

**Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu interacted with
Contingent of Tamil Nadu NCC Cadets participants of Republic Day Parade, New
Delhi at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Chennai**

Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu interacted with Contingent of Tamil Nadu NCC Cadets participants of Republic Day Parade, New Delhi at Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (02.2.2019).

Hon'ble Governor said, "I am happy to be here in the midst of the Cadets of the National Cadet Corps at Raj Bhavan today.

The National Cadet Corps was started in 1948 with the intention to provide military training so that the needs of the Armed Forces could be met in the form of supplementary fighting groups and supporting field personnel. In fact, the NCC played a decisive role during the wars in supporting field level formations of the Armed Forces by providing support in the movement of arms and ammunitions and as members of the patrol groups who could identify the enemies, para troopers and infiltrators. After the 1971 war, the focus of the NCC gradually moved from mere military support to a combination of community service and support to the Armed Forces when required.

The National Cadet Corps attracts students from schools and colleges in large numbers all over the country. The National song of the NCC "Hum Sab Bharatiyahai" reflects the character of the Organisation. The members of the NCC are trained to imbibe a nationalistic approach to break down the barriers of religion, language, caste, creed etc. The military training provided to the NCC cadets enables them to perform creditably in the armed forces, if they choose to join the forces. You may be aware that there is preferential recruitment for the NCC cadets in the Armed Forces.

I thank you all for having come to Raj Bhavan after the Republic Day Parade and I am sure that you are all inspired by the great leaders whose statues you have seen here. I would like to specifically draw your attention to the statue of Dr. Abdul Kalam here in the lawns of Raj Bhavan. A man who rose from humble beginnings to the

highest position in the country, - he was a scientist, a teacher, a musician, a patriot, a leader and above all a person filled with compassion and love, specifically for children.

I am sure that your love for the nation, which has brought you into the NCC will lead you to greater heights of success in your academic and professional careers. May you all be blessed with a bright future in the coming years.”

On this occasion, Commodore Vijesh K. Garg, Deputy Director General, NCC and Student-Cadets were participated.

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