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**MOST IMPORTANT**

To,  
The Principal,  
Constituent and affiliated Colleges having NSS Unit of the University of Mumbai.

**Sub- Programme on "Meri Maati Mera Desh" at all Educational Institutions from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 reg..**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

In continuation with this office earlier Communication / emails & messages on the subject, it is to inform that as per the directions of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, New Delhi, **All College NSS Units / Programme Officers are hereby requested to ensure organisation of Meri Mati Mera Desh Programme at the Grampanchayat / locality (Institution) on 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

Kindly expedite the Registration of NSS Volunteers in MMMD Portal - <https://nsf.vas.gov.in/nss>. After registration of NSS PO Link for volunteers registration will be generated in which registration of volunteers / details of volunteers to be added. Preparatory meeting shall be organized by the NSS unit of every Institution with Grampanchayat & the minutes of the meeting in the enclosed Performa to be sent to NSSRD Pune.

Detailed guidelines for Meri Maati Mera Desh program received from the Directorate of NSS, New Delhi is attached.

**Programmes under Meri Maati Mera Desh to be organised in the Institution along with Rural and Urban Areas are given below.**

**A. Programs in Rural Areas:** There are three key stages to the programme in the rural areas -Panchayat/village/Institution level programme, Block level program and the finale at the national level.

**i) Institution/Panchayat level programs:** These programs to be organized between 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. NSS Volunteers will assist the NYKS at Panchayat level. There are five elements of the panchayat level programmes.

**a) Dedication of Shilaphalakam (Memorial) -**A Fundamental aspect of the program is to express heartfelt gratitude to all the brave hearts (Veer) who made supreme sacrifice. Event may be held at the panchayat / Village from 9<sup>th</sup> August to 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.

**b) Panch Pran Pledge -** At the memorial site; people will take a solemn pledge covering Panch Pran of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, affirming their commitment to the country. Pledge given in the enclose guidelines. During the ceremony NSS Volunteers / Programme officer / Public would either individually or collectively take a Selfie while taking pledge with the soil in hand and upload to the dedicated website.

**c) Vasudha vandhan: Each Gram panchayat / village/ Institution will renew and replenish Mother Earth by planting 75 saplings of Indigenous species and developing an Amrit vatika.**

**d) Veeron ka Vandan : All NSS Units may hold felicitation ceremonies at institutions level for honoring freedom fighters and the families of the deceased freedom fighters. They may also honor retired personnel from Defence, CRPF and state Police and the families of brave hearts of these forces who have sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. Felicitation may be as per local traditions and customs**

**e) Hoisting of the national Flag and singing of Rashtragaan may be undertaken at each of the programme's sites.**

**ii) Block level programs/Institutions: NSS Volunteers would extend support to NYKS volunteers in respective districts to collect Mitti from each panchayat/village and bring them to the block level.**

**iii) Finale Event at New Delhi will be held from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> August,2023.**

#### **B. Programs in Urban areas**

**i) Programmes in Universities/Colleges/Institutions/small urban bodies/Town panchayat will be organised from 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August,2023. All five elements detailed for the Rural areas above.**

**ii) programmes at the larger Municipalities/Corporations.**

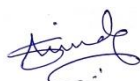
**iii) Finale Event at New Delhi from 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

**Important dates & guidelines for Meri Maati Mera Desh received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, New Delhi are attached herewith this letter for necessary action please. To encourage active participation a detailed website is being created (<http://merimaatimeradesh.gov.in>)**

**All College NSS Units are requested to ensure organization of MMMD program & participation of NSS volunteers as well as NSS units to assist NYKS at Panchayat, Block and State level and make this programme a great success.**

**Looking forward for your co-operation.**

With regards,



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Yours sincerely,

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- CC to. 1. The Regional Director, NSS Regional Directorate, Pune for information.  
2. The State Liaison Officer, NSS, Government of Maharashtra, for information.  
3. The NSS District Co-ordinator for necessary follow-up with colleges for huge participation of College NSS Units/ Volunteers in National pride event.

**Meri Mati Mera Desh Programme  
Gram Panchayat Level Minutes of Meeting**

1. Location of Meeting	Name of Gram Panchayat- _____ Name of Block: _____ Name of District: _____ Name of State: <b>Maharashtra</b>
2. Date of Meeting	
3. Convenor of the Meeting	
4. Contact Details of Convenor	
5. Names of people who participated in meeting	
6. Whether those present are willing to participate in Meri Mati Mera Desh Program and to share their mobile number with organisers for program	
<b>Sapling Plantation</b>	
7. Identified Location for planting 75 saplings preferably single cluster to create one grove/Vatika (वाटिका/कुंज).	
8. Date on which grove planting activity will be held	
9. Species of Saplings to be planted. Mix of species should be identified. Species indigenous to village should be identified.	
<b>Special Attributes of the Gram Panchayat</b>	
10. Is there an Amrit Sarovar.	
11. Person/s of Eminence of Gram Panchayat who have worked for the nation now or in past	
12. Location/s of Historical Importance for Gram Panchayat	
<b>Programme Organizing Committee Details</b>	
13. Are the contact numbers of the Non-Official Committee Members and Contact Person, correct?	
14. Are the members of committee willing to extend all support for the programme of village development?	
<b>Yuva Portal</b>	
15. Was the Yuva Portal briefed during the meeting?	<b>(Yes/No)</b>
16. Number of people registered on the Yuva Portal during the meeting?	
17. <b>Brief Minutes of the Meeting</b> (Issues Discussed, Strategy of the programme to be conducted)  In bullet points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
18. Date of Gram Panchayat Programme	

**Name and Signature of the Convenor of the Meeting-**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date -** \_\_\_\_\_