

CHAPTER NCC-III

DUTIES OF NCC CADETS

Introduction

1. NCC is the largest youth organisation in the world with an enrolled strength of more than 13 lakh Cadets. The aim of NCC is to train the young boys and girls to be better citizens and future leaders of our great country in all walks of life, including defence forces. NCC strives to be and is one of the strongest unifying forces of our nation, bringing together the youth hailing from different parts of our country and moulding them into united, secular and disciplined citizens of our nation. Any student joining the ranks of NCC must know his/her duties and responsibilities as a cadet and he/she must maintain a conduct expected of a trained youth leader of the country.

The Cadet

2. The term Cadet stands for “trainee”. It is generally used as a military term. Cadets are the integral part of NCC and they are divided into two divisions i.e. SD/SW and JD/JW. SD/SW represents cadets from colleges and universities where as JD/JW represents only schools.

3. Any volunteer citizen of India or Nepal who is of good character and on the roll of schools or colleges; fulfilling the age, medical and other criteria can be enrolled into NCC. He/she has to undergo the stipulated training; both at their institution as well as at a training camp. He/she is called a cadet of NCC.

4. **Advantages of being a Cadet.** The advantages of being an NCC cadet are many fold. NCC as an organisation plays an active role in shaping the character and outlook of the cadet through its training and strict day to day schedule. An NCC cadet wearing a uniform and seen around is envy to the society especially youth. The main advantages of being an NCC cadet are enumerated below:-

- (a) Being part of **13 lakh** strong and the **largest youth organisation** in the world.
- (b) Being moulded into a disciplined and motivated youth.
- (c) Chance to take part in disaster relief tasks.
- (d) Opportunity to attend NCC camps like ATC, CATC, NIC, COC etc.
- (e) Wear the uniform and lead a life style akin to military.
- (f) Opportunity to visit foreign countries as part of YEP.
- (g) Opportunity to take part in social awareness programs.
- (h) Preference for joining armed forces and other forces.
- (j) Preference in higher studies.

Duties and Responsibilities of Cadets

5. An NCC cadet once enrolled has certain duties and responsibilities unlike his/her peers in the institution. The duties and responsibilities are towards nation, society at large, his institution, NCC organisation and to his fellow cadets too.

6. Duties of NCC cadets during parades and camps are as under:-

- (a) Self discipline is the most basic trait of an NCC Cadet.
- (b) He/she has to be punctual during parade and roll call.

- (c) Obeying the orders of higher ranks is yet another important duty of NCC Cadet.
- (d) Every cadet should participate in camp activities with complete enthusiasm.
- (e) Always take proper hair cut and wear clean and correct pattern of uniform. Polishing of shoes, pressing of uniforms and wearing of beret in correct manner should be followed.
- (f) Take part in the cultural activities organized by the NCC.
- (g) Attend all NCC parades regularly without fail.
- (h) Participate in the team work.
- (j) Extend complete cooperation to the seniors.
- (k) Pursue the adventure activities.

7. **Responsibilities of a Cadet.** An NCC cadet by the very fact of being an active cadet has to shoulder extra responsibilities unlike his fellow classmates who are not members of NCC. His responsibilities are nowhere written but obligatory as an outcome of his training. Thus, he or she fulfills the main aims of NCC i.e., becoming a potential leader with character qualities and responsible citizen. He has separate responsibilities to his NCC unit, Organisation, his institution, society at large and to the country. That includes active participation in social awareness initiatives, environmental issues, disaster relief, adventure and sports activities and other nation building efforts. It doesn't end with his NCC training at his institution, but has to be carried forward to all the fields where he is going to be engaged in the future too. Thus, with passage of time, country would have had past NCC cadets occupying leadership positions in all walks of life espousing the noble values and objectives of NCC.

8. **Cadets Commandments.** Director General, NCC has given out a list of 'Cadets Commandments' for all NCC cadets to follow in their life. They are given below:-

- (a) I will ensure construction of toilet in my house and motivate at least 10 persons for the same.
- (b) I will be an 'Aadhar' Indian and would motivate 10 more persons to be one.
- (c) I will donate blood at least once every year.
- (d) I will make only digital transactions wherever possible and motivate others for the same.
- (e) I will plant minimum two trees in a year and care for the same.
- (f) I will obtain my voter and PAN Card once I have crossed 18 years of age.
- (g) I will ensure garbage segregation in my house and within 100 m of my neighbourhood.
- (h) I will undertake 100 hours of shramdaan for social service.
- (i) I will help physically-challenged persons to live their dreams.
- (j) I will be a role model for gender sensitivity, secular outlook and spirit of nationalism without any regional bias.
- (k) I will rush to help any accident victim.
- (l) I will always uphold motto of NCC - 'Unity and Discipline'. I will be equally disciplined when not under observation.

Conclusion

9. There are a number of examples of persons whose names have become immortal in history through devotion to duty and sense of discipline. Shivaji, Maha Rana Pratap, Tipu Sultan, Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Rani of Jhansi to name only a few. The young generation of today is the future leaders of India. The NCC cadets of today should endeavour to be good citizens of tomorrow and motivate others to emulate them. NCC cadets should understand their duties completely so that both, the nation as well as the society benefit from them.

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