

## **National Service Scheme (NSS) at Desh Bhagat College, Bardwal**

### **Introduction:**

The National Service Scheme (NSS) at Desh Bhagat College, Bardwal, is a vibrant student-led initiative aimed at developing the personality of students through community service. By fostering a sense of social responsibility, leadership, and empathy, NSS encourages students to actively contribute to societal welfare while enriching their own educational experience.

### **History of NSS:**

The National Service Scheme was launched on September 24, 1969, by the Government of India under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The scheme was initiated to mark the birth centenary of Mahatma Gandhi, who advocated for voluntary service and community involvement. The primary objective of NSS is to involve students in community service activities and programs, thereby shaping them into responsible citizens of India.

### **Objectives:**

- To enable students to understand the community in which they live.
- To identify the needs and problems of the community and involve them in problem-solving processes.
- To develop a sense of social and civic responsibility among students.
- To utilize their knowledge in finding practical solutions to individual and community problems.
- To develop competence required for group-living and sharing of responsibilities.
- To gain skills in mobilizing community participation.
- To acquire leadership qualities and democratic attitudes.
- To develop capacity to meet emergencies and natural disasters.
- To practice national integration and social harmony.

**NSS Motto:** The motto of NSS is "Not Me But You," which reflects the essence of democratic living and upholds the need for selfless service. It highlights the importance of considering the welfare of others and serving the community.

**NSS Symbol:** The NSS symbol is based on the "Rath" wheel of the Konark Sun Temple of Odisha. The wheel signifies the progressive cycle of life and symbolizes continuity as well as the moving forward of generations.

**NSS Activities:** The activities of NSS are broadly categorized into two types: Regular Activities and Special Camping Programs.

#### 1. **Regular Activities:**

- **Community Service:** Participation in various community service activities such as blood donation camps, health and hygiene awareness programs, environmental conservation efforts, and education drives.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Organizing awareness campaigns on important social issues like drug abuse prevention, road safety, voter awareness, and gender equality.
- **Skill Development:** Workshops and training sessions on leadership, teamwork, and various vocational skills.

#### 2. **Special Camping Programs:**

- **Adoption of Villages/Slums:** NSS units adopt villages or slums to implement development programs and improve the quality of life of the residents.
- **Cleanliness Drives:** Conducting cleanliness and sanitation drives under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan to promote hygiene and cleanliness in the community.
- **Health Camps:** Organizing health camps in rural and urban areas to provide medical services and health education to underserved populations.

#### **Impact and Benefits:**

- **Personal Growth:** NSS helps in the holistic development of students by instilling values of empathy, leadership, and social responsibility.

- **Community Development:** Through various initiatives, NSS significantly contributes to the upliftment and betterment of the community.
- **Skill Enhancement:** Participants gain valuable skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and effective communication.
- **Career Opportunities:** Experience in NSS activities can enhance students' resumes and provide them with unique opportunities in their future careers.

**Join NSS:** Students of Desh Bhagat College are encouraged to join NSS and become a part of this dynamic movement. By participating in NSS activities, students not only contribute to societal welfare but also enrich their own personal and professional lives.

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