

## NCC unit at Nava Nirman Public School

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The unit will be inaugurated on Friday by Wing Commander S K Dhyani. "The principal of the school, V K George, was an NCC officer for 24 years and it was his idea to start a unit here," Neena V, PRO of the school said.

NCC units so far were limited to government schools, with the state taking care of the expenditure. The Nava Nirman Public School management will meet all the expenses of the unit from the school fund.

"Our chairman P V Paul has guaranteed that the management will take care of everything. We hope that the introduction of an NCC unit will help instill discipline in students and help in personality development," Neena said.

Brigadier Nietzsche, group commander, NCC, Kollam, attended a function at the school as a guest two years ago and it was he who promised the school authorities and students a unit. Currently, two staff members who have undergone special training at Nagpur and Gwalior are taking care of the activities and training of students. The school has already formed a unit with 70 cadets selected by 21 K Battalion of Ernakulam NCC. "Since the school hours are till 2.30 pm, there are few options for extracurricular activity.

So we hope that the unit will provide an avenue for the students. The students are enthusiastic at the prospect and everyday parents are calling up requesting us to include some more students in the unit. We have a number of names in the waiting list," she said. As a part of the unit's inauguration, the school will conduct an exhibition of arms and ammunition.

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