

NSS ORIENTATION DAY AT IIT MANDI, KAMAND CAMPUS

Dated: - 6th August, 2015

“NOT ME, BUT YOU”

“I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy.” *Rabindranath Tagore*

Volunteers are not mere workers. A worker could be good at working, but not at planning or decision-making. Similarly, the planners and decision-makers could be good at their jobs, but not at executing them. They are specialists, whereas volunteers are all-rounder. They are good as workers, as executioners, as planners, as decision makers, as initiators and as leaders.

Volunteers work without any personal motivation. They work to benefit others, not themselves. This makes them workers par excellence, executioners and leader par excellence. The volunteer dharma, therefore, is dharma par excellence. To volunteer is to live in accordance with dharma the values of righteousness, selflessness, and above all egoless. To volunteer is to practice humbleness; to volunteer is to live in synchronicity with Mother Nature, loving, caring, and sharing as she does. A volunteer is essentially a spiritual practitioner, a karma yogi one who is striving for the ultimate union with the supreme through selfless action. Blessed, indeed, are all of you, engaged in this holy work. NSS (National Service Scheme) unit of IIT Mandi organized its orientation programme on August 06, 2015 in A1-NKN room at 02:00 pm till 03:00 pm.

The program started by Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, Advisor, NSS Unit IIT Mandi. Mr. Prateek Pathania, Field Officer, NSS Unit IIT Mandi welcomed the students and NSS members and Dr. Arnav provided a quick over view on what NSS means to IIT Mandi. After that, S. Priyadarshinee (NSS volunteer) threw some light on what NSS is doing at IIT Mandi and its future plan for 2015-2016. After that each of the section Coordinators Ms. Shushmita Choudhary Choudhary (Literacy Section), Ms. Parul Bansal (Health Section) and Mr. Amodh Kumar (Awareness Section) spoke about their respective section and introduced the audience to their team. To provide audience a real feel of what NSS means and how it changed the life of people, some of the NSS volunteers shared their personal experiences of being a member of this unit. After that the function got to over with the vote of thanks by Dr. Arnav Bhavsar, Advisor, NSS Unit IIT Mandi. Overall, the programme went off successfully with the students enjoying every moment along with the volunteers.