

Speech by Shri C H Vijayashankar Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya

1. It is indeed a privilege and an honor to me on the occasion of National sports day. Every year on August 29 in the country, marking birth anniversary of Major Dhyan Chand. This day emphasizes the importance of sports and Physical activities. As we celebrate the dedication, discipline, and commitment that each of you has shown as part of the NCC family.

2 For the past 76 years, the National Cadet Corps has been a inspiration of selfless service, shaping the youth of our nation into disciplined, responsible, and patriotic citizen.

3. One of the critical areas where your training will be invaluable is in disaster management. Meghalaya, with its unique topography, is prone to natural calamities like floods, landslides, and earthquakes. Your preparedness and ability to respond quickly in times of crisis will not only save lives but will also reinforce the trust and confidence that the community places in the NCC.

4. I advise you all, always be ready to serve your fellow citizens in times of need. Your role in disaster management is not just about immediate relief; it is about providing hope, ensuring safety, and helping in the rebuilding process.

5. To our young cadets, I commend you for accepting the rigorous training, for upholding the principles of 'Unity and Discipline', and for committing yourselves to the service of the Nation. Your participation in the NCC is not just about donning the uniform; it is about developing the qualities of leadership, integrity, and resilience. These are the values that will not only make you exemplary citizens but will also prepare you to face the challenges of tomorrow with courage and determination.

6. Government of India recognizes the hard work and dedication of NCC cadets. There are several incentives provided to you in various government jobs, especially in the Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, and State Police Services. The 'C' Certificate holders among you have the advantage of direct entry to various branches of the Indian Armed Forces. In addition to this, NCC cadets are given preference in recruitment for several government jobs.

7. I am filled with immense pride and confidence in your abilities. You are the torchbearers of our nation's values and ideals. I wish you all the very best in your future endeavors, whether you choose to serve in the Armed Forces, contribute to civil society, or pursue other career paths.

8. Remember, the lessons you have learned here will stay with you for life. They will guide you, shape you, and inspire you to be the best version of yourselves. May you continue to serve with honor, integrity, and dedication, and may you always keep the spirit of the NCC alive in your hearts.

Jai Hind!