

As several schools and colleges started re-opening after the pandemic lockdown, Gopikrishna, Haadibadi library facilitator conducted a survey of the library and created a baseline data to understand the areas of improvement that every member will need, in terms of reading and writing. This data provided an insight into the current status of the library members and the ways in which they can be assisted.

Community Visit

Gopikrishna, facilitator at Haadibadi Library conducted a community visit to NGR Layout, Roopena Agrahara on 19th September 2021. The purpose of the visit was to create awareness among the members of the locality about the presence of the Haadibadi community library and enquiring about their needs from the library. Also, from the data collected, it was known that people in the neighbourhood lacked access to computers, which has become important, especially in the digital era.

Write in Power: Online Book Launch

Haadibadi Trust, in association with Hidden Pen Collective, recently released the book 'Write in Power', which was a first venture into publishing for the former. The official online book launch for 'Write in Power' was held on 26th September 2021 where the editorial team, along with some of the authors of the book, came together to share their experience from its inception to its physical form. MiGuru Media provided the online forum for the event.

The guest of honour for the event was Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar, founder, Gender Security Project. She stressed on the importance of looking at art as it is, without the impediments of capitalism. The event was moderated by Ms. Rhea Rodrigues Mukherjee, Author of *The Body Myth* and Co-founder of 'WriteLeelaWrite', whose questions provided a context to understanding a writer's life. The editors of the book discussed their idea of bringing about a collection of narratives that was the need of the hour and how editing the stories provided various perspectives to narratives on gender. There were ten authors who shared their experience of writing their respective stories and reflecting on the contemporary issues.

If you missed the event, watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpCh7_OO7qo

Write in Power: Over 50 Books Sold!!

Within a month of release of the book, 'Write in power', we are delighted to announce that the book has reached the hands of over 50 people. As we add another feather in our cap, we, members of Haadibadi trust would like to express our gratitude to the readers who believed in us and our stories and bought the copies. Shalini Mullick, a respiratory pathologist and a writer at Women's Web, wrote a feature article on *Women's Web*, speaking about the book. You can read it here:

<https://www.womensweb.in/2021/09/write-in-power-anthology-of-personal-and-political-inclusive-reality-oct21wk1sr/>

So, have you read the book? If not, you can buy it here:

<https://store.pothi.com/book/vijayalakshmi-harish-write-power/>

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=IwAR3Z5yBqDjDyRM3Iz7K3RlfzjiFxAu6vy13qLjYqXYTh0onIGrKnkOOWsVU>

Savitribai Scholarship: Update

Savitribai Scholarship 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.

It has been over a month, and along with two students, we have managed to provide scholarship to another student, **Pallavi**, who is currently a I PUC student.

This initiative has been successful due to the support we received from generous donors and advocates of equal education, but we are witnessing an acute shortage of donors.

If you wish to provide financial assistance to a child, please contact us at:

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Upcoming Event:

Haadibadi Community Library is organising an online workshop in the month of October, in association with FEDINA, for young wards of the working class community.