

## **25-year-old Captain Divya Ajith Kumar does Stella Maris NCC Coy, College & Chennai proud with her accolades**



Capt. Divya Ajith Kumar was a Commerce student & NCC cadet of our College of the Batch 2006 – 2009. During her second year, Divya represented Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Directorate and took part in the competitions held during the Republic Day parade at New Delhi in 2008. Among the 17 Directorates all over India, Divya was awarded the All India Best Cadet Gold and the All India Best Parade Commander during the year 2008. Divya held the highest rank of Senior under Officer during the final year of her graduation.

Divya had a keen interest in joining the Indian Army and joined the SSC course at Officer's Training Academy in St. Thomas Mount. During the passing out parade, Lt. Divya Ajith created history by becoming the first Indian woman of the Indian Army to receive the coveted 'Sword of Honour' in 2010, which is awarded to the best cadet.

Capt. Divya Ajith Kumar, a 25-year-old officer led the all-women's Army contingent on the 66th Republic Day parade at Rajpath in New Delhi today where US President Barack Obama was present as the chief guest, accompanied by his wife Mrs Michelle Obama. Captain Divya Ajith Kumar of the Corps of Army Air Defence led a contingent of 154 women officers and cadets during the 66<sup>th</sup> Republic Day parade. Divya had told IANS that it is indeed an honour and perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for her.

Also Lt. Mini M., an ex-Senior under officer of Stella Maris NCC Company of the Zoology Department of Batch 2008 – 2011 was part of the all-women's Army contingent along with Capt. Divya Ajith Kumar. Mini was the reserve Best cadet representing the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Directorate in the year 2010 for the Republic Day parade. Mini went to Singapore through the Youth Exchange Programme representing India.