

GROWTH OF NSS IN POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES

The Govt. of India launched the NSS Programme during the year 1969, the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhiji as a pilot project. The Government of Tamil Nadu introduced the National Service Scheme in the State the same year. However, this scheme started functioning in 10 Polytechnic Colleges under the control of Directorate of Technical Education in the year 1983-84 with an allocation of 1000 Volunteers. Today, we have NSS in 272 Polytechnic Colleges with a coverage of 38,500, the highest enrolment in Polytechnic Colleges in the country. The implementation of NSS in Polytechnic Colleges has been proved successful and we celebrated the Silver Jubilee during 2008-09. The fast and steady growth of NSS has been achieved in the Directorate of Technical Education due to the dynamic leadership and guidance of Directors / Commissioners, support of Central and State Government Officials, dedicated involvement of Managements, Principals, Programme Officers and Volunteers of NSS implementing Polytechnic Colleges. The Directorate could organize a lot of special Inter-Polytechnic College level programmes on regular basis successfully and systematically because of the interest and support from most of our Institutions. These Institutions have been using the Scheme as a tool to shape the character and behaviour of our youth and mould them as responsible citizens. The NSS plays a major role in inculcating such values and make a radical attitudinal change in youth.

Enrolment of NSS Volunteers

Year	Allocated Strength	Male	Female	Total Enrolled
1983-1984	1,000	700	300	1000
1984-1985	2,200	1,600	600	2,200
1985-1986	2,500	1,900	658	2,558
1986-1987	3,000	2,300	700	3,000
1987-1988	5,000	4,165	914	5,079
1988-1989	10,000	8,863	1,525	10,388
1989-1990	10,000	8,828	1,535	10,363
1990-1991	10,000	8,791	1,546	10,337
1991-1992	10,000	9,381	1,640	11,021
1992-1993	10,000	8,481	1,641	10,122
1993-1994	10,000	8,358	1,742	10,100
1994-1995	10,000	8,634	1,518	10,152
1995-1996	10,000	8,768	1,280	10,048
1996-1997	10,000	8,766	2,176	10,942
1997-1998	10,000	8,718	2,267	10,985
1998-1999	11,000	8,966	2,321	11,287
1999-2000	11,000	9,024	2,248	11,272
2000-2001	14,000	10,810	3,820	14,630
2001-2002	18,000	14,134	4,437	18,571
2002-2003	21,000	16,731	4,629	21,360
2003-2004	23,500	18,903	4,597	23,500
2004-2005	26,000	20,620	5,680	26,300
2005-2006	28,000	21,892	6,108	28,000
2006-2007	28,000	23,594	4,406	28,000
2007-2008	30,000	25,387	4,613	30,000
2008-2009	38,500	31,256	7,244	38,500
2009-2010	38,500	31,302	7,198	38,500

