

# NCC to help spread cancer awareness

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The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has joined hands with Cancer Care India (CCI) to spread awareness among the masses in this region about cancer, its causes, prevention and cure. The cancer awareness programme, northern zone, was launched by the Punjab Governor, Justice O.P. Verma, himself an ex-NCC cadet, here yesterday.

Stating that the CCI had entered into a tie-up with the NCC to educate the masses for creating awareness about the dreaded disease, the president of the CCI, Ms Harmala Gupta, said though facilities for treating cancer in India existed if the disease was detected early, about 80 per cent of the cases came to light only when it was too late.

“Here comes the role of the NCC youth in generating awareness about the disease,” Ms Gupta, a cancer survivor said. “CCI programmes are currently operating in nine states and we expect to progressively extend them to other states,” she added.

Stating that strength and discipline of the NCC youths made it an ideal platform to conduct awareness programmes, the Director-General, NCC, Lieut-Gen B.K. Bopanna, said that two such programmes were conducted by the NCC in Delhi and Kolkata recently.