

My CATC Experience

I, Cadet Disha Mali would like to share my experience during “Combined Annual Training Camp” (CATC). “Combined Annual Training Camp” or “CATC” is a ten-day camp organized by each Battalion twice a year. Every NCC cadet from schools and colleges has to attend at least two of them to be eligible for NCC ‘B’ or ‘C’ Certificate exams that are conducted annually.

It comprises many competitions between the schools and colleges under a unit. It helps cadets to introduce the regimental environments and get chance to understand the lifestyle of armed force. The camp generally is of 10 days for SD and SW cadets, but due to the pandemic covid-19, our camp day has been reduced to 3 days, In order to keep cadet’s safety first.

Our CATC (combined annual training camp) held at khidirpur (Nawab Ali park). Nearly 150 SD and SW cadets (1st, 2nd, 3rd year) took part in it. On 1st of March with all precautions our camp has started. It was all well organized keeping the sensitivity of the pandemic situation in mind. At the first day, safety kits (mask, sanitizer, hand wash) have been laid out to all the cadets and PI staffs. Our commanding officer addressed all of us during the first day of the camp. It was our first interaction with him. After that we have been given 15 minutes break for breakfast which was handed over to the cadets by the PI staffs. After this as schedule our activity has been started: - Firstly, we have to do drill for about 1 hour, then after a short gap, our theory class regarding various common subjects like weapon training, knotting techniques, map reading and special armed forces subjects has been taught by the PI staffs and ANOs of the colleges. Continuing weapon training practical, it was the first time I have been given opportunity to hold a rifle. Rifle assembling, position during firing and many more are taught during weapon training practical. During map readings practical, we used compass and learnt how to use it on the real ground situation, then half an hour break is then given for lunch which is distributed again by the PI staffs. After lunch time, lectures are given by JCOs and PI staffs regarding B & C certificate exam. It was the end part of the day after that we fall in into the ground for ‘Visarjan’. For next 2 days we were taken to the ‘Kolkata police training school’ for firing practice, it was one of my best experiences in the whole camp. Though I was not that good in shooting, but still I am very much happy because I got the opportunity to take part in it. During camp days I came across many friends and many of my seniors who helped us in whole camp days. Various activities for all-round development of the cadets with a sense of duty, commitment, dedication and moral values were carried out during the camp as part of the youth development movement.

Thanking you

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