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My first camp

I studied up to 7th standard in GUPS Banam School. After that I went to Parappa School for my higher education .It was from there that I first realized the greatness of the NCC.It was really a miracle for me.When Prabha teacher told me that first years are needed for participating in the CATC camp and to raise the hand for those who are interested to join ,without any doubt I raised my hand .So in 2015, month of December I got a golden chance to participate in the CATC camp directed by 31 Kerala Bn NCC held at sir Syed college Thalipparamba.I was quite nervous and curious about how the camp would go.

Those days were so memorable and it influenced to develop my character.I studied a lot of things from my camp days .Beautiful patriotic heroic tales , usage of maps and other tools and the feeling of India were etched in my mind.

Our day started with roll call in the morning and followed by P.T. Then lectures were given by military officers on character

building, personality development, leadership qualities, career counseling and so on. We were 6 students from my school who participated in the camp. Among six, four of us were too small including me. So we were the youngest in the camp. Therefore we wore NCC trousers.

The kalari performance of my friend caused us to get the attention of others. That 10 days with strangers in an unfamiliar area taught us to compromise in everything especially for sharing toilet, food and sleep. Although we do not know hindi we were in the forefront of talking to sab. Thus we got a name chota valo. We asked about their experiences and so on.

This camp taught me discipline, infused courage and strength, to accept people the way they are, motivated me to do something to motherland and respect her. Ultimately all these experiences made me a better person. As I return I take a very big suitcase of memories, lessons, new friends and the challenge to develop myself. Those 10 golden days gave me a lot of good moments that I will never forget in my life.