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Role Of National Cadet Corps in National Building

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Abstract: -

National Cadet corps is a youth development movement. It has immense potential for nation building. NCC provides opportunities to the youth of the country with a sense of duty, commitment, dedication, discipline and moral values for their all-round development so that they become capable leaders and useful citizens. NCC offers a wide range of activities to the cadets with a distinct emphasis on social services, discipline, and adventure training. NCC is open to all regular students of schools and colleges on a voluntary basis. Students have no obligation to have active military service. Presently NCC is not available in our school. The motto of NCC is related to "Unity and Discipline". Clearly descending from its motto, it acts as a uniting force of the nation that brings together youth from different parts of the country and prepares them as united, secular and disciplined citizens of the nation.

Keywords: - Organization, Headquarters, Patriotism, Social service, Unity and Discipline.

Introduction :-

National Cadet corps is such a national organisation that is contributing to nation building by joining government and private educational institutions. Today, if there is any effective and commendable activity related to the education world, then it is 'National Cadet Corps' (NCC). It has been working since 1948 to create awareness, discipline, and self-confidence among the youth towards the country and society. Playing with this can be costly not only for us, but also for the country. In the wake of the Chinese invasions of 1962 and Pakistan in 1965, it was also made compulsory in the country's schools and colleges so that 'unity and discipline' could become the goal of the youth.

Objectives of study :-

In this research paper we will try to learn about many facts about NCC. What is NCC ? What has been the historical background of NCC ? Why is NCC necessary for the youth? How important is the contribution of NCC cadets in nation building ? How NCC works with the objective of developing character, discipline, brotherhood, leadership, courage, secular outlook, ideals of selfless service and spirit of adventure among the youth. NCC creates a trained manpower to provide leadership in all walks of life including Armed Forces and to be always available for the service of the nation. Why NCC is useful in nation building along with motivating youth to join armed forces in large numbers in India.

Historical Background :-

The University Corps was conceptualised by the British Government with the aim of creating a larger pool of trained youth available for the Armed Forces during World War II. In India both boys and girls were included in the NCC so that they could be groomed, brought up, made responsible citizens and put them towards nation building. The NCC has its genesis in the University Corps (UC) which was created under the Indian Defence Act, 1917, with the objective of making up the shortages in the Army. In 1920, when the Indian Territorial Act was passed, the University Corps was replaced by the University Training Corps (UTC). In 1942, the UTC was renamed as the University Officers' Training Corps (UOTC). A Committee under Pandit H N Kunzru was set up in 1946 at the behest of the first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The recommendations of this Committee paved the way for the formation of NCC. Thus, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) came into existence on 15 July 1948 under the National Cadet Corps Act (No.XXXI of 1948) enacted by the Parliament.

In 1949, the Girls Division was raised in order to give equal opportunities to school and college going girls. The NCC was given an inter-service image in 1950. When the Air Wing was added, followed by the Naval Wing in 1952. In the same year, the NCC curriculum was extended to include community development / social service activities as a part of the NCC syllabus at the behest of Late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who took keen interest in the growth of the NCC. Presently, NCC has approximately 13 Lakhs Cadets under its fold. NCC is associated with all the three Armed Forces branches of India ARMY, NAVY and AIR FORCE. If you enrol your name to become a cadet in Army NCC then all your training activities will be related to ARMY and similarly if you are NAVY or AIR If you go for NCC then your entire training will be there accordingly.

NCC Pledge

"We cadets of the National Cadet Corps solemnly pledge that we will always uphold the unity of India. We pledge to be disciplined and responsible citizens of our nation. We will do positive community service in the spirit of selflessness and concern for our partner."

Administrative Structure:-

The NCC is headed by the Director General (DG), an officer of three-star rank. The DG is assisted by two Additional Director Generals (A and B) of two-star rank (major-general, rear-admiral or air vice-marshal). Five Brigadier level officers and other civil officials also assist him. The Headquarters is located in Delhi. There are 17 Directorates located in the state capitals headed by an officer of the rank of a Maj Gen from the three Services. In all there are 96 Group Headquarters in the country who exercise control over a network of 684 Army wing units (including technical and girls unit), 69 Naval wing units and 61 Air Squadrons. Depending upon the size of the state and growth of NCC in the states, Directorates have up to 14 Group Headquarters under them through which they exercise their command and control of the organisation in the state. Each group is headed by an officer of the rank of Colonel or equivalent known as Group Commander. Each NCC Group Headquarters controls 5-7 units (Bns) commanded by Lt. Colonel/Major or equivalent. Each Battalion consists of companies which are commanded by the Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of the rank of lieutenant to major. In all there are 95 Group Headquarters in the country who exercise control over a network of 667 Army Wing Units (including technical and girls units), 60 Naval Wing Units and 61 Air Squadrons. There are two training establishments namely Officers Training School, Kamptee and Women Officers Training School, Gwalior.

Nation building refers to all the efforts of the country and its people to stay United so that it can stay politically stable and peaceful which is essential for the country's development. The youth of the nation are the backbone and the most powerful force within the nation. They are the hope of the future and can change the destiny of the country. The vision of our country lies in the hands of the youth. NCC has nurtured millions of youths as responsible, disciplined and motivated citizens of our country. It is an image of Secularism and national integration and also brings out Nationalism thus strengthening our nation. NCC has the credentials in transforming our youth, in building their character and inculcating in them a sense of duty, discipline and service to the nation. National Cadet Corps (NCC) is an institution that plays a vital role in teaching the students about the nation and nation building. NCC provides a platform for youth in developing their personality and imbibe upon them the importance of discipline in life. NCC provides extensive training and knowledge in all the fields. It emphasises more on military training and it is said to be the second life of defence.

The motto of NCC is "Unity and Discipline". 'Unity' implies our basic oneness, the brotherhood of all the Indian people regardless of their caste, colour or creed. Likewise, 'Discipline' is the very bedrock on which any nation is founded. It is for these reasons that "Unity and Discipline" has been adopted as motto of the NCC. An Official Song of the NCC titled "Kadam Mila Ke Chal" was adopted in 1963. This was, however, changed to the current NCC Song titled "Hum Sab Bharatiya Hain" in Oct 1982. "Hum Sab Bharatiya Hain" – NCC song is written by Sudarshan Faakir. The current NCC flag was introduced in 1954. It has three colours: red, dark blue and light blue. These colours represent the three services of the corps, i.e. red represents the Army, dark blue represents the Navy and light blue represents the Air Force. In the centre are the three letters NCC surrounded by a garland of seventeen lotus wreaths. Along with this, the tag of "Unity and Discipline" has been given in the column under the flag.

Objectives of NCC :-

The objective of the National Cadet Corps was set in 1988 and it has stood the test of time and is meeting the required requirement even in the present socio-economic scenario of the country. NCC aims at inculcating in the youth the ideals of character building, comradeship, discipline, secular outlook, spirit of courage and volunteerism. Further, it aims to create a pool of organised, trained and motivated youth with leadership qualities in all walks of life, who will serve the nation irrespective of the career they choose. Needless to say, the National Cadet Corps provides a conducive environment for young Indians to join and motivate them to join the armed forces.

Expressing happiness over the increasing number of women cadets in organisations like NCC, he said that today new opportunities are emerging for women cadets in the Armed Forces, which will help in the upliftment of our daughters. Keeping in mind the needs of the people, NCC cadets are working for the upliftment of the weaker and deprived sections of the society.

NCC not only provides discipline but also provides job opportunities in various sectors. NCC has a very important role in nation building. NCC is not limited to just parades and uniforms, but through this we are cherishing the vast India within ourselves. It is only through NCC that we inculcate a passion for the country in ourselves, as well as know and understand our duties towards the nation. The work of grooming the youth of the country is being done by the largest youth uniformed organisation. They are also playing a leading role in nation building. NCC is working to make the youth of the country aware through its activities. He said that while NCC is bringing positive changes in the lives of the youth, social change and awareness is being spread to the last ends of the society through the activities of the organisation. Cadets also get opportunity to participate in national level camps, treks, mountaineering courses, leadership development capsules, along with basic military training and participation in various social service and community development activities

The training modalities of NCC are in sync with the changing times with the aspirations of the youth and the expectations of the society. He said, “Now more attention is being given to the personality development of the youth, to develop leadership abilities in them and to prepare them for the future through skill development. The main objective of organising NCC camps before the Republic Day parade is to make the youth aware of the rich tradition and history of the country through various cultural programs organised in the capital on the occasion of Republic Day. Presenting the picture of Mini India, these camps are visited by the Defence Minister, Minister of State for Defence, Chief of Defence Staff and Chiefs of Army, Navy and Air Force in the coming days. The camp culminates with the Prime Minister's visit on 28 January. Various programs are organised during the camp. Cadets residing in these camps get a chance to participate in the Republic Day Parade held at Rajpath on 26 January.

Addressing the National Cadet Corps rally at Cariappa Ground on 28 January, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said that the country is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav of its independence and when a young nation witnesses such a historic occasion, There is a different enthusiasm in his celebration. That’s the enthusiasm I see in this program right now. The Prime Minister himself felt proud to be associated with the NCC and said, “I am proud that I have once been an active

cadet of NCC like you. The training I got in NCC, what I got to learn, today I get immense strength in discharging my responsibilities towards the country. Talking about the youth profile of the cadets, the Prime Minister said, “Today, all the young men and women who are in NCC, are in NSS, most of them were born in this century itself. You have to take India till 2047.” He said, “Therefore your efforts, your resolve, the fulfilment of those resolutions, will be India’s accomplishment, India’s success.” The Prime Minister said that no power of the world can stop the country whose youth starts moving ahead with the thinking of nation first.

NCC also plays its role during any natural calamity or war. It is used by cadets from time to time for many social functions. NCC cadets played an important role during the Indo-Pak war from 1965 to 1971. On one hand, the country’s army was taking on the enemy on the border, while on the other row there were NCC cadets who were performing their responsibility well within the country. NCC camps were set up to help the ordnance factories and from delivering weapons to the war zone, they have also played their part in the patrolling party. NCC cadets gave their services when needed during the coronavirus epidemic. Whether it is to handle the traffic system or to make the public aware about the corona rules or to cooperate with the local administration.

According to the New Education Policy 2020, NCC will be included as an elective credit course in all universities of the country. UGC has recently issued instructions in this regard and also issued notice in this regard. Along with this, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has directed all technical colleges to conduct NCC as an elective credit course. The special thing is that in this, students will also get the benefit of 24 credits. Based on the recommendation received from the Directorate General of NCC under the letter issued by AICTE, the released syllabus of NCC through 24 credits will be made available to the students during the course of choosing the course in a total of 6 semesters. On successful training, students opting for this course will be issued NCC ‘B’ and then NCC ‘C’ certificate respectively.

Conclusion :- An NCC cadet is formed after sacrifice, dedication and hard training. Overwhelmed by patriotism, these NCC cadets can play an important role in nation building. NCC instils a sense of time management, determination, leadership and patriotism. It is not only helpful in taking the army on the path, but it also has an important role in making a good citizen of the country. NCC plays an important role in nation building. This is the second line of defence. These cadets have walked shoulder to shoulder whenever their need has been felt in the country from time to time. NCC cadets have always been ready to serve the country. NCC cadets have proved the importance of their role in social work from time to time. NCC along with the administrative system of the

country has contributed significantly to the community development work and relief work. Whether it is the internal security and peace system of the country during the war period or the help of the general public during the Corona epidemic, NCC has served the country at every step. There are many challenges before the nation today. To face them, our youth power has to be disciplined and make a very important contribution. Along with this, the burden of developing the capabilities of the country is on the youth, which will have to be fulfilled with strength and confidence.

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