

PRESS RELEASE

All pre-independence persons to be felicitated by the Government – CM Manohar Lal Khattar

NSS to effectively spread awareness of Government Welfare Schemes.

National Integration Camp to be called “Ek Bharat Shresath Bharat”

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“Service imbibes the feeling of Nationalism amongst citizens. A person’s most important duty is ‘service’ – and in this the sentiment must be ‘Us and not I’. This service must be devoid of any ulterior motives and one should not have a yearning for fruits of the effort”. These sentiments were echoed by Haryana Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal on Wednesday in his speech at a one day workshop organized under the aegis of HSHEC at Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh. The workshop had the aim of spreading awareness of Central and State Government Welfare Schemes among students, parents, guardians and the general public through NSS – with the aim of motivating them to participate whole heartedly in these well thought out welfare schemes.

The Chief Minister appreciated the efforts of the HSHEC, in organizing this workshop and furthering the aim of welfare. He commended the NSS for its positive activities, from the school to the University levels. He said that these activities should be further boosted – as there is no limit to service. The CM stressed on the fact that the welfare schemes of the Government must benefit the needy and deprived upto the last person. Addressing the NSS officials the Chief-Minister stated that service unites us together and engenders a spirit of nationalism. The CM said that to make the scheme of flying the Tiranga on every house successful, the NSS voluntaries have an important role to play. The CM also ordered that the name of the National Integration Camp be changed to “Ek Bharat Shresath Bharat”. The CM said that all persons born before 1947 will be felicitated by the Government. To ensure their presence in the Government functions to be held on the 15th August, the HSHEC and NSS should work voluntarily.

At the outset of the workshop, Prof B.K. Kuthiala, Chairperson HSHEC welcomed the CM and all participants of the workshop. Outlining the aim of the workshop, he said that the relationship between the teacher and student goes beyond teaching / learning – and should include participation in the welfare of society. He said that the Central Government’s NEP 2020 stressed on this aspect. The relationship between teachers, students and society is a very deep and well bonded one – hence their role in implementing the Central and State Government Welfare Schemes is very important and crucial.

The Deputy Director, Higher Education, Ajit Singh explained the role and achievements of NSS and brought out that there are 1224 units running with Government Support and 310 units working independently. He also brought out that the Haryana Government is the only state in the country which is sanctioning the grant of Rs. 2 Crore annually for organising NSS camps and training programmes. Additional Chief Secretary Mr. Anand Mohan Sharan brought out the role of NSS voluntaries saying through the medium of this workshop, the voluntaries will contribute positively in the future and bring about a big change.

In the afternoon session, Ms. Radhika Prjapati and Mr. Apoorva Pandey, of HSHEC, gave presentations regarding the welfare schemes being run by Central and State Government in the state. Subsequently, an open discussion was held by various Universities representatives and NSS officials regarding the effective implementation of the welfare schemes by NSS. This session was coordinated by Vice Chairperson, HSHEC Prof. Kailash Chander Sharma. In his concluding remarks Prof. Brij Kishor Kuthiala, Chairperson, HSHEC said that everyone should energetically contribute to the movement of a Tiranga on every house. Prof B.K. Kuthiala exhorted everyone that the movement on hoisting the flag on every house should be made successful internationally by a campaign on the social media. He said that to increase awareness of the Central and state government schemes, meeting will be held in the future to choose and concentrate on some schemes. In the end, the Advisor HSHEC, Mr. K.K. Agnihotri presented the vote of thanks.

In this workshop, PS to CM Shri Uma Shankar, ACS Dr. Amit Agarwal, Director HE Mr. Rajiv Ratan were present – in addition to officials of Higher Education and technical Education Department. More than 40 officials from various Universities and district NSS officers took part in the workshop.