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NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE TO  
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The National Defence College, to be set up in New Delhi on the pattern of the Imperial Defence College in the U.K., is expected to start functioning early next year.

Lt.-Gen.K.Bahadur Singh will relinquish the appointment of Adjutant-General, Army HQ, on October 1, to take over as Commandant of this College, which is to be housed in 6, Tees January Marg, recently vacated by the U.K. High Commission.

Hitherto, India used to send officers of the three Services to attend courses at the Imperial Defence College, where vacancies were limited to two or three. With the setting up of the National Defence College, it will be possible to train a larger number of officers to meet the requirements of the country.

The main purpose of the N.D.C. will be (i) to enable students to study the military, economic, scientific, industrial, social and political factors involved in war, and (ii) to enable students to study the higher direction and strategy of warfare.

Concurrently with this study, the College will offer a unique opportunity to senior Service officers and highly-placed civil servants of getting together and exchanging ideas so as to give them both a clearer and better understanding of each others' problems in peace and in war. The value of the course is not confined to officers holding highly-specialised appointments; it also provides general education affording a wider outlook on a great variety of State affairs. Such training is a valuable

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additional qualification for many officers holding or likely to hold important appointments under Government.

The training course at the N.D.C. will be of about one year's duration and, to start with, it will train about 25 officers. Officers selected for attending the course will ordinarily be of the rank of Brigadier in the Army and of equivalent ranks and status in the Navy, the Air Force and the civil services, including scientists. Only those in the age-group of 38 - 45 years who are considered to be potential leaders in their professions are likely to be selected for the course. The Directing Staff at the College will have senior officers, one each from the three Services, and a civilian officer of the rank of Joint Secretary.

Lt.-Gen. Bahadur Singh, who brings to the N.D.C. varied experience acquired in the Indian Army, was commissioned from Sandhurst in 1931. Later, he graduated from the Staff College, Camberley, and in 1954 attended the course at the Imperial Defence College. The appointments he has held include Deputy Secretary (Military) to the Cabinet and Brigadier General Staff to one of the Commands. He also commanded a Brigade and two Divisions before becoming Adjutant-General in 1956.

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