

PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME POLICY

INTRODUCTION :-

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is an Indian government-sponsored public service program conducted by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India. Popularly known as NSS, the scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Centenary year, 1969. Aimed at developing student's personality through community service, NSS is a voluntary association of young people in Colleges & Universities for a campus-community linkage. The basic principle of the NSS programme is that it is organized by the students themselves, and both students and teachers through their combined participation in community service, get a sense of involvement in the tasks of nation building.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME :-

The objective of the National Service Scheme is "development of the personality of students through community service". This objective is sought to be achieved by enabling the students to work in community. The programme aims to inculcate social welfare in students, and to provide service to society without bias. NSS volunteers work to ensure that everyone who is needy gets help to enhance their standard of living and lead a life of dignity. In doing so, volunteers learn from people in villages how to lead a good life despite a scarcity of resources. It also provides help in natural and man-made disasters by providing food, clothing and first aid to the disaster victims.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) ARE :-

- To enable the students to understand the community in which they work;
- To understand themselves in relation to their community;
- To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving Process;
- To develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility;
- To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems;
- To develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities;
- To Gain skills in mobilizing community participation;
- To acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude;
- To develop capacity to meet emergencies and national disasters;
- To practice national integration and social harmony.

MOTTO OF NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME:-

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 develop appreciation to other person's point of view and also show consideration to other living beings. The philosophy of the NSS is well doctrine in this motto, which underlines/on the

belief that the welfare of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of the society on the whole and therefore, the NSS volunteers of People's University shall strive for the well-being of the society.

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.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME:-

Regular NSS activities which shall be conducted by the NSS unit of University:

- Blood donation camps
- Immunization/Health camps/ First Aid Training Programmes
- Reconstruction/Repair of Roads
- Environment/Waster land development and conservation
- Literacy/Educational Programme
- Celebration of important days
- Activities during emergencies such as flood, war earthquake, Tsunami etc
- National Integration/Communal Harmony Programmes
- Work in Hospitals/Orphanages/ Destitute Homes
- Programmes for Women
- Awareness camps on drug Abuse/AIDS (UTA)/HIV.
- Adoption of villages
- Construction and repair of roads
- Forestation
- Plastics eradication
- Eye donation
- Tree plantation
- Traffic Awareness

Who can enroll: Any person who is enrolled as a regular student in any undergraduate courses of the University. As soon as the student secures admission in any constituent unit of People's University he/she is eligible to get enrolled in NSS as a volunteer.

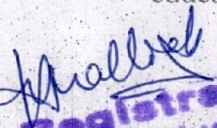
Whom to contact: An NSS incharge of the constituent institution is designated as NSS programme officer.

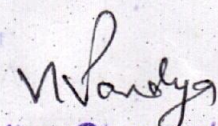
What are the formalities: A student who wants to join NSS his/her to fill a enrolment form which is supplied by the institution where he / she is studying.

ADOPTION OF VILLAGE:-

Adoption of a village and area is a very meaningful programme in NSS. To start with the NSS Unit can take the help of the Block Authorities, District Panchayat Officer, District Tribal Welfare Officer, D.M.O. and D.H.C. and District Agriculture, Irrigation and Education Officers for the selection of the village. It is to be noted that the village selected should be within a short distance from the college so that there could be constant touch with it.

In the adopted village the programme prepared should cater for better agricultural, educational, socio-medical and health-care and awareness among the villagers.


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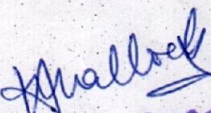

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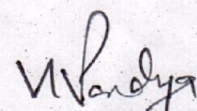
Thus the village adoption programme could be carried out by the following three combinations:

- Programme which can be taken up without NSS resources.
- Programme requiring joint efforts of NSS volunteers and villagers.

ORGANISATION OF CAMPS:-

- Each camp will have 1-2 teachers and 2-5 student leaders who will work as camp organizers / work supervisors. Each camp may consist of a minimum of 40 and maximum of 50 participants depending upon local needs.
- Active participation of local student and non-student youth (up to 10 percent of the camp strength) may be ensured. This can be done through suitable cultural and educational programmes; through dance, drama, music etc. undertaken in the evenings in cooperation with the local peoples.
- Project Work:
 - The projects should be selected as per the guidelines, after identifying the needs of the village / slum. No project should be undertaken, which is irrelevant to the needs of the village / slum.
 - The project should be approved by the competent authority to avoid conflict at later states.
 - The availability of the materials / equipments and technical advice may be ensured in advance for the success of the project.
 - All efforts should be made to complete the project during the camp period itself. Every precaution should be taken not to leave the project incomplete.
- Benefit of Students / NSS volunteers:
 - Personality Development
 - Incentive
 - Preference in Admission / Employment
- National Integration camp, Adventure Programme, State level as well as National Level programme
 - It helps in acquiring leadership qualities and democratic attitude
 - It provides diversified opportunities to students in colleges and universities to develop their personality through community service.
 - It develops a sense of involvement in the task of nation building
 - Volunteer's interaction with the slum dwellers and villagers expose them to the realities of life and bring about a change in their social perception.
 - It helps in developing positive attitude, self confidence, courage & patience.
 - It helps in developing his / her skill to perform certain jobs, quality of an organizer, an administrator and development of personality as a whole.
 - He / she gets opportunities to see the community closely and thus gets an experience of human nature in relation to his / her environment.
 - Gets the opportunity to meet the people from different walks of life.
 - He/she gets the opportunity to participate in various National / State level programme such as National Integration, Motivational Camps, value oriented self development camps, Adventure camps, workshops, Youth exhibition, cultural programmes etc.


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