

Celebration of Independence Day 2017 (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.







