ABSTRACT OF THE THESIS

AN ECONOMIC STUDY OF EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN THROUGH 3 TAMIL NADU GIRLS BATTALION, NCC IN TIRUNELVELI

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‘The youth are the backbone of a nation’. On their delicate shoulders rest the responsibility to lead the nation towards prosperity and progress. So what is expected of a young student is not only to be well educated and highly qualified in the academic field but also to possess sound moral character and loyalty to one’s nation. What is needed is to gain practical knowledge through experience and specially through participation in NCC which plays a pivotal role in forming a sound character and loyalty to one’s nation. NCC tries to develop in them the best of mental, moral and physical fitness and imparts all the qualities of an ideal citizen in an organized and well planned manner, keeping in view, its motto ‘Unity and Discipline’.

The main task of NCC is to build a strong youth force that aims at ‘Nation Building’. While imparting social service, NCC inculcates in the cadets social awareness, it cultivate the ideal of service towards the society. Cadets acquire the spirit of adventure, sense of achievement, develop courage, and strong determination. Though the material gain is negligible, NCC helps to overcome the obstacles with an iron will and courage. It teaches the virtues of sacrifice and spirit of leadership. Hence, the researcher has attempted to study the empowerment of women through NCC in Tirunelveli.

The present study covers both primary and secondary data. Primary data have been collected through personal interview method with a pre-tested schedule which consists of information about the socio-economic characteristics, particulars about opportunities for empowering women, challenges to empowerment of women, self-empowerment, group-empowerment, personality empowerment, employability, social empowerment and NCC training. The findings of the study will help to find that there is a significant relationship among all the variables relating to the activities of women through NCC between before and after joining in NCC.