

Raksha Mantri chairs Governing Council Meeting of NCC Alumni Association

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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh chaired the first Governing Council Meeting of National Cadet Corps Alumni Association (NCCAA) at South Block, New Delhi on July 11, 2025. The NCCAA is a flagship association of NCC Alumni which aims to carry forward the work of the world's largest uniformed youth organisation by bringing the former & current cadets under one umbrella and enhance their participation in the nation building process. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is the first member of this association. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh is registered as the second alumni.

In his address, Raksha Mantri described NCC as a platform that presents an ideal for the youth of the country. He termed the former NCC cadets as strong pillars of India, who are contributing to the nation's development in diverse fields not just passively but as active drivers. "We need to include the guidance of our former cadets to accelerate the goal of national development," he said, exuding confidence that NCCAA will provide new energy and direction to NCC.

Shri Rajnath Singh exhorted the NCC to spread the values and qualities of its cadets to a larger section of people with the spirit of *NCC Plus*. "NCC instills these values in the youth who are associated with NCC. Our effort should be to ensure that these values reach those who could not join NCC," he added.

Raksha Mantri highlighted that NCCAA can be actively associated with nation building efforts through programmes such as 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', 'Swachhta Abhiyan' and various community development & social service schemes, which will influence a large part of the population.

Commending NCC for its significant contribution in the all-round development of the youth, Shri Rajnath Singh said "In true spirit of its motto 'Unity & Discipline', NCC has always been committed to national unity and nation building. It has helped lakhs of youth, including students from remote areas, to become disciplined and motivated".

The meeting was attended by Member of Parliament Shri Manoj Tiwari, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh, Secretary (Department of Education) Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary (Department of Youth Affairs) Dr Pallavi Jain Govil, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Defence Smt Dipti Mohil Chawla, DGNCC Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh, Joint Secretary (Training) Dr Pawan Kumar Sharma, CEO LD Remedial World Smt Bala Saraswathy Nair and Secretary, NCCAA Col Gagan Sharma.

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