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P.M. TO OPEN NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE

NEW DELHI, April 21, 1960.

The National Defence College, organised on the pattern of the Imperial Defence College of the U.K., will start functioning in New Delhi on Wednesday, April 27, 1960.

The College, which will be formally opened by the Prime Minister on that day at 10 a.m., has been set up to provide joint training and instruction to senior Service and civilian officers in dealing with the wider problems relating to the defence of the country. Their study will relate to strategic, economic, scientific, political, and industrial aspects of national defence. The institution will also provide an opportunity to senior Service officers and highly-placed civilians of meeting and exchanging ideas for a better understanding of each other's problems in peace and in war.

The training course at the Defence College will be of about 11 months' duration and, to start with, it will admit nearly 25 officers belonging to the three Services and to civil departments of Government.

~~Lt.-Gen. K. Bahadur Singh has been appointed Commandant of the College and the Senior Directing Staff consists of Shri B.N. Varma, I.C.S., formerly Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, Rear Admiral A. Chakravarti, hitherto Flag Officer Commanding the Indian Fleet, and Air Vice-Marshal R. Raja Ram, D.F.C., who has just completed a course at the Imperial Defence College.~~

The N.D.C. is housed in a building on Tees January Marg, which provides a spacious central hall, a reading room and a lecture hall and, on completion, will have a good library.

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