



National Cadet Corps (NCC)

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Raksha Rajya Mantri has announced the **expansion of the [NCC](#) by 3 lakh cadets** across the country.

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- **About:** The **NCC** is a **voluntary Tri-Services organisation** (Army, Navy, and Air Force) under the **Ministry of Defence** headquartered in **New Delhi**, established by the [NCC Act, 1948](#).
 - It is the largest uniformed youth organisation globally, with over **15 lakh cadets across the country**.
- **Historical Background:** The concept of cadet training began in **Germany in 1666**. In India, it originated with the **University Corps**, established under the [Indian Defence Act, 1917](#) during **World War I**.
 - After the **Indian Territorial Act of 1920**, the **University Corps** was reorganized as the **University Training Corps (UTC)**, and later renamed the **University Officers Training Corps (UOTC)** in 1942.
 - Its **limited impact during World War II** led the [HN Kunzru Committee Report \(1946\)](#) to recommend a unified youth body, resulting in the **NCC Act, 1948**. The **Girls Division was added in 1949** to promote gender inclusion.
- **Objective:** It aims to groom the youth into **disciplined, patriotic, and responsible citizens**.
- **Role in Wars & Reforms:** During the [1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars](#), **NCC cadets supported defence efforts** by guarding vital areas, aiding in logistics, and assisting in rescue and traffic control.
 - **Post-1971, NCC reoriented towards leadership**, social service, and nation-building, reducing its focus on combat training.
- **Structure & Training:** Headed by a **Director General (rank of Lieutenant General)**.
 - Enrolment from high schools, colleges, and universities across India.
 - Cadets receive **basic military training**, and **certificates (A, B, C)** enhancing eligibility for military recruitment.

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