

Trust helps students overcome maths fear

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Calcutta: Four academics, including two brothers and their friends, have embarked on a unique mission to help students, mainly those from Class VII to Class IX, develop a strong conceptual foundation in mathematics.

A trust called "Magicians of Mathematics", founded by Mrinal Nandi, Mridul Nandi, Pratyay Mukherjee and Goutam Kumar Paul, conducts workshops at schools across the state. While Mridul, Pratyay and Goutam are associated with the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, Mrinal is a professor of statistics at West Bengal



Students at the workshop organised by Magicians of Mathematics in Barasat on Saturday.

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State University.

According to Mridul, the one-day interactive workshops involve around 20 to 50 students.

One such workshop was organised at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial High School in Barasat on Saturday.

About 40 students, mostly from Barasat, participated in the workshop.

"We present the subject in a fun and fascinating manner so that students can overcome their fear of mathematics and enjoy learning it," Mridul, a noted expert in cryptography and a professor in applied statistics at ISI, told The Telegraph.