

Celebrating 150 Glorious Years of “Vande Mataram”: ICFAI NCC Cadets Shine at Gangtok Event



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Venue: M.G. Marg, Gangtok (East Sikkim)

In a vibrant celebration of talent, culture, and patriotism, the **NCC Cadets of The ICFAI University, Sikkim** proudly participated in the prestigious event “**Vande Mataram @ 150 Years of National Song**”, organized by the **NCC Directorate, Sikkim**, at **M.G. Marg, Gangtok (East Sikkim)**. This landmark program commemorated the **150th anniversary of India’s national song, Vande Mataram**, and aimed to instil a sense of national pride and civic responsibility among the youth through a series of cultural and literary competitions.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students from various educational institutions across Sikkim. With music, poetry recitals, essay writing, and art competitions, the celebrations provided a platform for young minds to express their creativity while reflecting on the historical and cultural significance of *Vande Mataram* in India’s struggle for independence.

Mr. Suraj Pradhan, Assistant Professor and CTO of the NSS Unit at ICFAI University, Sikkim, accompanied the NCC cadets and provided guidance, encouragement, and moral support. He motivated students under the NSS unit to actively participate in patriotic initiatives and support their peers in showcasing their talents. His presence underscored the university’s commitment to fostering a culture of engagement, leadership, and community service among its students.

The ICFAI NCC cadets displayed **remarkable skill, creativity, and dedication**, securing top positions in the competitions held under the theme “Vande Mataram.” Their accomplishments reflect not only individual excellence but also the collaborative spirit and discipline nurtured by the university’s NCC and NSS programs.

Essay Writing Competition Winners:

- **Chemi Denka Bhutia** – 1st Position (BHM, 1st Semester)
- **Amisha Tiwari** – 2nd Position (B.Com, 1st Semester)
- **Karishma Kumari Prasad** – 3rd Position (BBA, 3rd Semester)

Painting Competition Winners:

- **Mairah Anwar** – 2nd Position (B.Com, 1st Semester)
- **Mudang Naku** – 3rd Position (BBA, 3rd Semester)

These achievements highlight the cadets' **enthusiasm, artistic excellence, and deep sense of national pride**. Their performance in both literary and artistic competitions demonstrated how creativity and patriotism can come together to make meaningful contributions to cultural celebrations.

The event also served as an opportunity for cadets to **interact with peers from other institutions, exchange ideas, and learn from each other**, fostering a spirit of camaraderie, teamwork, and mutual respect. Such experiences are invaluable in shaping students into **well-rounded individuals** who not only excel academically but also embrace cultural awareness, leadership, and social responsibility.

Through participation in events like these, **ICFAI University, Sikkim** continues to inspire its students to actively celebrate India's heritage, uphold patriotic values, and engage in initiatives that promote cultural pride and national consciousness. The university's emphasis on holistic development ensures that students are empowered to grow not only as scholars but also as socially responsible citizens who can contribute positively to society.

In conclusion, the **150th anniversary of Vande Mataram** was not only a celebration of a historic song but also a **celebration of the youth of Sikkim**, whose creativity, energy, and patriotism promise a bright and culturally enriched future for the nation. The outstanding performance of the ICFAI NCC cadets is a proud testament to their dedication, discipline, and unwavering love for the country.