

MY EXPERIENCE OF THE REPUBLIC DAY CAMP-2021

Jai Hind! I am Cadet Pratiksha Chauhan of 1 Guj Air Sqn NCC, Vadodara Group, Gujarat, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Dte. I would like to share my experience of Republic Day Camp which was held in New Delhi in Jan 2021.

The Republic Day is one of the most prestigious camps organized by the NCC. Ever since I joined NCC, just like every other cadet, I also dreamt of being a part of it. After going through various selection processes, I got the privilege to represent the Gujarat Dte at the national level as the Best Cadet, SW from Air Wing.

It all started in September 2020 when we were first called to our unit for RDC selection. After rigorous training, in November'20 we went to Ahmedabad for 3 Pre-RD camps. After all the grueling drill practices and packed schedule, it felt our efforts have paid off well. We all were thrilled and enthused to step in the Delhi.

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, there were restrictive measures in place for everyone's safety. On reaching DG NCC Campus, Delhi our Covid tests were done and we were quarantined for 14 days. After that, I appeared for Written Test, Group Discussion, Best Cadet Drill Test and Squad Drill and Interview which were all a part of the Best Cadet competition. I was also fortunate to be selected to march on the Rajpath. At temperatures of 3-4 degrees we used to get up at 2am at night to reach Vijay Chowk and we practiced amidst chilling wind. Although, the training which I received during this camp was extremely exhausting but it strengthened me mentally and made me resilient.

On 26th Jan, we were filled with pride and honor to salute our honorable President Shri Ramnath Kovind and the India Gate during the Republic Day Parade. There was sense of fulfillment and joy in all of us. We were also given the opportunity to visit our honorable PM Shri Narendra Modi's house. Another great moment of pride for all of us was when we marched past our PM and saluted him during Prime Minister's Rally Competition. On 29 Jan we bade adieu to all the friends and memories that we made and said tearful goodbye to the beautiful and inspiring DG NCC Campus.

The Republic Day Camp 2021 was a bundle of opportunities and lessons for me. I made lifelong friends and memories which I will cherish forever. The lessons that I have learned during this camp will always help me lead a life dedicated towards our nation.

Thank You!

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