

Haadibadi Library remained closed for an entire month as we were in a transition period. During this time, we started restructuring our organisation at different levels where we focussed on developing our online presence and building an online community.

### **Workshop on Archaeology**

The young members of our library celebrated 75th Independence Day in a unique way by participating in an online Independence Day Event organized by Tulika Publishers on 14th August 2021. Devika Cariapa, the speaker of the event, introduced the Bal Sahitya Puraskar winning book *India Through Archaeology: Excavating History*. This event helped our enthusiasts jog their memory of History lessons that they had learnt in school, especially about the Indus Valley Civilization. Also, they were fascinated to see the pictures of excavations from the sites of Harappa and Mohenjodaro.

This was followed by a virtual tour, conducted by Maria Vaz, on historic items from the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) Museum in Mumbai. Our young learners were thrilled to find items excavated from the Indus Valley Civilization that were kept in the museum. The most exciting part of the tour was when they saw a real Egyptian mummy placed in a tomb that pushed them to ask several questions on history and archaeology.

### **Savitribai Scholarship**

*Savitribai Scholarship*, named after a renowned social reformer and educationist Savitribai Phule, is a Haadibadi-led initiative to aid our young members of the library. This scholarship provides financial assistance to the library members who desire to continue their studies but are constrained by monetary difficulties, in addition to the pandemic struggles.

This initiative has been successful due to the support we received from generous donors and advocates of equal education, as a result of which, we managed to provide scholarships to two students; Suraj and Varsha.

Since then, we have collected data of students who need scholarships to continue their education but we are witnessing an acute shortage of donors.

If you wish to provide financial assistance to a child, please contact us at: +91 9164454243 or e-mail us at [haaidbadi@gmail.com](mailto:haaidbadi@gmail.com). We shall put you in touch with the respective members to provide support.

### **Mount Carmel College helps Haadibadi**

The Haadibadi Community Library received a generous donation of books and art & stationery materials from The ISRC, Department of English, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

We received 250 books which cover a wide range of genres from academic textbooks to non-academic fiction and non-fiction which are a great addition to the library. Additionally, they also donated stationery and art supplies which will be useful during art sessions and will help in fostering creativity among the young members of the library.

### **Write in Power**

We, at Haadibadi, have always succeeded in bringing forth diverse narratives through Haadibadi Theatre and engaging with diverse communities through Haadibadi Community Library. Now, we have decided to take another step ahead and begin a new journey as we bring more narratives to life through books.

On 17th August 2021, as a first time publisher, we launched our first book '*Write in Power – An Anthology of Personal and Political*', in collaboration with the Hidden Pen Collective, an online platform that supports marginalized women and non-binary folks, voice out their narratives.

Within a month, we have managed to sell over 50 copies of the book.

### **Help Haadibadi on Milaap**

We are striving to build a resourceful and sustainable, knowledge-sharing community, both online and offline and hence, we have started a fundraiser on Milaap. We come to seek your support in raising funds for the development of our community library and expanding our knowledge resources with various communities.

If you are reading this, we kindly request you to spread the word and contribute generously in building a reading community and bridge the digital divide in learning. For more details, click on the link below:

<https://milaap.org/fundraisers/support-haadibadi-community-library?fbclid=IwAR3Z5yBqDjDyRM3Iz7K3RlfzjiFxAu6vy13qLjYqXYTh0onlGrKnkOOWsVU>