

Webinar on
Career Opportunities in the Armed Forces and Role of NCC in Disaster Management

Date: May 26, 2020

Time: 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm

The Stella Maris NCC Company organised a webinar on Career Opportunities in the Armed Forces and Role of NCC in Disaster Management. The Webinar was coordinated by Lt. Dr. Jayalakshmi, ANO, Stella Maris NCC Army Wing and Ms. Swati Seshadri, Caretaker, Stella Maris NCC Naval Wing. Officers from the three forces - Army, Navy and Airforce were invited to address the Stella Maris NCC Cadets on opportunities available to them to join the Indian Armed Force. There were about 110 participants in the Webinar comprising of the NCC cadets of Stella Maris NCC from the three wings, Stella Maris Ex-NCC cadets and former ANO's. The webinar began with a Welcome note and a video presentation introducing the speakers and showcasing their remarkable career achievements.

Speakers:

1. Group Captain Rajarathnam Prakash,
Chief Operations Officer,
Air Force Station – Allahabad

2. Lt.Col. MMA Hyderi
Senior Pilot
Indian Coast Guard Air Station – Chennai

3. Commander Pradeep Premkumar
Training Commander
INS Agrani

The officers began to address the cadets by sharing their experiences as NCC cadets. Lt. Col. MMA Hyderi provided information about the recruitment process in the Indian Army, the eligibility criteria and opportunities provided especially for women to enter the Indian Army. He addressed the cadets providing them information on various modes of entry to Indian Army - SSC for non-technical entry, Technical Entry, NCC Special Entry and Entry and recruitment to Judge Advocate General Branch of the Indian Army.

Following Lt. Col. MMA Hyderi, Commander Pradeep Premkumar addressed the cadets on opportunities in the Indian Navy. He provided insights on the hard facts about Indian Navy. He explained about the technical nature of work, its dimensions of support to other forces and the need for a technical qualification to be part of the fighting arms in the Indian Navy. He also

introduced to the cadets the recently growing opportunities in Cyber warfare command and recruitment and training of women as Drone handlers.

Group Captain Rajarathnam Prakash addressed the cadets on few branches of cadre which were available to NCC cadets - The executive Cadre, Logistics and Administration Cadre, Education Cadre. He inspired and motivated the cadets stating "Air Force is not a job; it is what you seek and what is seeking you; it is a way of life".

The officers then answered a number of queries raised by the cadets about joining the Armed Forces and about the Management of Disasters. The officers also advised the cadets on preparation for SSB. The webinar enlightened the cadets on various opportunities in the Indian Armed Force. The cadets were highly motivated and inspired and have provided a positive feedback on the webinar.