



Contributions Are Welcome Towards “STARS” Programme

**STARS (Support The Advancement of Rural Students)**

“A Child should not be deprived of quality education owing to poverty, and this made me think of this innovative “STARS” scheme.”

– *Dr. G. Viswanathan, Chancellor, VIT University*

Access to quality higher education is crucial to the personal and long-term development of children, families and communities. Unfortunately, many students do not have access to higher education. Studies show that there is a strong correlation between levels of educational attainment and long term financial stability, economic development and ending the circle of poverty.

VIT has taken new initiative of STARS (Support The Advancement of Rural Students) which aims to provide opportunities to pursue quality higher education to the underprivileged rural students. Initially, this scheme was started in Seven Districts namely Cuddalore, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Thiruvannamalai, Kancheepuram, Villupuram and Vellore. This programme was formally inaugurated by Minister for School Education Thiru. Thangam Thennarasu on 11th December’08

This academic year 2009-10 year, our Honourable Chancellor extended this STARS Scheme programme to all the 30 districts (except Chennai) in Tamil Nadu.

**“STARS” Scheme:**

This STARS scheme offers 100% tuition fee waiver, free hostel accommodation and food to 60 students (One Boy & One Girl) from each district who stood first in Plus-Two public examinations among rural government higher secondary schools every year.

**Special Features:**

- Skill Training on English language efficiency, computer literacy, communication and personality development etc.
- Counselling to the STARS students, special classes by experienced faculties
- Facilitation of campus recruitment

This academic year 2009-10, VIT has given admission to 58 (Boys:33,Girls:25) deserving students under the unique scheme of VIT University.

In order to motivate and support these “STARS” Mr. Raja Singh, CEO, Kingsway Consultants has made a contribution of Rs.1,00,000/-. We take the privilege to thanks his generosity and graciousness.

We would like you to be a part of this noble cause! The well wishers who would like to support this scheme are encouraged to join in this social cause.

The DD may be sent in favour of “VIT University” payable at Vellore to the following address.

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