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## 50th Anniversary Celebration Rajshahi Cadet College 12th REUNION Old Rajshahi Cadets Association Mh





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It gives me immense pleasure to know that Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is going to hold its 12th Reunion on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of Rajshahi Cadet College on 10-13 March 2016. On the eve of the festive occasion, I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciations to the alumni and faculty of Rajshahi Cadet College for their collective endeavour.

I have been informed that Rajshahi Cadet College has been playing a very significant role in imparting quality education and providing extra-curricular activities to the cadets since its inception in 1966. It is a matter of pride that the cadets of this pioneer institution have been making commendable role both at home and abroad through their academic excellences and diligence.

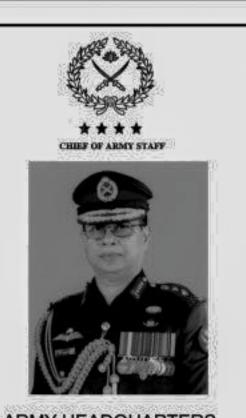
I am happy to know that the members of ORCA has been rendering dedicated humanitarian services to the distressed people including donating blood, establishing homes for homeless people and orphanage namely 'ORCA Palli' and 'ORCA' Homes respectively. I welcome ORCA's noble deeds.

believe that ORCA will play a catalytic role in making bridge between the old and new cadets and will serve the nation imbued with the spirit of patriotism and dedication. I am confident that this reunion will be delighted through reminiscing about the past golden days and exchanging views and ideas among the participants.

wish the 12th Reunion of Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) a great success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.





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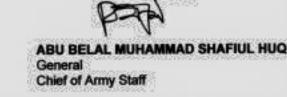
It gives me immense pleasure to know that Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is going to organize its 12th Reunion. My best wishes follow them as they are also going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC)

I take pride to share that Rajshahi Cadet College has earned its name as a distinct educational institution and its cadets have achieved excellence in many national and international arenas.

Let me not hesitate, therefore, to express my heartfelt appreciation of ORCA for their various benevolent services to the society such as voluntary blood donation distribution of relief, maintenance of homes for orphan or distressed children building and maintaining cluster houses for the homeless, and so on. I believe that ORCA will continue to expand its span of activities in days to come.

I hope and believe that this 12th Reunion will strengthen the bond of brotherhood among all present and former cadets of

May the Almighty Allah be always with us.







'Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim'

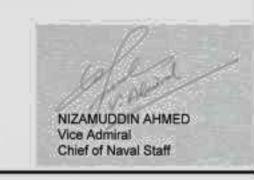
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Knowing that old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) are organizing their 12th Reunion and are also going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC) makes me happy.

ORCA is a name well known to all of us for its selfless services to the nation. Through their humanitarian deeds, the ex-cadets of RCC turned their alma mater a uniquely celebrated one.

I hope and wish that ORCA will further this trend and continue bringing prosperity to the community.

I wish all the success of ORCA Reunion.





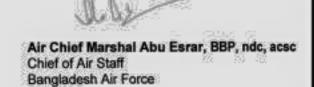
**MESSAGE FROM CHIEF OF AIR STAFF** 

The 12th Reunion of Ex-cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC) as well as the Golden Jubilee of RCC undoubtedly offer me great delight and pleasure.

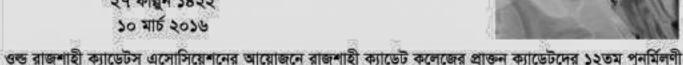
Rajshahi Cadet College is, of course, not a mere educational institution but a breeding ground of brilliant and selfless human beings. Those have been proved time and again through various philanthropic activities of Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) e.g. Blood Donation Programs, Distribution of Relief and Warm Clothing among distressed people, maintenance of foster Homes for orphans and distressed children, shelter landless and homeless people at cluster homes called OCRA Pallis are glaring examples.

I applaud the organizers for their outstanding collective efforts in commemoration of this majestic Reunion.

wish ORCA Reunion 2016 a grand







রাজশাহী বিভাগের অন্যতম প্রাচীন বিশেষায়িত শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান রাজশাহী ক্যাডেট কলেজ 'Let all of us prosper together' স্লোগানকে সামনে রেখে প্রতিষ্ঠালগ্ন থেকে মেধাবী তরুণ ক্যাডেট তৈরি করছে যারা সামরিক বাহিনীসহ বিভিন্ন পেশায় নিয়োজিত থেকে দেশ ও জাতির উন্নয়নে অবদান রেখে চলছেন। স্ব স্ব পেশার বাইরেও এই ক্যাভেটগণ বিভিন্ন কল্যাণ ও সেবামূলক কাজে নিয়োজিত থেকে সমাজকে এগিয়ে নিচ্ছেন।

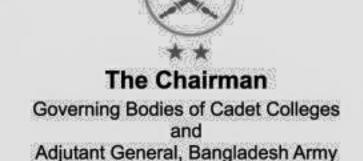
অনুষ্ঠিত হতে যাচ্ছে জেনে আমি আনন্দিত। আমি এ আয়োজনের সাথে সংগ্রিষ্ট সকলকে শুভেচ্ছা জানাই।

আমি আশা করি, এ পুনর্মিলনী অনুষ্ঠান প্রাক্তন ক্যাডেটদের মৈত্রী ও সম্প্রীতির বন্ধনকে আরও সুদৃঢ় করবে। দেশপ্রেম ও মহান মুক্তিযুদ্ধের চেতনায় উদ্বন্ধ হয়ে এ কলেজের প্রাক্তন ক্যাডেটগণ দেশের সার্বভৌমত ও গণতন্ত্র রক্ষায় আরও নিবেদিত হবেন। সরকারের রূপকল্প ২০২১ ও রূপকল্প ২০৪১ বিনির্মাণে অবদান রাখার মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশকে সর্বকালের সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বাঙালি, জাতির পিতা বন্ধবন্ধ শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের স্বপ্লের সোনার বাংলায় পরিণত করবেন।

আমি রাজশাহী ক্যাডেট কলেজের উত্তরোত্তর সমৃদ্ধি এবং এর প্রাক্তন ক্যাডেটদের অব্যাহত সাফল্য কামনা করছি।

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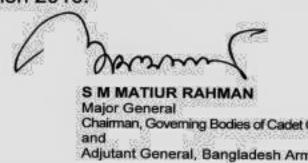




I am extremely happy and equally delighted to learn that Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is going to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC) and at the same time organizing its 12th Reunion.On this auspicious occasion, I take the privilege of congratulating all members of ORCA for their phenomenal achievements which have made RCC a glorious institution during the last 50 years.

ORCA has already earned laurels by its relentless efforts to improve the conditions of distressed people all over the country. I am confident that ex cadets of Rajshahi Cadet College through their beloved organization 'ORCA' will continue to expand the sphere of similar contribution in future also.

My sincere felicitations go to all members of ORCA for their efforts to organize such a grand event. I wish every success of Rajshahi Cadet College and ORCA Reunion 2016.



Chairman, Governing Bodies of Cadet Colleges Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army





Golden Jubilee of one's Alma Mater comes once in a lifetime. Let me start by thanking every single individual who has been associated with Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC) on this glorious occasion of Golden Jubilee of

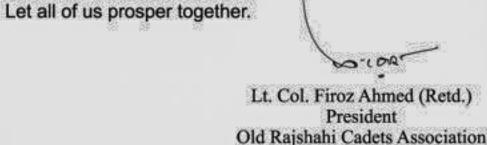
Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) have been persistently upholding its motto, 'Let all of us prosper together' in various spheres of life.

Truly we have not confined ourselves within the fraternity of Ex-cadets only, but our activities have reached out to the far flung areas of the country in uplifting the conditions of the multitude of the lowest stratum of the society through a series of welfare attempts such as blood donation, relief distribution, post flood rehabilitation, maintenance of foster homes for orphans and distressed children, sheltering the homeless and landless, and so on.

On behalf ORCA, let me express my gratitude again to everyone who facilitated and made this 12th Reunion happen in a befitting manner along with the celebration of our alma mater's Golden Jubilee. do believe this Reunion is going to reopen those doors

Let all of our adolescent emotions behold us again.

that we left closed years back.



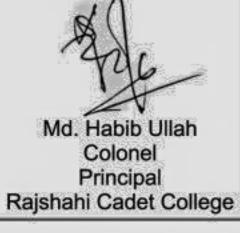




I am pleased to learn that Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) is going to publish a members' directory on the occasion of its 12th Reunion, 2016 & a souvenir to mark the 50th anniversary of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC).

As an ORCA member myself I feel honoured that this organization has established examples of many philanthropic endeavors all over the country. The dedication with which ORCA has set out to change the lives of disadvantaged is truly remarkable. It is humbling to learn that the organization has been at the forefront of every natural calamity faced by the people. As principal RCC, I wish ORCA all the best in their quest to make a difference.

Rajshahi Cadet College is proud to host the great souls who had once strolled this lush green as young minds. I wish the Reunion and 50th years celebration of the illustrious institution a grand success.



## ORCA: Its 44 years of Prospering Together and

## **Paying Back to the Nation**

Md. Shahabuddin Sarker (Secretary General, ORCA)

All praise to Allah SWT who gave me the opportunity to say some words on the subject. I am indeed privileged and let me express my sincere gratitude to be the member of Old Rajshahi Cadets Association (ORCA) - widely discussedname as the best alumni association of Bangladesh.

This supplement is going to be published on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee (50th anniversary) of Rajshahi Cadet College (RCC). It comes from the great feelings of sincere and dedicated affiliation of the members towards their alma mater and ORCA.

ORCA was founded in 1972 by some great souls. During its long journey, ORCA has received a new batch of around 50 students every year passing out of RCC- Currently, ORCA has 46 batches with around 2500 members. Throughout this period of 44 years, ORCA was led by very dedicated and dynamic leaders from different batches. Cordial support was extended by members from all batches at home and abroad. The great sacrifices and the dedication extended by so many ORCA members at different times helped ORCA to evolve to the present state of honour and prestige.

ORCA conducts different activities for its own members and their families at regular intervals: Annual Picnic, Reception of Newly Passed-out batches, Iftar and Du'a Mahfil, Indoor Games, Inter-house Cricket, Inter-house Volleyball Competition, etc. Since almost four decades, ORCA has provided scholarships to needy student members and from early 1990.'s, it has been extended to needy students from our next generation. For more than three decades, ORCA has organized Career Counseling Programs for newly passed-out batches.

ORCA confers Best Teacher of RCC award to promote effective teaching among the teachers of RCC. 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 long undertaken various programs to serve the broader society of Bangladesh as well as for the deprived classes of the country. 'ORCA Blood for Life' program has made ORCA a brand name in Bangladesh. Since 1982, ORCA has been conducting blood donation programs. The vision behind this was to develop awareness among the general populace that 'blood donation' is not a risky venture but a safe, urgent and humanitarian task and that they have to come forward to fill the gap between the demand and supply of 'blood' transfusion to needy patients. ORCA has organized 222 blood donation programs so far, collected around 12,000 bags and has enlisted names around 2,500 volunteer blood donors.

Now ORCA is an established name in the arena of voluntary blood donation and as its recognition, ORCA has been awarded as the Highest Blood Donor Organization in the country by the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society. ORCA Blood for Life is providing cost-free and safe blood to the suffering patients in need. You will also be pleased to learn that ORCA has recently hosted a single event where highest number of donors participated of in the history blood donation. In the day-long program that took place in International American University of Bangladesh (AIUB), a total of 364 bags of blood was collected.

In times of national disaster and calamities, ORCA extended help to the devastated and helpless people of Bangladesh. During devastating different flood, ORCA helped the flood affected people with their best possible capabilities. Especially during the devastating flood of 2007, ORCA arranged relief operations for the flood affected people of Sirajganj, Bogra and Tangail Districts. ORCA also 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. After the devastations of cyclone SIDR in 2007 and AILA in 2009 in south-west Bangladesh, ORCA undertook commendable relief and rehabilitation of cyclone affected people from contributions of ORCA members at home and abroad and especially from ORCA-USA chapter. NABIC, Dhroopad and BACO of USA contributed a lot in this venture. ORCA purchased land and built 80 'semi-pucca' houses for the poorest SIDR affected people of kuakata near famous tourist spot Kuakata Beach in 2008.

Earlier in 2004, ORCA built 40 houses at ulipur, Kurigram with the financial support from 'Spaandan-B'.ORCA also built two shelters each with 3 bighas of purchased and built houses for around 120 distressed families. In the same year, Ganagachara and Pirgacha- the worst affected Upazilas under Rangpur district- were the targeted location for ORCA Post Flood Rehabilitation Program-2001. Under this program, over 100 destitute and helpless families were successfully rehabilitated.

ORCA constructed 'ORCA Palli' that renamed as 'ORCA Palli-1' later upona purchased land at Multarpur, Sadah beside RCC campus as shelter of 30 distressed homeless families after the devastating flood in 1998. ORCA provided interest free micro-credit loans to some of the families, built kitchens for all the 30 households, filled the low land of this campus and provided electricity connection. Very recently a renovation work including drainage system, roof repairing and white wash with costing of around TK. 12 lac has been made.

In Chittagong and Gaibandha, ORCA is running two orphanages named 'ORCA HOMES' where less fortunate children are being provided with all their necessities together with education and medical care. ORCA is humbled to be able to host among others, several victims of infamous Rana Plaza disaster in the orphanages. In 1999, members in CTG established on rented facility our first orphanage - ORCA HOMES - CTG. Three years back we constructed a building on land leased from the Navy. In December of 2014 we inaugurated the second ORCA HOMES -- this one in Gaibandha. ORCA is humbled to be able to host among others, several victims of infamous Rana Plaza disaster on 24 April, 2013 in these ORCA HOMES.

The goal of ORCA HOMES is not simply to establish a traditional charitable orphanage rather it is a replica of Cadet College where the disadvantaged children receives care and love from ORCA members and their families. We provide food, clothe, education, lodging and healthcare for the inmates. Their daily routine is similar like Cadet College. Healthy diet and modern education is elementary element in the HOMES. Moreover games and sports have also been made part of their daily life. Other than this daily prayer and religious ceremonies are also made compulsory for the children. It is very important to mention that the second orphanage also houses few beneficiaries who are children of disadvantaged ORCA members.

Orphan girls are among the most vulnerable groups in society.

Considering the vulnerability of orphan girls due to tragic Rana Plaza disaster and request from BGMEA in rehabilitant the victim girls, We have initiated construction for a girls wing adjacent to the boys wing of ORCA Homes-Gaibandha. It is in a complex that houses the best school in Gaibandha. The beneficiaries attend the school.