

The Third Dimention of Education: It's Relevance in the New Millennium

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ABSTRACT NSS as one of the component of the third dimension of education has been carried on in a voluntary spirit in a large number of educational institutions of the country since 1969. It needs to be evaluated to know its relevance. A very few such evaluations has been made which do not cover the whole aspect of it. The present paper attempts to fill up this gap by making use of the management concept of SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity and threat). The analysis is based on the method of content analysis. The proceeding of various meetings, deliberations of dignitaries in the programmes of celebrations, etc have been scrutinized as the source information. It is observed that the constraints (weakness and threat) are mostly organizational in nature which can be very easily overcome and NSS can be made very effective particularly in shaping the youth energy and which can be made use of in the process of social welfare and national development.