

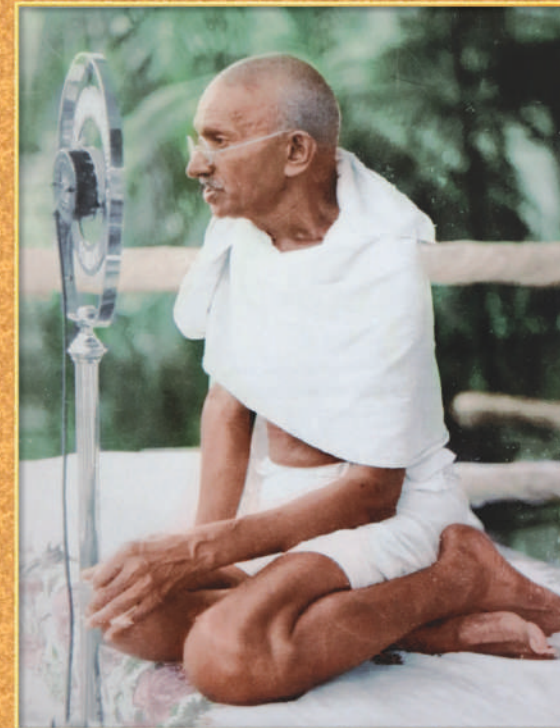
# Annual Report of Activities for the Year of 2017-2018



(From April, 2017 to March, 2018)



Gandhi Memorial Museum, Barrackpore



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## **The Report of Activities: 2017-18**

**(1st April, 2017 – 31st March, 2018)**

Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya Barrackpore is successfully carrying on the commendable work of protecting and preserving the philosophy and values of Mahatma Gandhi through its multifarious activities and programmes for the community at large. The current financial year has been witnessing the renovation work of remaining three galleries of the museum. The contract for the renovation work has been given to National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata. NCSM is successfully working on this ground through their unit Creative Museum Designers.

In terms of programmes, projects and activities, the current financial year has been a very dynamic one with multifarious activities. The Sangrahalaya has indulged in different categories of educational activities ranging from scholarly programmes to programmes for the community at large and from in-house programmes to outreach programmes for schools in remote rural areas. We, however, have to record with deep sense of sorrow the irreparable loss we have suffered in this financial year in the passing away of one of the Member of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, Shri Madhusudan Ghosh, whose contribution for the organization and development of this Sangrahalaya had been immense. We pay our humble homage to his memories. We take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to our innumerable friends and admirers who have extended their co-operation to carry on our task. We are aware that we have to improve. A short summary of the activities of the Sangrahalaya in the financial year 2017-18 has been enumerated below.

### **1) Number of Visitors:**

Near about 55, 000 visitors visited the Sangrahalaya, including those who participated in the various programmes organized by the Sangrahalaya or utilized its services.

### **2) Eminent Speakers in Programmes:**

- i. Janab Syed Abul Maksud, Founder and President, Gandhi Smarak Sadan, Dhaka.
- ii. Professor Pradip Bhattacharya, Honourable Member of Parliament, Government of India.
- iii. Sardar Amjad Ali, Former Member of Parliament, Government of India.
- iv. Shri Pijush Kanti Goswami, the Sub Divisional Officer, Barrackpore Subdivision.
- v. Professor Sumit Mukherjee, Former Dean of Arts and Commerce, University of Kalyani.
- vi. Professor Nirmalya Mazumdar, Teacher-in-Charge, Kanchrapara College.
- vii. Professor Molly Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Surendranath College, Barrackpore.
- viii. Professor Paramita Das, Associate Professor, Department of History, Chittaranjan College.
- ix. Professor Ruth Reha Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College.
- x. Dr. Tridib Chakraborty, Librarian of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College.
- xi. Shri Sanjay Singha, Secretary of Central Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi.
- xii. Sri J. P. Shaw, Regional Director (East), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.
- xiii. Dr. Bijan Mondal, the Executive Secretary & Curator of Gurusaday Museum.
- xiv. Sri S.S. Ghosh from the Department of Textiles, Government of India.
- xv. Sri S.K. Gupta the Assistant Director, Department of Textiles, Government of India.
- xvi. Swami Suprabhananda Maharaj from Ramakrishna Mission and Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore.

- xvii. Shri Shyamal Das, Assistant Secretary of Barrackpore Ramakrishna and Vivekananda Mission.
- xviii. Sri Samar Bagchi, former Director of Birla Industrial and Technological Museum.
- xix. Swami Nityarupananda Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore.
- xx. Sri Pallab Pal, Barrackpore Sub Divisional Information and Cultural Officer, Government of West Bengal.

### 3) Newly Acquired Assets:

- a) A Close Circuit Camera for securing the objects of the museum.
- b) A DSLR Camera to keep photographic record of the museum
- c) Two pieces of UPS, one USB Hub and a Key-Board for the computer and printer of the museum.
- d) Six pieces of Fire Extinguisher (4 K.G. capacity each) acquired to safeguard the museum from fire.
- e) Two pieces of Sewing machine for self help group to train them in tailoring.
- f) Water pump, one Drill Machine also acquired for the museum in the present financial year.

### 4) Library:

The present financial year witnessed the growth of the library with the addition of new books (both by purchase as well as gifts) and periodicals thereby attracting the attention of a number of readers, scholars and visitors. At present the number of books at the library of the Sangrahalaya is approximately a little above 13,632.

### 5) Publication

The Sangrahalaya has successfully published four (4) issues of its bilingual Museum Bulletin— 'Gandhi Sangbad/Gandhi News'. The contributors included eminent scholars from a number of disciplines of social sciences.

## 6) Programmes and Activities:

### 6.1. In-house Programmes:

#### a) Commemoration of the Centenary of Champaran Satyagraha and Inauguration of the Newly Renovated Portion of the Galleries of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore (18/04/2017)

The Champaran Satyagraha that took place in 1917, in Champaran district of Bihar, was the first Satyagraha Movement initiated by Gandhiji, after his return from South Africa to India, against the atrocities of British indigo planters on the Indians. The Centenary of the Champaran Satyagraha falls this year 2017 in April. Further the renovation of the first phase of work of the two galleries of the Sangrahalaya has been completed with new modes of display combined with audio-visual aids. In order to commemorate the Centenary of the Champaran Satyagraha as well as celebrate the inauguration of the newly renovated portion of the galleries a programme was







organized by the Sangrahalaya at its premises on April 18, 2017. The distinguished guests at the programme included Professor Pradip Bhattacharya, Honourable Member of Parliament, Government of India, Professor Rabiranjana Chattopadhyay, Former Minister, Department of Science and Technology, Government of West Bengal, Sardar Amjad Ali, Former Member of Parliament, Government of India, Smt. Antara Acharya, IAS, District Magistrate, 24 Parganas North, Shri Pijush Kanti Goswami, Sub Divisional Officer, Barrackpore Sub Division and the officials of Creative Museum Designs (a unit of National Council of Science Museums and entrusted with the job of the renovation).



A newly developed exhibition on Satyagraha Movements by Gandhiji was inaugurated by the District Magistrate whereas the newly renovated portion of the galleries was inaugurated by Professor Pradip Bhattacharya. All the distinguished guests put forward

their valuable words on the occasion. Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Sangrahalaya, presided over the entire programme and also delivered the Welcome Address. The programme witnessed a huge footfall both from local people as well as guests from far and near.

## b) Celebration of 156th Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore (09/05/2017)



The 156th Birthday of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore was celebrated in a unique and befitting manner on May 9, 2017 at the premises of the Sangrahalaya. On the occasion of the celebration

two competitions one of essay and another of Rabindra Sangeet had been arranged for the students of the local schools aged between 10 and 18. There were two groups for each of the two competitions. The group 'A' consisted of competitors belonging to the age group 10 to 14 years while the 'B' group consisted of competitors aged above 14 up to 18 years.





The topic for essay for the 'A' group was 'Amar Rabindranath' (Rabindranath in my eyes) whereas the topic for the 'B' group was 'Bartaman Sanskritite Rabindracharchar Prasangikata' (The relevance of the study of Rabindranath in modern culture). For the Rabindra Sangeet competition the contestants of group 'A' had been asked to sing any Rabindra Sangeet from the songs pertaining to motherland and patriotism (Swadesh Parjayer Gaan) and the contestants of group 'B' were given the topic (Prakriti Parjayer Gaan) or Tagore songs on nature. A cultural programme had been



arranged in the evening where the Information and Cultural Officer of Barrackpore subdivision Shri Pallab Pal was the Special Guest. Here the Docu-feature based on the life and works of Tagore prepared by the Sangrahalaya was shown to the audience (comprising

mainly of the competitors and their guardians). Later Smt. Krishna Dutta recited a Tagore poem and she was accompanied by Shri Hiralal Mishra in violin. Smt. Bulbul Sarkar rendered Tagore songs. Finally at the end of the programme the winners of the essay and Rabindra Sangeet competition were awarded prizes. Shri Pallab Pal gave away the prizes. The judge for the



essay competition was Shri Subrata Mukhopadhyay, a reputed litterateur whereas the Rabindra Sangeet competition was judged by Smt. Arpita Mukherjee, a well known singer of Rabindra Sangeet and Shri Bibhas Chakraborty. Quite a few reputed schools of the neighbouring areas such as Barrackpore Girls' School, Manmathanath High School, Barrackpore, Manmathanath Girls' High School, Barrackpore, Sewli Balika Vidyalaya, Barrackpore, Nawabgunj Balika Vidyalaya, Nawabgunj, Ichapore etc. participated in the programme. The entire programme was a unique experience for the audience as it was different from the stereotype celebration of the birthday of Tagore.



### c) Celebration of World Environment Day (05.06. 2017)

Raising awareness regarding the immense amount of damage caused by mankind to the environment and its preservation is one of the major issues in the world today. Global warming



due to indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources by humans and destroying the environment by sheer callousness has led to innumerable natural calamities in the recent past. The





environmentalists have come to realize the fact that if the warning is not realized in time then a bleak future awaits mankind and June 5 has been designated as World environment Day by the United Nations. In order to raise awareness regarding the environment and its preservation

the Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore organized the celebration of the Environment Day on June 5, 2017, at its premises. A workshop was organized by the Sangrahalaya in association with the Frontline Society, Ichapore and the Paribesh Bandhab Mancha (an NGO working for raising awareness about environmental issues), Barrackpore. There were two competitions for the participants, one for poster designing and another for slogan writing (both on environmental issues). The participants had to perform in groups and each group was named after some kind of plant such as— banyan, peepal, neem, haldi, mango, gulmohur, chandan and lemon. Each group consisted



of five (5) or six (6) participants. There were four groups each for both the competitions. In the second half of the programme the institution Taru Chhaya (an associate organization of Paribesh Bandhab Mancha, Barrackpore, performed a small skit on environment while the institution



Kheyal Khushi performed recitation on environmental issues. There were two presentations on environment. One was by Shri Kallol Roy, Secretary, Paribesh Bandhab Mancha, involving indiscriminate exploitation of natural resources by humans

while another one, involving the issue of Global Warming and its ill effects on humans and the future damages that can be caused by it, was presented by Shri Pratik Ghosh, the Director-Secretary of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore. Finally, the winners of the competitions for Poster Designing and Slogan Writing were awarded prizes. The slogan written by the neem group was adjudged the best whereas the award for best poster went to the mango group. Apart from the winners of the competition all the other participants were awarded participation certificates. A unique feature about the prizes given was that each participant whether winner or not was given a sampling of Chinese Tagor, a flowering shrub along with their certificates, to be planted at their homes in pots. The prize was thus very pertinent and in keeping with the Environment Day celebrations. Near about fifty (50) students of different schools of Barrackpore and neighbouring areas participated in the programme and the programme received a lot of positive response from everyone.





#### d) Celebration of Independence Day (15.08.2017)

Independence Day was celebrated at the premises of the Sangrahalaya on August 15, 2017. The National Flag was unfurled by the Director-Secretary at 9.30 am. The guests included the local senior citizens, distinguished persons of the area and members of different cultural institutions. After flag hoisting a 'Sit and Draw Competition' for children, was organized by the Sangrahalaya



10:30 am onwards. The participants included students from the local academic institutions as well as the local art schools. The competition included three categories: Group A – age 5 to 8 years, Group B – age 8+ to 12 years and Group C – 12+ years to 16

years. Group A had thirty eight (38) participants, Group B had forty seven (47) and Group C had twenty eight (28) participants which implies that there were a total of 113 participants in the



competition. The participants of Groups A and B could draw according to their choice while the topic for Group C was Amar Swapner Bharat (India of my Dreams). The judges included Sri Prabir Ghosh, Exhibition Officer, Creative Museum Designs, a unit of National Council of Science Museums and Sri Chitta Dey, eminent artist. The Sit and Draw Competition was followed by the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore



in the Freedom Movement of India. Finally, a dance recital Vandemataram was put up by Mudra, a cultural institution of Barrackpore. At the end of the programme the prize distribution ceremony was held where the Guests of Honour included Shri Pijush Kanti Goswami, the Sub Divisional Officer, Barrackpore Subdivision and Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing







Committee of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore. Prizes were awarded to three winners in each category whereas consolation prizes were awarded to everyone. Certificates of participation were awarded to all the participants.

**e) Cultural Programme on Patriotism and Communal Harmony, organized by Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal in collaboration with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore (05/09/2017)**

A cultural programme on Patriotism and Communal harmony with the theme 'Swadesh Amar Swapna' was organized by the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of West Bengal, in association with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, on September 05, 2017 at the premises of the Sangrahalaya. Patriotic



songs were rendered by various artists from the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs. A tribal dance was presented by Santhal folk artists and finally a short skit titled 'Hey Ram' based

on the aspect of communal harmony was performed by youth artists. The Special Guests of the programme included Swami Nityarupananda Maharaj,



Secretary, Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore and the Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya. The audience included the students from local schools and



various social institutions of the area. The entire programme was conducted by Sri Pallab Pal, Barrackpore Sub Divisional Information and Cultural Officer, Government of West Bengal. The programme successfully gained positive response from the audience.

**f) Observance of the 148th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and Presentation of the 20th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Deliverance of the 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration: (02/10/2017)**

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday was celebrated by the Sangrahalaya on October 2, 2017 at its premises. The 20th







Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award was presented and the 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration was delivered on the occasion. The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award is instituted to honour those engaged in Gandhian and noble society- enriching activities, etc. In the financial year 2017-18 the award was presented to Janab Syed Abul Maksud,

founder and President, Gandhi Smarak Sadan, Dhaka and also a renowned Gandhian scholar. The Award consists of a silver salver, Scroll of Honour and Rupees ten thousand (10,000/-) and traditional materials. The award was handed over by Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing



Committee of the Sangrahalaya, to Janab Syed Abul Maksud. Sri Debajyoti Dutta, member of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya read out the Scroll of Honour. Sri Samar Bagchi, former Director of Birla Industrial and Technological Museum and presently involved in generating awareness on

issues related to environment and Mahatma Gandhi's views on it, delivered the 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration. He was felicitated with a Silver Salver and traditional



materials. The function was attended by the members of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, eminent personalities as well as the local people, all of whom took turns to garland the photograph

of Mahatma Gandhi and spinning the Charkha (Spinning Wheel) installed at the entrance of the auditorium of the Sangrahalaya where the function was organized. The

opening and closing songs along with Vedic chants were rendered by Smt. Arpita Mukherjee and Sri Sourav Das. The entire



function was presided over by Sri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya while the welcome address was delivered by Sri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya. The programme received positive response from the audience.

#### **g) Workshop on Craft Awareness Programme on Jute Products, organized by Gurusaday Museum, Kolkata, supported by Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore (12/10/2017-14/10/2017)**

A three days workshop on Craft Awareness Programme on Jute products, organized by Gurusaday Museum, Kolkata and supported by Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore,







was held at the premises of the Sangrahalaya from October 12 to 14, 2017. The workshop was sponsored by the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi. The workshop involved generation of awareness on various government

schemes and scope of work as well as hands-on training in jute products such as household articles like bags, mats, showpieces, etc. by master

trainers from the Department of Medium and Small Scale Industries. Near about hundred (100) people from different parts of North 24 Parganas participated enthusiastically for the programme. The inauguration took place on October 12, 2017 at 10.30 am. A number



of distinguished Guests were present at the inaugural function. They included the Sub Divisional Officer of Barrackpore Subdivision, Sri Pijushkanti Goswami who acted as the Chief Guest, Swami Suprabhananda Maharaj from Ramakrishna Mission and Vivekananda



Mission, Barrackpore who acted as the Special Guest, Sri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya, Dr. Bijan Mondal, the Executive Secretary of Gurusaday Museum and Sri S. S. Ghosh from the Department of



Textiles, Government of India. Dr. Bijan Kumar Mondal elaborated on the aims and objectives of the programme and its benefits. Later a power point presentation on Gurusaday Museum was presented by him. After the inauguration was over the participants were divided

into 10 groups of 10 members each and interacted with the master trainers, Smt. Kana Mondal and her team who taught them to make articles of jute by forming tussles with jute fiber. Sri J. P. Shaw, Regional Director (East), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and other Officials came to interact with the participants as a part of the programme on 'Parjatan Parv'.

The second day mainly involved hands on training on jute products. On the third and final day Sri S.K. Gupta the Assistant Director, Department of Textiles, Government of India as well as the Vice Chairman of the Managing Committee of Gurusaday Museum were present at the



concluding session. Sri Gupta elaborated on different government schemes for artisans. An Audio Visual Spot Quiz Contest on folk art was arranged for the participants and the winners were awarded prizes. The certificates were awarded to all the participants. At the end of the programme there was display of the finished products by the different groups of the participants. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Bijan Kumar Mondal. The programme received overwhelming response from the participants who showed a lot of enthusiasm and positive response.



#### h) Observation of the Martyrs' Day (30.01.2018):



January 30— the Martyrs' Day which marks the death anniversary of our Father of Nation, who was assassinated on Jan 30, 1948, was observed by Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore today at its premises. The Occasion was started with the Prayer Song at 5:17 pm, the time when Mahatma

was shot. This was followed by the Oath by the staff, dignitaries and the students of Suryapur Deaf & Dumb School. Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Sangrahalaya and Shri Shyamal Das,



Assistant Secretary of Barrackpore Ramakrishna and Vivekananda Mission delivered their valuable speech on the significance of the day. A documentary film — 'The Last Journey of Bapu' was shown. Finally the Deaf and Dumb Students of the

Suryapur Institute paid their homage to the Mahatma through various performances centering around this significant day. The whole programme was conducted by Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya.



#### i) State Level Meeting on Celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary (02.03.2018-03.03.2018 )



The first State Level Meeting regarding the celebration of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary was organized by Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya on February 2 and 3, 2018 at the premises of the Sangrahalaya. The representatives of various Gandhian Organizations from different

districts of West Bengal attend the meeting. On February 2, the

meeting was started by the opening song. At the inaugural session of the meeting Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Sangrahalaya and Shri Sanjay Singha, Secretary of Central Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, New Delhi,



discussed about the main agenda of the meeting. The representatives, who came to represent the meeting from different Gandhian Organizations from various districts, introduced themselves and explained about their activities in their districts at the first session. At the second session a discussion was made about the some valuable proposed programme and activities, which should be taken for celebration of such 150th Birth



Anniversary in different parts of Bengal. A tentative plan of action of Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya was distributed to all the representatives for their consideration, which will be finalized in the next meeting. The first





day was ended by visiting the Sangrahalaya and followed by a documentary film show, entitled 'Mahatma Gandhi— The 20th Century Prophet (First documentary on Gandhiji, made during his life time). On February 3, the main focus of discussion was

the formation of a State Level Committee and the fund raising process to celebrate such great occasion throughout the state. Sarder Amzad Ali, Former Member of Parliament, Government of India, Representatives of several adjoining municipalities delivered their valuable suggestions, which were accepted by all the representatives of the meeting. The meeting was ended by the vote of thanks, delivered by the Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya.



**j) Day-long Workshop on 'Role of Youth in Promoting Communal Harmony' (22.03.2018):**

In collaboration with the Department of Political Science, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, the Sangrahalaya organized Day-long Workshop on 'The Role of Youth in Promoting Communal Harmony' on March 22, 2018. The whole workshop was divided into three sessions and the students of the department of Political Science St. Paul's Cathedral Mission Collage, Kolkata were the participants of the



workshop. The Inaugural Session was started with the welcome address by the Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya who gave an introductory speech on the objective of this workshop and the related peace mission of Gandhiji regarding communal harmony

followed by a short inaugural speech of Smt. Ruth Rhea Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission Collage. Keynote Address was delivered by Professor Sumit Mukherjee, Former Dean of Arts and Commerce, University of Kalyani. The Resource Persons were present in that Workshop were Professor Nirmalya Mazumdar, Teacher-in-Charge, Kanchrapara College, Professor Molly Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Surendranath College, Barrackpore and Professor Paramita Das, Associate Professor, Department



of History, Chittaranjan College and Professor Ruth Reha Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College. An Audio-Visual presentation on National Harmony and Integrity was







delivered by Director-Secretary, Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore. The Workshop was ended by a Spot Quiz Competition among the students. The Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Tridib Chakraborty, Librarian of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College.

**k) Closing Ceremony of Training Programme for Women (25/03/2018):**



Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore celebrates the closing ceremony of their Training Programme on Jute & Cloth for Women. The training programme was started in November, 2017. The programme was started by the Opening Song, performed by the trainees. Shri Abhijeet Majumder, Chairman in Council, North Barrackpore Municipality, was present



as Special Guest and he delivered his valuable suggestions to the women for forwarding their activities in future. Smt. Sikha Dutta, the Trainer of the Training on Jute and Cloth and Shri Prasanta Das, Trainer of the forthcoming training of the Sangrahalaya, were also present in the

programme. The new Trainees, who will participate in the forthcoming training on Boutique & Fabric, which will be started from April 7, 2018, were also present. The women arranged an exhibition by their various products, which they had prepared during their training period. All the trainees were awarded certificates at the end of the programme.



**l) Special Lecture on 'Role of National Integrity in Promoting Peace and Harmony' (29/03/2018):**

The Sangrahalaya arranged a Special Lecture on 'Role of National Integrity in Promoting Peace and Harmony' today at its premises. Professor Jahar Sen, Former Professor,





Department of History, University of Calcutta delivered the Special Lecture. The students and some Faculty Members of Lt. Abhishek Ray Chaudhuri Teachers' Training College were participated in this programme.



## 6.2. Training Programme:

### a) Manufacturing of Cloth Bags (From June, 2017 – September, 2017):

A new training had started at the Sangrahalaya from June 24, 2017, as a part of its endeavour to encourage financial capacity building among the local ladies. The training involved manufacture of different kinds of cloth purses and bags by the participants of the training. The participants were awarded certificates after the completion of the training.



### b) Production of Jute Products (November, 2017 – March, 2018)



The Sangrahalaya had started a new training in production of Jute Products from November, 18, 2017. A batch of ten (10) of ladies had enrolled for the training. The training involved manufacture of different kinds of jute products like key rings, hand bags, toys, etc. by the participants of the training. The participants passed an examination



consisting of theory as well as practical and they were awarded certificates on completion of the training at the end of March, 2018.



## 6.3. Outreach Programmes:

### a) Two Days Workshop on Domestic Violence and Child Marriage in collaboration with Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Bankura (From 12/09/2017 to 13/09/2017)

Domestic violence and child marriage are two social evils that hamper the development of the society as they prevent the two major sections of the society viz. women and children from getting







the necessary opportunities in facilitating a healthy social life. In order to raise awareness against these, a two Day Workshop on stopping Domestic Violence and Child Marriage was organized by Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Bankura in collaboration with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, on September 12 and 13, 2017, at Bankura. The workshop saw the participation of



personnel from different social welfare organizations participating in it as speakers and experts. They included Smt. Mukul Banerjee from Bankura Social Welfare Society, Sri. Sabyasachi Tewari, Sri Sajal Sil and Sri Subhra Shit from Child Line Society, Bankura, Sri Tanmay Banerjee of Kasturba Family

Counseling Centre, Sri Durga Das Rana, Secretary District Legal Sub- Authority, Bankura. The Sangrahalaya was represented by its Secretary Sri Pratik Ghosh and two other staff. The inaugural song was rendered by Smt. Radharani Chatterjee and the inaugural speech was delivered by Sri Kalyan Ray, Secretary, Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Bankura. A presentation was made by the Secretary of the Sangrahalaya on domestic violence and child marriage on September 12, 2017 whereas a short documentary on



the same topic was shown on September 13, 2017. The participants of the programme mainly included girls and women of rural areas with whom there was successful interaction of the speakers.

**b) Three Days Workshop on Sustainable Development in collaboration with Gandhi Vichar Parishad, Bankura (From 01/11/2017 to 03/11/2017)**

A 3 days Workshop on 'Sustainable Development according to Gandhiji's Concept' was organized by Gandhi Vicar Parisad in collaboration with Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore



from November 1, 2017 to November 3, 2017 at the premises of Gandhi Vicar Parisad, Bankura. Almost 40 students from three institutes of Bankura namely Bankura University, Bankura Christian

College and Anusilan Samity were participated in this workshop. The resource persons presented at the inaugural session of the workshop were Mrs. Shampa Daripa, MLA, Bankura, Mr. Mahaprasad Sengupta, Chairman, Bankura Municipality, Mr. Rana Dasgupta, DICO, Mr. Santosh Bhattacharjee, President, Press Club, Bankura, Mrs. Tanuka Roy Chowdhury, HOD (MSW), Bankura University, Mr. Jaydeb Jana, Retired IAS, Mrs. Indrani Samanta, Chairman, Gandhi Vichar Parisad, Mr. Kalyan Roy, Secretary, Gandhi Vichar Parisad and Mr. Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of Gandhi



Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore. At the 1st session of the workshop Mr. Jaydeb Jana presented his interactive





lecture with the participants on 'Mahatma & Management' through which he explained that what should be the actual qualities to build up yourselves as Leaders of the society. Mr. Gouranga Rajak and Mr. Swapan Chakraborty explained thoroughly about the topic of 'Alternative Agriculture' to the

participants in the next session. The 1st day was ended with evening prayer. The 2nd day was started with the interactive presentation on 'National Harmony & Integrity' by the Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya. Before

starting the presentation he divided the participants into 4 groups. Through this interactive presentation he tried to understand the participants about the principles for developing the peace. After completing the



presentation he arranged some practical activities related to his deliberation to the participants. Then the participants were taken to visit the Tentulmari Organic Agricultural Field where Mr. Supriya Banerjee demonstrated them about the practices of organic

farming. On the 3rd Day a Group Discussion was arranged among the participants to discuss about the feedback of 2nd day's field visit. In the next session Mr. Arunabha Banerjee, Assistant Professor, Bankura Christian College, discussed with the



participants about the 'Youth Leadership Agent of Development'. In the afternoon session a theoretical cum practical class on 'Meditation' was arranged. The Workshop was ended by the visiting of Gandhi Museum and Freedom Fighters Gallery of Gandhi Vichar Parisad and was followed by the Valedictory Session. All the participants of the workshop were provided the participatory certificates.

#### 6.4. Mobile Exhibitions:

- a) School Programme for Schools in the Remote Areas As part of its Mobile Exhibition and daylong programme for schools in the



remote areas a team from the Sangrahalaya visited Bagbagan, B.M. High School at Gosaba in the district of 24 Parganas South on May 4, 2017. The mobile exhibition set Alokchitre Teen Mahajibon (three great personalities in photographs

Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose) in roll-up standee was mounted at the school premises. After this the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India was shown to the students which were followed by the audio-visual quiz consisting of twenty (20) questions on life and activities of Mahatma Gandhi. The documentary prepared by the institution



Juktibadi Sanskritik Samstha, Canning, titled Snakes of Sunderban was presented by the Sangrahalaya in the second half of the programme in the section called Desher Katha Dasher Katha for highlighting the environmental aspect of nature. Nearly three hundred and fifty (350) students and the staff of the school participated in the programme which received an extremely positive response.

- b) The Sangrahalaya visited Chanderghat High School, Nadia on July 21, 2017 for its Mobile Exhibition and Daylong programme. The mobile exhibition set Alokchitre Teen Mahajibon (three great personalities in photographs Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose) in roll-up standee was mounted at the school premises. After this the



documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India was shown to the students, which was followed by the audio-visual quiz consisting of twenty (20) questions on life and activities of Mahatma Gandhi. The programme received positive response from everyone at the school.

- c) The Sangrahalaya visited Derpur High School in Birbhum for their Mobile Exhibition and Daylong Programme on 24.07.2017. The programme was a



success and received a lot of positive reviews from the students as well as the staff of the school.

- d) The Sangrahalaya visited Bhulanpur High School, P.O. Jamjuri, P.S. Onda, in Bankura District on August 3, 2017. The programme



has received a lot of praise and positive response from the students and authorities.

- e) The Sangrahalaya was invited to visit Araldihi High School, P.S. Indpur in Bankura on August 4, 2017. The programme proved to be a unique experience for the students as well as the staff of the school. The Sangrahalaya has been asked to come with more such programmes to the institution in future.





- f) The Sangrahalaya visited Northland High School, Ichhapore for its Mobile Programme on August 17, 2017. The Students were



shown the documentary Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India which was followed by the audio-visual quiz on the life and works of Gandhiji.

- g) The Sangrahalaya was invited by Jamtala, Bhagabanchandra High



School, Kultali, 24 Parganas (South) for the Mobile Exhibition and Daylong Programme on August 31, 2017.

- h) The Sangrahalaya visited Nabadwip Siksha Mandir High School, in Nabadwip, Nadia district on September 01, 2017 for the Mobile Exhibition and Daylong Programme.



- i) The Sangrahalaya was invited by the Tehatta Government College, Tehatta, district Nadia on September 15, 2017 for the Mobile Exhibition and Daylong Programme.



- j) Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore reached at Chandipur High School, Gosaba, Sundarban in the district of South 24-



Parganas for organizing the Mobile Exhibition and Day-long Programme there on November 10, 2017.

- k) The Sangrahalaya visited the Jateswar High School in Alipurduar district on February 7, 2018 for organizing the Mobile Exhibition & Day-long Programme in the school.



- l) The Sangrahalaya was invited by the Haldibari High School in Alipurduar district on February 8, 2018 for organizing the Mobile





Exhibition & Day-long Programme in the school.

- m) The Mobile Exhibition and Day-long Programme was organized by the Sangrahalaya at Banarhat High School in Jalpaiguri district on February 9, 2018.



- n) The Sangrahalaya reached at Gayeshpur Netaji Vidyamandir in the District of Nadia for organizing the Mobile Exhibition & Day-Long Programme on March 6, 2018.



## 7. Participatory Programmes:

- a) **Participation in the National Level Meeting on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi:**

The Representatives of all the seven national recognized Gandhi Museums are attending the National level meeting on the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019, held on December, 4 & 5 2017 at National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi.



- b) **Participation at Poush Mela in Santiniketan (23.12.2017 to 28.12. 2017)**

Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya shared a space in 'Museums of Bengal' stall with MAKAIS, Bankim Bhawan and Raja Rammohun Roy Memorial Museum at Poush Mela in Santiniketan from December 23 to December 28, 2017.





**c) Participation at the Kolkata Book Fair 2018 (30.01.2018 to 11.02. 2018)**

The Sangrahalaya participated in the Kolkata Book Fair held this year from January 30, 2018 to February 11, 2018 and shared a stall with 'Janasarthha Barta', a reputed journal of West Bengal to sell its publications. Shri Himanshu Halder, Editor of 'Janasarthha Barta', extended his sincere help and cooperation in this matter.

**8. Academic Interactions:**

**a) Assistance in Research:**

True to its practice of previous years, the Sangrahalaya has been successfully providing assistance to a number of research scholars from different Universities and Colleges, pursuing their Ph.D, M. Phil or Post Doctoral etc. in a variety of topics. They are allowed to use the facilities of the library of the Sangrahalaya subject to the rules and regulations. They are also allowed to take necessary photographs after proper permission and following certain condition

**b) Internship:**

The Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore is presently considered to be a Model Museum complete in every way in all museological aspects and services. As a result the students of the department of Museology, University of Calcutta are sent here for Internship of three (3) months after obtaining their certificates. This year too three (3) internees (Kamalesh Dawn, Roseli Chowdhury and Asok Patra) were sent from February 1, 2018 and they have successfully completed their Internship on April 30, 2018.

**9. Special Visits:**

Like the previous years the Sangrahalaya was visited by a number of eminent persons from every field of the society. They include

scholars, bureaucrats, defense personnel and other government officials.

Their names have been given below:

- a. Brigadier R.P. Singh of 15 Rajasthan Rifles visited the Sangrahalaya with a few of his officers on June 13, 2017. He was provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya. On seeing the display he commented,



*"Thanks for the kind providing kind insight into historical perspective of the Mahatma. An extremely well maintained Museum and Gallery".*

- b. Shri Pijuskanti Goswami, SDO, Barrackpore Subdivision visited the Sangrahalaya with his family on July 9, 2017. He was provided with a detailed guided tour of the Museum.





Regarding the display of the Sangrahalaya he commented, “Excellent opportunity for me to visit here”.

- c. Shri R. K. Srivastava, IAS, visited the Sangrahalaya on December 23, 2017. He was provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya. On seeing the display he commented, “Inspiring. Well organized, takes us in time and space to the era of Mahatma.”
- d. Shri Sanjay Joon, IAS, Additional Secretary Home II, came at Barrackpore as an Observer of Assembly Election, visited the Sangrahalaya on January 25, 2018. He was provided with a detailed guided tour of the Museum. Regarding the display of the Sangrahalaya he commented, “Heritage is well maintained here. Really impressive”.
- e. Shri Soumen Mitra, IPS, ADG Training, West Bengal came to visit the Sangrahalaya on February 5, 2018. After visiting the



Sangrahalaya he commented, “Pilgrimage to Gandhi and his Philosophy is always satisfying”.

- f. Justice Jyotirmay Bhattacharya, Honorable Acting Chief Justice of Kolkata High Court, visited the Sangrahalaya on February 24, 2018. After visiting the galleries of the Sangrahalaya, he commented. “Paintings displayed here are really praiseworthy. Library is well maintained and well arranged. Government must come forward to maintain this Gandhi Memorial Museum”.

#### 10. Visit by Groups of Students:

- a) Twenty five (25) students of the Department of History, Raiganj University visited the Sangrahalaya along with Associate Professor Brajendranath Gui on May 05, 2017. On seeing the display he commented, “Very Good and enriched. Students and researchers will collect knowledge from the Museum and Library.”
- b) Students from two sections each, of class VIII belonging to Nivedita Vidyapith, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Ashram, Barrackpore visited the Sangrahalaya on July 4 (43 students) and July 8 (38 students), 2017 along with their teacher Smt. Tulika Majumdar. They were provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya and shown the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India. On seeing the display their teacher Smt. Majumdar commented, “Wonderful historical experience!”





- c) Students of Future Hope School, Rowland Road, Kolkata came to visit the Sangrahalaya in two batches of Sixteen (16) and Twelve (12) on July 11, 2017 and July 14, 2017 respectively with their teachers on for an educational tour. They were provided with a guided tour of the galleries. One of their teachers commented, *"Very Good!"* on seeing the display of the Sangrahalaya while another teacher Mrs. Hattie Crane commented, *"Wonderful! Thank you for having us to visit."*



- d) Students of classes V, VII and X of Gopal Govinda Academy, Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore, visited the Sangrahalaya visited on July 14, 2017 in two batches of sixty (60) and



thirty (32) respectively along with three of their teachers for an educational visit. They were provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya and shown the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India. On seeing the display of the Sangrahalaya one of the teachers Shri Nabojit Saha commented, *"Wonderful!"* while another teacher Smt. Subhra Chaudhuri commented, *"Excellent!"*



- e) Sixty six (66) students of classes VII and IX of Gopal Govinda Academy, Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore visited the Sangrahalaya, on July 15, 2017 along with four of their teachers. They were provided with a detailed guided tour of the galleries and shown the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India.

- f) Forty-nine (49) students of Ramkrishna Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore visited the Sangrahalaya for an educational



excursion on July 18, 2017. They were provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya and shown the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India. On seeing the display of the Sangrahalaya one of the teachers Shri Arun Kumar Modal commented, *"Good."*



- g) A group of thirty seven (37) students of schools and colleges of different districts of West Bengal came to visit the Sangrahalaya on August 22, 2017, as part of the itinerary of a Youth Camp organized by West Bengal Gandhi Peace Foundation, Mourigram in Howrah District. They were accompanied by Shri Chandan Pal, the Secretary of West Bengal



Gandhi Peace Foundation. They were provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya. Later they were shown the documentary titled Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India. On seeing the display Shri Chandan Pal commented, "Excellent and inspiring."

- h) A group of one hundred seventy five (175) students of St. Stephen's School, Habra came to visit the Sangrahalaya on November 5, 2017. They were provided with a guided tour of the galleries and shown the documentary film on the role of Barrackpore in Indian Freedom Movement.



- i) About 24 students of the Summit School, Barrackpore visited the Sangrahalaya for an educational excursion on December 21, 2017. They were provided with a guided tour of the Sangrahalaya and shown the Documentary Film. On seeing the display of the Sangrahalaya one of the teachers commented "Nice presentation and it is very helpful."
- j) A group of 61 students along with their teachers from A.M.M. School, Belgharia visited the Sangrahalaya on January 19, 2018.



- k) A group of ninety four (94) students of St. Mary's School, Kolkata, came to visit the Sangrahalaya on January 25, 2018.



They were provided with a guided tour of the galleries and shown the documentary film on the role of Barrackpore in Indian Freedom Movement. After visiting the Sangrahalaya they remarked "Very exclusive".

- l) Fifty (50) Students of Springdale School, Kalyani in the district of Nadia came to visit the Sangrahalaya on January 25, 2018, and 59 students of Springdale Primary School, Kalyani came to visit the Sangrahalaya on February 1, 2018.





- n)** Eighty (80) students of St. Elizabeth's Girls' School, Kolkata came to visit the Sangrahalaya on February 16, 2018 along with four of their teachers for an educational tour. They were provided with a guided tour of the galleries. One of the teachers commented, "Well maintained" on seeing the display of the Sangrahalaya while another teacher commented, "Wonderful! Thank you for having us to visit."



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a) The Bengali daily News Paper '*Ei Samay*' and a Web News Portal '*Bengal Today*' had published the news in their esteemed media about the programme on observance of 148th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2017.

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- The Sangrahalaya shared a space with other Museums of Bengal in the Stall entitled '*Museums of Bengal*'. Two daily News papers—

'Sangbad Pratidin' and 'Ganosakti' covered the News in their newspaper on December 20, 2017.

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আজ থেকে প্রদর্শনী পৌষমেলায়

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- c) Another coverage regarding the above mentioned issue was published in another Bengali daily News Paper 'Ei Samay' on December 23, 2017.



- d) The Bengali Daily News paper 'Utarbanga Sangbad' and Hindi Daily News Paper— 'Dainik Jagoran' cover the news of Mobile Exhibition & Day-long Programmes in schools of North Bengal, organized by Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore on February 10, 2018.



Thus, on the whole the financial year 2017-2018 was very eventful. Programmes and activities of every kind and for almost every section of the society had been successfully carried out by means of which the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi had been successfully propagated.