



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

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**2017 / 2018**

**KESST  
Annual  
Report**

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## **Recent Activities:**

The year 2017-18 was one of consolidation for KESST. The coaching program being conducted for the Sainik School Entrance exam, at Lions School Gonikoppal, continued. Support was enhanced for numerous children who are being provided quality education, and for destitute women and children to have a better quality of life.

## **Sainik School Coaching (for academic session 2018-19):**

The Management of Lions School Gonikoppal were happy to continue the special (coaching) class program. Eight eligible children underwent coaching from July 2017 till January 2018.

In addition to the above, we coached other children for the personal interview. A total of three children, two in Class 6 and one in Class 9 have been selected to join Sainik School Kodagu, taking the total contribution to Sainik School to seven. Names of the successful children have been listed below:

Name: Aiyappa AS | Family & Father: Achandira (late) Sampath  
Class: 6 | Remarks: Lions School Coaching

Name: Kirthan Kariappa | Family & Father: Chottangada Rupesh  
Class: 6 | Remarks: Coached for Interview

Name: Levin Bopanna | Family & Father: Kallichanda Harish Nanaiah  
Class: 9 | Remarks: Coached for Interview .

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Name: Laukic Aiyappa CB | Family & Father: Cheyakpoovanda Bopanna

Class: 9 | Remarks: Coached for Interview. Medically unfit.

## **Change in Age for Class 6 :**

KESST efforts to change the eligible age for admission to Sainik School was partially successful. With effect from the next academic session (year 2019-20, entrance exam in Jan 2019), the age for Class 6 as on 31 March (of the year of admission) must be between 10 and 12 years. This will make children in Class 5 too eligible for the entrance exam.

## **Awareness for State & Central Civil Services Exam:**

KESST commenced conduct of Career Awareness Workshops (CAW) covering fields of defence, civil services and sports. The expert speakers covered aspects of eligibility and preparation. In addition, a comprehensive compilation of all options was provided in a booklet form. The first CAW was conducted on 29 October 2017 at Bangalore and Gonikoppal (Lions School) on 16 December 2017.

## **Support for Education and Basic Quality of Life:**

KESST incurred an expenditure of Rs Nine Lakhs to support 63 children (42 girls, 21 boys) in various stages of education and financial destitution.