

CAMP REPORT: ATC-192

The 1 HP Air Sqn NCC, Kullu, successfully organized a 10-day Annual Training Camp (ATC-192) at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mandi, from 17 Jun to 26 Jun 25. With the generous support of the IIT Mandi administration, the camp brought together **454 Air Wing NCC cadets** from **14 schools and 2 colleges** across Himachal Pradesh.

Key activities included **drill, physical training, tent pitching, range firing, trekking, tree plantation, weapon handling, aeromodelling**, and a series of **cultural events**. The camp also served as a **pre-selection ground** for national-level events such as the **Pre-Vayu Sainik Camp** and the **Republic Day Camp**.

Objectives of ATC-192:

- To instill character, discipline, leadership, comradeship, secular outlook, and the spirit of adventure in cadets.
- To provide foundational military training, including live firing.
- To promote community living and participation in social service activities.
- To foster self-discipline, hygiene awareness, and adherence to sanitation norms.
- To encourage healthy competition, punctuality, and obedience.
- To build physical endurance and mental agility.
- To deliver both theoretical and practical instruction in Air Force subjects.
- To impart Aeromodelling training.
- To provide exposure to rural area NCC Cadets with IIT Labs, campus and career opportunities.

Key Highlights:



One of the major highlights was a **Three-day SSB Workshop** held from **20 Jun to 22 Jun 25**, conducted by **Group Captain Naval Saini (Retd)**, former Deputy President of 2 Air Force Selection Board, Mysore. An alumnus of **Sainik School Sujanpur Tihra** and the **National Defence Academy**, he trained cadets in **personality development, communication skills, group discussions, Psychological test** and **mock interviews**, laying a strong foundation for future SSB selections.

The camp also hosted motivational and career-oriented lectures:



- **Wing Commander Rishpal Rana (Retd)** and **Dr. Arvind Keprate** from Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway, inspired cadets with sessions on **planning , hardwork** and **consistency**.



- **Dr. Arvind Keprate** also announced a **₹1,00,000** scholarship program for SSB (Services Selection Board) coaching to support selected NCC candidates in their journey to join the armed forces. He will provide this scholarship for next 3 years (1 lakhs /year). This

initiative aims to empower and mentor dedicated aspirants by easing their financial burden and providing them access to quality training.



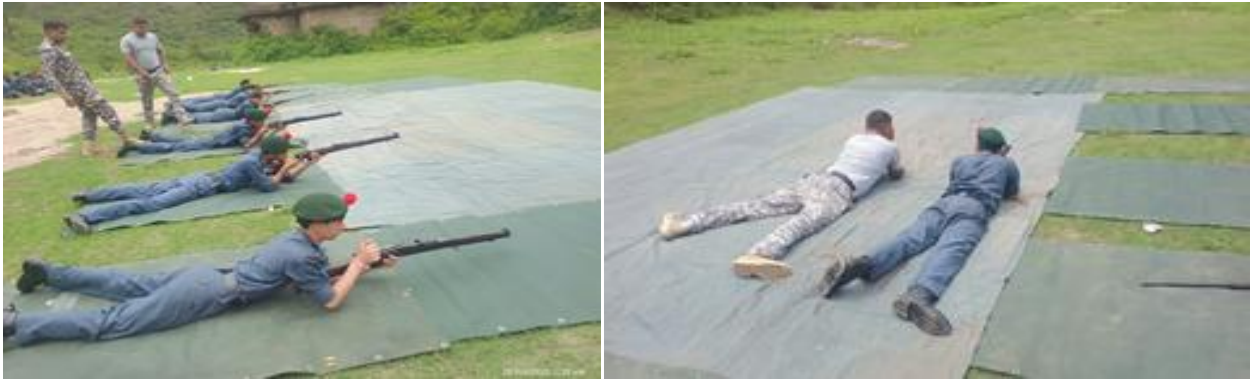
- **Wing Commander Isha** who lead IAF All Women Contingent in RD Parade 2015 also came to camp to motivate cadets especially SW & JW cadets and **Wing Commander Pranav Arya** (National Level Volleyball Player and athlete) delivered exclusive lectures on **career planning** and **defence preparation**.



- **Captain Kunal Sagar** with his team from the **84th Armoured Division** briefed the cadets about **Operation Sindoor** and conducted a detailed session on **career opportunities in the Indian Army**, discussing various benefits of Army life and the different exams and procedures for joining the force



- **Professor Laxmidhar Behera**, Director of IIT Mandi, delivered an enlightening talk on the Bhagavad Gita to all the cadets. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation, with cadets showing great interest and posing several thoughtful questions."



- **Live firing** is conducted with .22 rifles at the Pandoh range under close supervision of Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) and PI Staffs are present, along with medical support on-site.



- **Dr. Rajnish** from PHC Kataula delivered an informative lecture on **health and emergency CPR procedures**.



- **Himachal Homeguard Department** team led by **Sh. Lekh Raj** along with Sh.Meena Sharma, Sh.Rakesh Kumar and Sh.PS Yadav delivered a comprehensive lecture on rescue operations and disaster management.

- In liaison with the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, 5 students of Kullu Orphanage were also included in the camp to give them exposure and grooming for a better future.



- Cadets enthusiastically participated in the **International Yoga Day** celebrations, highlighting the camp's emphasis on both **physical fitness** and **mental wellness**.
- Academic sessions for '**B**' and '**C**' **Certificate** courses were led by **Wing Commander Kunal Sharma**, **Flying Officer Nishchal Sharma**, and **Flying Officer Dr. Chaman**, supported by a dedicated team of instructors, including **JWO MW Rahman**, **JWO Rakesh Samnotra**, **JWO HK Yadav**, and **Sgt Pushpinder Singh**, **Sgt Mandeep Sharma**, **Sgt Mukesh**, **Sgt Saurav**, **Sgt Devilal Chaudhary**, **Sgt Ram Ashrey Yadav**, along with **Cpl Harshad** and **Cpl Sahil**.



- **Hands-on aeromodelling training**, including RC and control-line aircraft, was provided by **AMI Reshma**, with girls' supervision by **GCI Pooja Meel**.



- Cadets also engaged in a **plantation drive** in the IIT Mandi campus and had the opportunity to visit various IIT Labs including **AMRC**, **Chemistry**, and **Biology** labs enriching their academic exposure.



- Various sports activities such as volleyball matches, basketball matches, athletic events and trekking were organized, with cadets participating actively and showing great enthusiasm. A volleyball match between the PI staff and cadets was also organized, with the cadets participating with great enthusiasm and high energy.



- Evenings came alive with **campfire cultural events**, featuring group and solo performances by both senior and junior wings. The stage was lit up by band performances from **Himalayan Routes**, **Sahar**, and **Himalayan Chants**, along with **stand-up comedy by Vishal Sharma** and live performance by **Nati King AC Bhardwaj**.



- In Liaison with IAF, two-helicopter formation was scheduled to land; however, due to adverse weather conditions, the landing could not be carried out and the helicopters returned to base. The Indian Air Force attempted to land helicopters for **four** consecutive days, but adverse weather conditions prevented successful landings.
- **Support from ANOs and CTOs:**
- Unwavering support from ANOs and CTOs played a crucial role in organizing sports, cultural events, and managing cadet welfare:
- **Flying Officer Nishchal Sharma** – Govt. College Kullu
- **Flying Officer Dr. Chaman** – Vallabh Govt. College Mandi

- **First Officer Ram Lal Sharma** – GSSS Boys Kullu
- **Third Officers:** Hemi Thakur (Jari), Karam Thakur (Panarsa), Manoj Sharma (Sainj), Kamal Thakur (Pandoh), Chander Shekhar (JNV Bandrol), Gaurav (Cambridge Intl. School Kullu), Bablu (KV Sainj), Vinay Sharma (DAV Manali), Hardev Deshta (DAV Shimla), Suman (DAV Mandi), , Uday Singh Kanwar (LMS Kalehali)
- **CTOs:** Shivani Sharma (DAV Mohal), Shailender Bali (DPS Manali)

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These **10 days** of rigorous training, learning, and bonding created **lifelong memories** filled with **joy, discipline, and camaraderie** for all participants.



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