



National Cadet Corps

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Why in News

Recently, the **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** has observed the 73rd anniversary of its raising on 28th November.

- In August 2020, the Ministry of Defence approved the proposal to **Expand the National Cadet Corps (NCC) in border and coastal districts**.
- In March 2021, the Kerala High Court ordered the Central government to **amend the National Cadet Corps Act (NCC Act) 1948** which excludes transgender persons from joining the National Cadet Corps (NCC).

Key Points

- **About:**
 - The NCC was formed in 1948 (on the recommendation of **H. N. Kunzru Committee-1946**), and has its roots in British era uniformed youth entities like University Corps or University Officer Training Corps.
 - Its history can be traced back to the '**University Corps**', which was **created under the Indian Defence Act 1917** with an objective to make up for personnel shortage in the Indian **Army**.
 - The NCC also **expanded later on to include the Girls Division in 1949** to provide equal opportunities to women willing to serve the country's defences.
 - Currently **it has a strength of around 14 lakh cadets** from Army, **Navy** and **Air Force** wings.
 - NCC is the largest **uniformed youth organisation in the world**. It **enrolls cadets at high school and college level** and also awards certificates on completion of various phases.
 - The NCC **cadets receive basic military training** at various levels and also have academic curriculum basics related to Armed forces and their functioning.
 - Various training camps, adventure activities and military training camps are an important aspect of NCC training.
- **Ministry:**

The NCC falls under the purview of the **Ministry of Defence** and is headed by a Director General of three-star military rank.

- **Significance:**

- NCC cadets have played an **important role over the years in relief efforts** during various emergency situations.
- During the ongoing **pandemic**, over 60,000 NCC cadets have been deployed for voluntary relief work in coordination with district and state authorities across the country.
- Contribution of cadets through various initiatives in **Exercise-Yogdan in the management of the Covid-19 pandemic** have been widely appreciated by the people across the country.
- The cadets participated wholeheartedly in '**Swachhta Abhiyan**', '**Mega Pollution Pakhwada**' and played a pivotal role in spreading awareness about various government initiatives like '**Digital Literacy**', '**International Day of Yoga**', 'Tree Plantation' and Covid-19 vaccination drive, etc.
- The multifaceted activities and varied curriculum of the NCC, provides unique opportunities to the youth for **self-development**.
- Many cadets have done the nation and the organisation proud by their remarkable **achievements in the field of sports and adventure**.
- The NCC continues its relentless efforts, towards moulding the present-day youth into responsible citizens of tomorrow.

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