

SANKALP 2016

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Sociathon

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

-Mahatma Gandhi

In India, the idea of involving students in the task of national service dates back to the times of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the nation. The central theme which he tried to impress upon his student audience time and again, was that they should always keep before them, their social responsibility. The first duty of the students should be, not to treat their period of study as one of the opportunities for indulgence in intellectual luxury, but for preparing themselves for final dedication in the service of those who provided the sinews of the nation with the national goods & services so essential to society. Advising them to form a living contact with the community in whose midst their institution is located, he suggested that instead of undertaking academic research about economic and social disability, the students should do "something positive so that the life of the villagers might be raised to a higher material and moral level".

The post-independence era was marked by an urge for introducing social service for students, both as a measure of educational reform and as a means to improve the quality of educated manpower. It was then that the University Grants Commission headed by Dr. Radhakrishnan recommended introduction of national service in the academic institutions on a voluntary basis with a view to developing healthy contacts between the students and teachers on the one hand and establishing a constructive linkage between the campus and the community on the other hand.

Sociathon is a competition between NSS of various colleges that aims to visualize the NSS's objective completion and motivate students to work for the same. The competition supports not just the vision with which NSS was started but also portrays involvement of youth in finding creative and sustainable solutions to social problems.

Event Description

The Event involves a documentation on the achievements of the NSS group of respective colleges. Achievements include the tasks undertaken by the NSS group and its successful accomplishment with a positive effect on society.

During the competition, the NSS teams will be required to present the effect on various aspects, such as social, financial, and environmental, of their initiatives.

The competition is open to NSS group of various colleges.



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Itinerary of the event:

Round 1:

Participants have to send their entries to sociathon.sankalp16@gmail.com by **5th February 2016**, with the following details:

- 1) Name and contact details (contact number and email id) of the Team Members in the body of the email. Participants are required to choose a name for their team.
- 2) An attached .pdf of the abstract of their work. The abstract must not exceed **1000 words**.

Round 2:

The selected entries will then present their work during Sankalp'16 in the form of a PowerPoint Presentation.

Rules:

- Decision about the winners taken by the Judges is final and binding.
- The presentation will be given a maximum time of 15 mins.
- The presentation will be followed by a questionnaire on the presentation.
- Teams must strictly adhere to the given time limits. Non-adherence to the time-limits will result in penalties.
- All correspondence will be done with the NSS group leader.

For any details, please feel free to contact: Atul Kumar (+91-8755333682)