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To,
The Principal, Constituent and Affiliated Colleges having NSS unit, University of Mumbai.

Subject:- Regarding the Organisation of NSS Special Camp for the year 2021-2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, since March 2020 after the formal declaration of covid-19 as a pandemic several restrictions have been observed for the prevention of the spread of disease among citizens. This has affected almost all walks of life and similarly, the NSS activities especially rural residential camps have also been affected. In Maharashtra, the colleges were opened after November 2021 for those who have taken two doses of Covid -19 vaccines. Many special vaccination drives were conducted for students and staff following the initiatives and appeals by the Government of Maharashtra.

As put forth by many authors the course of complete return of normality may have five stages including Resolve, Resilience, and Return followed by Re-imagination & Reform.

To discuss the process of acceleration of NSS activities and other significant issues pertaining to NSS during and after this unprecedented Covid crisis, a very focussed two days' workshop was organized by the State NSS Officer, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, and NSS Regional Directorate, Pune, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, at Pune on 13th & 14th December 2021. Several issues were discussed and resolved at this meeting. After several deliberations, Advisory for the rural residential camp was structured and put forth as a very important outcome of this workshop. Some important points are here as under:


The college NSS Units may conduct the rural residential camp. However utmost care and safety of volunteers concerning Covid-19 must be ensured.

- All the participants including NSS volunteers and Program officers non-teaching staff, etc. must have taken two doses of covid-19 vaccine at least 15 days before the first day of camp / if only one dose of vaccine of taken than, RTPCR **negative** report is must.
- The necessary permission of the Principal of the respective Colleges must be obtained for the organization of the camp.
- The Undertaking of the participants/ Parents must be obtained before camp, if required; if necessary, NSS units should conduct parents meeting for discussion.
- Necessary permission to be obtained from the local/Village authority / Sarpanch/ Gram Sevak/ etc. for the camp.
- All the program officers and NSS student leaders participating in the camp should study the latest Covid-19 safety guidelines carefully. And all the prescribed covid-19 safety protocols must be followed strictly in the camp site.
- The nearest Public Health Centre/ Hospital at the camp venue should be intimated in advance before the onset of camp.
- All the camp participants should maintain a safe distance during interactions/conversations with the villagers.
- The camp venue must be sanitized properly before the camp. NSS units should ensure adequate availability of sanitizers/hand washing soap/ water at the campsite.
- Camp students' strength must be restricted according to the availability of accommodation at the camp venue.

Looking forward to your cooperation

With regards,

yours sincerely,


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