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The **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** is a voluntary organisation engaged in sculpting the youth of the nation. The recruited members from schools and colleges across the country are given basic military training and into disciplined patriotic citizens. Meanwhile NCC never distracted from its motto, **“UNITY AND DISCIPLINE”**.



Tamilnadu Government Dental College and Hospital, Chennai is from where I got my kick off into NCC as a cadet along with my friends. There I was trained by my seniors. Initially I hated the word *“jaisethe”* but after few months it turned into a cliché. We participated in the republic day parade and got appreciation from our ANO sir.





After one year, I was given the opportunity to attend NCC camp (CATC Camp) in Madras Christian College, Tambaram. The camp duration was reduced to 3 days due to the pandemic “COVID”. I would like to share the indelible experience of my first NCC camp.



Over a 100 cadets from all over the district participated in the training camp organised by the NCC Directorate Tamilnadu, Pondicherry and Andaman Nicobar Islands. It was a training camp for the cadets to be eligible for B – certificate examination.

The journey started on 12th Feb 2021 from the hostel. My friends and I were the cadets from (1) TN Med Unit NCC kicked off towards the training area in Madras Christian College, Tambaram. We rushed there on a calm morning by electric train & I was quite curious about the camp. Outside the college, we all lined up along with other SD and SWs. That was fine!

Our first day started with the roll call in the training area exclusively for medical units. Then with all our shoulder bags we were guided to a thick shady area where we got our first meal of the day. There we got new friends. After that we were engaged in parades, fortunately under the shadow of trees. With the same “josh” we attended the classes till the evening.



The next day we had personality development classes and battle craft classes after as usual parades in the morning. The final day started with the batalion cadets. We did parades together with rifles. Then we were all sitting together in the classes & were listening the officials. The camp ended with tea & biscuit with a beautiful sun set. I said my friend, "This is fine! ". It was a glorious experience in my life.



When we departed from there, we remembered that we had to face another military camp at the college, "[The University Exams](#)".