

## Collaborative Programme

### Craft Awareness Programme on Jute Products (12/10/2017- 14/10/2017)

A three day workshop on Craft Awareness Programme on Jute products, organized by Gurusaday Museum, Joka and supported by Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore, was held at the premises of the Sangrahalaya from October 12 to 14, 2017. The workshop was sponsored by the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi. The workshop involved generation of awareness on various government schemes and scope of work as well as hands-on training in jute products such as household articles like bags, mats, showpieces, etc, by master trainers from the Department of Medium and Small Scale Industries. Near about hundred (100) people from different parts of North 24 Parganas participated enthusiastically for the programme.

The inauguration took place on October 12, 2017 at 10.30 am. A number of distinguished Guests were present at the inaugural function. They included the Sub Divisional Officer of Barrackpore Subdivision, Sri Pijushkanti Goswami who acted as the Chief Guest, Swami Suprabhananda Maharaj from Ramakrishna Mission and Vivekananda Mission, Barrackpore who acted as the Special Guest, Sri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya, Dr. Bijan Mondal, the Executive Secretary of Gurusaday Museum and Sri S.S. Ghosh from the Department of Textiles, Government of India. Dr. Bijan Kumar Mondal elaborated on the aims and objectives of the programme and its benefits. Later a power point presentation on Gurusaday Museum was presented by him.

After the inauguration was over the participants were divided into 10 groups of 10 members each and interacted with the master trainers, Smt. Kana Mondal and her team who taught them to make articles of jute by forming tussles with jute fiber. Sri J. P. Shaw, Regional Director (East), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and other Officials came to interact with the participants as a part of the programme on 'Parjatan Parv'.

The second day mainly involved hands on training on jute products. On the third and final day Sri S.K. Gupta the Assistant Director, Department of Textiles, Government of India as well as the Vice Chairman of the Managing Committee of Gurusaday Museum were present at the concluding session. Sri Gupta elaborated on different government schemes for artisans. An Audio Visual Spot Quiz Contest on folk art was arranged for the participants and the winners were awarded prizes. The certificates were awarded to all the participants. At the end of the programme there was display of the finished products by the different groups of the participants. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. Bijan Kumar Mondal. The programme received overwhelming response from the participants who showed a lot of enthusiasm and positive response.





