**GROWTH OF NSS IN POLYTECHNIC COLLEGES**

The Govt. of India launched the NSS Programme during the year 1969, the birth centenary year of Mahatma Gandhiji as a pilot project. The Government of Tamil Nadu introduced the National Service Scheme in the State the same year. However, this scheme started functioning in 10 Polytechnic Colleges under the control of Directorate of Technical Education in the year 1983-84 with an allocation of 1000 Volunteers. Today, we have NSS in 272 Polytechnic Colleges with a coverage of 38500, the highest enrolment in Polytechnic Colleges in the country. The implementation of NSS in Polytechnic Colleges has been proved successful and we celebrated the Silver Jubilee during 2008-09. The fast and steady growth of NSS has been achieved in the Directorate of Technical Education due to the dynamic leadership and guidance of Directors / Commissioners, support of Central and State Government Officials, dedicated involvement of Managements, Principals, Programme Officers and Volunteers of NSS implementing Polytechnic Colleges. The Directorate could organize a lot of special Inter-Polytechnic College level programmes on regular basis successfully and systematically because of the interest and support from most of our Institutions. These Institutions have been using the Scheme as a tool to shape the character and behaviour of our youth and mould them as responsible citizens. The NSS plays a major role in inculcating such values and make a radical attitudinal change in youth.

**Enrolment of NSS Volunteers**

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| **Year** | **Allocated Strength** | **Male** | **Female** | **Total Enrolled** |
| **1983-1984** | **1000** | **700** | **300** | **1000** |
| **2019-2020** | **45500** | **34456** | **11044** | **45500** |

