EXERCISE NCC YOGDAAN AND CORONA WARRIORS

On 30th January 2020, India reported its first Covid-19 case and by 23rd March 2020, India had reported about 471 positive cases. The rapid spread of the virus created an aura full of fear and panic amongst the citizens of the nation. To control the situation, the Government of India further decided to put India under a Lockdown. The sudden announcement of lockdown further settled panic among all the nationals and it became the need of the hour to manage the crowd and provide essential services to everyone. Considering the workload on the authorities in these testing times; National Cadet Corps initiated a helping hand to the government on 2nd April 2020. Under the Exercise NCC Yогдаан, cadets were deployed to various call centers, specially formed to battle pandemic crisis; ration and food distribution points; traffic management; data management; and distribution of relief material like essential medicines, mask, sanitizers, and first aid.

In the South Delhi Zone cadets of Delhi directorate, Group ‘B’ was deployed under the guidance of 4 Delhi Girls Battalion. A total of 43 Cadets were briefed by SDM Mehrauli and Commanding Officer 4 Delhi Girls Battalion on 9th April 2020 at the SDM office, Saket. Cadets were briefed about self-care and sanitation and were provided with masks, gloves, and Sanitizers. Duty areas were allotted to the Cadets as per the nearest location to their residence(s). Groups of 4 cadets each were deployed to every location further working according to their daily shifts. The locations given to cadets included Cadets were deployed for duty from 10th April 2020 to 7th May 2020. Throughout our volunteering tenure, the health and hygiene of cadets and staff were taken into foremost consideration by NCC.

Cadets were majorly assigned the role of data analysis and food and ration distribution. I was a part of the food and ration distribution team. On our first day on the location, we realized that the area did not have any markings and was difficult to spot, therefore to make the location more prominent my group made placards and put it up on the poles and fence of the location. We were then further explained our duties of making sure that every individual present on the location is wearing a mask and is following the guidelines issued by the government. We were also asked to spread awareness about the disease and tell people about the precautions that had to be followed. It was a new experience for all of us as we worked in collaboration with volunteers from Delhi civil Defence and volunteers from MLA’s office. We not only contributed our bit in nation building but also learned various ways to tackle crowds and handle challenging situations. It indeed was an initiative to develop the overall personality of cadets.