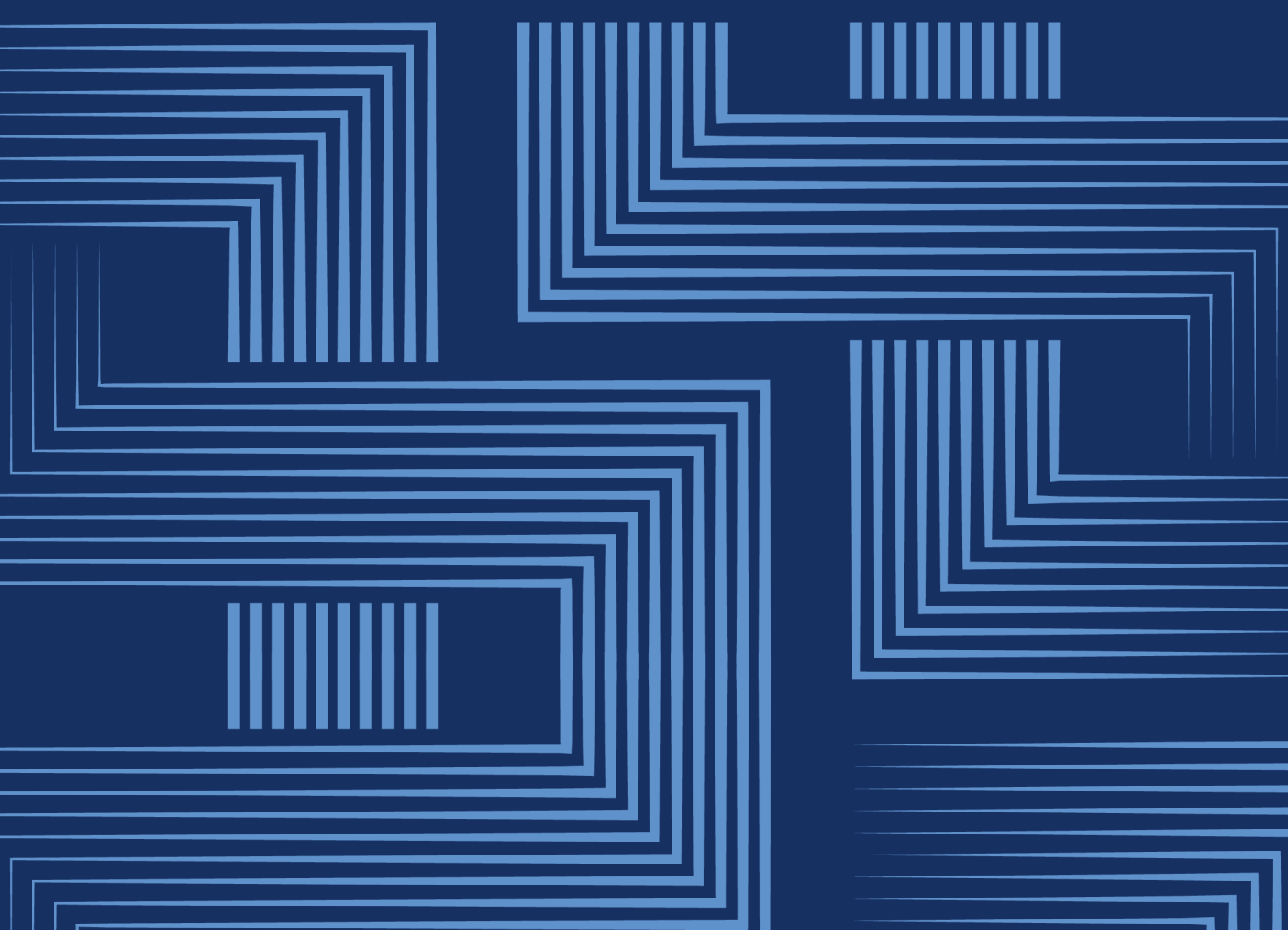




2025-26

# Annual Report

Empowering underprivileged children with education, to enable a life of dignity.





## Support for Education:

In FY 2025-26, **KESST** incurred an expenditure of Rs 22,12,920/- to support 118 children, of which 65 are girls. Amongst the children, seven girls and four boys are orphans, 30 girls and 24 boys have single mothers, and the remaining children are from economically poor families.

## Sainik School Entrance Exam Coaching for academic session 2026-27:

We continued our efforts of offering coaching for the Class 6 Entrance Exam at Lions School, Gonikoppal, whose management has been very supportive in this initiative.



**Candidates for Sainik School Entrance Exam, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, along with parents, teachers, and trustees**

The coaching commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 and continued until 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 for the exam, which was held on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026. There were ten children, including one girl. Three children qualified in the exam, with Lavin Ganapathy HT securing a merit position, making him eligible for admission to schools in other states but not in Kodagu, as the cut-off for merit for general category students for admission to Sainik School Kodagu for the Academic Year 2026-27 was much higher. In 2025-26, for the Home State Unreserved category for Sainik School Kodagu was 267 marks (89%) for boys and 284 marks (94.6%) for girls.

As in previous years, the Spill-off benefits of this coaching saw one child, Lavin Ganapathy HT, qualifying for admission to Jawaharlal Navodaya Vidyalaya, Gallibeedu (Kodagu) for Academic Year 2026-27.



**KESST enlarged its activities to include support to educational institutions and in the field of livelihood for low income groups while continuing its legacy programs.**

## Awareness for Career Options in Defence:

During the year, many children and parents reached out to **KESST** for counselling and guidance for careers in the Armed Forces.

They are assisted by familiarising them with the Join Armed Forces websites, UPSC examination schedules, and syllabus. For the interview at the Services Selection Board (SSB), they are connected with various personality development coaches.



## Awareness for Career Options in Defence:

The following were successful in joining various military academies and received their commissions:

1. Lt Macharanda Hem Monnappa - SSC 121 (NT/NCC) OTA Chennai 7th March 2026 - 19 Grenadiers
2. Sub Lt Areyada Poovanna, Naval Academy, Nov 2025.
3. Flying Officer Chottekalapanda Kshama Poonacha, Air Force Academy & Air Force Technical College, 7th March 2026.
4. Sepoy Akshay KS, 18 Madras, for Army Cadet College Serial 133 commencing in July 2026.
5. Agniveer Rahul Sharma, 9 Maratha LI, for Army Cadet College Course 131 commenced in July 2025.



**Candidates who were successful in joining various military academies and received their commissions**



**Jawans – (L-R) – Yaksitha (ITBP), Monish, Gahurav, Pretham, Surya (Army Agniveers)**

## Coaching to Join the Defence and Central Armed Police Forces as Jawans:

**KESST** conducted coaching to join the Defence and Central Armed Police Forces as a Jawan from April 2025 in Kushalnagar under the guidance and supervision of Janaradhan, Army Veteran (18 Madras).

The coaching is conducted on the premises of Government Junior College, Kushalnagar (Kodagu), also known as the Gundi College, and includes all physical tests and the written examination, as well as motivation, the importance of nation-building, and personality development.

In 2025, four Male Agniveers completed their training and joined their combat training. In 2025, one female ITBP constable completed her training in Haryana in Oct 2025 and joined her unit in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. In 2025, eight male Agniveer aspirants have successfully cleared all the tests and are awaiting the final merit list.



## Educational Infrastructure:

The newly formed Government Women's College, Madikeri, did not have a single computer in the college for the students and office use. There was a request from the principal of the college for one desktop. Accordingly, **KESST** donated one desktop costing Rs 49,004 to the college.



## Provision of CCTV systems (full kit) Triveni School, Virajpet, Kodagu:

As part of our outreach to provide certain infrastructure to educational institutes, **KESST** provided CCTV coverage (complete kit), including installation, to Triveni School, Virajpet, at a cost of Rs 1,00,400.



**Top Left: Triveni School, Virajpet. Top Right: Lions Primary School, Gonikoppa. Bottom: Govt Women's College, Madikeri**

## Financial Support for Participation in Foreign Marathon Race at Valencia, Spain on 7th December 2025:

**KESST** Army marathon runner Appachanganda B Belliappa to participate in the event for a total of Rs 1.20 Lakhs. He achieved a lifetime best (Personal Best), finishing with a time of 2:14:07.

## 4th State-level Cross Country (Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race) Race for Youth Eligible for Joining Defence Forces -1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at Kushalnagar (Kodagu):

**KESST** conducted the 4th State-level Cross Country Race for Youth Eligible for Joining Defence Forces on 23rd November 2025 as the Late Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race, as his parents came forward to sponsor the event.



**4th State-level Cross Country (Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race) Race for Youth Eligible for Joining Defence Forces, 1st December 2024 at Kushalnagar (Kodagu)**



## 4th State-level Cross Country (Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race) Race for Youth Eligible for Joining Defence Forces -1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 at Kushalnagar (Kodagu):

The Boys Winners were:

BOYS CATEGORY - 8 KM					
Position	Chest Number	Name	Institute	Timing	Prize
1	21	Chennabasava B	Sports Hostel Kudige	23.16	10,000
2	11	Nithin VN	SDM College	23.39	8,000
3	164	Delson Joy	St Joseph's Bangalore	25.06	6,000
4	32	Dilan PR	Arun PU College, Cherambane	25.25	4,000
5	24	Manish MR	Sports Hostel Kudige	25.36	3,000
6	1	GS Sudhanva	Govt Junior College, Madikeri	25.57	2,000

The Girls Winners were:

GIRLS CATEGORY - 5 KM					
Position	Chest Number	Name	Institute	Timing	Prize
1	205	Bhavishya DK	Sports Hostel Kudige	22.35	6,000
2	206	Neksha CD	Sports Hostel Kudige	23.16	5,000
3	207	Thajnavi DD	Sports Hostel Kudige	23.17	4,000
4	237	Ashwini Police	Teresian College, Mysore	23.36	3,000
5	241	Rashmitha	Govt High School, Siddapur	24.14	2,000
6	204	Prakruthi Bopaiah	SGM, Bangalore	24.56	1,000



4th State-level Cross Country (Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race):  
Boys' Winners



4th State-level Cross Country (Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race):  
Girl's Winners



## National Spirit and Patriotism - Spirit of Freedom Marathon:

In order to inculcate a feeling of patriotism among the public, Lions Club Gonikoppa has been conducting the Spirit of Freedom Marathon on Independence Day, 15th August, for more than 40 years. In 2025, **KESST** decided to jointly sponsor the annual event as part of its Youth Development initiatives. On Independence Day, 15th August 2025, the Spirit of Freedom Marathon was conducted from Ponnampet to Gonikoppa. There were about 500 participants, mostly students.



National Spirit and Patriotism - Spirit of Freedom Marathon

## Career Awareness program - joining the Defence Forces - Lions School, Gonikoppa:

**KESST** conducted an awareness campaign for career options in the defence forces, for children from 10<sup>th</sup> Grade and above. Students from six different schools were in attendance, and it was conducted at the Lions School auditorium.



Career Awareness Program at Lions School, Gonikoppa



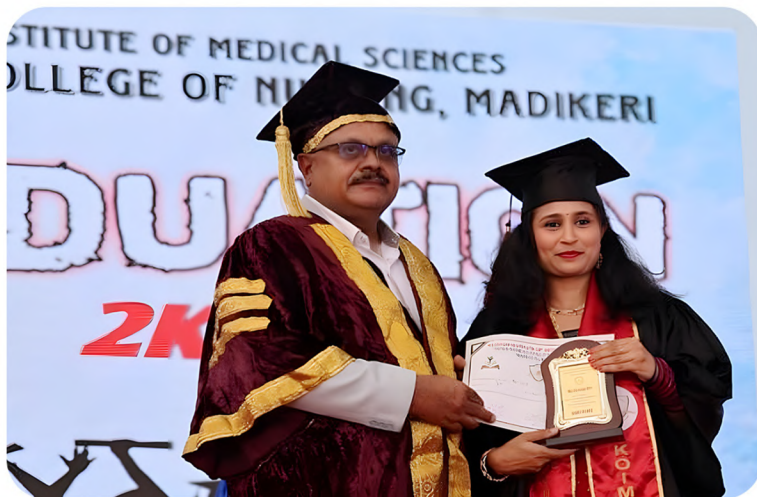
## Cheque disbursement to beneficiaries – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025:

**KESST** conducted its annual cheque disbursement function at Triveni School, Virajpet, on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025. Despite the heavy rains, 116 beneficiaries (or their guardians) attended. Amminichanda Ravi Uthappa, President of Virajpet Kodava Samaja, the Chief Guest, exhorted the beneficiaries to work hard. Shri Apadanada Kariappa, President of Triveni School Managing Committee, thanked the Trustees of **KESST** for their unstinting support to the students in the form of scholarships. After highlighting the various items of school equipment, such as computers and video projection systems, he, along with Shri Merianda Achama, Director of the School Committee, gifted a memento to Shri Mandapanda Chengappa, President of **KESST**, as a token of their appreciation and gratitude.

Shri Maletira Srinivas, Honorary Secretary of Kodava Samaja Virajpet, and Shri Mandeda Kumar, a well-wisher, were also present. The Guest of Honour, Shri Pattamada Navin Nanaiah, Director of Modus Information Systems, which supports **KESST** through its CSR program, addressed the beneficiaries and advised them to keep up-to-date with the developments in information technology.



**Cheque disbursement to beneficiaries - 17th August, 2025**



**Ms. Machetira Rashimi Poovaiah**

We are extremely happy to share that a beneficiary of **KESST** support, nursing student Machetira Rashimi Poovaiah, graduated recently from the College of Nursing, Kodagu Institute of Medicine Sciences, Madikeri, Kodagu, as a qualified nurse.



Summary of Expenditure FY 2025-26

S.No.	Item	Amount
1	Assistance for Education	Rs 22,12,920/-
2	Sainik School Entrance Exam Coaching	Rs 3,96,000/-
3	4th State-level Cross Country (Ponnachanda Neeraj Kushalappa Memorial Race) Race	Rs 1,10,103/-
4	Educational Infrastructure by KESST	Rs 2,03,908/-
5	CSR Project – IFS Soften	Rs 12,00,000/-
6	Administrative Costs	Rs 2,19,000/-
7	Spirit of Freedom Run 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Rs 40,000/-
	Total	Rs 43,81,931

## KESST Office at Virajpet:

KESST office in the old Virajpet Kodava Samaja office building, adjoining Triveni School is fully functional. The office is open from 10 am to 5 pm from Monday to Saturday and is closed on Sundays and state government holidays.

## Administrative Expenses 2025-26:

In keeping with the tenets of KESST, administrative expenses have been managed under 5% of the annual expenditure.

## Appeal for Support for FY 26-27:

It is expected that the annual budget for the year will be around Rs 40 Lakhs. We will endeavour to raise this amount through the personal contributions of the Trustees, CSR funds, and well-wishers.

## Kodagu Educational & Social Service Trust. ([www.kodagueducation.com](http://www.kodagueducation.com))

Bankers - STATE BANK OF INDIA, VIRAJPET

Account in name of – KESST

Account Number – Current Account 35865551488 (35865551488)

IFSC Code – SBIN0000950 (SBIN0000950)

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## UPI ID and Scan QR Code for Scan - kesst@sbi

Contributions are exempted under Section 80G of Income Tax Act as per Approval No CIT(Exemption)/BANGALORE/80G/2018-19/A/10103 issued vide Order no ITBA/EXM/S/80G/2018-19/1013883857 (1) dt 29 Nov 2018. Donors are required to provide PAN Number, name as per PAN and full address to avail of 80G benefit.

**KESST is registered with Ministry of Corporate Affairs for accepting CSR Funds vide Registration number is CSR00015216.**



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