

Guidelines & Selection Procedure for Pre RDC's/ Republic Day Camp

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is the flagship programme of the Department of Youth Affairs under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with a strength of 3.8 lakh NSS Volunteers throughout the country, aiming at 'Personality Development of the volunteers through community service'.

2. Taking part in Republic Day Parade at Rajpath, New Delhi every year is one of its National level programmes. 200 selected and bright NSS Volunteers take part in RD Parade at Rajpath, New Delhi to salute the 'First Citizen of the Country', which is a matter of pride for entire NSS family and especially for the participating NSS Volunteers.

3. A month long NSS Republic Day Parade Camp is organized at New Delhi in the month of January every year, where the participating NSS Volunteers undergo rigorous training for Marching and also take part in various other activities. Considering the significance of the event, there is a high expectation of policy makers from the NSS Volunteers in this camp. Hence, it becomes necessary for the Volunteers to undergo a proper selection procedure at every level i.e. right from the unit level/college level to National level.

4. Eligibility Criteria for Selection of NSS volunteers for Pre R.D. Camps

One institution/college should select maximum one (Male or female) volunteer only. In case a volunteer is extra ordinary and the College is having more than one units, then two volunteers may be considered from that institution. Each nominee must fulfill the following criteria:-

- (i) NSS Volunteers, who have completed one-year of volunteership in NSS and preferably attended one NSS special camp. (volunteer should bring their NSS volunteers work diary with them and a certificate regarding completion of one year as NSS Volunteer, issued by the Programme Officer and countersigned by the Principal).
- (ii) One volunteer may be given maximum one chance to attend Pre-RD Camp during his/her volunteership. It will be the responsibility of concerned College/Institute to ensure that no volunteer is given second chance to participate in Pre-RD Camps.
- (iii) Volunteer should not be related to any NSS Officer/Official.
- (iv) Volunteer must be from College/University level only. No plus two (+2) level Volunteer will be eligible.
- (v) Volunteers should not be/should have not been an NCC Cadet.

- (vi) Height: **155-170 cms** for girls and **165-180 cms** for boys.
- (vi) Volunteer should be physically fit.
- (vii) Volunteer should be able to
 - Run up to 1.5 km in 10 minutes
 - March constantly for 20 minutes
 - Give / listen command from 25 mtrs
- (viii) Volunteer should not have flat foot or knock knee + **Bow Leg**
- (ix) Volunteers should be unmarried.
- (x) Volunteer should be good in parade.
- (xi) Any extra ordinary talent of the volunteer may be considered for selection at every level.
- (xii) Volunteer must have a pleasing personality and smart appearance.
- (xiii) Volunteer should be cooperative and courteous.
- (xiv) Volunteer should possess good communication skills.
- (xv) Volunteer should be medically fit.

NB : There should be a paramedical member during the selection process at different level.

5. Selection at Unit Level

This is the first level of selection and hence the NSS Programme Officer (PO) has to be very careful to select the best volunteer of the unit for the University level selection. PO must follow the guidelines strictly. Composition of the Selection Committee at college level may be Principal OR His/Her Representative, One faculty member, preferably NCC in-charge, NSS Programme Officer and a Cultural Expert.

6. Selection at University/State Level

- a). Regional Directorate will allocate the proportionate number of volunteers to the universities as per their volunteers' strength from the Pre RD allocation to the state. University should invite 5 times more than the number allocated to them at university/State level. Composition of the Selection Committee should have the representatives of University, SNO,

Regional Directorate, para medical, CC/Military/Para Military/Police personnel (preferably of the rank of Captain/Inspector) and a Cultural Expert.

b) The members of Selection Committee should confirm that they are not related to any of the candidates considered for selection.

c) Volunteers should bring following documents for attending the selection camp at university level:-

1. College Identity Card.
2. Volunteer work diary and a certificate issued by the Programme Officer and countersigned by the Principal regarding completion of one year of Volunteership in NSS and one special camp, if attended.
3. Letter or Certificate of Selection for Pre RD at Unit.
4. Nomination form
5. Indemnity Bond
6. Undertaking that he/she has not attended any Pre-RD Camp earlier, duly countersigned by the PO/Principal of the College/Institute.

Volunteers, so selected, will participate in Pre-RD Camp for selection to participate in Republic Day Parade Camp. Number of participants from each State/UT for Pre-Republic Day Camp will be communicated by the Directorate of NSS in advance.

7. Pre Republic Day Camp

a) Volunteers should bring following documents in Pre-RD Camp

1. College Identity Card.
2. Volunteer work diary and a certificate issued by the Programme Officer and countersigned by the Principal regarding completion of one year of Volunteership in NSS and one special camp, if attended.
3. Certificate of Medical/Physical Fitness.
4. Indemnity Bond.
5. Undertaking that he/she has not attended any Pre-RD Camp earlier, duly countersigned by the PO/Principal of the College/Institute.
6. Undertaking that he/she is not related to any NSS Officer/Official.

b) It will be the responsibility of the concerned Regional Director, NSS to verify the veracity and authenticity of these documents.

c) It will be the responsibility of the concerned Director, Pre RD Camp to ensure the submission of above documents by each volunteer, participating in his/her Pre RD Camp.

d) **Members of the Selection Committee**

1. Director, NSS or his/her representative
2. Director, Republic Day Parade Camp
3. Director, Pre-Republic Day Camp concerned;
4. JCO Military Para Military Police personnel (preferably of the rank of Captain/Inspector)
5. Deputy Secretary (YA) or his/her representative.
6. An eminent Cultural Expert preferably State Award Winner (to be arranged by concerned Pre-RD Director in consultation with the SNO of the State, where Pre-RD is being conducted)

e) **Selection for Republic Day Parade Camp**

1. Directorate of NSS will allocate the proportionate number of volunteers to each State/UT as per their volunteers' strength. No deviation from this allocated strength will be accepted in any case. For any relaxation, prior approval of the Director, NSS will be must.
2. In case of absence from any State/UT, volunteers, in waiting list, as per merit, should be called from the same State/UT.
3. Participants of Pre-RD Camps are expected to participate in all the activities of Pre-RD Camp i.e. right from the morning assembly to cultural programmes in the evening.
4. If any participant abstains from any of the activities of Pre-RD Camp for 2 days or more, even on medical grounds, he/she will be sent back immediately. (Gap of 2 days or more would directly impact upon the performance as it is a 10 days' camp and hence, no exception should be considered)
5. If the volunteer is not found cooperative and courteous or medically unfit, Director, Pre-RD camp will have every right to send him/her back immediately.
6. Proper documentation has to be maintained and report regarding repatriation should be sent to Directorate of NSS.
7. The duly constituted Selection Committee will reach in the last 3 days of the Pre RD Camp and look into the Parade Performance, Cultural Performance and also conduct Personal Interview of each of the Pre RD Camper. Evaluation will be done on the basis of marks obtained by the participant out of 100, break-up of which will be as under:-

Parade Performance in front of Selection Committee	- 50
Cultural Performance in front of Selection Committee	- 30
Personal Interview	- 10
Physical Fitness	- 10

Sl. No.	Particulars	Event	Time
01.	Letter with allocation and guidelines to be sent to Regional Directors from Directorate of NSS		31 st July
02.	Letter with allocation and guidelines to be sent to Universities/SNO from Regional Directorate		7 th August
03.	Completion of selection process at Unit level		31 st August
04.	Completion of selection process at University/State level		30 th September
05.	Completion of Pre-RD Camps		30 th November
06.	Declaration of the list of selected volunteers for Republic Day Parade Camp		7 th December
07.	Organization of Republic Day Parade Camp		1 st to 31 st January

Note: If at any stage, it is found that any wrong/false information was provided, the volunteer would be sent back immediately and rusticated from volunteership and banned from further participation in any programme/project of NSS.