

NSS: CREATIVE INITIATION FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SOCIAL AWARENESS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the NSS Programs is to bring youth face to face with the community and make efforts to improve their life. The NSS volunteers are to devote their time in regular activities for the development of the adopted village. Camp has been conceived as an opportunity to live with that community and experience the conditions and problems of the people. The NSS volunteers inspire to take initiatives for the improvement of their condition. Regular programs are organized as creative initiation for the society by bringing constructive social awareness. Present study is focused on finding the value of NSS efforts in various fields.

INTRODUCTION

National Service Scheme, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports Govt. of India, popularly known as NSS was launched in Gandhi ji's Birth Centenary Year 1969, in 37 Universities involving 40,000 students with primary focus on the development of personality of students through community service. Today, NSS has more than 3.2 million student volunteers on its roll spread over 298 Universities and 42 (+2) Senior Secondary Councils and Directorate of Vocational Education all over the country. From its inception, more than 3.75 crores students from Universities, Colleges and Institutions of higher learning are providing their services as student volunteers.

Objective of NSS activities are to enable the students to understand the community in which they work and to understand themselves in relation to their community, identify the needs and problems in the community in the solution of which they can be involved, develop among volunteers a sense of social and civic responsibility. Its objective is to develop competence for group living and sharing responsibilities, skills in mobilizing community participation, capacity to meet emergencies and national disasters and to practice national integration.

OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

- Finding of role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of environment conservation
- Finding of role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of social awareness
- Finding of role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of health awareness
- Finding of role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of national integration

HYPOTHESIS

1. There is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of environment conservation.
2. There is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of social awareness.
3. There is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of health awareness.
4. There is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of national integration.

METHODOLOGY

Descriptive survey method was adopted for present study. 50 places adopted by NSS were randomly selected for study. 10 persons of every place were selected for interview. Thus 250 male and 250 female of 50 villages were finally selected for study. They were interviewed for the work done by NSS in the various fields using a self-prepared questionnaire. Collected data was tabulated and analysed using mean and standard deviation as statistical tools.

FINDING AND ANALYSIS

Table 1: NSS Work for Environment Conservation

NSS Work	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
Plantation	32	1.04
Pollution Control	26	0.87
Cleaning of Water Resources	29	0.91
Public Awareness	33	0.97

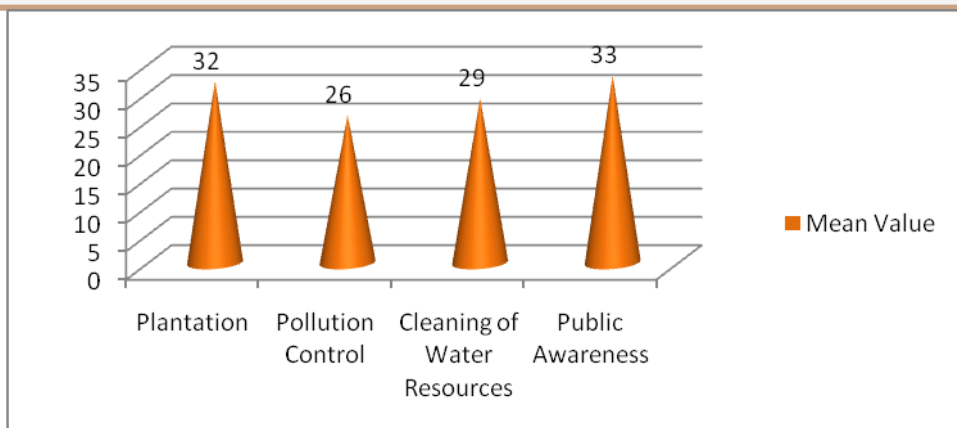


Chart 1: NSS Work for Environment Conservation

Table 2: NSS Work for Social Awareness

NSS Work	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
Literacy Movement	34	0.88
Save Girl Child	29	0.79
Superstition Eradication	24	1.03
Education for all	37	1.17
Public Awareness	31	0.92

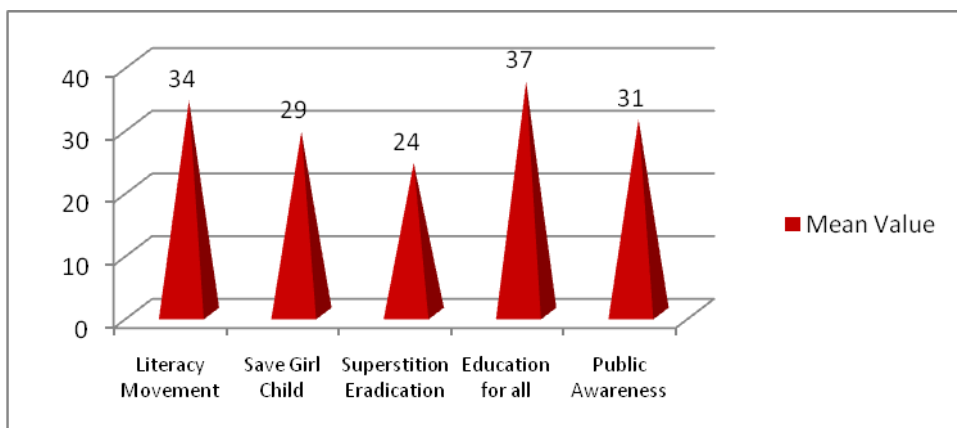


Chart 2: NSS Work for Social Awareness

Table 3: NSS Work for Good Health

NSS Work	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
Cleaning	46	0.77
Blood Donation	41	0.86
Vaccination	31	0.81
Infection Control	37	0.94
Public Awareness	34	1.03

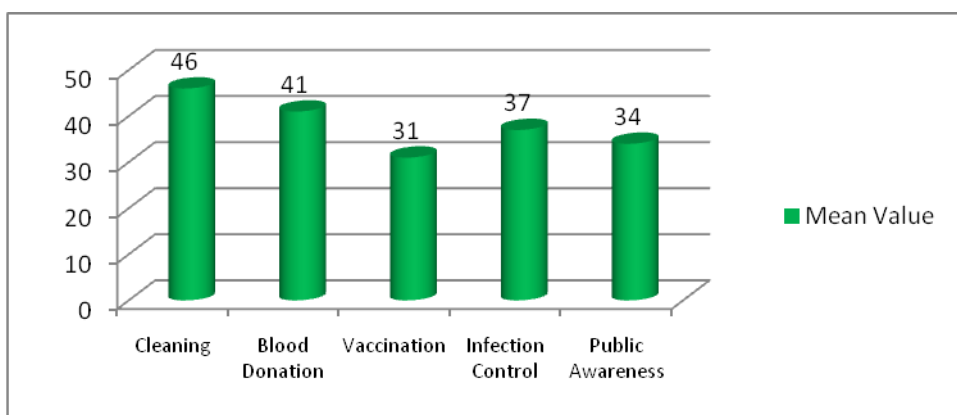


Chart 3: NSS Work for Good Health

Table 4: NSS Work for National Integration

NSS Work	Mean Value	Standard Deviation
Religious Harmony	26	0.79
Social Harmony	34	0.93
Linguistic Harmony	23	0.82
Public Awareness	38	0.91

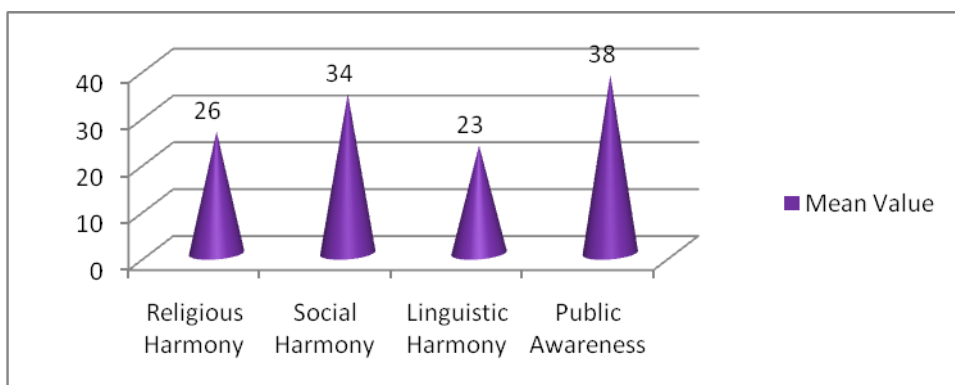


Chart 4: NSS Work for National Integration

Efforts of NSS are important to save environment. Plantation got mean value 32 with 1.04 standard deviation, pollution control scored 26 with 0.87 standard deviation. For cleaning of water resources NSS got 29 and for public awareness 33 value. Thus hypothesis 1, there is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of environment conservation is rejected.

For social awareness, NSS got mean value 34 with standard deviation 0.88. In the matter of save girl child movement and superstition eradication, NSS scored 29 and 24 mean value respectively. For public awareness and education for all mean value found as 37 and 31. Therefore hypothesis 2, there is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of social awareness is rejected.

In the field of health awareness NSS works are important. For cleaning NSS searched to have 46 mean values. For blood donation NSS got 41 with standard deviation 0.86. NSS found 31 mean value for vaccination. Regarding infection control and public awareness NSS have 37 and 34 mean value respectively. Hence hypothesis 3, there is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of health awareness is rejected.

NSS is playing important role to create awareness in the field of national integration. Religious harmony got 26 mean values with 0.79 standard deviation. Social harmony scored 34 mean values and 0.93 standard deviation. Linguistic harmony and public awareness got 23 and 38 mean value. Therefore hypothesis 4, there is no significant role of NSS in constructive awareness in the field of national integration is rejected.

CONCLUSION

NSS programs are organized by the students themselves, and both students and teachers through their combined participation in community service, get a sense of involvement in the tasks of nation building. NSS works at grass root level so that fruits in the form of healthy and educated Indian society may get. NSS works are important and useful for society and students.

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