

National Service Scheme (NSS), Government of India in collaboration with Indian Mountaineering Foundation, (IMF), apex body for mountaineering and land based adventure activities, designed adventure programme for National Service Scheme volunteers. In five phases about 1000 NSS volunteers will be participating in these adventure camps to be organized by Indian Mountaineering Foundation in collaboration with National level adventure Institutes viz. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering (Manali), Regional Mountaineering Centre (Dharamshala), Nehru Institute of Mountaineering (Uttarkashi), Regional water Sports Centre (Pong-dam), Himalayan Institute (Darjeeling). The first batch of 100 NSS volunteers drawn from Kerala, Maharashtra, Haryana, Nagaland and Mizoram will start their 10 day camp from 6th May 2009.

In a flag off function held on 5th May 2009 in Delhi, Major Ahluwalia, President, IMF addressing the volunteers from Kerala and Maharashtra impressed upon the youth the significance of adventure and its direct and indirect benefits in personality development. He shared his experiences in the world of adventure and said that the mountains have a lot to give to the humanity and therefore they should be respected and protected for the benefit of generations to come. He expressed his sincere appreciation to the National Service Scheme for understand the role of adventure in life of youth and for making IMF the coordinator for these camps.

Colonel Chauhan, Hony Secretary, IMF briefed the NSS volunteers about the facilities available in the Adventure Institutes and the schedule to be followed by them during the 10 day camp. The NSS volunteers expressed their sincere thanks to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for conceiving such a wonderful programme for them and also thanked the IMF for making their dreams, about adventure, come true.

The camps will be held upto 24th June 2009.