

# NATIONAL CADET CORPS TEZPUR UNIVERSITY

# ANNUAL REPORT (2019-20)

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# PREFACE

This Report has been prepared by the cadets of NCC Tezpur University and it consists of all the details of the functioning of the Unit from August 2019 to July 2020. It tries to briefly give an overview of all the events that were organised by NCC Tezpur University or the events in which our cadets participated on.

It is especially important to note that, this report will only give a brief idea about the work and dedication of our cadets for the improvement of our University and NCC. This report also shows NCC is full of opportunities and how it plays an important role in personality and self-development.

This report will also give a glimpse of the knowledge gained in different fields by the cadets during this session and how it will be helpful for them in the future.

The scope of basic drill and weapon training has been adjusted such that we are able to make room for programs on leadership, motivation & youth management. The highlight has been the incorporation of the adventure training, youth activities and social services.

# **TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**



The establishment of Tezpur University is one of the outcomes of the Assam Accord, along with the establishment of Assam University and Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, by an Act of Parliament, in 1994. The then Prime Minister of India, Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao, chaired the opening of the university.



The university campus is at Napaam, about 15 km east of Tezpur, the headquarters of the Sonitpur district of Assam. Napaam is a rural area surrounded by people of diverse caste, religion and language. The university campus is spread across 262 acres (1.06 km<sup>2</sup>) of land and is bounded by pucca walls. University is linked by a PWD road from the National Highway No. 37A at almost the midpoint between Kalia-Bhomora Bridge and Mission Chariali. Tezpur is linked by road and rail with the rest of the state and the country. There is a tri-weekly flight between Kolkata and Tezpur.

The university has four schools of studies which is divided into 27 departments and additional centres and cells.

- School of Sciences
- School of Humanities & Social Sciences
- School of Management Sciences
- School of Engineering

Tezpur University was ranked 801-1000 in the world by the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings* of 2020 and 251-300 in Asia. The *QS World University Rankings* ranked it 215 in Asia in 2020. In India it was ranked 65<sup>th</sup> overall by the *National Institutional Ranking Framework* of 2020 and 39<sup>th</sup> among universities.

The objectives of this Central University as envisaged in the statutes are that it shall strive to offer employment oriented and interdisciplinary courses to meet the local and regional aspirations and the development needs of the state of Assam and also offer courses and promote research in areas which are of special and direct relevance to the region and in emerging areas in Science and Technology.

Prominent Personalities of Tezpur University:

- Vice-Chancellor: Professor Vinod Kumar Jain
- Registrar: Dr. Biren Das
- Dean, Student's Welfare: Professor Dhanapati Deka

# NATIONAL CADET CORPS



With the motto "Unity & Discipline" NCC has been the propeller in channelizing the force of the youth population of India since 1948.

The **National Cadet Corps** is the youth wing of Armed Forces with its Headquarters at New Delhi, India. It is a Tri-Services organisation, comprising the Army, Navy and Air Wing, engaged in grooming the youth of the country into disciplined and patriotic citizens. It is a voluntary organisation which recruits cadets from high schools, colleges and universities all over India. The Cadets are given basic military training in small arms and parades. The officers and cadets have no liability for active military service once they complete their course.

#### NCC, Tezpur University:

NCC Tezpur University is in the Army Wing and comes under 5 Assam Battalion of Tezpur Group in NER Directorate.

NCC in Tezpur University was established on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011. There are total of 60 cadets in our unit from different departments and line of study.

Prominent Personalities of NCC Tezpur University:

- ADG (NER DTE): Major General Bipin Bakshi
- Group Commander (Tezpur Group): Brigadier K.Sreenivasa Rao
- Commanding Officer (5 Assam Bn): Colonel S.S Kullar
- ANO/ Faculty Coordinator: Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma
- SUO/NCC Student's Coordinator: Saunak Chowdhury



## LIST OF CADETS

| Sl. No. | Regimental No. | Name                 | Roll No.                             | Department                     |
|---------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.      | AS17SDA110591  | Rohit Panwar         | CSM17019                             | Computer Science &<br>Engg.    |
| 2.      | AS17SDA110594  | Manjesh Kumar        | EEB15057                             | Electrical Engineering         |
| 3.      | AS17SDA110595  | Lakshyajeet Gogoi    | CIB16026                             | Civil Engineering              |
| 4.      | AS17SDA110596  | Saunak Chowdhury     | CIB17053                             | Civil Engineering              |
| 5.      | AS17SDA110597  | Shashwat Kumar Singh | EEB16028                             | Electrical Engineering         |
| 6.      | AS17SDA110602  | Nobojyoti Das        | PHB17002                             | Physics                        |
| 7.      | AS17SDA110605  | Bobyraj Tamuli       | MEB16063                             | Mechanical Engineering         |
| 8.      | AS17SDA110609  | Shiva Prasad Rai     | MEB16057                             | Mechanical Engineering         |
| 9.      | AS17SWA110600  | Sobina Yashmin       | EGI17005                             | English & Foreign<br>Languages |
| 10.     | AS17SWA110608  | Pallabi Neog         | Completed the course from University |                                |
| 11.     | AS17SWA110611  | Naina Hatibaruah     | PHI17003                             | Physics                        |
| 12.     | AS17SWA110665  | Amrita Paswan        | Completed the course from University |                                |
| 13.     | AS17SWA111228  | Lotus Gogoi          | EGI17012                             | English & Foreign<br>Languages |
| 14.     | AS18SDA110625  | Md. Mumit Laskar     | CIB17040                             | Civil Engineering              |
| 15.     | AS18SDA111144  | Purna Sutradhar      | MSI17014                             | Mathematical Sciences          |
| 16.     | AS18SDA111152  | Gaurab Borah         | CHB17003                             | Chemical Sciences              |
| 17.     | AS18SDA111154  | Mandeep Kumar Singh  | CSB17039                             | Computer Science &<br>Engg.    |
| 18.     | AS18SDA111156  | Akash Prasad         | CIB17074                             | Civil Engineering              |
| 19.     | AS18SDA111158  | Suvajeet Das         | ECB18033                             | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg.   |

| 20. | AS18SDA111160 | Saugat Deb                | ELB17063 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg.   |
|-----|---------------|---------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 21. | AS18SDA111161 | Priotush Paul             | FPB17028 | Food Engg. & Tech.             |
| 22. | AS18SDA111163 | Udhav Das                 | CSB17030 | Computer Science &<br>Engg.    |
| 23. | AS18SDA111164 | Rishabh Trivedi           | CSB17063 | Computer Science &<br>Engg.    |
| 24. | AS18SDA111167 | Chau Kingtana<br>Chautang | CEB18063 | Civil Engineering              |
| 25. | AS18SDA111168 | Arghya Kar                | EGI18002 | English & Foreign<br>Languages |
| 26. | AS18SDA111169 | Homen Bania               | CEB18033 | Civil Engineering              |
| 27. | AS18SDA111171 | Biswa Jyoti Neog          | FPB17033 | Food Engg. & Tech.             |
| 28. | AS18SDA111172 | Pori Taipodia             | CEB18039 | Civil Engineering              |
| 29. | AS18SDA111174 | Yubaraj Barman            | CEB18002 | Civil Engineering              |
| 30. | AS18SWA111145 | Jita Mali                 | MEB18037 | Mechanical Engineering         |
| 31. | AS18SWA111146 | Baishali Ghosh            | ECB18036 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg.   |
| 32. | AS18SWA111147 | Kaberi Changmai           | MSI18014 | Mathematical Sciences          |
| 33. | AS18SWA111153 | Trishti Panging           | CEB18023 | Civil Engineering              |
| 34. | AS18SWA111162 | Khusboo Rajak             | CHB18009 | Chemical Sciences              |
| 35. | AS18SWA111173 | Preetishree Gogoi         | MSI18009 | Mathematical Sciences          |
| 36. | AS19SWA110738 | Tandralee Kashyap         | EGI19022 | English & Foreign<br>Languages |
| 37. | AS19SWA110739 | Joyshree Dutta            | MEB19013 | Mechanical Engineering         |
| 38. | AS19SWA110740 | Mema Singha               | CEB19029 | Civil Engineering              |
| 39. | AS19SWA110741 | Nayanita Saikia           | FEB19011 | Food Engg. & Tech.             |
| 40. | AS19SWA110742 | Priya Dhar                | COI19033 | Commerce                       |

| 41. | AS19SWA110743  | Darshana Baruah     | CSB19003 | Computer Science &<br>Engg.  |
|-----|----------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 42. | AS19SWA110783  | Soumi Purkayastha   | ECB19007 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg. |
| 43. | AS19SWA110786  | Mayemi Sarkar       | ECB19043 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg. |
| 44. | AS19SWA110788  | Yuktakhi Gogoi      | COI19025 | Commerce                     |
| 45. | AS19SWA110789  | Puja Sharma         | FEB19005 | Food Engg. & Tech.           |
| 46. | AS19SWA110797  | Sanjana Singha      | ECB18023 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg. |
| 47. | AS19SWA111094  | Vaishnavi Singh     | COI19007 | Commerce                     |
| 48. | AS19SDA110784  | Ankur Jyoti Das     | MSI19009 | Mathematical Sciences        |
| 49. | AS19SDA110785  | Ashutosh Pradhan    | ECB19049 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg. |
| 50. | AS19SDA110787  | Aditya Nath         | CSB18053 | Computer Science &<br>Engg.  |
| 51. | AS19SDA110792  | Aditya Srivastava   | ECB19011 | Electronics & Comm.<br>Engg. |
| 52. | AS19SDA110793  | Mirza Noor          | MEB19015 | Mechanical Engineering       |
| 53. | AS19SDA110794  | Abhijit Deka        | CSB19046 | Computer Science &<br>Engg.  |
| 54. | AS19SDA110795  | Pabitra Brahma      | CEB19027 | Civil Engineering            |
| 55. | AS19SDA110796  | Jyotish Prasad Lahe | MEB19036 | Mechanical Engineering       |
| 56. | AS19SDA110799  | Mrinal Jyoti Baruah | MSB18007 | Mathematical Sciences        |
| 57. | AS19SDA111163  | Padala Kiran Kumar  | MEB18055 | Mechanical Engineering       |
| 58. | AS19SDA111164  | Kurmarao Savara     | FEB18026 | Food Engg. & Tech            |
| 59. | AS19SDA111165  | Vinay Suddakunti    | MEB18056 | Mechanical Engineering       |
| 60. | Training Cadet | Majoni Basumatary   | COI19031 | Commerce                     |

# LIST OF EVENTS

All the events and programs which were organised or were participated in by our cadets are listed here in chronological order of occurrence, starting from August 2019 to July 2020.

#### August 2019

#### • Volunteering in Induction Programme (27<sup>th</sup> July to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019)

Purpose of the **Student Induction Program** is to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution, help them build bonds with other students and faculty members, and expose them to a sense of larger purpose and self-exploration.

The newly inducted engineering students were first introduced to the senior cadets of NCC through the induction program. They voluntarily used to take part in the program during the early morning yoga session and evening sports session as mentors.

- They were there to guide and motivate the students for doing well in those fitness programs.
- They volunteered to take the attendance, which was quite a tiring job.
- Volunteering as mentors in the Induction Programme really helped in advertising NCC.



Senior NCC Cadets leading the students during running sessions.

#### • Selection of new Cadets into NCC (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

In the history of NCC in Tezpur University, for the first time a fair selection process was conducted by the seniors. Before this year names for NCC were taken in a first come first serve basis which was very inefficient as:

- Students who were not very keen but just wanted to try it once gave their names. As a result, if they lost interest, they sometimes left it mid-way or became irregular.
- Deserving candidates who were physically and mentally fit and were also genuinely interested in NCC were denied the opportunity.
- Due to lack of interest in many of the cadets, they were not willing to interact with their fellow cadets and thus the feeling of family and oneness within the unit was lacking.
- As some cadets lacked zeal and enthusiasm, they were unwilling to put their best foot forward while participating in events. Some even did not want to take part at all.

But now the scenario has changed for the better. As an efficient selection procedure has been put in place keeping the primary objectives as:

- Only the interested and deserving students should get the valuable seats.
- People who are not as committed to NCC or have other activities which they prioritize over NCC are filtered.

As only interested candidates are selected, the turn out ratio in events has increased manifolds and more classes have been conducted this year than ever before and everyone was willing to take part in regular classes.



Senior Cadets addressing the students who came for selection.

The Selection Procedure consisted of three parts:

- Physical Test: 10 points
- Drill Test: 5 points
- Personality Test/ Interview: 20 points
- Previous experience in NCC/ Scouts & Guides: 2 points

Most emphasis was given on the interview cum personality test as it is something which tested the interest of the applicants towards NCC. As many students were there who may not have been physically very fit at that time but can achieve the required level of fitness eventually during the NCC drill and exercise sessions, provided they have the right attitude and dedication.



Senior Cadets taking the interview.

The drill test was done to check who had some experience in the field of drill and marchpast and who were totally new to it. Some of the students who claimed to have had experience in NCC or Scouts & Guides previously got the opportunity to prove their mettle.

The interview round was conducted in the end where the below mentioned questions were asked:

- Say something about yourself. (Including hobbies and achievements)
- Why do you want to join NCC?
- Why should we choose you?

(These 3 questions provided insight into the personality and character of the aspirant.)

- Few questions related to NCC and the Indian Army.
- And lastly one of the most important question was to sort according to priority: Academies, NCC, other activities which generally included their hobbies.

(This question helped the interviewers to understand the level of commitment the aspirant has towards NCC.)



Drill test being conducted by Senior Cadets.

The whole selection procedure was conducted in two batches, first one was held from 0930 hours (9:30am) to 1400 hours (2:00pm) and the second batch was called at 1800 hours (6:00pm) to 2130 hours (9:30pm).

The next day, i.e., on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 the results were declared. 117 students were interviewed out of which there were 40 girls which was an unexpectedly high turnout. Only 25 of them were selected, 13 girls and 12 boys.

From 6<sup>th</sup> August, training for the upcoming Independence Day started. Both senior and junior cadets worked dedicatedly to be able to perform well on the day of the event.

**Insight by Cadet Aditya Srivastava:** I have previously attended NCC camps in school days. But by seeing the level of work and the feeling of oneness that is there among the cadets of Tezpur University I was very fascinated. Also, I was the last one to be interviewed on the day of selection as I arrived at the last moment when they were about to pack up after a day's work. Yet they allowed me to appear for the process and I got selected. I am incredibly grateful to them for overlooking the fact that I was late that day and conducting the selection in a fair manner.

#### • Plantation Drive (10<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

On 10<sup>th</sup> August, the NCC team of Tezpur University, led by Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma and SUO Saunak Chowdhury organized a plantation drive and planted saplings in the university campus. It was done to:

- Create awareness among the new students regarding the importance of the flora in the university and make them understand that they, as a part of University, are responsible for preserving it.
- Set an example for other so that more trees get planted.
- A small step towards creating a better environment and save Mother Nature.

#### • Practice for Independence Day (6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

As our first event as a cadet of NCC Tezpur University was approaching we started practicing day and night to make it successful. We were just selected a week ago and everyone was nervous about their first event, but our seniors helped us and led us in such a way that we have a very successful Independence Day. It was all due to the coordination between newly selected cadets and seniors along with their hard work which bought the best in them.

Our SUO Saunak Chowdhury distributed all the new cadets under three groups, making Sergeant Saugat Deb, Sergeant Mandeep Singh and Sergeant Trishti panging the leaders of the different companies and they did an exceptional job in making the new cadets understand and get familiar with their role.

On 14th August there was a dress rehearsal for the junior cadets. Seniors not only helped to put on the accessories but also explained the importance and meaning of each.

Once everyone was dressed up, our ANO sir gave a motivational speech about giving our best and doing well the next day. He also gave us tips to not feel tired and faint while standing still in the sun.

**Insight by Lance Corporal Soumi Purkayastha:** I would like to give light on the day our uniforms were given. The feel of wearing khaki for the first time (except a few who had previously been a part of NCC) was something that cannot be penned down. It is a memory we all shall treasure forever.

#### • 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day (15<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

And finally came the most important day of the month of August, India's 73rd Independence Day.



The event was to officially start at 9am. But all cadets reached the venue at 6:30am to make sure that all preparations were properly in coordination and place. Checking of uniform was done followed by the final practice.

All the NCC Cadets were divided into two contingents, the first contingent was of the SW Cadets (girls) which was led by Under Officer Sobina Yashmin and the second contingent was of the SD Cadets (boys) which was led by Sergeant Saugat Deb. There was another contingent of the Home Guards. All the three contingents were Centrally Commanded by Under Officer Lakshyajeet Gogoi of NCC. The Chief Guest of the day, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir was piloted by Sergeant Mandeep

Kumar Singh, Sergeant Trishti Panging, Corporal Preetishree Gogoi and Lance Corporal Chau Kingtana Chautang.



The event started from 9 am with drill by the NCC cadets, followed by the Nirikshan (Inspection) of the Contingents by the Hon'ble Chief Guest. Then the national flag was hoisted by the Hon'ble Chief Guest, Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University, hoisting of flag was followed by the National Anthem and a speech by the Hon'ble Chief Guest on 'Commitment to Self'. Once the event was over, sweets and refreshments were provided to all the cadets.

#### September 2019

#### • Interaction with Adm. Officer, 5 Assam Bn (7<sup>th</sup> September 2019)

**Lt. Col. Amit Mohan Sharma**, Administrative Officer of 5 Assam Bn NCC, gave a visit to the University to meet the newly inducted first year cadets. The senior cadets were also present in the interactive session. He shared his in-depth knowledge of topics such as leadership and thinking pattern for cracking the SSB examination. He also shared some great adventure experiences from his life. Few of his other students from different unit joined us too.

He started with the topic 'Leadership'. Each cadet present there were asked to participate by listing and describing various leadership qualities mixed with own life experiences. The next topic was about the thinking patter required to crack the SSB exam. This topic was related to the former one and the main point which was made clear by sir was that "each person who applies for SSB to get selected needs to have few or most of the leadership qualities like communication, integrity, accountability, empathy etc."



Lt. Col. Amit Mohan Sharma taking class and with the Cadets later.

The next part of the class was filled with amazing adventure from Sir's life. The class was enlightened about the world of sky sports by showing us some live recorded videos of Parachuting i.e. sky diving and paragliding from his own experiences.

#### October 2019

#### • CATC cum RDC Selection Camp (13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019)

**Combined Annual Training Camp** (CATC) cum **Pre-Inter Group Competition Camp** (IGC) for **Republic Day Camp 2020** selection was organized by **8** Assam Battalion in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Dhing, Assam from 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2019. Three cadets Company Sergeant Major Priotush Paul, Sergeant Saugat Deb and Corporal Akash Prasad from our NCC Unit attended this camp.



CSM Priotush Paul, SGT Saugat Deb and CPL Akash Prasad (from left) with one more cadet in the camp.

The 10 days camp routine started with physical fitness training in the morning, continued with classes of map reading, tent pitching and weapon training too. The day always ended with some beautiful cultural programs by the cadets and organizing team. A blood donation camp for the cadets and the army personals too was organized during the camp.



Sergeant Saugat Deb during the blood donation camp.

#### • NCC Tezpur University officially on Instagram (28<sup>th</sup> October 2019)

An official Instagram page was created by the Senior Under Officer Saunak Chowdhury with few other cadets on 28<sup>th</sup> October keeping in mind today's time and generation.

This may be a not so important feat in the eyes of many, but it is indeed an excessively big step for all of us in the Unit. As in today's time presence in Social Media has become excessively important to keep up with the fast-growing digital audience.



Interface of the Instagram page @ncctezpuruniversity.

The information these days get noticed on social media even before going to the news channels and Instagram being the most popular among the young generation proved to be an amazing platform to make more and more people aware of organization like our own NCC. A year back even the students of our own university didn't know that NCC was a part of the university but with the great effort, determination, patience and lots and lots of hard work now almost everyone knows about NCC TU and we have been successful in gaining the respect and love in the hearts of everyone.



A post of the 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Tezpur University celebration

With starting the new official page, we are trying and are hopeful to reach more people and encourage them to work for the society and country with comradery and unity.

#### • Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (31<sup>st</sup> October 2019)

**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** is celebrated on 31<sup>st</sup> October every year in India. It is also known as National Unity Day.

The **Run for Unit** was observed in Tezpur University premises on the occasion of National Unity Day, commemorating the 144<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It was organized by Tezpur University in collaboration with Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).



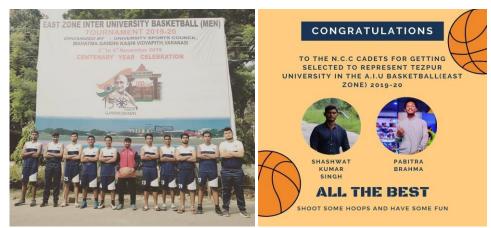
To mark the celebration of the National Unity Day, a pledge was taken by Prof. V.K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University administering the Ekta Diwas and flagged off the Unity Run. SSB jawans, led by their commandant, Shri Madhukar Amitabh also participated in the unity run. Apart from hundreds of University students, NCC cadets and NSS volunteers of the University, Dr. Biren Das (Registrar), Prof. Dhanapati Deka (Dean Students Welfare), Dr. Amiya Kumar Das (program coordinator NSS), Dr. Hitesh Sharma (faculty in-charge NCC) and Dr. Bhupali Kashyap (Cultural Officer) participated in the Run-for-Unity.



**Insight by Cadet Mirza Noor:** It was indeed an exclusive experience where we could run along with the SSB Jawans. Moreover, the pledge administered by our respected Vice Chancellor Sir motivated us to keep ourselves healthier, fit and well maintained.

#### • Selection of NCC Cadets in AIU Basketball (31st October 2019)

Two of our Cadets were selected in the University basketball team which went on to participate in the **All India University (East Zone)** Basketball Tournament, in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019. The two cadets were Corporal Shashwat Kumar Singh and Cadet Pabitra Brahma.



University's team photo (left) and congratulatory post of Instagram page (right)

**Insight by Cadet Pabitra Brahma:** It was a once in a lifetime experience for me. Playing the sport I love, that too representing my own University was a great matter of pride for me. While preparing for this tournament I could develop a particularly good relationship with our seniors, and they guided me and helped me in every possible way they could. This tournament thought me how important it is to give your best when you are carrying the name of your University in your back. In the future I would love to play and represent our University if I ever get the opportunity again.

#### November 2019

#### • Selection of NCC Cadets in AIU Football (1<sup>st</sup> November 2019)

The month came in with the great news, as three of our NCC Cadets got selected to represent the university in the **All India University** (**East Zone**) Football Tournament, which was held in Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha. The three cadets were Lance Corporal Chau Kingtana Chautang, Lance Corporal Pori Taipodia and Lance Corporal Jyotish Prasad Lahe.



University's team photo (left) and congratulatory post of Instagram page (right)

**Insight by Lance Corporal Jyotish Prasad Lahe:** It was indeed a huge opportunity for all three of us to have represented the university on a national level. Moreover, I feel that the physical activities and training in NCC has groomed us in the field of sports too, developing the team spirit whilst celebrating both victories and losses. It also goes on to show the ability of cadets to adapt in different environments which very much serves one of the main purposes of NCC i.e. personality development.

#### • Selection of NCC Cadets in AIU Unifest (10<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

The month came in with the great news, as three of our NCC Cadets got selected to represent the university yet again, our NCC cadets have shown their versatility and this time in the field of performing arts and folk arts when three of them were selected to represent the university in the **All India University**, **Unifest** (**East Zone**) which is an event organised on a national level, adding more glory to the University's name. Apart from being proud NCC Cadets, this showcases the talent they possess in other domains of life and how they can embrace different art forms while being the resolute and empowered youth of the nation. The Zonal level Competition was held in Royal global University, Guwahati, Assam. Later all the three cadets went on till the National level, which was held in Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The three cadets were Cadet Aditya Nath, Cadet Khusboo Rajak and Cadet Abhijeet Deka, they performed in Classical Instrumental Percussion, Rangoli-Mehendi-Installation and Theatrical Events, respectively.



University's team photo (left) and congratulatory post of Instagram page (right)

#### • Special Classes by Senior Cadets (11<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

A theory class was conducted by Sergeant Saugat Deb on 11<sup>th</sup> November, on the working structure of the NCC and the modes of entry into the Indian Defence forces. Special encouragement was given to the girl cadets to join the Indian Defence forces through the various modes of entrance exams available. Overall, it provided cadets with a holistic view of the topics and how it is equally necessary to familiarise themselves to the methods and working of the NCC.



The next class was conducted by SUO Saunak Chowdhury and CSM Priotush Paul on 14<sup>th</sup> November, where the 1<sup>st</sup> year cadets were introduced to the importance of drill and physical training in NCC and simultaneously preparing them for various camps that are held in different regions. All had the opportunity of learning ways to keep themselves fit, inculcate the habit of rising early, maintain a balanced diet and over-all develop a healthy lifestyle. Since, it is an especially important trait that one as NCC Cadet should possess. SUO Saunak Chowdhury also motivated everyone to

learn new skills for personality development and taught everyone about the importance of Civil Services in the functioning of our country and how to get into the services such as IAS, IPS, IFS, IRS, etc.

#### • Meeting renowned Social Activist Mr. Rajeev (16<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

Our NCC cadets had the opportunity to meet Mr. Rajeev, a renowned social activist, who has been travelling the entire country on his bicycle raising social awareness on "Girl Child Rights and Crimes happening on Girls". He started cycling from Ahmedabad, Gujarat and reached Tezpur on the way to Itanagar, Arunacahal Pradesh.



**Insight by Cadet Sanjana Singha:** Mr. Rajeev told us about the day to day criminal activities and heinous acts that are being carried out against girls. And how it was about time that we as responsible youth of the country need to do our part in preventing such events from happening. Or perhaps, educate people around us on Girl Child Rights and how important it is to treat all human beings equally.

He further mentioned that he was indeed delighted to see all of us in our uniforms and took pride on the fact that we are trying to make our NCC as a unit, grow and prosper with each passing day. Moreover, the cadets were encouraged to pursue their passion and to never let the self-esteem in them die during tough times. In the end of the meet, all of them stood up with gleaming zest and took a PLEDGE on how one must treat their mothers, sisters and daughters with respect; to prevent the atrocities committed against them and above all, to work selflessly with a secular outlook for the betterment of the nation.

On the very same day our **Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain** met our NCC **Adm. Officer Lt. Col. Amit Mohan Sharma** and **ANO Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma** along with the University's **Sports Officer R.R Singh.** They discussed about the current situation and on the future development of our NCC Unit.



**Insight by Cadet Sanjana Singha:** ANO Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma in conversation with Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vinod Kumar Jain, Lt. Col. Amit Mohan Sharma and ADPE R.R. Singh Sir, discussed regarding the future prospects of NCC TU Unit and how it was in fact necessary to encourage upcoming students in joining NCC, introduce new ways of interacting with the mass and give an exposure to the ways in which the Indian Army with their untiring efforts serve the nation and how the youth of the nation should also be inspired to do the same with zeal and a sense of vigour. It is indeed an excellent move on their part to have come up with such fresh ideas for the growth and prosperity of the unit.

#### • Interactive Session & class with ANO (20<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

An interactive session followed by a theory class was conducted by our ANO Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma for all our cadets on different types of artillery weapons, tanks and choppers used in the Indian Army (in defence against the enemy). Cadets were also shown a power point presentation of the same, highlighting the significant features with detailed illustrations.



**Insight by Cadet Mirza Noor:** A very insightful and informative discussion was elicited during the class that was taught by ANO Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma, mostly on the topics that covered different artilleries and weapons used in the Indian Army and a power point presentation was given about how it is used in different situation to combat the enemy. The class also demanded the cadets to consider it from examination point of view and a significant topic to be aware of.

#### • 71<sup>st</sup> NCC Day (24<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

An Event was organised on "**71**<sup>st</sup> **NCC Day**" (which is observed throughout the country on every fourth Sunday of November) where all cadets assembled. The day began with a talk delivered by our senior ranked cadets on the formation of NCC and how a committee was set up to consider the

establishment of the organisation through the Act of Parliament on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1948 following which the first unit was raised in Delhi on the last Sunday of November, 1948.



On the very same day we were introduced to the dummy rifles. A total of 12 dummy rifles were bought, out of which 8 were self-funded by cadets and 4 by the university. The rifles were self-painted by the hard-working cadets and very much looked forward to learning about its usage on important events. Later, we conferred "Guard of Honour" to presiding chief guests on two especially important events- first being the 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Tezpur University followed by the 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day Celebrations in University. Having dummy rifles for practicing rifle drill was the idea of SUO Saunak Chowdhury, as he felt knowing the rifle drill properly gives an ample of opportunity to showcase our talents in front of audience and chief guest on special occasions and also helps the cadets in camps.



Dummy rifles during painting.



Cadets using the dummy rifles in different events.

**Insight by Cadet Sanjana Singha:** 71<sup>st</sup> NCC Day was one of the most important events that was observed during the session, since it was on this day that marked the advent of NCC's first unit in Delhi. Moreover, paved the path for youth of the nation to join this Tri-Service Organization and serve the country in their vested capability. Cadets thoroughly enjoyed the talks delivered by the senior ranked cadets and tried to grasp in as much as they could from their own experiences in NCC; on how it helped them to grow in different domains of life and develop the quality of leadership. Moreover, different sets of drills and commands were practised under the guidance of CSM. Priotush Paul and SGT. Saugat Deb.

Later, we were introduced to the dummy rifles. A brief insight was given to us on its usage during ceremonial welcome of important guests for an event.

Eventually, with days of practice and toiling for hours, we finally had the chance to present ourselves and confer "Guard of Honour" on two important occasions- 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of the University and the 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day. It was indeed a thrilling experience for all the cadets and what made the setting a monumental one was the fact that it was for the first time in university's history that something as such happened. This goes on to highlight an especially important aspect of being an NCC Cadet- the willingness to strive harder and constantly try to build and develop the unit in reaching new heights. Having witnessed all such activities, led me to the realisation of how it influences young minds and instil optimism to look forward to positive changes and personal growth during their involvement in the organisation.

#### December 2019

# • Volunteering in the 17<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Tezpur University (23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019)

The 17th convocation of Tezpur University was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at the Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha auditorium of the University where 1,275 students received their degrees and diplomas. This convocation was attended by Prof. D.P. Singh, Chairman, University Grants Commission, as the Chief Guest and it was presided over by the Governor of Assam, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi as the Chancellor of the University, along with Sahitya Akademi awardee litterateur Geeta Upadhyay, several other well-known personalities and guardians of the students were present in the convocation. Under the aegis of Prof. D.P. Nath, Chief Convener of the Convocation, the NCC unit of University volunteered for the Emergency and Disaster Management Services. The following cadets volunteered for the convocation, Sergeant Trishti Panging, Corporal Rishabh Trivedi, Lance Corporal Akash Prasad, Cadet Joyshree Dutta and Cadet Abhijit Deka.



**Insight by Cadet Joyshree Dutta:** Being in the NCC Unit of the University, gave me this rewarding experience of volunteering in a great event like the Convocation program of the University. It was great to interact with our seniors who had already completed their journey in this institute and I myself learned a lot about the planning and logistics required for organizing and keeping up an event. In a nutshell, I enjoyed volunteering and being a part of the event.

#### January 2020

#### • Selection of NCC Cadet in AIU Cricket (2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020)

The new year came in with the great news, as one of our NCC Cadet got selected in the University Cricket team which participated in the **All India University (East Zone)** Cricket Tournament held in Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha. The selected cadet was Corporal Akash Prasad, also he was the 'Man of the Match' in one of the matches.



Corporal Akash Prasad (left) and congratulatory post of Instagram page (right)

#### • EBSB National Camp (6<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

The **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Camp** (NER Directorate) was held at Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh from 6<sup>th</sup> January to 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

Aim of this **camp** was to imbibe the spirit of National Integration and promote solidarity among the **NCC** cadets by bridging the cultural, religious and geographical barriers.



Three of our Cadets, 2SWs, Lance Corporal Jita Mali and Lance Corporal Baishali Ghosh & 1SD, Cadet Udhav Das attended the camp and brought laurels to our University with their jubilant temperament, enthusiasm and disciplined behaviour.



- LCPL Jita Mali bagged the honour of being the 2nd Best Master of Ceremonies (MC).
- LCPL Baishali Ghosh won the 3rd position in Solo Dance Competition.
- CDT Udhav Das participated in the National Integration Awareness Program (NIAP) and represented the Tiwa Community of Assam. Along with that he also won the 2nd Position in Tug of War and Volleyball.

#### • Practice for 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day (16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

It is often said that practice makes one perfect, it was clearly seen in the cadets of our unit during the practice sessions of Foundation day.



On the eve of the Foundation Day celebration, the cadets of the University Unit practised a lot and learnt the two very new skills, viz. Guard of Honour and Piloting. Every cadet was given chance to learn rifle drill and piloting in purpose of generating a perfect finalise group of cadet to perform in the program under the guidance of SUO Saunak Chowdhury, CSM Priotush Paul, SGT Saugat Deb, LCPL Chau Kingtana Chautang and LCPL Pori Taipodia. With his appreciative responsibility, SGT Saugat displayed a major role in the selection of the best cadets. Besides these, the cadets practised drill a lot to make it perfect as drill is the basic skill of any NCC cadet. In the early hours of the day as well as at dusk, they would gather in the University ground and practised with remarkable discipline and determination for long hours so as to make their performance in the upcoming event of Foundation Day, a great success. The seniors of the Unit took special attention in this regard and

this indeed brought about a great positive impact in the minds of every junior cadet which finally led to fertile results.

The NCC Unit of the University is continuously trying to make remarkable developments and much innovation is happening in the Unit. In this context, it is worth mentioning that on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the Unit bought Drums and the cadets are being trained to play these instruments so that they can perform in the coming ceremonies of the University.

**Insight by Lance Corporal Jyotish Prasad Lahe:** The cadets of Tezpur University work hard and practice regularly with full determination and high 'Josh' to make any event a successful one. Initially, we, being the juniors, hardly knew the skills like giving Guard of Honour, Piloting etc. But within a noticeably short period of time, our seniors who knew at least the basics of these skills, gave their best to make us inculcate these skills and we were also determined to make their efforts fruitful. Hence it can be concluded that be it the chilly winters of January or the wet monsoon of July, there may be fog or rain outside, but the discipline and the knack for learning within the cadets is crystal clear and this trend is to follow also in the future years to come.

#### • 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day (21<sup>st</sup> January 2020)

The 27th Foundation Day of Tezpur Central University was celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 at Kalaguru Bishnu Prasad Rabha Auditorium, Tezpur University. Dr. Kuladhar Saikia, Former DGP of Assam and President-elect of Asom Sahitya Sabha attended the event as chief guest along with distinguished guest Prof. Ved Prakash, the former Chairman, University Grants Commission (UGC).



The programme began with the hoisting of University flag followed by Borgeet which was presented by the University's students. The NCC unit of the University took active participation in the inaugural ceremony of the event. The dignitaries were initially piloted from the entrance gate by LCPL Soumi Purkayastha and CDT Joyshree Dutta and then given "Guard of Honour" under the leadership of SGT Trishti Panging and seven other cadets (LCPL Jyotish Prashad Lahe, CDT Sanjana Singha, CDT Yuktakhi Gogoi, CDT Mirza Noor, CDT Pabitra Brahma, CDT Aditya Srivastava, CDT Ankurjyoti Das ). The invited guests were then finally piloted to the podium by CDT Priya Dhar and CDT Vaishnavi Singh. All other cadets too actively volunteered for the programme and made it a great success.



**Insight by Cadet Joyshree Dutta:** The intense practice of the cadets in the shivering cold winter mornings resulted with fruitful outcome when the cadets were able to display their mesmerizing performances in the inaugural ceremony of the event. Moreover, this was the first time that the NCC unit of the University participated in the programme and the chief guests specially appreciated the beautiful and unified performance of the Tezpur University NCC unit. This indeed boasted the morale of every cadet of the Unit and we hope to continue this endeavour in the long run as well.

#### • Practice for 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day (22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

NCC cadets' step extra mile to make any program successful giving their 100% not caring about early winter mornings neither about the chilly nights.



After excellent performance on foundation day the enthusiasm in cadets transformed to extreme to make anything happened in its best form. Cadets continued the practice with extra ordinary warmth and for more perfection further selection for "Guard of Honour" and Piloting was carried out.



**Insight by Lance Corporal Soumi Purkayastha:** Learning rifle drill within a short span of time was a challenging task for every individual cadet. Time management was the most important factor in making the program successful and unique from the previous years. Besides that, the hard work, dedication, enthusiasm and initiatives like practicing regularly in a punctual manner, buying new drums, maintaining proper discipline were also the most effective elements in achieving the excellence in the program. The learning we gained is truly advantageous to train our juniors in coming future.

#### • 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day (26<sup>th</sup> January 2020)

Every year India celebrates Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January to commemorate the day when it became a Republic and its own Constitution came into regulation in the year 1950. The Constitution gave India's citizens the power to govern themselves by choosing their own government and thus turning the nation into a newly formed Democratic Republic.

India celebrated its 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020. In this grand celebration of 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day in Tezpur University the cadets manifested their self in their most artistic avatar on the ground of humble ceremony in dignity of our nation and played a great role on the day by capturing the heart of Chief Guest, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir and all other audience. A contingent of NCC cadets consisting of LCPL Jyotish Prasad Lahe, LCPL Soumi Purkayastha, CDT Joyshree Dutta, CDT Pabitra Brahma, CDT Aditya Srivastava, CDT Sanjana Singha, and CDT Puja Sharma presented **Guard of Honour** under the leadership of SGT Trishti Panging.



Every year on this day a long parade is held with immense vigour and enthusiasm, which is the main attraction of India's Republic Day celebration. This year as well under the command of UO Manjesh Kumar a discipline parade was performed with its most homogeneous beauty.



**Insight by Majoni Basumatary (Cadet Under Trainee):** I am incredibly grateful that I could be a part of NCC Tezpur University, experiencing the most disciplined parade performance. I wholeheartedly express my gratitude by sharing my learnings regarding proper discipline, respect towards the nation, and the success of a dedicated hard work. As every year NCC in Tezpur University is improving I look forward for further improvement keeping it as my own responsibility being an obedient cadet.

#### • Army Attachment Camp (27<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020)

Army Attachment Camps are conducted by the NCC in collaboration with Indian Army, as the cadets are attached to the specific regiments. In this camp, the cadets are trained in the military tactics including day/night warfare and get familiar with the weaponry.



Tezpur University NCC cadets never let go any opportunity from their hand. They take the full advantage of every opportunity they get. The cadets actively participated in the Army Attachment Camp conducted by 3 Sikh at 77 MTN BDE, Thakurbari and lighten up the name of Tezpur

University. Four cadets, Company Sergeant Major Priotush Paul, Corporal Shashwat Kumar Singh, Lance Corporal Chau Kingtana Chautang and Cadet Purna Sutradhar attended this camp.

They experienced many great things facing various factors such as they left no stone unturned in maintaining proper discipline, handling the different obstacles, great management of time, Dealing with different heavy weapons and the most challenging long route march.

#### February 2020

#### • Mt. Everest Expedition Selection Camp (4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020)

The aim of this camp was to select young and fit cadets for mountaineering. It was held in 58 GTC, Happy Valley, Shillong, Meghalaya. Cadets had to pass through many challenges like 5km run followed by vertical and horizontal rope climbing and many more physical exercises in the first round. The selected cadets were to be sent for further training in the course of mountaineering. Five cadets volunteered in this camp to represent 5 Assam Battalion out of which four were from Tezpur University. The four cadets were Cadet Puja Sharma, Cadet L Mema Singha, Cadet Tandralee Kashyap and Cadet Mrinal Jyoti Baruah.



**Insight by Cadet Puja Sharma:** Usually first year cadets are not allowed to participate in camps, but luckily, we got this beautiful opportunity. We learned many interesting things like vertical rope climbing, horizontal rope climbing, and got the opportunity to interact with cadets from different North Eastern states. The value that we brought back with us is that we must always try to make ourselves better every day and we should be better than the previous day, both physically and emotionally.

#### • Musketry (16<sup>th</sup> February 2020)

Musketry is the technique of brining fire from a group of rifle and automatic weapons to the bear on specified target. This event was held for the first time in Tezpur University. In this our seniors who have already learned about musketry in their camps, gave us a little idea about how to perform the task. They gave us both theoretical as well as practical knowledge on basics of handling a weapon and various positions to hold the weapon.



This class was taken by CSM Priotush Paul and SGT Mandeep Kumar Singh. All the first-year cadets took part in the drill with great energy.

**Insight by Cadet Pabitra Brahma:** It was a great experience to be the first batch to do musketry in our campus. Further this also helped us in our firing camp. As due to the musketry drill, students from Tezpur University were already familiar with the idea of firing and musketry prior to the firing camp, all the cadets performed exceptionally well and were praised by the officers present there.

#### • Firing Camp (19<sup>th</sup> February 2020)

The aim of this camp was teaching the cadets about the basic military weapon and giving them an experience of firing. This camp was held in the Counter Insurgency Training School, Thakurbari. The cadets who performed well in this firing camp got the chance to participate in selection of the firing events which takes place in the Thal Sena Camp.

Eleven Cadets along with one Cadet Under Trainee participated in this camp from our University.

The whole team was led by SGT Saugat Deb and the team consisted of LCPL Jyostish Prasad Lahe, CDT Pabitra Brahma, CDT Mirza Noor, CDT Padala Kiran Kumar, CDT Vinay Suddakunti, CDT Priya Dhar, CDT Puja Sharma, CDT Mayemi Sarkar, CDT Joyshree Dutta, CDT Vaishnavi Singh, CDT Kurmarao Savara, CDT Nayanita Saikia and Majoni Basumatary (Cadet Under Trainee)

All the cadets got the chance to fire five rounds each from 0.22mm rifle. Out of the twelve cadets, three of them got 5 out of 5 shots, they were, CDT Pabitra Brahma, CDT Nayanita Saikia and CDT Mirza Noor.



**Insight by Cadet Mayemi Sarkar:** This was the best experience till date. Firing from an original rifle is still a dream of many children, but some of the lucky cadets of NCC Tezpur University got the chance to fire from a 0.22mm rifle. In which I got 4/5 shot in the target.

#### • 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meet (19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020)

Annual meet is the time of the year when all the hostels compete for various events. All the students along with the NCC cadets take part in different events. One of the major events is marchpast, in which all the hostel participates and urges to win the trophy.

Every year many Senior NCC Cadets are asked or volunteer to guide different hostels in training their boarders in drill. This year SUO Saunak Chowdhury guided Dhansiri Women's Hostel, UO

Lakshyajeet Gogoi guided Kopili Women's Hostel, CSM Priotush Paul guided Bordoichila Women's Hostel and SGT Saugat Deb guided New Women's Hostel.

Cadets also participate in different events in the Annual Meet with great energy and enthusiasm. One of our cadet Vaishnavi Singh was the Central Commander in the Annual Meet and did a very great work and was praised by all the dignitaries. SGT Mandeep Kumar Singh was the flag bearer of Nilachal Men's Hostel, CPL Akash Prasad was the flag bearer of Patkai Men's Hostel, SGT Tristi Panging was the commander of Kopili Women's Hostel, CDT Sanjana Singha was the flag bearer of Dhansiri Women's Hostel and CDT Mirza Noor was the flag bearer of Transit Men's Hostel.

Apart from March Past a lot of our cadets won several medals in different events.



**Insight by Cadet Puja Sharma:** Annual Meet is the much-awaited time of the year for each and every student of the campus. I felt so blessed to be the part of this meet. No matter what position we got in the sports and in other competition, we got to learn many important aspects of life that we are going to carry with for a lifetime.

#### • Selection of Cadets for SSB Capsule at New Delhi

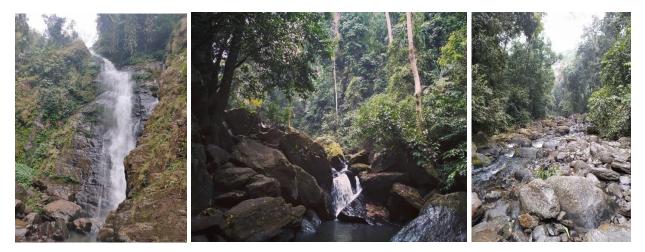
Service Selection Board (SSB) is an organization that asses the candidates for becoming officers into the Indian Armed Forces. The board evaluates the suitability of the candidates for becoming an officer using a standardized protocol of evaluation system which constitutes of personality, intelligence tests and interviews. The tests consist of both written and practical task based.

Three of our cadets were selected for SSB Coaching Capsule which was to be held in New Delhi in the month of March and was to be fully funded by NCC. But due to COVID-19 pandemic, the coaching got postponed for indefinite time. The three selected cadets were, SUO Saunak Chowdhury, UO Manjesh Kumar and SGT Saugat Deb.

#### **March 2020**

#### • Trekking cum Picnic to Champawati Kunda Waterfalls (7<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

During trekking one is exposed to the beauty of nature which makes us forget and get relived from all the stress. And the most important reason why people go for trek is to experience the beauty of nature by getting close to it and it gives us the experiences of a lifetime. Trekking also has many health benefits. Adventure events helps in the development of **Esprit de corps** (group spirit).



To get rid of the stress and get closer to the nature we went for a trekking cum picnic to Champawati Kunda Waterfalls also known as, Chapanalla, near Nagaon. It is a beautiful and serene waterfall and is one of the amazing tourist attractions in the district of Nagaon. The waterfall adds to the beauty of the already picturesque landscape of the state and makes it one of the most amazing places to visit. Champawati Kunda is located 16 km to the east of Nagaon district. It is a great picnic spot where people visit during winter to spend some time with their friends and family.



The motto of the picnic was to improve the bonding between cadets and to reduce the gap between seniors and juniors. A total of 48 people went to picnic which includes both NCC and other students. We went to the picnic spot through bus and then to reach the waterfall we had to trek for almost two and half hour and it was totally worth it.



**Insight by Lance Corporal Jyotish Prasad Lahe:** The NCC picnic was one of the best experiences I have had since I joined the University. Trekking for almost 3kms of hilly terrain with slippery rocks was so adventurous and at the end the hard work was worth it. The waterfall was so mesmerizing as it again made me realize the beauty of nature. Hence, in the future I hope we again go for more picnics and trips and try to understand each other better

#### • Observation of Junta Curfew (22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020)

In the wake of the surging number of COVID-19 cases in the country, The Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on his Address to the nation made a fervent appeal to all the Indians to observe **Junta Curfew** on Sunday,  $22^{nd}$  March 2020. While proposing the aforesaid notion, he ardently mentioned the **NCC** to be foremost in propagating this news to every nook and corner of the country.



The Junta Curfew, proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to curb the spread of COVID-19, kicked off on March 22. He called for the Junta Curfew from 7 am to 9 pm, saying no citizen, barring those in essential services, should get out of the house. PM Modi had said that the Junta Curfew is the beginning of a long battle against Corona virus outbreak and the countrymen have proved that together they could defeat any challenge.

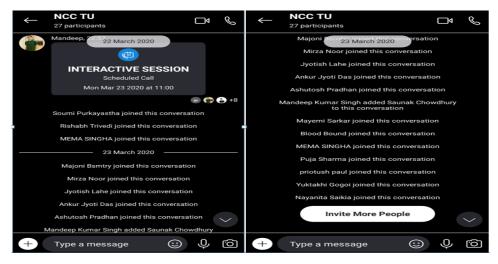
Also PM Modi appealed the countrymen to stand in their balconies at 5.00 pm on March 22 and keep clapping hands, ringing bells or make sound for continuously for five minutes for appreciating

all those who are working continuously to control the outbreak in the country, as gesture of salutation and encouragement.

**Insight by Cadet Ashutosh Pradhan:** This self-imposed curfew that had been taken upon by our fellow countrymen has proved a stellar role in stagnating the growth rate of the pandemic nationwide. The **NCC** being the largest youth organization of the country has devoted a significant contribution in assisting the administration in acting as a voluntary support. The cadets of **NCC Tezpur University** have played an important part in exhorting the people living in and around their locality to abide by the safety precautions against COVID-19 and ensuring their wellbeing too. They also held fervent discussions amongst their peers and seniors to combat the pandemic and pitch their assistance to the people around them. After all, the youth is the torchbearer to the progress of a nation. And **NCC** has always been a thriving example of the youth of India at its best.

#### • Video Conference (23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020)

An interactive session was held via video conference between the cadets from first year, second year and third year on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 11.00 am.



The interactive session was mainly about the wellbeing of the cadets in this dire situation of unabated pandemic across the country. The session started around 11.00 am in the morning where all the cadets interacted with each other on Skype Video Conferencing platform regarding their wellbeing and situation of COVID-19 in their areas, their methods of combating it and lending a helping hand to the people living in their areas. This innovative session was the brainchild of Sergeant Mandeep Singh. The limelight of this session was held by CSM Priotush Paul wherein he demonstrated how to make sanitizers at our home.

**Insight by Cadet Aditya Srivastava:** This interactive session was quite a ray of sunshine as it was an exhilarating experience where the cadets saw and interacted with their peers and seniors about each other's wellbeing. From the societal point of view it also held a significant role in the lives of cadets from **NCC Tezpur University** as they were made aware about the situations in different parts of the state and country and also methods to prevent and protect their near and dear ones. The preparation for sanitizers was an invaluable and indispensable part of the session for the **NCC** cadets as there has been a hike in the demand and cost of sanitizers in the market due to the sudden onset of the pandemic. **One enlightened Cadet is equivalent to one enlightened community.** 

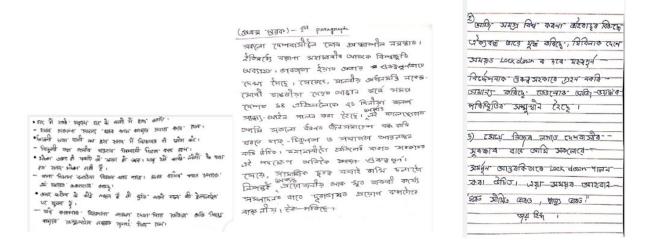
#### • Script translation for awareness video against COVID-19 (28th March 2020)

This event was a part of a collaborative effort on behalf of **NCC** to make a video raising awareness standards about COVID-19, the methods by which it spreads and defence mechanisms.

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All over India, **NCC** has pledged its support to fight against COVID-19. The Regional Directorates across India had launched awareness videos about COVID-19 wherein the cadets informed about the various aspects and issues regarding this pandemic. As a part of this initiative, the cadets of NCC **Tezpur University** helped in translating the script to Assamese which could be used along with video in circulation by the **NER Directorate**, **NCC**. The cadets actively volunteered in preparing the script in Assamese, which was verified by the **ANO**, **NCC Tezpur University**.

The cadets involved in preparing the script were Cadet Darshana Baruah, Cadet Mirza Noor, Cadet Joyshree Dutta and Cadet Abhijit Deka.



**Insight by Cadet Ankur Jyoti Das:** This event was a commendable effort on behalf of **NCC** in raising awareness about the ongoing pandemic. This massive youth organization has always been on the forefront in raising voice when various issues troubling the society have arisen. Since NCC's inception, its cadets have contributed during natural calamities like floods, cyclone among other events. The COVID-19 pandemic could in no ways deafen the enthusiasm **NCC** cadets carry in them.

#### April 2020

#### • COVID-19 Training (8<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

This event comprised of an online training module organised by MHRD to train the NCC cadets on the Diksha platform to assist the personnel of medical and essential services on the field.

The Narendra Modi government decided to rope in National Cadet Corps (NCC) volunteers aged 18 or above, to help the Indian civil infrastructure in the fight against the widening COVID-19 outbreak.

The NCC has moved to help the civilian authorities by extending the services of its cadets under a program called 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'. The tasks envisaged for cadets include **manning of helpline/call centres, distribution of relief materials/medicines/food/essential commodities, community assistance, data management and queue and traffic management.** 

However, the cadets would not be employed in handling of law and order situation or for active military duties or at hot spots, said the guidelines.

Only Senior Division volunteer cadets above 18 years of age will be employed. They should be employed in small cohesive groups of eight to 20 under the supervision of Permanent Instructor Staff or/and an Associate NCC Officer.

The online training module comprised of interactive videos made by cadets from different regional directorates which comprised basic guidelines to maintain personal safety and hygiene, the norms for working the duty assigned and the don'ts during the assignment for the period. It also consisted of Q&As to revise the learning in a module and audio modules in some parts.



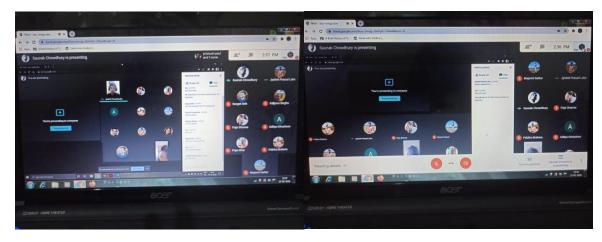
After completion of the online course the cadets were awarded a digital certificate in recognition of completion of the course.

**Insight by Cadet Ashutosh Pradhan:** The current onset of the pandemic has been deemed as very unprecedented which caused a major shockwave to the national administration, civil infrastructure as well as the economy. **NCC** being a powerful organization with large number of cadets enrolled is the largest youth organization in the country. The massive number has been **engaged in logistics and supply chain management duties, ensuring supply of essential food materials, medicines, assisting in traffic duties** etc. This further enhances the exposure of the cadet in such challenging conditions and builds his/her decision making and life skills as well.

#### May 2020

• Video Conference (8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020)

On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020, we discussed about the prevailing pandemic i.e. the Corona Virus disease (COVID-19) and its impact on our daily life.



COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by the novel coronavirus. Most people infected with the COVID-19 virus will experience mild to moderate respiratory illness and recover without requiring special treatment. Older people, and those with underlying medical problems like cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory 46disease, and cancer are more likely to develop serious illness.

Till now the number of coronavirus cases in India have increased to 1,078,782, deaths are 26,838, and people recovered are only 677,856. And the number of cases across the world is 14,452,529, deaths are 605,614, and people recovered are 8,636,819.

In the video conference, each cadet spoke about what problems that came up during this sensitive situation in their area. People who stay in rural areas were least affected by coronavirus during the month of May. But people who were staying in urban areas were highly affected and day by day the coronavirus cases were increasing. Everyone was scared to step out of their house even for buying essential items.

Even after three months of this pandemic, people are seen without wearing masks, no use of sanitizers, and no social distancing. Just because of this attitude of the people, the coronavirus cases are increasing in high speed.

#### Conclusion of the video conference:

- 1. We should clean our hands often with soap or alcohol based sanitizer whenever it is necessary like after returning from market, places crowded with people and even after any physical contact such as receiving money or taking items with your hands from the shopkeeper as this act is a major source of spread of Covid-19.
- 2. Maintaining a safe distance of about 1 to 2m from people is particularly important and more distance from people who are coughing or sneezing continuously.
- 3. Wearing masks before going out of the house is the most important act.

# On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020, another video conference was done with all the cadets in which we had a group discussion about impact of COVID-19 on the Education System.

Covid-19 has thrown education all over the world in a loop. The impact is immense as education institutions from Harvard to the IIT are closed. Recognized boards have postponed or cancelled the examinations for all schools, colleges and universities.

The sudden shift to online learning without any planning has created the risk for all the students to pay full attention to their study. Moreover, the Covid-19 pandemic has put the spotlight on the everincreasing structural imbalance in school education in terms of rural-urban, rich and poor and gender divide.

The situation is difficult when one looks at the rural schools and colleges. Many students in rural areas may not have access to smartphones or computers and even if they do the net connectivity may not be high as in urban areas and as a result they are deprived of the right to education.

Rather than this it is a curse for the students who are graduating in this Covid-19 recession. Final year students are even experiencing a lot of panic and uncertainty when it comes to the employment prospects as recruitment is on hold and not only their education is disrupted but in absence of hard academic indicators such as grades and marks they are worried that they won't be able to get a job in this pandemic situation.

Even after hearing student's problems the government is conducting exams for college and university students which is quite despondent for all the students.

#### **Conclusion:**

- 1. It is evident that the present pandemic will not only affect the economy adversely, but it will also affect the education system as no one is sure how long it will take to normalize the whole situation.
- 2. Moreover, the education system is especially vulnerable since mass gathering cannot be avoided in classrooms and even online classes cannot prove to be effective substitute as interaction between teachers and students is a crucial component of teaching and can't be replicated with online classes.

#### On 22nd May 2020, we discussed how all cadets made the lockdown productive.

It is an unprecedented experience for everyone during this lockdown period due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Almost everyone is going through a rough phase and finding it challenging to deal with the abrupt change in lifestyle. Since the numbers of Corona patients are soaring up across the world, nobody believes the government is going to lift off the lockdown any time soon.

As we know that this pandemic is not going to end so easily, it will take time to normalize the whole situation. So, we can do something productive even in our home as it will help us not to get bored and our mind will be refreshed by learning and acknowledging new things. There are many things we can do at home like spending quality time with family, trying to cook new dishes at home, and learning new career skills, reading new good books, and learning new techniques from YouTube and playing indoor games with family, etc.

As we are sitting at home, it may lead to an increase in body weight which is unhealthy, so we can do yoga and exercises to make our body fit and active. The present situation has given us a chance to explore our talents in a better way. We have more than enough time to enhance our skills and

work on it so that whenever this lockdown opens and everything normalizes, we can again work actively like we used to.

At the end of the group discussion all the cadets have talked how they made lockdown productive, some of which is identified in conclusion.

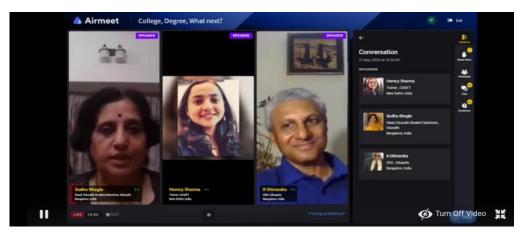
#### **Conclusion:**

- 1. From this group discussion we got to know how we can make lockdown productive by learning new things at home.
- 2. LCPL Jyotish Prasad Lahe had made some short videos on social issues like problems faced by poor students to attend online classes, worked on videos which were based on mental health and done exercises and participated in some fitness challenges.
- 3. SGT Trishti Panging had tried to make some new dishes, sketching and crocheting to make lockdown productive.
- 4. CDT Priya Dhar had done some exercises to make her body fit and healthy, tried to cook some new dishes at home, and learned new techniques from YouTube to make lockdown productive.
- 5. CDT Sanjana Singha had volunteered in an NGO in the month of May for Covid-19 fundraising, tried to learn stitching, learned new languages and tried some cooking skills.

**Insight by Cadet Priya Dhar:** As we all know that after spending so many days at home our mind has being stuck at one place and as we can't go outside due to the pandemic, so our mind is not able to get refreshed. When we talk to anyone via voice call or via video call, it freshens our mind and helps to get some happy vibe. So from time to time we use to have video conferencing with all the cadets and discuss some important matters, also about what is happening in our daily life and how this pandemic changed our life at home and even outside our home. These conversations with all the cadets and seniors help to increase our bonding and friendship and makes us feel relieved that everyone is healthy and safe at their homes.

#### • The CADET Program Webinar Series (27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020)

The CADET Program Webinar Series was held online from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic. This program was presented by Dr. Sudha Bhogle, Head of Research and Development and professor of Psychology in Bangalore University, R. Dhirendra, founder and CEO of Eduquity Career Technologies, and Hemcy Sharma, the trainer of the CADET Program. All the cadets had attended the program with full interest and dedication.



The CADET program is a training program and curriculum, designed by a team of professors and psychologists from Bangalore University to develop confident and articulate cadets.

Dr. Sudha Bhogle and Mr. R. Dhirendra had described the great opportunities opened for the youth after completing their college and degree. The motive of this program was to ensure that the cadets have learned and understood a whole plethora of careers that are available to them based on their ability and liking.

Another exciting discussion was done about self-employability and self-improvement. They talked about how we can develop our talent and potential, facilitate employability, and enhance the quality of life and contribute to the realization of dreams and aspiration.

Cadets from many other states have also attended this program. They asked the presenters regarding their future and how they can make a career in Indian Army.

The CADET program had cleared many doubts of the cadets and helped them to understand their strengths, values, personality and skills.

**Insight by Lance Corporal Jyotish Prasad Lahe:** This program has helped me to realize that every dream is achievable if we have faith in ourselves and work ethically with full dedication towards it. For me it was a once in a lifetime experience as it was amazing to listen to their talks and I have learned a lot. In the future if I get the opportunity then I would love to attend more of their programs like this.

#### June 2020

#### • Celebration of International Yoga Day at home (21<sup>st</sup> June 2020)

Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derived from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Recognizing its universal appeal, on 11 December 2014, the United Nations proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga. The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.



During this lockdown it is especially important for us to take care of our health. Most of us are staying in our homes and almost staying idle, so it is particularly important for us to be active as much as possible.

This year our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on Sunday addressed the nation on the sixth international yoga day where he said this is the day of unity as yoga binds everyone together. "The theme of International Day of Yoga this year is 'Yoga at home, Yoga with family'.

For the very first time since 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015, International Yoga Day has been celebrated digitally. People shared their videos through online mode and celebrated this day. And it also helped to create awareness among people in a better way because most of the people were active on social media platforms nowadays. So, keeping these in mind our NCC family of TU also decided to celebrate it through video and pictures mode.

Five of our Cadets made videos and took pictures to post on Social media. The five cadets were CSM Priotush Paul, CPL Preetishree Gogoi, CDT Puja Sharma, CDT Vaishnavi Singh and CDT Joyshree Dutta.



**Insight by Cadet Vaishnavi Singh:** I was incredibly happy to be a part of this celebration. Amidst this pandemic it is getting extremely hard for us to do very sophisticated exercise. So, yoga is the best option to be fit and healthy. And not only it helps us to remain healthy and fit but many poses also help to boost immunity. These many asanas also strengthen our muscles and metabolism. Moreover, yoga also teaches us to lead a balanced life which is of utmost need in this time. I also convinced my grandmother and my uncle to do some of the asanas. I try to continue doing them on a regular basis. And when I heard that our NCC family is also celebrating this event I too tried to take part in it by sharing some photos of mine doing the asanas that I do on a regular basis. I am extremely glad that I took part in this event.

#### • First ever online EBSB Camp (25<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020)

**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** was announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 on 140<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. It aims to actively enhance interaction among NCC cadets of diverse regions living in different states and units to inculcate mutual understanding between them and develop qualities of leadership, discipline and integrity.

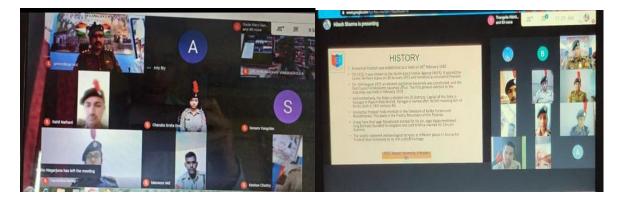
Main objectives of EBSB are to celebrate the Unity in Diversity of our Nation, strengthen the existing emotional bonds between people of our country, to promote the spirit of national integrity between all Indian states and Union Territories through a yearlong planned engagement between the states and to showcase rich heritage and culture, customs and traditions of either state and create an environment which promotes learning between states by sharing best practices and experiences.

#### Participation of cadets in EBSB online camp 2020:

During the COVID pandemic the first ever online **EBSB** camp was held between 25<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 wherein the NER directorate and AP & Telangana Directorate were paired together. The camp was conducted through a webinar where approximately 100 cadets from the host and guest states participated. It was a six days virtual online camp. The duration of camp each day was for 3 hours(10am-1pm).



Total nine cadets from our University participated in the camp, four SD and five SW cadets attended the camp with great zeal and enthusiasm and disciplined behaviour along with the guidance of ANO Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma. The nine cadets were, CSM Priotush Paul, SGT Trishti Panging, LCPL Kaberi Changmai, LCPL Jyotish Prasad Lahe, CDT Puja Sharma, CDT Mirza Noor, CDT Vaishnavi Singh, CDT Pabitra Brahma and CDT Mayemi Sarkar.



The online EBSB Saptah was carried out in a well programmed manner. Each directorate was assigned tasks on either days such as presentation on the History, Geography, Economy, Good practices, SWOT analysis followed by presentations on festivals, customs and traditions of both directorates, learning origin, script & dialect of each other, interaction in the language of host state, video clippings of historical & tourism sites, gaining knowledge about food habits and cuisines, observing folk dance on musical instruments which was performed live by 5 SD & 5 SW cadets of both directorates later followed by discussion on leadership qualities presented by both host & guest states.

Moreover, the last day of camp was concluded by conducting online quiz over all the topics covered and debate competition on the topic "Disaster Management" wherein our Cadet Vaishnavi Singh and SGT Trishti Panging brought laurels to our University by bagging 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prize in quiz and debate respectively.

**Insight by Cadet Mayemi Sarkar:** It was a privilege being a part of this online camp. I was curious as well as perplexed at the same time. The camp made me realize the importance of time & discipline and how time management plays a crucial role in our lives. Interacting with people coming across different backgrounds with different indigenous taste, rituals and customs helped me to know more about my own country, my people and their rich cultural heritage. It taught me the art of working together as a team making our bonds stronger than ever. Each one of us participated wholeheartedly be it preparing for presentation, performing quiz and debates we helped each other the entire time not less than a family. Our hard work was glorified as we were appreciated by the camp officers for our tremendous dedication and we will surely do justice to the same in future and work for the betterment of our University... Jai Hind!

#### July 2020

#### • 21<sup>st</sup> Kargil Vijay Diwas (24<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020)

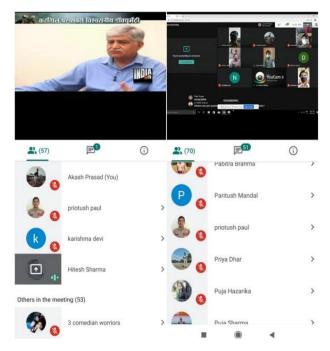
Kargil Vijay Diwas, named after the successful Operation Vijay, is celebrated in India on 26 July. On this date in 1999 India successfully took command of the high outposts which had been notoriously captured by Pakistan. The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days, ended on 26<sup>th</sup> July and resulted in loss of life on both the sides.





Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> July every year in honour of the Kargil War's Heroes. This day is celebrated in the Kargil–Dras sector and the national capital New Delhi, where the Prime Minister of India pays homage to the soldiers at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate every year. Functions are also organized all over the country to commemorate the contributions of the armed forces.

The year 2020, marks 21st anniversary of victory in Operation VIJAY popularly known as Kargil War.



We celebrated the Kargil Vijay Diwas over Google Meet on 24<sup>th</sup> July. The program was attended by some 70 odd participants and was hosted by our ANO Lt. (Dr.) Hitesh Sharma. Two of our cadets, LCPL Soumi Purkayastha and CDT Aditya Srivastava gave a presentation on Operation Vijay. Then CDT Vaishnavi and CDT Priya Dhar recited poems. The program was concluded by a speech from our Commanding Officer of 5 Assam Bn NCC. The event of 24<sup>th</sup> July was followed by a national level quiz on 26<sup>th</sup> July which was organised by the Ministry of Human Resource and Development.

# CONCLUSION

The report is regarding the events that took place throughout the session of 2019-2020 and which has been possible merely because of the collective efforts of all individuals involved in NCC Tezpur University, as diligent cadets under the guidance of crucial heads of the unit.

One of our happiest moment this year was on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020, when one of our beloved alumni **Pritam Borah marched off the parade ground into the Chetwood Hall**, taking the final step into becoming an Indian Army Officer. He is now posted in Uri sector. We are proud to be a part of this extended family and to have a **Lieutenant** of the **Indian Army** amongst us. His success has been appreciated by all and he truly is an inspiration for all of us in the Tezpur University NCC family.

We also feel immensely proud to see **more female participation in NCC this year**, as **52% of the new cadets enrolled this year are females**. This year the SW Cadets (girls) have went on to Command the University Guard of Honour on both the occasions and have also showed great participation in camps and overall participation was worth appreciating.

Our cadets have attended different Camps throughout the year. In total our cadets participated in 1 Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC), 1 Army Attachment Camp, 1 Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Camp, 1 Online Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB) Camp. Discipline and smartness showed by our cadets have been appreciated by many Camp Commandants.

On our ever ready and enthusiastic energy, our **Commanding Officer** commented, "Superb, I am really touched by the sense of responsibility of the cadets. Keep up the good work".

Our cadets have volunteered in events such as the **Induction Program for B.Tech students**, 17<sup>th</sup> **Convocation & 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Meet** of Tezpur University. The cadets have always showed helping hands in the events organised by the University.

Our cadets attended several Special Camps such as the **Selection for Mt. Everest Expedition** & **Firing Training Camp.** Our cadets also got selected for **fully sponsored SSB Coaching Capsule**.

Our cadets have showed presence in other important fields of sports and arts too by participating in All India University, Basketball, Football & Cricket Tournaments, in the zonal level and in All India University Unifest, in both zonal and national level.

Many classes were regularly conducted over the year on important topics like **role of higher education and universities in nation building, role of Indian defence services & intelligence in the protection of our country, role of civil services in the functioning of the country, etc.** by our Adm. Officer, ANO & senior ranked cadets. Apart from all these classes on basic drill, physical fitness and regular subjects of NCC took place.

Over the year, we did a **plantation drive**, **met Mr. Rajeev**, a renowned social activist. We made our presence marked on social media by starting an **Instagram** page, made a **proper selection procedure** compulsory to join NCC, got **dummy rifles** to practice and perform in special occasions.

In the period of lockdown, we attended a lot of webinars such as the **CADET Program series**, did a course on **disaster management** and learned about **COVID-19**, attended online camps and celebrated the **Kargil Vijay Diwas** over virtual mode. We held a few webinars and video conferences on our part too and discussed about the prevailing situation around us.

We celebrated the 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, 71<sup>st</sup> NCC Raising Day, 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day, 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day & 21<sup>st</sup> Kargil Vijay Diwas (online) with much grandeur. We have been appreciated by many, for our innovative and disciplined way of conduct in the celebrations.

Our Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Sir praised our performance in the 71<sup>st</sup> Republic Day by commenting, *"this has been the best performance by NCC in this University till date"* he also mentioned that **he found the Guard of Honour very impressive.** He gave emphasis on how he saw us practicing early in the mornings quite often and on that note he commented on our dedication and perseverance that, *"I feel great to see that the future of our nation are in safe hands"*.

There are several lessons that all could learn in the whole process. Starting right from the selection of the new cadets in August to the first ever EBSB camp conducted online in the month of June. These in fact play a pivotal role in shaping us and grow with every experience that we had. It showed that the imperative of NCC is not just limited to drill practices and physical training but spreading social awareness among people on important causes, giving proper exposure to the upcoming youth on how future can be shaped with learnings from the past, honing the different talents and capabilities that cadets possess, because this definitely goes a long way in maintaining the unit's consistency regarding growth and development. Had there been no such thing promoted, it would not have been possible to work in a way it does right now. The events that took place has also helped everyone to look into the broader picture, one which encompasses the integrity, the never-give-up spirit of an individual and above all living up to its prime motto of Unity and Discipline.

### **VISION FOR NEXT SESSION**

As NCC is not only about March Past and learning drills but we are also expected to be good in other aspects as well so following is the list of various events we plan to conduct in the coming session:

- 1. Conducting NCC week every year: Conduction of NCC week is a very innovative plan and is the most important event which we want to conduct. There will be various events and functions in this week which includes outreach programmes in which our cadets will voluntarily go to schools nearby and take classes on importance of higher education and role of universities in nation building and role of Indian defence services and civil services in the functioning of the nation. Other than the outreach programme we will also be conducting a blood donation camp which will be extremely useful for the hospitals as they are in continuous need of blood and will also ask others to come forward and help the society. Along with outreach programme and blood donation camp there will be a plantation drive on that week and an interactive session with Major Administrative officers such as DC and SP of the district, major officers from Army and Air Force from NCC and nearby bases and will be open for all the students of the university. Other events such as drill competition between colleges and movie screening will also be conducted for encouraging the youth to join the Services and contribute to nation building.
- 2. Vice Chancellor's Commendation Card: To appreciate the one who worked for the betterment of NCC in University and to encourage others to do the same, Vice Chancellor's Commendation Card will be awarded.
- **3.** Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Trophy: To appreciate and to increase the participation of cadets an annual trophy/prize will be awarded to the best cadet of the year as an honour to one of the most famous NCC cadet of our country Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

- **4. Board of Honour for ANO/CTO & SUO:** A board of honour will be maintained every year which will behold the name of the ANO/CTO and SUO of NCC Tezpur University and their session over the years.
- 5. Board of Honour for the winners of VC commendation card & Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Trophy: A board for the yearly winners of the above two prizes will be maintained as a record for the future so that the new cadets can get inspired and work hard.
- 6. Renovation of the NCC room: Our NCC room renovation is one of the most needed activity and should be done in the next session somehow or other.
- 7. More participation of cadets in national programmes and events: In present there are lot cadets who have participated or represented our University in the national level competitions and have bought laurels for University but in the coming session we would like to increase that number as much as we can. We will also try to reduce the gap between the Administration and the students as much as we can for the bright future of our cadets and University.
- 8. Releasing Yearly NCC magazine: An annual magazine including all the events that took place in that year should be released so that more students learn about NCC and get inspired to join it. This magazine will also work as a document for the new cadets and will be extremely useful.
- **9.** Conduct of Self-defence classes: Self-defence classes will be conducted for anyone from the university to learn. Classes will be taken by the trainers of NCC (Army personnel).
- **10. Organising motivational & informational lectures:** We will try to invite Defence Personals and other prominent Administrative Officers to guide the university students on SSB, Civil Services exams and Defence exams.
- **11. Increasing the number of NCC vacancies:** We will try to increase the number of vacancies in Tezpur University NCC unit from current 60 Cadets to 100 Cadets.

These are the visions/plans of NCC Tezpur University for the next session and we hope to conduct all of the events that is mentioned here and many more but it will only be possible if Administration along with Students work as one which we think is very much achievable.

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