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### MY NCC EXPERIENCE

NCC- National Cadet Corps had been my acquaintance for 3 years and I have gained so much from that organisation which I don't think could have been achieved from any other institution. My journey started when I took admission in Graphic Era University. I have always been inclined towards sports and extra curriculum from my school so when I joined college, I opted NCC for taking my first step towards joining the defence forces.



NCC has given so much which has prepared me for my life. During my first year I felt totally different as I got introduced to different things like Drill, Ragda (Punishment), a uniform which only a few were able to dawn. I had never come across to these things before in my life. When I wore that uniform, I used to get a feeling of pride and fulfillment. The most important values that I learned in NCC are Discipline, Punctuality and Unity. In my first year I attended **Army Attacchement Camp** attached to the 1/3 GR where several competitions were held like Public speaking, Dance competition, Group song, Drill selection test and many more, this camp made me acquainted with army life we were introduced to basics of arm training war crafts ,dhava position ,drill Ragda ,weapon training we got the oppportunity to fire with 7.62 INSAS rifle .the sound of bullet shot of that mighty weapon in our hands gave the boost to our morals andshowed us the might our army deals with made us realize that NCC is not just about being physically active rather it's about the overall development of a person. Those 15 days of AAC can never be forgotten. The camp gave me the opportunity to showcase my skills as we formed a basketball team to have some practice matches with 22kumaon basketball team I also took part in debate competition.AAC was a wonderful stage to showcase my talents to the fullest.



Then in our 3rd year an opportunity came knocking to our door in the form of vacancies to **Advanced Leadership Camp VI Coimbatore**. When I got into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year I was promoted to the rank of sergeant. My mates and I did selection of new cadets and it gave us a sense of responsibility. After that I attended Advance Leadership Camp which was held at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu for 12 days 10 cadets from Dehradun were selected and I got the opportunity to be in that group of 10. Cadets from different states of India participated in the camp and we all made a great bond with one another. There were training sessions on leadership as well as SSB. Activities like lecturette and Group Discussions were organized in groups. Cultural competition was also held in which Uttarakhand directorate won 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in dance and singing competition respectively. In Tug of war Uttarakhand Directorate stood 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was overall a worldliness camp where I represented my State, my unit and my college and it was so overwhelming for me to leave that camp with so much of experience, it gave me a sense of pride.





This was all about my journey in NCC. and most importantly I became a self-confident, an outspoken and a learned person who aspires to touch the sky with glory. And some quotes which always keep me moving and motivated me to sail through life were

'Jitna ragda utna tagda'

Someone quoted 'once u can bring me out of ncc but u can't bring out the ncc in me '

**'Once a cadet always a cadet'**

Jai Hind.

