

National Service Scheme Awards

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Why is in news? President of India presents National Service Scheme Awards

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu presented the National Service Scheme Awards for the year 2021-2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan on September 29, 2023.

The NSS Awards, **instituted by the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**, are **presented every year** to the NSS Volunteers, Programme Officers, NSS Units and the Universities/+2 Councils to recognize their voluntary service.

These awards were **instituted in the year 1993-1994**. Since then, these awards are given away every year at various Levels.

Objectives of the Award:

To recognize outstanding contribution by NSS student volunteers, NSS Programme Officers and the Programme Coordinators in community service

To encourage young NSS student volunteers to develop their personality through community service.

To encourage the Programme Officers and the Programme Coordinators of NSS for catering the needs of National Service Scheme through the NSS volunteers.

To motivate NSS Volunteers for continuing their selfless service towards community work.

National Service Scheme (NSS):

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a **Central Sector Scheme** of Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

It provides opportunity to the student youth of 11th & 12th Class of schools at +2 Board level and student youth of Technical Institution, Graduate & Post Graduate at colleges and University level of India to take part in various government led community service activities & programmes.

The sole aim of the NSS is to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service.

Since inception of the NSS in the year 1969, the number of students strength increased from 40,000 to over 3.8 million up to the end of March 2018 students in various universities, colleges and Institutions of higher learning have volunteered to take part in various community service programmes.

The motto of National Service Scheme is NOT ME BUT YOU.