



State Level National Service Scheme Award

Why in News

- On September 20, 2021, in the meeting of the selection committee constituted for the Madhya Pradesh State Level **National Service Scheme Award** under the chairmanship of Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, the proposals received for the state level awards for the three years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 were discussed and the best participants were selected for the award.

Key Points

- The objective of the NSS Awards is to recognize and reward the outstanding contribution made by Universities, Senior Secondary (+2) Councils, NSS Units/Program Officers and NSS Volunteers in the field of Voluntary Community Service so as to promote NSS further.
- It has been decided in the meeting that from the next financial year, the number of state level awards will be increased from 18 to 20. It was recommended to increase the prize money of Rs.11 thousand given to the students at the volunteer level to Rs.21,000.
- Under the **Madhya Pradesh State Level National Service Scheme Award**, there is a provision to provide one every year to the university level program coordinator, two at the district organizer level and 12 citations to the program officer at the number level.
- Apart from this, 18 awards are given at the volunteer level. Of these, there will be 13 college level volunteers, out of which 3 girls are necessary and 5 volunteers will be school level, in which one girl student will be mandatory. In addition, a total of 12 awards are given at the level of National Service Scheme Program Officer.
- The **National Service Scheme (NSS)** is a central scheme run by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, with the objective of providing opportunities to all young students to participate in community service activities and programs.
- On September 24, 1969, the then Union Education Minister Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao started the NSS program in 37 universities covering all the states. The motto of the National Service Scheme is- '**Not only me, you are also**'.