

ALL INDIA VAYU SAINIK CAMP : A CAMP WORTH REMEMBERING.

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AIVSC is not just an achievement camp but a great source of learning and skillful development. Let me tell you, not all cadets get the taste of this mesmerizing camp, only the selected cadets from every directorate (DTE) get this opportunity to give a flying start to their dreams. It is considered one of the finest camps in Air wing NCC apart from RDC and YEP. For every Air wing cadet, achieving this camp is a dream come true. I am going to share some glimpse of this camp and my personal experience of being a part of this prestigious camp.

There are total 17 state DTEs in NCC out of which only 16 DTEs compete in this camp, as J&K DTE doesn't have an air unit. Talking about the competitions, cadets take part in various events like Aeromodelling, Drill, Skeet Shooting, 0.22 Firing, Line Area & Tent Pitching, Health & Hygiene and above all Written examinations on our Special subjects. Apart from competitions, cadets of varied culture and language get to interact with each other and exchange their cultural and lingual heritage. This is what we call 'Unity in Diversity'.

Speaking about the competitions, lets begin with Aeromodelling. It has three separate competitions; Static AM, Control Line AM and Radio Controlled AM. Then comes Drill competition in which each contingent has to possess twelve cadets (with at least 3 SW cadets) and one contingent commander. Moving on to Skeet shooting and 0.22 Firing, two cadets from every DTE (one is primary shooter and another one is helper/secondary shooter) take part in each of them. In Line Area & Tent Pitching, all the cadets participate actively for the beautification of their area. And in Tent Pitching competition, a group of eight cadets representing their concerned DTEs pitch up the tent within 10 minutes. Next comes the Health & Hygiene competition which consists of both written exam as well as interview in which only four cadets (02 SD and 02 SW) participate from every directorate. Coming to the most important and mandatory exam for every single cadet is the written examination consisting of two papers Special Subjects and SOP (Standard Operating Procedure of Virus Microlight AC/Zen Microlight AC). Those who qualify the written examinations are further called for Flying interview.

Since, these are all competitions so prizes and medals are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places which are sometimes referred to as 'Best Cadet' or 'Best DTE' (for Group events).

Apart from all these, cadets get the most exciting joyrides on the microlight aircrafts as well as on helicopters/transport aircrafts (depending on the availability). The most thrilling experience I would say is to sit in the cockpit as copilot and control of the aircraft. Another great feeling is to see fighter aircrafts like Sukhoi SU-30 and MiG 27s taking off barely a few hundred meters away. And yes how can I

forget the thunder clapping sound of the aircrafts after takeoff and the blue and orange flames of the exhaust in the night sky. If you're lucky enough, you will be able to see some aerobatics above your head as well.

Talking about my experience at Jodhpur, I simply felt it fantastic and enthusiastic. The days of togetherness with your mates, making new friends, competing with other directorates, flying on Mi17 and Virus aircrafts, watching the Fighter jets take off and land, touring the desert dunes, Umaid bhawan palace and Mehrangarh fort, enjoying the cultural night with delight and yes crushing on SW cadets of other directorates... all of this have been a part of an incredible story of my camp experience. These few things are to be remembered for a lifetime.

"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much." – Helen Keler.

Work in a team and succeed as a team, that's how you can bring laurels to your organization.

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