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Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
PROGRAMME ADVISER'S CELL (NSS)  
12/11 Jam Nagar House, New Delhi-11

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Heads of all the  
NSS Regional Centres

**Sub: Developing Soft Skills for NSS volunteers**

Sir,

A new initiative for developing soft skills of NSS volunteers is being considered in the Ministry of Youth Affairs. The duration of the programme will be 20 hours. These 20 hours would be in addition to the 120 hours which the volunteers devote for their regular activities. Secretary (YA) observed that a proper module should be made and some top Universities may be identified for launching this new initiative. A pilot project is to be immediately launched in selected colleges of Delhi and the colleges where the Programme Officers have been given IGNSS Award for 2009-2010. Since the Programme will be conducted directly in collaboration with the Programme Officers who are incharge of the units in Colleges, it is required that the data relating to the Programme Officers needs to be collected. It is to be worked out whether the funds could be operated by the individual POs or by the Principal of the colleges. Particularly, in view of the fact that the Head of the institution handles the financial matters. Further, it may be appreciated that no training could be undertaken in colleges without due approval and involvement of the Principal.

In this regard you are requested to send the university-wise (district-wise) data base under your jurisdiction as per the proforma enclosed latest by 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2011 by email [pacell-nss@nic.in](mailto:pacell-nss@nic.in) and also by post.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: as above.

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