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**"LITTLE MOMENTS AND BIG MEMORIES OF COVID WAR ROOM MYSURU"**

There are innumerable experiences shared by people from the civil society doing their bit to fight the unprecedented health crisis due to the second wave of COVID-19. What inspired me to take up this duty was the countless stories of kindness that the nation witnessed when it faced the deadly second wave of pandemic. It was this time that I wanted to do my bit and become a Good Samaritan.

The metaphor is worth pursuing if at war with coronavirus then the frontline people are putting their lives on the line by serving humanity, obviously there is panic.

The battle of getting ahead of coronavirus cure is so serious and so demanding that the list of working class heroes grows with each passing day. To meet this demand '**The Ministry of Defence**' gave us an opportunity for temporary employment under '**Exercise NCC Yogdaan**'. Responding to this call given by DC Rohini Sindhuri for volunteering service, the requisition was processed by our Ncc unit. I was deployed and I was given the first dose of vaccination before the deployment. I work in shifts on everyday schedule and we work for 4 to 5 hours. I am doing my service at the *DC Office Covid War Room*. I have been given the duty of contact tracing wherein I have been provided with an ICMR list of positive patients for that particular day with their contact number and Postal address. I call them up and find out whether they received a message saying they have been tested positive, along with this I also verify their Postal address, whether they have any medical issues, are they home isolated or admitted at the hospital. I also make note off the number of family members staying with them if they are home isolated and take down by whom they were referred to. Some patients that I call would have already succumbed to the virus which we make note of. If in case they need any help either to talk to the doctor or they need some medications, all that are being taken care of.

"The biggest mountain can be moved by courage and determination". While talking to these patients I try to awaken their inner strength and give them self confidence. I am happy to do a little bit to serve this country in times of crisis. I am also thankful to my parents and my NCC unit group Mysuru for giving me this opportunity. I would like to conclude by saying the time is tough but the era belongs to the toughest.