

Hansnabad: For schoolgirls Rinki Mondal and Ipshita Mondal, the revamped library at Ghuni Adarsha High School in Hasnabad, North 24-Parganas district, is more than a room filled with books.

It is a window to a world they had never known before.

On Saturday, the school library in Ghuni village of Hasnabad reopened with several hundreds of books, refurbished racks and a fresh coat of paint, thanks to the Naraindass Bangur Memorial Multipurpose School Alumni Association Trust.

The alumni of the Calcutta-based school did more than donate books to the village school. They renovated the school's existing library and added books across genres — from academic and reference material to fiction, biographies and motivational literature.

For children growing up in a poverty-stricken area on the fringes of the Sundarbans, such access to books is rare. Nearly half of the school's students belong to tribal communities. Around 80 per cent are first-generation learners, say school authorities.

For such students, books other than textbooks remains out of reach.

On Saturday, therefore, when the revamped library was inaugurated, the excitement was palpable among students. Books such as *Wings of Fire*, former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's autobiography, works on Swami Vivekananda and



Students read books at the revived library room of the Ghuni Adarsha High School campus in Hasnabad, North 24-Parganas, on Saturday

Rabindranath Tagore, Bibhutibhusan Bandyopadhyay's *Pather Panchali* and adventure stories by Satyajit Ray immediately caught the children's attention.

"I had heard about such books, but this is the first time that I got the opportunity to see and touch them," said Ipshita, whose father is a private tutor. Rinki, whose father is a daily-rated labourer, approached the books with shining eyes. As more students crowded into the library, teacher-in-charge Tanay Kumar Das promised them that the books would be issued from Monday.

For management consultant Surya Chaudhuri, who is settled in the US, the initiative touched his heart and he decided to donate most of the books from his Salt Lake home.

"I grew up receiving books as my only birthday gifts. Perhaps that is why I believe knowledge — however little we may possess — is one of the greatest gifts we can pass on."

“These books should reach the hands of Bengal’s next generation, empowering young minds with the wisdom, curiosity, and

imagination of those who came before us. Long before AI, the internet, or travel blogs, Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay wrote *Chander Pahar* and took generations of readers on an unforgettable journey to Africa, purely through the power of imagination. Let us pass that imagination forward,” he said. “After my father Arun Chaudhuri passed away in November last year, I was wondering what to do with the books. Then I came to know about this initiative and was convinced that the books would get a wonderful home.”

Founded in 1962 by local philanthropist Sushil Kumar Patra on one bigha of land donated by him, Ghuni Adarsha High School in Hansnabad now has around 490 students.

"My dream was to inculcate education among the people who live here. Their struggle for survival initially kept education at a distance. The situation has gradually changed. With this revived library filled with books, boys and girls will now get greater motivation to pursue their dreams and goals," Patra said, thanking book donors

and school alumni after the revamped library was inaugurated on Saturday.

"Our aim is to provide crucial support to students through books and financial aid. Unless good students are created, a good generation will not emerge," said alumni trust president Supriya Saha, an engineer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is issued by Girdhar Gopal published by State Bank of India on 13.08.2024, regarding the residential duplex comprising Flat Nos. 104A and 204A, sq. Ft. built-up area together with four covered terraces, located at Ashoka Road, Alipore, Kolkata-700027, proposed to be mortgaged to the undersigned. The undersigned is a bona fide monthly tenant of the identified terrace premises measuring approximately 745 sq. Ft., adjoining Flat Nos. 104A and 204A, the premises were acquired by their respective owners through conveyance, do not form part of the assets mortgaged and separately refers to the said terraces as having been created subsequent to creation of the original equitable mortgage and thereto through the secured asset.

The undersigned's tenancy, peaceful possession and enjoyment of the subject matter of Title Suit Nos. 47/2015 and 48/2015, Alipore. SBI had prior knowledge of the proceedings and Applications therein on 21.01.2017. Both suits were finally decided on 19.06.2024, which, to the knowledge of the undersigned, and continue to remain operative. The Decree in the said terrace adjoining and internally connected with Flat Nos. 104A and 204A, entrance of Flat No. 104A, while the Decree in the said terrace adjoining Flat No. 204A with access through Flat No. 104A. The above position is within the knowledge of the undersigned. On 20.02.2024, when representatives of the District Court, Kolkata premises in connection with physical possession exercise was deferred upon the pending proceedings, notice; the fact of such deferment was also recorded by the authorities SBI and the Alipore Police Station.

The identity and continuing occupation/use of the subject matter of Kolkata Municipal Corporation Certificates of Entitlement for Flat "104A (Terrace Side)" - 419 sq. Ft. and "204A (Terrace Side)" - 419 sq. Ft. by the undersigned. It is expressly clarified that the undersigned is in peaceful possession of approximately 3,380 sq.ft. residential duplex on the ground floor and/or the four covered car parking spaces proposed to be mortgaged and seeks to obstruct, delay or interfere with SBI's secured assets.

This Notice is issued solely in the interest of the prospective purchaser/intending bidder may, separately identified terraces, the subsisting rights and claims concerning possession and ingress/egress thereon. The undersigned may accordingly undertake such independent actions as it should not proceed on an assumption that purchaser carries with it the aforesaid two separately identified terraces and access rights of the undersigned.

This Notice neither constitutes an objection to the person from participating therein and is issued to clarify any misunderstanding and preservation of the undersigned's rights.

**419 sq. Ft. & 326 sq. Ft.
at Premises Jalsalme**

Date: 24.08.2026