

## ***Programmes & Activities in the Financial Year of 2015-16***

### ***➤ National Seminar on 'Rethinking Gandhian Thought: Issues and Challenges' (26/03/2016)***

*The Sangrahalaya organized a day-long National Seminar on 'Rethinking Gandhian Thought: Issues and Challenges' at its premises on March 26, 2016 from 11:00 am in the morning to 5:00 pm. Gandhiji's life, ideas and work are of crucial importance to all those who want a better life for humankind. The political map of the world has changed dramatically since his time, the economic scenario has witnessed unleashing of some disturbing forces, and the social set-up has undergone a tremendous change. The importance of moral and ethical issues raised by him however, remain central to the future of individuals and nations. Today we need him, more than before. It was with this aim of analyzing Mahatma Gandhi in a new perspective that the Sangrahalaya came up with the theme of the Seminar. The Seminar was well attended by the Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, Shri Narayan Basu and other Members of the Committee, personnel from institutions related to Mahatma Gandhi, Faculty Members of the Department of Museology University of Calcutta and Rabindra Bharati University, distinguished scholars and research fellows from different Universities. The Inaugural Session of the programme was presided by Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya whereas the Welcome Address was delivered by the Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya Shri Pratik Ghosh. The Keynote Address was delivered by Shri A. Annamalai, Director National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi while the Valedictory Address was delivered by Shri Pawan Gupta, eminent Gandhian Scholar. The speakers of the Inaugural Session included Professor Sachindra Nath Bhattacharyya, Former Professor, Department of Museology, University of Calcutta, Dr. Shyamalkanti Chakravarti, Former Director, Indian Museum and National Library, Kolkata, Shri A. Annamalai and Shri Pawan Gupta.*

*At the end of the Inaugural Session the Key Note Address was delivered by Shri A. Annamalai. There were a total of three (3) academic sessions following the Inaugural Session, chaired ably by Dr. Shyamalkanti Chakravarti, Professor Sakti Bhattacharya, Retired Director, Institute of English, Kolkata and Shri A. Annamalai. In all ten (10) papers were presented at the Seminar which gave interesting and diverse views on the theme of the Seminar. Finally, the Valedictory Address was delivered by Shri Pawan Kumar Gupta, Eminent Gandhian Scholar. The Seminar was a success and left room for thought for everyone to analyze Gandhiji in a new perspective and consideration of the significance and efficacy of Gandhian philosophy in today's world.*



