



Sembcorp joins The Community Library Project to set up library in Gurugram *Supports in building the modern digitally enabled free community library for young readers*

Gurugram, August 25, 2021: Sembcorp Green Infra (Sembcorp) partners with The Community Library Project (TCLP) to set up a community library in Sikanderpur, Gurugram. The community library was inaugurated today in presence of Mr. Varun Grover, writer, poet, stand-up comedian, and Mr. Ankur Rajan, COO Sembcorp Green Infra, through a virtual ceremony. Sembcorp supported The Community Library Project in building the brand-new library in Sikanderpur. The Sikanderpur community library will open its circulation, arts and crafts, and other activities to its members in due course, after reviewing the pandemic situation and complying with the safety protocols.

This community library at Sikanderpur has 7000 plus books covering a diverse range of fiction and non-fiction titles that will help nurture young minds. These books, published in English, Hindi, Urdu, Bengali, and Odia, will cater to the young readers from the local community. The library also has more than 400 e-books accessible online for the young members of the library.

Lakshmi Chand Singh of RLDA Design Studio has designed an open and welcoming space for members. The library considers the readers' requirements of a silent room for adult members with designated spots for the Cyber Project, the library's internet access program. The multipurpose room will serve as a platform for read-aloud programs, young members' reading space, workshops, and other activities, along with movie screenings. Floor-to-ceiling shelves allow freedom for an expansive collection of books the library plans to host on the premises.

TCLP strongly believes that free libraries can also be well-designed and be excellent libraries. It is reflected in the new space in Sikanderpur and planned well to keep in mind its members' needs.

Varun Grover, Guest of Honor, speaking on occasion, said: "The impact of the pandemic was felt by the free library movement, which not only lost its physical spaces but several of its funders as well. TCLP tried raising money for its libraries through a Free Library Festival that was supported by the who's who of the arts and culture world.

Ankur Rajan, COO, Sembcorp Green Infra speaking on occasion, said: "Sembcorp is pleased to collaborate with The Community Library Project in this novel initiative of setting up a free community library in Gurugram. We believe this library will help in shaping and nurturing young minds and play a part in molding them as responsible citizens of tomorrow."

Divya Singh, TCLP's member leader, speaking on the occasion, said: *"TCLP's library in Sikanderpur was set up in 2017 and has built a 1250 strong membership since. Last year was difficult for many reasons but closing of our library was a loss for us. It was the place we could go to, read, and think alone and together. So, I am excited that with support from Sembcorp we are reopening it."*

Sembcorp has a track record of working closely with its communities across the country, improving the quality of life, and empowering them in an all-encompassing manner. Through focused



interventions and programs in education, healthcare, and skills development, Sembcorp is positively impacting these communities.

Since its inception in 2015, TCLP has opened four libraries in Delhi and Gurgaon that are free and open to all. The libraries are strategically placed in neighborhoods with populations denied access to books for a long time. It's in keeping with the organization's firm belief that we cannot achieve an equal and just society if we exclude millions of people from the experience of reading.

During the last year, the library was made available online because the restrictions due to the pandemic. TCLP launched its digital library Duniya Sabki to provide reading materials, digital read-aloud to its members. The platform reaches to 1000 member families across four branches and over 200 librarians and educators across the country is also being used to share critical and correct information about safety measures, vaccination drives during the pandemic, and stay connected with the communities.

Quick Facts

Sembcorp supported community library in Sikanderpur, Gurugram	
Total number of members	1254
Number of books	>7,000
Number of digital / online books	>400
Member families reached via Duniya Sabki (digital platform)	321
Members graduated from the Reading Fluency program (2020 – 21)	142

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