



Ramakrishna Sarada Samiti

# Ramakrishna Sarada Samiti (RKSS)

## Annual Report 2024–25

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## Chairperson's Foreword

The year 2024–25 This year at RKSS we have reaffirmed our commitment to empowering marginalized communities through innovative education, women's skill-building, and social inclusion initiatives. Our focus on participatory community engagement—be it through early childhood care at Gammatwadi, digital learning via JEET, artisan empowerment through SATTVA, or nurturing athletic talent with Mallakhamb—continues to drive lasting, meaningful impact. We are transforming lives every day.

This year we advanced our commitment to inclusive education, women's livelihoods, and community wellbeing in Sion-Koliwada and beyond. Guided by the ideals of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi, and Swami Vivekananda, RKSS deepened its on-ground programs while expanding digital impact through JEET and SATTVA. This report draws copiously from the highlights in our public communications and social media posts.

Our heartfelt thanks to Sri Sanjit Chowdhry the Joint Group Chief Operating Officer (Joint Group COO) and the entire Ambit team for standing by us and placing unwavering faith in our work over the past 10 years—and for continuing this partnership with greater strength.



Thanks to Swamijis of the Ramakrishna Order (Ramakrishna Mj.) & advisor (Siddhartha R):



## From the Director's Desk

Project JEET's expansion into more schools, the growth of our SATTVA women's collective, new records in Mallakhamb, and robust VYASA volunteering stand as highlights. Through partnership with public and private collaborators, we have launched new cycles of academic scholarships, cycle distribution to rural children, and digital inclusion programs. The sense of possibility among our students and artisans is palpable.

Our priorities this year were clear: strengthen early childhood education (Gammatwadi), invest in after-school learning and sports (Mallakhamb), scale digital access to curriculum-linked videos via JEET, and grow dignified income opportunities for women through SATTVA. We also focused on community dialogue through Gappagoshti and on structured volunteering (VYASA).

Thanks to the Managing Director of SBI Foundation Shri Sanjay Prakash and the entire team members of Education vertical of the Foundation for being funding partner in Project JEET.



## Summer Camp

The summer camp reinforced learning through play, reading, sports, and creative sessions. Activities emphasized confidence-building and teamwork, with older students and volunteers mentoring younger learners.

Gammatwadi's May 2024 summer camp blended learning with fun—children exercised daily, engaged in eco-friendly crafts using recycled materials, and learned about healthy routines. Parent testimonials reflected the positive ripple effects in children's home lives.



## RKSS Gammatwadi (Pre-school)

RKSS Gammatwadi continued to provide a nurturing early learning environment with holistic support—uniforms, study materials, and nutritious snacks—as reflected on our website and social updates. The playschool fosters school readiness, language development, and socio-emotional growth.

This year, Gammatwadi's vibrant preschool in Sion-Koliwada saw an increase in enrollment and continued its tradition of joyful learning through hands-on activities, festival celebrations, and exposure visits. Parent-engagement sessions (Gappagoshti) tackled themes of health, nutrition, positive parenting, and child psychology. Children flourished academically and socially, with visible gains in confidence and cultural awareness.



First Day at RKSS Gammatwadi



Digital learning is part of our Gammatwadi teaching-learning activities. Children born in a digital age but deprived of digital access is the worst form of digital gap our society will be pushed into. Therefore, at our pre-school we make them digital natives as they step in.



Sports Day and arts programs drew enthusiastic participation. Children celebrated Diwali, Ganeshotsav, Holi, Christmas, and enjoyed field trips to local markets. Red day, Green day, Blue day, and outdoor activity like visit to supermarket or vegetable vendors is frequent at RKSS Gammatwadi.



Others talking about us gives greater mileage to RKSS as can be seen below on the website of United Way Mumbai, the organizers of Tata Mumbai Marathon.

Reference: [United Way listing](#)

## Gappagoshti (*Dialogue with Communities*)

Gappagoshti—our facilitated conversation circles—convened parents, students, teachers, and community members to share challenges, solutions, and aspirations. These forums inform program design and strengthen community ownership.

The tradition of open, participatory parent-teacher discussion sessions continued this year. Key sessions addressed women's rights, nutritious diet, home hygiene, yoga, and managing children's screen time in the digital age. Parental feedback consistently highlighted improved child and family well-being.



## Health & Hygiene

All through the year Health & Hygiene workshops by doctors, and health workers for girls, women, and children of the community form a regular part of the Gappagoshti sessions or Dialogues within the communities.



## JEET (Joint Efforts for Educational Transformation)

JEET is a partnership between RKSS and SBI Foundation.

JEET, the free, all-India digital learning platform, grew its reach exponentially this year. The JEET website and curated YouTube content enabled thousands of new students in government schools to access quality video lessons up to Class 12, focusing on levelling the playing field for disadvantaged groups.

Launched new AI/ML-driven search integration, EduX, with support from J P Morgan Chase Bank, making grade-level content easier to find. Partnered with additional NGOs for curriculum integration. Ran “Jeet Ki Aor” monthly newsletter and undertook training workshops on digital learning.

JEET office, a two room corner within the RKSS building was inaugurated in July this year by Swamis of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission, Khar, Mumbai, which supported our efforts to kickstart India’s first Learning Portal [www.jeet.in.net](http://www.jeet.in.net).



JEET website was inaugurated on Swami Vivekananda's Tithi Birthday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025, by the Managing Director of SBI Foundation Shri Sanjay Prakash. JEET is a standing example of what NGOs can do if they join hands together in nation building by serving communities through education and instructional delivery.



J P Morgan Chase Bank, Mumbai India under their Force for Social Good Program, helped RKSS develop EduX a YouTube API/ bot that helps us fetch thousands of YouTube video links in School Education. In FY 24-25 we had curated almost 7000 video links to state board syllabus of Haryana School Education.



### SATTVA (Women's Collective)

SATTVA – Street Artisans and Trained Tailors Voluntary Association is a partnership between RKSS and Ambit Group, Mumbai. We have completed 10 years of partnership, and continuing stronger. Here, Sri Sanjit Chowdhry - Joint Group COO, Ambit Group is handing over sewing machines to the pass outs of tailoring certification program.



SATTVA advanced women's skilling and livelihoods through upcycling, stitching, applique, and product design. The collective conducted outreach trainings, and community market engagements, along with continued product showcases in popup shops and online.

Women's Outreach training programs have for the first time exceeded a 1,000 women trained at several NGO locations, community centers, and Jails – Byculla, Kalyan, and Thane. Some training programs captured in photo frames below:



SATTVA continued its journey of empowering women artisans from disadvantaged Mumbai communities. Highlights include:

- Graduation of the fourth cohort of this year's seamstresses and craftspeople, now working independently or as trainers.
- Expansion of upcycling and eco-fashion workshops in collaboration with NGOs.
- Participation, recognition at TechForGood India Conclave and SUTRA 2024 events.
- Success stories from trainees—now trainers—illustrate the program's power to foster independence and family uplift.

More than fifty percent of SATTVA's sales come from popup shops and exhibitions conducted in CHSs (Housing Societies), festivals like Navratri, and multi-cultural street festivals like the one at Phoenix Market City.

**Our products are:** Upcycled, made from chindi or cut pieces involving handcraft and,

**Our production is:** Ethically correct, empowering disadvantaged women-artisans & tailors.



## Mallakhamb Sports

Mallakhamb remained a signature strength-building sport for our students, blending agility, balance, and discipline. Our posts during 2024–25 highlighted practice sessions and the value of traditional sports in holistic education.

Mallakhamb, our unique blend of gymnastics and yoga, achieved new heights in 2024–25:

- RKSS students won medals at the Bhausahab Ranade Navodit Mallakhamb Competition 2024, including achievements at the Under 10 and Under 12 levels.
- One student qualified for participation at the Maharashtra Mini Olympics 2024.
- Training included advances in team-building, strength, and balance, providing both athletic and life skills.
- Mallakhamb's growing popularity among underprivileged students is a source of pride and inspiration.



## Volunteering / VYASA

### Victory to Volunteering

Volunteers (VYASA) contributed across programs—reading support, STEM sessions, mentorship, and event logistics. Community service drives included scholarships and free-cycle distribution to enable school continuity and commute safety.

The VYASA program saw robust volunteer participation across education, skilling, and youth outreach. Student, local, and international volunteers contributed over 2,400 hours, receiving VYASA certification and heartfelt testimonials.

- Sessions included teaching, organizing events, and supporting digital inclusion.
- VYASA's impact extended to leadership development and cross-cultural exchange.

### Free Cycle Distribution

Thanks to donor support from CRAM Company (Canara Robeco Asset Management Company) and careful beneficiary identification, RKSS distributed free bicycles to rural government school children, reducing travel hardship and making education more accessible.

- 500 children received cycles from rural Government Schools in Narayanagiri, Peechara, Mallikudurla and Velair in Telangana and in the rural/ tribal schools of Maharashtra.
- Distribution ceremonies drew participation from local communities and school officials.



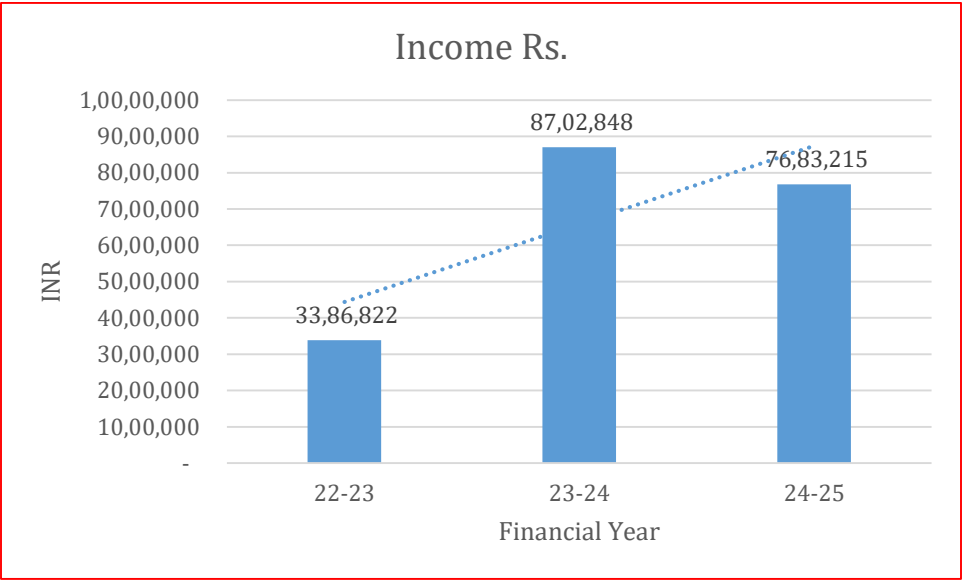
### Scholarships to Students

RKSS, through partnerships with corporate CSR and foundations, counseled students to win merit-cum-need-based scholarships to BMC school students, enabling higher education access for high performers. Scholarship covered college fees, creating pathways to long-term socio-economic mobility.

## Financial Overview (2024–25)

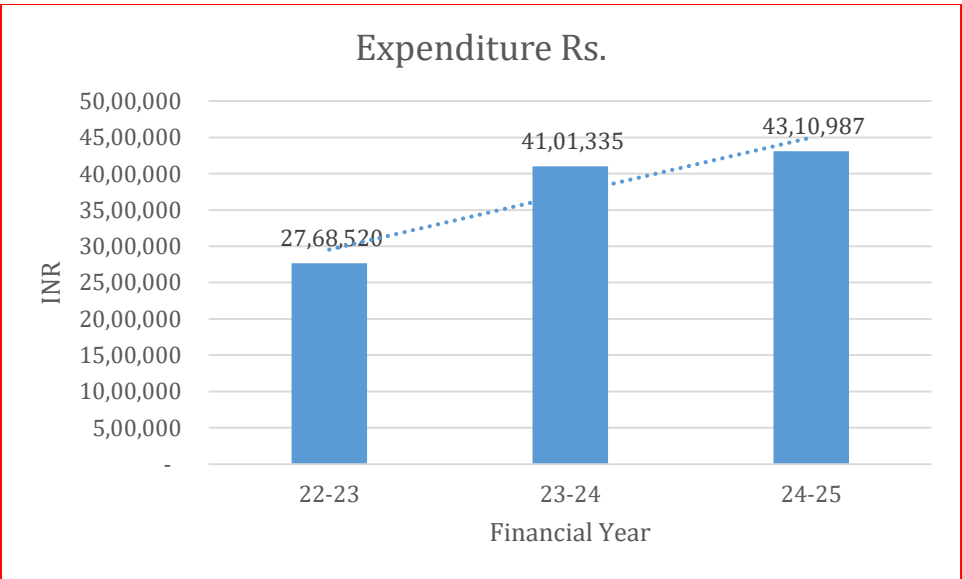
### INCOME

Over the past three years, income has grown by 127% but suffered a 12% decrease in the most recent year over its previous year.



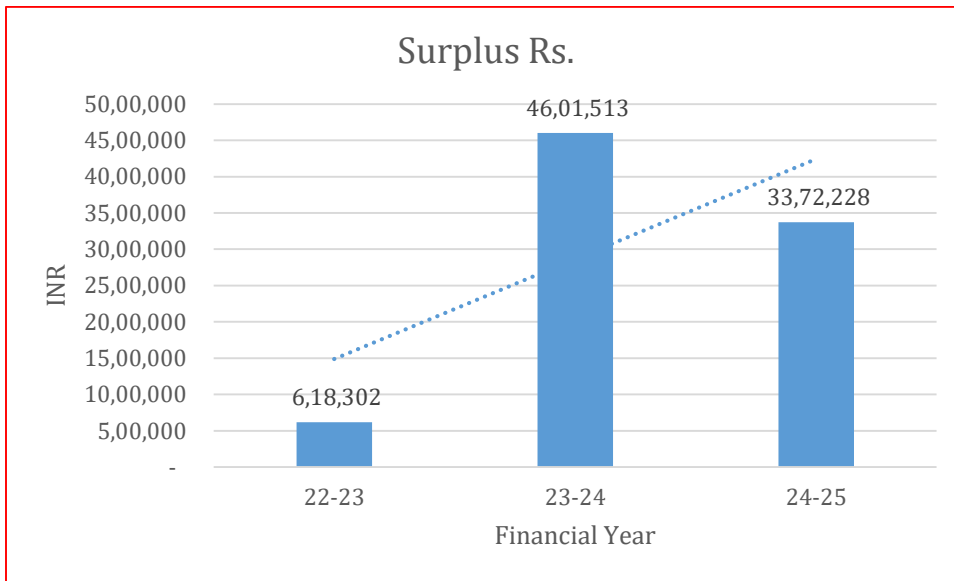
### EXPENDITURE

Over the past three years, Expenditure has grown by 56%, including a 5% increase in the most recent year over its previous year.



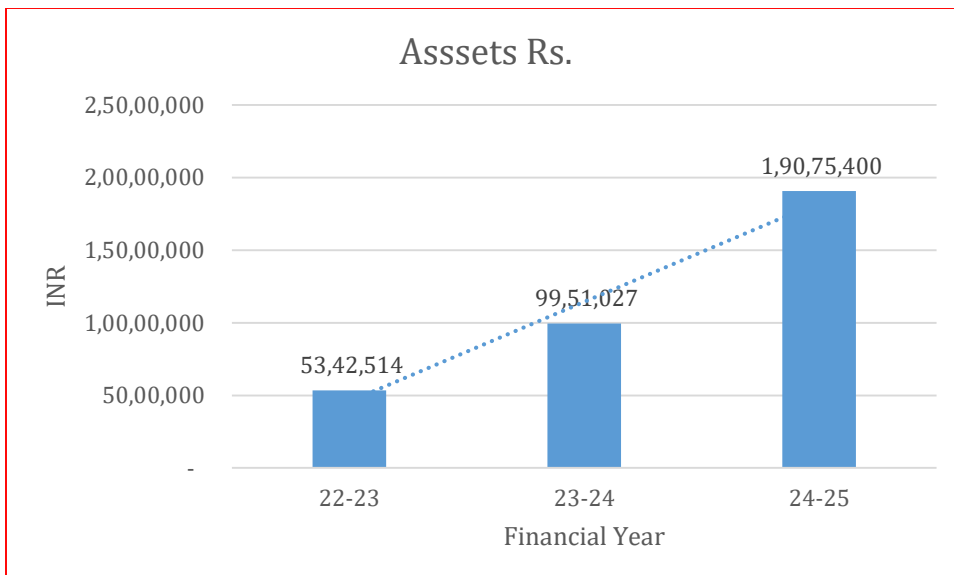
### **SURPLUS**

Over the past three years, Surplus has grown by 445% but decreased by 27% in the most recent year due to lesser end of year donation flows and accelerated spending.



### **ASSETS**

Over the past three years, Assets have grown by 257%, including a 92% increase in the most recent year over its previous year due to investments in digital assets.



## Acknowledgements

At the Ramakrishna Sarada Samiti, every milestone we achieve is the result of a shared journey—made possible through the generosity, trust, and collaboration of our donors, partners, volunteers, staff and well-wishers.

We offer our deepest gratitude to the **Ambit Group, Mumbai**, whose decade-long partnership stands as a shining example of sustained corporate commitment to social change. Over the past 10 years, Ambit's support has enabled us to keep classrooms open, skills training alive, and dreams within reach for thousands of children and women.

Our heartfelt thanks to the **SBI Foundation**, whose faith in Project JEET has allowed us to take a bold step towards democratizing access to quality education. With your partnership, JEET has grown into a robust platform serving government school students, teachers, and parents across AP, Bihar, Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra and Telangana.

We also extend warm appreciation to **J.P. Morgan**, whose contribution to JEET's expansion and technology upgrades has helped us enhance search for edu resources, improve accessibility, and reach more learners through our digital resources.

We gratefully acknowledge **Canara Robeco Asset Management Company** for supporting our mobility and education access initiatives by distributing cycles through our agency. These cycles have provided underprivileged students with safe, reliable means to attend school regularly, reducing dropout risks and travel hardship.

We thank our donors, sponsors, volunteers, and dedicated staff for driving initiatives from pre-school education to women's livelihoods, sports, and camps. We value the expertise of partner organizations, the support of government agencies, and the integrity ensured by our Members, Banks, Auditors, and Advisors.

Together, these contributions—whether financial, technical, or human—have made 2024–25 a year of progress, resilience, and hope. To each of you who has walked beside us, we offer not just our thanks, but the assurance that your support continues to change lives.

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