

BACKGROUND NOTE ON THE THEMES FOR NSS SPECIAL CAMPS

Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is currently in the process of standardizing the activities undertaken by the NSS volunteers. The main purpose of standardizing the activities to be undertaken by the NSS volunteers is to ensure capacity building in them. With the standardization, it is hoped that the NSS volunteer, during the time he/she spends in community service would sharpen and deepen his understanding and experience in the chosen area. To achieve standardization the community development activities are being broadly classified into the following major sectors.

- 1. Environment including preservation of natural resources and conservation of cultural/historical heritage;**
- 2. Health, public sanitation and personal hygiene;**
- 3. Rural development including project identification programme formulation, implementation and evaluation;**
- 4. Education and literacy including legal awareness;**
- 5. Emergency interventions including trauma care, initial counseling and data collection.**

Every year the Universities/Colleges are given a theme to enable them to draft their Annual Action Plan of Regular Activities. From the current year it has been informed to them that they are free to choose any one or more areas mentioned above for their regular activities. course content viz; theory as well as practical under each of the above mentioned five areas to achieve uniform results all over the country will be developed for circulation to the Institutions.