



Criteria/Sub criteria: 7.3.1

Institutional distinctiveness: National Service Scheme (NSS) Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College

All round development of the students can be accomplished with the selfless participation of social work along with their class study. NSS unit of this college is constantly trying this selfless service to society with the students of this institute. The primary objective of the National Service Scheme Unit-I at Harishchandrapur College is to foster community involvement and societal accountability among the student body. The unit emphasizes qualities such as understanding, cultural acumen, effective guidance, democratic principles, collaborative efforts, tenacity, and national cohesion. Furthermore, the unit actively promotes substantial exchanges and dialogues concerning pertinent societal matters, thereby empowering students to champion the cause of social equity and effect a constructive transformation within the community.

The key points outlining the **priorities** and the **thrust** area of the National Service Scheme (NSS) NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College are as follows:


- NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College **prioritized community development initiatives** that aim to uplift marginalized and underprivileged communities, with a specific focus on projects related to infrastructure development, access to basic amenities, and livelihood enhancement programs. The objective of these endeavors is to enhance the standard of living for community members. NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College has selected Pipla Village, Harishchandrapur, adopted village for carrying out community development activities.
- NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College is committed to **addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, including children, elderly individuals, persons with disabilities, and those living in poverty or facing social exclusion**. The organization actively engages in various social service activities, such as organizing welfare programmes, providing assistance to orphanages and old-age homes, and facilitating access to education and healthcare services.
- NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College is dedicated to empowering young individuals to become **active and responsible contributors to society**. Through leadership development programs, skill-building workshops, and volunteer opportunities, NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College encourages youth engagement in community service and civic participation. This fosters a sense of social responsibility and leadership qualities among the participants. Additionally, the Unit has initiated a program named "Safe Drive, Save Life" to promote road safety. However, the rural setting of the college presents challenges due to limited human resources for organizing NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College activities.
- NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College acknowledges the significance of **environmental sustainability and actively promotes** initiatives aimed at safeguarding and conserving natural resources. These initiatives include tree plantation drives, cleanliness drives, and awareness programs on pollution, yoga, health awareness like AIDS, environment conservation. The goal of these activities is to instill a sense of environmental stewardship among young individuals and community members. This unit has recently conducted a tree plantation program to enhance the beauty of the campus and create a more environmentally-friendly atmosphere.
- NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College places considerable emphasis on **promoting health and hygiene practices** within communities to prevent diseases and improve overall well-being. This includes organizing health camps, awareness workshops, and vaccination drives, as well as advocating for sanitation and hygiene practices to ensure access to clean water and sanitation facilities. This unit organizes blood donation camps to address the issue of blood scarcity, although the efforts have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Furthermore, the NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College conducts regular cleanliness drives and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in campus as well as in adopted village, Pipla to maintain cleanliness both within and outside the campus. Awareness camps on seasonal diseases like Dengue are also conducted by the NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College in Pipla village. Additionally, the NSS UNIT-I, NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College organize free health check-up camps to ensure the well-being of its students and

the surrounding community. First Aid awareness camps are conducted to educate students about primary remedies for various health problems. The Unit has also supported the organization of vaccination camps for COVID-19. Furthermore, the NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College conducts campaigns to raise awareness on Tobacco Free Campus about the negative effects of smoking. Recently, active volunteer from the NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College participated in an Adventure camp in Narkanda, Himachal Pradesh (H.P). Dr. Bhupen Ghimirey, NSS Programme Officer, Harishchandrapur College used as the contingent leader for NSS adventure camp, Narkanda, HP from the state of West Bengal.

Major Thrust area

- The unit actively engages with the local community to understand their needs and aspirations. By implementing projects and initiatives tailored to address local issues and challenges, NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College fosters a sense of ownership and participation among residents, promoting sustainable partnerships and positive change at the grassroots level.
- Recognizing the transformative potential of young people, NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College empowers students to become leaders and change agents within their communities. Through workshops, training programs, and values-based education, the unit cultivates social responsibility, empathy, and compassion among youth, nurturing a generation of engaged citizens committed to making a difference.
- NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College promotes a culture of volunteerism and service, encouraging students to actively contribute to societal welfare. By organizing volunteer projects and community service activities, the unit addresses pressing social issues while recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions of volunteers in driving positive change and inspiring others to join the cause.
- Capacity building is integral to NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College Unit-I's mission, as it equips students with the skills and competencies needed to address emerging challenges effectively. Through training, support initiatives, and networking opportunities, students develop leadership abilities, communication skills, and project management expertise, enabling them to become effective change agents and leaders within their communities.

The NSS Unit-I, Harishchandrapur College at Harishchandrapur College demonstrates a strong commitment to community development, social service, youth empowerment, environmental sustainability, and health promotion. Through tailored initiatives and partnerships with the local community, the unit addresses pressing issues while fostering a culture of volunteerism and social responsibility among students. By equipping youth with essential skills and fostering collaboration with various stakeholders, Unit-I strives to create lasting positive change and empower individuals to become effective leaders and change agents within their communities.


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