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### **National Service Scheme**

#### **\* National Service Scheme Objectives \***

Doing Social work while taking education in colleges, doing constructive work by mixing and understanding people residing nearby develop self personality through the medium of social work with this objective NSS was started. The main objectives are as follows.

1. Bring Women in the main stream of education of Open University through National Service scheme.
2. Understand the Community in which we work.
3. Understand themselves in relation to their community.
4. Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem solving.
5. Develop among themselves a sense of social civic responsibility.
6. Utilize our knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems.
7. Develop confidence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities.
8. Acquire leadership skills / qualities and democratic attitudes.
9. Gain skills in mobilizing community Participation.
10. Develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters.
11. Practice National intergration and social harmony
12. Develop willingness to service Poor community in the society

## **Introduction**

Create a social responsibility in the mind of students in the college and develop their allround personality. This national service scheme has been established with the objectives to N.S.S. is being implemented from the birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi i.e. from 24 September 1969 by Youth Welfare & development and sports ministry of Govt. of India for having Co-ordination of self dependency, character enrichment and social Commitment these values with new educational systems.

The post independence era was marked by an urge for introducing social service for students, both as a measure of educational reform and as a means to improve the quality of educated manpowers. The university grants commission headed by Dr. Radhakrishnan recommended introduction of National service, physical labour in the academic institutions on a voluntary basis with a view to developing healthy contacts between the students and teachers on the one hand and establishing a constructive linkage between the campus and community on the other hand.

## **History of National Service Scheme**

The Idea to start NSS is of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawarlal Neharu. Youth in past independence era especially college and university students should do some constructive work for establishing a constructive linkage between the campus and the community. India is Nation of villages. The villagers should be made work driven to consume have the benefits of freedom. Therefore, in the year 1950 Dr. Radhakrishnan Chairman, UGC called a meeting to discuss regarding inclusion of models of the era of Mahatma Gandhi in the educational field. In with the help of this, in the draft first five year plan adopted by the Govt. of India in 1952 the need for social and labour service for students for one year was stressed. Consequently, labour & service camps, campus work projects, village apprenticeship scheme etc. were put in to operation. In 1958 the then prime minister Pandit Jawaharlal Neharu in his letter moved the idea of having social service scheme of 9 months to 1 year as a graduation. In 1959 in the meeting of education minister at Delhi a committee was appointed to formulate such a type of scheme under the chairmanship of

Dr. C.D.Deshmukh. This committee gave very important recommendations in 1960 at the instance of the Govt. of India,

Prof K.G. Saiyidain studied National service by students implemented in several countries of the world and submitted his report under the title "National Service Scheme for the Youth" to the Govt. with a number of recommendations as to what could be done in India to develop a feasible scheme of social service by students. In 1964 Dr.D.S.Kothari,Chairman, Education commission recommended in his report that what kind of schemes should be implemented regarding girls social work

In May 1969 a meeting was conducted of vice chancellors sub committee and draft statement of NSS was prepared on 24 Sept 1969. The then education minister Dr. V.K. R. V. Rao declared that social work and National service scheme should be integral part of education. In view of birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi to implement his thoughts and to complete the dream of Pandit Jawaharlal Neharu and with the help of State Government this scheme was

started. Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi said that due to this scheme college and university students are getting new opportunity to do social work and National service like National Cadet Corps (NCC)

In 1969 this pilot scheme was for 40 thousand students and in 37 Universities in India. Today under this scheme 15 to 20 lakh volunteers are working.