

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Introduction

National Service Scheme (NSS) is a Nobel experiment in academic expansion. It inculcates the spirit of voluntary work among the students and teachers through sustained community interactions. It brings our academic institutions closer to society. It shows how to combine knowledge and action to achieve results, which are desirable for community development. NSS is a permanent student youth programme of the Govt. of India and the expenditure is shared by the Central & State Governments in the ratio 7:5.

History and Growth of NSS

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. He suggested that instead of undertaking academic research about economic and social disability, the students should do “Something positive so that the life of the villagers might be raised to a higher material and moral level”.

During the year 1950, the University Grants Commission headed by Dr.Radhakrishnan recommended introduction of national service in the academic institutions on a voluntary basis with a view to developing healthy contacts between the students and teachers on the one hand and establishing a constructive linkage between the campus and the community on the other hand.

In the draft First Five Year Plan adopted by the Government of India in 1952, the need for social and labour service for students for one year was further stressed.

In 1958, the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru mooted the idea of having social service as a prerequisite for graduation.

In 1959, a draft outline of the scheme was placed before the Education Minister’s Conference. The Conference was unanimous about the urgent need for trying out a workable scheme for national service.

A National Service Committee was appointed under the Chairmanship of Dr.C.D.Deshmukh on August 28, 1959 to make concrete suggestions that national service for a period of nine months to a year may be made compulsory for all students completing high school education and intending to enroll themselves in a college or a university.

In 1960, Prof.K.G.Saiyidain studied national service by students implemented in several countries of the world and submitted his report under the title “National Service for the Youth” to the Government with a number of recommendations as to what could be done in India to develop a feasible scheme of social service by students.

The Education Commission headed by Dr.D.S.Kothari (1964-66) recommended that students at all stages of education should be associated with some form of social service. This was taken into account by the State Education Ministers during their conference in April 1967 and they recommended that at the university stage, students could be permitted to join the National Cadet Corps (NCC) which was already in existence on a voluntary basis and an alternative to this could be offered to them in the form of a new programme called the National Service Scheme (NSS).

In May, 1969, a conference of the students representatives of the universities and institutions of higher learning convened by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission also unanimously declared that national service could be a powerful instrument for national integration. It could be used to introduce urban students to rural life.

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.

Aims/Objectives

The overall objective of NSS is “**Personality development of the students through community service**”.

Broad Objectives

- Understand the community in which they work
- Understand themselves in relation to their community
- Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving process
- Develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility
- Utilize their knowledge in finding practical solution to individual and community problems
- Develop competence required for group living and sharing of responsibilities
- Gain skills in mobilizing community participation
- Acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitude
- Develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters
- Practice national integration and social harmony

ABOUT

Basic Concepts of NSS

The overall aim of National Service Scheme 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.

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 Symbol



The symbol of the National Service Scheme is based on the 'Rath' wheel of the Konarak 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. The design of the symbol, a simplified form of the Sun-chariot wheel primarily depicts movement.

The wheel signifies the progressive cycle of life. It 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 any programme of community service. The 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 service of the nation round the clock i.e. for 24 hours. The Red colour in the badge indicates that the 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 of the mankind.

NSS Day

NSS was formally launched on 24th September, 1969, the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhiji, the Father of Nation. Therefore, 24th September is celebrated every year as NSS Day with appropriate programmes and activities.

Classification of NSS Programme

NSS activities have been divided in two major groups:

1. Regular NSS Activity

Under this, students undertake various programmes in the adopted villages, college campuses and urban slums during weekends or after college hours.

2. Special Camping Programme

Under this, camps of 7 days duration are organised in adopted villages or urban slums during vacations with some specific projects by involving local communities. 50% NSS volunteers, i.e. 50 NSS Volunteers per NSS Unit, are involved in these camps.

Release of Grants

The grants released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India and Government of Tamil Nadu through the State NSS Cell, shall be made available to the NSS Units organising the camp before the camp actually starts. The university will release the grant

admissible to the NSS Unit subject to the conditions of submission of proper accounts by the NSS Unit.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- January 1-7 Road Safety Week
- January 12 National Youth Day (Birthday of Swami Vivekananda)
- January 25 National Voter's Day
- January 26 Republic Day
- January 30 Anti-terrorism Day
- March 8 International Women's Day
- April 7 World Health Day
- May 21 Anti-terrorism Day
- May 31 World No Tobacco Day
- June 5 World Environment Day
- June 14th Observation of Blood Donor's day
- June 21st Observation of International day of Yoga
- June 26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- July 8-14 International Literacy Week
- July 11 World Population Day
- August 1-7 World Breast Feeding Week
- August 12th International Youth Day
- August 15 Independence Day
- August 20 Sadbhavana Diwas (Communal Harmony Day)
- September 1st to 7th Celebration of the National Nutrition week

- September 5 Teachers' Day
- September 8 International Literacy Day
- September 15 International Peace Day
- September 24 NSS Day
- October 1 National Blood Donation Day
- October 2 Gandhi Jayanthi
- October 11 World Sight Day
- October 15 Youth Awakening Day
- November 19 National Integration Day
- December 1 World AIDS Day
- December 7 Armed Forces Flag Day
- December 10 World Human Rights Day

COMMITTEE
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24	Dr.S.Rajaram	Member Secretary

	Programme Co-ordinator- NSS	
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DETAILS OF NSS UNITS

S .No	Name of the Institutions/Colleges	No. of Units	NSS Unit Nos.
1	Alagappa University Karaikudi	4	1,2,3,4
2	Alagappa Govt. Arts College, Karaikudi.	4	5,6,7,8
3	Govt. Arts College for Women, Sivagangai	2	9,10
4	R.D. Govt. Arts College, Sivagangai.	4	11,12,13,14
5	VSS Govt. Arts College, Pulankurichi.	1	15

6	Govt. Arts College, Paramakudi.	4	16,17,18,19
7	Govt. Arts College for Women, Ramanathapuram	2	20,21
8	Sethupathi Govt. Arts College, Ramanathapuram	4	22,23,24,25
9	Pasumpon Thiru Muthuramalinga Thevar Memorial College, Kamuthi.	3	26,27,28
10	Govt. Arts and Science college, Thiruvadanai	1	29
11	Govt. Arts and Science College, Mudukulathur	1	30
12	Govt. Arts and Science College, Kadaladi	1	31
13	Arumugampillai Seethaiammal College, Tirupattur	4	32,33,34,35
14	Dr.Zakir Husain College, Ilayangudi.	4	36,37,38,39
15	Seethalakshi Achi College for Women, Pallathur.	4	40,41,42,43
16	Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai.	3	44,45,46
17	Ramasamy Tamil College, Karaikudi.	1	47
18	Matha College of Arts and Science, Manamadurai.	2	48,49
19	Sri Sarathaniketan College for Women, Amaravathipudur.	3	50,51,52
20	Madurai Sivakasi Nadar's Pioneer Meenakshi College for Women, Poovanthi.	3	53,54,55
21	Idhaya College for Women, Sarugani.	4	56,57,58,59
22	Ananda College, Devakottai.	3	60,61,62
23	Dr. Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi	2	63,64
24	Sonai Meenal Arts and Science College, Mudukulathur.	2	65,66
25	Syed Hameedha Arts and Science College, Kilakarai.	3	67,68,69
26	Thassim Beevi Abdul Kader College for Women, Kilakarai.	4	70,71,72,73
27	Caussanel College of Arts and Science, Muthupettai, Ramanathapuram	2	74,75
28	Syed Ammal College of Arts and Science, Ramanathapuram	2	76,77
29	Thiyagi Dharmakkan Amirtham College of Arts and Science, Kannirajapuram	1	78
30	Nachiappa Swamigal Arts and Science college, Koviloor	1	79
31	Singai Sithar Ayya College arts and science, A.Thekkur	1	80

32	Alagappa University Evening College, Paramakudi.	2	81,82
33	Alagappa University Evening College, Thondi.	1	83
34	Alagappa University, Evening College, Ramanathapuram	1	84
35	Alagappa University Evening College, Rameswaram.	1	85
36	Alagappa University, Evening College, Thirupuvanam	1	86
37	Alagappa University Arts & Science College, Paramakudi	2	87,88
	Total	88	

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2. Government Hospital , Sivagangai.
3. HDFC Bank, Karaikudi.
4. Aditthya Hospitals, Karaikudi.
5. Appollo Reach Hospitals, Karaikudi.
6. Annai Sri Parvathi Trust, Karaikudi.
7. Lions Club, Karaikudi.
8. Rotary Club, Karaikudi.

UNIVERSITY LEVEL ACTIVITIES

- International Day of Yoga Celebrate on 21.06.2015.
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26.06.2015
- Communal Harmony Day on 20.08.2015
- Science Exhibition on 01.09.2015
- Gandhi Jayanthi & International Non-Violence Day on 02.10.2015

- Youth Awakening Day on 15.10.2015
- Constitution Day on 26.11.2015
- World AIDS Day on 01.12.2015
- Blood Donation Camp on 11.12.2015



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA CELEBRATE ON 21.06.2015.



INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING on 26th JUNE 2015



COMMUNAL HARMONY DAY ON 20.08.2015



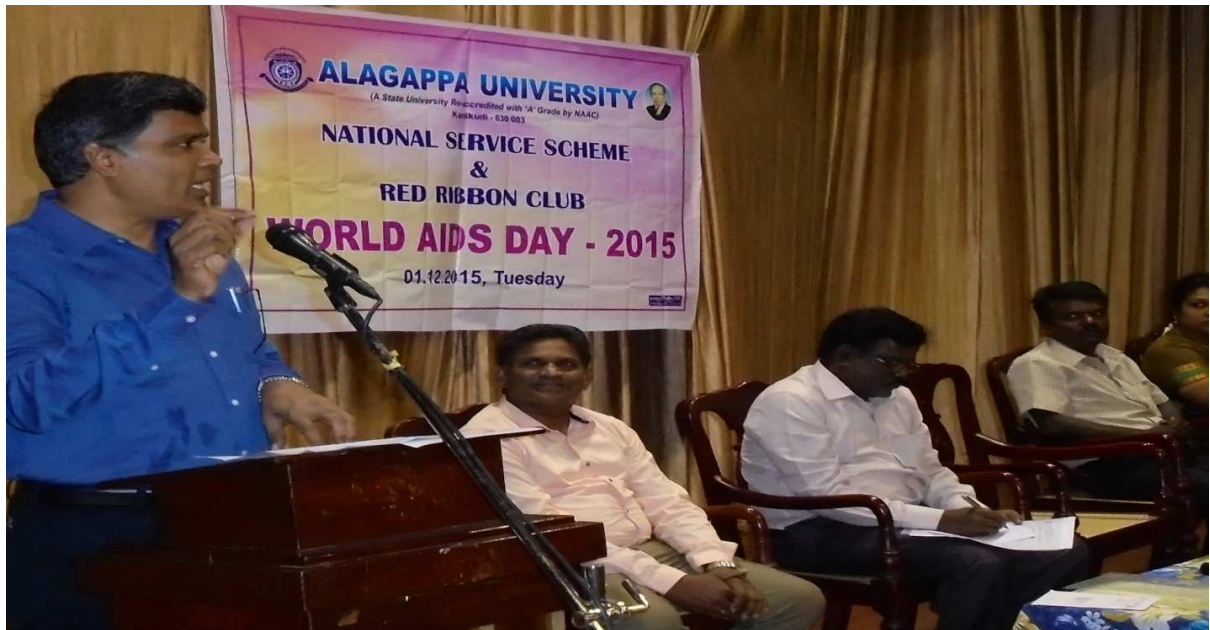
SCIENCE EXHIBITION ON 01.09.2015



GANDHI JAYANTHI & NON-VIOLENCE DAY ON 02.10.2015



CONSTITUTION DAY ON 26.11.2015



WORLD AIDS DAY ON 01.12.2015



BLOOD DONATION CAMP ON 11.12.2015

