

Akshara Foundation presented Rotary award

Foundation chairperson Rohini Nilekani accepts the award



RECOGNITION: Rohini Nilekani, chairperson, Akshara Foundation, receiving the Rotary Service Award 2006 from G.V. Radhakrishnan, president of Rotary Club, Bangalore, in Bangalore on Monday. —PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

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BANGALORE: Akshara Foundation was on Monday awarded the Rotary NGO Service Award at the Rotary House of Friendship here.

Foundation chairperson Ro-

hini Nilekani accepted the award, stating it was a recognition of the NGO's efforts to boost the range and quality of primary education in the State.

Ms. Nilekani said the foundation, as part of the Pratham Network, believed in giving

underprivileged children the opportunity to learn and thereby empower them to take advantage of several more opportunities available for the educated.

She recalled how the then Commissioner of Public Instruction, Upendra Tripathi, had seen

the success of the Pratham network in Mumbai and wanted to replicate it in Karnataka, in 2000.

Akshara Foundation, which began then by setting up 200 Baalavadis in the city now covered the entire State, she said.