

ADDRESS OF HON'BLE GOVERNOR AT THE NCC MEET

AT RAJ BHAVAN ON 03.02.2018 AT 10.00 A.M.

Commodore Vijesh K. Garg,
Deputy Director General, NCC

And

Dear Student-Cadets

I am happy to be here in the midst of the Cadets of the National Cadet Corps at Raj Bhavan today. The NCC inculcates in the minds of young students studying in the schools and colleges, the principles of national service and community service. In a world where people are mainly engaged in pursuit of material comforts, it is a matter of satisfaction and happiness to find that there are lakhs of young men and women of the NCC who have dedicated themselves, selflessly to work for the community and the Nation. You are indeed the flag bearers of young India.

The National Cadet Corps was started in 1948 with the intention to provide military training so that the needs of the Armed Forces could be met in the form of supplementary fighting groups and supporting field personnel. In fact, the NCC played a decisive role during the wars in supporting field level formations of the Armed Forces by providing support in the movement of arms and ammunitions and as members of the patrol groups who could identify the enemies, para troopers and infiltrators. After the 1971 war, the focus of the NCC gradually moved from mere military support to a combination of community service and support to the Armed Forces when required. From a force of just 20 thousand in 1948, the strength of the NCC has swelled to nearly 13 lakhs today.

The National Cadet Corps attracts students from schools and colleges in large numbers all over the country. The National song of the NCC “Hum Sab Bharatiyahai” reflects the character of the Organisation. The members of the NCC are trained to imbibe a nationalistic approach to break down the barriers of religion, language, caste, creed etc. The military training provided to the NCC cadets enables them to perform creditably in the armed forces, if they choose to join the forces. You may be aware that there is preferential recruitment for the NCC cadets in the Armed Forces.

India has a population of more than 120 crores and the 13 lakh cadets of NCC are still a small number in comparison. I call upon the NCC Chief of the State Unit to take steps to propagate the message of the Organisation far and wide among the schools and colleges of Tamil Nadu so that more students join the NCC. The problems of the NCC should be identified and promptly resolved and Tamil Nadu should figure at the top of the list with regard to the number of cadets enrolled in the NCC in our country.

Indian Armed Forces have a great military tradition and you are being trained in that tradition. I wish you all well. The words “Hum Sab Bharatiya” which you sing at your Parades, functions and camps should be the guiding spirit in your lives. Unity and Discipline – the Motto of NCC should be path finders for your future. I can assure that there is no better substitute for honesty, hard work and harmony for a Nation to be great. In this context I wish to mention to you the words of Mahatma Gandhi from the article published in Young India on 22nd October 1925. He cautioned against seven deadly sins that can destroy a Nation. They are:-

1. Wealth without work,
2. Pleasure without conscience,

3. Knowledge without character,
4. Commerce without morality,
5. Science without humanity,
6. Religion without sacrifice and
7. Politics without principle.

Let us identify the people who practice these sins in our midst and reform them without any further delay.

I am sure that your love for the Nation, which has brought you into NCC will lead you to greater heights of success in your academic and professional careers. You have brought pride to the State of Tamil Nadu by your selection and performance at the Republic Day parade in New Delhi. My best wishes to all the Cadets here. A bright future awaits you in the coming years.

Nandri, Vanakkam,
Jai Hind.