

Brief report of National Service Scheme (NSS) University of Mysore, Mysore 2012-2017

Background:

The National service scheme (NSS) was introduced at national level in 37 Universities across the country in 1969 and in the same year the University of Mysore was one of the three Universities in Karnataka to implement the NSS with 1100 volunteers in 11 colleges. Presently it has grown to 180 units with a volunteer's strength of 18000. So far, 10 Programme Coordinators in the course of these 49 years have made significant contribution in developing a Model NSS unit in the University. As a result, the University of Mysore is recognized as one of the best Universities in the country during the Silver Jubilee year of NSS and was awarded a prize at Trivandrum in 1993-94 and also got Indira Gandhi NSS award during its Centenary Year in 2015-16.

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1) Trend of NSS Volunteer strength 2012-16

During the year 2012-13 to 2014-15 the NSS volunteer's strength allocated to the University was 15000 by the government covering 150 Colleges of four districts such as Mysore, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagara. In the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 this allocated strength of volunteers has increased to 16000 and 18000 respectively, however every year the actual enrollment has exceeded than the actual allocation

2) ADOPTION OF VILLAGES/SLUMS 2012-16

In the University there is a good practice of adopting villages and slums by each NSS unit and there by they focus their extension activities in these adopted villages through

regular as well as special camping programmes. The number of adopted villages are 110,136,147,160 and 169 during 2012 to 2017 respectively.

3) Plantation :

It is one of the most important areas where the NSS units of our university have made an outstanding achievement during 2012 and 2017. On an average each NSS unit has planted around 220 to 300 plants every year during this period. However in absolute figures, in the year 2013-14, a total of **32718** saplings were planted. During 2014-15, **53827** saplings, in 2015-16, **85035** saplings and in 2016-17 around **50,000** Saplings were planted. Each year on the **Vanamahostava** and **World Environment Day** mass plantation programmes were organized in adopted villages as well as in University campus. Teak, Indian Rosewood, Neem, Peepal, Silver oak, Mango, Coconut, Ashoka, Jack fruit, Guava, Tamarind, Rain Tree and others were some of the important varieties of saplings planted in and around Manasagangotri Area, Road sides, Parks, Historical and Religious Places, Schools and College Premises.

4) Blood Donation :

Through blood donation the NSS volunteers have set an example for other people especially the youths of the community. This also helped the student community in creating awareness on advantages and myths of blood donation. Through this service they are able to save millions of life. During 2013-14, 154 blood Donation Camps were organized. In 2014-15, 2015-16 and in 2016-17, 236,253, and 238 blood donation camps were organized in respective years . However, in the year 2013-14 totally **15842** units of blood was collected. In 2014-15, **24969** units, during 2015-16 **27741** units of blood was collected. In addition to donation, blood grouping has also made during Special Camps and special Lectures, Jaathas were organized to create awareness on Blood Grouping and Blood Donation.

5) Awareness Programmes:

During the last 5 years various awareness programmes like Digital Payments, AIDS awareness, water borne diseases, environment, water conservation and management, energy conservation, renewable energy resources, legal awareness such as human rights, women rights, consumer rights, cyber laws, road safety and rules, social security schemes, literacy programmes, Swach Bharat Abhiyana, Family planning, Pulse polio programme, Save girl child programme, youth motivation, National Integration, Communal harmony and Rural sanitation programmes were

organized both at the university level and college level during regular and special camping events and there by the NSS volunteers got benefitted themselves in addition to reach millions of people in creating awareness on various issues.

During 2013-14 Totally 976 awareness programmes were conducted and **2,47,100** people were reached. During 2014-15, 1223 programmes were conducted and **2,76,200** people were reached. During 2015-16, 1423 programmes were conducted and **3,18,250** people were reached. There is a considerable increase in the number of awareness programmes and also the people reached year by year.

6) National / Regional Level Programmes Organized:

a)National Integration Camp :

In order to create the feeling of oneness among the youths and make them to understand and respect the spirit of plurality of the nation the programme like National Integration Camps are organized by the University of Mysore in association with other colleges and institutions.

The State NSS Cell and Mysore University NSS wing were jointly organized the National Integration Camp at Brahmadevarahalli, Nagamangala Taluk from 24.01.2015 to 30.01.2015. 175 members of NSS volunteers and NSS Programme Officers representing 8 Universities of Karnataka and 6 States of Southern India participated in the camp.

On account of centenary celebration of University of Mysore, NSS wing of UOM, had organized National Integration Camp with JSS Arts, Commerce and Science College, Nanjangud at Suttur, Nanjangud Taluk, Mysuru District from 25.02.2016 to 02.03.2016. Totally 150 volunteers and NSS Programme Officers representing 17 State had participated.

National integration camp was organized by JSS Mahavidyalya ,Mysore from 01-12-2016 to 07-12-2016.around 08 NSS volunteers(04 Male and 04 Female) participated in the camp and represented University of Mysore,

b) Regional Camp :

1. University of Mysore NSS wing and State NSS cell were jointly organized **State Level Pre Republic Day Parade training camp** for Female volunteers from 13.09.2013 to 16.09.2013 and for male volunteers 16.09.2013 to 19.09.2013 at Manasagangotri campus.

2. University of Mysore NSS wing was organized the **National Level Republic Day Parade Selection camp** at Manasagangothri premises with the collaboration of State NSS and NSS Regional centre, Government of India, Bengaluru, from 13.09.2013 to 16.09.2013 for female volunteers
3. South zone Pre Republic Day Parade Camp 2015 was organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, NSS Regional Directorate, Bengaluru and University of Mysore, Mysuru at Karnataka State Open University, Muktha Gangothri, Mysuru from 21.09.2015 to 30.09.2015. Around 230 NSS volunteers from south Indian Universities/Directorates including from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Lakshadweep islands participated in the programme.

c) State Level Youth Festival

State Level NSS Youth Festival was held at Shanthi College, Malavalli in collaboration with NSS Youth Services & Sports, NSS Regional Centre, Bengaluru and University of Mysore, Mysuru from 06.10.2015 to 10.10.2015.

d) State Level Cultural Competitions for NSS volunteers

University of Mysore, Mysuru on account of its Centenary Celebrations National Service Scheme wing organized a **University Level Cultural** Competitions for NSS Volunteers on 26th March, 2016 at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, Mysuru. This is the first and unique event for the NSS volunteers of the University of Mysore affiliated colleges. For each cultural event there were 1st, 2nd and 3rd Cash Prizes, Mementoes and Certificates to the team representing their college.

e) State Level Workshop on 'Gandhi'

Along with the collaboration of H K Veeranna Gowda College, Madhur. State Level Work shop on Gandhian thoughts is being continuously organized for the past 15 years exclusively for the NSS Volunteers of the Karnataka state. During 2012-13,2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16,2016-17 more than 100 workshops on Gandhian thought and life was organized in association with the Gandhi bhavan , University of Mysore and Gandhi Smaraka Nidhi, Karnataka Bangalore.

f) University Level Camp Organized:

Special Camp

During 2012 to 2017, 93, 99,102,115 and 148 Special Camps were conducted in Mysore ,Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan districts in respective years; altogether, 45127 NSS Volunteers and Programme Officers participated in the camps. In addition to college level camp around 20 University level and district level special camps under various themes have organized.

g) University Level Youth Leadership Camp

The NSS wing of University of Mysore, Mysuru has organized 39th, 40th and 41st Inter Collegiate leadership Camp at Kasthuraba Gandhi Rastriya Smaraka Trust (R) Arasikere, Hassan District, Sir.M.Visveswaraiah P.G. Centre, Tubinakere, Mandya and Atmalingeswara ksherta, Hanumantha nagara, KM Doddi, Mandya district during 2012 and 2017.

h) District Level Youth Leadership Camp

The District Level camp of Mysuru District was organized at Madapura village, H.D.Kote taluk, Mysuru District, Kattemanuganahally and Alattalahundi, Karimuddanahalli Village, Bilikere Hobli, Hunsur Taluk, Mysuru District and Hommaragalli H.D Kote taluk,Mmysore District. during the camp under the shramadan programme. Drainage formation, cleaning and restoration of the ancient temples of Veerabhadreshwara and Mallikarjuna were made..

Mandya District Level camp was organized at Chowdri koppalu, Devalapura Hobli, Mandya Bidarahalli village, Maddur taluk, Manikyanahalli Village, Melkote Hobli, Pandavapura Taluk and Kottati village, Mandya,taluk, During the camp under the shramadan programme, formation of the park, foundation of Dr. Ho. Srinivasaiah Samudaya Bhavana, digging of toilet pits and cleaning the village etc., were done.

Hassan District Level camp was organized at Theranya village, Hassan District, Koravangala village, Holenarsipura taluk, Heragu Village, Dudda Hobli, Hassan Taluk and Shanthi grama village, Hassan taluk, Uunder the shramadhan programme road repairs; renovation of ancient temples, drainages formation, desilting of ponds works was done.

In Chamaraja nagara district the district level camps were condycted at Moraji Desai Residential School, Thimmarajapura, Kollegal Taluka and at Biligiri Hills, Chamarajanagar District.

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7) Awards and Recognitions:

National Awards;

During the year 2013-14 Prof.K.B.Narayana, Associate Professor, Govt. College for Women, Mandya has been awarded Indira Gandhi Best NSS Programme Officer Award at the National Level and also the college which he represented got Best NSS Unit Award. In the same year Kum.M.Yogeshwari, an NSS volunteer from Govt. First Grade College, K.R.Nagar has received the Indira Gandhi National Best NSS Volunteer Award.

The former NSS coordinator Dr.Kalachannefowda has got IndiraGandhi NSS National award during the year 2015-16 for his outstanding performance and the University of Mysore has also honored with National Award for the same period.

Apart from National awards our NSS officers and volunteers have bagged more than 12 national and state awrds during this period. The university has also bagged best University award during the previous year.

University Level Awards

Under the directions from the State Government and State Level NSS Advisory Committee, it was decided to confer awards for Best NSS Programme Officer, Best NSS Volunteers (1 male and 1 female) and the Best NSS Unit. From the year 2004-05 to till date, University of Mysore is conferring these awards.

Prof.U.K.Subbarayachar Memorial Award

Prof.U.K.Subbarayachar, The founder Honorary Director of National Service Scheme, University of Mysore, laid the foundation stone and played a pivotal role in implementation of NSS activities. In his memory during the year 2003-04 an Award was constituted which is given to two best NSS volunteers of the University (One Male & One Female) every year.

8) Training and orientation to the Officers:

NSS-ETI-KARNATAKA: The University of Mysore has implemented Training Programmes long before the TOC's and TORC's were introduced in the country. Since 1992 it is training NSS Programme Officers of the Karnataka State and organized more than 116 Training Programmes under the banner of TOC-University of Mysore till 2011 and so far the university has conducted 140 Training Programmes and trained around 4,500 Programme Officers. Now the university is hosting Empanelled Training Institution (NSS-ETI) for Karnataka, which is the only recognized institution in Karnataka, for training NSS officers in the state,

.9) 1000 NSS Volunteers in organizing 103rd Indian Science Congress (3-7 January, 2016).

University of Mysore had organized 5 day Indian Science Congress from 3rd to 7th Jan 2016 at Manasagangothri, Mysuru. Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri.Narendra Modi inaugurated the Seminar and more than 1000 NSS Volunteers and Programme Officer rendered voluntary service under the supervision of the Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, UOM, Mysuru.

10)Workshop on 'Women and Human Rights' organized in Collaboration with Karnataka State Women's Commission (22-23 April, 2016).

Workshop on 'Women and Human Rights' was organized in collaboration with Karnataka State Women's Commission on 22.04.2016 and 23.04.2016 at Senate Hall, Manasagangotri, Mysuru. About 100 NSS volunteers participated and rendered service as volunteers in the programme

11) International Yoga Day Celebration.

International Yoga Day is being organized since last two years.

During this year the International Yoga Day 2017 was organized by district administration at race course and this event has set a new Guinness record for gathering of more than 56000 yoga practioners at a single venue. The NSS is very proud as we were also major players in organizing this programme,

Previous year also yoga day celebrations held on 21.06.2016 at 6.00 a.m. at Pavillion Grounds, Dept. of Physical Education and Sports, Mysuru.