

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 sapling 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.



