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(पूर्वीचे पुणे विद्यापीठ)



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संदर्भ : रासेयो/२०२४-२५/१६५

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प्रति,
मा.प्राचार्य/संचालक,
रासेयो संलग्नित सर्व महाविद्यालये परिसंस्था,
पुणे, अहमदनगर व नाशिक जिल्हा,
सावित्रीबाई फुले पुणे विद्यापीठ.

विषय : Rural Immersion Programme (RPI) उपक्रम राबविण्याबाबत

महोदय,

मा. क्षेत्रीय संचालक, रासेयो क्षेत्रीय संचलनालय, भारत सरकार, पुणे यांच्या पत्रानुसार आणि युवा आणि क्रीडा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार, नवी दिल्ली यांनी निर्देशित केल्यानुसार Rural Immersion Programme (RPI) संकल्पने अंतर्गत युवा सहभागातून ग्रामिण आणि शहरी भागातील अंतर दूर करणे हा मुख्य उद्देश आहे. या संकल्पनेतुन सप्टेंबर/ऑक्टोबर २०२४ या महीन्यामध्ये ग्रामिण भागातील कुटुंबामध्ये १० दिवस राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना स्वयंसेवक निवासी राहुन ग्रामिण भागातील कुटुंबाची जीवनशैली, राहणीमान, संस्कृती, परंपरा इत्यादी अनुभव घेऊन ग्रामिण आणि शहरी भागातील अंतर दूर करण्याबाबत उपक्रमांचे आयोजन करण्यात येणार आहे.

सदर उपक्रमांकरिता केंद्र शासनमार्फत प्रती कुटुंब प्रती स्वयंसेवक १० दिवसाकरिता रु. ५०००/- इतके अनुदान उपलब्ध होऊ शकते. सदर उपक्रमात आपल्या महाविद्यालयामार्फत ग्रामिण भागातील एका कुटुंबामध्ये कमीत कमी दोन विद्यार्थी निवासी राहतील अशा कुटुंबाची निवड करून विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्व सुरक्षिततेबाबत सर्व प्रकारची पाहणी करून कुटुंबाची निवड करावी.

या उपक्रमात सहभागी होणाऱ्यांकरिता योग्य विद्यार्थ्यांची निवड करून सदर विद्यार्थ्यांची नावे दि. ०९ ऑगस्ट २०२४ पर्यंत खालील नमुन्यामध्ये nss@unipune.ac.in या मेलवर "Rural Immersion Programme" या विषयासह पाठविण्यात यावीत. सदर विद्यार्थ्यांची नावे रासेयो क्षेत्रीय संचलनालय, भारत सरकार, पुणे कळविण्यात येतील त्यानंतर त्यांच्यामार्फत प्राप्त पुढील सुचना आपणास कळविण्यात येतील. कळावे, ही विनंती.

संचालक

राष्ट्रीय सेवा योजना

अधिक माहितीकरिता : मा. क्षेत्रीय संचालक, रासेयो क्षेत्रीय संचलनालय, भारत सरकार, पुणे यांचे पत्र

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(महाराष्ट्र एवं गोवा)



Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Regional Directorate of NSS, Pune
(Maharashtra & Goa)

F.No. 18/22/NSS/RD Pune/2024-25/1020/1076

By e-Mail
Date: 26th July, 2024

To,

All Programme Coordinators of
Maharashtra and Goa States

Subject: Rural Immersion Programme (RIP) of National Service Scheme in the month of September- October- reg.

Sir/ Madam,

In reference to Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, New Delhi letter A-15016/1/2024-NSS dated 24th July 2024 regarding above mentioned subject (copy attached).

2. I am to refer to the subject cited above and to say that "Rural Immersion Programme" (RIP) for NSS Volunteers is planned to be implemented in the months of September-October 2024 with the aim at to provide an opportunity to the NSS Volunteers engage closely with the rural community and to understand their culture, traditions, lifestyle and sources of livelihood (such as fisheries, dairies, farming, animal husbandry etc). The Programme will facilitate a meaningful exchange between NSS Volunteers and rural families.

3. Each group of 2-3 NSS Volunteers will have engagement in the programme for 10 days (2-days orientation training, 7-days home stay with rural families and 1-day preparation of report). It is expected that during their home stay, volunteers will experience farm activities (including farming, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, artisanal work) as well as cultural festivities. By staying with local families, volunteers will gain first hand insights into rural life, rural livelihoods, cultural traditions, and community dynamics. Detailed SOP on Rural Immersion Programme is enclosed.

4. A copy of the Concept Note on the Rural Immersion Programme (RIP) is attached herewith for information and necessary action. Further, a D.O letter signed by Secretary (YA) has been sent to Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education to support this programme (copy enclosed).

5. In this regard, all Programme Coordinators in Maharashtra and Goa are requested to initiate action for implementation of the programme in accordance with the process flow given in the Concept Note. After identifying the Rural Families for hosting the Home Stay and NSS Volunteers to be deputed to such Home Stays, **the proposal with details as given in the attached proforma may please be sent to this office latest by 10 August 2024** for onward submission to the Ministry.

Encl: As above

(AJAY B. SHINDE)
Regional Director-NSS

Copy to:-The Director, Directorate of NSS, Shivaji Stadium, New Delhi-110 001 – for kind information.

2. The State NSS Officers, State NSS Cell, Mumbai and Goa – with a request to take up the Rural Immersion programme with the Universities & Submit proposals for onward submission to Ministry.

Draft Concept Note on Rural Immersion Programme

Theme: Bridging Rural and Urban Gaps through Youth Engagement

Introduction:

The proposed Rural Immersion Programme aims to connect young volunteers with rural lifestyles, allowing them to discover about life in rural areas, experience, challenges and work and live with rural families for at least 7 days.

Program Structure:

The Rural Immersion Programme will be for 10 days, including 2 days for orientation training, 7 days home-stay where youth will live with rural families and help them in their daily/routine work and 1 day for preparing the Report. It will provide volunteers hands-on work experience, a deeper understanding of challenges being faced by the villagers in their daily life and develop problem-solving skills and teamwork.

Process Flow:

Identification of villages/farm families/ schools

- NSS Programme Officer (PO) will identify willing villages/ farm families in coordination with village council/ Sarpanch.
- State NSS Officer (SNO) will motivate parents for ensuring the volunteers participations by informing them about the benefits of this programme.
- Benefits of the programme: 1. Youth will develop skills like- problem-solving , teamwork, 2. Understand rural lifestyles and their challenges, 3. Youth will provide valuable inputs/ suggestions/ feedback.

Organising Orientation/Training sessions

- NSS PO will organise orientation / training sessions for youth participating in this programme.

Application Process

- NSS PO/ SNO will post events through MY Bharat Portal
- Feedback/suggestios to be submitted by the volunteers
- Succes stories, images or videos may be uploaded on MY Bharat portal.

Task for Youth:

- Rural Immersion Programme provides “Home-stay opportunity” for youth where they will stay within the villages with selected rural families for 7 days and explore their hardships and challenges and come up with new ideas and suggestions to improve their living standards.
- The volunteers would be deployed in the rural families in a group of 2 to 3. Female volunteers may also be motivated to participate in this home-stay programme and they may be deployed only those families where an older woman is residing in the family.
- The Government may give an honorarium of Rs.5000/- per volunteer per family for residing the volunteers at their home during this stay.
- Interested Youth will have to be registered on the MY Bharat portal where they can select this opportunity based on their nearby location and apply for it.
- Selected youth will be staying in villages and involve themselves in various activities of community engagement and assist the farm families in their daily work.
- They will be required to prepare a detailed (preferably 1000 words) report with suggestive measures for empowering rural communities with essential resources, skills and knowledge.
- The concerned Regional Director of NSS and State NSS Officer (SNO) will verify the detailed report submitted by the youth and certificates will be issued after completion of the program directly through the portal.
- Interested youth will have to submit feedback about their experience, views and suggestions for this programme.
- Success stories, photos and videos to be uploaded on MY Bharat Portal.

Expected Key Stakeholders:

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Ministry of Rural Development
- Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- Regional Directorates of National Service Scheme
- Gram Panchayat
- Education Departments of concerned States/UTs

Expected outcomes:

- Enhanced Understanding:** Participants of this programme will gain a deep understanding of rural life and their challenges.
- Skill Acquisition:** This programme will provide practical exposure to youth in understanding rural issues. Hence, developing problem-solving, leadership and communication skills.

- iii. **Career Growth:** The certificate provided after completion of this programme will enhance his/her resume by providing potential career opportunities in the development sector.
- iv. **Policy Inputs:** This programme will enable youth to provide valuable input by highlighting the root cause of the issues faced by the locals.
- v. **Sustained Engagement:** Continued involvement of youth in rural development initiatives through My Bharat Portal.

F. No. A-15016/1/2024-NSS
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs
(NSS Section)

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
Dated the 24th July, 2024

To

1. All Regional Directors of NSS
2. All State NSS Officers

Subject: Rural Immersion Programme (RIP) of National Service Scheme in the month of September- October 2024-reg.

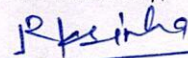
Sir/Madam,

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2. A copy of the Concept Note on the Rural Immersion Programme (RIP) is attached herewith for information and necessary action.
3. Further, a D.O letter to Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education has been sent to support this programme (copy enclosed).
4. In this regard, all Regional Directors of NSS and all State NSS Officers are requested to initiate action for implementation of the programme in accordance with the process flow given in the Concept Note. After identifying the Rural Families for hosting the Home Stay and NSS Volunteers to be deputed to such Home Stays, the proposal with details as given in the attached proforma may please be sent to the Ministry by latest by **14.08.2024**.
5. This issue with the approval of competent authority.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,



(Ravi Kumar Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for information to:

The Director, Directorate of NSS, Ground Floor Annexe Building Shivaji Stadium, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Connaught Place, New Delhi 110001 with the request to coordinate with Department of School Education and Literacy, all RDs & SNOs.

Proforma for information for Rural Immersion Programme

SI No.	Name of Regional Directorate of NSS	Name of the State/UT	Name of District	No. of families identified	Total no of volunteers identified in each district for home stay under RIP	Remarks, if any

मीता राजीवलोचन, भा.प्र.से.
Meeta Rajivlochan, IAS



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Secretary
Government of India
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Department of Youth Affairs
Dated the 19th July, 2024

D.O. No.J-15016/1/2024-NSS

Dear Sanjay,

As you are aware, the National Service Scheme (NSS), a Central Sector Scheme being implemented by the Department of Youth Affairs, aims to provide hands on experience to young students in delivering community service. With around 39 Lakh Volunteers, NSS has its presence in 700 Universities and 51 +2 Councils covering 20,254 colleges and 11,767 schools.

2. Department of Youth Affairs is planning to organize a Rural Immersion Programme under the Scheme in all States/UTs during the month of September-October, 2024. The Programme is aimed at providing NSS Volunteers an opportunity to engage closely with rural communities enabling them to understand rural lifestyle, culture, traditions, education, sources of livelihood (such as fisheries, dairies, farming, animal husbandry etc.) etc. The Programme will facilitate a meaningful exchange between NSS Volunteers and rural families.

3. Each group of 2-3 NSS Volunteers will have engagement in the programme for 10 days (2-days orientation training, 7-days home stay with rural families and 1-day preparation of report). It is expected that during their home stay, volunteers will experience farm activities (including farming, animal husbandry, dairying, fisheries, artisanal work) as well as cultural festivities. By staying with local families, volunteers will gain firsthand insights into rural life, rural livelihoods, cultural traditions, and community dynamics. Detailed SOP on Rural Immersion Programme is enclosed.

4. Identifying rural families for the home stay is the most important task of the Programme. Since the school teachers are more closely connected to the local families in the village, their assistance to the NSS Programme Officers in identifying rural families which are ready to offer home stay to the NSS volunteers, is crucial.

5. I shall be grateful if you could have the necessary directions in this regard issued to the school teachers in rural areas.

With regards,

Encl. as above

Shri Sanjay Kumar,
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Department of School Education and Literacy,
Ministry of Education
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Yours sincerely,
Meeta
(Meeta Rajivlochan)