



NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

UNIT 4

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What is NSS?

The **National Service Scheme (NSS)** is a government-sponsored public service program conducted by the **Department of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India**

Popularly known as **NSS**, the scheme was launched in **Gandhiji's Century year, 1969**

AIM of NSS:

Developing student's personalities through **community service**, NSS is a **voluntary association** of young people in **Colleges, Universities** and at +2 level

It is working for a
Campus-community, College-Village,
Knowledge-Action linkage

Motto of NSS:

"NOT ME, BUT YOU"

**An NSS volunteer places the
'community' before 'self'**

**To practice national integration
and social harmony**

History of NSS:

After Independence, **the University Grants Commission**, headed by **S. Radhakrishna**, recommended **the introduction of voluntary national service in academic institutions.**

This idea was again considered by the **Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE)** at its meeting in **January, 1950**

After examining **the idea and the experiences of other countries** in this field, the **board recommended** that students and teachers should devote time to voluntary manual work.

In the draft first Five-Year Plan adopted by **the Government in 1952**, the need of Social Service by Indian students for One year was stressed.

In **1958** Jawahar Laal Nehru, in a letter to the Chief ministers, considered the idea of social service as a prerequisite for graduation.

He directed the **Ministry of Education** to formulate a suitable scheme for the introduction of national service into academic Institution.

Symbol of NSS:

The symbol for the NSS has been based on the Gaint Rath Wheel of the world-famous Konark Sun Temple (The Black pagoda) situated in Odisha, India.

This giant wheel portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release. And signify the movement in life across time and space.

NSS volunteers work to ensure that everyone who is needy gets help to enhance their standard of living and lead a life of dignity

In doing so we learn from the people in villages how to lead a good life despite a scarcity of resources.

NSS also provides help in natural and man-made disasters by providing food, clothing and first aid to the disaster victims

