

## **DAY AT SEA – 21/11/2022**

“I wanted freedom, open air, and adventure. I found it on the sea” said Alaine Gerbault. A truly remarkable adventure had embarked on the morning of 21st November 2022. We emerged into the sea with blazing sun guiding us. The NCC cadet of naval, army and air wing were exposed to the life onboard. The cadets were made aware of the rules to be followed onboard to ensure safety. The journey began on two naval ships INS SUJATA and INS TIR.

All the cadets were assembled outside naval base promptly by 6 am. All the cadets were booming with excitement. we entered naval base by 6:30 am. We boarded the ships after security checks. The cadets were split into groups of ten and each group was assigned by an officer. All the sailors and officers onboard were very polite and approachable. A video was shown regarding the first training squadron of the Indian navy. Next we went onto the deck and watched as we departed from the dock and into the open sea. We were amazed and excited to see land disappearing behind us and at last we were surrounded by only water. The sea was calm and hence to our advantage. Various operations on board such as halo deck operation, light jackstay, and firing were displayed so that we cadets could learn the various processes. During the halo deck operation, the diver disembarked from the helicopter onto the sea with such grace that all the cadets were wonderstruck and amazed. We also witnessed various sea creatures like dolphins, jellyfishes etc.

This was truly a remarkable and exciting experience. I consider myself lucky to have been a part of such a wonderful experience.

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