# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. When was the National Service Scheme launched?

**Answer:** National Service Scheme was launched on 24 September, 1969 by the then Education Minister Br. V.K.R.V. Rao in 37 universities covering all states.

# 2. National Service Scheme is popularly known as ...?

**Answer:** N.S.S.

#### 3. What is National Service Scheme?

**Answer:** National Service Scheme, popularly known as NSS is an extension dimension to the higher education system to orient the student youth to community service while they are studying in educational institutions, under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.

### 4. During which five year Plan was NSS sanctioned by Planning Commission?

**Answer:** The Planning Commission sanctioned an outlay of Rs. 5 Crores for National Service Scheme (NSS) during the Fourth Five year plan.

#### 5. What is the Motto of NSS?

Answer: The Motto or watchword of the National Service Scheme is "NOT ME BUT YOU".

### 6. What is the NSS Symbol?

**Answer:** The NSS Symbol is based on the rath of wheel of the Konark Sun Temple situated in Orissa.

# 7. What does the color Navy Blue depict in NSS badge?

**Answer:** The navy blue color indicates the cosmos of which the NSS is a tiny part, ready to contribute its share for the welfare of the mankind.

### 8. What does the color Red depict in NSS badge?

**Answer:** The Red color in the badge indicates that the NSS volunteers are full of blood i.e. lively, active, energetic and full of high spirit.

### 9. What does the giant wheel depict in NSS badge?

**Answer:** The giant wheel of the Sun Temple portrays the cycle of creation, preservation and release, and signifies the movement in life across time and space.

# 10. When is the NSS Day observed?

Answer: The NSS Day is observed on 24th September every year.

## 11. Where is the NSS Headquarter located?

**Answer:** The NSS Headquarter is located in New Delhi.

# 12. Who is the National Head controlling this scheme?

**Answer:** The Programme Adviser is the National Head controlling this scheme.

#### 13. What is the student in NSS known as?

Answer: NSS Volunteer.

#### 14. What is an NSS unit?

**Answer:** A specific group of NSS volunteers working under the Programme Officer in a school or college.

## 15. Who is in-charge of an NSS Unit?

Answer: Programme Officer is the in-charge of an NSS Unit.

### 16. How can a student join NSS?

**Answer:** Simply by enrolling/registering himself/herself in NSS unit through the Programme Officer concerned.

### 17. How many NSS units can be allotted to an institution?

Answer: It depends upon the number of the students admitted in institution.

## 18. Who is the Programme Officer?

Answer: In-charge of an NSS unit is designated as Programme Officer.

## 19. What sorts of activities are undertaken in NSS?

Answer: Mainly two types of activities: 1. Regular Activities and 2. Special Camping Programmes

# 20. What is the nature of this scheme, whether compulsory of voluntary?

**Answer:** NSS is a voluntary scheme.

# 21. Is it compulsory to wear NSS badge?

**Answer:** It is obligatory to wear NSS badge during community service.

## 22. How much time a student will have to devote as an NSS volunteer?

Answer: Total 240 hours social service in two years duration.