

Report on Vibrant Village Camp, Kalpa

Organised by: 8 HP Battalion NCC, Rampur

Date: 6th October – 15th October 2025

Location: Kalpa, District Kinnaur, Himachal Pradesh

Introduction

The Vibrant Village Camp at Kalpa was successfully conducted from 6th to 15th October 2025 under the aegis of 8 HP Battalion NCC, Rampur. Cadets from various schools and colleges participated with enthusiasm and discipline. The camp aimed to expose cadets to the lifestyle, culture, and challenges of high-altitude rural areas while promoting physical fitness, patriotism, and community service.

Day-wise Activities

- **Day 1 – Arrival at Kalpa (6th October):**
Cadets arrived at Kalpa early in the morning and were greeted by the season's first snowfall. Accommodation was arranged at the Youth Sports Stadium, Kalpa, marking a memorable beginning to the camp.
- **Day 2 – Opening Ceremony (7th October):**
The camp was inaugurated by Lt. Colonel Vinod Sherkek, Commanding Officer of 8 HP Bn NCC, Rampur. He addressed the cadets, emphasizing the importance of national integration and youth empowerment.
- **Day 3 – Cultural and Village Visit (8th October):**
Visits to Duni Village, Kothi Mata Temple, and Brelingi Village provided cadets with insights into the simple yet culturally rich lifestyle of the villagers.
- **Day 4 – Educational Visit (9th October):**
At the Horticulture Farm, Prof. Pramod Kumar educated cadets about apple varieties, modern plantation techniques, and the impact of climate change on apple cultivation.
- **Day 5 – Trek to Chakha Hills (10th October):**
A 12 km trek to Chakha Hills tested the endurance of cadets while offering breathtaking views of the Himalayan landscape.
- **Day 6 – Kalpa Village Exploration (11th October):**
Cadets explored Kalpa Village, visited the Chandika Mata Temple, and witnessed the Phoolage Festival, gaining exposure to local traditions, attire, and customs.

- Day 7 – Sangla Valley Excursion (12th October):
The excursion included visits to the Tukpa Valley Mahotsav, Kamakhya Mata Temple, and Kamru Fort, enriching cadets with cultural and historical knowledge.
- Day 8–9 – Cultural Practice & Sports Activities (13th–14th October):
Inter-company sports events and cultural competitions were held. The contingent from 7 HP(I) COY NCC Shimla won gold in Tug of War and bronze in Group Song and Solo Song.
- Day 10 – Closing Ceremony (14th October):
The camp concluded with a felicitation ceremony. Winners received medals and certificates, and Lt. Colonel Vinod Sherkek delivered a motivational address to the cadets.
- Day 11 – Departure (15th October):
Cadets departed with cherished memories, strengthened friendships, and valuable lessons about life in high-altitude regions.

Conclusion

The Vibrant Village Camp at Kalpa proved to be a life-enriching experience. It tested physical endurance, fostered team spirit, and enhanced cultural awareness. The camp instilled discipline, patriotism, and social responsibility among cadets. The knowledge gained and experiences shared will remain etched in their hearts forever.

