A book in hand, a vision for future

They struggled, faltered and finally achieved their dreams. The brothers are now out to ensure easy access to study material for thousands of children in the Sundarbans.

Bharatendu Halder

The book bank project started in 2003 with 100 students. The project has significantly reduced the school dropout rate. It has also encouraged parents to send their children to school.

Debabrata Halder

The brothers select needy students who wish to study and bring them under the purview of the book bank. Sankar had bought the first four books for the book bank, worth Rs 19,000, with his pocket money. “I spent my pocket money to buy the first five books because I knew that very few people would take the initiative. We started collecting old books from across the state two years ago. Now we have books on all subjects, which we collect at the end of the academic year,” he said.

Mukti has now accumulated 20,000 books, which the students are free to borrow.

Debabrata Halder

“It is a very humbling experience to see children’s dreams come true. The students who have benefited from the book bank have not let us down,” said Debabrata.

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By giving books to students and helping them to prepare for their board exams, Mukti is helping students who otherwise could not afford private tuition. They are now able to prepare for the board exams on par with students from better-off families.

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“With the help of Mukti, we are now well-prepared to face our board exams. We are going to score good marks because of Mukti,” said Suvendu, a student from Nagendrapur.

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“I used to score around 47 per cent in my previous exams. But this year, I scored a good mark because of Mukti,” said Sourav, another student from Nagendrapur.

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“I am now able to afford private tuition because of Mukti. I am able to clear my doubts and clear the board exams,” said Sumanta, a student from Nagendrapur.

Debabrata Halder

I am proud to teach in this organization. I know that they have been well-prepared to face their board exams. I am happy that they are doing well and are working hard to achieve their dreams without Mukti’s support.

Nemai Gayen, science teacher, Nagendrapur Hemanta Kumari High School

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Students of the coaching centre and their children wait for the classes to begin.

Malancha Dasgupta