



Role of NCC in Nation Building- A case study with respect to the performance of the NCC unit of S.R.Fatepuria College, West Bengal

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Abstract

National Cadet Corps (NCC), since its inception in 1948 has come a long way as an organization under the aegis of Ministry of Defence. It has assumed an important position in grooming the youths required as potential leaders for nation building purposes. Living up to its motto i.e. —*Unity and Discipline*— it strives in its endeavour to meet all its objectives by bringing together the vibrant youths of the entire country. The NCC unit of the college, namely- 09/5B Coy NCC came into existence in 1994. The Physical Trg, Drill, Obstacle Trg (as per practicable), Trg on Self-defense are carried out once in a week. Again, another day is scheduled for conduct of theoretical class on the common and specialized subjects earmarked in NCC syllabus. Various activities and programmes are organized by the NCC unit of the college in every academic year say e.g., the ‘World Environment Day’ is celebrated every year with full vigor and vitality. The cadets of the unit actively participate in the ‘International Day of Yoga’, in the ‘Anti-Tobacco Rally’ to disseminate the necessity of a healthy lifestyle. The cadets of the unit donate blood to the patient as and when required for which a separate data bank has been developed. The NCC cadets played vital role in traffic control duties especially during the Puja-Eid Festivals in accordance with the principles and norms of the Battalion, and also at the time of natural disasters- like flood, storm, water logging etc if requisitioned by the public administration. NCC unit of the college is highly appreciated for its vigorous exhibition of drill and cultural performance on the august occasion of Republic Day and Independence Day. Again, NCC Day and Army Day are also being celebrated with full valor and enthusiasm. NCC unit of the college has been organizing joint programme with a host of NGOs- namely, *Save Earth by Our Contribution*, *Universal Fighters* and *Prachesta* (Krishnanagar & Lalbagh Branch). Such a joint programme was held on the 20th August, 2022 (Saturday) in which the volunteers of Universal Fighters, those who are participating in a Cycle Rally in support of saving trees around, protecting stray animals, protecting rivers and other water bodies from pollution and allied issues relating environmental protection. At the second part of the programme, the issue of Women safety was discussed and two of Martial Arts academies; namely- MMA Academy of Murshidabad and Panchajanya Academy of Self Defence showed some tricks of martial arts for self defense for girl students of the college. Besides, NCC unit takes care of job-oriented programmes and placement of the students through organizing workshops and symposia viz. a one-day workshop was held on Recruitment in Agniveer-Vayu on 12th November, 2022 in which the Wing Commander of 4 Airmen Selection Center, Barrackpore delivered his key note on the process of recruitment of youth in Agniveer-Vayu and also discussed the privileges for NCC cadets in recruitment in Agniveer scheme as a whole. As a result, we see three cadets named- MIRAJ SK, Regt no.- WB/19/SDA/154223 (MADRAS REGT CENTRE); RAKI MANDAL, Regt no.- WB/21/SDA/153751 MARATHA LIGHT INF CENTRE and JEET HALDER, Regt no.- WB/21/SDA/153768 ARMOURD CORPS CENTRE have already been posted into the respective units as Agniveer- Army during 2022-23. There is another cadet, having name PRANAB DEY and Regt no.- WB/18/SDA/154534 has joined BSF on Dec 21, 2022.

The Observation of Students' Week 2023 (2nd to 7th January, 2023) was organized by S.R.Fatepuria College, Beldanga in tune with the august programme as directed by the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. The NCC unit of college, namely-09/5B Coy NCC conducted its programme on 6th January, 2023 (Friday) at Vidyasagar Seminar Hall in the annexed building of the college. The entire programme was segregated into 2 parts. The programme was started at around 11 am with the inaugural speech of the Head of the Institution followed by the motivation lectures from members of the Governing body and other senior professors of the college. Two Permanent Instructors from 9 Bengal Battalion NCC came there to attend and participate in the programme. They also delivered their valuable lectures on the role of NCC cadets on nation building and the prerogatives that the cadets will derive in professional life from being an integral part of NCC. In the next part, the girls cadets performed the event of exhibition of Pyramid followed by a group dance on folk songs and patriotic songs. With this, the first part the programme ended. In the programme, total 89 students participated out of which 41 were girls students and the rest of 48 were boys students. However, in the 2nd part of the programme, all students; irrespective of years or semesters were invited to participate in an Extempore based competition. The competition in which most of the topics were related to NCC- was open to all students instead of only NCC cadets. The programme was ended with the singing of National Anthem.

The NCC unit of S.R.F.College comes under the jurisdiction of 9 Bengal Battalion within the Kalyani GpHQ located at Kalyani, Nadia. The Coy is commanded by a Commissioned Offr Lt Ritabrata, since Oct, 2015. The strength of the Coy is 140. Like previous years, one of NCC cadets, named- SAKHINA KHATUN having Regt No.- WB/21/SWA/153788 has participated in Republic Day Camp (RDC) in 2023. Besides, cadets are also participating in National Integration Camp (NIC), Special National Integration Camp (SNIC), Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB), Army Attachment Camp (AAC) etc.



SAKHINA KHATUN Regt No.- WB/21/SWA/153788



Blood Donation by RAJIB MANDAL Regt No.- WB/20/SDA/154474



The Observation of Students' Week 2023



Celebration of Republic Day, 2023

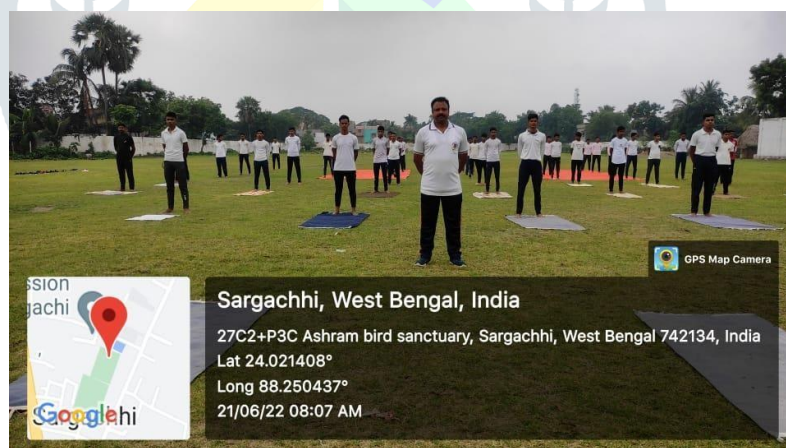
Donation of Blood for Humanity Org by the NCC Unit of SRF College, Beldanga

The importance of value education is well acknowledged in modern society as it inculcates students with essential values like kindness, compassion and empathy towards the common people. In respect of this noble cause, involvement of cadets in blood donation camps has been considered as one of the effective social services as well as community development programme of National Cadet Corps (NCC). As we are aware of the fact that blood can not be created artificially and human bodies are the only source for regeneration of blood; so, to motivate cadets to participate in donation of blood has become an integral and pivotal activity of NCC. To resemble with all these moral customs of good citizenship, a Blood donation camp was organized by the NCC unit of SRF College, Beldanga-9/5B Coy in collaboration with the IQAC of the college on 27th of September, 2023. NCC Unit of SRF College comes under the ambit of 9 Bengal Battalion which is one of 7 Battalions of Kalyani Gp HQ. Total 19 cadets, Associate NCC Offr (ANO) of the Coy and 2 teachers of the institution have donated blood of the unit 350 ml each. The programme received direct assistance from Murshidabad Medical College and Hospital, Berhampore. A Medical team consisting of 7 members including Medical Offr, Nurse, Attendant and support staff of Murshidabad Medical college and Hospital and of Blood Bank had completed the programme meticulously with all safety measures. The programme started at 11 am with a brief address towards the importance of blood donation and propagation of knowledge regarding 'Thalassemia' amongst the young generation by the Hon'ble Principal of the college. A local NGO, named *Save Earth by Our Contribution*, also actively participated in this Blood donation camp. The programme was concluded at around 3-30 pm.

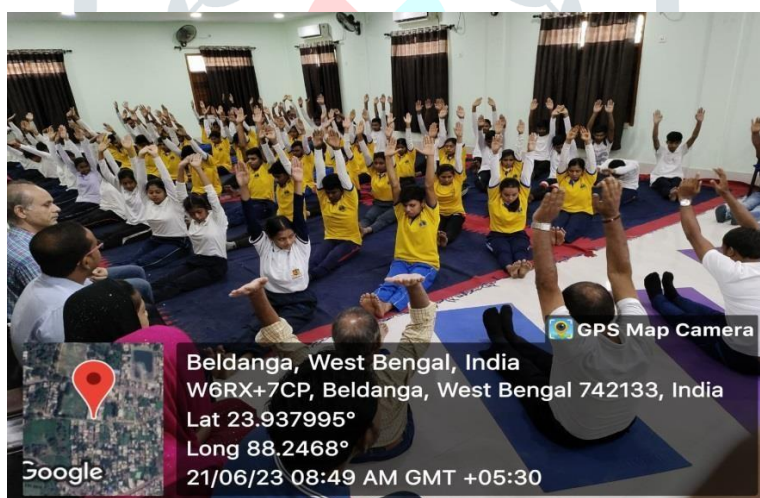
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Celebration of International Yoga Day by the NCC Unit of S.R.F. College

The International Day of Yoga since its inception in the United Nations General Assembly is celebrated around the world on June 21 every year from 2015. Yoga is a physical, mental and spiritual practice and we, the Indian, are practicing it since way back in centuries. Every year, the cdts of S.R.F.College either organize or participate in the Yoga camp. In the year 2018, 2019 and 2022, 50+ cdts of the college participated in the Yoga camp jointly organized by 9 Bengal Bn NCC, Sargachhi R.K. Mission and S.R.F.College in the school ground of the Mission. Before the advent of Covid pandemic, the programme was organized in an extended way. The Commanding Offr of 9 Bengal Bn NCC used to take part in the camp on regular basis. The celebration started with the welcome note of the Maharaj of R.K. Mission followed by the motivational speech of the CO Sir. Thereafter, the Physical Instructor of the Mission school performed various yoga in which the ANO, PI and all cdts used to participate. The physical activities were followed by some cultural programmes performed in the auditorium of the Mission adjacent to the ground. However, after covid pandemic the cultural programme has been debarred from the schedule.



In 2023, International Yoga Day was celebrated jointly by S.R.F.College, Sargachhi R.K. Mission and 9 Bengal Bn NCC. However, in 2023 the event was celebrated in the Seminar room and Gymnasium of S.R.F.College. The NCC unit and Department of Physical Education of S.R.F.College jointly took the onus to exercise the programme. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon'ble principal sir; he addressed the welcome note to every participants. Around 150 students consisting of students of the department of Physical Education and of the cdts of NCC units of S.R.F. College and of R.K. Mission participated in the event. In performing the yoga, one of senior members of the Governing Body of the college, 2 teaching staff and the ANO of the college participated. One PI staff of 9 Bengal Bn NCC also joined the programme. Some glimpses of the event have been portrayed below:



NCC Unit of SRF College in Covid Vaccination Camp



The NCC Unit of S.R.F.College, Beldanga organized a 4 day long *Covid Vaccination Camp* for students of the college during 05/10/2021 to 08/10/2021. The vaccination programme was conducted as per the direction of the Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal in all 26 Govt sponsored/Govt aided colleges of the district of Murshidabad. In this programme, both covishield and covaxin vaccines of different dozes were provided. The office of the BMOH in direct liaison with CMOH and the Beldanga Municipality jointly organized the programme in collaboration with the SRF College NCC Unit. Officer in Command of the Coy of NCC Unit of the college was assigned the onus of accomplishing the vaccination of students as the Nodal Offr. After 4 p.m., the segregated data of vaccination for both covishield and covaxin had to be forwarded to the CMOH office in the given spread sheet. It had been noticed that students were more inclined to immunize with covishield. However, preference for vaccine was fulfilled subject to the availability of the respective vaccines. Under this vaccination camp, total 2528 students were immunized with the first doze of the vaccine and 1274 students were given the second doze. Besides, 2 Non teaching staff of the college was given the first doze and 6 Non teaching staff was immunized with the second doze of vaccine. In the entire 4 day long vaccination programme, S.R.F.College secured second position not far away in number of dozes of vaccination from Berhampore College, Berhampore.



Participation of NCC Cdts in the programmes organized by Paramilitary forces

Since Murshidabad is a border area district of West Bengal, hence there are host of BSF Units and check posts in locality having proximity to the international border with Bangladesh. There are 2 such Units located in Roshanbagh area of Murshidabad district, namely- 86 Bn BSF and 117 Bn BSF. BSF stands for Border Security Force, one of India's paramilitary forces which are considered to be the First line of Defence for external security.



A motivation programme for NCC cdt's was organized by the units of BSF on 13th June, 2022 in Pilkhana Road, Roshanbagh. The programme was aimed to acquaint cdt's to know about the role and contribution of BSF in ensuring internal as well as external peace and security for the nation and also to guide them to take up Paramilitary forces as their future profession as NCC 'B' and 'C' certificate holders are entitled to receive bonus marks for seeking jobs in Paramilitary forces. In this programme, 18 cadets of S.R.F.College including a senior cdt had actively participated. After motivation lecture, an exhibition of Arms, namely- 7.62 MM SLR, 5.56 MM INSAS, 81 MM Mortar etc and ammunitions were organized for the cdt's.



SWACHHATA PAKHWADA CAMPAIGN BY THE NCC UNIT OF SRF COLLEGE

In compliance to the vision of clean India of Mahatma Gandhi, the Mission of Swachh Bharat was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi throughout the country as a national movement on 2nd October 2014, i.e. on the birth day of Mahatma Gandhi. It aimed to achieve the vision of a 'Clean India' by 2nd October 2019 to tribute the same to the 150 birth anniversary of Bapu. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan has so far been the most extensively and effectively conducted cleanliness campaign of the Government of India. By means of incorporating common people, students, teachers, officers, workers and almost all others allied, 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' has now become a massive mass movement that is working on the principle of establishing a Clean India.

With the inception of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', there have been directions from the respective unit (here, 9 Bengal Bn NCC for SRF College, Beldanga) for all schools and colleges which are coming under the ambit of it to organize programme associated with the cleanliness. The programme was of 15 days duration i.e. a Pakhwada. The college has to organize programme depending on the schedule composed by the unit on the

stipulated dates.

To cite an example of occurrence of such event organized by the NCC unit of SRF College is delineated below: Swachhata Pakhwada under the campaign of the holistic programme 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' was conducted during September 15, 2017 to October 2, 2017 by the NCC unit of the concerned college. Amidst the fortnight period several programmes were organized as far practicable. There were symposium on the awareness of cleanliness of nature and nation amongst the students of the college, a nukkad was performed on the issue of „clean India“ by the students. Besides, more than 50 cadets participated in a cleanliness drive at the college premises and in the Beldanga Rural Hospital as well in different dates. NCC cadets have also participated in awareness rally in a point to point march from SRF College, Beldanga to Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Beldanga Railway station, Barua Bus stop and back to the unit with placard, festoons on the topic of necessity of cleanliness for all, better health and hygiene, proper waste disposal etc. In each day activity, one PI staff was detailed to assist the programme and to accomplish it successfully.





This cleanliness mission is presently persisting and is fully operational in all the educational institutions of the country.



In 'Swachhata Pakhwada', cadets are taking „Swachh Pledge“ as –

“Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of an India which was not only free but also clean and developed.... I am confident that every step I take towards cleanliness will help in making my country clean”.

and „Pledge to Segregate“ as-

“I pledge to segregate my (household, shop, establishment) waste in two dustbins, wet waste in Green and dry waste in Blue, as my contribution to the Swachh Bharat Mission”.

In 2023, the Motto of 'Swachhata Pakhwada' is -E-Waste se Raksha Swachhta hi Suraksha.

In this Mission, 29,17,646 students of 8096 schools/colleges have already taken the mass pledge towards the effective implementation of the campaign.

Felicitation of 'Veer Naris' by the NCC Unit of S.R.F.College, Beldanga

In consonance to the rich tradition of fraternity of Indian Armed forces and celebrating 76 years of Independence, S.R.F. College NCC unit organized 'Veer Nari' programme under the guidance of 9 Bengal Bn NCC on 6th of April, 2023. In this programme one of war widows was invited in the college and for the mother of the martyr an outreach programme was taken up. The first Veer Nari was felicitated with a memento of War Memorial jointly presented by the Principal, ANO of the college and PI staff of 9 Bengal Bn in the forenoon session. 12 senior cdts were present in that august occasion. In this event, Principal Sir expressed his deep gratitude towards the selfless contribution of the Armed forces for maintaining safety and sovereignty of our nation and also conveyed his homage to the martyr and concerns for the family. In another event, the same memento as a symbol of selfless contribution to the nation was presented to the mother of the martyr family at their home in Bally, Nadia, West Bengal. The event took place in the afternoon session on the same day.

The programme was an attempt to fulfill the onus of Indian Army towards its brave soldiers and their families who have been serving the country with valor and glory. The events, thus, endeavoured to give the 'Veer Naris' the due respect for their sacrifice and contribution towards the nation; and NCC cdts played the pivotal role in successfully organizing and executing it.





Celebration of Independence Day in 2023 by the NCC unit of S.R.F.College, Beldanga

S.R.F.College, Beldanga and its NCC unit observed the august occasion of 77th Independence Day commemorating 76 years of freedom. The theme of this year's celebration is referred as "*Nation First, Always First*," as an integral element of the extension of "*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*" revelries. The programme was conducted with the active participation and guidance of the 9 Bengal Bn NCC. The programme was inaugurated by hoisting of the National Flag by the Principal Sir followed by the National Anthem sung by all the students present in the occasion.



A pledge taking ceremony with the title of –

MERI MAATI MERA DESH

MITTI KO NAMAN, VEERON KA VANDAN

was held as per the directives of Ministry of Culture, Govt of India after the inaugural session. One of Permanent Instructional staff (PI) was present, on behalf of 9 Bengal Bn NCC, in the ceremony, named- Nb Sub Anil Singh; who conducted the pledge taking event not only for all students and cadets but also for all the participants. Some dignitaries like members of governing body of the college, chairman of Beldanga

Municipality and so on were also present in the event. They delivered their brief but valuable speech on this occasion. In the programme, NCC cadets performed an illuminating rifle drill under the command of SGT Sakhina Khatun- the RDC as well as YEP participant of West Bengal & Sikkim Dte for 2023.





After completion of the programme around the flag area, the next part was conducted in the Seminar Hall- Vidyasagar Bhavan-of the college. This part of the programme was earmarked to cultural activities by NCC cadets. In the cultural events,- solo dance, group dance and a drama were performed by them. Total number of participants in the entire programme was 150+. The programme was ended with full of vigour and excitement amongst the cadets.





-Jai Hind-

