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Contingent of TN NCC Cadets participated in the Republic Day parade camp 2021 at New Delhi called on Thiru. Banwarilal Purohit, Hon'ble Governor of Tamil Nadu, at Raj Bhavan, Chennai today (01.02.2021).

Hon'ble Governor, while addressing the gathering said, "It's indeed a privilege to be amongst these young girls and boys of National Cadet Corps (NCC) from the Directorate, who had participated in Republic Day Camp on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at New Delhi.

NCC Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar has been performing well consistently for the past five years. After watching the smart turnout and impressive march past of these young girls and boys, I can recall a famous quotation of Swami Vivekananda "Just give me a hundred selfless and committed youth! I shall change India in a very big way".

Swami Vivekananda and Mahakavi Subramanya Bharathiar had exhorted the youth more than a century ago to develop character, do selfless service and free Bharat Desh not only from British rule, but most importantly from the clutches of poverty, illiteracy and ignorance. The impeccable performance of the Cadets of Tamil Nadu is a testimony that the dreams and aspirations of Swami Vivekananda and Mahakavi Bharathiar have indeed come true.

For the past ten months the entire world is facing the effects of the Pandemic COVID-19. I would like to place on record the excellent support rendered by NCC Cadets to the country at this juncture.

NCC is the largest youth development organisation in the world having nearly fourteen lakh cadets on its enrolled strength. The camaraderie and team spirit displayed by the Cadets in Republic Day Camp, New Delhi is an epitome to the motto of NCC "Unity and Discipline". Apart from march past and drills, the Republic Day Camp also gave an opportunity to the cadets to know about the rich culture, languages and life styles of all States and union Territories of our Bharat Desh. This also contributes a long way for the cadets to widen their horizon and instill a sense of National Unity and social cohesion.

At this juncture I would like to recall a poem of Mahakavi Bharathiyar exhorts the youth "You are the children of our ancient and great Bharat Desh. Always remember this"

It's glad to know that Cadets from Tamil Nadu had won one gold and two bronze medals in All India Best Cadet Championship - Senior Division & Senior Wing in Republic Day Camp 2021 held at New Delhi.

It's indeed a very commendable performance. My heartiest congratulations to the winners, whole contingent who worked tirelessly to train you all, keep you motivated and thus attain high standards in Republic Day Camp, New Delhi 2021.

Our country is making rapid progress in all fronts. Despite many constraints, the COVID-19 fatality rate in our country is very low. Our scientists, entrepreneurs, Indian Railways and various individuals and organisations in India rose to the occasion and developed innovative methods and techniques to mitigate the effects of this pandemic.

Apart from COVID-19 pandemic, the challenges faced by the world today are global warming, environmental degradation, depletion of water table and water shortage. Dear Cadets, the future of our great country lies on your shoulders. Do work hard, acquire new skills and equip yourself to face the challenges and take our country in the right direction and serve fellow human beings.

I once again congratulate the Cadets for their outstanding achievement and exhort them to strive further for their all-round development in academics, extra circular activities, sports and other fields. I advise all of you to work hard and make our nation great and bring laurels to our country on all international fora. My best wishes to all the Cadets here. A bright future awaits you in the coming years.”

On this occasion. Commodore Malay K Kukroti, Deputy Director General, NCC Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Puduchery and Andaman Nicobar, Thiru. Anandrao V.Patil, I.A.S., Secretary to Governor, Officers of NCC, Students- Cadets and other dignitaries participated.

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