



# 11th REUNION

## & 46th Anniversary Celebration of Rajshahi Cadet College



PRESIDENT  
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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



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 heartiest 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.

*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.

*Yussuf*  
ASHRAF ABDULLAH YUSSUF, rcds, afwc, psc  
Major General

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

*Ziaur Rahman*

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ZAHIR UDDIN AHMED

Vice Admiral

*Zahir Uddin Ahmed*

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.



প্রধানমন্ত্রী  
প্রধানমন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
১ চৈত্র ১৪২১  
১৫ মার্চ ২০১২

বাংলাদেশ কানাড়ে কলেজের পুনৰ্নির্মাণ উদ্বোধনে আবি এ. কলেজের মানব ও বর্তমান জীবন ও নিষ্কাশন সমষ্টির সম্মত আবিরিক পত্রের মানিব।

বাংলাদেশ কানাড়ে কলেজ মন্ত্রের একটি ঐতিহ্যবাহী শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান। এ কলেজের কানাড়ে প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রাণপন্থী বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্রে ও দেশব্রহ্ম কলকাতার নির্যাতিত। এ কলেজের মানব নিষ্কাশন প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রতিষ্ঠান ও বিদেশে বিভিন্ন ক্ষেত্রে প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রাণপন্থী মাধ্যমে আবিরিক অবগতিতে বিশ্বের অবদান রয়েছে।

আবি এ পুনৰ্নির্মাণ আবিরিক সার্বিক সাম্প্রদায় কামনা করি।  
"জৰ বালো, জৰ বৰষৰূপ  
বালাদেশ চিজীবী হোক।"



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 four years back ORCA came into being with the dedicated spirit "Let all of us prosper together". Since then we have been relentlessly upholding the 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.

*Md. Saiful Haque*

## 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 a 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 dearer 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 CLOUDY DAY 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. Especially 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 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 after the devastating flood of 1998 in village Mukhterpur, 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 an approximate cost of Tk. 15.00 lac to RCC. 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 Spandob - 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 Begumgoni, 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 Baraburi, Ulipur, Kurigram in which 50 landless and homeless families have been sheltered in 35 houses. The project has 7 toilets and 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 is 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, Nilphamari, 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 Mukhterpur.