

## **Pre-RD Parade**

A total of 300 participants took part in the Pre-Republic day parade camp which was held at National college from 16-10-2019 to 25-10-2019. The best performers would be handpicked to represent three States and three Union Territories in the National Service Scheme (NSS) wing. The 10 day training camp was inaugurated on Wednesday and on Thursday drills and marches started. Student participants represented Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka and the Union territories of Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshwadeep. In all 300 students - 150 girls and 150 boys- took part in the camp. However, only 46 were selected for the Republic Day parade in New Delhi.

National College NSS officer S.Karuthan said, "Students should have been in service for at least two years and taken part in one national camp. In addition to that, they should have spent 240 hours doing service in the previous two years. Only then they become eligible to be selected." Scores of such students participate in university – level prelims that include sports, cultural and parade events and the 300 students in the camp had to undergo rigorous screening.