

## **NSS: An Opportunity for Youth to Contribute for the Development of Nation**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a Central Sector Scheme of Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The main objective of NSS is to develop personality and character of student. NSS was launched in 1969.

**Motto:** The motto of National Service Scheme is **NOT ME BUT YOU.**

**NSS Badge –** The Konark wheel in the NSS badge with 8 bars denotes the 24 hours of the day. It means that NSS volunteer is ready to serve the nation for 24 hours of the day. Red colour in the badge indicates the energy and spirit of the NSS volunteers. Blue colour indicates the cosmos of which NSS is a little part.



**NSS Day-** Every year NSS day will be celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**NSS Activities** - The National Service Scheme (NSS) activities are of two types

Regular Activity

Special Camp-

**Regular Activity-** NSS volunteer expected to work for 120hours in a year to organize various activities such as tree plantation, blood donation camp, AIDS awareness, health check up, eye check up etc. Various days in a year are celebrated under the banner of regular activities such as National Voter Day, NSS Day, Anti drug Day, Youth Day etc. Apart from this various activities are conducted as per the guidelines of AICTE, UGC, DTE and University.

**Special Camp-** Every year 7 days residential camp will be organized in the adopted village by NSS unit of the institute. Various activities will be conducted for the benefits of the villagers and students though NSS special camp. Some of the activities are medical checkup camp, cleanliness campaign, anti-superstition awareness activities, voter registration campaign, women menstrual hygiene awareness activities, street play on social issues etc. Apart from these activities various guest session and personality development activities will be also organized for the overall development of the student.

NSS volunteers can also participate in following activities

**Adventure Program-** The adventure activities undertaken in these camps includes trekking of mountains, water rafting, Para-sailing and basic skiing.

**NSS Republic Day Parade Camp-** A Contingent of selected NSS volunteers participates in the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath, New Delhi on 26th of January every year in accordance with the guidelines and requisition of the Ministry of Defense.

**National Youth Festivals-** The Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in collaboration with the State Governments organizes National Youth festival every year in different parts of the country. NSS volunteers can participate and showcase their skills on national platform.

Overall, National Service Scheme (NSS) offers a platform for youth to utilize energy and skills to conduct constructive activities which are directly impacts the development and progress of the nation. NSS volunteers create a positive impact on the society and playing vital and meaningful role in the development of nation.

