

**Observance of Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday and Presentation of the
Presentation of the 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Deliverance of
the 18th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration: (02/10/2016)**

On October 2, 2016 Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday was celebrated by the Sangrahalaya at its premises. The 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award was presented and the 18th 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 2016-17 the award was presented to Siksha Niketan (Kalanabagram), Burdwan, a well known Gandhian Voluntary Organization, which is involved in providing the 'Basic Education' to underprivileged children and young adults on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi's '*Buniyadi Siksha*'. The Award consists of a silver salver, Scroll of Honour and Rupees ten thousand (10,000/-). The award was handed over by Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, to Shri Ganendra Biswas, Secretary of Siksha Niketan. Dr. Maya Ghosh, member of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya read out the Scroll of Honour. Professor Pradip Bhattacharya, Honourable Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), delivered the 18th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration. The website for Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya was updated and formally inaugurated by Professor Pradip Bhattacharya on the occasion. The address of the newly launched website is www.gandhimuseum.in The function was attended by the members of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya as well as eminent personalities, all of whom took turns to garland the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi and spinning the Charkha (Spinning Wheel) installed at the entrance of the Mural Gallery of the Sangrahalaya. The entire function was presided over by Sri Narayan Basu, while the welcome address was delivered by Sri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya.



