

# **NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The national service scheme, popularly known as NSS is a student youth programme for the Degree and +2 students enrolled in the institution affiliated to any University/CHSE. Since the total allotment of volunteers has link with planning, the scheme is not open to all, but it is for some selected students of the institution having social service bent in mind. It is the central Government sponsored scheme operating in the affiliated colleges of the Universities/CHSE in collaboration with the state Government.

## **Spirit behind the scheme**

The Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi emphasized the social responsibilities of the students and has declared that the amount spent for the study of students is not only met from the tuition fees they pay, but quite a large share is met from the state exchequer, paid by the millions of poor people.

“Therefore the first duty of the students should be not to treat their period of study as one of the opportunities for indulgence in intellectual luxury, but for preparing themselves for the final dedication in the service of those on whose back they are residing today”

Hence Gandhiji was planning to “form a living contact with the community”, through educational system.

A number of educational thinkers have observed that the present formal educational system introduced in schools and colleges helps an individual in broadening the knowledge and skill and provides opportunities for his/her livelihood. But it is never adequate in preparing the person for facing the real living situation outside the four walls of the class room.

## **Aim of NSS**

Personality Development of Volunteers through community service.

## **Objectives of NSS**

- ✓ Understanding the community in which they work.
- ✓ Understand themselves in relation to community.
- ✓ Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve in problem solving process.
- ✓ Develop among them a sense of civic and social responsibility.
- ✓ Utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems.
- ✓ Develop competence require for group living and sharing of responsibilities.
- ✓ Gain skills in mobilizing community participation.
- ✓ Acquire leadership quality and democratic attitude.
- ✓ Develop capacity to meet emergence and natural disasters.
- ✓ Practice National Integration and social harmony.

## **Motto of NSS: - “Not me But you”**

## **NSS Symbol**

The symbol of NSS is based on the chariot wheel of Konark Sun Temple situated in Odisha. 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 symbol, a simplified form of the sun-chariot wheel stands for continuity as well as change and implies the continuous striving of NSS for social transformation and upliftment.

## **NSS Badge**

The NSS symbol is embossed on the NSS badge the NSS volunteers wear it. While undertaking and program of community service Konark wheel in the symbol has eight bars, which represent the 24 hours of the day. Hence, the badge reminds the wearer to be in readiness for the service of the nation round the clock i.e. for 24 hours. The red colour in the badge indicates that NSS Volunteers are full of blood i.e. lively, active, energetic and full of high spirit. The Navy Blue colour indicates the cosmos of which the NSS is a tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare for the mankind.

## **NSS Day**

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

## **Aim of NSS Programmes/Activities**

- i. Making education more relevant to meet the felt needs of the community.
- ii. Volunteers' involvement in planning and executing the development projects which will improve the quality of life in the community.
- iii. Encouraging the students and non-student's youth to work together in a rural area.
- iv. Developing qualities of leadership.
- v. Emphasizing dignity of labour and self-help.
- vi. Promote National integration.

## **Classification of NSS Programme**

NSS activities have been classified in to two major groups: -

### **A) Regular NSS activities**

Students undertake various activities in the Adopted villages, college/school campus and urban slums during weekends or after college hours.

### **B) Special Camping Programme**

Camps of 7 days' duration are organized in adopted villages/urban slums during vacations with some specific project by involving local community. 50% enrollment of NSS volunteers is expected to participate these camps.

## **NSS Regular Activities**

The volunteers undertake various activities in adopted villages and urban slums for community service. They should put in 120hours service such as:

- i. Orientation of NSS volunteers-20 hours  
(lectures, discussion, field visit, audio-visuals)
- ii. Campus work/project involved in the projects for benefit of institution and college students-30 hours
- iii. Community service in adopted villages/urban slums-70 hours

#### **a. Institutional work:**

The students may be placed with selected voluntary organization working for the welfare of women, children, aged and disabled outside the campus.

#### **b. Rural Project:**

The rural projects generally include the working of NSS volunteers in adopted villages for eradication of illiteracy, involvement in watershed management and wasteland development, agricultural operations, health, nutrition, hygiene, sanitation, mother and child care, family life education, gender justice, development of rural co-operatives, saving drives, construction of rural roads, campaign against social evils etc.

### **c. Urban Project:**

In addition to rural projects other include adult education, welfare of slum dwellers, training in civil defence, traffic control, setting up first-aid posts, work in hospitals, orphanages, destitute home, environment, population education, drug, AIDS awareness, and income generation projects, Professional and technical generation projects etc. Professional and technical institutes having NSS may have to design appropriate programmes for the community based on needs.

### **d. Natural calamities and National Emergencies:**

The NSS units are expected to utilize the services of NSS volunteers at the time of natural calamities and national emergencies for mobilizing public support and rendering necessary assistance to the authorities in rescue, relief and rehabilitation. In such emergencies and calamities the Programme Officers are expected to take initiative and offer the services of the NSS units and its volunteers to assist the administration.

### **e. National Days Celebrations:**

The National service Scheme programmes also include the celebration of National days. The purpose of such a provision is to celebrate such occasions in a benefitting manner.

## **Special Camping Programme**

Special camping provides a unique opportunity to the students for group living, collective experience sharing and constant interaction with community. Special camping is organized generally on National important issues. Every year 50% of the volunteers of each NSS unit are expected to participate in special camps that of 07 days' duration.

## **Objectives of Special Camping Programme**

- i. Making education more relevant to the present situation to meet the felt needs of the communities. Realize the community situation.
- ii. To provide opportunities to students to play an important role in the implementation of various development programme by planning and executing the development projects, which will create durable assets in the community as well as improvement of the conditions of weaker section in the community.

- iii. Encouraging the students and non-student's youth to work along with the adults in rural areas thereby developing their character, social consciousness and commitment, discipline, healthy and helpful attitude towards the community.
- iv. Building of potential youth leaders by exploring the latent potential among the campers.
- v. Emphasizing the dignity of labour and self-help and the need for combining physical work with intellectual pursuits.
- vi. Encouraging the youth to participate in the process of national development and promoting National Integration through democratic living and cooperative action.

### **Incentive(s) to the NSS Volunteers**

- i. The NSS volunteers may get appropriate weightage if he/she completes 2 years in NSS and gets the certificate signed by the vice-chancellor of the university.
- ii. Universities may give preference to such NSS volunteers in matters of admission, promotion and other privileges as decided by them.
- iii. NSS volunteers should be honored at university level for their excellent and outstanding work in NSS. The universities may prepare guidelines for such incentives.
- iv. The states may also give state level/university level awards for outstanding NSS volunteers.
- v. NSS volunteers may be nominated for Indira Gandhi award at National Level.

## **NSS At Government college of Engineering, Keonjhar**

Currently Government college of Engineering, Keonjhar has two NSS units.

1. Male unit
2. Female unit

Each unit has more than 50 volunteers taking part in various activities. Each unit functions under a member of teaching faculty who is known as Programme Officer. Programme Officer is responsible for implementation of NSS programme in the college.

Currently the Programme Officers in charge of NSS units are as follows:

NSS Unit	Programme Officer
Male Unit	Er. Debasish Mohanta
Female Unit	Mrs. Subidita Nanda

## **NSS Activities Conducted in the academic year 2018-19**

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**ACTIVITY: Special Camp on RathaYatra**

**DATE:** 14-07-2018 to 20-07-2018

**VENUE:** Near Baldevjew Temple, Old town, Keonjhar

N.S.S. unit of Government College of Engineering, Keonjhar has organised the special camp from 14-07-2018 to 20-07-2018.

Major Activities Undertaken during Special camp are:-

- i. Crowd Management during Ratha Yatra
- ii. Distribution of water
- iii. Awareness on Swachha Bharat Abhiyan
- iv. Cleaning activities after Yatra
- v. Awareness on plastic ban

### **Glimpse of the Activity**















## 2. Regular NSS Activities

### a. ACTIVITY: **TREE PLANTATION**

DATE: 26-08-2018

TIME: 10:00A.M.-1:30P.M.

VENUE: College Campus

### **Glimpse of the Activity**







b. **ACTIVITY: FUND COLLECTION**

DATE: 28-08-2018

TIME: 10:00A.M.-1:30P.M.

VENUE: College Campus and market place, Keonjhar

**Glimpse of the Activity**















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Principal Secretary(Finance)  
Treasurer  
Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund

Thiruvananthapuram  
30-08-2018

c. **ACTIVITY: CELEBRATION OF NSS DAY**

DATE: 24-09-2018

TIME: 11:00A.M.-1:30P.M.

VENUE: Jonstoneganj, Nuagaon and BhataSahi Primary School, Keonjhar

**Glimpse of the Activity**





