

# Akshara Foundation's new project in 1,400 govt schools

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**BANGALORE:** In an effort towards making primary education meaningful, the Akshara Foundation has taken up a project in 1,400 government schools in Karnataka. The project is being taken up to ensure that all students from Standards two to seven read and learn.

"The project will begin in July this year, and by November, we hope to see a remarkable difference in the children," said Mr Ashok Kamath of the Akshara Foundation, at the Rotary Service Award function 2006 in Bangalore on Monday.

The Rotary Club of Bangalore conferred the award on the Chairperson of Akshara Foundation Rohini Nilekani for "excellence among voluntary organisations towards universalisation of primary education."

Ms Nilekani said that Akshara is a part of the larger network Pratham. She added that the success of the Foundation was largely due to its partnership with the corporate sec-



**Chairperson of Akshara Foundation Rohini Nilekani receiving Rotary Service Award-2006 from President of Rotary Club of Bangalore G V Radhakrishnan in Bangalore on Monday.**

tor, and most importantly, the government.

"Akshara was launched in 2000 with the sole objective of universalising primary education and making learning fun. Today, we are working with 600

preschools in Karnataka, even in the most backward areas, of North Karnataka, in a very informal way," she said.

"There are hundreds of volunteers who are selflessly working towards making

the project a success. We have published 100 original titles under Pratham in various languages," she said.

The award was presented by President Rotary Club of Bangalore G V Radhakrishnan.