

CHAPTER – NCC- IV

NCC CAMPS: TYPES AND CONDUCT

Introduction

1. The aim of Camps is to impart collective training to the cadets with special emphasis on the development of qualities of leadership. Special emphasis is laid on Development of Team Spirit and Leadership Qualities and comprehensive training in Drill, WT, Hygiene and Sanitation, Social Service etc.
2. It is imperative that all camps be planned in consultation with all agencies including Educational institutions, District Administration and the Director of Public Instruction / Education well before the commencement of the year and all concerned be intimated of date and location well in advance.

Types of Camps

3. NCC conducts the following types of Camps:

(a) **Annual Training Camps/Combined Annual Training Camps (ATCs/ CATCs).**

These camps are conducted for SD, SW, JD and JW cadets over a period of 10 days. The aim of these camps is to introduce cadets to a regimented way of life. During Camp training endeavour should be made to give cadets maximum exposure to Range Drill, Firing and Specialized training with emphasis on community living, discipline, character, confidence building and First Aid.

(b) **Centrally Organised Camps (COC).** These are planned at the HQ DGNCC level and are of 12 days duration. The Aim of these camps is to bring together all cadets from various parts of the country and to enable them to live and know the culture of different states, which help them in imbibing 'Espirit De Corps' as well as Unity in Diversity against a backdrop of national Integration. The various types of COCs are:

(i) **Leadership Camps.** These camps are organised on an all India basis to develop leadership qualities in cadets and also provide SSB training to all wing cadets for induction into Armed Forces.

(ii) **Thal Sainik Camp.** The aim of this camp is to give an exposure to salient aspects of Army Wing training and generate healthy competitive spirit by conducting Army Wing competitions contributing towards Prime Minister's Banner awarded during Republic Day Parade. It is conducted at Delhi in DGNCC Camp.

(iii) **Nau Sainik Camp.** The aim of this camp is to give an exposure to salient aspects of Naval Wing training and generate healthy competitive spirit by conducting Naval Wing competitions contributing towards Prime Minister's Banner awarded during Republic Day Parade. It is conducted at Karwar/Visakhapatnam.

(iv) **Vayu Sainik Camp.** The aim of this camp is to give an exposure to salient aspects of Air Wing training and generate healthy competitive spirit by conducting Air Wing competitions contributing towards Prime Minister's Banner awarded during Republic Day Parade. It is conducted at Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

(v) **Republic Day Camp (RDC).** NCC Republic Day camp is the culmination of all NCC Training activities and is held at Garrison Parade Grounds, Delhi Cantt from 01 Jan to 29 Jan each year. Selected NCC cadets from all the states and Union Territories attend the camp as per vacancies allotted by HQ DGNCC annually. The camp is inaugurated by the Hon'ble Vice President of India and culminates with the Prime Minister's Rally on 28 January. During the camp, visit of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi and three service chiefs are also organized. During the RDC, various competitions are conducted amongst the 17 NCC Directorates to decide the Champion Directorate for award of Prime Minister's Banner. Competitions are keenly contested in various events such as Drill, Guard Of Honour, Rajpath Contingent and Prime

Minister's Rally, National Integration Awareness, Line & Flag Area, Cultural, Best Cadet in each wing, i.e. Army, Navy and Air Force, Aero modelling, Ship modelling competitions are also conducted.

(vi) **Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat Camp**. National Integration camps are conducted on all India basis with representation from each region and help to integrate the diversity amongst various states of India. In addition, Special National Integration Camps are held at remote and border areas to give an exposure to the difficulties faced by the citizens residing in these areas. The duration of the camp is 12 days for SD/SW and JD/JW.

(vii) **SSB Screening Camp**. SSB Screening Camps for both SD boys and SW girls are conducted at Officers Training Academies and other Centrally Organised camps. The aim is to orient and prepare cadets for selection for induction into Armed Forces.

(viii) **Rock Climbing Camp**. Rock Climbing camps are held to expose the cadets to the basics of elementary rock climbing and to inculcate spirit of adventure, leadership qualities, team spirit, camaraderie as also physical fitness to include enhancing of stamina and endurance amongst the cadets.

(ix) **All India Treks**. These camps are conducted under the aegis of DGNCC. These treks are conducted by designated State Directorates. These camps make the cadets aware of the uniqueness and rich cultural diversity of India. The duration of these camps is of 10 days. The aim of trekking camps is to develop spirit of adventure, leadership, stamina, endurance, self-confidence, team spirit as well as 'esprit-de-corps' and also to imbibe environmental awareness and concern, inculcate respect for local customs, culture and history and lastly to promote national integration' their conduct is covered by DG NCC "SOP: All India Treks" issued vide DG NCC letter No 17812/Trek/DG NCC/Trg(E) of 28 Nov 2013.

(c) **Military Attachment Camp**. These Camps are of 12 days duration and are for Senior Division boys and Senior Wing Girls. Aim of these camps is to expose selected Senior Division Cadets to Armed Forces environment to give a feel of Military Training which would give them confidence and inspire them to join the Armed Forces. Selected girl cadets are exposed to day to day functioning of a Military Hospitals, which would give an exposure in the field of Hygiene, Sanitation and patient management. Attachment training is also given to SW and SD cadets at OTA and IMA, Air Force and Navy academies.

(d) **Attachment Training IMA/OTA** These camps are conducted for a duration of 12 days for SD/SW cadets. Detailed training schedule is prepared in with IMA/OTA. The aim of these training is 'to expose the cadets to the training imparted at IMA/OTA and to motivate them to join the Armed Forces as Commissioned Officers'.

Training Activities in Camp.

4. The following types of training activities are carried out in camps:

- (a) PT/Yoga.
- (b) Drill.
- (c) Games.
- (d) Guest Lectures.
- (e) Line Area maintenance.
- (f) Map Reading.
- (g) Night Navigation.
- (h) Obstacle Training.
- (j) Firing.
- (k) Social Service Work/Rally.
- (l) Visit to places of Historical interest.
- (m) Cultural activities.
- (n) Organizing sports and other competitions.

5. **Camp Routine.** Routine followed by cadets during the camp is as under:

- (a) Reveille.
- (b) Physical Training.
- (c) Breakfast break.
- (d) Training periods with timely breaks.
- (e) Lunch break.
- (f) Rest Period.
- (g) Tea.
- (h) Game.
- (j) Washing/Bathing.
- (k) Retreat.
- (l) Roll Call Parades.
- (m) Cultural Activities/Recreation.
- (n) Dinner.
- (o) Private Study.
- (p) Lights Out.

Republic Day Camp

6. All India Annual NCC Republic Day Camp held in January every year is an event of National importance and National integration. The activities of the cadets and officers attending the camp are observed with keen interest by various dignitaries and participants in the camp. The programme is widely covered by the international and national media. Also, the international participants in the camp carry indelible memories of their stay and association with their Indian counterparts.

7. This camp is attended by cadets from all wings of NCC Directorates selected on the basis of their skill, proficiency and capabilities on various competitions and events. The camp witnesses the presence of cadets from all 17 Directorates of the country. They share their culture, traditions, customs etc, informally and also through National Integration Awareness Programme which is a competition held as part of the Camp. The culmination of activities is the Prime Minister's Rally during which Banner to the Champion NCC Directorate and awards to All India Best Cadets of each Wing are awarded. The Camp is intended to:-

- (a) Project the best of NCC to the national leaders and people.
- (b) Conduct Inter-Directorate Competitions to determine the winner of Inter Directorate Championship Banner and All India Best Cadets of all Wings.
- (c) Select and train NCC Marching Contingents to participate in the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath on 26 January and Guard of Honour for the Vice President, Prime Minister and other dignitaries.
- (d) Foster spirit of national unity amongst the cadets through exchange of cultural programmes and national integration awareness programmes.

8. The aim of the Republic Day Camp is to enhance the self-confidence of cadets, deepen their value systems and provide an exposure to the rich culture and traditions of our nation and the important events that take place at the National Capital during the Republic Day. The camp portrays a reflection of 'Mini India'. Basic qualities developed amongst the cadets through RDC are:-

- (a) **National Integration**. It helps to inculcate sense of national unity. By interacting with cadets from different parts of the country cadets will come to know the basic ideology and culture where India stands. It helps the nation in creating a pool of citizens to spread the message of national unity which subsequently helps in national integration.
- (b) **Cultural Exchange**. The camp sensitizes cadets on the diverse culture of India. Basic understanding of cultural differences will help in overcoming negative sentiments developing in the nation due to cultural imitation.

(c) **Social Awareness & Community Development.** The social service and community development activities include Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Tree Plantation, Anti-Drug Rally, Cancer Awareness, Disaster Relief, Blood Donation, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, AIDS Awareness and Care for the Blind, Traffic Control and other similar relevant contemporary social issues. The objectives of Social Service are as follows:-

(i) To teach the cadets the dignity of labour and to create in them an interest in constructive work which will be helpful in community development.

(ii) To set an example of selfless service and team work.

(iii) To give a lead in organized work, with a view to utilizing to the maximum possible extent the available unused time, energy and other resources of our people and direct them in various fields of social and economic activity.

(d) **Leadership.** To develop an all-round dynamic personality with adequate leadership traits to deal and contribute effectively in all walks of life. It improves self-awareness of a cadet and helps in building up interpersonal relationship, positive attitude, improves communication skills, time management, leadership skills, realization of importance of teamwork etc.

Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat Camp

9. Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat (EBSB) Camps were previously known as National Integration Camps. These are conducted to make cadets understand and value the rich heritage of cultures that forge unity despite the diverse languages, traditions and religions of our country. These camps are conducted on an all India basis and help bridge the cultural gap amongst various states of India. SBEB aims to propagate national integration among cadets and society. 35 EBSB camps are conducted every year in different parts of the country. The following activities are conducted in the camp:-

(a) **Cultural Programmes.** Cultural exchange is one of the prominent attractions of Special National Integration Camp. Understanding of the common historical and cultural heritage of the country as symbolized in historical monuments, cultural forms and the way of life of the people. It promotes the spirit of national integration and communal harmony amongst the youth in particular and amongst the masses in general through different creative and innovative cultural activities.

(b) **Awareness Programmes.** Familiarization with the environment, family life, social customs, etc. of the people living in different parts of the country is the main theme of awareness programmes.

(c) **Quiz Competitions.** The idea behind this competition is to promote knowledge-based initiatives amongst the youth and to excel in a knowledge-based economy. The concept of National Integration, spirit of communal harmony, brotherhood, courage and adventure are being propagated in this competition.

(d) **Demonstrations on National Unity.** Appreciation of the vastness of the country, its varied customs and traditions and yet the basic oneness which should instil in participants a sense of pride in being an Indian and to inculcate a feeling of communal harmony amongst youth.

Conclusion

10. NCC is the premier organisation which nurtures the youth of our nation. Unity and discipline is the motto of NCC. A large number of camps are conducted by NCC where cadets from different parts of the country get together. Republic Day Camp is the most important one that promote national integration. Direct interaction amongst the cadets from different parts of the country helps in forming a better understanding on India. The role of NCC in this regard is incomparable because of its great contribution towards the process of national integration.

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