

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.



