



**Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College**  
(SNR Sons Trust, Coimbatore)



**Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College**  
**NATIONAL CADET CORPS**  
6 (TN) Medical Company NCC, Coimbatore

*NCC Activities Report — 2022 to 2026*

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**Lt. Ragupathy R**  
ASSOCIATE NCC OFFICER

***"Unity and Discipline"***

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Unity and Discipline

# 01. NCC Inauguration

15th February 2023 – The Beginning of a New Chapter

## NCC Army Wing Inauguration – 15.02.2023

The NCC Army Wing 6(TN) MED COY at Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College was inaugurated on 15th February 2023. Mr. K. Mahendran from III-Year Mechanical Engineering welcomed the gathering. Principal Dr. R. N. Uma presided over the function.

Chief Guest: Major P. Ashok Kumar, OC 6(TN) MED COY NCC, Coimbatore. Guest of Honour: SUB IVK Reddy, Sr. JCO. Major P. Ashok Kumar hoisted the National Flag and accepted parade honours. Students joined Mr. R. Harish, Captain of the NCC Wing, in taking the pledge.

***"The inauguration of our NCC Wing marks the beginning of a journey of discipline, courage, and service to the nation."***



The poster features a blue and red banner at the top. On the left is the SNR logo, and on the right is the NCC emblem. The central text reads: **SRI RAMAKRISHNA POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE**, Coimbatore – 641 022. Below this, it says: *The Management, Principal, Staff and Students cordially invite you for the*. In the center is the NCC crest with the motto 'एकता और अनुशासन'. The main title is **NCC Inauguration**. The event details are: **On Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 11.00 AM**. The Chief Guest is **MAJOR ASHOK KUMAR P**, Officer Commanding 6(TN) MED COY NCC COIMBATORE, who *has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest*. The Guest of Honour is **SUB IVK REDDY**, Sr JCO6(TN) MED COY NCC COIMBATORE, who *consented to be the Guest of Honour*. At the bottom, there is a background image of NCC members in uniform. Social media links are provided: [www.srpte.ac.in](http://www.srpte.ac.in), [www.facebook.com/srpte](https://www.facebook.com/srpte), and [srpte\\_official\\_1996](https://www.instagram.com/srpte_official_1996).

NCC Army Wing Inauguration – 15th February 2023, SRPTC



# SRI RAMAKRISHNA POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE COIMBATORE

**Extends a Hearty Welcome to**

## NCC Inauguration

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**Chief Guest**  
**MAJOR ASHOK KUMAR P**  
Officer Commanding 6(TN) MED  
COY NCC COIMBATORE

**Guest of honour**  
**SUB IVK REDDY**  
Sr JCO6(TN) MED COY  
NCC COIMBATORE

*Cadets at NCC Inauguration — SRPTC 2023*



*National Flag hoisting by Chief Guest Major P. Ashok Kumar*

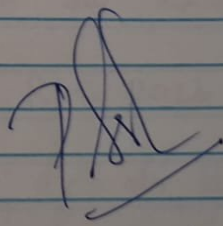


15 Feb. 2023

Maj Ashok Kumar  
OL 6 TN MED Coy.

Pleasure in Raising Sub Unit in this  
institution, Expecting to find some motivated  
Cadets from the institution, And. to make  
a better nation by the cadets.

Thanking you.



Maj. Ashok Kumar



*NCC Inaugural Parade — First Batch of Cadets, SRPTC*



*NCC Inaugural Function — Students and Staff Assembly*



*Inaugural gathering at SRPTC Campus*



*First batch of NCC Cadets – SRPTC 2023*

## 02. Year-Wise Activity Timeline

Comprehensive Record of NCC Events: 2022 - 2026

### Academic Year 2022 – 2023

#### 11.12.2022 Coimbatore Marathon

Cadets participated in the Coimbatore Marathon, promoting fitness and social awareness.

#### 26.01.2023 74th Republic Day Parade — SRPTC

The NCC Unit proudly participated in the Republic Day Parade at SRPTC.

#### 15.02.2023 NCC Army Wing Inauguration

Official inauguration of NCC Army Wing at SRPTC. Chief Guest: Major P. Ashok Kumar, OC 6(TN) MED COY NCC.

#### 03.03.2023 National Safety Day Awareness Rally — Thudiyalur

NSS & NCC students with Coimbatore District Police organized a Traffic Awareness Programme at Thudiyalur Junction. 50 students participated. Presided by Principal Dr. R. N. Uma and SI Mr. Palaniyandi.



National Safety Day Rally — Thudiyalur Junction, 3rd March 2023



Cadets spreading road safety awareness with District Police

#### 20.06.2023 – 29.06.2023 First Batch First Camp — ATC-II Camp, Pioneer Mills HSS, Coimbatore

Eight cadets attended the Annual Training Camp. First-ever camp for SRPTC NCC unit — a proud milestone.

#### 15.08.2023 76th Independence Day Celebration — SRPTC

NCC cadets actively participated in the Independence Day celebration with flag hoisting and march past.



*76th Independence Day Celebration — SRPTC, 15th August 2023*

**25.08.2023 Firing Practice — RVS College, Coimbatore**

Cadets participated in live firing practice at RVS College.



*NCC Firing Practice at RVS College — 25th August 2023*

**12.06.2023 – 09.09.2023 ANO PRCN Course – OTA Kamptee, Maharashtra**

ANO attended the Pre-Commissioning & Regimental Nominal Course at OTA, Kamptee, Maharashtra.



*ANO at PRCN Course – OTA Kamptee, Maharashtra*

**26.09.2023 Blood Donation Camp – SRPTC**

NCC cadets organized and participated in a Blood Donation Camp at SRPTC.

**19.09.2023 – 03.10.2023 Goonj Social Initiative**

Cadets collected used materials (clothes, books, stationery) for the Goonj social initiative.

**03.11.2023 'You Too Can Crack SSB' – SNR College of Arts and Science**

20 cadets attended interactive session on defence career guidance at SNR College, Coimbatore.



*'You Too Can Crack SSB' – SNR College, Coimbatore*



*SRPTC cadets at defence career guidance session*

## Academic Year 2023 – 2024

### 18.01.2024 – 29.01.2024 **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat-II Camp — NCC Training Area, Madurai**

Cadet Nitheesh J represented SRPTC at the national integration camp at Idayapatti, Madurai.

### 26.01.2024 **75th Republic Day Parade — V.O.C Park Ground, Coimbatore**

Five cadets and one ANO participated in the Republic Day Parade at V.O.C Park Ground.



75th Republic Day — NCC SRPTC



SRPTC Cadets marching at V.O.C Park Ground — 26.01.2024

### 26.01.2024 **Republic Day Celebration at SRPTC**

Republic Day Celebration organized by the NCC unit within the college campus.



Republic Day Celebration at SRPTC — 26th January 2024

### 22.02.2024 – 23.02.2024 **'B' Certificate Examination — PSG College of Technology**

Three cadets appeared for the NCC 'B' Certificate Examination.

## Academic Year 2024 – 2025

### 21.06.2024 International Yoga Day 2024 — SRPTC

20 cadets, 80 students, 2 faculty. Volunteer from Isha Foundation conducted sessions. Organized by NSS Officers S. Karthick, C. Vinu and NCC Officer R. Ragupathy.



International Yoga Day 2024 — SRPTC



Yoga session with Isha Foundation volunteer

### 26.06.2024 Anti-Drug Awareness Rally — Race Course, Coimbatore

10 cadets and 1 ANO at International Day Against Drug Abuse awareness rally.



Anti-Drug Awareness Rally — Race Course, Coimbatore — June 2024



NCC cadets at Drug Abuse Awareness event

**16.07.2024 – 25.07.2024 ATC-I Camp — Nehru Arts & Science College, Coimbatore**

10 cadets attended the 10-day Annual Training Camp.



*ATC-I Camp — Nehru Arts & Science College, Coimbatore (July 2024)*

**13.08.2024 – 22.08.2024 CATC cum RDC Selection Camp — PSG Institute of Technology**

One ANO attended at PSG Institute of Technology and Applied Research, Coimbatore.



*CATC cum RDC Selection Camp — PSG Institute of Technology*

**12.08.2024 Drug-Free Tamil Nadu Pledge – SRPTC**

~350 students and cadets pledged against drug use.

*Drug-Free Tamil Nadu Pledge Campaign – SRPTC, 12th August 2024***15.08.2024 78th Independence Day Celebration – SRPTC**

NCC cadets participated in the flag hoisting ceremony and parade.

*78th Independence Day – SRPTC 2024**NCC cadets Independence Day Parade 2024**78th Independence Day – Full Campus Assembly, SRPTC 2024*

**29.08.2024 National Sports Day – SRPTC**

Theme: 'Be a Champ, not a Crump.' Events: Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton, Kho-Kho.



*National Sports Day – SRPTC 2024*



*Sports Day Prize Distribution*

**12.09.2024 Awareness Lecture – 'How to Join Indian Army (Agniveer)'**

Major S.S. Gill, Administrative Officer, Army Recruitment Office, Coimbatore. Final-year students from all departments participated.



*'How to Join Indian Army – Agniveer' by Major S.S. Gill – 12.09.2024*



*Major S.S. Gill addressing SRPTC students*



*Student interaction – Agniveer awareness*



Full hall — Agniveer Awareness Session, SRPTC

**22.11.2024 Swachh Bharat Abhiyan — Ukkadam Lake, Coimbatore**

Four cadets at the Mega Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive.

**30.11.2024 NCC Day 2024 — Tree Plantation Drive at SRPTC**

Cadets organized tree plantation on NCC Day.



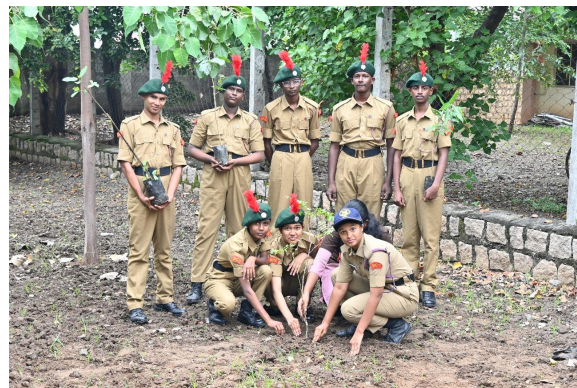
NCC Day Tree Plantation — SRPTC 2024



Cadets planting saplings on NCC Day



NCC Day 2024 — Tree Plantation Activity



Green Campus Initiative — NCC Day 2024

## Academic Year 2025 – 2026

### 26.01.2025 **76th Republic Day Celebration — SRPTC**

Conducted at SRPTC by the NCC Unit.

### 15.02.2025 – 16.02.2025 **'C' Certificate Examination — PSG College of Technology**

Two cadets appeared for the exam.

### 22.02.2025 – 23.02.2025 **'B' Certificate Examination — PSG College of Technology**

Eight cadets appeared for the exam.

### 28.02.2025 – 01.03.2025 **Defence Career Expo 2025 — Kumaraguru Institutions**

12 cadets participated.

### 25.03.2025 **Afforestation Project — CRPF Campus, Coimbatore**

11 cadets and 1 staff with Siruthuli, Coimbatore.



Afforestation at CRPF Campus — March 2025



NCC Cadets with Siruthuli team

**21.06.2025 International Yoga Day 2025 — SRPTC**

10 cadets, 80 students, 2 faculty.



*International Yoga Day 2025 — SRPTC*



*Yoga session — Yoga Day 2025*





*Meditation session — Yoga Day 2025*



*NCC cadets — International Yoga Day 2025*

**25.07.2025 – 05.08.2025 Basic Leadership Course (BLC Camp) — CIT, Coimbatore**

Corporal Prasana Sairam V G represented SRPTC.




**NATIONAL CADET CORPS**  
**BASIC LEADERSHIP CAMP**  
**CERTIFICATE**

No. TN23SDA859786 Rank ..... CPL .....

Name ..... PRASANA SAIRAM V G1 .....

of Unit ..... 6 C (TN) MED. COY. NCC ..... Group ..... NCC 6TP. HQ. COIMBATORE .....

Participated in Basic Leadership Course conducted by 2 (TN) COMPOSITE TECHNICAL COMPANY NCC  
from 25.07.2025 to 05.08.2025 at Coimbatore Institute of Technology, Coimbatore.

Place : Coimbatore     
Date : 05.08.2025 **Mohit Rao Chauhan**  
Col  
Camp Commandant

*Basic Leadership Course (BLC Camp) at CIT, Coimbatore — July–August 2025*

★ SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT ★

# CATC cum RDC Selection Camp

## *Conducted INSIDE SRPTC Campus*

7th August 2025 to 16th August 2025 (10 Days)

Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College takes great pride in organizing the Combined Annual Training Camp cum Group Performance Team Selection Camp for the academic year 2025–2026, in association with 6 TN Medical Company NCC, Coimbatore.

The ten-day camp (07th – 16th August 2025) at SRPTC campus witnessed 500 NCC cadets from 50 colleges and 50 schools representing five districts. A team of 50 Army and NCC officers from eight different NCC units provided structured training.

### Camp Highlights — Key Facts

- ✦ 📅 Duration: 07th – 16th August 2025 (10 Days)
- ✦ 🏢 Venue: Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College Campus, Coimbatore
- ✦ 👤 Participants: 500 NCC Cadets from 50 Colleges + 50 Schools
- ✦ 🌐 Districts Represented: 5 Districts
- ✦ 🗑️ Officers & Trainers: 50 Army / NCC Officers from 8 NCC Units
- ✦ 🎯 Activities: Drill, PT, Weapon Handling, First Aid, Leadership, Group Performance
- ✦ 🤝 Support: Full Infrastructural, Logistical & Administrative support by SRPTC

The camp focused on developing discipline, leadership, physical fitness, unity, and patriotism. Our institution extended full infrastructural, logistical, and administrative support — reflecting SRPTC's strong commitment to nation building and youth empowerment.



Col R. Ramanathan  
Group Commander,  
NCC gp HQ Coimbatore

On the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, I extend my heartiest wishes to all the cadets, ANOs, PI staff, civil staff & OC 6 Med Coy NCC for the excellent conduct of CATC and Selections for RDC 2026.

A personal thanks to the management of Sri Ramakrishna Poly Technic College for making available the camp premises & administrative arrangements.

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CATC cum RDC Camp – Cadet's formation at SRPTC Campus



500 Cadets assembled at SRPTC for the 10-day NCC Camp



Group circle formation — CATC cum RDC Selection Camp, SRPTC



NCC Camp drill parade at SRPTC campus courtyard



*Classroom training during CATC Camp — SRPTC*



*Officers and cadets at CATC cum RDC Camp, SRPTC*



*Line formation drill — NCC Camp at SRPTC Campus, August 2025*



*Group Photo — CATC cum RDC Camp at SRPTC, 16th August 2025 (500 Cadets, 50 Officers)*

## 03. Republic Day & Independence Day Celebrations

Patriotic Milestones — 2022 to 2026

### 74th Republic Day — 26.01.2023 (SRPTC)

NCC Unit participated in the Republic Day Parade at SRPTC. First major national celebration by the newly formed unit.

### 76th Independence Day — 15.08.2023 (SRPTC)

Cadets participated in flag hoisting, march past and patriotic programmes.



Independence Day 2023 — Flag Hoisting at SRPTC

### 75th Republic Day Parade — 26.01.2024 (V.O.C Park Ground, Coimbatore)

Five cadets and ANO participated in the 75th Republic Day Parade at V.O.C Park Ground — representing SRPTC on a grand public stage.



75th Republic Day Parade — NCC SRPTC



SRPTC Cadets marching at VOC Park Ground — 26.01.2024

## Republic Day Celebration – 26.01.2024 (SRPTC Campus)



Republic Day Celebration at SRPTC – 26th January 2024

## 78th Independence Day – 15.08.2024 (SRPTC)



78th Independence Day – SRPTC 2024



NCC cadets marching – Independence Day 2024



Full assembly – 78th Independence Day, SRPTC 2024

## 76th Republic Day — 26.01.2025 (SRPTC)

The 76th Republic Day celebrated at SRPTC with flag hoisting, march past, and patriotic programmes.

## 79th Independence Day — 15.08.2025 (SRPTC)

Patriotic speeches by Principal Dr. D. Gopalakrishnan and Chief Guest Captain Bhagaraj M., OC 6 TN Medical Company NCC.



79th Independence Day — Flag Hoisting at SRPTC



Principal addressing gathering — Independence Day 2025



NCC cadets at attention — Independence Day 2025



Prize distribution — Independence Day 2025



Students and staff — Independence Day 2025



Cultural programme — Independence Day 2025



Cadets in formation — 79th Independence Day

### 77th Republic Day — 26.01.2026 (SRPTC)

Chief Guest: Mr. K. Ponnusamy, DSP, Periyanaickenpalayam Sub-Division. Prizes distributed for NCC, NSS, sports achievements.



77th Republic Day Celebration — SRPTC — 26th January 2026



Chief Guest DSP K. Ponnusamy at Republic Day 2026



Prize distribution — Republic Day 2026



NCC cadets marching — 77th Republic Day, SRPTC



Full assembly — Republic Day 2026, SRPTC

## 04. Certificate Examinations

NCC 'B' and 'C' Certificate Results — 2022 to 2026

### Summary of All Certificate Examinations

- ✦ Feb 2024 — 'B' Certificate Exam: 3 cadets at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore
- ✦ Feb 2025 — 'C' Certificate Exam: 2 cadets at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore
- ✦ Feb 2025 — 'B' Certificate Exam: 8 cadets at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore
- ✦ Feb 2026 — 'C' Certificate Exam: 7 cadets at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore
- ✦ Feb 2026 — 'B' Certificate Exam: 5 cadets at Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore

**22-23 Feb 2024 'B' Certificate Exam — PSG College of Technology**  
3 cadets appeared. First certificate exam by SRPTC cadets.

**15-16 Feb 2025 'C' Certificate Exam — PSG College of Technology**  
2 cadets appeared.

**22-23 Feb 2025 'B' Certificate Exam — PSG College of Technology**  
8 cadets appeared — record participation.

**14-15 Feb 2026 'C' Certificate Exam — PSG College of Technology**  
7 cadets appeared.

**21-22 Feb 2026 'B' Certificate Exam — Karpagam Academy of Higher Education**  
5 cadets appeared.



**"NCC 'C' Certificate holders receive special quota benefits in armed forces recruitment – a pathway our cadets have consistently earned."**

## 05. Social Service Events

Serving Society – 2022 to 2026

### 03.03.2023 National Safety Day – Traffic Awareness Rally, Thudiyalur

50 NSS & NCC students with Coimbatore District Police. Awareness on helmet and seat belt use. Principal Dr. R. N. Uma and SI Palaniyandi presided.



Safety Day Rally – 3rd March 2023



Cadets with District Police at Thudiyalur

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*NCC Day Tree Plantation — SRPTC 2024*



*Green Campus Initiative*

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11 cadets and 1 staff.



CRPF Campus Afforestation – March 2025



Cadets with Siruthuli team

**09.10.2025 Drug Awareness Programme – VCV Higher Secondary School, Velandipalayam**

30 cadets participated.



Drug Awareness Programme – VCV HSS, Velandipalayam – Oct 2025



Cadets addressing school students on drug awareness



Interactive session at VCV HSS



Drug awareness programme



NCC Unit at VCV HSS event

## 24.12.2025 UYIR Club Inauguration & Road Safety Awareness — SRPTC

Theme: 'Drive Responsibly — Your Safety Matters.' Chief Guest: Er. S. Subbulakshmi, ADE Road Safety Division. Coordinated by NCC Officer Mr. R. Ragupathy.



UYIR Club Inauguration &amp; Road Safety Awareness — SRPTC, 24th December 2025

## 06. Cadets at Outside College Events

Representing SRPTC Across Tamil Nadu — 2022 to 2026

### 20.06.2023 – 29.06.2023 ATC-II Camp — Pioneer Mills HSS, Coimbatore

First-ever camp: 8 cadets. Historic first camp participation.

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12 cadets at the expo.

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Corporal Prasana Sairam V G.

31.10.2025 **'One Nation One Mission' — Arts and Science College, Coimbatore**  
Rashtirya Ekta Diwas activities.



'One Nation One Mission' — Rashtirya Ekta Diwas, Coimbatore — 31.10.2025

08.12.2025 – 19.12.2025 **MRC Army Attachment Camp — Wellington Army Unit, Ooty**

Corporal Abdul Kalam Azad Z represented SRPTC.



MRC Army Attachment Camp — Wellington, Ooty (Dec 2025)



Corporal Abdul Kalam Azad Z at Wellington

20.12.2025 – 31.12.2025 **SD Cadets Army Attachment Camp — 195 Field Regt, Madukarai, Coimbatore**

Cadet Under Officer Senthil Kumar represented SRPTC.



27.02.2026 – 28.02.2026

## Defence Career Expo 2026 — Kumaraguru Institutions

25 cadets — largest contingent.



*Defence Career Expo 2026 — SRPTC Cadets at Kumaraguru*

## 07. Message from the NCC Officer



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*NCC does not just teach discipline — it builds confidence, courage, and commitment.*

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### **Lt. Ragupathy R**

ASSOCIATE NCC OFFICER · SRI RAMAKRISHNA POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

Under the guidance of Lt. Ragupathy R, ANO NCC, the NCC unit continues to inspire cadets toward excellence, discipline, and national service. The unit emphasizes holistic development through training, leadership, and social responsibility.

## 08. Conclusion

### A Legacy of Discipline, Service & Leadership

The NCC unit of Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College, since its inauguration on 15th February 2023, has grown from 8 cadets in its first camp to hosting 500 cadets from 50 colleges in a mega campus camp in 2025. Over 2022–2026, the unit has consistently participated in parades, certificate exams, social service, adventure camps, and prestigious outside events.

#### Summary at a Glance — 2022 to 2026

- ★ 🏠 NCC Inaugurated: 15th February 2023
- ★ 📅 Years of Active Service: 2022–2026 (4 Academic Years)
- ★ 🏔️ Camps: ATC-II (2023), ATC-I (2024), BLC (2025), MRC & Army Attachment (2025)
- ★ 🏠 Camp Hosted at SRPTC: CATC cum RDC (Aug 2025) — 500 Cadets, 50 Officers
- ★ 📄 Certificate Exams: B-Certificate (2024, 2025, 2026) | C-Certificate (2025, 2026)
- ★ 🤝 Social Service: Blood Donation, Tree Plantation, Road Safety, Anti-Drug, Swachh Bharat
- ★ 🇮🇳 National Events: Republic Day & Independence Day — Every Year at SRPTC
- ★ 🌐 Outside Venues: Madurai, Ooty (Wellington), Madukarai, VOC Park, Kumaraguru, CIT
- ★ 🏢 Unit: 6 TN Medical Company NCC, Coimbatore
- ★ 👤 NCC Officer: Lt. Ragupathy R, Associate NCC Officer

#### **Sri Ramakrishna Polytechnic College**

6TN Medical Company NCC · NCC Officer: Lt. Ragupathy R, ANO

***"Unity and Discipline" · Jai Hind!***