

Bangladesh Military Academy—an institution with a difference

The Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) is the most important seat of military learning in our country. This is the only institution which produces officers for the Army.

The Academy was established on January 11, 1974, in Comilla Cantonment. It was shifted to its present location in Bhatary on March 19, 1976. "CHIRO UNNOTO MOMO-SHIR" (Ever high is my head) is taken as its motto.

Bangladesh Military Academy is a training institution wherein precommission training is imparted to the gentlemen cadets to become future leaders in uniform. The training imparted here, being very hard and strenuous in nature, aims at the all-round development of a young cadet. The training is three dimensional in nature, i.e. basic military training, academic training and development of character traits.

Outdoor exercises are the practical ground / situations where the Gentlemen Cadets implement the knowledge taught in the classroom. This furnishes a scope of self-evaluation, of self-confidence and handling/applying the knowledge in right pursuit. A successful completion of this training helps a Gentleman Cadet

ledge is applied into practical action. This gives them enthusiasm and inspires them to gain additional knowledge.

becomes a proud member of Bangladesh Army adopting army as his professional career which accords him the status of a Class One government servant and also guarantees him the means of livelihood and the monthly wage for which so much sweat has been spent. This is one side of the picture.

Academic training, on the other, plays a dominant role in the whole process. The young cadets are taught in various

branches of knowledge to help equip themselves with the fundamentals of the very source of knowledge itself. To derive the desired result of the system, the BMA also facilitates a Gentleman Cadet to earn his graduation under the University of Chittagong in either of two disciplines — Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, which would confer on him that rare and sterling identity to claim himself a First Class citizen of the country. The pursuit of

academic discipline help widen the horizon of mind, grow genuine aptitude for knowledge undiscovered, change the pattern of visionary zeal and, above all, bloom the qualities of a human heart of the Gentlemen Cadets. Thus a cadet is decorated with two costly gems which would ultimately become his pride possessions. This is indeed an achievement of rarity which the BMA can only provide.

ter traits is done through various discourses pertaining to the training as a whole. Scores are made open before the cadets either through military training or through their academic training to project character traits which are reflected always through action. Character being the key identity of any human soul, maximum weightage is given to this aspect of training in the BMA. The whole training field is, in fact, a wide range in which a cadet can show the reflection of his character, counselling, guidance and advice. And looking into the problems disparately help a cadet flourish in the development of his character traits.

Though the Academy promises to impart military training to the young cadets who hope to adopt army as their professional career, yet it has received in its fold some other responsibilities in the recent past. Its responsibility from the viewpoint of a national institution and national need has been spread over training the joint services cadets and orienting the Civil Service Trainee Officers.

The Bangladesh Military Academy being the only one of its kind in the country also faithfully fulfils the hopes and aspirations of a growing nation like ours, so far as our national defence is concerned. Ours being a national army, the contribution of a national institute like the BMA infallibly seems immense and vast. Hence the institute that produces the leaders in uniform, has a sacred national stature integrated completely. Our national identity, in fact, merges with the distinctiveness of the BMA and this is what makes the BMA an institution with a difference.

