



# National Cadet Corps

## Why in News

Recently, the [National Cadet Corps \(NCC\)](#) has observed the 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of its raising on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

- In August 2020, the Ministry of Defence approved the proposal to [Expand the National Cadet Corps \(NCC\) in border and coastal districts](#).
- In March 2021, the Kerala High Court ordered the Central government to [amend the National Cadet Corps Act \(NCC Act\) 1948](#) which excludes transgender persons from joining the National Cadet Corps (NCC).

## Key Points

### ▪ About:

- The NCC was formed in 1948 (on the recommendation of **H. N. Kunzru Committee-1946**), and has its roots in British era uniformed youth entities like University Corps or University Officer Training Corps.
  - Its history can be traced back to the **'University Corps', which was created under the Indian Defence Act 1917** with an objective to make up for personnel shortage in the Indian [Army](#).
  - The NCC also **expanded later on to include the Girls Division in 1949** to provide equal opportunities to women willing to serve the country's defences.
  - Currently **it has a strength of around 14 lakh cadets** from Army, [Navy](#) and [Air Force](#) wings.
- NCC is the largest **uniformed youth organisation in the world**. It **enrolls cadets at high school and college level** and also awards certificates on completion of various phases.
  - The NCC **cadets receive basic military training** at various levels and also have academic curriculum basics related to Armed forces and their functioning.
  - Various training camps, adventure activities and military training camps are an important aspect of NCC training.

### ▪ Ministry:

- The NCC falls under the purview of the **Ministry of Defence** and is headed by a Director General of three-star military rank.

### ▪ Significance:

- NCC cadets have played an **important role over the years in relief efforts** during various emergency situations.
- During the ongoing [pandemic](#), over 60,000 NCC cadets have been deployed for voluntary relief work in coordination with district and state authorities across the country.
- Contribution of cadets through various initiatives in **Exercise-Yogdan in the management of the Covid-19 pandemic** have been widely appreciated by the people

- across the country.
- The cadets participated wholeheartedly in '**Swachhta Abhiyan**', '**Mega Pollution Pakhwada**' and played a pivotal role in spreading awareness about various government initiatives like '**Digital Literacy**', '**International Day of Yoga**', 'Tree Plantation' and Covid-19 vaccination drive, etc.
  - The multifaceted activities and varied curriculum of the NCC, provides unique opportunities to the youth for **self-development**.
  - Many cadets have done the nation and the organisation proud by their remarkable **achievements in the field of sports and adventure**.
  - The NCC continues its relentless efforts, towards moulding the present-day youth into responsible citizens of tomorrow.

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