

7.1.8: Describe the Institutional efforts/initiatives in providing an inclusive environment i.e., tolerance and harmony towards cultural, regional, linguistic, communal socioeconomic and other diversities (within 500 words).

The institution holds a strong commitment to adhering to the standards set forth by governing organizations. It recognizes the importance of creating a diversified environment and actively promotes inclusivity by embracing diversity in various aspects such as culture, region, language, community, socioeconomic background, and more. In line with this mission, the institution established the ArutchelvarVidyaSakthi (AVS) Scholarship during the grand celebration of Arutchelvar's 93rd birthday in 2015. This scholarship program was designed to assist students in overcoming socioeconomic obstacles and recognize their exceptional talent. Each year, a total of 400 meritorious students are selected to receive the prestigious ArutchelvarVidyaSakthi Scholarships, with a total value of Rs. 70 lakh. Among the recipients, 100 deserving students in first-year engineering programs are chosen to receive this esteemed award.

The institution actively engages in various social programs through its NCC and NSS Units. These units organize and participate in initiatives related to social issues, contributing to the welfare of society at large. Additionally, the institution celebrates national holidays, cultural events, Independence Day, Republic Day, and Yoga Day with great enthusiasm, fostering a sense of patriotism and cultural awareness among its students.

One notable aspect of the institution is its commitment to accommodating religious and cultural diversity. Muslim female students are given the freedom to dress religiously on campus, demonstrating the institution's respect for religious practices. Moreover, the institute honours and supports female students through the Yuvasakthi forum, which awards scholarships to deserving female students on International Women's Day each year.

Catering to the diverse culinary preferences of students, the institution's ARYAAS Cafeteria offers North Indian snacks, providing a taste of home for those hailing from the northern regions of the country. This initiative adds to the institution's efforts to create a comfortable and familiar environment for students.

Recognizing the importance of language proficiency and the potential linguistic barriers faced by students, the institution has established a language study center known as the Language Learning Centre (LLC). The LLC offers a comprehensive LSRW (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing) program to all first-year, second-year, and third-year students, supplementing the First Year English Paper. These learner-centred training programs are conducted in a state-of-the-art Language Lab, ensuring effective language learning experiences.

Additionally, the LLC provides instruction for an internationally recognized language certification named the Business English Certificate (BEC) offered by Cambridge University.

To equip engineers with the necessary skills to thrive in a globalized world, the Centre for Higher Education offers comprehensive training and guidance to students to pursue their higher studies, both nationally and internationally, as well as competitive exams such as UPSC, GATE, and other government exams. It also provides training in foreign languages

such as German and Japanese. Additionally, we offer specialized coaching to crack the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), and Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL) exams. By facilitating language proficiency in these languages, the institution empowers its students to seize global opportunities and broaden their horizons.