

ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY

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Dr. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, has been honoured with the rank of Honorary Colonel and conferred with the title “Colonel Commandant” of the National Cadet Corps. The honour was bestowed on him in an investiture ceremony held on 19.3.2019 on the University Campus. The Vice-Chancellor will hold this honorary rank during his Vice-Chancellorship at Alagappa University. He will be ex-officio Commandant for all NCC Units functioning in Alagappa University Affiliated Colleges



Col R. Sivanathan, Group Commander, NCC Group Headquarters, Tiruchirappalli, piped the Vice-Chancellor with the badges of the “Colonel Commandant” in the presence of Col Ajay Joshi, Commanding Officer, 9 (TN) BN NCC, Karaiikudi, Lt Col Ratna Reddy, Administrative Officer and other NCC officials. Col R. Sivanathan also gave a certificate stating that the Vice-Chancellor has been conferred with Honorary Colonel Commandant title and addressed the gathering, highlighting the activities of NCC for building a powerful youth force and added that NCC aimed at grooming the youth into patriotic and responsible citizens. He said only eight Vice-Chancellors at the National level were selected for this year’s conferment of Honorary Colonel Commandant title and Prof. N. Rajendran, Vice-Chancellor, Alagappa University, was one among them.

In a communication received earlier, Lt Gen PP Malhotra, VSM, Director General National Cadet Corps & Colonel Commandant, New Delhi, said: “In the Armed Forces, the “Colonel Commandant” is an honour conferred upon distinguished and very senior officers. We in the NCC, are proud of your association with us”.

In his acceptance speech the Vice-Chancellor Col N.Rajendran, thanked the Government of India for honouring him. He said that he would endeavour to promote certain core values among all ranks of the NCC cadets. He added that NCC plays a key role in building a youth force with sterling qualities of head and heart with unity and discipline as motto. The NCC battalion in Karaikudi was started on 23rd May 1956. Each year it is gathering momentum and moving from strength to strength, and it has 37 Units covering 4 Districts of Sivagangai, Ramanathapuram, Pudukottai and Thanjavur.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor accepted a guard of honour presented by the cadets of 9 (TN) BN NCC, Karaikudi.

Prof. H. Gurumallesh Prabu, Registrar, welcomed the gathering and Mr.KR.Jayakumar Associate NCC Officer, proposed a vote of thanks. Among the important participants were Mrs. Shanthi Rajendran, Ms.Devi Alamelu Vairavan, Syndicate Members, Deans, Directors, HoDs, Principals of Constituent Colleges, Administrative staff, VIPs from Karaikudi town and 12 Associate NCC Officers from various schools and colleges, NCC cadets and students.

Prof.H.Gurumallesh Prabu
Registrar