



FBLF Award

"1st Batch Legacy Foundation" Award
Rajshahi Cadet College

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FIRST BATCH LEGACY FOUNDATION AWARD RAJSHAHI CADET COLLEGE

The Cadet Colleges were established to impart quality education and training in a healthy environment to produce all-round, well groomed, confident, disciplined and courageous young people with qualities of command and leadership. Cadets are imbued with the understanding that the country expects them to provide leadership, contribute to nation building, and set an example for others to follow.

In this context, the 1st Batch of Rajshahi Cadet College has established a First Batch Legacy Foundation (FBLF) to dedicate two annual awards, starting in 2021.

Through these modest awards, the FBLF would like to say "thank you" to those who are dedicated to helping others and contributing to the nation and encourage our youngsters to perform well. The 1st Batch earnestly hopes that these awards will motivate and encourage the RCC cadets and alumni to uphold the broader objectives of the cadet colleges in Bangladesh.

FIRST AWARD

To be awarded yearly to the most outstanding all-rounder student of the last passed out batch.

SECOND AWARD

To be awarded yearly to RCC Alumni, having made the most significant social contribution in the country, either individually or as a member of an organization, for the benefit of people, community, or environment.



The Best Social Contribution award in 2021 goes to **Mosharraf Hossain** for poverty alleviation through smallholding tea plantations under a social business framework. He pioneered innovative techniques for tea production in smallholder farms in the flat land of northern Bangladesh. He promoted a social business model to provide the farmers with free seedlings and initial financial support to produce tea.



The best all-rounder award in 2021 goes to **Cadet Md. Mushfiqur Rahman Asif, Cadet No-2768**. He excelled in leadership and academic and extracurricular activities. He showed expertise in almost all disciplines. He was an excellent cadet and a successful appointment holder. In recognition of his outstanding performance, he was adjudged 'Best in Academics' and 'Best All-Round Cadet' of the 52nd Batch.



Cadet no 37, Batch 02, Mr Mosharraf Hossain was born in Moshakhali village in Mymensigh district on 2 January 1953. He joined RCC in 1966 with the 2nd Batch in class VIII.

He soon proved to be an excellent student with strong leadership qualities. He was appointed Wing Under Officer (College Captain) from 1 July 1970 to 9 March 1971 until the college was closed down because of the liberation war for Bangladesh. He joined the war in April 1971 and bravely fought until the end of the war in December 1971. After the war, he resumed his studies in RCC and was again appointed Wing Under Officer from 1 February 1972 to 31 May 1972.

He trained himself to become a Tea Expert, and after completion of his studies, he joined the tea plantation profession in 1978. He retired as a consultant of the Bangladesh Tea Board. He also worked as a consultant for the Indonesian, Malaysia, and Sri Lankan tea industries.

After retirement, pre-occupied by the thought that Bangladesh may soon become a tea importing country due to the fact that the hilly areas, traditionally considered suitable for tea production, were becoming insufficient to meet the country's demand, he realized that in order to increase tea production, Bangladesh needs to motivate and enable those small and marginal farmers of northern Bangladesh living in extreme poverty on the non-flood dry flatlands, to produce tea. Driven by this conclusion, in 1999, he put his entire life savings to develop an irrigation and drainage system that would enable tea production in the flat land of northern Bangladesh and conduct a feasibility study to put his techniques to work.

The vision and determination of Mosharraf have led to a thriving tea industry in Northern Bangladesh. The region now produces approximately 15 million kgs of tea, and this nascent industry's total direct and indirect economic activities are closer to BDT 1 000 Crore, based on 2020 statistics. This saves more than US\$30 million by reducing tea imports and helps over 25,000 families about 100 000 people move out of poverty.

Recognizing his contribution to the country's tea industry, the Prime Minister of Bangladesh awarded him the National Tea Award in 2018. The FBLF of RCC is proud to recognize this brilliant son of Bangladesh and Rajshahi Cadet College. Thank you, Mosharraf, for your outstanding contribution and for leading the way for others to emulate your selfless dedication to reducing poverty and improving the lives of small and marginal farmers in Northern Bangladesh.

Cadet Md. Mushfiqur Rahman Asif was born in Piprul village in Natore district on 14 December 2002. He joined RCC in 2015 as a cadet of the 52nd Batch. He was exceptional in academics from the very beginning of his cadet life. His legacy of being first in class in every exam started as young as class 9 and continued until college completion. He was one of the promising cadets of Qasim House in the inter-house general knowledge competition. His achievements include participation in athletics, cross-country, indoor games, cricket, and basketball. He also secured first place in the Maths and Physics Olympiad competitions. He also took part in the regional and international level Olympiads.

After demonstrating his efforts for the house competitions and his exceptional ability to lead in all spheres of cadet life, he was appointed as Junior Prefect of Qasim House in the first spell. He excelled in carrying out responsibilities and collaborating with the house through his active leadership and participation in various competitions during his tenure. At that period, Qasim House secured the 'Overall Champion' trophy. He also worked to improve the overall house standard by focusing on every aspect, especially on the self-development of the junior cadets. He was later appointed as House Prefect of Qasim House.