

ABOUT COY - 2/13 NCC OF ALIPURDUAR UNIVERSITY

The COY - 2/13 of NCC (National Cadet Corps) unit of Alipurduar University operates under the command of 13 Bengal Battalion NCC, Cooch Behar, with Colonel Umesh Chhetri as the Commanding Officer at present. The company in the university is led by Lt. (Dr.) Kumar Basnet, who serves as the Associate NCC Officer (ANO) and Coy Commander. The unit holds a sanctioned strength of 170 cadets. This is an Army Wing NCC unit offering a structured three-year training programme, where cadets earn the prestigious “B” and “C” certificates at the end of 2nd and 3rd year of successful training. The training focuses on leadership, discipline, and patriotism, with opportunities to participate in elite camps such as:

- Republic Day Camp (RDC)
- Thal Sainik Camp (TSC)
- Youth Exchange Programme (YEP)
- Advanced Leadership Camp (ALC)
- Mountaineering & Para Basic Course
- Para Sailing & White Water Rafting
- IMA & OTA Attachments

Besides the opportunities mentioned above, a cadet who joins the NCC Army Wing at Alipurduar University find the COY as the gateway to inculcate Discipline, Development and Opportunity. The NCC Army Wing at Alipurduar University offers an exceptional platform for students to develop leadership skills, physical fitness, and a strong sense of discipline and patriotism. Enrolling as a cadet not only adds value to the academic journey but also opens doors to a wide avenue of personal and professional benefits for the student.

OPPORTUNITIES NCC OFFERS TO THE CADET

1. Academic and Career Advantages

NCC can be taken as a minor subject or interdisciplinary course, enriching cadet’s academic profile. Cadets with ‘C’ Certificates enjoy special entry schemes into the Indian Armed Forces, such as direct entry into the Officers Training Academy (OTA) of the Indian Army without being asked to appear for the UPSC CDS examination. Additionally, vacancies at the Indian Military

Academy (IMA) are also reserved for NCC 'C' Certificate holder and bonus marks are given in various competitive examinations which boost the chances of selection of the cadet.

2. Enhanced Employability

NCC certificate holders receive preference in recruitment across Armed Forces, paramilitary Forces, SSC, and UPSC. Renowned organizations like Reliance Industrial Security also give special consideration to cadets, enhancing job prospects in both public and private sectors.

3. Attractive Allowances

Cadets receive a Tiffin Allowance during training sessions and a Uniform Allowance of ₹3800/- at present which may be enhanced in future through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) directly to the bank account of the cadet, covering the cost of their NCC uniforms.

4. Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships are offered by the Cadet Welfare Society help deserving meritorious cadets so that they can continue their education and training without financial burden.

5. Recognition and Awards

Outstanding cadets are honored with prestigious accolades including the Governor's Medal, Defence and Chief Minister's Commendation Cards, and the DG NCC Commendation Card – all of which enhance cadet's resume and set the cadet apart in competitive fields.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COY

The COY has achieved great distinction through awards like the receipt of Governor's Medal, Defence Minister's Medal, and DG NCC Commendation Card by the cadets of the COY. The COY has consistently demonstrated excellence in the training in the field of marchpast by winning the 1st Prize, 2nd Prize, and the Best Platoon Commander Trophy in the Republic Day Parade Competition for two consecutive years in 2024 & 2025. The competition was organized by the District Administration of Alipurduar at Parade Ground, Alipurduar, West Bengal.

The COY also takes part in the various Social Services and Community Development activities. On 11th April 2025, the COY successfully organized a blood donation camp. The blood collected was donated to the blood bank of Alipurduar District Hospital.

About individual achievements in recent years by the cadets of the COY, in 2025, Cadet Sastika Oraon represented the entire unit i.e., 13 Bengal BN NCC in the prestigious Republic Day Camp and marched with pride on Kartavya Path, New Delhi during the Republic Day Parade. Furthermore, four cadets—Bikram Sarkar (Garhwal Rifles), Bishal Kawa (Bihar Regiment), Sagar Chandra Das (Army Service Corps), and Ashis Das (Corps of Signals)—were selected to join the Indian Army, reflecting the unit's commitment to national service.

COY - 2/13 stands as a proud symbol of discipline, excellence, and dedication to the nation.

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Alipurduar University

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