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## Jungle Library Network - An Uncommon Idea

The "Jungle Library Network" is an uncommon initiative which was framed to provide a learning space to children of forest communities in the traditional habitats. It is primarily meant to keep the ecosystem the way it is and use it as an accelerator.

This has evolved with the community sharing the immense indigenous knowledge over sittings in 'Deras' and moving along with animals as the graze and enjoy the rivers.



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## Humans of Forest IV - A Suitable Boy



Ayub (name changed) is one of the few males among the Van Gujjar community who hold belief in the strength of education as a tool for effective living. Everyday at 5 am he wakes up has a glass of water picks up a bag holding -1. Pencil, 2. Pen, 3. Rubber, 4. Sharpener, 5. Sheets of paper - and starts from his home. As he covers the muddy tracks (3-4 feet wide) he aims to visit the children and their parents to discuss the learning and work to do.

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**Rokeya Sakhawat Hussain**  
**#inspiringwomen #sheroes**  
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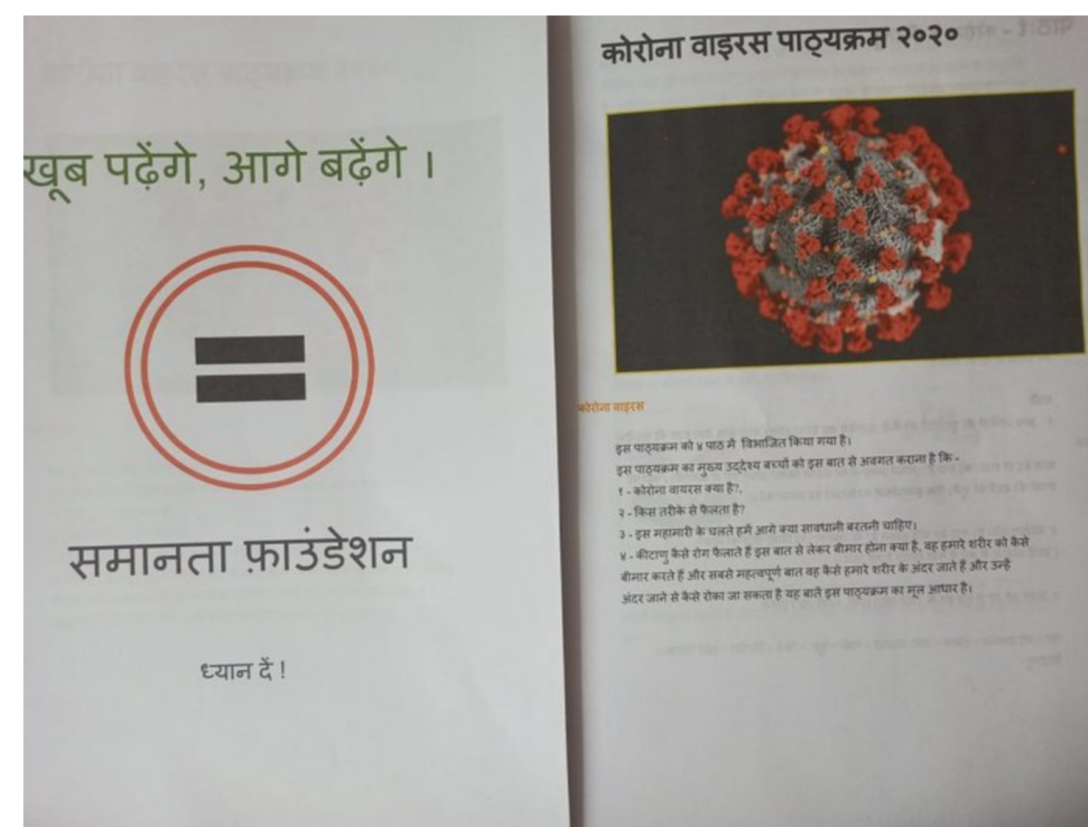
It Rokeya is one of few women from our history who challenged the social injustice against women and girls. She was a firm believer in the use of education as a tool of liberation and empowerment.

Rokeya and the young girls of her age were taught Arabic and Urdu but were kept away from learning Bengali and English precisely because they were spoken by non-Muslims as well. This was one way of keeping these women from being "contaminated" by the radical ideas from outside their religio - economic group. Rokeya secretly learnt Bengali and English from her brother and used her learnings in expressing herself by writing essays.

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Through our on field learning and understanding of needs and behavior of Van Gujjar and Taungya communities, we have produced knowledge artifacts that can be used by men, women and children of these communities.

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