

## **NSS VOLUNTEERS SHOULD TARGET PLASTIC FREE AND OPEN DEFECATION FREE GOA: SHRI KUMAR**

Panaji, August 9, 2018

The meeting of the State NSS Advisory Committee Goa NSS Cell was held under the Chairmanship of Shri Ashok J. Kumar IAS, Secretary (Sports) to review activities OF the last year and the planning of the NSS activities for the current year on August 8, 2018 in the Conference Hall, Secretariat, Porvorim.

Shri V. M. Prabhudesai, Director of Sports & Youth Affairs welcomed the Members and gave a Power Point presentation on the NSS activities and achievements for the year 2017-18.

While interacting with the members after taking review of various initiatives implemented Shri Ashok J. Kumar IAS, Secretary (Sports) emphasized that the State of Goa through NSS volunteers should target for the year 2018-19 Plastic free Goa and Open Defecation Free Goa by December 2018. He suggested that institutions should declare themselves plastic free zones and take a pledge not to use plastic. They should adopt a village and continue the targeted work.

Secretary (Sports) further said that by December 2018 Goa has to be Open Defecation Free for which the NSS volunteers have to create awareness in the adopted villages; the importance of Household toilets and the effects of open defecation; assistance for this can be taken from the Directorate of Panchayats.

Secretary (Sports) was apprehensive about the poor response of trained Programme Officers from HSS and Colleges. Dr. Abhay Shaligram , ETI, Ahmednagar suggested that for Colleges and HSS POs the training at ETI may be integrated in their APAR by giving them 20 points for training under social activity to which Secretary (Sports) agreed to write to Education Department through Secretary Education to implement the same which will increase the number of trained Programme Officers in the State : Registrar Goa University also agreed to consider the same for colleges .

Secretary(Sports) opined that the Department should identify Sports facilities where special camps can be held as it is seen that there is a very poor response for special camps and more so as girls are reluctant to participate due to lack of proper facilities. Shri Ajay Shinde representative Govt. of India, NSS Regional Centre, Pune informed that in Maharashtra parents attend special camps as support to the girls who participate ; for which the State Sports Department can explore the option through PTA of HSS. Shri Shinde informed that no NSS certificates are to be issued to the volunteers if they have not attended a special camp during their tenure as a NSS volunteer .

State NSS Advisory Committee Goa NSS Cell members Professor, Y.D. Reddy, Registrar, Goa University, Shri Ajay Shinde representative Govt. of India , NSS Regional Center, Pune , Dr. Sharad Bhonsle ETI Ahmednagar , Dr, Abhay Shaligram , ETI, Ahmednagar, Dr. Elvis Gonsalves, President , Hr. Sec Schools Principal Forum, Tanmay Acharya , District Co-ordinator NYK, Sanjiv Shirodkar, NSS Co-ordinator, Goa University, Shri Shanto G. Naik , Assistant Information Officer , Shri Kalidas Ghatwal, NYK North amongst others attended the meeting.

Smt. Jennifer Ferrao e Gonsalves, Asst. Director, Physical Education North proposed the vote of thanks.