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**‘हर काम देश के नाम’**

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**Thursday, May 17, 2023**

**Raksha Rajya Mantri Flags Off 85<sup>th</sup> NCC Cadets Mountaineering Expedition**

**Youth should be nurtured with strong sense of purpose and passion: Shri Ajay Bhatt**

Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhat today on May 17, 2023 urged the youth to foster strong sense of purpose and passion to meet the challenges of life. He was addressing the National Cadets Corps (NCC) cadets after flagging off the 85<sup>th</sup> NCC Boys & Girls Mountaineering Expedition 2023 in New Delhi.

Commending NCC on its role in nation building, Raksha Rajya Mantri said: “The role of NCC in nation building is well known to all of us. The qualities of discipline, leadership, camaraderie and adventure being inculcated among the student community of the nation by the NCC will surely prepare them to take on greater challenges of life”.

The team of NCC Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Yunum in Himachal Pradesh constitutes of 4 Officers, 10 PI Staff and 18 NCC Cadets out of which 11 are Girls. These cadets have been selected from various NCC Directorates of the country.

This is the 85<sup>th</sup> NCC Cadets Expedition since 1970. The team will be attempting to scale Mt Yunum (6111m) located in the Lahaul District of Himachal Pradesh by 1<sup>st</sup> week of June 2023.

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