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To  
Principal Secretaries of all the States/UTs in charge of NSS

Sub: **Opening of Self Financing Units (SFUs) of NSS in educational institutions.**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that National Service Scheme (NSS) is a flagship programme of this Ministry and a centrally sponsored scheme, which aims at 'Development of Personality of Students through Community Service' in schools and colleges. Presently there are 3.2 million NSS Volunteers spread over 299 Universities, 15,666 colleges and 10,762 Technical Institutions and +2 level Schools. NSS Volunteers while pursuing their studies have done commendable work and rendered yeoman service to the society in more than 26,000 Adopted Villages and Slums.

Last year as a part of NSS activities, these volunteers planted 21,88,742 saplings, collected 2,00,507 units of blood and administered Polio Drops to 11,85,701 children. They have also created durable assets in the community during their Special Camping Programmes which deserves Special appreciation.

Apart from these regular activities carried out by NSS Volunteers, the State Governments have been associating with NSS volunteers in implementation of its innovative schemes. In Kerala State, the NSS volunteers assigned the task of documentation of local self government institutions by the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA). The combination of Yuva Shakti of NSS and the Raj Shakti of local government was a powerful constructive force which resulted in the publishing of the report of Asset Survey. This Asset Survey was done with the help of 6,500 NSS volunteers drawn from Engineering Colleges and Polytechnic of Kerala. The survey work was followed with a quality check exercise, conducted in 2 phases, so as to ensure accuracy of entries in the Asset Registers.

A list of such innovative initiatives carried out by NSS functionaries and volunteers are at Annexure.

Taking cue from the above, it is felt that the State Governments can impart such innovative measures by taking the assistance of NSS functionaries and volunteers.

You are, therefore, requested to help in our endeavour of spreading NSS activities in your State. You may also consider opening NSS units under self-financing mode as per guidelines attached here with.

A proactive action for covering maximum institutions under self financing units of NSS as new window of opportunity for student volunteers will be highly appreciated.

 Yours faithfully,

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Encl: NSS (Self Financing Units) SFU Guidelines.

Copy to : All Heads of NSS Regional Centres.  
2. State Liaison Officers (NSS) of all States/UTs.

# OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR SELF FINANCING UNITS OF NSS

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. **Background:** The National Service Scheme (NSS), a voluntary and value based student youth programme is one of the major youth schemes being operated in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It was launched during the birth centenary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi on 24<sup>th</sup> September 1969 in 37 universities involving 40,000 students in pursuance of one of the recommendations of the Education Commission, 1964-65. NSS, presently (**2012-2013**) has **32.5** lakh volunteers, in **299** Universities, **15,666** Colleges/Technical Institution, **10762** (+2) Schools and **42** (+2) Senior Secondary Boards/Councils and Directorates of Vocational Education. During its **43** years of fruitful existence more than **4.13** crore students have so far benefited from this largest student-volunteership programme in the world.
- 1.2. **Aims & Objectives:** The aims and objectives of the NSS are: (i) to render service to the community while studying in an educational institution; (ii) to arouse the social conscience among students; (iii) to provide them with an opportunity to work creatively and constructively with the community around the educational campus; and (iv) to put the education they receive to concrete social use; and specifically, (i) to work with and among the people; (ii) to engage in creative and constructive social action; (iii) to enhance knowledge of oneself and the community through a confrontation with reality; (iv) to use the knowledge gained in the class room in a practical way for mitigating at least some of the social problems; and (v) to gain skills in programme development to be able to be self-employed. The goals are to achieve improvement in personality, leadership potential, national outlook and a sense of civic responsibility.
- 1.3. **Motto:** The motto of the NSS is '**NOT ME BUT YOU**'. This expresses the essence of democratic living and upholds the need to appreciate the other man's point of view first and to show consideration for fellow human beings. It also underlines that the welfare of the individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of society as a whole. NSS attempts to establish meaningful linkages between "Campus and Community", "College and Village" and "Knowledge and Action".
- 1.4. **Programmes:** The basic unit of NSS consists of 50 or 100 volunteers at school/college level headed by a Programme Officer (usually a lecturer). At the University level, the NSS is looked after by Programme Coordinators (Full-time or Part-time Readers). The State Liaison Cell at the State Secretariat is fully responsible for the implementation of the scheme including timely release of grants to the NSS institutions. The NSS has two types of programmes, viz., **(a) Regular activities** and **(b) Special Camping programmes**. Under the "Regular Activities", students are expected to work as volunteers for a continuous period of two years, rendering community service for a minimum of 120 hours per annum. The activities under Regular

Programme include improvement of campuses, tree plantation, constructive work in adopted villages and slums; work in welfare institutions, blood donation, adult and non-formal education, health, nutrition, family welfare, AIDS awareness campaign etc.

Under Special Camping Programme, a camp of 07 days' duration is conducted every year in the adopted area on a specific theme like "Youth Against Famine", "Youth Against Dirt and Disease", "Youth for Development", "Youth for Mass Literacy", etc. New Dimensions have been added in recent years by integrating AIDS Awareness Campaign for student youth under "Universities Talk AIDS/Student Talk AIDS" Programme and "Watershed Management and Wasteland Development Programmes" into the NSS Programme. The theme for the Special Camping Programme for the years 2006-2007 to 2008-2009 was "Healthy Youth for Healthy India". **The Special Camping theme for the year 2012-13 was spread over five core areas given below:**

1. **Environment including preservation of natural resources and conservation of cultural/historical heritage;**
2. **Health, public sanitation and personal hygiene;**
3. **Rural development including project identification, programme formation, implementation and evaluation;**
4. **Education and literacy including legal awareness; and**
5. **Emergency interventions including trauma care, initial counseling and data collection**

## **2. THE RATIONALE**

- 2.1. Education is a price commodity, especially in India. For every child in school or college there are much more of them, who either could not make it or who never get chance to make it. The higher is the level; the higher is the competition. This makes it incumbent upon a student of higher learning to return something to the society for the opportunity he/she got at the cost of others. NSS provides one such opportunity to a student through community service to return the social debts in his/her own way.
- 2.2. Although NSS has grown **81** times during its **43** years of existence it has not even able to cover 20 percent of the student community. Nor it is possible for the government to provide fund for Universalisation of NSS. At the same time there is spurt in demand to set up new NSS units in schools and colleges without tagging to the conditionality of funding by government. There is scope to de-link NSS operation from funding for the Institutions, which are willing and capable to generate their own resource for programme activities. It is expected that this de-linking will expand the out-reach of NSS and at the same time provide space to finance public funding to more deserving and needy institutions in an equitable manner.

## **3. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION**

- 3.1. **A prescribed proforma for submission of the proposal is annexed.** However it is expected that the proposal will be self contained and will include:-

- The organizational/management committee details of the Institute including courses offered, no. of students in each class (boys/girls), recognition/affiliation status etc.
  - An operational plan for functioning of NSS including number of Units proposed.
  - Identification of key personnel (Programme Officers/Programme Coordinator etc.).
  - Infrastructure available for NSS operations.
  - Source and scale of funding for NSS activities/programmes.
  - Past experience of the institution in Social work.
  - Statutory details and certificates of recognition/registration if any, with photo copy.
  - Contact details of the Principal/Head of the institution.
- 3.2. The proposal for opening new NSS SFUs should be signed by the Principal/Head of the institution.
- 3.3. Institution having existing NSS unit(s) on fully funded basis may also set up new NSS units on self-financing basis.
- 3.4. The institution seeking to open NSS SFU should submit their **proposal to the concerned NSS Regional Centre. A copy of the same may be sent to State Liaison Officer and NSS Programme Coordinator of the University/+2 Council concerned for their information.**
- 3.5. **The NSS Regional Centre with the approval from the Programme Adviser, NSS and convey such approval/disapproval to the concerned institution.**

#### 4. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AFFILIATION

- 4.1. The SFUs will be for all practical purpose operates as the regular NSS Units except that the funding for the 'Regular Activity' and 'Special Camping' and institutional establishment expenses like honorarium to Programme Coordinator/Programme Officer and support staff has to be borne by the SFU Institution.
- 4.2. The initial period of affiliation of the NSS SFU will be 5 (five) years, which can be extended depending on the performance of the units.
- 4.3. All the provisions of the NSS manual shall be binding on the NSS Unit on self-financing basis.

- 4.4. The newly set up SFU will form a part constituent of the State NSS Contingent and shall be under the overall administrative control of the NSS State Liaison Cell in the State Government/UT Administration.
- 4.5. The NSS SFU will also submit reports, information etc. as per the requirement to their respective **NSS University Cell with a copy to the concerned Regional Centre and State Liaison Cell.**
- 4.6. The **concerned Regional Centre, NSS** will be responsible for imparting training, orientation of the key NSS officials of the NSS SFU through its Empanelled Training Institutions (ETIs) as in the case of fully funded NSS units.
- 4.7. The decision of the Government of India regarding operation of this stream shall be final.

## **5. INCENTIVES TO NSS SFU**

- 5.1. The SFU shall be eligible at par with other NSS units for participation in all the national level programmes conducted by **NSS Hqrs.**
- 5.2. The SFU shall be eligible to participate in the Republic Day Parade Camps of NSS including the pre RD Camps, Adventure Programme, Mega Camps, Youth Festival, Award etc.
- 5.3. The SFU will also be eligible to conduct national level programmes of NSS sponsored by other national as well as international/multilateral organizations.
- 5.4. Volunteers from NSS SFUs will be eligible to participate in all national/international youth exchange programmes conducted by the Ministry/**NSS Hqrs.**
- 5.5. The SFUs through their respective NSS Regional Centre and **NSS Hqrs.** can avail financial assistance aid under the schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

## **6. FINANCING THE NSS SELF FINANCING UNIT**

- 6.1. The finance limit for the out of pocket allowance, honorarium, shall be as per the prescribed norm under NSS manual.
- 6.2. The cost norms for the regular activity and special camping programme shall not exceed **Rs.600/-** and **Rs.1000/-** respectively.
- 6.3. The SFU Institution may, if necessary, charge a nominal fee for NSS programme activities. The fee structure and its utilization shall be subject to approval of systems and procedures prevalent in the institutions where the SFU exists.
- 6.4. The accounts of NSS SFU shall be maintained separately by the Programme Coordinator/Programme Officer concerned and the audited account should be

placed before the respective NSS Advisory Committee of the University/+2 Council/Institution annually.

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**PROFORMA FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SELF FINANCING UNIT (SFU) UNDER NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)**

1	Name of the Institution/College/School with Phone No./Fax/Email	
2.	Postal address of the Institution	
3	Name of the Principal with contact No. & Email	
4	Name of the University/Directorate	
5.	Total strength of the Institution/College	
6	Total strength of students in +2 level (applicable to schools only)	
7.	The year of existence of the Institution	
8.	Whether Institution is recognized ?	
9.	Past experience of the Institution in social work	
10	Whether Institution already have Regular NSS units? If yes, indicate the No. of Unit(s)	
11.	No. of NSS Units required by the Institution	
12.	Name of the proposed NSS Programme Officer.	
13	Whether the Institution publish Annual Report? If yes, please attach a copy of current report	
14	Specify whether the Institution earlier had any NSS Unit. If yes, give reasons of discontinuation of the Unit.	

Signature of Principal/  
Head of the Institution with seal

**INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES CARRIED OUT BY NSS DURING 2011-12**

**National Service Scheme & it's Spread.**

National Service Scheme, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India, popularly known as NSS was launched in Gandhiji's Birth Centenary Year 1969, in 37 Universities involving 40,000 students with primary focus on the development of

personality of students through community service. Today, NSS has more than 3.2 million student volunteers on its roll spread over 299 Universities and 42 (+2) Senior Secondary Councils and Directorate of Vocational Education all over the country. From its inception, more than 4.13 crores students from Universities, Colleges and Institutions of higher learning have benefited from the NSS activities, as student volunteers.

2. During 2011-12 under NSS, 3.2 million NSS Volunteers spread over 299 Universities, 15,666 colleges and 10,762 Technical Institutions and +2 level Schools. NSS Volunteers while pursuing their studies have done commendable work and rendered Yeoman service to the society in more than 26,000 Adopted Villages & Slums. As a part of NSS activities, these volunteers planted 21,88,742 saplings 2,00,507 collected units of blood and administered Polio Drops to 11,85,701 children. They have also created durable assets in the community during their Special Camping Programmes which deserves Special appreciation.

3. The NSS volunteers undertake two types of activities

(i) Regular Activities and

(ii) Special Camping Programmes.

4. During the Regular activities they devote 120 hours per year for two consecutive years which includes 20 hours of general orientation regarding NSS and the mode of work they have to do in their volunteership. After completion of the tenure the volunteers are given certificates by the universities and +2 councils.

5. To familiarize the student volunteers of NSS to the community, a golden opportunity in the form of Special Camp for 7 days is provided to all the volunteers during their tenure. These camps are residential and organized in the community based on specific themes. Last year the camps were organized on the following themes.

1. Environment including preservation of natural resources and conservation of cultural/historical heritage;
2. Health, public sanitation and personal hygiene ;
3. Rural development including project identification, programme formulation, Implementation and evaluation;
4. Education and literacy including legal awareness; and
5. Emergency interventions including trauma care, initial counseling and data collection.

In this regard, all the field establishments were advised to choose one of the above five core areas for each university

6. It has been a long journey in programme development for the student youth. NSS is a value based volunteer programme, which has always remained closed to the living issues affecting Indian Society.

7. NSS, over the years has made various constructive endeavors in the field of Mass Literacy, Environment Preservation, Health Education, Community Development, Disaster Management, Adolescent Health Developments HIV/ AIDS Awareness, Drive against Social Evils, etc. NSS volunteers have always come to the forefront to extend voluntary service in natural calamities like Drought, Flood, Cyclone and Earthquake.

8. This programme is jointly funded by Union and State Governments at the ratio of 7:5 in all States except North East Region, Sikkim and hilly terrains where the ratio is 3:1. In J&K and all the Union Territories, the programme is 100% funded by Government of India. Expenses pertaining to administration, training, research, orientation, evaluation and publications regarding the NSS activities are being borne fully by the Union Government. At State level State NSS Cells established by Central Government with full financial support to look after the inter-departmental coordination for smooth implementation of the programme at the State level. The expense for regular activities is Rs. 250/- per volunteer and Rs.450/- per volunteer for Special Camping Programme.

9. To train the NSS Programme Officers and equipped them with the modern skills of social development 13 empanelled Training Institutions (ETIs) are identified for imparting training to the NSS Programme Officers across the country at the expense of Govt. of India. These institutes run courses to train the NSS programme officers who are the real field functionaries associated with the volunteers. List of ETIs is annexed.

10. At National level, the policy and programmes are developed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The National Service Scheme organization, a subordinate office of the Ministry monitors the activities through the National Headquarters named as Programme Adviser's Cell situated at Delhi and 15 Regional Centres situated at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Patna, Pune and Trivandrum.

## **REGION WISE OUTSTANDING ACTIVITIES:**

### **Ahmedabad Region (Dadar & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu UTs and Gujarat State:**

#### **Night School – conducted by NSS Volunteers for street children/children of labourers and truckers.**

Development of Literacy is one of the most sought after activities undertaken by the NSS Volunteers across the nation. The volunteers of H K Arts College, Ahmedabad has adopted an area where maximum daily wagers and workers in transportation trade reside. The children of these workers as well as street children are deprived of the beautiful world of education. NSS volunteers therefore decided to teach these children in the evenings and thus the concept of night school was born. Daily the NSS Volunteers of the college spare their time on a rotation basis to teach these kids in the campus. Sometimes, these children are also joined by their parents. Though this is no regular school, the effort of the volunteers has increased the awareness on education. In addition to this a library has also been set up by the college NSS unit where the children and their parents **can** read magazines, news papers and books. This school is working under the active guidance of Dr. Subhash Brahmabhatt., Principal and Shri Mohan Parmar, Programme Officer, NSS and his team of dedicated volunteers. Many NGOs and Trusts are also helping these children by providing bags, notebooks and other reading materials.

#### **Cattle Immunisation Programme.**

A large population of our country live in rural areas and there is scarcity of trained vets. The cattle of the villagers face large number of problems starting from regular health disorders to epidemics. To avoid these issues, NSS regularly organizes mass immunization programmes of cattle in adopted areas. In Gujarat the NSS Volunteers of agriculture universities play a major role in organizing mass immunization and health check up programmes for these cattle. Junagadh Agriculture University had organized these programmes in a massive scale. The mega immunization camps in Dhari ( Amreli Distt) and other adopted area saw a huge turn out of cattle for general health check up and mass immunization. Three other agriculture universities are also involved in these programmes in their respective adopted areas.

#### **Suvarnaprashan-**

An important activity in the region is organized by the NSS units of Jamnagar Ayurved University. This is a process in which a gold preparation is administered to children upto 5 years of age to enhance their intelligence as well as immunity. This camp is specially organized for the malnourished children of the adopted slums and villages. It is a monthly activity performed during pushya nakshatra of the Indian astrology. The NSS Unit of JP Seth Ayurved College Bhavnagar and other units are regularly organizing these activities.

#### **Human Development Index Project ( HDIP) for 13 villages in Bhiloda Taluka of Sabarkantha Distt.**

NSS volunteers of North Gujarat University in Shamlaji College has undertaken this unique activity in collaboration with the state administration. In the initial stage, the

physical survey of 13 villages of clusters of Bhiloda Taluka were surveyed by the volunteers. This was a unique survey as the data are fed online to a master server which generates a development flower for each of the villages. Then the development agencies of the Government and PSUs with CSR initiatives design projects for the village. The volunteers act as a link between the agencies and community members. This programme continues till overall development of the village is attained. It is done on a pilot basis in this area after involving NSS volunteers at every phase. This will be replicated all over the region once the results are achieved and analysed.

### **Bangalore Region (Karnataka State):**

#### **N.S.S. BHAVAN, BANGALORE**

NSS Bhavan is the first of its kind in the country meant for NSS activities. The uniqueness of the building (worth Rs.1 crore ) is that it was constructed with the contribution from students of Bangalore University @ Rs. 10 per head in the form of fees, which is another feather in the Campus of Bangalore University. The Bhavan consists of 4 Dormitories (300 students can stay at a time), 4 Officers' Rooms, Kitchen with Dinning Hall, a Seminar Hall, a Open-air Theatre (with the capacity of 500 seats) and One Office Room.

#### **BIO-DIVERSITY PARK**

Bangalore University, Bangalore has taken up a unique project of 400 acres Bio-diversity Park with contour bunting, Check Dam, Conservation of Water Resources and Massive Tree Plantation. Over 2 Lakhs plants have already been planted in the Bio-diversity park by involving 10,000 NSS Volunteers of Bangalore University and local Institutions. NSS Volunteers are playing an important role in this project as regards implementation of programmes at field level. It is proposed to take up another 2 to 3 lakhs plantation in the coming years as it is an ongoing project by NSS.

#### **FREE TECHNICAL SERVICES BY DIRECTORATE OF EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING (ITIS) & DIRECTORATE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

NSS volunteers of Directorate of Employment & Training, rendered free Technical Services during the NSS Special Camps in the Adopted Villages. Radio Repairs, T V Repair, Iron Box repair, Mixi, Grinder, Electrical wiring & repair, Pump-set repair (Borewells) and other House-hold Articles including Agricultural Implements formed a part of this drive.

#### **SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Nitte University, Yenopaya University, Karnataka Lingayath Education University have taken up the Programme in Schools. They have adopted 150 Government Schools in Karnataka and have undertaken Health check- up Programmes periodically.

## NSS spoken English classes

All the rural +2 Colleges have conducted communication English classes under Regular NSS Programmes. The NSS volunteers are assembled in the class rooms and taught how to speak English. Pronunciation of words and grammar is also taught as part of this programme.

## Bhopal Region (Chhatisgarh & Madhya Pradesh State):

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**Bhubaneswar Region (Odisha State):  
JAIL REFORM PROGRAMME.**

CHSE Odisha, Bhubaneswar has conducted an innovative program through NSS volunteers for an open air jail inmates. 200 male and female volunteers of local colleges have participated in Jail Reform Special Camping Programme in Biju Pattnaik Open Air Jail, Jamujhari, Khurda from 01.07.11 to 07.07.11. Dr. Chandrasekhar Kumar, IAS, Commissioner cum Secretary to Govt. Deptt. Of Higher Education, S.J. Pranabindu Acharya, IPS, IG-Prisons, Prof. Nihar Ranjan Patnaik, Chairman, CHSE & other dignitaries have attended the camp to encourage the volunteers and inmates of jail.

The volunteers stayed with the Jail inmates for 7 days. Each volunteer adopted one inmate and shared interactive feelings among them. The students performed dance, drama, songs and other cultural programs to break the monotonous life of prisoners. They also cleaned whole premises of the jail. Literacy programme, RTI awareness programme, spiritual discourse, awareness on different welfare schemes of Govt meant for rural people etc were organized by the campers with the help of experts & dignitaries of concerned fields.

**RTI INITIATIVES**

The Odisha Information Commission and NSS started the collaborative programme in the year-2009-10 through Council of Higher Secondary Education. Aiming at educating the mass through 90000 NSS volunteers especially in rural areas on Right to Information Act-2005, the NSS bureau of +2 Council had conducted state level and district level model workshops/training programmes on RTI for selected active NSS Programme Officers and volunteers who became the torch bearers in the movement and played a significant role.

Initially two state level trainers training programmes for Programme Officers from 30 districts of all Universities and CHSE were organised in Nabakrushna Choudhari Development of Society, Bhubaneswar from 31-5-09 to 2-6-09 & from 26-6-09 to 28-6-09 respectively. Thereafter other 25 district level programmes were conducted throughout Odisha.

**GYANALOK-**

Hon'ble Governor of Odisha has identified NSS as a Support Partner to implement the programme of bringing the SC/ST school dropouts back to schools. Towards this end, NSS Volunteers had constructed a shelter atop a hillock for a special tribe for imparting literacy. Taking note of this, Govt. of Odisha has posted a school teacher in this shelter.

**Nirmal Panchayat**

NSS Bureau, Utkal University in a bid to introduce sanitation activities continued its effort in Dhenkanal district. The bureau mobilised the NSS Unit of Mathakargola

College, Jornda College and Kamakhyanagar college to set up low cost latrines in the families of the local areas. The Unit with the help and collaboration of RWSS and UNICEF were able to succeed in their mission. As a result of this, hundreds of poor families were benefited. The work of the NSS volunteers also received wide acclaim and appreciation. Govt. of Odisha awarded the area with '**Nirmal Panchayat Puraskar**'

### **Chandigarh Region (Chandigarh UT, Himachal Pradesh & Punjab State):**

#### **Amla Murabba and pickle making for Self Employment**

NSS Volunteers of Punjab Engineering College, Chandigarh have been trained by Experts of Home Science Department and they in turn trained ladies of SC/ST Communities of the surrounding areas in the Campus in making Amla Murabbas and pickle making.

The Pickle making involved mango pickle in summers and Carrot-Cauliflower pickle in winters. The volunteers played a very active role with the self help groups and also played an instrumental role in sourcing raw materials at highly negotiated prices. The volunteers also engaged in the making of pickle and worked together with the women in making their produce. It is worth mentioning that every year 2000 kgs each of mango pickle in summers and carrot-cabbage pickle in winters is made, the quality of which is highly appreciated by the customers. The group is also engaged in making of other things such as Trifla powder,

#### **Herbal garden maintained by NSS Volunteers in UT Chandigarh.**

The NSS cell of UT of Chandigarh contacted the Forest Department including Eco-Clubs for supply of medicinal plants and seedlings & developed a Nursery in the Government Senior Secondary School, Sector-46, Chandigarh whereby it has grown about 34 varieties of medicinal plants. Now the cell gets the supply of plants from this nursery free of cost for all the NSS Units in Chandigarh for plantation in the schools & colleges. The NSS volunteers are given training and deputed to monitor and develop these Herbal gardens in their own Schools & Colleges.

In the near future, such gardens would also be developed by the City's villages/Colonies with the help of NSS volunteers. These will not only help to keep the environment in villages clean but also create a source of income for the village Panchayats as these plants are being used in making Ayurvedic medicines.

### **Chennai Region (Andaman & Nicobar Island, Puducherry UTs & Tamil Nadu State):**

#### **NSS Volunteers in Disaster management**

During their Special Camping Programmes National Service Scheme Volunteers in coordination with State Disaster Management Authority were trained in Disaster Management Activities. Experts interacted with the participants on the topics such as Fire Safety and Rescue Operations, Accident and First Aid, Earthquake Awareness, Flood preparedness and Rescue etc.

### **HOME for HOMELESS:**

One of the Novel projects of this university was the “Home for the Homeless” project undertaken by the Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam wherein the N.S.S Units constructed around 15 houses for the marginalized population. The beneficiaries include physically handicapped, widows, and poorest of the poor in the society.

Similar projects were undertaken by other universities wherein the N.S.S Volunteers constructed 10 more homes on the lines of the Kerala Model of House Construction.

**Repair and Maintenance of Solar Panels:** NSS Units of Engineering college of Periyar Manniamayi University, Tanjavore imparted training to the N.S.S and the local non-student youth on maintenance of **Solar Panels.**

**Volunteers assisting the illiterate to write petitions under grievance redressal mechanisms.**

N.S.S Units of Bharathiar University came out with a Novel Project of Petition Writing for the Redressal of Grievances of the poor villagers during the period under report. After a 4 years gap, N.S.S Volunteers of the local colleges of Coimbatore have started setting up of Petition Writing Desk in the Collectorate of Coimbatore on every Mondays. These Volunteers are proficient in Tamil so that they can communicate with the general public and also put their grievances in black and white in the requisite format for further submission to the District Collector. Most of the people who come to give petitions do not know how to write these or fill up these forms. A Volunteer Counter consisting of 10 N.S.S Volunteers from a college on rotation basis assemble every Monday to help these people in getting Hassle-free service in petition Writing. The Official launch of the programme was well covered by the media on 13th June 2011.

**NSS Volunteers are being trained by Transport authorities to function as Traffic Wardens .**

### **Promotion of smokeless Chulhas- NSS Volunteers of Agricultural University**

- Promotion of smokeless Chulhas- NSS Volunteers of Agricultural University give training to the residents of adopted villages.
- Repair and Maintenance of Solar Panels. NSS volunteers of Engg. Colleges play an active part in repairing solar panels and imparting training to residents of adopted villages.
- 928 rain Water harvesting structures were constructed by NSS Volunteers during last year.
- Rs 3.5 crore have been collected by selling handloom products (made by small-scale units) by NSS Volunteers.
- NSS Volunteers assisted the illiterate villagers to write their petitions under grievance redressal mechanisms in the Coimbatore Collectorate
- NSS Volunteers are being trained by Transport authorities to function as Traffic Wardens .

### **Delhi Region (Delhi, Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir State):**

NSS Volunteers have adopted Orphanages in Border districts of J &K for imparting literacy and remedial coaching for inmates.

NSS Volunteers are engaged in removal of plastic in Dal lake and other tourist places.

NSS Volunteers of Kashmir region imparted training in Disaster management.

NSS Volunteers are engaged in creating awareness against female foeticide and dowry in Haryana through Nukkad natak etc.

NSS Volunteers of HAU, Hissar spread awareness of modern tools of farming for higher produce.

NSS Volunteers in Kurukshetra organised skill development programmes for delinquent youth to bring them to the mainstream of providing employment.

NSS Volunteers of Delhi attach themselves with identified NGOs and work on issues like Public Health, needs of Blind Students, Old Age Homes. Some Colleges impart skills like Candle making, Folder Making and Pottery and marketing them during festivals.

### **Guwahati Region (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland & Tripura):**

**Blood Donation:** Organizing Blood Donation Programme is a remarkable activity carried out by NSS Volunteers throughout the year for saving precious lives. Considerable units of Blood say 3802 units were donated by NSS student volunteers and Programme Officers (Male = 2790 and Female = 1012) during 2011-2012. It is worthy to mention here that Appreciation Certificate is received by the NSS Cell of Mizoram State from the State Blood Transfusion Council every year in recognition of voluntary blood donation to different hospitals and blood banks, where such facilities are available. Further, NSS in Mizoram State has captured the first position in voluntary blood donation in terms of quantity and donors. In 2012, an Appreciation Certificate was received from State Blood Transfusion Council.

**TREE PLANTATION :** In view of the alarming trend of global warming, Tree Plantation plays a very significant role to preserve our present environment. So tree plantation drives were carried out regularly by NSS volunteers throughout the planting season. As many as 1915 saplings were planted during 2011-2012. The State Level Green Mizoram Committee largely depends on NSS in their ongoing task of the tree plantation. NSS Units have also planted trees in their respective places and throughout the roadsides of the state. NSS Volunteers are also front leaders in environment enrichment programmes in Arunachal Pradesh.

### **Training Programmes on mushroom cultivation, pisciculture during Special Camps in Meghalaya.**

A training programme on Mushroom Cultivation was taken up as the theme during the NSS Special Camp held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2012 at Nongthymmai organized by NSS Unit of Sankardev College, Shillong. About 80 local participants belonging to

different self help groups of Laitkroh Elaka and NSS volunteers were given the training. Mushroom shed was also constructed during the camp. The training was imparted by expert resource persons.

NSS Volunteers have constructed 1396 Urinals, 808 Bus Shelters, Park Benches and Bazaar sheds, Water points in Mizoram. Fish Ponds were also constructed by NSS Volunteers in Manipur.

## **Hyderabad Region (Andhra Pradesh State):**

### **Powder Jaggery for the Community Members**

The NSS volunteers of Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad have been given training in Powder Jaggery making and the volunteers in turn trained the farmers during their Special Camping programme. This is a new technique developed by the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in which no chemicals are used. It is a good source of income with low cost of production. It is good for health and the consumers are showing keen interest in using this powder jaggery.

### **Natural Colours for Celebrations**

The NSS volunteers of Acharya N.G.Ranga Agricultural University, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad have been given training in making natural colours which are used in Holi and other festivals. Since, no chemicals are used in the manufacturing process, they are harmless and eco friendly. The volunteers create awareness on using these natural colours and give training to the public in the community which ultimately helps to preserve our environment.

### **Disaster Management Workshops- in Coastal Area**

Andhra University conducted 5 district level Workshops on Disaster Management in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts involving about 250 volunteers during the year 2011-12. The volunteers have acquired the skills on disaster management through these workshops. Their services are being utilized by the local administration during natural calamities.

NSS volunteers have been involving themselves in assisting the Local Administration in rescue and relief operations during natural calamities ever since the NSS was launched. The services of NSS volunteers are highly appreciated.

## **Jaipur Region (Rajasthan State):**

### **AWARENESS DRIVES FOR BIOGAS PLANTS BY NSS VOLUNTEERS AT UDAIPUR**

As construction of bio-gas plants is a skilled activity, training is imparted to the masons and trainers for construction and maintenance of bio-gas plants. The NSS volunteers were trained to disseminate the information on construction and maintenance of biogas plants in and around Udaipur city. The volunteers started this work after organization of Regional workshop on "Sustainable Development for Green Employment" held at Udaipur from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2002. Since then the NSS volunteers have been

carrying out awareness drives in the adopted as well as nearby villages of Udaipur City for promotion of bio-gas plants.

**SAKSHAM-** This program undertaken by Centre for Entrepreneurial Leadership (CEL) BITS Pilani in collaboration with NSS BITS Pilani provides employment to women of different households in some villages. This programme utilizes the waste paper and re-uses them to make new notebooks. As a first step, training is given to the women on how to make a notebook following which NSS volunteers together with these women do an economic analysis and decide the price. This program educates these women about the technical skills required to run a business.

#### **Amar Charkha-**

NSS volunteers popularized the Gandhian Concept of Amar Charkha and motivated them to develop the in house knitting of woollen garments out of wool.

#### **APICULTURE – A NEW FIELD OF OCCUPATION**

NSS volunteers are trained for disseminating appropriate information on bee keeping occupation in the adopted villages/areas. The volunteers first conduct a survey and organise awareness drives for adopting bee keeping activities.

Agriculture University trains them to take up the apicultural activities as an occupation.

#### **Kolkata Region (Sikkim & West Bengal State): IIT KHARAGPUR INITIATIVES**

Rangameti village unit and Soladahar village unit of NSS, IIT Kharagpur conducted a survey and found that a large number of villagers, mostly from scheduled tribe and very poor, do not have any caste certificate to get the benefits of the Govt. welfare schemes. The B.D.O. office is about 15 KM away. Besides cost of travel, these daily wage earners miss a day's salary to go there. Also their ignorance on filling-up of forms and providing supporting documents aggravates the problem. The NSS, in IIT Kharagpur along with District administration and Panchayats organized a 'caste certificate camp' in the village itself. They arranged photocopy machines, hired a photographer and arranged a make-shift studio in the village school for this camp with stand-by generator and also helped in filling-up of forms and assisted govt. officials in various activities. A total of 192 tribal people derived benefit from these camps.

**Lucknow Region (Uttar Pradesh & Uttrakhand State):**

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## Patna Region (Bihar & Jharkhand States):

### **NSS Volunteers always contributed towards Flood relief and rescue.**

Disaster Management is one of the key areas of NSS activities and the volunteers of Bihar had contributed a lot in this area. During the devastating floods of Koshi and other rivers the volunteers have assisted the administration in organizing relief camps and also helped in establishing rapport with the local people. They helped the victims with relief materials and running community kitchens and also counseled them. The healing touch of these volunteers was appreciated by one and all.

### **NSS Volunteers have organized 64 red ribbon clubs.**

They have also organized 22 legal literacy clubs to make the rural youth legally literate. This has proved to be very useful in parts of rural Bihar.

### **Seed Treatment and Organic Farming**

NSS Volunteers of Agriculture University are taken to the farmers of the adopted villages, where the techniques of seed treatment and organic compost for better agricultural yields are explained. They also guide the farmers with advanced agricultural practices and the villagers have benefitted enormously from these activities.

### **Each NSS Volunteer has to adopt 5 plants for two years.**

NSS volunteers in Jharkhand have taken a unique initiative along with their regular activities. They undertake massive plantation drives and their role does not end simply after the plantation event. Each volunteer manages to look after 5 saplings planted for 2 years till it is well grown and thus the rate of survival of the plants is increased.

**NSS Volunteers are been educated to bake biscuits out of finger millets.**

NSS volunteers contribute to development of children as well as the malnourished population in Jharkhand by adopting local cereals like finger millet and preparing biscuits, halwa, laddu and cakes with this millet. They also assist the people in preparation of Soya Paneer and Soya Milk. This helps the people in making nutritious food with less finance.

**Pune Region (Goa & Maharashtra State):**

**Making of Continuous Contour Trenches (CCT) for watershed management using GIS techniques.**

Huge plantation work has been taken up in barren land of 500 acres in the university premises of Solapur University, Solapur, during chain camps organized throughout the year. Circular Continuous Contour (CCT) Trenches of about 5 Kms as well as about 1 lac seedlings were prepared for plantation and plantation was undertaken in the rainy season with the involvement of 4000 NSS Volunteers of various universities in the State. 500 acres of barren land in the premises of Solapur University, Solapur has been identified by Solapur University for the plantation project and this special project has been undertaken under the direction and guidance of Dr. Bandgar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Solapur University. During the above camp, intellectual sessions as well as interaction of volunteers with eminent recourse persons were also organized. This is a model project for all universities in Maharashtra and this project will continue for next 3 years as informed by Dr Bandgar.

**Special Library for Farmers to impart scientific information about agricultural activities.**

NSS Volunteers of Sadguru Gadge Maharaj College, Karad, Distt. Satara maintains College run a library for the farmers. The library is full of books, Journals, Magazines, News Papers and agricultural VCDs. Farmers approach the library with various agricultural difficulties and get proper guidance.

**'Farmers Library in your village' programme** – Many a time it is difficult for the farmers to go to a far away library. Hence on demand, College arranges a library in such villages. The College arranged this programme in 45 villages in Satara and Sangli districts.

**Participation in agricultural Exhibition** – Every year the agricultural exhibition is organized in Karad city at 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. College arrange a stall of farmers' library and other activities.

**Lecturers on organic farming** – Near about 100 lectures are delivered in various villages.

Vermi compost training programme for women – arranged in college. Preparation and supply of Phytopesticides to the farmers free of cost, awareness and sample testing of Soil and water was organized in various villages.

**“Majha Gawacha Itihaas”- NSS volunteers write the history of the adopted villages under guidance of Historians.**

NSS Cell of Pune University has initiated new concept of writing a history of adopted villages by NSS Units. The NSS Cell has published 4 volumes in Marathi language. The history of 168 villages has been written by the NSS Programme officers with the help of NSS Volunteers of 168 colleges in the district of Pune, Ahmednagar & Nashik District affiliated to Pune University. This is an innovative effort and part of research in the history of NSS. Following points about the adopted village were studied and surveyed by NSS Volunteers during the 7 day special camp, which is useful for development agencies working in the respective areas for planning and overall development work of village.

History of village- Establishment of villages, major business, Population, Specialty, any, for which the village is known for, Percentage of men and women, Caste / category-wise population. No of houses constructed under Indira Awas Yojana & Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Niwas Yojna.

**Trivendrum Region ( Lakshdweep UT & Kerala State):**

**Sahapadikoru veedu ( House for Homeless)**

A novel project to construct houses for the under privileged homeless people, **43 Houses** have been constructed in the year 2011-12. So far **203** houses worth more than Rs. 2 crores have been constructed and donated to the under-privileged beneficiaries by NSS. This programme earned wide appreciation from all walks of people.

**Krishikoottam:** (Promotion of Agriculture). It aims for an attitudinal change for pro-agriculture and food security among the young minds.

An initiative by NSS is Campus Vegetable & paddy cultivation.( Tapioca, Banana, Pineapple, Azolla, Cauliflower, Bitter Gourd, Tomato, Brinjal, Etc...) 350 schools were involved in campus greening activities. Most of the schools undertake Banana and Tapioca cultivation within their school campuses. All NSS units took up similar type of cultivation and developed Kitchen Gardens in their school premises in order to promote an attitudinal change among NSS volunteers to take up agriculture as their livelihood in future.

**WASTE IS WEALTH**

The NSS Units under the Directorate of Technical Education includes Engineering Colleges and Polytechnics have started a novel project called “Waste is Wealth” in

order to settle the waste disposal issues. It was decided to install one lakh compost pits in the year 2012-13 in one lakh houses for effective waste management. The generated waste from the households will be put into compost pits and when they become manure will be used in their own houses for Organic Farming/ Kitchen Garden.

**Swimming Training** (School bridges the gap in life skills): The Directorate of Higher Secondary Education has started an innovative project "Training on Swimming" under the life skills/skill development programme of NSS. Most of the students in Malappuram area are still using boats as a mode of transport to reach schools and back home. A tragic boat incident happened in 2009 wherein 8 students drowned in the Chaliyar River when the boat capsized. This prompted the school to start swimming school to teach students who do not know swimming as a part of life skill education programme which was well appreciated by all walks of people. The swimming school is opened not only for NSS but also for general public to use this opportunity to learn swimming as an important self defense skill . So far 100 students have been trained in swimming during the 7 day special camping programme and the school carried out its swimming practice during all weekends.

**Climbing on Coconut Tree : (Earn while you learn) :** A training on climbing coconut trees has been introduced by the Higher Secondary education in the rural schools through the NSS units in order to earn while they learn in the school. A special practice was given to the volunteers during the 7 day special camping programme. The entire unit volunteers were trained in coconut tree climbing practice. This tree climbing skill will definitely instill a confidence and entrepreneur skill to lead a self reliant life in future. Eg. Climbing on a tree fetches Rs.30/- in order to pluck coconuts. On an average, if a person climbs 10 trees it fetches him Rs.300/- within 2 hours. Keeping this as an inspiration, the school started giving practice to NSS volunteers on climbing the coconut trees.

NSS Volunteers in 300 schools undertook paddy cultivation and banana plantation .  
Solid Waste Management (SWM) - NSS Volunteers play critical role in SWM. They have a target of constructing SWM facilities in 1 lac houses.  
Home for Homeless- NSS Volunteers have built 230 houses for homeless under "SAHPADIKU ORU VEEDU"  
Skill Development- NSS Volunteers are imparted training in Coconut tree climbing which can be a source of self employment in the State.

Disaster Management- Training in Swimming is being imparted to the NSS Volunteers for making them ready for rescue and relief operations during floods.

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