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## Overview

NCC Alumni Association has been registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 to bring all Ex NCC Cadets and uniformed persons who have served in the National Cadet Corps, under one umbrella for participating in the Nation Building Process. The association has been formally launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, on the 19th of November 2021 wherein the Hon'ble Prime Minister also became the First member of the association.

NCC Alumni Association aims at

bringing NCC alumni together for furtherance of the aims of NCC and assist in Nation building. It will foster and strengthen the affinity between the alumni of the NCC, India. NCC Alumni Association will execute programmes in consonance with its stated objective and undertake such activities and through such means that promotes the object of enhancement of standards. The Association will also be a platform to get valuable advice and utilise experience of registered Alumni to assist NCC in maintaining high standard of training and sports, and provide guidance to enrolled NCC cadets in their endeavor for better opportunities in future. The Association will promote skill

development, impart employable skills through the registered Alumni of NCCAA working in the government, reputed industries in India and abroad.

NCC Alumni Association will provide its members with opportunity to interact at State and National level activities related to NCC, make them eligible to attend National and State level NCC events and association's meets / seminars every six months. Deserving members who have excelled in various fields will be felicitated at State and National level. The Association will also provide assistance to underprivileged alumni.

## •• EDITOR'S DESK

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you back into the folds of the National Cadet Corps as esteemed Alumni.

The NCC Alumni Chronicle is a reflection of the Corps, its alumni and their accomplishments and activities in various fields. It is a great privilege for the editorial team to present the First issue of 'The Alumni Chronicle' to set the ball rolling for You – esteemed Reader, to remember your days in the National Cadet Corps.

The Alumni Chronicle is an effort to put into print, the various activities and achievements of the NCC Alumni. The first issue of the Chronicle encompasses selected fond remembrances, amazing experiences and a bit of humour from alumni across the country.

The Editorial Team endeavours to make 'The Alumni Chronicle' more interesting and holistic in nature. All efforts will be made to widen the ambit and include more topics of general interest in future issues.

Happy Reading!  
Editor





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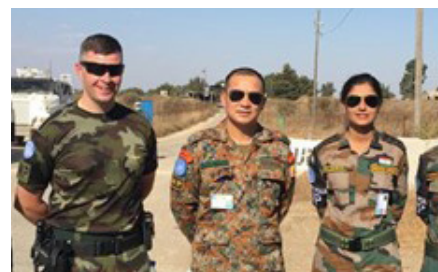
**“EDUCATORS ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO LOSE SLEEP OVER OTHER PEOPLES CHILDREN”**



**Capt. Rajsimran Cheema**

Many a great men were absolutely right when they said that it is the teachers / mentors who make or break the student. My name is Captain Rajsimran Cheema, I have put in a service of four years in the Indian army and I am presently deployed in a United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in the Golan heights on the Israel-Syria border. I would say that every child like me, if he or she were given the proper guidance, would have been able to make it to this place – being a peacekeeper – so young in life. My grandfather, Late Maj (Retd) S S Sandhu, laid a very strong foundation for me, as he started mentoring me since I was a toddler. He would tell me stories of the two important wars of India, of which he had been a part of - dodging artillery shells while in battle. With the inspiration to be a part of the forces, I got myself enrolled into the NCC during my Junior college. Starting from the initial days in NCC – it was a huge effort for us cadets to get our uniform right, to have it all in order as desirable.

And by the end of two years it became a muscle memory for us to wear the perfect uniform with its creases as sharp as a knife. In this journey from being a clueless cadet on day 1 to being the All India Best Cadet in 2013, I give all credit to my instructors, some of whom were GCIs, ANOs, our Bn Cdr, Contingent Cdr, our drill instructors, Gp Cdr, and all those officers who invested their valuable time to make us who we are today. Before I joined the NCC, I can say that though I was not an introvert, but I lacked communication skills and I was not an outgoing personality as I am today. Being in the NCC helped me quite a



our instructors for us to achieve this feat were far more than what we put in. Starting from the wee hours in the morning at 0400 AM, we used to train with our drill instructor. The most feared in the whole contingent was- Lt Col P K Singh, and the cadets used to run as they saw him. He toughened us up for the competition that lay ahead in Delhi - of which we weren't aware of.



lot in improving and enhancing my personality which I got through my experiences with people, especially instructors and peers, during my time in the organization. A great teacher brings out the best in their students. During my very first camp in Aurangabad, my instructors taught me to command a drill parade and our company bagged the drill competition thereafter. Our directorate won the banner in the Republic Day Camp of year 2013.

The efforts that were put in by

He had already sorted the cadets into various categories - which we were to compete in namely the Guard of Honour, Rajpath contingent, Escorts and so on, from day one of our practice camps. The 'ragda' that we got during our pre RD camps made us strong enough to go through long hours of standing still in parades and not falling flat. After the drill parade, we would be gone to the firing range, yet to be again trained under the arduous SM saab who would say "aaram haram hai", and then would make us



do musketry training so that we have a strong foundation at firing as well. And not to forget, the Chocolates that one of us bagged each day given away by Col Rajguru to the one who scored the most, was the best motivation.



Such was the dedication of our instructors towards us that they did not hesitate to help us with our uniforms when needed. An incident I remember- I was running late to reach the flag briefing area on the day the COAS was to arrive and review the briefing. On the way to the place, I somehow got some dust on my perfectly polished shoes. The Officer did not let me bend and clean it, lest it spoils the crease of my trousers - instead she did it herself. I am yet to see such dedication of a teacher towards their student - we never felt away from home as we were surrounded by the best instructors who taught us and took care of us as they would have done to their own children.

One of the most important instructors who were always



there with us cadets from ground zero i.e. from the time we enrolled into NCC - are the ANOs. The ANOs have a very important role to play in the lives of the cadets as they are the very first instructors who guide and push and motivate the cadets to explore their potential and ensure that every cadet is given an opportunity to be a part of all camps and programs that help in building up of an individual.

During our RDC, we had Major Shinde and Captain Cheema as our ANOs with us as our guides. The ANOs supported the cadets relentlessly throughout the camps starting right from the first Combined ATC, right upto post RD camps.

We, the cadets of Maharashtra directorate, all coming from different backgrounds and cities and cultures, together made an effort to work as the best team out there at national level- and the teamwork coupled with the unending guidance of our officers, led us to bag the banner for Maharashtra Directorate for yet another year- fifth time in a row.

My experience of the Youth Exchange Program to China, the very same year, expanded my horizons far more as we cadets got to interact with over a hundred people - who were the best among the best in their own fields- accompanying us in the YEP as we represented the Nation together.

Being in the NCC gave me a lot of exposure in terms of

experience of national level camps, international youth exchange programs and an opportunity which helped me enhance my personality. It helped me expand my horizon which in turn prepared me for a life in the armed forces. I got commissioned in 2017 and served for 3 years in field locations including the valley as well as on the Line of Control. I got an opportunity to serve as a United Nations peacekeeper at the Golan heights rather early and I count it as one of the many blessings I received. I have been fortunate to have



been guided and mentored by the most professional, dedicated and knowledgeable teachers and instructors throughout my formative years and I am thankful to each one of them.

Last but not the least, I am deeply grateful to my parents for believing in me and supporting me through all my endeavours till date. As we all know, parents are the child's first teachers, and I am the most fortunate person to have been blessed with the best ones ever.

# राष्ट्रीय छात्र सेना राष्ट्रहित की शिक्षा की पुंजी है।



लेफ्टनंट डॉ.जितेंद्र देसले

आज मैं आपके साथ एक एनसीसी अधिकारी के रूप में एवं भूतपूर्व छात्रसैनिक के रूप में अपने करियर का एक अनुभव साझा करना चाहता हूं। मुझे कर्नाटक राज्य के मंगलूरु के मूदबिद्री में अल्वा कॉलेज में राष्ट्रीय एकता शिविर में ५० महाराष्ट्र बटालियन द्वारा ए.एन.ओ.के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया था, जो एक सूनहरा मौका था। मेरे साथ विभिन्न राज्यों के कई ANO और छात्र मिले जिनके बीच अलगअलग सांस्कृतिक रियासत, भाषा एवं चालचलन तरीका जानकर अपनापन महसूस किया, औरंगाबाद समूह मुख्यालय के तहत कॉलेजों को राष्ट्रीय एकता शिविर को सौंपा गया था। यह राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता शिविर II- १२ दिसंबर २०१७ से २३ दिसंबर २०१७ तक, मेरे साथ औरंगाबाद मुख्यालय के विभिन्न युनिट से एनसीसी छात्रसैनिक इस शिविर के लिए आए थे उनका और मेरा रिस्ता राष्ट्रीय छात्र सेना के तहत एक परिवार जैसा बन गया था। जिन्हे हम जानते नहीं थे, उन्हें मानने लगे थे, मुझे १२ छात्रों के माता-पिता के रूप में एक एनसीसी अधिकारी के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया था। ट्रेन में सीट आरक्षण एक डिब्बे में नहीं बल्कि दो-तीन डिब्बे में था। सुरक्षा और सुविधा के लिए हमारे पास SW छात्राए थी। पर NCC की वर्दी में सफर में कोई परेशानी नहीं हुई, मैं हमेशा तैयार रहता था ताकि किसी भी छात्र को यात्रा और शिविर में कोई कठिनाई न हो। मेरे साथ आए विभिन्न राज्य के छात्र तथा अल्वा कैंपसने हमारा गर्मजोशी से स्वागत किया। इस शिविर में विश्वास, सहानुभूति और उचित मार्गदर्शन के लिए आपनापन था। राष्ट्रीय एकता शिविर में मेरे



साथ रहने वाले छात्र एक टीम बनाकर और उचित सावधानी बरतते हुए छात्रों के माध्यम से सही महाराष्ट्र का प्रतिनिधित्व करते रहे हैं ताकि उन्हें किसी भी कठिनाई का सामना न करना पड़े। इस शिविर के दौरान गीत नृत्य के साथ अपने कैंडेटने महाराष्ट्र की विरासत सबके सामने रखी जो सभी राज्यों के छात्रों को पसंद आई, सभीने भारत के अन्य राज्यों के रीति-रिवाजों और परंपराओं के लिए एक बेहतरीन प्रदर्शन किया। राष्ट्रीय छात्र सेना के आदर्श वाक्य "एकता और अनुशासन" को सकारात्मक रूप से दर्शाते हुए लाड प्यार एवं शिस्त बनाकर इस चंचल माहौल में शिविर का आनंद लिया था। इस शिविर में कमान अधिकारी मा. कर्नल अनिल नौटियाल साहब, कैप कमांडर, इन्होंने सभीको व्यक्तिगत सुरक्षा तथा स्वास्थ्य के बारे में हिदायत दी बेंगलुरु के ऐतिहासिक तथा सांस्कृतिक महत्व के बारे में पूरी जानकारी देकर निष्ठा और ऊर्जा के साथ सभी छात्रों को अपने विचारों की आदान प्रदान करने की सलाह दी। राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता शिविर II यह कर्नाटक राज्य के अल्वा कॉलेज में जो मूदबिद्री में दक्षिणा कनाडा जिले में स्थापित है, वहां पर मा.डॉ. मोहनजी अल्वा साहब जो अल्वा कैंपस के प्रेसिडेंट है, उन्होंने काफी कुछ सुविधा इस काम के दौरान हमें दी थी। इस काम में मेरे साथ कैडेट विकास खाड़े, कैडेट गणेश शूल, कैडेट आकाश देशमुख, सार्जेंट सुष्मिता गवली, कैडेट अक्षय घुले, कैडेट नम्रता भगत कैडेट वळवी और छोड़ने के बटालियन से P। मोरे आये थे, राष्ट्रीय छात्र सेना हमेशा एकता और अनुशासन को बढ़ावा देते हुए राष्ट्रप्रेम राष्ट्र प्रेरक राष्ट्र हित के बारे में हमें

जागृत करती है पूरे देश के छात्र सैनिक इस राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता शिविर के तहत तहेदिल से एक दूसरे के भाव एक दूसरे के संस्कार एक दूसरे की सांस्कृतिक की विरासत के बारे में जानकारी हासिल करके राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता को बढ़ावा देते हैं। शिविर के दौरान काफी कुछ सीखने को मिलता है, जिसका श्रेय डीजी एनसीसी, सभी एनसीसी मुख्यालय, सभी बटालियन इनको जाता है, हमारे देश की उन्नति एवं प्रगति और विकास के लिए हर एक नागरिक ने एनसीसी छात्र बनकर राष्ट्र हित के लिए राष्ट्र सम्मान के लिए अपने कर्तव्य तथा अधिकार के बारे में अच्छे गुण स्विकार करके जनहित में सही परिवर्तन करें यही लक्ष्य एनसीसी द्वारा मुझे और मेरे छात्रों को मिला है, राष्ट्रीय छात्र सेना राष्ट्रहित की शिक्षा की पुंजी है। मैं गर्व महसूस करता हूं मैं एनसीसी ऑफिसर और भूतपूर्व छात्र सैनिक होने के नाते एक अच्छा नागरिक बनने की अहमियत रखता हूं। जय हिंद





## NCC - AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE



Dr. Devesh Walia

I feel honoured to express my experiences as an NCC cadet during my School and University days. I joined NCC in the year 1980 as I have great esteem and commitment towards my great country and therefore being a student of class XI, I became a proud NCC cadet.

However, within a short time, as I started devoting time to work for fulfilling my dreams especially by attending various NCC activities as a cadet in Junior Division, the resistance from parents forced me to limit participation. Even though I had to restrict my NCC activities and concentrate more in studies, and like any other student, I didn't struggle with my consciousness and became self-centred. Even then through this turmoil, I remained an NCC cadet and passed my NCC A-I and A-II certificates at the school level.

After getting admission at the College level (in University), first day, I volunteered and went to the Associate NCC Officer to seek enrolment in the NCC unit. I consider myself lucky for getting enrolled in the SD NCC as the training has really changed my life - physically and mentally. I would like to share numerous incidences and experiences that I gained during the NCC training and

activities, but due to paucity of space and time, I list a few.

Out of many, today, as a first remembrance I would like to share one important event that occurred and imbibed in me the sense of duty, commitment, dedication, discipline and moral values which are of utmost importance to being a useful citizen and which has impacted my later life. In the year 1985, I was one amongst the NCC troop, as a good cadet, representing Madhya Pradesh during the Republic Day Camp 1985, and was attending DCO -II during first week of December 1984, you know where, yes, in the playground of Union Carbide Factory, Bhopal.

That night 2nd - 3rd December 1984, we slept late by 11.30 pm, like any other day, as we were supposed to compete at National level during the Republic Day camp at New Delhi. We got up early at 5.00 am on 3rd December 1984. We started cross country run and that too around the Union Carbide Factory, and within short time we came to know about the biggest disaster, the Bhopal Gas Leak, that too from the Union Carbide factory, where we were camping! So finally, we were the survivors and shared responsibility to act as first responders and provide all sorts of help to the locals and administrators.

I must mention that I have attended a few more challenging and exciting camps organised by the NCC including Basic Mountaineering Camp at

Manali; Hiking and Trekking Camp at Dhanaulti.

I must mention that now my parents feel proud of me and praise NCC for changing and diverting my energy and resolve in a positive direction to build myself - a supportive person with confidence and able to take decisions in the best interest of nation and our community.

NCC teaches us how to align ourselves with the nature, time, and environment and brings out the best in oneself. NCC provides exposure with a distinct emphasis on social service, discipline and adventure training. NCC as a system provides such opportunities for which I want to appreciate, recognize and acknowledge the entire team comprising of NCOs, JCOs and Officers and wish all students should join NCC during School / College days to learn and contribute their bit for nation with Unity and Discipline, as they deserve to be a NCC cadet and become a model citizen.

## THANK YOU NCC



Lt Moitree Hazarika

I'm a privileged citizen of the country endowed with qualities of self discipline, leadership and national spirit- all thanks to NCC.

My journey to the largest uniformed youth organization in the world began in college when I enrolled myself as NCC

cadet. From the very beginning I was attracted towards NCC seeing cadets proudly marching on Rajpath during Republic Day Parades and always dreamt to be part of it. I was soon wearing the uniform & attending various camps.

During my college days, the centrally organised camps were most sought after as they provided an opportunity to know and learn about customs, traditions and culture of various people from different tribes and states. Soon my dream came true when I was selected for Republic Day Contingent. My happiness knew no bounds as the Republic Day Camp provided me the opportunity to interact with cadets from various parts of the Country. In true sense I could not believe myself seeing National Integration at such a large scale and it generated an immense patriotic feeling within me.

Today looking back at my journey, I attribute success to my association with the NCC which helped me in growing into a mature, confident and self reliant individual. I belong to a remote area of Assam and always had the desire of seeing other parts of the country.

The organisation provided me a platform to make friends from different parts of the country and see new places which otherwise would have remained a dream. Presently, I am working as an Associate NCC Officer (ANO) at South Point School, Guwahati, where I groom students to be better citizens through NCC. Being an ex NCC cadet

I am able to perform my duty with much more confidence and satisfaction. I really feel fortunate to be able to pursue NCC not only as my passion but also as my profession.

I can proudly say that joining NCC has been a turning point in my life. The spirit of serving the society became a reality as through NCC I could work for the upliftment of women and differently abled children by conducting workshops on skill development programs. My selection for the post of NCC teacher helped at ground level to work with the enthusiastic and energetic youth thereby training them in different skills.

Training in disaster management came to my aid and became a reality wherein on 19 Dec 2020, while travelling to New Delhi in the Rajdhani Express along with cadets as part of RDC contingent, our adjacent railway coach caught fire and we as a team could save precious lives preventing major disaster.

To sum it up, I would proudly say "THANK YOU NCC" for being part of my life and helping me become a better person.



## NCC IS NEED OF THE HOUR TO INCULCATE DISCIPLINE AMONG YOUTH



Adv. Deepak Bajaj

I have been a cadet of NCC Air Wing, both Junior Division and Senior Division and had cleared NCC "A" "B" and "C" Certificate Examinations and have been a rank holder of Cadet Warrant Officer while serving in Senior Division.

I joined the profession of Advocacy in the year 1997 and have been in continuous practice since then, in District and Sessions Court, Chandigarh as well as in Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh. Apart from this, I have been teaching Criminal Law to the law students preparing for judicial service examinations and till today more than 200 judicial officers in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Delhi have been selected and they are performing their duty. During teaching,

I have always taught my students the value of discipline, sincerity as well as serving the motherland under all circumstances. Some of my students have joined Indian Army as well as Indian Navy in their respective law branches and have been serving the country. During my entire professional career, I have never been late in attending my court hearings as well as while



delivering more than 17000 lectures to the judicial service aspirants, investigating officers of the police department, Central Detective Training Institute (Government of India), Chandigarh as well as at Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration (Government of Punjab).

The motto of NCC i.e. Unity and Discipline has contributed a long way in having a secular thought process in my mind because of which, I was never carried away by any specific religious thought in any manner. Rather, upholding the values of Constitution as well as leadership qualities taught by NCC has helped me to keep my horizon of knowledge wide and to look at all the citizens of



India, as brothers and sisters. OLQs (Office Like Qualities) taught in NCC Camps helped me to constantly build my confidence in public speaking as well as in dealing with complex real-life situations in the best possible manner.

I am of the firm belief that though I have not been able to join the armed forces, the qualities of discipline and leadership which I learnt both as a Junior Division and Senior Division Cadet helped me in

my career as an Advocate as well as law teacher. I thank this organization from the core of my heart, and I am available for rendering any service, whenever called upon by my Squadron.

“ONCE A CADET, ALWAYS A CADET”. Jai Hind.

## NCC EXPANDED MY HORIZONS TO LIMITLESS BOUNDARIES



Poonam Rana

My days as an NCC cadet both in JW and SW have played an important role in equipping me with the versatile personality to live the life as a responsible citizen. NCC training taught me that nothing is impossible. As they say “When the going gets tough, the tough get going”

The general perception is that the NCC involves physical activities, drills, March past and camping only. That is far from the truth. The NCC helps in building the character of a person. It brings about holistic development of a person. It is because of my NCC training that I have been able to face the insurmountable challenges of life. Till date I give credit to my days as JW and SW cadet for my resilience in facing so many odds in life and come out victorious.

The key lessons that I learned during my NCC days are-

**DISCIPLINE** - The strict schedule taught me discipline, which includes orderliness and strictness. Discipline relates to time management and being orderly in whatever task is being done. I am organized now also, much to the surprise of my colleagues, inspite of tight schedules thanks to instilling discipline in my life very early by NCC.

**LEADERSHIP** - The organisational skills, leading from the front, team orientation, time management and communication skills are the traits that I learned in the NCC camps which is my forte till date as a teacher.

**RESPECTING THE DIVERSITY** - The camps included heterogeneous group in terms of caste, creed, religion, region, language etc. I learned to appreciate other cultures and traditions. Unity in diversity was the underlying theme. I am glad that these camps gave me an insight into character building and standing steadfast in adverse situations.

**CHARACTER BUILDING** - NCC has developed in me, a secular outlook, spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service. I am glad to be part of a pool of organized, trained and motivated youth who will serve the nation regardless of their career.

**THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE** - Various activities such as mountaineering, rock climbing, parasailing and expedition etc. aim to develop endurance, inquisitiveness, courage,

comradeship, self-confidence and team spirit.

It is because of my NCC training that I have the grit and stamina to face the challenges that life brings. NCC has played a lead role in shaping my life, personal as well as professional. I am proud of the fact that today I am an ANO in the same Group where I was a cadet a few years back.

## REKINDLE OLD MEMORIES

Major Kartik Tewari

NCC is more than its motto 'UNITY & DISCIPLINE'

Ten years back I still remember the time like it happened yesterday, when I was pursuing engineering from Shaheed Bhagat Singh State Technical Campus, Ferozpur and I got the opportunity of being associated with 13 Punjab NCC battalion.

Being an aspirant I was always fascinated with the drills and discipline of Armed Forces. The Sahabs & Ustaads from evening parade hours pumped so much passion in me that I dreamt of nothing but olive



green. My ANO Capt (Dr) Kulbhushan Agnihotri used to tell me "Don't waste the qualities you have learnt here, utilize them in your life, exploit them and put them for the good of people"

After rigorous hours of lectures on Discreet Structures, Computer Architecture etc, I used to look forward to wearing khaki uniform and DMS boots. I enjoyed every challenge I faced during my NCC days, be it organising nukkad natak, tree plantation drive, celebrating Republic Day & Independence Day in college, I was up for it. NCC for me became more than its motto, it made me respect the importance of time and effort, I was a changed person. Students in college used to respect my passion towards Armed Forces which was kept alive through NCC.

I attended two CATC camps with 13 PUNJAB NCC battalion but I can clearly recall CATC-73 at NCC Academy, Malout in the year 2012. Academy was newly built and cadets from all colleges had come.

Learning about Firing, Map reading, Physical Fitness & Drills; the experience was out of this world. I was sitting in office making some register as I was told by the CHM when, Col Shekhawat, SC Commanding Officer, who happened to pass by asked me what was I doing? As and when I replied, he said "I see fire in you young man, Don't waste it, wherever you go, whatever you do, remember you can make a difference in people's life". I wasn't old

enough to understand the depth of what he said but it felt good and I continued with my work. Slowly over the span of two years, I inculcated so many qualities unknowingly, that I never got to know when a leader was born inside me.

From khaki to Olive Green

With the Rank of Senior Under Officer, I had acquired 'Alpha' grading in C Certificate. More than the grading, what I had



acquired is the confidence in life. After completing my graduation, I got a call for SSB. I arrived at Selection Centre East at Allahabad and was selected after numerous tests. After completing my Military Training at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, I was commissioned into Fourth Gorkha Rifles of Infantry.

Currently I am posted as Instructor Class 'B' at Infantry School Mhow. After all these years, I still remember those words told to me by my Commanding Officer in my NCC days. When I sit back in chair, I think of lives I can change and therefore whenever I see a bright and hard working boy, I want to tell him "I see fire in you Young Man"



## I FOUND MY BEST VERSION HERE!



Kumudini Bhutani

Imagine walking on a road, and knowing you are a little above the crowd. That's the confidence NCC gave me. I still swell up with pride knowing that I have had the experiences many can only dream of. Attending a high tea and talking to the Air Chief, marching on Raj Path, being the ambassador of country in the Youth Exchange Programme, having friends from different cultures of India and across oceans too, being mentored by the best people ever; have all shaped me for good. My eyes light up talking about my days in NCC.

The journey of donning the uniform as a Junior Wing cadet in school to a Senior Wing cadet in college has been of learning, growth, and pride. Let me tell you how.

Unity and Discipline are not just words for me anymore, but a way of life. Knowing that being on time will not save me from punishment till everyone is on time, made me realise that it can't be only about me. Taking everyone along is how one can go far.

I am currently building my own brand, blogging and managing a job at the same time. "How do you do it all together?" is a common question I get. If only I could give them a glimpse of the Republic Day Camp-

shuffling from parade, to cultural activities, to flag area, to firing, to group discussion and interview, and then studying; managing it all with four hours of sleep can train anyone to follow the rules they set for themselves.



It is not an overnight growth, but an everlasting one. NCC is not just about armed forces, as it is perceived. It is a way of life. It doesn't teach you to operate a tank, but gives you the confidence to stand in front of thousand people and express your thoughts. You don't become a leader overnight, but you learn to lead. You learn to walk, to sit, to stand, to understand others and live with them.

I am physically and emotionally fit. Be it working out when others get tired, or lifting heavy bags, tackling tough situations, or raising someone's morale - these are few examples where I know for sure that I owe it all to the experiences I had as a cadet.

I learnt the importance of small things and making the best of all. A samosa which can be had almost anywhere at just ten bucks, has an important value in a cadet's life. Looting over refreshments after a day of

training is probably a happiness we all share. Just as we share the waiting and standing in a queue to wash our utensils, and being okay with it because we have our buddy with us.

I think, it is through these experiences that we understand the joy of enjoying things that are considered ordinary. Things like enjoying a meal together; sharing a secret laughter when the situation is serious, and knowing that being a 'makra' won't do you much good.

Whenever asked to sum up NCC and my experiences as a cadet, I say proudly and it has become my tagline too "I found the better version of myself here. You give NCC your all, and you get the best in return."

## CAREER GUIDANCE AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Shashank Sharma

The Youth of the Country plays a crucial role in Nation building. It has the power to help a country to develop and to grow in the right direction, it can also bring social reforms within a country. The youth of the country are the future of the Nation. National cadet corps (NCC) is the youth organization of the country which empowers the youth to become a good citizen of the country and is also called as the second line of Defence. NCC



provides basic military training as well as inculcate the quality of unity and discipline among the young minds of India which make them good citizens of the country and eventually opens various doors of opportunities for them.

NCC is the biggest youth organization in the world. It consists of students/cadets, teachers/ANOs, training staff, defence officers, and civil staff. These dedicated people have been serving the nation and the society gloriously since the commissioning of the NCC as the reserve force of the country.

It's very difficult to find out the strength and weakness of our own, but NCC helps in finding out our strength and weakness through which we can work on betterment of our self development. Some of the Qualities which a NCC cadet inculcates that also help them to grab various opportunities in Life.

LEADERSHIP  
SECULAR OUTLOOK  
TEAM- SPIRIT  
OBEY WITH SMILE  
DISCIPLINE  
ADAPTABILITY  
CONFIDENCE  
PUNCTUALNESS  
NCC and EMPLOYMENT

There are plethora of challenges in the 21st century and one of the biggest challenges is unemployment and to fulfill the needs of this challenge, NCC has emerged as a strong force. However NCC has to equip itself so that it can play a vital role in generating employment. NCC possesses a huge potential to help provide employment to not only the cadets but also to the defence personnel too.

NCC is the only distinctive organization that can offer the young boys and girls job opportunities in State police service, paramilitary forces, defence services, etc. This is the only youth organization which is concerned about providing employment to its cadets.

Nowadays, paramilitary forces, defence services, State police service have a tremendous shortage of jawans and officers. NCC cadets are already trained with basic military training and some other aspects like quality of leadership, secular outlook, team-spirit, etc. These are the things which are the key requirements of security force, NCC cadets can solve the problem of huge shortage of Manpower.

Major opportunities for NCC cadets are as follows:

- NCC SPECIAL ENTRY SCHEME
- 32 Seats reserved for NCC cadets in IMA
- Paramilitary forces (10-15 bonus marks)
- Exempted from soldier GD written exam
- 10% seats reserved for pilot course in IAF, etc
- Security Executives in Private organizations like:
  - Reliance Industry Limited
  - Tata group Indigo Airlines
  - Vedanta Limited
  - Aditya Birla
  - Ambuja group and other MNC's
  - Incentives in Merchant Marine Courses

In the 21st century the role of defence personnel is very crucial. It is a well known fact that defence personnel are well trained, disciplined and skilled personnel. After their retirement they can be reemployed as store in charge, drill instructor, NCC ANOs in schools and colleges. They will not only be the assets of the educational institution but also will inculcate high moral values and discipline to the future youth of India. Apart from this

they will train the young minds of India in an effective manner as compared to the teachers and ANOs.

There is another field where NCC can help to get employment to cadets and retired defence personnel and that is opening of NCC Academies. The Central government should encourage the state governments to open NCC schools and academies in every district on the pattern of Military schools. These NCC institutions can train the NCC cadets and youth in a much better way than the civil educational institutions. These trained and skilled cadets can get employment in defence forces, security forces, para-military forces and state police force. There is a big problem of discipline in the civil educational institutions. So these NCC academies will be a role model for the other institutions.

NCC should also be made an optional subject in all the educational institutions including schools and colleges, it can lead to better development of the society as well as Nation development. In the fast-changing national environment, the NCC acts as a nursery of future makers of our nation, it serves to give a positive and creative exposure in various fields. NCC inculcates much-needed discipline, moral values, patriotism and hard work among the youth and the citizens of the country. All the security forces in India are facing acute shortage of personnel, NCC can fulfill that

emptiness and can give a right direction to the nation.

## NCC: A TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE



Mohammed Juheb

It all started with a dream of joining the Defence forces from 8th standard itself when I used to see many senior officers coming to my school i.e. Army Public School Number 1, Roorkee. The respect that they used to command attracted me the most. I had a vision but never a direction and because of which I got screened out twice from SSB Bhopal in the year 2017.

When I started to doubt myself, NCC started to give me the guidance and direction that I needed in my life to attain my vision. I participated in 'All India Thal Sainik Camp (AITSC)', New Delhi in 2018. It comprised of 5 camps in total, the 5th camp being the final National level Thal Sainik Camp. I cleared all the camps and finally got selected in the Uttarakhand Directorate obstacle team. This boosted my morale and I was able to see the Defence forces way of life closely. I never knew that one can come this close to people and become lifelong friends with those who were strangers at first in these camps. One starts to go the extra mile for their buddies in the NCC. Our team was able to perform well in the AITSC in the obstacle event. When I thought that my work was over,

I was picked up randomly for the Tent Pitching Competition. We trained all night for the event and gave our best the very next day.

Just after a month of my Thal Sainik Camp, I was packing my bags again for the Adventure Course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (NIM) Uttarkashi.

This course made me fall in love with the mountains and I was able to meet many people from different parts of India. I learned about rock climbing, rapelling, river crossing and many more. I was 1st in the obstacle competition and 2nd in the sports climbing competition. I was happy as I made my battalion proud. After these camps, I started to notice changes in my personality in positive ways. I started preparing for the Defence services exam along with doing my routine NCC work. In April 2019, I was again selected for the SSB course at OTA, Kamptee. I was able to properly understand the procedures and do's/don'ts of the SSB. Then my favorite part came when I became an Under Officer and handled all the Administrative work of NCC in my college. I was able to inculcate the ethos and values of NCC in my juniors. Motivated them to go to various camps and use



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these opportunities to attain their goals. It all enhanced my leadership and social adaptability qualities which made me more confident and honest towards my goal. At last, I cleared my 'C' certificate examination with 'AYE' grading.

As I said earlier that I had the vision but never a direction. But, because of NCC I was able to find my direction and I have recently recently been recommended from 1 AFSB Dehradun for the flying branch of the Indian Air Force and now eagerly waiting to join the prestigious Air force Academy.

## एन सी सी का सफर मेरी जुबानी



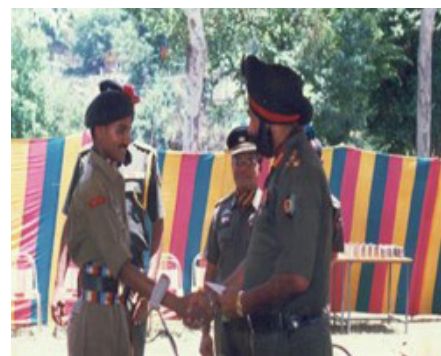
ले विनोद कुमार

एन सी सी कैडेट के रूप में मेरा सफर जब मैं कक्षा 11 में पढ़ता था जब शुरू हुआ। बचपन में गणतंत्र दिवस के अवसर पर खेल मैदान में सेना और एन सी सी कैडेट्स की परेड देख कर लगता था कि क्या मैं भी इसी तरह मैदान में कभी परेड करूंगा। कई सपने थे आँखों में सेना में जाने के परन्तु किसी कारणवश सेना में जाने का सपना पूरा न हो सका लेकिन मन में सेना की गतिविधियों को करीब से देखने और कुछ सिखने का जज्बा था। तब मैंने वर्ष 1994 में एस एस जे कैम्पस अल्मोडा में एन सी सी में प्रवेश लिया और एन सी सी का सफर जारी रखा। एन सी सी के अन्तर्गत परेड के अलावा अन्य गतिविधियाँ भी होती थी जैसे-सांस्कृतिक गतिविधि, फ्लैग एरिया, फायरिंग आदि। मुझे संगीत का बहुत शौक था और कुछ वाद्य बजाया भी करता था और इसका लाभ मुझे एन सी सी में मिला।

एन सी सी के कैडेट का एक सपना होता है आर डी सी कैम्प दिल्ली में प्रतिभाग करना और ये इतना आसान नहीं था। मुझ में जज्बा और जूनून भी था। कई कैम्प करने के बाद वर्ष 1996 में मैंने आर डी सी कैम्प दिल्ली के प्रतिभाग किया। लखनऊ में प्री आर डी सी कैम्प करने के बाद मेरा चयन (सांस्कृतिक दल) उत्तर प्रदेश एन सी सी कॉन्टीजेन्ट के 140 कैडेट्स में आर डी सी कैम्प दिल्ली के लिये हुआ। दिसम्बर 1995 को उत्तर प्रदेश एन सी सी कॉन्टीजेन्ट दिल्ली के खाना हुआ। आर डी सी कैम्प के दौरान मुझे भारत को बहुत करीब से देखने का मौका मिला सभी प्रदेशों के एन सी सी कैडेट्स से मिलने तथा उनका रहन-सहन भाषा बोली सिखने का मौका मिला।

आर डी सी कैम्प में हमें परेड, कैम्प ले आउट, फ्लैग एरिया सांस्कृतिक प्रतियोगिता आदि सारी गतिविधियाँ करायी जाती थी। सांयकाल सांस्कृतिक प्रतियोगिता होती थी। मुझे सांस्कृतिक टीम का सीनियर बनाया गया था। एकल गायन प्रतियोगिता में उत्तर प्रदेश एन सी सी कॉन्टीजेन्ट को द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त हुआ। उस समय मुझे बहुत खुशी हुई। आर डी सी कैम्प में मुझे कैम्प ले आउट के दौरान भतपूर्व राष्ट्रपति स्व शंकर दयाल शर्मा जी को सैल्यूट देने मौका मिला जो कि मेरे लिये बहुत गर्व की बात थी और तब से सेना में जाने की प्रबल इच्छा मेरे मन में बहुत जागृत हुई। आर डी सी कैम्प के दौरान मुझे राष्ट्रपति भवन में भतपूर्व राष्ट्रपति स्व शंकर दयाल शर्मा जी से मिलने तथा उनके निवास में भोजन का अवसर प्राप्त हुआ जो मेरे लिये गौरव की बात थी तथा , थल सेना प्रमुख निवास , वायु सेना प्रमुख निवास जल सेना प्रमुख निवास में प्रमुखों से मिलने का अवसर भी प्राप्त हुआ।

एन सी सी का सफर मेरे लिये बहुत अच्छा रहा परन्तु मन में सेना में जाने की टीस थी। सेना में तो नहीं जा पाया परन्तु इस सफर को मैंने एन सी सी ऑफिसर बनकर जारी रखा और मैं आज यू के 77 एन सी सी बटालियन अल्मोड़ा में अपनी सेवायें दे रहा हूँ।



## HOW NCC TRANSFORMED LIFE OF MR NANDAKUMAR



Nandakumar

This is a remarkable story of a school dropout who was able to rise to his potential, thanks to his training with the NCC.

Nandakumar had an extremely difficult childhood. As a dyslexic child he was ridiculed and had to drop out of school but he overcame it all because of his belief in himself. He cleared his UPSC Civil Service Examination in 2005 and got selected into the Indian Revenue Service. He is currently serving as Additional Commissioner of Income Tax in Chennai, Tamilnadu.

It is with a lot of pain and anguish that he narrates, "Being a school dropout I was looked down upon by everybody and often humiliated by my friends, neighbors and even teachers. Further, my weak and lean frame made people feel that I was not good enough for anything. Depressed and frustrated, not knowing what

to do, I left school to take up any menial job to support myself”.

Unfortunately, no one could understand the true reason for his failure in academics nor did anyone try to identify his problem as a dyslexic and he continued to suffer his destiny. Ashamed for being a failure in school he started exploring his possibilities as child labour. He worked in a mechanic shed, as an electrician, at a photocopy



shop and many other odd jobs that he could find. However, even after the abrupt disruption of his formal education, he continued to learn in his own way. Secretively he started pursuing his 10th & 12th standard exams appearing as a private candidate and finally passed with borderline marks and started applying to all colleges in Chennai.

With sheer perseverance (turning up every day at the admission department) he was finally admitted to Dr Ambedkar Government Art College - English Literature. However, here to due to his disability he found it difficult to keep up with his class and his confidence was once again shattered. Now he laughs about is in reminiscence and says that

for a long time he though the English teachers were teaching in some foreign language.

However in college his life began to take a turn when he joined the Tamilnadu NCC. Wearing the khaki uniform with belt, beret and shining boots filled him with great pride and changed the way he saw himself. He jokes saying, “Even though this issued uniform was greatly oversized for my frail 42 kg frame, every time I wore it I felt life Clark Kent had transformed to Superman”.

Here on Nandakumar took every opportunity provided by the NCC attending all camps, training activities and social service events with great enthusiasm and pride. Not surprisingly he became a favorite of his instructors and his self confidence grew by leaps and bonds. It also sowed the seed of belief in him that he could accomplish anything if he was determined enough. He emotionally puts it “I grew up on my own with no one to look up to or get mentored by and I owe NCC all my success for the discipline, resilience and self-reliance that they inculcated in me”.

After college Nandakumar qualified for the Civil Services. His eyes glisten when he recalls an interaction during his training days with Dr Abdul Kalam at Rashtrapati Bhawan. “When every other trainee officer introduced themselves with their impressive degrees, I briefed him that I was a dyslexic school dropout turned civil servant”. The President

applauded him publicly and urged him to encourage every youth in India to become like him.

Taking forward Dr Kalam’s vision, Nandakumar started his mission as a motivational speaker to try to transform lives of under privileged children. Every year he targets to reach one lakh youth including students in slums, rural areas, first-generation students, special children, etc through his talks and subject orientation programs. So far he has mentored 20000 UPSC aspirants and coached more than 1000 teachers for better teaching methodologies for disabled children. He believes and lives Einstien’s quote “Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.”

## SCALING HEIGHTS, SOARING SKIES, SCORING ACCOLADES



**Mrs. Sangeetha**

Can a cadet continue to practice and live life as per training received from NCC ? Anyone who knows Sangeetha Sridhar can emphatically say “YES”. Professionally she has won international accolades as E-Governance professional, while pursuing her adventurous persona with global records.

CSUO Sangeetha Sridhar (2TN

Air Sqn (F) Coimbatore under NCC Dte (TN, P & AN)Ex. JW Cadet from 1980-82 & SW Cadet from 1984-87) holds her Guinness Record for having been part of an electric vehicle drive to the Everest Base Camp (North face - China), world record for the longest single trail promoting Cleanliness by driving solo for over 50,000 kms. She is the first civilian to have reached the easternmost, southernmost and westernmost points of India in a single solo self-drive covering 360 cities in 8 months non-stop.



She proudly exhibits her NCC records (spanning 5 years in JW & SW)-Scaling Mount Beas Kund, Mountaineering training at WHMI - Manali, Flight training at the Coimbatore flying club on Glider and Cessna, Paratrooper training at Agra Paramilitary School, and several NCC camps. Each of the above NCC activities, shaping her into a multi-faceted leader, a righteous member of the society, setting an example to one and all.

Being self-reliant and in an always-ready mode helped Sangeetha to step-up during natural calamities and lead relief works through diplomatic



channels. Embassy of Oman and UAE willingly backed her efforts and honoured her by recommending her for the NARI PURASKAR by the President of India in 2019.

Sangeetha is now a motivational speaker and minimalism-practitioner. "NCC Camp lifestyle has become a habit for me, helping me manage time effectively, live with environment conscious & self-confidence", she confides.

"NCC gave me a platform to learn the power of teamwork and improve my skills across several areas including weather, environment safety, technology and people-psychology. I could apply each of my skills at work to achieve organisational excellence", Sangeetha asserts. Her professional success brought her international awards including the "Digital Literacy Champion" award from USA. Precious values imbibed into every NCC Cadet such

as empathy, creativity, critical thinking have shaped Sangeetha into a global citizen of high respect. She willingly organises charity activities including fund-raising and recycle campaigns promoting minimalism. During her world-record drive she interacted with over 1.75L school children, to create an awareness about cleanliness.

"Until today, I live like an NCC cadet", Sangeetha confesses, crediting the disciplined lifestyle, fitness, self-awareness and social responsibility to her training with NCC. At the age of 53, she looks back at a glorious life of accolades and looks forward to serving the armed forces unconditionally, if given an opportunity. Sangeetha can be reached via email the.sangeetha.sridhar@gmail.com.

## REMINISCENCES OF A LEAP INTO THE FUTURE



Asenla Imsong

It is with a boundless measure of honor that I embark upon penning this treatise to reflect on the rich and varied experiences as an NCC Cadet. The penchant to don the uniform was ubiquitous in me from my formative childhood days. The opportunity came calling when the enrolment process commenced in my institution. The vision I had always dreamt of, seemed to have been accomplished. The



feeling of being a cut above the rest, a dawn of foreseeable adventure, military training, interactions and learning, all seemed to be unfolding incessantly.



To narrate the most impressionable moments albeit abridged, is still stimulating owing to the plethora of events and moments which were all endearing in equal measure.

The most electrifying moment came when after grueling Weapon Training sessions, we finally got the opportunity to fire a rifle at the Firing Range. The squeeze of trigger, clang of metal in bolt action, rumbling of the muzzle, rearward kick of the butt, pervading smell of cordite and precision hit on the Bulls Eye was a moment worth living for.

The feeling of excitement was unmatched and the adrenaline rush, uncontrollable. Convincingly, it was a dream worth living for. I felt that day at the range, for me, even sky is not the limit!

The Map Reading classes was another fascinating aspect of our training which has continuously overawed me by its sheer simplicity, logic and accuracy. The feeling of navigating the spread of nature

across rugged terrain with limitless options to traverse, understanding the sheer science is always captivating. The thought that a piece of paper and magnet for centuries had assisted crusaders, explorers, sea voyages, campaigns was a tool I could handle today with surgical precision to reach the intended target areas incredible.

The camps that I attended on various occasions were undoubtedly a turning point in my life. The exposure obtained, the knowledge gained and experiences shared was truly unmatched and extremely inspiring. The vast and varied cultural richness was absolutely fascinating and left me spellbound.

The Drill Classes were exacting and tough, in fact the bedrock of the training schedule, designed to inculcate habits of discipline and punctuality. The hard stamping of the boots, raising the rifle for salutation, maintaining an impeccable turnout, were all new horizons I got to explore. Theory classes of the course curriculum are so structured that every session is invigorating with extremely well-structured lesson plans covering a wide spectrum of educative topics.



Resultantly, my overall personality including empowerment, self-confidence, self-pride and self-esteem enhanced multifold in the gamut of NCC training which will stand me everlastingly in good stead in my career and life ahead. In totality NCC justly is all about 'N' (Nation First) 'C' (Character Building) 'C' (Camaraderie).

## NCC, THE STORY THAT MADE MY LIFE!



Mrs Poonam Kapoor

National Cadet Corps is not about uniform or uniformity, it is about unity.

My motivation to join the NCC was the awesome sight of the many Republic & Independence Day Parades which I used to watch on TV, and of course the inspiring uniformed NCC cadets.

NCC has been the turning point in my life, transformed me from a common person to a better person. It taught me leadership, time/stress management and importance of teamwork. Here goes.... my story of my unforgettable NCC life.

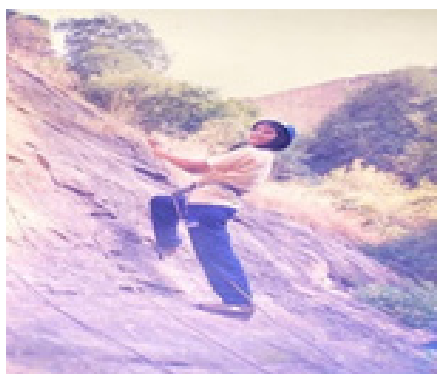
My Initial Junior Wing Experience I participated in the Junior Wing Annual Training Camps held at Nagrota, Jammu when I was in class 8th, just a 13 year old girl. Apart from a

totally unique experience in many activities, our group song was adjudged as best and I also excelled in the solo singing .



"The discipline that I learnt at NCC is still being enforced in my daily life. The training we got was rigorous, getting up early at 5 am and go for morning PT and after breakfast Rifle Shooting, March-Past and other NCC classes. In the evening games were conducted like kabadi, Kho-Kho etc. The life as a cadet was one of the best experiences in my life.

I had one terrible experience during Republic Day Function in 1995. We were at MAM Stadium, Jammu where I was commander of my school contingent and suddenly three bomb explosions took place in the Stadium which was jam packed with a huge gathering of about 40,000 people. But we all NCC Cadets managed to safely reach our homes but of course with great difficulties.



That day NCC taught me to be brave and never lose confidence even in the face of adverse situation.

"It's a beautiful thing when you wear a uniform which represents a group of people because what it immediately symbolizes is oneness, togetherness."

Senior Wing... The journey from Sergeant to SUO Poonam Gupta!

Now finally, I was a college-going girl and was appointed as SUO (Senior Under Officer) of NCC in my first year itself.

In 2000, I attended ALL INDIA ROCK CLIMBING TRAINING CAMP held at Gwalior and was recommended for Advance Rock Climbing and Mountain Adventure Course.

Best Experience of my life:

Republic Day Camp (RDC)  
RDC is the most prestigious camp for a cadet in NCC. In fact, representing at the NATIONAL level itself gives you enough pride & confidence. One must put heart & soul towards achieving one's goal, only then the Glittering Gold comes out. The camp portrays a reflection of "Mini India". The selection for RDC starts as early as August or sometimes even earlier through various stages.

My struggles and dreams came true as I was selected from Jammu and Kashmir for RDC of Republic Day in 2002. I went to DELHI to make my life's best dream happen and I was on

top of the world as 30 days in DGNCC Camping Ground full of activities remain lifelong memories with me.

Life Post NCC Cadetship:

Having done Post Graduation, my path diverted far away from NCC as I entered teaching service but how could I remain away from NCC, so during my job in College I became the CARETAKER and we participated in the National Camp at BAL BHAWAN, Delhi. I have also been playing a role of a motivator to my students and encourage them to be an active NCC cadet and learn new experiences every day.

I am currently in Teaching profession and serving my country in another beautiful way! While being in teaching field never fades my passion for dancing and singing, and I believe in spreading that passion to my students. I along with my students have participated in the National Cultural program held in Delhi. I wish to convey all the NCC Cadets and aspirants that

" Sky is the limit", if you are determined.



## HUMOUR

### FEW KILOS JALEBI AND A HORSE'S GRIN



Dr Sudesh Kanungo

I wanted to learn horse riding for a long time and after getting admitted in Veterinary College, and found it in 1 (O) R&V Sqn NCC. After enrolling in NCC and issue of kit, I landed on the first day bang at six in the morning fully excited. I had to wear a protective riding helmet before mounting the horse. Then all set I mounted a big brown horse called "KISMET", a horse reserved for the starters. I was put into the novice riding group and started to learn basics to rise up and down in rhythm with the horse's trot. After a great deal of thumping and knee bruising, I finally managed to get the rhythm by the eighth class.

After about a month of riding, grooming and endless faults and learnings, I became little confident to handle and ride a horse. Since I made good progress in the first month, I was given to ride more difficult and stubborn horses that occasionally bucked. But this rodeo rider managed to hold on. Soon I was allowed to trot the horse on the "outer ring" which was limited to a privileged few, deemed good riders. Then onwards it was a pleasure every

moment. Oh, the sheer delight of riding in the early mornings with overhanging branches early in the mornings has to be experienced. I was so into the riding sessions that I started to go to stables whenever I got a break from the classes!

Next on the menu was the "Canter". On the First day, I was given a horse named "Gulshan", an experienced but moody horse. On the command of Canter, as I pressed the legs to the side of the chest of Gulshan, suddenly I found myself circling vertically in air. I found myself landing on my bottom with a bang.

As I regained my orientation, I found Gulshan standing next to me grinning!! Till then I did not know, horses could grin!!! To add insult to the injury, the Ustad roared, "Bina ijajat ke dismount kyou hua cadet? Fine ke taur pe do kilo jalebi grooming period se pehle aa jana chahiye". It seemed to me it was a conspiracy between the Ustad and my horse Gulshan to eat Jalebi from my pocket.

Anyway, I got to the saddle again, little cautious this time. After a round of trot, as the Ustad gave command for canter, as if on cue, Gulshan again bucked with the same intensity producing the same result. But this time, instead of grinning, he stared to graze nonchalantly just besides me. Now, with the double bonanza, the other cadets also started grinning, or I just thought so. That was the end of the riding for the day for me. As I gingerly strode towards the jalebi shop

across the boundary, I heard Ustad shout from the back, "Ghode ke liye gur lekar ana mat bhulna". I was now convinced of the cartel of Ustad and Gulshan.

In later years, it was a great experience to participate in national level equestrian competitions and win medals and trophies. But I always had a special regard for Gulshan. Still drenched in my vivid memories, I watch Gulshan and young NCC cadets jump beautifully over the walls and obstacles. Wouldn't be possible, but for the jalebies and the horse's grin.

## HUMOUR IN UNIFORM

Cdr PK Basak

The Cadets are 'Relatively' Old. Each Camp creates lots of memories for both cadets and the staff. The incident here belongs to one such camp. In our Unit we had a tradition of inviting few relatives of the cadets participating in the camp and few ex-Cadets to join us on the penultimate day and interact with other cadets. The ex-Cadets talk about their present life and also share their memories of NCC.

Now the main attraction of the day is the evening cultural program. While the program was going on, these ex-Cadets started chit-chatting which was creating disturbance for other



guests. Not to mention the bad example they were setting. In their exuberance they forgot that they were in a NCC event. PI Staff warned them. But after sometime the decibels level increased again. This happened 2-3 times and it is then that I thought that some harsher measure needs to be exercised.

I took the bunch of cadets who were creating disturbance onto the school playground. First, asked them to go round the play ground once and then made them stand in attention with hands raised. You must know that some of these ex SD Cadets were dressed for the occasion in smart Suits and beautiful Sarees. Anyways, I lectured them for 10 minutes about importance of discipline, the example they were setting in front of the relatives and young cadets etc.

Suddenly, I realized that two cadets were little older and I had never met them before. I enquired about their year of passing NCC. Now imagine my horror when I came to know that they were not cadets but relatives whom we have invited. For few seconds we all stared into each other's eye and suddenly I burst out laughing as I found the whole situation extremely amusing. Soon all of them joined in my laughter.

Later that night we all had our dinner together. Till date the scene is imprinted in my memory.

## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

### NCC ALUMNI IN NATION BUILDING



Seema Pandey

The Nation Cadet Corp (NCC) is an organization, regulated under the Ministry of Defence. It acts as the body to provide the basic military training that inculcates feeling of comradeship, courage, honesty and above all patriotism.

I as an alumnus of NCC, always cherished my memory as an NCC cadet. The training during my college days changed the perception of my life. I have learnt a lot from NCC, and now it's time to find out that how the alumni like us can help the society as well as the present cadets of NCC.

The advantages of the NCC are many. It makes the youth of the country disciplined, dutiful, and physically strong.

Thus they become very helpful in building the nation in all aspects. Moreover, they can be very helpful in defending the freedom of the country. Their services can be utilized when needed accordingly.



So as alumni of NCC we have a duty towards our organization as well as towards our society and country. An alumnus can take a challenge to show his/her ability to make the society better by applying all the knowledge they acquire at the time of training. One can show her/his leadership ability to encourage the youth to participate in the goodwill of society. An Ex cadet of NCC had that skill which can be



used for the nation building purposes. Today our society needs us the most so that we can build a network through our alumni group and come up with ideas which help our nation to be the best.

Our main objective should be to bridge the gap between currently enrolled cadet and Ex cadet. Through communication and constant interaction we can bridge this gap, which in turns helps our organization. This continuous interaction between present cadet and ex cadet can lead a path, which may be fruitful for our society. We the alumni can nurture their enthusiasm that they take pride and are nurtured to work. We can bring the problem of our society in front of them and ask for their suggestions on how to deal with it, we should listen to their ideas and give our input to bring a good solution at the end.

Alumni contribution can happen in various fields such as alumni interaction week & alumni challenge competition.



For the benefits of junior cadets, namely for conducting viva, conducting mock personal interview and also discuss about the improving the training based on local requirement.

We the alumni should interact in regular intervals so that we can discuss the problem of our nearby society and how to solve it. As we know that many alumni are engaged in various social activity through their parent organization. These activities could be synergized.

During the interaction alumni can highlight the importance of their training and make them aware about various career opportunities related with it directly or indirectly.



Alumni can visit the camps on regular intervals to share their personal experience related with camp and training and they can motivate them too. They can extend their full fledged support to the junior cadets, so they can feel the urge to do something for the society. This kind of support helps cadets to build their inner strength and make them feel that we are united irrespective of our age or position in the society. We all are the flag bearer of NCC and together we can take the

oath to serve the nation. As a team we can give a better service towards our society.

The basic things is to create an environment where the junior cadets can relate their training as a service to the nation, they can feel themselves as the part of the bigger family where they are doing something and they should do more in near future for the betterment of our society.

## ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT - FACULTY, HOSTING AND VOLUNTEERING FOR NCC ACTIVITIES



Sgt. Ashutosh Dash

“Motivation gets you going but Discipline keeps you growing”. Discipline is the factor which bridges the gap between goals and accomplishments. I had been a person of lesser discipline but my tenure in National Cadet Corps from 2017 to 2019 changed the way I had been.

As an enthusiastic member of 3 Bengal Tech Air Squadron NCC, I can draw an analogy of my experience of NCC to a crumbled useless paper being put through pressure to flatten it. NCC training inculcated within me a lot of qualities i.e. character, comradeship, discipline, leadership,



nationalism, secular outlook, spirit of adventure, and Ideals of Selfless Service for my country. I thoroughly enjoyed dedicating some time of my life to help the people of my own country and upgrade my nation as a whole.

Those values that I learnt in NCC didn't restrict themselves to the period of NCC classes itself but it transformed into a habit due to which I get a lot of praises and blessings in my life.

Being a part of NCC Air wing I not only got trained in various fields like technicalities of aircrafts, Aeromodelling and principles associated with the firing of rifles and adsorbed plethora of knowledge related to arms and armaments, safety procedures in natural and man-made disaster. As NCC cadets we were not trained to become robot like entities but various soft skills were also a part of our training as I mentioned before which makes me, personally, a better and a proud citizen of India.



In my journey in NCC I was profoundly motivated by my training staff. I joined as an NCC cadet but by virtue of motivation and discipline that was imparted to me, I climbed the steps to be promoted to the rank of Cadet Sergeant. Punctuality and readiness are two of the most valuable things I learnt. I also led as a platoon commander in Republic day parade held in IIT Kharagpur campus.



One month into being a part of NCC unit, we planted 50 saplings inside the campus of IIT Kharagpur to make our environment cool and rich with oxygen, as a part of tree plantation drive and regularly took care of it. Later in the year we cleaned the surroundings of our adopted village Purbapatri by handpicking stray polythene and uprooting wild vegetation with help of proper tools. Also, we distributed various stationary items to the needy children of the area to help them with studies.

Raktdaan-mahadaan.

I finally got to realise my dream of donating blood to save someone's life in Blood donation drive carried out by NCC in IIT campus. I got this chance twice in the two years and it really feels exciting to donate blood.

There are various other activities like mini marathon, Annual Training Camp and celebration of AIDS day, Vanamahotsav et.al. The training that I got in NCC is worth a lifetime and I will never cease to put it to practice. Now I feel that it is my turn to give it back to the society and country and contribute my best to groom the current NCC cadets. The synergy created by all such like minded alumni of NCC will go a long way in ensuring that our country reaches the pinnacle of glory. After all each drop counts in building the ocean.

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डीसीपलिनड  
अलुमनाई  
एसोसिएशन नेटवर्क  
(उड़ान) के कोरोना  
योद्धा

ब्रिगेडियर प्रवीण कुमार

संगठित और अनुशासित पूर्ववर्ती कैडेटों का संगठन (उड़ान) वैसे पूर्ववर्ती एन सी सी कैडेटों का संगठन है जो पिछले पांच वर्षों से समाज सेवा और सामाजिक उत्थान के कार्यों में कम्यूनिटी ट्रैफिक पुलिस के ध्वजा तले बिहार में कार्य कर रहा है। वर्ष 2020 में इसने बड़े स्तर पर कोविड राहत कार्यों में बढ़-चढ़ कर हिस्सा लिया जिसमें बाहर से आए मजदूरों के लिए कम्यूनिटी किचन की स्थापना, फेस मास्क को बनाना और बांटना, सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग लागू करने के लिए कम्यूनिटी ट्रैफिक पुलिस की तरह काम करना आदि शामिल था। इसके पहले उड़ान बहुत तत्परता से सड़क सुरक्षा, यातायात



व्यवस्था, पुलिस प्रशासन को महत्वपूर्ण त्योहारों या अवसरों पर सहायता, यातायात नियमों का परिपालन/जागरूकता, बाढ़ राहत कार्य इत्यादि अनेकों सामाजिक कार्यों में तल्लीन था।

जब कोरोना की दूसरी लहर 2021 में आई तो माननीय प्रधानमंत्री जी द्वारा टीकाकरण की गति को और तीव्र करने के लिए “टीका-उत्सव” के आहवाहन पर उड़ान वालंटियर ने पटना और बिहार के छः और जिलों (दरभंगा, सीतामढ़ी, मुजफ्फरपुर, जहानाबाद, गया और मुंगेर) में इसे चुनौती



के रूप में पूरा करने का बीड़ा उठाया। इसके लिए उड़ान ने अपने आपको सुसंगठित किया जिसमें सात कोविड टास्क फोर्स एक कंट्रोल मुख्यालय के अंतर्गत स्थापित किये गये। हर टास्क फोर्स में पांच वालंटियर एक लीडर के साथ एक ज़िला विशेष के लिए नियुक्त किये गये। नियंत्रण कक्ष पटना में उड़ान कार्यालय में स्थापित किया गया।

उड़ान वालंटियर कोरोना ग्रसित लोगों की मदद के लिए आगे आकर अपनी असुविधाओं की परवाह किए बिना, यहाँ तक कि अपनी जान की परवाह न करते हुए लगातार अग्रसर रहे और जरूरतमंद एवं निस्सहाय लोगों के लिये जीवन-रेखा साबित हुए। इन्होंने लौकडाउन के दौरान आपातकालीन ऑक्सीजन सिलेन्डर की वयवस्था करते हुए कई लोगों की जान बचाने में सहायता की, बूढ़े और आसक्त व्यक्तियों की टीकाकरण में मदद किया, असहाय परिवारों को अत्यावश्यक सामानों की सहायता की और अग्रिम पंक्ति में काम करने वाले कार्यकर्ताओं जिसमें पुलिस और पैरामेडिकल स्टाफ शामिल हैं को भोजन सामग्री, काढ़ा, विटामिन सी इत्यादि इम्यूनिटी वर्धक चीजें प्रदान की।

इस लौकडाउन के दौरान 05 जून 2021 तक उड़ान द्वारा कोरोना संबंधित कार्यकलापों का विवरण इसप्रकार है:-

- 31,830 लिटर आपातकालीन ऑक्सीजन की वयवस्था जिससे 1505 व्यक्ति लाभान्वित हुए।
- 5,150 बड़े-बुजुर्गों का टीकाकरण।
- 34,350 अग्रिम पंक्ति में काम करनेवाले कार्यकर्ताओं को काढ़ा, विटामिन सी इत्यादि इम्यूनिटी वर्धक चीजें प्रदान करना।
- 24,646 लोगों को भोजन सामग्री पहुंचाना।
- 457 असहाय परिवारों को अत्यावश्यक सामानों की सहायता पहुंचाना।

उड़ान ने अपने क्रिया-कलापों से बिहार में अपनी एक खास पहचान बनाने में सफलता प्राप्त की है जो कि हमारे पूर्ववर्ती एन सी सी कैडेटो के लिये गौरवान्वित होने की बात है। यह तो अभी एक शुरुआत है। उड़ान का भविष्य अत्यंत सुनहरे मार्ग पर अग्रसर है। मैं सभी एन सी सी के पूर्ववर्ती एवं वर्तमान कैडेटो का आहवाहन करता हूँ कि आप आर्ये और उड़ान से जुड़कर इसे और सफल एवं सार्थक बनाने में सहायक हो। जय हिंद।



## ●● UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2022

Republic Day - RDC 2022

Swachhata Drive, Foot Policing at C-Heaxagon "Get Rid of Plastic from Your Life"

Youth Exchange Program with 25 countries

NCC pays homage to 26,254 bravehearts

Shaheedon Ko Sat Sat Naman - 26 Jan

### February 2022

Awareness of Freedom Struggle By Chandrashekhar Azad  
27 Feb Death Anniversary. Nukkad Natak

Oath Taking and Digital Poster Making - Boycott Single Use Plastic

### March 2022

Play Run for - Role of Youth in Progress of Country - Shaheed diwas.

Banner March and Plog Run - Plastic, The Slow Poison



# UNITY & DISCIPLINE

## एकता और अनुशासन



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