

National Cadet Corps

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Why is in news? NCC to celebrate 74th anniversary of its raising; Defence Secretary pays homage to the fallen heroes at National War Memorial

National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world raised in 1948, will celebrate its **74th anniversary on November 27, 2022**.

From national-level campaigns like **Puneet Sagar Abhiyan**, which is the biggest cleanliness drive to be undertaken by any single organisation to initiatives like **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat camps, Swachh Bharat campaign, Har Ghar Tiranga and Ex Yogdan (COVID Relief Campaign),** NCC cadets have left a large and lasting footprint in every way.

The **expansion of NCC** has also been undertaken in **coastal and border areas** of the country by adding over one lakh young cadets to its fold in recent times. This has motivated the youth from these areas to join the Armed forces and contribute to Nation Building.

The NCC has also been a **platform for harnessing international relations** for over four decades, by sending its cadets as ambassadors of peace and unity as part of **Youth Exchange Programmes (YEP) to over 25 nations**. The NCC has over the years hosted friendly foreign countries cadets from over 30 Nations under YEP.

The multifaceted activities and varied curriculum of the NCC, provides unique opportunities to the youth for self-development.

NCC:

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is the **youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces** with its headquarters in New Delhi, India.

It is open to school and college students on **voluntary basis as a Tri-Services Organisation**, comprising the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, engaged in developing the youth of the country into disciplined and patriotic citizens.

The NCC was formed in **1948** on the **recommendation of H. N. Kunzru Committee** (1946).

NCC is the world's largest uniformed youth volunteer service organization, had its origin from British era.

Motto of NCC: Unity and Discipline

The NCC cadets **undergo basic military training** at various levels and as well as academic curriculum basics related to the Armed forces and their functioning.

The NCC falls under the purview of the **Ministry of Defence** and is headed by a Director-General of three-star military rank.

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The **soldier youth foundation in India** is a voluntary organization which recruits cadets from high schools, higher secondary, colleges and universities all over India.

In 1949, the Girls Division was formed in order to provide equal opportunities to school and college-going girls.

The cadets are given basic military training in small arms and drill. The officers and cadets have no liability for active military service once they complete their course.

The emblem of the NCC consists of 3 colours; red, dark blue and light blue. These colours represent the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force respectively

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