Akshara’s Karnataka Learning Partnership a runaway success
95 per cent hit on improving reading skills

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The Karnataka Learning Partnership, a public-private initiative by Akshara foundation and the Education Department, Government of Karnataka and the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, on Thursday presented the findings of its reading programme conducted across 1309 government primary schools in Bangalore.

The initiative, aimed at improving learning outcomes among primary school children in Karnataka, completed its first phase, implementing a citywide reading programme.

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