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NSS – BASIC CONCEPTS

The overall aim of National Service Scheme as envisaged earlier, is to give an extension dimension to the higher education system and orient the student youth to community service while they are studying in educational institution. The reason for the formulation of this objective is the general realization that the college and +2 level students have a tendency to get alienated from the village/slum masses which constitute the majority of the population of the country. The educated youth who are expected to take the reins of administration in future are found to be unaware of the problems of the village/slum community and in certain cases are indifferent towards their needs and problems. Therefore, it is necessary to arouse the social conscience of the students, and to provide them an opportunity to work with the people in the villages and slums. It is felt that their interaction with the common villagers and slum dwellers will expose them to the realities of life and bring about a change in their social perception.

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

The motto or watchword of the National Service Scheme is: **'NOT ME BUT YOU'**. 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 PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

BASIC CONCEPTS AND COMPONENTS

The National Service Scheme was started to establish a meaningful linkage between the campus and the community. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, had recognized that the country could not progress in a desired direction until the student youth were motivated to work for the upliftment of the villages/community. For Gandhiji the villages, where majority of the population lived, represent the country i.e., India. Therefore, for the national reconstruction and national resurgence it was deemed fit that the students and teachers should be properly sensitized and utilized for strengthening the Indian society as a whole with particular emphasis on rural community. Therefore, student youth, teachers and the community are considered the three basic components of the National Service Scheme.



NSS Programme Officer

The Programme Officer, who is a member of the teaching faculty provides necessary leadership to the youth/NSS students. The teacher/NSS programme officer has the professional knowledge and skills. He/she is also a representative of the school/college and the educated elite and knows the needs and aspirations of student youth. Further he/she is expected to be a role model of the values and the norms of the institution and the society as a whole. Therefore, he/she is the fittest person to provide necessary lead to the students in developing their personality through community service. In fact, the Programme Officer is a friend, philosopher and guide to the students in achieving this goal.

NSS Volunteer

The NSS volunteer, who is a college/+2 level student is the main beneficiary of the programme by way of development of his/her perception about the community, his/her skill to perform certain jobs, and develop quality of a leader, organiser, and an administrator and development of his/her personality as a whole. Through NSS, he/she gets opportunities to see the community closely and thus gets an experience of human nature in relation to his/her environment. This is how the NSS programme aims to make NSS student youth better citizens through “Development of their personality through Community Service”.

Community

The community provides NSS volunteer the first-hand knowledge of living conditions of masses to the NSS volunteers and thus, the process of mutual learning starts. The interaction of community with students and teachers while on one hand enrich the personality of student volunteers and on the other hand help the community to improve its living conditions.

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 supplement the education of the university/college students by bringing them face to face with the rural situation;
- (ii) Providing opportunities to the students to play their role in planning and executing development projects which would not only help in creating durable community assets in rural areas and urban slums but also results in the improvement of quality of life of the economically and socially weaker sections of the community;
- (iii) Encouraging students and non-students to work together along with the adults in rural areas;
- (iv) Developing qualities of leadership by discovering the latent potential among the campers, both students as well as local youth (Rural and Urban), with a view to involve them more intimately in the development programme and also to ensure proper maintenance of the assets created during the camps;
- (v) Emphasizing dignity of labour and self-help and the need for combining physical work with intellectual pursuits;
- (vi) Encouraging youth to participate enthusiastically in the process of national development and promote national integration, through corporate living and cooperative action.

While undertaking these activities, each NSS unit should envisage its programmes/activities aimed at instilling discipline, building character, promotion of physical fitness and development of culture.

Campus Work by NSS Unit

The NSS volunteers may be involved in the projects undertaken for the benefit of the institution and students concerned. Such projects cover development of play grounds, laying of gardens, tree plantation in the premises, awareness programmes on drug-abuse, AIDS, population education and other projects. The



NSS volunteers may work on campus projects for not exceeding 30 hours in a year.

Rural Project by NSS Unit

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

Natural calamities & 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 the initiative and offer the services of the NSS units and its volunteers to assist the administration. For further details please see page No.23 of the Manual.

National Days and 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 befitting manner. List of important days and weeks to be celebrated at institutional level are given in Academic Calendar of Department of Science and Technology.

National Programmes

In the development perspective of any nation, certain programmes assume special relevance in view of problems existing or anticipated. In our country, three such programmes have been launched. They are the Mass Programme of **Functional Literacy, AIDS Awareness Programme and Sustainable**



Development with emphasis on Watershed Management & Wasteland Development. It is pertinent to mention here that NSS Volunteers have come forward with zeal to make these programmes a great success.

BIO DATA OF VOLUNTEER

1. Name -----
2. Date of Birth -----
3. Class in which studying -----
4. Residential Address -----

5. Year of joining NSS -----
6. NSS Group No. -----
7. Father/Guardian's name -----
8. Occupation -----
9. Address -----

10. Blood Group of the student -----

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Signature of the Programme Officer

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Signature of the Volunteer



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR NSS STUDENTS

- (i) All volunteers shall work under the guidance of a group leader nominated by the Programme Officer.
- (ii) They shall make themselves worthy of the confidence and cooperation of the group/community leadership.
- (iii) They shall scrupulously avoid entering into any controversial issue.
- (IV) They shall keep day-to-day record of their activities/experience in the enclosed pages of the diary and submit to the Group Leader/Programme Officer for periodic guidance.