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# Granta Mitra initiative starts in govt school libraries

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**Udupi:** In an attempt to help class VIII students, primarily those studying in government and aided schools of Udupi district, Akanksha Charitable Trust, Puttur, has launched 'Granta Mitra', a three-year project in Basrur and Katpadi panchayat libraries.

Shreesha Bhat, mentor, and managing trustee at Akanksha said, "This is a volunteer driven project launched in association with Udupi zilla panchayat. Currently, volunteers from two private colleges—Trisha Vidya College, Katpadi and Moodlakatte Institute of Technology—are assisting in the effort. Programmes and events are being held at the respective libraries every Saturday for two hours, from the past five weeks, followed by a regular attendance system."

"As many as 60 students are part of this project, that also focuses on personality development. We selected class VIII students so that by the time they reach class X, they are well groomed to face the next phase of life. IAS officers Uma Mahadevan, Pri-



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yanka Mary Francis and Udupi ZP CEO Naveen Bhat Y were present during the virtual inauguration of the programme," he said.

The project is also an attempt to introduce students to the gram panchayat libraries, and in turn make these libraries student friendly. A team of experts have already created a curriculum, and currently the volunteers are focusing on improving basics in maths and science of these students.

"Several other programmes have been planned. There will be life skill sessions, app-based lear-

ning, education-based films will be screened, various competitions based on reading skills and special sessions with a focus on the National Talent Search Examination will be held," said Bhat.

"Meanwhile, to improve the library, book donation camps will be organised, and the libraries will be cleaned by volunteers and students. Public awareness programmes will also be held. Health check-up camps, book fairs, an open house for the public on various issues, and talks related to agriculture activities and government schemes will be held," said Bhat.



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This is to certify that Madhuri, a student of MIT Kundapura has successfully participated as a Volunteer in the Grantha Mitra programme organized by Akanksha Charitable Trust in association with Rural Development and Panchayath Raj, Government of Karnataka.

Her dedication and commitment have made a significant impact on the lives of countless students, fostering a love for learning and guiding them towards academic excellence and career. Also her enthusiasm in teaching and willingness to share expertise have been a source of inspiration for both the students and other fellow volunteers.

Her hard work, professionalism, and commitment have greatly contributed to the successful implementation of the Grantha Mitra programme. We commend Madhuri for her exceptional work and dedication throughout the project period.

**Dr. Shreesha Bhat**  
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