

THE ROLE OF NCC CADETS ON ERADICATING COVID-19 IN INDIA: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT:-

At the present entire country is involved in the efforts to eradicate Covid-19. Many organizations, social groups have extended their helping to fight against the deadly virus. NCC is the biggest youth organization with cadet strength of 14 lakh having its presence all across the country. The cadets come from about 16,000 educational institutions including the high schools, higher secondary, colleges and universities enrolled with it. This organization is also known for their dedicated, disciplined services. NCC is headquartered in Delhi with 17 Directorates in State Capitals, which cover every district with 825 Units under 99 Group Centers. The Cadets train into tri-Services format comprising the Army, Navy and Air Wing. The Ministry of Defence had allowed temporary employment of NCC Cadets under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'. The NCC Cadets is give a helping hand to State and Municipal authorities to augment relief efforts. The main objective of present research paper is to study the role of NCC Cadets in eradicating Covid-19 in India and to motivate NCC Cadets for involving various activities against Covid-19. This research paper provide platform to NCC cadets for showing their contribution in Nation building and shows Unity and discipline in any difficult situation in country.

Keywords: - Covid-19, NCC, Exercise NCC Yogdan, Eradications, Employment, Nation building etc

INTRODUCTION:-

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is a Youth Development Movement. It is a large uniformed youth organization of our country with approximate strength of 14 lakhs. It has enormous potential for national building. The NCC provides opportunities to the youth of our country for their all round development with a sense of duty and discipline, commitment, dedication and moral values. So, that they become able leaders and useful citizens. This organization is always ready to serve the country in any difficult situation. Since NCC inception, its cadets have contributed during natural calamities like flood, cyclone and other events. NCC operates under the Ministry of Defence. All the three

wings of NCC –Army, Navy and Air force have come forward voluntarily to join hands with the local authorities help in the fight against the spread of global pandemic of Corona virus. The motto of NCC is ‘Unity and Discipline’. It is headquartered in New Delhi. NCC has been active since 16 April 1948. Our Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, during his address to the nation, had urged that youth organization like NCC involve in various activities to flight against the Covid-19. After the speech of our Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi the NCC cadets actively participated in sensitizing the public against Covid-19 through Social media platforms like twitter, Instagram, facebook and whats apps etc. Our Prime Minister is also appreciated the work done by NCC cadets in fight against Covid- 19 in his speech.

OBJECTIVES:-

The main objective of present research paper is as follows:-

1. To study the role of NCC Cadets in eradicating Covid-19 in India
2. To motivate NCC Cadets for involving various activities for fight against Covid-19.

DATA COLLECTION AND METHODOLOGY:-

This research paper is based on only secondary data. For this research paper researchers used various published and unpublished material from the various governmental and non governmental institutions. Data are also collected from various reports, books, journals, internet, website etc

DISCUSSION:-

The name Coronavirus comes from the crown like projection on their surface. Corona in Latin word it means ‘halo’ or ‘crown’. Novel Coronavirus is a new strain of Coronavirus that has not been previously identified in human. It is large family of virus transmitted between animal and people that cause illness ranging from common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-Cov) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-Cov). In world first Covid-19 case was found China. In world more than 55 lakh confirmed corona virus cases are found. The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of India confirmed the country’s first Covid-19 case on 30 January 2020 in Kerala. India has recorded 28,380 confirmed cases on 24 May 2020. In this situation the cases is increase continuously. The Ministry of Defence had allowed temporary employment of NCC Cadets under ‘Exercise NCC Yogdan’. The main aim of this exercise is NCC volunteer cadets are contribute in fight against Covid-19. For that purpose some colleges and universities have been trained to NCC cadets for creating awareness and prevention of Covid-19. They trained cadets about social distancing, ways

of personal safety, environmental safety, distribution of relief material and giving medicines and treatment. They are also trained to generate awareness about uses of masks, sanitizers and removing misconception.

➤ **Some necessary requirement and limitations for NCC cadets before working against Covid-19 is as follows:-**

- i) Only Senior Division volunteer cadets above 18 years of age are employed. Both boys and girls are doing this voluntarily and are not seeking any incentives or other reward.
- ii) They employed in small cohesive group of 8 to 20 under the supervision of officers, Junior Commissioned officers, PI staff and Associate NCC Officer. This is done in an effort to ensure the safety of the cadets.
- iii) The NCC unit takes undertaking of cadets and their parents before deployment.
- iv) The cadets have not been deployed in the direct management of Corona treatment/quarantine facilities nor deployed in identified hot spots of Corona.

➤ **Under ‘Exercise NCC Yogdan’.The NCC cadets allotted following duties:-**

- i) Manning of helpline / Call centers
- ii) Distribution of relief materials, medicines, food and essential commodities
- iii) Community assistance
- iv) Data management queue and traffic management and manning of CCTV control rooms etc

Since 1st April 2020, almost 2000 cadets are already giving voluntary service in 12 state and union territories and the number are increasing day by day. All these cadets are working with civil authorities. They are provided with proper safety equipments like masks, gloves etc during their deployment. Some photographs of NCC cadets actively participated in various activities against Covid-19 under ‘Exercise NCC Yogdan.’ Over 3,000 men and women from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) across Tamil Nadu and Puducherry have joined authorities in the fight against COVID-19, as they assist officials in ensuring food and other relief material distribution and also in ensuring social distancing in crowded areas.



NCC Cadets help to maintaining traffic low and orders



NCC Cadets help to maintaining Social Distancing



NCC cadets help in distribution of Tea and Drinking Water



NCC Cadets try to create awareness about Covid-19 among the people

CONCLUSION:-

NCC is largest youth organization is known for their dedicated, disciplined services. The Ministry of Defence had allowed temporary employment of NCC Cadets under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'. This organization is always ready to serve the country in any difficult situation. Since NCC inception, its cadets have contributed during natural calamities like flood, landslide, earthquake, cyclone and other events. NCC operates under the Ministry of Defence. After the evocation of our Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi the NCC cadets actively participated in sensitizing the public against Covid-19 through Social media platforms like twitter, Instragram, facebook and whats apps etc. Our Prime Minister is also appreciated the work done by NCC cadets in fight against Covid- 19 in his speech. So, as per the motto and objective of NCC, the NCC cadets are always actively participated in various difficult situation in country. Nation is first for NCC cadets. Lastly, as a researcher and NCC ANO my request for all people in our country is that, follows all instruction which is given by government and help them in this difficult situation. Within few days our country will win war against Covid-19.

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