

Role of National Service Scheme and Educational Institutions in Sanitation and Cleaning Within In Kolar District

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Introduction

National Service Scheme (NSS) was first launched in in the country in 1969 with the chief objective of promoting personality development of the student volunteers. These volunteers are expected to undertake are serve the community doing cleaning works, construction of roads, planting of trees, creating awareness programme with respect of education, health, blind belief, family planning etc. NSS usually organize regular activities in the college like organizing campus cleaning, sanitation works and seven days special camp programme in selected backward village for undertaking various essential community services.

Objectives

1. To highlight the performance of the NSS units activities in the educational institutions
2. To know the importance of cleanliness made by the NSS Volunteers
3. To know the opinion of the society towards NSS contribution.
4. To motivate all the students at primary, high school level, college level to participate in the cleanliness activities.

Methodology

1. Used interview method to obtain necessary information from selected NSS volunteers and NSS programme officers of selected colleges in the Kolar district.
2. Secondary data was collected from official documents, records, NSS magazines, pf selected colleges which maintain NSS units.
3. Expert method for obtaining opinion of the NSS experts was also used for the study Study the writings about NSS activities in India by some different resource persons.
4. Descriptive analysis method has been used for the present study.

Major Findings

National Service Scheme is one of the best schemes existing in India having units in all colleges and Universities. Each Educational Institute may have one unit consisting of 100 students or two units of 200 students or more. These units are financed by the each university N.S.S. Co-ordinator and issues guidelines, directions about the activities to be performed with respect of USS units. The said each unit may have one NSS Programme Officer to take care of such units under the leadership of the Principals of the college. Each NSS volunteers in India have the responsibility to serve our society by conducting cleaning community service programmes which have been briefed below

1. Weekly camps to clean up the college campus by removing parthenium plants ,pick up plastic wastages ,thrown ,broken pockets, plastic water glasses etc.,
2. Weekly or quarterly or monthly Sharamadhan programmes to clean up nearby existing public roads, Hospital surroundings, Primary school campuses, High School campuses, and police station surroundings bus stands etc.
3. Adopting a surrounding, backward village and continuously conducting Shramadhan programmes by visiting often and often, cleaning up the said village public roads, existing temple premises and school campuses.

4. Conducting of early special camps nearby selected village for period of seven days regularly cleaning up the roads, temple campuses, drinking water tanks, Gram panchayath premises, schools, milk co-operative societies, , etc.,
5. Conducting awareness programmes about diseases like Cancer, T.B. Dengue, and AIDS etc. at different villages, adopted village as well as at Special camp conducting places.
6. Organising programmes within the educational institutions regarding the importance of cleaning, the thoughts of our RASTRAPITH MAHATHMA GANDHI JI about the importance of NSS and cleanliness of our society by making arrangements of important speeches by our beloved resources persons etc.,
7. Conducting personality development programmes for both NSS Volunteers as well as NSS Programmes Officers at University level, State, National level to enrich and guide them to conduct NSS activities actively.

Recommendations

1. Give more importance to NSS programme Officer within the working educational institute.
2. Guidance and support must be not only from NSS –Co-ordinator, NSS Programme office but also from the existing teaching staff, non-teaching staff and also from the Principal to the NSS volunteers is very important.
3. Instead of adopting a village, each village must be taken into account and conduct awareness programmes, cleanliness camps, programme to educate the village people.
4. Free Life Insurance facility to the NSS Volunteers from the Government during the Volunteer period.
5. Extending the NSS Unit activities to the Primary and High School level also.

Conclusion

To construct and have healthy youth force in India, every college and other eligible educational institutions should have an NSS unit facilitated with financial and other required resources. Besides, curriculum pertaining to Swachh Bharat May also be made as compulsory subjects in Educational Institutions, Colleges and Universities. All these efforts would promote and strengthen the Cleaning Mission more practical in our country.