

Cadet College!

The other view

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Cadet colleges are undoubtedly the best educational institutions of Bangladesh. In these colleges, students are not only given bookish lessons, but they are also taught to be disciplined.

A cadet's life is fully regulated by strong discipline and order where bookish education has no value. Even then, due to regular studies and conclusive educational atmosphere, cadets have been doing very well since the first Cadet college (Faujdarhat Cadet College) was established in 1958.

Cadets have their classes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have only three hours for preparing their lessons in afternoon and evening. At 10 p.m. they have to put their lights off.

The teachers of cadet colleges are sincere and spare a lot of time outside the class room with their students for which they do not change anything.

Cadets are not afraid of examinations. They have to set for three term-end examinations annually and in each term there are frequently 'fortnightly' and 'midterm' tests.

But it does not mean that cadets are always busy with their books. They play various kinds of games, take part in cultural & other co-curricular activities.

The cadets sit for their board examinations in their own place. Cadet Colleges are residential institutions and if the cadets are to appear for the examination from any other centre the very character of this institution will be destroyed. Cadets are placed in a auditorium capable of holding 300 persons.

Here, only 50 cadets appear for the exams with a minimum distance of five to six feet between every two cadets.

Though there is no outsider invigilator but external teachers from different cadet colleges are always present in the examination hall. Outsider invigilator are not sent by the authority but when external teachers of private schools and colleges are invited here for the practical exams they are surprised by the academic performance of the cadets.

The rules and regulations of cadet colleges are so strict that there is no scope for adoption of unfair means in the examinations.

In 1979, a student of class eight was thrown out from a cadet college within a hour when he was caught red handed trying to copy in a class test of 10 marks.

This sort of incident happens rarely resulting in expulsion from the college.

Good results by the cadets is due to regular studies. If a good student studies for three hours a day for the whole year nobody can stop him from doing well.

The cadets are all meritorious students. Only for 50 seats in a cadet college 15 to 20 thousand students set for the admission test. After completing their HSC in cadet colleges 90% of the cadets join institutions like BUET, medical colleges and the universities.

Since the cadets are studying the same course and appearing in the same exam as the question a separate merit list for cadets does not arise.

The cadets not only secure the top positions in the board exams but also the not so bright ones manage to get 2nd and 3rd division and even some fail in the exams.

In my experience of six years in a cadet college, I have seen that cadets sit for the examinations very honestly. Being at their own centre, the only privilege they get is to reach the centre quickly. The absence of outside invigilator has no effect on the examinees at all.

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