

## **SPURS TRAINING REPORT 2021-2022**

(Scholarship for Potential Undergraduate Rural Students)

SPURS, Scholarship for Potential Undergraduate Rural Students, is a flagship philanthropic initiative of SSN for toppers from government high schools in rural areas. Orientation for twenty-five students admitted under the programme was successfully conducted from 13th to 29th September, in person.

The 17-day programme witnessed a host of activities aimed at imparting communication skills in the English language together with the development of personality traits such as confidence, self-esteem, taking initiative, independent thinking, and leadership. In essence, it was a preparation for these students from rural areas to study alongside their counterparts from urban areas with varied academic backgrounds and cultures. It was a residential programme where all the students and the trainers, Dr. Princely Samuel and Ms. Christina from Strides Inc, stayed on campus.

In addition to the trainers from Strides, the faculty from the English Department met the students every day for two sessions of an hour each. The students were introduced to the activities of NSS, NSO and YRC. The facilities for sports and games were also open to them. They visited the library which they had to use as part of the training activities to improve their reading and writing skills.

A trip to Mahabalipuram on 24th September along with the faculty members was a thrilling and educational experience for the students. This trip provided several 'first time experiences' such as - seeing the sea, spending time on the beach, playing on the seashore with the seawater under their feet, taking selfies to their heart's content, getting out of SSN for the first time etc. It was interesting to see their curiosity and gradually built-up confidence and courage to approach the sculpture vendors, and understand that a Vinayaka idol weighed 7 tons and cost 23 Lakhs. 'Ammadi -more expensive than building a house' was their immediate reaction.

The programme culminated in a spectacular Valedictory function put up by the students as part of building their organizational skills. Given a day's preparation time, they were able to come up with a programme, invite the HODs of all the departments personally (a memorable

experience for them) and put up a wonderful show. The way the valedictory programme was conducted was proof of the transformation that had taken place during these two weeks. The programme started with the Tamil Thai Vazhthu and ended with the national anthem. They shared their experiences in the form of a play, a popular activity they had witnessed during their training. The solo Bharathanatyam performance left an indelible impression. The students touched the hearts of the audience with their group song on the theme 'change is the only constant reality'. Their preparedness and motivation to scale up the ladder of life were evident in this song. The program was enlivened by the presence of the Principal, HODs and faculty.

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