



National Service Scheme (NSS)

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Introduction

The origin of National Service Scheme (N.S.S) lies in the Mahatma Gandhiji's strong belief that the first duty of the students was not to treat their period of study as an opportunity for intellectual luxury, but to prepare themselves for final dedication in the service of society. After Indian Independence, University Grants Commission headed by Dr. S.Radhakrishnan advised and recommended to introduce National Service Scheme in academic and educational institutes with a view to serve the nation. National Service Scheme has two fold objectives behind its establishment. It develops a strong rapport between students and teacher of the campus and it develops a strong bond between the students and community. It makes the student aware about the realities and issues of the community and thus they learn how to solve and serve them. The unit becomes a bridge between society and students and it completes the students' responsibility to serve the nation.

Objectives

The broad objectives of NSS are to

- To understand the issues and problems of the community and society
- To involve themselves in the problem solving process of the community.
- To develop civic sense and social responsibility in the students
- To apply and find practical solutions of the problems pertaining to local community.
- To develop and encourage group living, responsibilities sharing and leadership
- To instill qualities of nationalism, leadership, brotherhood and integrity of character
- To develop basic skills and practical knowledge available in the community and region
- To motivate and prepare students for natural calamities, disasters, epidemics, draught and other large scale calamities

Motto of NSS

The motto or watchword of the National Service Scheme is : 'NOT ME BUT YOU'. The motto of NSS Unit

This reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for selfless service and appreciation of the other person's point of view and also to show consideration for fellow human beings. It underlines that the welfare of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of society on the whole. Therefore, it should be the aim of the NSS to demonstrate this motto in its day-to-day programme.

NSS SYMBOL

The symbol of the National Service Scheme, as appearing on the cover page of this Manual is based on the 'Rath' wheel of the Konark Sun Temple situated in Orissa. These giant wheels of the Sun Temple portray the cycle of creation, preservation and release, and signify the movement in life across time and space. The design of the symbol, a simplified form of the Sun-chariot wheel primarily depicts movement. The wheel signifies the progressive cycle of life. It stands for continuity as well as change and implies the continuous striving of NSS for social transformation and upliftment.

NSS BADGE



The NSS Badge Proud to Serve the Nation:



All the youth volunteers who opt to serve the nation through the NSS led community service wear the NSS badge with pride and a sense of responsibility towards helping needy. The Konark wheel in the NSS badge having 8 bars signifies the 24 hours of a the day, reminding the wearer to be ready for the service of the nation round the clock i.e. for 24 hours. Red colour in the badge signifies energy and spirit displayed by the NSS volunteers. The Blue colour signifies the cosmos of which the NSS is a tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare of the mankind.A

NSS DAY

NSS was formally launched on 24th September, 1969, the birth centenary year of the Father of the Nation. Therefore, 24 September is celebrated every year as NSS Day with appropriate programmes and activities.

NSS SONG

During Silver Jubilee Year the NSS theme song has been composed. All NSS volunteers are expected to learn the theme song and sing the song during NSS programmes and celebrations.

Regular activities of the Unit:

- Orientation Programme
- Tree Plantation Programme
- Fund Collection for Blind

- Blood donation camp
- Cloth and Kit distribution in slum area
- Aids awareness programme
- One day camp
- Participation in independence Day celebration, Republic Day Celebration, Teachers' Day Celebration, Rallies for awareness etc.
- Participation in university and state level shibirs.
- One week Camp
- Lectures for enrichment of thoughts.
- Programmes for general awareness

Function of the Unit:

1. To enroll interested students as N.S.S. volunteers.
2. To prepare yearly schedule of the N.S.S. Unit activities.
3. To arrange N.S.S. camps.
4. To make students aware of their social and civil responsibilities.
5. To arrange various social, patriotic and national integrity programmes.
6. To collect funds for the victims of calamities or for the blind.
7. To arrange visit to renowned social service centers.

Rules and regulation to join the Unit:

1. The convener will function as the head of the committee
2. The other member will work as per the instruction issued by the convener.
3. The committee will prepare the final report of the activities along with the necessary documents.
4. The committee will prepare a rough sketch of the proposed activities at the beginning of an academic year.
5. The convener is empowered to take final decision regarding activities of the committee.
6. The committee will arrange minimum five programmes during an academic year.