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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)



The National Service Scheme was formally launched on 24th September, 1969 in India, the birth centenary year of the Father of the Nation. The students, teachers and the community are considered the three basic components of the National Service Scheme. Our girls' college is established in 1992. The Department of National Service Scheme is started in 1994 with 50 students and one programme officer. Department of NSS is smoothly functioning into two units, two programme officers with 150 students since 2021.

National Service Scheme (NSS) Committee

The National Service Scheme (NSS) Committee consisting of seven members for two units of 150 students is constituted to suggest measures for the effective and smooth governance of the programmes and extension activities as per well planned and documented process.

The present committee consists of

1. Dr. Sharad Sambare : Off. Principal/Chairman
2. Dr. Lalita Punnya : Programme Officer-01 (In-Charge)
3. Dr. Mahendrakumar Katre : Programme Officer-02
4. Dr. Suryakant Kapshikar : Member
5. Dr. Rashmi Narnaware : Member
6. Ms. Ragini Madavi : Student Representative (Arts)
7. Ms. Komal Kelwade : Student Representative (Commerce)

The NSS was started to establish a meaningful linkage between the campus and the community with broadly objectives as

- To develop an attitude to voluntarily serve the community among the young generation.
- To develop the quality of decent leadership.
- To create youths for the upliftment of the Society.
- To create the sense of unity, equality and universal brotherhood.
- To work for national development.
- To organize extension and outreach programs.

Apart from the following NSS manual of GoI- Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the college performs its activities as per the annual chalkedout program.

NSS Programme/Activities

The NSS activities have been divided in two major groups. These are regular NSS activities and special camping programme as

NSS Regular Activities

Under this, NSS volunteers undertake various activities in adopted villages and slums for community service. Duration of these services is 120 hours. The NSS units organize the regular activities as detailed below:

- **Orientation of NSS volunteers:** To get the NSS volunteers acquainted with the basics of NSS programmes, 20 hours are allocated for their orientation through lectures, discussions, field visits and audio-visuals etc.
- **Campus Work:** 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;

- **The remaining 70 hours** will be utilized for community service on the projects in adopted villages/urban slums independently or in collaboration with others in this field, as detailed below:
 - **Institutional work:** The students may be placed with selected voluntary organisations working for the welfare of women, children, aged and disabled outside the campus.
 - **Rural Project:** 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.
 - **Urban Projects:** In addition to rural projects other include adult education, welfare of slum dwellers, training in civil defence, traffic control, setting up first-aid posts, work in hospitals, orphanages, destitute home, environment, population education, drug, AIDS awareness, and income generation projects etc. Professional and technical institutions having NSS may have to design appropriate programmes for the community based on the needs.
 - **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.
 - **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. The list of important days and weeks to be celebrated at institutional level are given in Institutional-NSS annual Programmes.

Special Camping Programme

Under this, camps of 10 days duration are organized in adopted villages or urban slums during vacations with some specific projects by involving local communities. 50% NSS volunteers are expected to participate in these camps.

National Programmes

In the development perspective of any nation, certain programmes assumes 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.