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Proceedings of the meeting of NSS State Advisory Committee (+2 Council) held on 31.07.2021 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Amerjeet K. Sharma, Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh

The meeting of State Advisory committee (NSS) commenced with the warm welcome of Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma, Director of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh, by Dr. Harish Kumar Joint Director of Higher Education (C-II) & Sh. Daleep Thakur, the Programme Coordinator (NSS), alongwith other members of committee. The Chairman of the meeting, worthy Director, in his inaugural speech, also heartily welcomed all the members of NSS State Advisory Committee. The Chairman emphasized that all the Principals and Programme Officers should make sincere efforts to strengthen the NSS activities and also ensure the presence in Training Orientation Programme, YLC Camp and Mega Camp. The Chairman also emphasized to develop the dignity of labour (work culture) amongst NSS Volunteers and also suggested that NSS Camps/activities should be organized keeping in view the climate/weather forecasting, so that, NSS volunteers have not to face any problem during NSS activities.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

With the permission of the Chair, Programme Coordinator (NSS) appraised the house about the progress of NSS activities achieved in the previous year. After getting the minutes confirmed, deliberations started on the agenda points. The discussions arrived at are as follows:-

1. Allocation of NSS units/enrolment for the year 2021-22

The Chairman emphasized that the NSS Unit should be allocated to maximum Sr. Sec. Schools in Himachal Pradesh. The Chairman also directed the Programme Coordinator to take up the matter with GOI as well as State Govt. to allocate new NSS units to this Directorate. The Chairman also directed all DDHEs to collect the NSS enrollment of volunteers from the institutions having NSS units for the year 2021-22 from the schools and submit to this Directorate within stipulated time.

Action: - NSS Cell & DDHEs

2. Discussion on Regular activities for the year 2021-22

The Chairman emphasized upon the proper implementation of regular activities in all schools and also advised to take part in various types of awareness Rallies, Tree Plantation, Pulse-Polio and Cleanliness. The Chairman directed the Programme Coordinator to collect the data base of NSS activities from all Districts.

Action:-All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit.

3. Discussion on special camping programme for the year 2021-22

The Chairman directed that each NSS Unit must organize Seven Days Special Camp every year and emphasized to involve the residents of Adopted villages, Gram Panchyat, NGOs and other agencies in this camp. During the session 2020-21 most of NSS units could not organized the 7 days Special Camps due to Covid-19 Pandemic, only (143) NSS units have organized the 7 days Special Camps.

Action: - NSS Cell/All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit.

4. Issue of NSS Certificates to Volunteers without Special Camping due to Covid-19

The Chairman directed the Programme Coordinator to take up the matter with the Regional Director Chandigarh GOI regarding issue of Special Camps certificate to those volunteers who could not participate in the Special Camps due to Covid-19 in 2020-21. It has also been decided that the concerned Principals of the institutions having NSS Units may issue certificates to NSS volunteers for regular activities only, if they have participated in the Regular Activity this year as per record mentioned by the concerned school.

Action: - NSS Cell (DHE).

5. Financial Provision Grant-in-aid and audited accounts/UCs.:-

The Programme Coordinator informed the house that 75 % Grant has been released to all the NSS units for the year 2020-21 and 25% GIA for Regular Activity and Special Camping is still awaited from the Govt. for the year 2019-20 & 2020-21. Point rose by few members of the committee that it will be suitable if one chartered accountant will audit the NSS accounts all over the state after fulfill the codal formalities. But after discussion it has been decided that it may create complication and all the NSS units will follow the same previous process. Chairman has directed all the DDHE's to instruct all the NSS units of their respective district to audit the accounts and submit audit report alongwith U.Cs to this Directorate immediately.

All Action:-

DDHE's

6. Submission of Monthly Report: -

Chairman directed to all the DDHE's that Monthly Report must be submitted to this Directorate on or before 15th of every month so that, same could be submitted to State NSS Officer before 20th of every month. All

Action:-

DDHE's

7. Annual meetings of the Principals and NSS Programme Officers: -

The Chairman directed that annual meetings of the Principals and Programme Officers should be continued for the year 2021-22 for smooth functioning of the NSS activities and directed to ensure the presence of Principals and POs in these meetings.

Action:-All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit.

8. Organization of Youth Leadership Camp (YLC) for NSS volunteers and Pre- RD & State Republic Day Parade Camp: -

The Chairman directed that these camps should be continued and emphasized that maximum number of volunteers should be involved in these types of camps. After discussion it has been decided that due to COVID-19, if YLC could not be organized, then 400 NSS volunteer (200 Boys & 200 Girls) from the institutions having NSS units will be selected from districts for Pre-RD camp and out of 400 NSS volunteers of Pre-RD, 100 NSS volunteers will be selected for State Level Republic Day Parade Camp which is organized every year at GMSSS (B) Lalpani, Shimla w.e.f.18th to 27th January. The expenditure of these camps is met out of Administrative Fund.

Action:- NSS Cell (DHE)

9. Personality Development/Special Training cum workshop programme for NSS Programme Officers: -

The Chairman emphasized that these Training- cum-Workshop must continue during the current year 2021-22.

Action:-NSS Cell, (DHE)

10. Training Courses for the Untrained Programme Officers: -

Training Courses for the untrained Programme Officers will be continued for the current year as soon as possible, if the Govt. of India will start this camp.

Action:-NSS Cell, (DHE)

11. Training of Trainers (TOT):-

Training of Trainers could not be conducted due to COVID-19 pandemic. After discussion it has been decided that the TOTs will be conducted for upcoming session, if the situation will be favorable.

Action:-NSS Cell, (DHE)

12. State Level Mega Camp: -

State Level Mega Camp for the session 2020-21 could not organized due to Covid-19 pandemic. In the meeting it has been decided that State Level Mega Camp will be organized if the situation of COVID-19 will be favorable.

Action:-NSS Cell, (DHE)

13. Self Defence Training:-

Self Defence Training for the session 2020-21 could not organized due to Covid-19 pandemic. In the meeting it has been decided that Self Defence Training Camp will be organize, if the situation of Covid-19 will be favorable.

Action:-NSS Cell, (DHE)

14. Organization of National Integration Camp: -

Matter regarding National Integration Camp was discussed in the Advisory meeting. Programme Coordinator NSS informed the house that during the last 11 years, NIC was not organized in Himachal Pradesh from Regional Directorate Chandigarh NSS, Department of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India. The Chairman directed the Programme Coordinator to take up the matter with GOI as well as State Govt.

Action:-NSS Cell, (DHE)

15. Participation of NSS volunteers in the State, District and Block level: -

The Chairman directed all DDHEs and Principals to ensure the participation of NSS volunteers in National Level, State Level as well as Block Level programmes actively.

Action:-NSS Cell/All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit

16. Tree Plantation: -

The Chairman emphasized that every volunteer should participate in Tree campaign. Chairman particularly laid thrust upon the proper survival of the plants.

Action:-All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit.

17. Blood Donation Camp & Blood Grouping:-

The Chairman highlighted over the fact that the students of eleventh and twelfth standard should not be forced to participate in blood donation camp because usually at this stage they are under age to donate blood. The Chairman also suggested to encourage the public to donate blood. The chairman directed that the blood group of each NSS volunteers must be identified and every NSS volunteer must know his/her blood group.

Action:-All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit.

18. Timely submission of all kinds of Information by the Schools having NSS unit:Chairman directed to all DDHE's that all kind of information must be submitted to this
Directorate within stipulated time, like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Fit India Movement, Aazadi ka
Amrit Mahotsav and any other information which is urgently required by the Govt. of India or
H.P. Govt.

Action:-All DDHEs/All Principals (+2 School) having NSS Unit.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Approved By:-

Dr. Amarjeet K. Sharma Director of Higher Education (HP) Programme Co-ordinator (NSS) Directorate of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh

Endorsement No. EDN-H (27) NSS- Advisory Committee/2018, Dated, Shimla-1, the 27 Nov 2021

Copy for information and further necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary (Education) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2

2. The Secretary (YSS) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2

 Regional Director, NSS Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI NSS Regional Directorate Kendriya Sadan (4th Floor) Sector-9, Chandigarh.

4. State NSS Officer (SNO), Department of YSS, HP Secretariat, Shimla-2

 All Dy. Directors of Higher Education Himachal Pradesh with the directions that these instructions should be given to the heads of those schools having NSS unit.

All the District Coordinators of NSS

7. All the Members of the meeting of Advisory Committee

Programme Co-ordinator (NSS) Directorate of Higher Education (H.P)