



Maharashtra Plans NCC-Style Training for Students

Why in News?

Maharashtra's school education minister announced the introduction of training inspired by the [National Cadet Corps \(NCC\)](#) for students beginning in Class 1.

Key Points

- **Objective:** The initiative aims to **foster discipline and patriotism** among students from the primary level, with a broader vision of developing well-disciplined and **nation-conscious citizens**.
- **Training Details:** The training will be **military-style** and NCC-inspired, focused on instilling discipline and patriotism.
 - The program will be introduced at the primary school level, starting with Class 1.
- **Collaboration and Expansion Plans:** The state government will request the central government to **increase the number of NCC training centres** in Maharashtra.
 - The state plans to collaborate with the ex-servicemen welfare board to enlist retired armed forces personnel for training.
 - This year's Independence Day celebrations in schools will also include parade drills performed to patriotic songs.
- **Current NCC Framework in Maharashtra:**
 - Maharashtra currently has 7 NCC groups and 63 active units, covering 1,726 schools and colleges with over 1.14 lakh cadets.
 - There are plans to expand the NCC program by **adding 10 more NCC centres**, which will provide an opportunity for an additional 20,314 students to participate.

National Cadet Corps

- **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.
- **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.

