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## **National Service Scheme (NSS) Department of Youth Affairs (Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India)**

Engaging the adolescents in meaningful activities that shall further the process of their integration with society has become need of the hour. The contemporary scenario of involvement of adolescents / youths in undesirable activities is a matter of concern for all. In the given condition, it appears that there is apathy for constructive work and unawareness on the part of youth for the available opportunities. The situation, therefore, demands for some activity where these questions can be answered in an integrated manner.

There are number of voluntary and governmental agencies who are very active on the front of involving youth in different activities. The attempts are being made to groom the youth section to become responsible citizens of India. As a matter of fact, the focus towards these adolescents has been as the "Human Resource" having potential which can be enriched further with various inputs.

Youth as a Resource received good attention from the planners of our country. NSS with volunteer strength of over 39 lakhs has now taken a form of movement through which teachers and students are involved jointly for their effective participation in developmental work as well as for making education socially relevant. Therefore, NSS is described as the programme for personality development through community service.

### **Motto**

The Motto of NSS "Not Me But You", reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for self-less service. NSS helps the students develop appreciation to other person's point of view and also show consideration to other living beings. The philosophy of the NSS is well doctored in this motto, which underlines the belief that the welfare of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of the society on the whole.

### **Symbol**

The symbol for the NSS has been based on the giant Rath Wheel of the world famous Konark Sun Temple (The Black Pagoda) situated in Orissa, India. The wheel portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release and signifies the movement in life across time and space,

### **Badge**

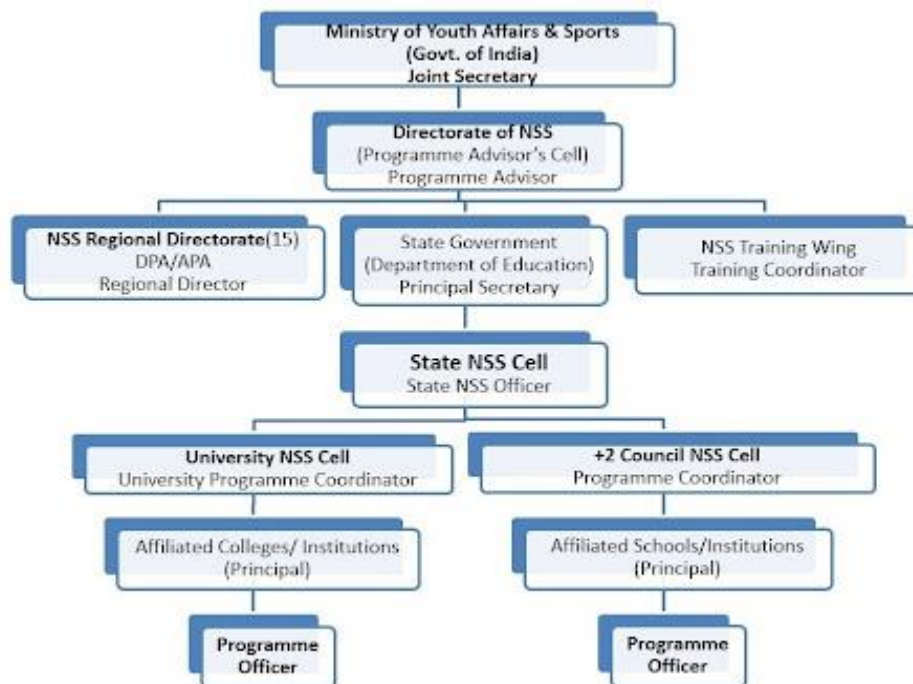
The NSS Symbol is embossed on the badge. The eight bars in the wheel represent the 24 hours of a day. The red colour indicates that the volunteer is full of young blood that is lively, active, energetic and full of high spirit. The navy blue colour indicates the cosmos of which the NSS is tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare of the mankind.

### **NSS Day**

NSS was formally launched on 24th September, 1969, the birth centenary year of the Father of

the Nation. Therefore, 24 September is celebrated every year as NSS Day with appropriate programmes and activities.

### **Organizational Hierarchy of NSS**



### **University Level**

The National Service Scheme covers students at the level of higher education. Thus the administrative structures of the higher education have the responsibility of looking after NSS and its implementation at college/school/universities level. The successful functioning of NSS cell at University level will give impetus for proper implementation of NSS in the unit level.

### **NSS University Cell**

Every University should have an NSS Cell to supervise and coordinate NSS Programme in Colleges affiliated to it. The Universities having strength of more than 10000 NSS volunteers should have full time programme coordinators. The Universities having strength of less than 10000 NSS volunteers may have part time programme coordinators. NSS being an academic extension programme the University will provide necessary infrastructure and other facilities like telephone, office and office equipment and secretarial assistance for the smooth functioning of the cell. The cell will function under the Vice-Chancellor, the Programme Coordinator, NSS will be in-charge of the cell and the main executive functionary.

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