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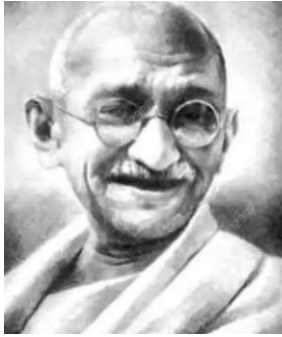


Welcome to
NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



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A GANDHIAN VISION



**BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO
SEE IN THE NATION**

“மாற்றம் ஒன்றே மாறதது”

About National Service Scheme (NSS)

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a Central Sector Scheme of the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. It provides an opportunity for student youth in the 11th and 12th classes of schools at the +2 Board level, as well as student youth in technical institutions, graduate, and post graduate levels at colleges and universities in India to take part in various government-led community service activities and programmes. The primary objective is to develop the personality and character of student youth through voluntary community service. The purpose of the NSS is **"Education through Service."** NSS was launched in 1969 in 37 universities involving about 40,000 volunteers, and it has now spread to 657 universities and 51 +2 councils / directorates, covering 20,669 colleges/ technical institutions and 11,988 senior secondary schools. Since its inception, over 7.4 crore students have benefitted from NSS.

National Service Scheme (NSS) instills the spirit of voluntary work among students and teachers through sustained community interactions, bringing academic institutions closer to society. It demonstrates how to combine knowledge and action to achieve results that

are desirable for community development. NSS is a permanent student youth programme of the Government of India, and the expenditure is shared by the Central and State Governments.

NSS was officially started on **24th September 1969** to establish a meaningful linkage between the campus and the community. Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, had recognized that the country could not progress in a desired direction until the student youth were motivated to work for the upliftment of the villages and communities. For Gandhiji, the villages, where the majority of the population lives, represent the country. Therefore, for national reconstruction and resurgence, it was deemed fit that the students and teachers should be properly sensitized and utilized for strengthening Indian society as a whole, with particular emphasis on the rural community. Therefore, student youth, teachers, and the community are considered as the three basic components of the National Service Scheme.

History and Growth of NSS

In India, the idea of involving students in the task of national service dates back to the times of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. He suggested that instead of undertaking academic research about economic and social disability, the students should do "something positive so that the life of the villagers might be raised to a higher material and moral level."

During the year 1950, the University Grants Commission headed by Dr. Radhakrishnan recommended the introduction of national service in 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 the community on the other hand.

In the draft First Five Year Plan adopted by the Government of India in 1952, the need for social and labor service for students for one year was further stressed.

In 1958, the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru mooted the idea of having social service as a prerequisite for graduation.

In 1959, a draft outline of the scheme was placed before the Education Minister's Conference. The Conference was unanimous about the urgent need for trying out a workable scheme for national service.

A National Service Committee was appointed under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. D. Deshmukh on August 28, 1959, to make concrete suggestions that national service for a period of nine months to a year may be made compulsory for all students completing high school education and intending to enroll themselves in a college or a university.

In 1960, 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 for the Youth" to the Government with a number of recommendations as to what could be done in India to develop a feasible scheme of social service by students.

The Education Commission headed by Dr. D. S. Kothari (1964-66) recommended that

students at all stages of education should be associated with some form of social service. This was taken into account by the State Education Ministers during their conference in April 1967, and they recommended that at the university stage, students could be permitted to join the National Cadet Corps (NCC), which was already in existence on a voluntary basis, and an alternative to this could be offered to them in the form of a new programme called the National Service Scheme (NSS).

In May 1969, a conference of the student representatives of the universities and institutions of higher learning convened by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission also unanimously declared that national service could be a powerful instrument for national integration. It could be used to introduce urban students to rural life.

On September 24th 1969, the then Union Education Minister Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao launched the NSS programme in 37 Universities covering all states.

Basic Concepts of NSS

The overall aim of the National Service Scheme is to **provide an additional dimension to the higher education system and to orient the student youth to community service** while they are studying in educational institutions. The reason for the formulation of this objective is the general realization that college and +2 level students have a tendency to become alienated from the village/slum masses, which constitute the majority of the population of the country. The educated youth who are expected to take the reins of administration in the future are found to be unaware of the problems of the village/slum community and, in certain cases, are indifferent towards their needs and problems. Therefore, it is necessary to arouse the social conscience of the students and to provide them with an opportunity to work with the people in the villages and slums. It is felt that their interaction with the common villagers and slum dwellers will expose them to the realities of life and bring about a change in their social perception.

The Motto

The motto or watchword of the National Service Scheme is **'NOT ME BUT YOU'**. This reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for selfless service and appreciation of the other person's point of view, as well as showing consideration for fellow human beings. It underlines that the welfare of an individual is ultimately dependent on the welfare of society as a whole. Therefore, it should be the aim of the NSS to demonstrate this motto in its day-to-day programme.

NSS Symbol



The symbol of the National Service Scheme is based on the 'Rath' wheel of the Konark Sun Temple situated in Orissa. These giant wheels of the Sun Temple portray the cycle of

creation, preservation, and release, and signify the movement in life across time and space. The design of the symbol, a simplified form of the Sun-chariot wheel, primarily depicts **movement**. The **wheel signifies the progressive cycle of life**. It stands for **continuity as well as change** and implies the continuous striving of NSS for **social transformation and upliftment**.

NSS Badge

The NSS symbol is embossed on the NSS badge. NSS volunteers wear it while undertaking any community service programme. The Konark wheel in the symbol has **eight bars, representing the 24 hours of the day**. Hence, the badge reminds the wearer to be ready for service to the nation round the clock, i.e., for 24 hours. The **red color** in the badge indicates that the NSS volunteers are full of blood, i.e., lively, active, energetic, and full of high spirit. The **navy blue color** indicates the cosmos of which the NSS is a tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare of mankind.

NSS Day

NSS was formally launched on 24th September 1969, the **birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhiji**, the Father of the Nation. Therefore, 24th September is celebrated every year as NSS Day with appropriate programmes and activities.

Vision, Mission, and Objectives

Vision

The vision is to build the youth with the **mind and spirit** to serve the society and work for the social uplift of the down-trodden masses of our nation as a movement.

Mission

The National Service Scheme has been functioning with the motto “NOT ME BUT YOU” to inspire the youth in the service of the people, aiming for Education through Community Service and Community Service through Education.

Broad Objectives

- Understand the community in which they work
- Understand themselves in relation to their community
- Identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in the problem-solving process
- Develop a sense of social and civic responsibility
- Utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems
- Develop competence required for group living and sharing of responsibilities
- Gain skills in mobilizing community participation
- Acquire leadership qualities and a democratic attitude
- Develop the capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters
- Practice national integration and social harmony

NSS Activity Programmes

NSS activities have been divided into two major groups:

1. Regular NSS Activity

Under this, students undertake various programmes in the [adopted villages, college campuses, and urban slums](#) during weekends or after college hours.

2. Special Camping Programme

Under this, camps of [7 days](#) duration are organized in adopted villages or urban slums during vacations with specific projects involving local communities. 50% of NSS volunteers, i.e., 50 NSS Volunteers per NSS Unit, are involved in these camps.

Release of Grants

The [grants released by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, and Government of Tamil Nadu](#) through the State NSS Cell shall be made available to the NSS Units organizing the camp before the camp actually starts. The university will [release the grant admissible to the NSS Unit subject to the conditions of submission of proper accounts by the NSS Unit.](#)

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME OF ALAGAPPA UNIVERSITY

Advisory Committee - University Level (2023-2024)

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| 1. | Prof. G. Ravi Vice-Chancellor Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Chairman |
| 2. | Dr. A. Senthilrajan Registrar Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Member |
| 3. | The Regional Director Regional Directorate of NSS 4 th Block IV Floor, 'B' Wing Shastri Bhavan, Chennai- 600006 | Member |
| 4. | The State NSS Officer Tamil Nadu State NSS Cell Directorate of Collegiate Education Institute of Advanced Study in Education compus, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai - 600015. | Member |
| 5. | Dr. S. Rajaram Syndicate Member Senior Professor and Head Department of Tamil | Member |

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| | Alagappa University, Karaikudi - 630003 | |
| 6. | The Finance Officer Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Member |
| 7. | The Principal Alagappa University College of Physical Education Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Member |
| 8. | The District Youth Coordinator Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan Annanagar A, Okkur (PO) Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu | Member |
| 9. | The Commissioner Karaikudi Municipality Municipal Office, Karaikudi - 630002 | Member |
| 10. | The Co-ordinator NSS Empanelled Training Institution, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore - 641043 | Member |
| 11. | The Principal Alagappa Govt. Arts college, Karaikudi - 630 003 | Member |
| 12. | The Principal Syed Hameedha Arts and Science College Sathak Nagar, East Coast Road, Klakarai - 623 806 Ramanathapuram District | Member |
| 13. | Dr. J. Sujathamalini Director Directorate of Cells and Clubs Alagappa University, Karaikudi - 630003 | |
| 14. | Dr. Kumaresan, M.D Chairman Time's Healthcare Foundation and Charitable Trust & Secretary, Indian Medical Association Karaikudi, Sivagangai | Member |
| 15. | Dr. C. Vairavasundaram Co-ordinator National Cadet Corps Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Member |
| 16. | Dr. K. Divya NSS Programme Officer Alagappa University, Karaikudi - 630003 | Member |
| 17. | Dr. N. Johnson NSS Programme Officer | Member |

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| | Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | |
| 18. | Ms. Gulafsha Parveen (Student Representative) M. A., II Year Department of Life Skill Education Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Member |
| 19. | Dr. P. Srinivasan Programme Co-ordinator National Service Scheme Alagappa University Karaikudi - 630003 | Member Secretary |

Programme Officers - University Department

| S. No. | Name of the Programme Officer | Unit No. |
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| 1. | Dr. K. Divya Alagappa University College of Physical Education | AU 91 |
| 2. | Dr. M. Natarajan Department of English and Foreign Languages | AU 49 |
| 3. | Dr. M. Gurupandi Department of Commerce | AU 01 |
| 4. | Dr. N. Johnson Department of Lifelong Learning | AU 89 |
| 5. | Dr. M. C. Balalakshmi Department of Nanoscience and Technology | AU 03 |
| 6. | Dr. R. Jeyabalan Department of Mathematics | AU 02 |
| 7. | Dr. P. Boomi Department of Bioinformatics | AU 04 |
| 8. | Dr. P. Yoga Alagappa University college of Physical Education | AU 82 |
| 9. | Dr. M. Mahendra Prabhu, Alagappa University college of Education | AU 90 |

About National Service Scheme (NSS) of ALAGAPPA UNIVESITY

Alagappa University is located in the south-eastern region of Tamil Nadu, India, specifically in the Sivagangai District. The university has **105 NSS units** in the **Sivagangai and Ramanathapuram** Districts, sanctioned by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Out of these, 62 NSS units are distributed to colleges in Sivagangai District, comprising 6200 NSS volunteers, and 43 NSS units are distributed to colleges in Ramanathapuram District, comprising 4300 NSS volunteers. NSS program officer is deputed to each NSS unit as an additional duty for NSS activities. This is approved by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Alagappa University.

Alagappa University, Karaikudi - Sivagangai District**College List (Total No. of Unit and Volunteer Strength)**

| Sl. No | Name of the Colleges | Govt / Aided / Selffinance | Total No. of Unit | Volunteer Strength |
|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Alagappa University Departments, Karaikudi | Government | 6 | 600 |
| 2 | Alagappa University College of Education, Karaikudi | Government | 1 | 100 |
| 3 | Alagappa University College of Physical Education, Karaikudi | Government | 2 | 200 |
| 4 | Alagappa Government Arts College, Karaikudi | Government | 4 | 400 |
| 5 | Government Arts College for Women, Sivagangai | Government | 3 | 300 |
| 6 | Raja Dorai Singam Government Arts and Science College, Sivagangai | Government | 4 | 400 |
| 7 | VSS Government Arts College, Pulankuruchi | Government | 1 | 100 |
| 8 | Arumugam Pillai Seethaiammal Arts and Science College, Thirupattur | Aided | 4 | 400 |
| 9 | Seethalakshmi Achi College for Women, Pallathur | Aided | 4 | 400 |
| 10 | Ramasamy Tamil College, Ilayankudi | Aided | 1 | 100 |
| 11 | Dr. Zakir Hussian College, Ilayankudi | Aided | 4 | 400 |
| 12 | Sree Sevugan Annamalai College, Devakottai | Aided | 4 | 400 |
| 13 | Vidhaya Giri Arts and Science college, Pudukkottai | Self-finance | 2 | 200 |
| 14 | Sri Saradha Niketan College for Women, Amaravathipudur | Self-finance | 3 | 300 |
| 15 | Nachiyappa Swamigal Arts and Science College, Koviloor | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 16 | PSY Arts and Science College, Arasanoor | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 17 | Ananda College, Devakottai | Self-finance | 3 | 300 |
| 18 | Dr.Umayal Ramanathan College for Women, Karaikudi | Self-finance | 3 | 300 |
| 19 | Singai Sithar Ayya Arts and Science College, A. Thekkur | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |

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| 20 | Idhaya College for women, Sarugani | Self-finance | 4 | 400 |
| 21 | Madurai Sivakasi Nadar Pioneer womens college , Poovanthi | Self-finance | 3 | 300 |
| 22 | KLN Arts and Science college, Pottapalayam | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 23 | St.Justin Arts and Science College for Women, Cholapuram | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 24 | St. Joseph's Arts and Science College for Women, South Singampunari | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| | | Total | 62 | 6200 |

Alagappa University, Karaikudi - Ramanathapuram District

NSS College List (Total No. of Unit and Volunteer Strength)

| Sl. No | Name of the Colleges | Govt/ Aided/ Selffinance | Total No. of Unit | Volunteer Strength |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Government Arts and Science College, Kadaladi | Government | 1 | 100 |
| 2 | Government Arts College for Women, Paramakudi | Government | 3 | 300 |
| 3 | Government Arts and Science College, Thiruvadana | Government | 1 | 100 |
| 4 | Government Arts College, Mudukulathur | Government | 1 | 100 |
| 5 | Sethupathy Government Arts College, Ramanthapuram | Government | 4 | 400 |
| 6 | Government Arts College, Paramakudi | Government | 4 | 400 |
| 7 | Government Arts College for Women, Ramanathapuram | Government | 3 | 300 |
| 8 | Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Devar Memorial College, Kamuthi | Government | 3 | 300 |
| 9 | Bharatharathna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Arts and Science College, Rameswaram | Government | 1 | 100 |
| 10 | Caussanel College of Arts and Science, Muthupettai | Self-finance | 2 | 200 |

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| 11 | Syed Hameedha Arts and Science College, Kilakarai | Self-finance | 3 | 300 |
| 12 | Thiyagi Dharmakkan Amirtham Arts and Science College, Kannirajapuram | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 13 | Sonai Meenal Arts and Science College, Muthukuladur | Self-finance | 2 | 200 |
| 14 | Syed Ammal Arts and Science College, Ramanathapuram | Self-finance | 3 | 300 |
| 15 | Thassim beevi Abdul Kadhar College for Women, Kilakarai | Self-finance | 4 | 400 |
| 16 | Raja College of Arts and Science, Vedhalai | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 17 | Morning Star Arts and Science College for Women, Abiramam, Kamuthi | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 18 | Velumanoharan Arts and Science College for Women, Pazhankulam Village, Marappalam | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 19 | Sri Muthalamman Arts and Science College (Women), Somanathapuram, Paramakudi | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 20 | Annai Scholastica Arts and Science College for Women, Pamban, Rameswaram | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 21 | Puratchi Thalaivar Dr.M.G.R. Arts and Science College for Women, Uchipuli | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| 22 | Mohamed Sathak Hamid College of Arts and Science for Women, Ramanathapuram | Self-finance | 1 | 100 |
| | | Total | 43 | 4300 |

Benefits of Being a NSS Volunteer

- an accomplished social leader
- an efficient administrator
- a person who understands human nature

By participating in NSS activities, volunteers can develop leadership skills, organizational abilities, and a deeper understanding of human behavior. These experiences can be valuable in both personal and professional life.

Major Activities:

National Integration Camp (NIC)

The National Integration Camp is organized every year, and the duration of each camp is 7

days with day-night boarding & lodging. These camps are held in different parts of the country. Each camp involves 200 NSS volunteers to undertake the scheduled activities.

Objectives of the National Integration Camp

Make the NSS volunteers aware of the following:

- Rich cultural diversity of India
- History of our diversified culture
- National pride through knowledge about India
- To integrate the nation through social service

Adventure Program

The camps are held every year and are attended by approximately 1500 NSS volunteers, with at least 50% of the volunteers being girl students. These camps are conducted in the Himalayan Region in the North and Arunachal Pradesh in the North East region. The adventure activities undertaken in these camps include trekking of mountains, water rafting, Para-sailing, and basic skiing.

Objectives of Adventure Program

- Promote various adventure activities among NSS volunteers
- Infuse the sense of love towards the various regions of India
- Enhance leadership qualities, fraternity, team spirit, and risk-taking capacity
- Improvement of physical and mental strength
- Exposure to new vocational possibilities

NSS Republic Day Parade Camp at New Delhi / State Republic Day Parade Camp at TN

The first Republic Day Camp of NSS Volunteers was held in 1988. The camp takes place in Delhi between 1st and 31st January every year with 200 NSS selected volunteers who are good in discipline, March-past, and cultural activities.

A Contingent of selected NSS volunteers participates in the Republic Day Parade at Rajpath, New Delhi on 26th of January every year in accordance with the guidelines and requisition of the Ministry of Defence.

A Contingent of selected NSS volunteers participates in the State Republic Day Parade at Chennai on 26th of January every year in accordance with the guidelines and requisition of the Ministry of Defence.

Objectives of NSS Republic Day Parade Camp

- Enable the volunteers to interact with fellow members hailing from various parts of India
- Experience the tradition, custom, culture, language of all states of India
- Provide a chance to develop the overall personality of the Student volunteers
- Constitute the bond of patriotism, national integration, brotherhood, and communal harmony

National Youth Festivals

National Youth Festivals are organized every year from 12th to 16th January by the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports in collaboration with the State Governments in different parts of the country. Eminent guests, speakers, and youth icons are invited to address and interact with about 1500 participating NSS volunteers during the National Youth Festivals.

Objectives of National Youth Festivals

- Make the volunteers aware of the various festivals celebrated in the country
- Remind the volunteers of the cultural importance of festivals celebrated in our country
- Provide a chance to the NSS volunteers to interact with the resource person / speaker / youth icons.

Other NSS Activities

- Blood Donation Camp (Every year)
- Blood Stem Cell Donation Awareness Programme and Blood Stem Cell Donor Registry
- Communal Harmony Day (Every year)
- Constitution Day (Every year)
- Digital India Programme
- Eye Camp (Every year)
- Fire & Safety Awareness Programme (Every year)
- Gandhi Jayanthi & International Non-Violence Day (Every year)
- Independence 70 Students' visit to the birth place of freedom fighters
- Independence 70 Candle Light Freedom March Programme
- Independence 70 Independence Day Run
- Independence 70 Mass singing of the National Anthem
- Independence 70 Quit India Day Programme
- International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (Every year)
- International Yoga Day (Every year)
- Medical Camp (Every year)
- National Voter's Day (Every year)
- National Youth Day (Every year)
- Rashtriya Sankalp Diwas Programme
- Science Exhibition (Every year)
- Tiranga March
- Tree Plantation Programme (Every year)
- Vigilance Awareness Programme (Every year)
- VISAKA Programme
- World AIDS Day (Every year)
- Youth Awakening Day (Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam Birthday Celebration - Every year)

Important Days

- January 1-7 Road Safety Week (Every year)
- January 12 National Youth Day (Birthday of Swami Vivekananda)

- January 25 National Voter's Day
- January 26 Republic Day
- January 30 Anti-terrorism Day
- February 28 National Science Day
- March 8 International Women's Day
- April 6 Alagappa University Founder's Day
- April 7 World Health Day
- May 21 Anti-terrorism Day
- May 31 World No Tobacco Day
- June 5 World Environment Day
- June 14th Observation of Blood Donor's day
- June 21st Observation of International day of Yoga
- June 26 International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- July 8-14 International Literacy Week
- July 11 World Population Day
- August 1-7 World Breast Feeding Week
- August 12th International Youth Day
- August 15 Independence Day
- August 20 Sadbhavana Diwas (Communal Harmony Day)
- September 1st to 7th Celebration of the National Nutrition week
- September 5 Teachers' Day
- September 8 International Literacy Day
- September 15 International Peace Day
- September 24 NSS Day
- October 1 National Blood Donation Day
- October 2 Gandhi Jayanthi
- October 11 World Sight Day
- October 15 Youth Awakening Day
- November 19 National Integration Day
- December 1 World AIDS Day
- December 7 Armed Forces Flag Day
- December 10 World Human Rights Day

Collaboration with other Organizations

- Aditthya Hospitals, Karaikudi
- Annai Sri Parvathi Trust, Karaikudi
- Appollo Reach Hospitals, Karaikudi
- Government Blood Bank, Karaikudi and Sivagangai
- Government Hospital , Sivagangai
- Government Hospital, Karaikudi
- HDFC Bank, Karaikudi Branch
- Lions Club, Karaikudi
- Office of the Commissioner of Police, Sivagangai District
- Rotary Club, Karaikudi
- Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society (TANSACS), Chennai

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