

GUIDELINES NSS (NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME) CELL SHARDA UNIVERSITY

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1. Establishment of NSS (National Service Scheme) Cell, Sharda University:

As per the notification no. SU/Reg./Notification/2016/289 dated 31st March 2016 of Sharda University, NSS (National Service Scheme) Cell, Sharda University has been functioning since 16th December 2015.

2. About NSS (National Service Scheme):

The National Service Scheme is an Indian government-sponsored public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India. Popularly known as NSS, the scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Centenary year in 1969. Aimed at developing student's personality through community service. It provides opportunity to the student youth of 11th & 12th class of schools at +2 Board level and student youth of Technical Institution, Graduate & Post Graduate at colleges and University level of India to take part in various government led community service activities & programmes. The sole aim of the NSS is to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service.

The students participating in its activities work with the people of the society in the interest of the society. Literacy related work, environmental protection, Health and sanitation, assistance to the victims of emergency or natural disaster etc. By virtue of the social work from the student's life, the qualities of social service or national service are developed in them. To become an ideal citizen, it is necessary to develop these qualities.

The National Service Scheme of Sharda University is constantly working to make students aware of social problems and motivate them in creative work to solve them.

3. Motto: The motto of National Service Scheme is NOT ME BUT YOU

The Motto of NSS "Not Me But You", reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for selfless service. NSS helps the student's development & appreciation to other person's point of view and show consideration towards other living beings. The philosophy of the NSS is a good doctrine in this motto, which underlines on the belief that the welfare of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of the society as a whole and therefore, the NSS volunteers shall strive for the well-being of the society.

4. NSS Logo:

The logo 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 Red & Blue colours contained in the logo motivate the NSS Volunteers to be active & energetic for the nation-building social activities. The wheel portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release and signifies the movement in life across time and space, the wheel thus stands for continuity as well as change and implies the continuous striving of NSS for social change.



5. Objectives:

The objective of the National Service Scheme is to awaken the social consciousness of the students and provide opportunities to them as follows.

- i. Understand the community in which they work
- ii. Understand themselves in relation to their community
- iii. Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem-solving
- iv. Develop among themselves a sense of social and civic responsibility
- v. Utilise their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems
- vi. Develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities
- vii. Gain skills in mobilising community participation
- viii. Acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitudes
- ix. Develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters
- x. Practise national integration and social harmony

6. Types of Activities:

Regular Activities:

NSS volunteers generally work in villages, slums, and voluntary agencies to complete 120 hours of regular activities during an academic year. As per the fundamental principles of National Service Scheme, a volunteer is expected to remain in constant touch with the community.

Special Camping Programme:

Special Camping forms an integral part of National Service Scheme. It has special appeal to the youth as it provides unique opportunities to the students for group living, collective experience sharing and constant interaction with community. Special campings are organised generally on various developmental issues of national importance.

7. Benefits of National Service Scheme:

NSS provides an opportunity for social service by motivating the students towards creative work and is playing an important role in nurturing their personality. Certificates obtained from the National Service Scheme help in building a good future for the volunteers. Students can use these certificates in government and non-government services. Additional bonus points are also given to students holding National Service Scheme certificate at the time of admission to various courses of higher classes.