

## SRI SIVASUBRAMANIYA NADAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

(An Autonomous Institution) Kalavakkam – 603 110

## **SELF STUDY REPORT**

7.3.1 Portray the performance of the Institution in one area distinctive to its priority and trust.

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## SPURS is Scholarship for Potential Under-Graduate Rural Students.

One of the priorities of SSN is to ensure inclusive education and to support the economically weak students. While several scholarships are offered for merit, SPURS is a scholarship that ensures inclusivity.

SPURS is a unique feature in the overall scholarship program at SSN. Twenty-five toppers from rural Government schools are selected for free education at the UG level every year. This is a small step taken by SSN to bridge the urban-rural divide in the country. These students also participate in a specially designed bridge-program prior to start of the regular academic session to equip them face the rigors of engineering education.

They are handheld with special classes and a separate mentor to get them adjusted to city and campus life. They are supported with laptops also, to carry out their studies effectively. One of our Alumnus, Mr. Naren mentors all our rural students by a career counselling program, taking them as interns for three months in his company [Mr. Cooper]. At the end of the training, six of them were absorbed by the company and the remaining also were capable of fetching good placements in other companies.

Till date, around 125 rural students have benefited through this program. As a give back policy, these rural background graduates have recently started a scholarship scheme by the name RAISE [Rural Alumni Inspired Scholarship for Education] and have pooled in Rs.3 lakhs to support similar students. This shows how useful the program has been for the rural students.