ALL INDIA NCC GIRLS TREKKING EXPEDITION, HIMACHAL TREK- 2018



All India NCC Girls Trekking Expedition, Himachal Trek- 2018, a national level event,



was conducted at the foothills of Dhauladhar Ranges in the vicinity of Baijnath- Paprola in Himachal

Pradesh from June 02 to June 09, 2018. The aim of the trek was to inculcate a spirit of adventure, exploration, inquisitiveness and provide opportunity for building endurance and self- confidence

amongst the girl cadets.



A total of 246 girl cadets comprising junior and senior wing from various states of country participated in the expedition. The cadets traversed a distance of 60

kilometers of mountains terrain ranging up to 4200 feet over a period of 08 days. The trek comprised trekking to various historic



places like Mahakal temple, Tashijong Monastery, Paragliding site Bir and Baijnath Lord Shiva Temple. And

not only this, we also had an educational trip to Army unit, Alihal. The first day of camp opens with the 'Briefing' of camp by Commandant Col. DKS Chauhan. Thereafter group photograph of cadets of different directorates with Col. Sir, PI staff, ANOs and GCIs was clicked. The ceremony ends with the tea and snacks party. The first trek is organized to Mahakal Temple, Kunsal (HP), @3km +3km from camping site. The trek was in the evening. The second day trek was organized to Tashijong Monastery, situated in the village Talashijong village @8km +8km from camping site. Tashijong is the only tabacoo free village of Himachal Pradesh.



The trek to the world famous site of paragliding at Bir and Billing provided an opportunity to inculcate the spirit of adventure amongst the cadets in addition to giving them an opportunity to understand the importance of preservation of ecological and forest wealth and above all the cultural heritage of our nation. The trek to Bir is approx. 16 km. It was a staging camp via power house, Lower Bhattu village and Upper Bhattu village, Bhattu Monastery cum Palyung University of

Buddhist Studies.



weather was pleasant there and facilities were also very good. DJ nights were arranged for us which was very well and everyone enjoyed the camp. Everyone on the camp made new friends. The next day we returned to our Base camp i.e. From Bir to Baijnath, via Mohan ghati. We had a g good interaction with the villager's n Pradhan ji. On 7th June we had an educational trip to an near army unit Alihal. The trip was to know a little about weapons like 5.56mm Insas Rifle, Ak - 47 Insas rifle,

Light Machine gun, different types of communicators used during war. On the last day 08th June there was cultural fest where every directorate represented their state and everyone enjoyed it. Delhi Directorate stand 3rd. Before leaving camp site we have even planted some plants there for our remembrance. Everyone enjoyed the camp and I want to thank Priyanka Ma' am who thought that we are capable to go for trekking camp and allowed us for that.



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