

NCC DAY AT SEA

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At 0600hrs in the morning the naval cadets of 7(K) Naval Unit NCC, Army cadets of 21(K) Battalion NCC and the Air Force wing NCC cadets of 3(K) Air Squadron NCC were mustered in front of the Vemband Gate Naval Base Cochin; all set the day on which they knew will feel the closest connection with the Indian Navy. Getting inside ^{after} the security check the cadets were made to wait in front for the Seamanship School Naval Base and later boarded onto the ships. SDs and SWs on Talwar Class Frigate Tir and Sukanya Class offshore Patrol vessel Sujata P-56 respectively. The Commanding officer first gave a briefing to all cadets about the ship; The Colours ceremony of hoisting the Naval Ensign and the National flag at the jack staff was witnessed by the cadets. All cadets of INS SUJATA was divided into different groups for the ~~case~~ ease of safety ensurance. Breakfast was provided inside the ship for the cadets at the cadets mess inside the Cadet Training ship. From departure to arrival every movement of the ship was explained briefly to the cadets by the officers and senior sailors onboard the ship. She was moving at the speed of 7 knots at the Cochin Channel; the speed gradually increased

as she entered the open sea. A demonstration mock drill of Indian Navy's Search and Rescue Operations by the CHETAK helicopter was conducted. The ship Bridge and ops capabilities were shown and briefly explained to the cadets. In a classroom inside a brief presentation was provided giving more knowledge about the Indian Navy's Operations to the Army Wing and Air Wing NCC cadets and thereby inspiring them. Refreshment was also provided to the cadets in the form of a nutritious lunch.