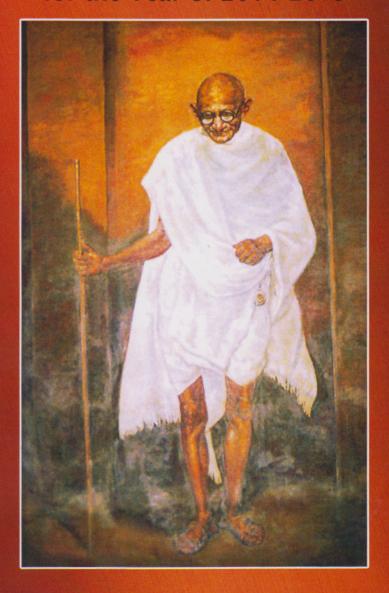
Annual Report of Activities for the Year of 2014-2015



GANDHI SMARAK SANGRAHALAYA, BARRACKPORE (Gandhi Memorial Museum, Barrackpore)
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ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR OF 2014-2015

(Till the 31st March, 2015)



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Foreword

B iographical Museums are neither mausoleums, nor an attempt to ancestor worship or meant to show only our gratitude to the personalities who recidivated the greatness of our country. Such museums would perhaps be one of the most effective media, since it has an integrated role and appeals to both our emotions and intellects and brings the necessary confidence which is a great casualty today everywhere and at every place. In essence, it is an honest attempt on the part of a modern museum-man to perpetuate the teachings and philosophies of the great lives in a rational and scientific manner for an all-round and harmonious development of the human world. Such types of museums have a distinct role to develop the right attitude and approach to life, living and relations apart from the inspiration. The distinct potentiality that marks out the biographical museums is their capability to work for the upliftment of the fellow beings, both in developing their human character and broadening their education and culture. In times of moral degradation and absence of moral values in public life museums of such type of our country or the whole world will rescue us from our predicament. So such a museum on a noble people of our country or the whole world has great responsibilities in our community or public life.

The Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya for the eastern region came up at Barrackpore in the year 1961 and it was thrown open to the public on the 7th May, 1966. The objectives are to collect, preserve and display materials connected with the memory of the Mahatma, disseminate his life, thoughts, activities and programmes for the public benefit through different museum process.

The on-going pages try to reflect our endeavours to that extent, to project Mahatma Gandhi's life, activities, philosophy and programmes, highly comprehensive and varied, through different museum process— Seminars, Symposiums, Special Exhibitions, Participation in different Fairs and Institution of Award in his Memory, continuation of the experimental educational programmes and collaborative programmes with Gandhian Institutions and NGOs, etc. during the year 2014-15, i.e. from 1st April, 2014 to 31st March, 2015, to improve things that matter for a meaningful and peaceful existence, not excluding the environment. Mahatma Gandhi treated Nature also as his teacher.

We take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to our innumerable friends and admirers who extended their cooperation to carry on our task. We are aware we have to improve.

Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore 4th October, 2015 PRATIK GHOSH
Director-Secretary

The Report of Activities: 2014-2015 (1st April, 2014 to 31st March, 2015)

Like the previous years the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore is successfully carrying on the good work of properly preserving the historical materials under its care as well as projecting the Gandhian Values for the benefit of the people in general. In the current financial year the picture was encouraging for the Sangrahalaya in terms of finance. The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has sanctioned an amount of Rupees One Crore Sixty One Lakh (Rs. 1,61,000,00/-) for renovation and upgradation of the Sangrahalaya of which Rupees forty lakhs (Rs. 40,000,00/-) has been released in the first installment. The contract for the renovation work has been given by the ministry to the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata and is about to start in the financial year 2015-16.

In terms of activities this year has been a dynamic one with programmes of all kinds Mentioned below is a short resume of activities of the Sangrahalaya during the period under review.

 Number of Visitors: Around 35,000 persons visited the Sangrahalaya, other than those who participated in different programmes organized by us or utilized our services.

2. Eminent Speakers

In Programmes:

- Professor Rabiranjan Chattopadhyay, Honourable Ministerin-Charge, Department of Science, Technology and Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal.
- Professor Saugata Roy, Honorable MP, Government of India.
- Dr. Manas Bhuiyan, Honorable MLA, Government of West Bengal,
- Sri Parimal Dey, eminent author on Mahatma Gandhi.

3. New Acquisition:

- (a) 9 Display panels on Roll-up Standee for Special Exhibition, which are portable and convenient for mobile exhibitions also.
- (b) Water Purifier (Tata Swatch Model: ULTIMA (SILVER RO + UV) with hot and cold water system for visitor amenities purpose.
- (c) 30 KVA. Single phase Diesel Kirloskar Generator with Auto Panel system for the purpose of alternative electric supply in the whole Sangrahalaya.
- (d) 1 Computer with Laser Printer for the Accounts Section of the Sangrahalaya.
- (e) 10 Cold Air 24" Air Circulator Fan for ventilation purpose in the galleries of the Sangrahalaya.
- 4. Exhibition Kit: The Life and Activities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose with 40 Photographs and some write-ups - Titled 'Patriot of Patriots'. Other Special Exhibition Kits developed earlier include: 'Our Freedom Movement', 'Gandhiji's Last Peace Mission', etc., which are best on request and assurance of security of exhibits.
- 5. Library: The Library has further grown with new books and periodicals and drew readers, scholars and visitors. Pressclippings on Gandhiji and other allied carried out and properly for the interested. At present the number of books in the Library is approximately 12000.
 - 51 books of various subjects like On Gandhi, Freedom Movement, History, Biography, Political Science, Social Science, Religion, etc., including English and Bengali have been purchased in the present financial year. The list of the purchased books for the financial year of 2014-15 is mentioned below:

Books Purchased in the Financial Year of 2014-15 (Bengali Books)

SI. No.	Subject	Title of the Book	Author
1.	On Gandhi	Gandhi	Subhas Ghoshal
2.	History	Kolkata Itihaser Dinalipi	Nirad Baran Hazra
3.	History	Sirajer Putra O Bangshadharder Sandhane	Amalendu Dey
4.	History	Anushilan Samitir Itihas (1902–1947)	Amalendu Dey
5.	History	Bangali Jibone Daladali	Sajal Basu
6.	Freedom Movement	Ami Netajike Dekhechi	Narayan Sanyal
7.	Freedom Movement	Netaji Rahasya Sandhane	Narayan Sanyal
8.	Biography	Rokeya	Sutapa Bhattacharya
9.	Biography	Surya Sen	Ashok Kumar Mukhopadhyay
10.	Religion	Mukhomukhi Sri Ramakrishna	Sanjeeb Chattopadhyay
11.	Miscellaneous	Jatiya Charitabhidhan (1st & 2nd)	Shibapada Sen
12.	Miscellaneous	Prabandha Sankalan (1964-2000)	Dr. Sanmatha Ghosh
13.	Miscellaneous	Khaishnu Dhanatantra Bikalper Ruprekha	Dr. Sanmatha Ghosh
14.	Miscellaneous	Mahila Bigyani Abhidhan	Sumitra Chowdhuri
15.	Miscellaneous	Rabi-yana – Ek Nirjan Samparker Unmesh	Atanu Kumar Basu

Books Purchased in the Financial Year of 2014-15 (English Books)

SL. No.	Subject	Title of the Book	Author
1.	On Gandhi	Gandhian Humanity	Prof. Rajesh Shukla
2.	On Gandhi	Gandhiji and Minority Group	Sri Ram Arya
3.	On Gandhi	Voluntary Action and Gandhian Approach	D. K. Oza
4.	On Gandhi	Mahatma Gandhi and his Social Work	A. K. S. Parihar
5.	On Gandhi	Marx, Gandhi and Modernity	Akeel Bilgrami
6.	On Gandhi	Beloved Bapu-The Gandhi-Mirabehn Correspondence	Tridip Suhrud, Thomas Weber
7.	On Gandhi	Sevagram Ashram	Mahatma Gandhi
8.	On Gandhi	Mahatma Gandhi – His Life with Picture	
9.	On Gandhi	Bring Back Gandhi	Ratan Das
10.	On Gandhi	Mahatma Gandhi and Comparative Religion	Rewant Vikram Singh
11.	On Gandhi	Gandhi at First Sight	Thomas Weber
12.	On Gandhi	Gandhian Non-violence Struggle and Untouchability in South India	Mary Elizabeth King
13.	History	Proceedings of the Indian History (Golden Jubilee Session)	
14.	History	Proceedings of the Indian History (Diamond Jubilee Session)	

SI. No.	Subject	Title of the Book	Author
15.	History	Proceedings of the Indian History (49th Session)	
16.	History	Proceedings of the Indian History (52nd Session)	
17.	History	Indian History Congress	D. N. Jha
18.	History	The Working Class Movement (A Study of Jute Mills of Bengal – 1937-1947)	Nirban Basu
19.	History	Revolution in Laos Practice and Prospects	Kaysome Phommhane
20.	History	Partition and the South Asian Diaspora	Papiya Ghosh
21.	History	Europe and the Hughli – The European Settlements on the West Bank of the River	Suranjan Das and Basudeb Chattopadhyay
22.	History	Nations and nationalism since 1780	E. J. Hobsbawm
23.	History	The National Movement- Studies in Ideology History	Irfan Habib
24.	History	Modern Times (1805-1950)	Sumit Sarkar
25.	Freedom Movement	Representing Partition – History, Violence and Narration	Anup Beniwal
26.	Freedom Movement	The Role of Muslims in the Indian Freedom Struggle (1857-1947)	Professor Zafar Ahmad Nizami
27.	Freedom Movement	Indian National Congress and the Struggle for Freedom (1885-1947)	Amalesh Tripathi and Amitava Tripathi
28.	Freedom Movement	Why Nations Fail	Daron Acemoglu & James A. Robinson

SI. No.	Subject	Title of the Book	Author
29.	Biography	Mr. Jinnah	Narendra Mohan
30.	Biography	The Luminous Life of Swami Vivekananda	Shyam Dua
31.	Biography	Mangal Pandey History	Shyam Dua
32.	Generalities	Knowledge Encyclopaedia	Professor Hein Stein
33.	Social Science	Anti-Poverty Programmes in Rural India	Neeraj Sharma
34.	Social Science	Women Empowerment – Different Issues	Dr. Umesh Pratap Singh & Dr. Rajesh Kumar Garg
35.	Social Science	Anglo-Nepalese Relations	K. C. Chaudhuri
36.	Political Science	Social Movements in Global Politics	David West

6. Publications:

The Sangrahalaya has published two (2) issues including one special issue of our journal the bilingual 'Gandhi Sangbad/ Gandhi News'. The contributors included both the Director as well as the Secretary of the Sangrahalaya, Professor Jahar Sen, Dr. Shyamalesh Das, Professor Andre Beteille, Professor Amalendu De, Professor Ashis Das Gupta and many more.

7. Setup of Temporary Mobile Exhibition on Netaji Subhas Chandra Basu: His Life and Works:

This year the Sangrahalaya has successfully prepared a temporary mobile exhibition on Netaji Subhas Chandra Basu: His Life and Works on Roll up Stand. The exhibition was successfully exhibited at Subhas Utsav 2015 at Sukanta Sadan, Barrackpore arranged by Municipal Level Student Youth Festival

Committee on 23rd of January, 2015 and also at the Administrative Building, Barrackpore for Sub Divisional Level Subhas Utsav – 2015 on 23.01.2015. The exhibition was put up for 7 days (23rd January to 30th January, 2015) at the Administrative Building, Barrackpore by Naihati Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Society.

8. Preservation of Library Books: The Paper Conservation Work (Deacidification, Lamination and Binding) of 88 rare and old historical books including Harijan and Young India of our Library has been done by the Antiquities Preservation and Services of Kolkata.

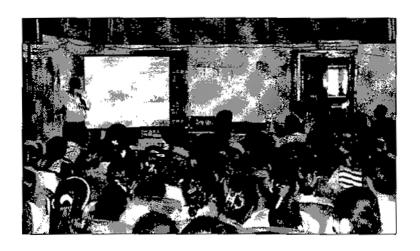
9. Programmes & Projects:

a) Environment Awareness Programme (31/07/2015):

The state of environment and ecology is of much concern at present and so much that the United Nations Organization has thought if prudent to announce a World Environment Day from the 5th June, 1972. This is to remind us that our responsibility to work for removing the ecological imbalances and prevention of further depletion of natural resources. This will enable us to live in peace and tranquility.

Mahatma Gandhi had been a great lover of nature and the naturalists. Keeping in view these two postulates the Sangrahalaya organized a day-long Environment Awareness Programme with different educational institutions on the 31st July, 2014. Students from different schools participated along with their teachers and Dr. Swapan Sur, eminent Environmentalist and Shri Subhendu Kanjilal, reputed Social Activist talked at length on the necessity of proper preservation of nature. The total number of participants were

ninety eight (98) including the students from six (6) schools, eleven (11) teachers and twenty (22) guardians. Dr. Swapan Sur made a presentation about birds to bring before us the role of animals and birds in the preservation of nature.





Environment Awareness Programme

b) Observance of the Independence Day (15/08/2015):

The Sangrahalaya organized a Sit & Draw Competition at its premises on the occasion of the Independence Day. The topic for the competition was 'Indian Freedom Movement'. The participants were divided into three (3) groups based on their age—Group A: 3 years 6 months – 6 years, Group B: 6+ years – 10 years, Group C: 10+ years – 14 years

The winners of each group were awarded prize.







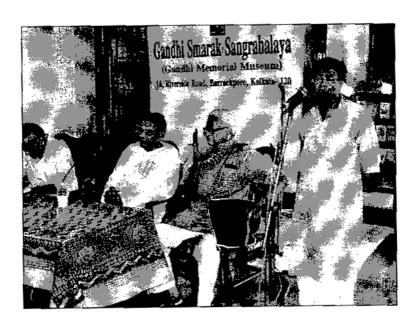




Observance of the Independence Day

c) Observance of Mahatma Gandhi's 146th Birthday (02/10/ 2014):

The 146th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi was observed at the Sangrahalaya on 2nd October, 2014. The programme was presided by Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Sangrahalaya and welcome address was given by Professor Supriya Munshi, Secretary of the Sangrahalaya, Professor Shyamalesh Das, Former Professor, Fakir Chand College, Diamond Harbor spoke on the relationship between the Mahatma and Gurudev. Meghamallar, Sangeet Shikshayatan, Barrackpore under the direction of Dr. Mitra Bandopadhyay presented 'Mahamilan' a musical soiree (Mahatma Gandhi Though the songs and poems of Gurudev Rabindra Nath Tagore). A musical CD on the topic 'Mahamilan' is being prepared and about to be published by the Sangrahalaya.







Observance of Mahatma Gandhi's 146th Birthday

d) Centenary Celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's Return to Indian from South Africa (09/01/2015):

The Sangrahalaya celebrated the century of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India permanently from South Africa, on 9th January, 2015, in a befitting manner. Shri Narayan Basu, the Chairman of the Sangrahalaya presided over the ceremony while the welcome address was delivered by Professor Supriya Munshi, the Secretary of the Sangrahalaya. The function was attended by dignitaries like Honorable MP Professor Saugata Roy, Honorable MLA Dr. Manas Bhuiyan, Honourable Minister-in-Charge, Department of Science, Technology and Biotechnology, Government of West Bengal, Professor Rabiranjan Chattopadhyay and others such as Hossainur Rahman Professor Jahar Sen. Professor Padmabhushan Sri Shailesh Kumar Bandopadhyay all of whom delivered their valuable speeches. The opening and closing songs were sung by Dr. Mitra Bandopadhyay of Meghamallar Sangeet Shikshayatan, Barrackpore.









Centenary Celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's Return to Indian from South Africa

e) Shishu Mela (18/01/2015):

The Sangrahalaya lent its infra-structure and other necessary supports to 'Barrackpore Barta' on 18/01/2015 to organize its annual 'Shishu Mela' (Children's Fair) in the Sangrahalaya premises as earlier years. Altogether around 400 children drawn from schools and clubs participated in the different types of competition. The Superintendent of Police, Additional S.P., S.D.O., S.D.P.O. and other dignitaries were present.

f) Organisation and Participation in 'Sanghati (Harmony) Mela' (Fair) at Naihati, North 24-Parganas (23/01/2015-31/01/2015):

The Sangrahalaya helped both organizationally and financially the 'Sanghati Mela' or 'Harmony Fair', held at Garifa, Naihati, North 24-Parganas from 23/01/2015 to 31/01/2015. The Fair was being organized in a limited scale for some years by Naihati Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Society and the Secretary of the Sangrahalaya was usually invited to speak.

But this year it was organized in a broader scale and apart from this Sangrahalaya which put up a 1000 running feet stall where Special Exhibition Kits on the Life and Activities of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was displayed, different departments of the Central and State Governments, organizations promoting handicrafts, terracotta arts and other arts and craft materials took stalls on rent to display or sell their materials.

g) Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Oration Ceremony 2014-15 (08/02/2015):

The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Oration Ceremony 2014-15 was on 8th February at the Mural Gallery of the Sangrahalaya. The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award for the financial year 2014-15 was given to Sri Parimal Dey, eminent author on Mahatma Gandhi. Professor Atul Chandra Bhowmick, former Professor, Department of Museology, University of Calcutta, delivered the Gandhi Memorial Oration. Sri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Sangrahalaya presided over the function

while the welcome address was delivered by Professor Supriya Munshi, Secretary of the Sangrahalaya. Smt. Swati Bhattacharya presented the opening and closing songs.







Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Oration Ceremony 2014-15

h) Workshop, Seminar, Symposium, etc. :

The Sangrahalaya organized Workshops, Seminars, Symposiums, etc. this financial year either to project and disseminate Gandhian thought or to focus on the present condition of the country and our responsibility and duty on this behalf, General Awareness building programmes, etc. These were held or arranged almost throughout the year, either at the Sangrahalaya itself or outside in collaboration with other organizations. Mentioned below in short of these programmes:

1. Seminar on 'Atrocities against women, Gandhian Thought and Role of Museums' (13/09/2014):

A day-long seminar on 'Atrocities against Women, Gandhian Thought and Role of Museums' was organized by the Sangrahalaya in collaboration with the Department of Museology, University of Calcutta on the 13th September, 2014. The seminar was attended by the Faculty Members and Research Scholars of the Department of Museology, University of Calcutta. The Welcome Address was delivered by the Secretary, Professor Supriya Munshi. The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. Shyamal Kanti Chakravarty (former Director, Indian Museum), The inaugural session the subsequent academic sessions were presided by Dr. Shyamal Kanti Chakravarty, Professor Sachindranath Bhattacharya (Professor, Department of Museology, University of Calcutta) and Dr. Adinath Brahma (Guest Lecturer, Department of Museology, University of Calcutta). Thirteen (13) valuable papers were presented by the Participants on that topic in this Seminar.









Seminar on 'Atrocities against women, Gandhian Thought and Role of Museums'

2. Symposium on 'Biographical Museum and its Relevance' (17.09.2014):

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata organized a symposium on 'Biographical Museum and its Relevance 'at their institution on 17th September, 2014 from 10.00 am to 4 pm. Biographical museums have developed all over the world to showcase the work of a person and his or her contribution towards society. The main objective of biographical museum is to inform the public about the person and his/her life time works. It is the museum where people can get access to information of that person. The museum disseminates information and works for the betterment of the humankind and society as well. Development of biographical museum and its practical problems will be the issues to be discussed in the symposium. Issues related with acquisition of personal belongings and its authenticity, displaying of objects, drive to improve footfall in museum, networking with other biographical and small museums, regular exhibition of other museums, academic and museum related Joint venture and common programme initiation are the focal points to be highlighted. In this context, they invited the Secretary and the Director of the Sangrahalaya to participate in the symposium through their expert deliberation and interaction with the participants.

3. Bharat-Nepal Shiksha Maitri Karyakram:

The Secretary of the Sangrahalaya, Professor Supriya Munshi was invited by the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta to deliver a lecture at the crash course on the Study India Programme for students from Nepal under the 'Bharat-Nepal Shiksha Maitri Karyakram'. This course was arranged by the University of Calcutta from 1st to 25th November, 2014. During this course period the Participants visited the Sangrahalaya for practical demonstration on 22nd November, 2014.

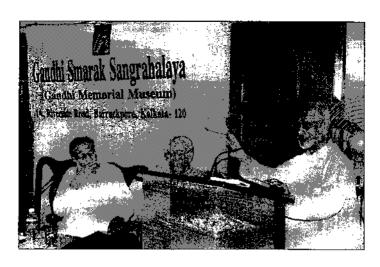
4. Gandhi Museums Forum Meeting :

At National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi, on the 4th and 5th February, 2015, Chair Person, Directors and Secretaries of 6 Gandhi Museums met to discuss about persuasion for financial assistance from the Central Government as well as present position of the Sangrahalayas, etc..

5. Day-long Seminar on 'Contemporary Relevance of Theosophy' (08/03/2015):

A day-long seminar on 'Contemporary Relevance of Theosophy' was organized by the Sangrahalaya on the 8th of March 2015. Sri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Sangrahalaya presided over the function while the welcome address was delivered by Sri Pratik Ghosh, Director of the Sangrahalaya. Shri B. L. Bhattacharya, National Director of Theosophical Society of India, delivered his speech as main Speaker. Professor Jahar Sen, Former Professor, Department of History, University of Calcutta and also the Member of the Sangrahalaya also delivered his valuable lecture on the topic. The relevance of Theosophy was discussed interactively during the Panel Discussion by other participants of Bengal Theosophical Society. The seminar was attended by almost 60 learned persons of the Bengal Theosophical Society as well as from other fields of the society.







Seminar on 'Contemporary Relevance of Theosophy'

i) Participation in Kolkata Book Fair:

The Sangrahalaya participated in the Kolkata Book Fair this year held from 27th January, 2015 for a week and shared a stall with 'Janasarthha Barta', a reputed journal of West

Bengal to sale its publications. Shri Himanshu Halder, the Editor of 'Janasarthha Barta', extended great cooperation.

j) Academic Inter-actions

1. Assistance in Research:

2. This Sangrahalaya is providing guidance to many research workers of different University and Colleges, including Professors doing their Ph.D., M.Phils, Post-Doctoral, etc. They are allowed to use the Sangrahalaya's Library, archives, etc., and supplied necessary photographs also. The topics of research include diverse issues, events and happenings.

3. Internship:

This Sangrahalaya is presently looked upon as a Model Museum with all necessary museological aspects and services and as such students of Museology of Calcutta University are sent here for 3 months' Internship after obtaining their Post-Graduate degrees, but before receiving their certificates.

From 1st February, 2015, 4 Internees were sent by the Department of Museology, University of Calcutta.

k) Special Visit:

1. Visit of Delegates:

The delegates of the Seminar, 'Dynamics of Museum and Social Inclusion' organized by Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis Memorial Museum and Archives, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and Indraprasthha Museum of

Art and Archaeology, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi, from 26-27th February 2015, visited the Sangrahalaya on 28th February as part of their itinerary.





Visit of Delegates

2. Visit by Student Groups:

Student groups accompanied by their teachers/ professors of number of local schools and two (2) colleges of Kolkata visited the Sangrahalaya as part of their education curriculum. The schools included Kendriya Vidyalaya Barrackpore (AFS), St. Augustine's Day School, New Alipore College and Serampore Girls' College visited the Sangrahalaya.

- Around 200 students of class V belonging to St. Augustine's Day School visited the Sangrahalaya along with 4 teachers as part of their social study project on 9th December, 2014.
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Barrackpore, arranged for a field trip for primary children of class V on 19th December, 2014. The total number of students was 180.
- Student trainees of friendly foreign countries like Sri Lanka and Bangladesh from the 3 TETTRA School of Indian Air Force visited the Sangrahalaya on 23rd December, 2014 as part of education and show casing of Indian culture.
- 10 students of class XI (Arts Group) of Modern English Academy accompanied by their subject teachers came to visit the Sangrahalaya in the afternoon of 14th January, 2015 as part of their educational curriculum.
- The Departments of Political Science and Education of New Alipore College arranged an educational excursion for around 50 of their students to the Sangrahalaya on 6th February, 2015. They were accompanied by the Faculty Members of their respective Departments.
- About 35 students of Education and Urdu Department of Sreerampore Girls' College accompanied by 6 teachers visited the Sangrahalaya as part of an educational excursion on 24th February, 2015.



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