

# Spreading education



*Sarika Kulkarni and Madhu Jain of IIFL Foundation presenting a student's work to Arjunlal Meena, MP Udaipur*

IIFL Foundation, the CSR arm of the financial conglomerate IIFL Group has brought 25,000 'out of school girls' back to the classrooms in just one year. The foundation has worked with local communities through the 'Sakhion Ki Badi', or community schools for out of school girls in the rural and remote areas of Rajasthan.

The foundation also works on the rehabilitation of Government Schools by building additional classrooms and providing a digital classroom to give state of the art digital education to the children. At the inauguration of one such school in Kadechavas of Udaipur district on Saturday, MP, Udaipur, Arjunlal Meena said, "We appreciate the work being done by the IIFL Foundation and promise to extend them all support for their educational initiatives in Rajasthan." CEO of IIFL Foundation Sarika Kulkarni said, "We have started our initiatives in South Rajasthan and aim to cover the entire state and ensure that

every single girl attends school. The government and local communities have been extremely supportive and have made our initiative successful."

Rajasthan alone has about 10 lakh out of school girls, as per the 2011 census. Multiple problems keep girls away from education including household responsibilities, absence of schools in remote areas and parents not sending girls to schools. IIFL Foundation's 'Sakhion Ki Badi' school for girls has a mission to provide best in class education to illiterate and out of school girls in the remote and rural areas of Rajasthan.

"In the last one year we have mobilised out of school girls, identified locations, organised massive teacher training camps, created simple and interesting training booklets for easy learning. IIFL has also installed smart classroom equipment which facilitates creative interactive learning through digital boards," adds Sarika Kulkarni.