

## Opening Ceremony for 'Gandhi-150' Journey

Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore started its journey for 'Gandhi - 150' by the celebration of Inaugural Programme of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2018 at its premises. The programme was started by a Procession which was started from the Sangrahalaya at 09:00 am with almost 400 participants. The main Programme was started at 10:30 am at the Sangrahalaya. The programme was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by all the Special Guests and by the musical songs of 'Ramdhun' in Sarod, performed by a National Award Winner Artist, Dr. Bhupendra Nath Sil. A Souvenir was released at the opening session by all the dignitaries, presented on the dais and it was distributed to all the audiences. The Programme was presided by Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore and he delivered the Welcome Address. The inaugural speech was delivered by Hon'ble Justice Shyamal Sen, Former Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court and Hon'ble Former Governor of West Bengal.

On behalf of the Sangrahalaya the 21st Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award was presented to 'Bharat Sevashram Sangha' and the 20th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration was delivered by Professor Somendranath Bandopadhyay, Former Professor of Visva-Bharati University.

General Shankar Roy Chowdhury, Former Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army, Professor Sabujkali Sen, Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati University, Justice Ashok Kumar Gangopadhyay, Former Justice of Supreme Court, Justice Pratap Roy, Former Acting Chief Justice of Kolkata High Court, Shri Dinesh Trivedi, Member of Parliament, Professor Pradip Bhattacharya, Member of Parliament, Professor Rabiranjana Chattopadhyay, MLA, Govt. of West Bengal, Shri Sunil Kumar, Deputy Commander of Barrackpore Cantonment and Mr. A.K. Azad Islam, Sub-Divisional Officer of Barrackpore Sub-Division, were grace the occasion as the Special Guests. The main programme was ended by the thanks giving, delivered by Shri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore.

In the afternoon the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India organized some Cultural Programmes at the auditorium of the Sangrahalaya, where the five days' Exhibition on Gandhiji is running. The Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya delivered a Special Lecture on the Relevance of Gandhiji at their Programme and he conducted an Audio-Visual Spot Quiz based on life and activities of Mahatma Gandhi for the audiences.

Overall the beginning of the journey for 'Gandhi-150' was very successful and the Sangrahalaya is looking forward for several year-long programmes throughout the State to commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi - the 'Father of the Nation'.





































