

NSS: NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME



SYMBOL

Motto: *NOT ME BUT YOU*
Inception: *24 September, 1969*



LOGO

The *National Service Scheme (NSS)* is a Government of India sponsored public service program. It is conducted by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India. The scheme was launched in 1969 which was also the centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi with the aim to shape the personality of the youth through community service.

The NSS is a **voluntary** association of students in colleges and universities and facilitates the campus-community linkage. The various programs under NSS **focus** on inculcating a sense of social welfare in students and to serve the society without any bias. NSS volunteers ensure that help reaches the needy. They learn from villagers how to lead a quality life despite scarcities and also provide help in natural and man-made disasters by providing food, clothes and first aid to the victims. Volunteers may be involved in activities like, Cleaning, a forestation, stage shows or a procession creating awareness of such issues as social problems, education and cleanliness, awareness rallies, street plays, blood camps, inviting doctors for health camps etc. There are no predefined or pre assigned tasks; it is left up to the volunteers to provide service in any way that is feasible.

The **symbol** 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 wheel portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release. It signifies the movement in life across time and space, the symbol thus stands for continuity as well as change and implies the continuous striving of NSS for social change. The eight bars in the wheel represent the 24 hours of a day. The red colour indicates that the volunteer is full of young blood that is lively, active, energetic and full of high spirit. The navy blue colour indicates the cosmos of which the NSS is tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare of the mankind. In session 2019-20, NSS completed 50 years (1969 – 2019) and it was celebrated on 24th September and a **new logo** was launched on the same day.

NSS's **aim** is to develop social welfare in students, and to give services to society without bias. It helps the students develop appreciation to another person's point of view and also define consideration to other living beings.

The **NSS UNIT of IPCW** works actively over the year to meet its goals by conducting various rallies drives to spread awareness etc, within and outside the campus.