

**Organization of Panel Discussion on *Relevance of Gandhian Thought in Emerging Trends of Modern Journalism* at Press Club, Kolkata (21/03/2017)**

A Panel Discussion on the theme '*Relevance of Gandhian Thought in Emerging Trends of Modern Journalism*' at Press Club, Kolkata by the Sangrahalaya on March 21, 2017, 2pm onwards. The eminent speakers in the discussion included Padmashree Barun Majumder (Senior Journalist, All India Radio), Shri Sukharanjan Sengupta (Former Correspondent, Ananda Bazar Patrika) and Shri Snehasis Sur, (Chief Reporter, DD-News, Kolkata). The discussion was chaired by Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman, Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore while the Welcome Address was delivered by Shri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya.

The speakers gave their valuable views on the theme enlightening on Gandhiji's opinion of Journalism. They emphasized that Gandhiji held the view that successful journalism involved the media to reach out to every section of the population and presenting the happenings all around in the form of wholesome news and not sensational presentation and that Swaraj or total independence can only be achieved when the common people can fearlessly voice their opinion in public. The speakers further stressed that in the present day when media was mostly bent on presenting sensational news, Gandhiji's views of Journalism have become more and more relevant.

The discussion was attended and covered by a number of representatives of media both print as well as different television channels and the programme has received wide publicity.



