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Extra-Curricular Activity



National Service Scheme

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 of 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.

In India, the idea of involving students in the task of national service dates back to the times of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. On September 24, 1969, the then Union Education Minister Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao, launched the NSS programme in 37 universities covering all States and simultaneously requested the Chief Ministers of States for their cooperation and help. It was appropriate that the programme was started during the Gandhi Centenary Year as it was Gandhi Ji who inspired the Indian youth to participate in the movement for India's independence and the social upliftment of the downtrodden masses of our nation. The scheme now extends to all the states/Union Territories and universities in the country and covers Councils of +2 level in the country also in many states. Students, teachers, guardians, persons in authority in government, universities and colleges/schools and the people in general now realize the need and significance of NSS. It has aroused among the student youth an awareness of the realities of life, a better understanding and appreciation of the problems of the people. NSS is, thus, a concrete attempt in making campus relevant to the needs of the community.

The main objectives of National Service Scheme (NSS) are :

- 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
- iv. develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility
- v. utilise their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems

- vi. develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities
- vii. gain skills in mobilising community participation
- viii. acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitudes
- ix. develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters and
- x. practise national integration and social harmony

Motto:

The Motto of NSS "Not Me But You", reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for self-less service. NSS helps the students' development & appreciation to other person's point of view and also show consideration towards other living beings. The philosophy of the NSS is a good doctrine in this motto, which underlines on the belief that the welfare of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of the society as a whole and therefore, the NSS volunteers shall strive for the well-being of the society.

NSS Logo:

The logo for the NSS has been based on the giant Rath Wheel of the world famous Konark Sun Temple (The Black Pagoda) situated in Orissa, India. The Red & Blue colors contained in the logo motivate the NSS Volunteers to be active & energetic for the nation-building social activities. The wheel portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release and signifies the movement in life across time and space, The wheel thus stands for continuity as well as change and implies the continuous striving of NSS for social change.

NSS functioning in the College:

The NSS department of the college is looked after by three Program Officers. Each year, more than 250 students enroll in NSS. Various activities such as medical check -up, blood donation, tree plantation, road safety awareness, health awareness etc. are held n the college by the NSS department. Similarly, one week residential camp is held by the department in the nearby village.

Glimpses of year mark programmes:

Special Residential Camp



Camp Activities



Cleanliness Drive



Activity at Campus



Tree Plantation



Rally



Street Plays



Social Awareness

