



STUDENT POLICE CADET PROJECT - KARNATAKA POLICE

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Introduction:

The Student Police Cadet (SPC) Project is a School-level youth development initiative by Govt. of Karnataka involving Police and Education Dept. for Govt./Govt. aided High Schools. The selected school students are trained as future leaders of democratic society by inculcating in them respect for law, discipline, civic sense, empathy for vulnerable sections of society and resistance to social evils. The Student Police Cadet (SPC) does not create more policemen rather it seeks to create policemen within each young member of our community.

Framework:

The Govt. of Karnataka launched the project on 10.10.2014 and has allotted Rs. 1.80 crore for the pilot project for three years i.e. 2014-17. On March 2nd 2015 SPC was officially inaugurated at Kanterava Stadium, Bangalore by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka. The inauguration function witnessed a large gathering of officials, public, students, SPC cadets and their parents, teachers, representatives from various schools, NGOs & Child Help Line, Book Publishers, Elected Representatives and Press. Under the project for the year 2014-17, 1500 students (750 boys + 750 girls) from 35 Government & Aided Schools have been selected in Karnataka. Two motivated teachers from each school have been nominated as Community Police Officer (CPO) and Asst. Community Police Officer (ACPO). They are assisted by the local jurisdictional Police Inspectors also known as Police Student Liaison Officer (PSLO) and police staff called as Drill Instructors (DI) in outdoor and indoor subjects.

The Nodal Officer conducted a survey across the State and interacted with officials of various departments, public, school heads, students and their parents. Source materials were collected from experts from various fields such as community policing, education, personality development, sports and information technology. Study material for Physical Training, Drill, Parade and Outdoor/Indoor Manual was personally prepared by State Nodal Officer, SPC.

Training is first given to CPO, ACPO, PI and DI,s on various subjects in indoor and outdoor activities. They in turn will render training to students in their own school premises. SPC classes will be taken on every Saturday in schools without disturbing their academic classes. The SPC students also have field visits to Police stations, courts, Municipal Corporations, Revenue Office and Jails in order to create better understanding of law enforcement process, citizens rights and duties towards the society.

Functioning:

As part of training, weekly parades which include indoor and outdoor classes for SPC cadets were commenced from November 2014. The cadets are taken to police stations to give knowledge on police functioning and citizen's rights in a police station. Annual Summer



Vacation Camp of three days is conducted for all SPC cadets where they are taught about first aid, civil defense, fire fighting, drill and personality development. Today these SPC cadets are way ahead than other students in discipline, behavior and knowledge in fields of law and information. Parents are also happy about enrolment of their children in SPC which has brought a positive change in their children.

At the State level, SPC is reviewed by State Level Committee headed by DGP with IGP and State Nodal Officer as members. District Level Committees are headed by SP with officials from Education dept, Excise, Transport, Forest and Fire Services as members for supervision and conduct of SPC project at the District level. Eminent personalities from various disciplines and social workers will interact with SPC cadets and sensitize them on contemporary social issues. The SPC Cadets will also be trained in annual vacation camps where they will be taught character, camaraderie, discipline, spirit of adventure and self-reliance.

The syllabus for SPC Manual has been carefully designed by State Nodal Officer which includes outdoor subjects such as National Integration, Drill, Weapon Training, Leadership, Self Defense, Adventure activities and Indoor subjects such as Health and Hygiene, Environment, Map reading, Police awareness and Personality development.

Monthly meeting will be conducted with parents of SPC cadets to review the progress. This will not only make the SPC cadets physically fit but also academically wise and self-confident. They will be moulded into responsible future leaders of this nation. They will also be trained in basics of computer, internet for which each school is provided with Laptops, Projector and furniture etc.

Conclusion:

Thus, SPC will not only develop students as responsible youths of this vast nation but will also mould them into socially productive, motivated, physically fit and responsible future leaders of this nation.