

## **NSS Republic Day Parade Camp, 2020**

Every year the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Directorate of NSS brings a Mini India by organizing a month long Republic Day Parade Camp for NSS volunteers from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January at New Delhi and NSS volunteers participate in Republic Day Parade on 26<sup>th</sup> January at Raj Path.

Five Pre R.D. Zonal Camps were organized in Five Zones (Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab and West Bengal) in the country during October and November, 2019 and 196 NSS volunteers (98 boys and 98 girls) across the country were selected for the participation of R.D. Parade Camp-2020.

A Republic Day Parade Camp 2020 was organised at International Youth Hostel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 in which 196 NSS volunteers (98 Male and 98 Female) representing '29' States and 5 'UTs' from '137' Universities and '196' Colleges and Technical Institutions participated. 15 NSS Programme Officers (8 Male and 7 Female) i.e. one from each Regional Directorate were also part of the organisation in the capacity of Team Leaders of their respective Regional Directorates.

In the month long period in Delhi the NSS volunteers have plenty of opportunities to enrich their personality through various programmes like parade, academic session, cultural programmes, interaction with experts from different fields, visit to historical places like Red Fort & Qutub Minar at Delhi and Taj Mahal & Red Fort at Agra etc. conducted during the camp. The volunteers also get the great opportunity to meet the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Vice President of India and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India which inspires and boosts the morale of the student volunteers.