one pond in an area of 1.5 acre. ORCA Palli 5 (2006) located at Thetrai, Ulipur where 35 landless and homeless families were sheltered in 35 houses. The project has 7 toilets and 3 tube-wells for safe drinking water and one pond. ORCA Palli 6 (2008) was constructed Kuakata, Patuakhali which accommodates about 500 distressed people sheltered in 80 houses permanently at a cost of about Tk. 80 lac. The complex, on an area of 6 bigha land, includes healthy sanitation facilities for all, one community center, one mosque, 3 deep tube wells for safe drinking water and one pond for fish culturing for income generation of the inhabitants.

ORCA HOMES: It is another milestone of our humanitarian activities at Chittagong. ORCA HOMES is the home of a number of orphan boys nurtured by our ORCA CHITTAGONG chapter. The boys are provided standard food, lodging, and medical services. A caretaker who is present in the HOMES round-the-clock looks after them full time. In addition to their education they are also provided with facilities for games, entertainment, and co-curricular activities. The ORCA Ladies at Chittagong provide their motherly caring services to these orphan boys. The running costs are provided by ORCA members at home and abroad. With the persistent effort of Chittagong Chapter ORCA HOMES is in the process of being housed on a piece of leased land for a permanent establishment.

ORCA CARPENTRY TRAINING SCHOOL: This project has been launched in 2005, in a hired land located at Sardah, Rajshahi. The noble aim of this project is to impart training of carpentry skills to needy people making them self reliant in income generation. This profession has got a high demand in the field of construction at this moment. Tools for carpentry works are provided to the trainees. One trainer with proficiency in the carpentry field trains them practically every day. It hardly takes 6(six) months for any trainee to be acquainted with the required skill to become self-reliant.

ORCA SWEET-MEAT BOX & SHOPPING BAG PROJECT: In 2005, in the same premise as the carpentry school, ORCA set up a project to make sweet-meat boxes and shopping bags and sell over a sizable market. Distressed women of Sardah area were trained in the art. In the last seven years many such women have found employment and a much-needed means of livelihood.

ORCA PRIMARY SCHOOL: ORCA established a primary school at Malancha, Natore in 2006. It has become a full-fledged primary school with brick-building, thanks to support from Imdad-Sitara Khan Foundation, USA. In addition to normal education, this school also provides vocational training, as well as health and sanitation education.

WINTER CLOTH DISTRIBUTION: During the winter seasons poor and destitute people suffer the most and even die without the warmth of winter clothes and blankets. This program was initiated in Rajshahi and Kurigram area. Then this program has been extended to Gaibandha, Sirajganj, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Nilphamar, Chapai Nawabganj, Kushtia, Chuadanga, and Chittagong areas. Depending on availability of volunteers, area of distribution will be extended to more places. The job has been carried out in chilly winter but the warmth of humanity ever prevails in the heart of all ORCA members.

REHABILITATION OF FLOOD DISTRESSED PEOPLE: Rehabilitation of flood distressed people is another priority project of ORCA. ORCA achieved another landmark in rehabilitating significant number of distressed families who were rendered homeless in the countrywide devastating flood of 1998. The families were rehabilitated in the district of Chapai Nawabganj and Rajshahi. After the two devastating floods of 2007, ORCA organized rehabilitation program for the people affected by flood in Sirajganj and built over 200 houses as well as 56 latrines for the affected people. In addition ORCA conducted several successful flood relief operations in the most difficult and challenging logistic areas like Aricha, Manikganj, Tangail, and Sirajganj. ORCA members provided the money and relief materials and ORCA Army personnel, engineers, doctors, and other volunteers rendered their services free of cost.

ORCA MOBILE MEDICAL SERVICES: In addition to its other humanitarian activities ORCA also provides free medical services and free medicines to the distressed needy people. The doctors are well experienced in their fields who are ORCA members. ORCA members themselves donate the medicines.

ORCA ZAKAT FUND: ORCA also collects Zakat from its members especially from the overseas members who face difficulty to disburse their Zakat money. Every year, ORCA, with the help of RCC authority distributes Zakat money to the poor employees of RCC, families of ORCA PALLI 01, and other poor people around the village of Mukhtarpur.

INTEREST FREE MICRO-CREDIT FACILITIES FOR THE POOR: This scheme has been activated since 2004 in which poor entrepreneurs of ORCA PALLI 01 are provided with micro credit every year for micro projects like weaving 'lungi' or 'gamchha', pottery, rickshaw pulling, goat rearing, dyeing, etc. The project is managed by ORCA Rajshahi Chapter with the active assistance of RCC authority. The loan recovery rate has been 100%.

OLD AGE HONORARIUM FOR NEEDY OLD EX EMPLOYEES OF RCC: Since 2001 ORCA has been providing monthly financial support of Tk. 300 per month to seven old retired RCC employees. This scheme received appreciation from all quarters especially from the old retiring persons. The entire fund is provided by one affluent ORCA member who does not want his name publicized.

ORCA COMPLEX

To further strengthen its brotherhood, ORCA has purchased a 26-katha land in Uttara (Phase-III), Dhaka. The vision is to build an ORCA Complex - a one of its kind income-generating commercial and residential multi-storied complex that will enable ORCA to stand by its neediest members in whatever modest way it can, as well as stand by the needy families of deceased members. The slogan "Let all of us prosper together" will sound hollow if we cannot respond to the pressing needs of our members. Feasibility study of the project is underway. The project is expected to take 4 to 5 years.

OUR PLEDGE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

We may not have been able to achieve all our aspired humanitarian goals, yet we feel our achievements are not negligible. A poor country has lavished so much on us. It is incumbent on us to serve it to the best of our abilities. ORCA members do seek to serve the country in their professional capacities by striving to be the best in their professions. Some have established businesses that have generated thousands of employments and have contributed to nation building. In addition to service through our professional capacities, we have created a brotherhood that does not confine itself to only fraternalizing, but through that we seek to serve society at large - and repay our debt to society even if it is in a small measure. We aspire to reach towards the sky, and the sky will inspire us to soar ever higher and reach to heights not scaled by others.

Long live ORCA. Long live ORCA Fraternity. "LET ALL OF US PROSPER TOGETHER"

Mohammad Abdul Moqaddem (Secretary General, ORCA)

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