

**PERIYAR MANIAMMAI UNIVERSITY**  
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Journey from Lucknow to Russia via PMU

We Periyar Maniammai University Management, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Registrar and other staff of PMU family is proud to welcome our student SUO (Senior Under Officer) Shubham Bajpai who returned back from Russia on 3rd Nov, 2016 along with Group commander Col. K.B. Jairaj, Group captain. Alex Mathews (Commanding officer), Col.P.Kumar (Contingent commander - Republic Day camp 2016)

When the Group commander Col. K.B. Jairaj was addressing the meeting, he mentioned about the tough selection process that has been gone through by Cadets. He also explained that Shubham is one among the 25 cadets who got selected out of 14 lakhs cadets all over India. Our Honble Vice Chancellor mentioned that a boy from a agricultural background family who is also the first graduate of the family has utilised his opportunity in a right sprit to reach this level, he also appreciated his well maintained academics.

In Shubham's words....

Myself, Shubham Bajpai from a Agriculture family and native of lucknow, Uttarpradesh doing my B.Tech ECE Final year at Periyar Maniammai University, Vallam, Tamilnadu.

In my school days I was just dreaming about NCC. But, when I see my friends in NCC uniform, I used to think that a normal height and lean boy can do the same or not.

After passing 12<sup>th</sup> standard I joined PMU. It was like life changing decision. I got the chance to learn Tamil language, culture, etc. After finishing my Ist year of B.Tech (ECE), my friends who already joined in NCC asked me to go for the selection. I just went as my friends asked, but I stood 4th in selection. Now my NCC selection has changed my life, which is not possible without the support of my University. I have

been selected to represent Tamilnadu state in Republic Day parade that has taken me to national level. And now, with the great support of our ASSOCIATE NCC officer and care taker have given me the opportunity to represent my university as the best cadet, with their support, I could reach international level Youth Exchange Programme at Russia which is a dream for all NCC cadets.

I would like to share my rich experience of visiting Russia under Youth Exchange Programme.

3 cadet from Tamilnadu was part of this Indian delegation to Russia, among those I'm happy that I represented my University and nation at Russia

After having the training of 10 days in Director General of NCC, New Delhi. Our delegation started to Moscow, Russia on 15.10.2016 and we were welcomed by the Moscow First Cadet school. This school itself have a big history.

We visited the presidential cadet school and number of museums. We also visited the KREMLIN (president work place) and red square. We went to Indian embassy and met the Indian ambassador Shri Pankaj saran. He interacted with us and recalled his own NCC days and highlighted the immersed contribution being made by the NCC in nation building by including leadership values among the youth.

It was really a life changing experience for all of us and proud moment to represent our country in Russia.