

The programme of the Kendra covered non-formal education, social services, sports and games, vocational training and cultural activities. The Kendra is also the recipient of books from the Raja Ram Mohun Roy Library Foundation. The State-cum-District Organising Committee of the Nehru Yuvak Kendra functions as an advisory body and finalises its programmes.

Regular classes are conducted in French, General English and Hindi. Candidates are sponsored for vocational training under the Self-employment Scheme both in private as well as public industrial establishments. Under the Functional Literacy Programme, the Kendra sponsors youngsters from rural areas for training in the Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

Jawahar Bal Bhavan :

Located within the campus of the Botanical Garden*, the Bal Bhavan was declared open on 24 March 1972. There are different sections for dance, drama, music, creative arts, physical education besides a library and a science club. The Bhavan is under the direction of a Unit Supervisor. The introduction of Children's train on 3 December 1974 was an added attraction. The train named after Poet Subramania Bharathi consisted of one engine and two trailers and the station was named after Jagjivanram. The track runs to a distance of 0.75 km.

XIII National Cadet Corps

It appears that the first N.C.C. Unit in the Territory was raised during the year 1961 when 45 students from Collège Calvé were enrolled.¹⁴³ However, the Pondicherry N.C.C. Group Headquarters came into existence in this Territory on 24 July 1964. The same year Senior Division Army Wing N.C.C. Units were raised in three institutions viz. Tagore Arts College, Motilal Nehru Polytechnic and JIPMER and the Junior Division Army Wing troops in High Schools at Pondicherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam. Enrolment which was compulsory at the beginning was made voluntary from the academic year 1968-69. The N.C.C. Group Headquarters, Pondicherry, under the command of a Lieutenant-Colonel, functions under the overall control of the N.C.C. Directorate (Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry).

* The building which formerly housed the aquarium accommodates the Bal Bhavan as well as the aquarium.

In all, five Pondicherry Units and two Tamil Nadu Units located in Annamalainagar were under the administrative control of the Pondicherry N.C.C. Group Headquarters as on January 1975. Besides, there were 26 Junior Division Troops functioning in 24 schools. The Medical Company N.C.C. affiliated to the JIPMER was disbanded with effect from 30 November 1972 for want of cadet strength.

The details of N.C.C. Units and their affiliation are given hereunder :

Designation of N.C.C. Units	Affiliated to	Strength
1 (Pondicherry) Indep. Coy. Pondicherry	Tagore Arts College	One Senior Division Army Wing with 11 Junior Division Army Wings (Boys).
1 (Pondicherry) Naval Unit, Pondicherry	Tagore Arts College	Four Senior Division Naval Wings with four Junior Division Naval Wings (Boys).
1 (Pondicherry) Signal Coy. Pondicherry	Motilal Nehru Polytechnic	One Senior Division Technical Coy. with one Junior Division Army Wing (Girls).
2 (Pondicherry) Indep. Coy. Karaikal	Arignar Anna Govt. Arts College, Karaikal	One Senior Division Army Wing with eight Junior Division Army Wings (Boys) including those in Yanam.
3 (Pondicherry) Indep. Coy. Mahe	Mahatma Gandhi Govt. Arts College, Mahe	One Senior Division Army Wing with two Junior Division Army Wings (Boys) Troops.

The allotted and actual strength of cadets in the Senior and Junior Divisions during the training year 1974-75 were as follows :

	<i>Allotted</i>	<i>Actual</i>
(a) Senior Division Army Wing	370	353
(b) Senior Division Naval Wing	200	159
(c) Junior Division Army Wing	1,800	1,537
(d) Girls Division Junior Wing	100	100
Total	2,470	2,149

The entire expenditure towards N.C.C. in respect of all institutions in the Territory, except JIPMER, was met from the budget of the Union Territory.

Para-training was first introduced in N.C.C. during 1972. A floating shield for the Boys Senior Division Shooting Competition was donated by the Lieutenant-Governor on 24 November 1974. The N.C.C. candidates are given preference in the selection for various posts especially in the Police and Jail Services. N. C. C. cadets are also included under PRIORITY (iii) for being sponsored for jobs by the Employment Exchange. The N.C.C. Employment Information and Guidance Bureau/Cell meant to provide employment information and guidance to N.C.C. cadets and Ex-N.C.C. cadets started functioning at Tagore Arts College on 7 August 1974. The N.C.C. Annual Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of November every year.

XIV. Scouts and Guides Movement

The Scouts and Guides movement was first launched in the Territory only in 1967. Between 1968 and 1972, 89 scout masters, 16 guide captains, 12 flock leaders and 34 cub masters were trained. A few guide captains and scout masters were sent for advanced training courses. According to a report, only 65 scout masters, 20 cub masters, 12 guide captains and 5 flock leaders were actively engaged in the movement till December 1974 covering in all 1,400 scouts, 250 cubs, 200 guides and 40 bulbulis in the Territory. The entire expenditure towards the scheme is borne by the administration.

XV. Administrative organisation and related aspects

Organisational set-up:

The Director of Public Instruction (D.P.I.) as Head of the Directorate continued to be responsible for the execution of government policies and programmes of public education in the Territory even after merger. In May 1969 the Director of Public Instruction was conferred the ex-officio Secretariat status of a Deputy Secretary. With effect from 1973 the Directorate of Public Instruction was redesignated as Directorate of Education and at the same time an incumbent of the Indian Administrative Service became the Director enjoying the ex-officio status of a Secretary.