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## NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) POLICY

### Introduction:

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a Central Sector Scheme of Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It provides opportunity to the student youth Graduate & Post Graduate at colleges and University level of India to take part in various government led community service activities & programmes. The sole aim of the NSS is to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service. The role of NSS has been appreciated in National Education Policy and proposed that every student is expected to participate either in NSS or NCC.

### Objectives:

#### The broad objectives of NSS are to:

- i. understand the community in which they work
- ii. understand themselves in relation to their community;
- iii. identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving process;
- iv. develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility;
- v. utilize their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems;
- vi. develop competence required for group living and sharing of responsibilities;
- vii. gain skills in mobilizing community participation;
- viii. acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude;
- ix. develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters and
- x. practice national integration and social harmony.

**The Motto:** 'NOT ME BUT YOU'.



**NSS Symbol:**

The symbol of the National Service Scheme 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.

**NSS Badge:**

- 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 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..

**Aims of NSS Programmes/Activities:**

The operational aim of NSS is to integrate the three basic components of the programme. NSS programme should provide a variety of learning experiences which must develop a sense of participation, service and achievement among the volunteers.

The activities should aim at the following:-

- i. Making education more relevant to the present situation to meet the felt needs of the community and supplementing the education of university/college students by bringing them face-to-face with rural situations.
- ii. Providing opportunities for students to play their role in planning and executing development projects, which would not only help create durable community assets in rural areas and urban slums but also result in the improvement of the quality of life of economically and socially weaker sections of the community.
- iii. Encouraging both students and non-students to work together with adults in rural areas.
- iv. Developing leadership qualities by discovering latent potential among campers, both students and local youth (rural and urban), with the view to involving them more



intimately in the development program and ensuring proper maintenance of the assets created during the camps.

- v. Emphasizing the dignity of labor and self-help, and the need to combine physical work with intellectual pursuits.
- vi. Encouraging youth to participate enthusiastically in the process of national development and promoting national integration through corporate living and cooperative action.

#### **NSS Committee:**

To ensure that the above objectives are attained and to promote the participation of volunteers in NSS related activities, NSS committee has been set up by the department.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Position in committee</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Faculty</b>	<b>Programme Officer (PO)- 1 PO for unit of 100 students</b>

#### **Functional Responsibilities of all committee Members/ Programme Officer (POs):**

- Any NSS events will be planned in association with other committees.
- The committee is therefore entrusted with the planning and scheduling of community activities for the academic year. (Tentative dates to be included in the academic calendar of the college.)
- The Coordinator of the committee shall conduct informal meetings at regular intervals to discuss and allocate tasks.
- The committee needs to prepare the annual budget/individual event budget, keeping in mind the various events to be held over the course of the academic year.
- The committee would have to submit the bills and invoices for all expenditures involved to the accounts section.
- The committee is responsible for communicating the report for uploading on college website or arranging for press release.
- Every PO to maintain their NSS Unit event records(Name of Event, Date, Hours and No. of Participants) along with Student details per event, section wise and semester wise



- Every PO to ensure that students in their allocated NSS Unit maintains hourly records meticulously. Every PO has been allocated 100 students
- For seeking 2 credits as per new syllabus, every student of NSS Unit to complete 240 hours in total(120 hours in first year + 120 hours in second year)

### **Benefits of Being an NSS Volunteer:**

A NSS volunteer who takes part in the community service programme would either be a college level or a senior secondary level student. Being an active member these student volunteers would have the exposure and experience to be the following:

- an accomplished social leader
- an efficient administrator
- a person who understands human nature

### **National Service Scheme Award**

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India had instituted the National Service Scheme Awards to recognize the voluntary service rendered by NSS volunteers, Programme Officers, N.S.S. units and the university/senior secondary council.

These awards were instituted in the year 1993-1994. Since then, these awards are given away every year at various Levels. The details of these awards are as follows:-

<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>No. of Awards</b>	<b>Value of each award</b>
1.	University/+2 Council First Award	1	Rs. 5,00,000/-
2.	Upcoming University Second Award	1	Rs. 3,00,000/-
3.	Programme Officer	10	Rs. 1,50,000/-
4.	NSS Unit	10	Rs. 2,00,000/-
5.	NSS Volunteer	30	Rs. 1,00,000/-

### **College Awards for NSS:**

- Best NSS Volunteer award- Boys.
- Best NSS Volunteer award- Girls.

(Individual Best Volunteer is declared on total hours spent by the Volunteer)

