

Celebration of Children's Day : (18/11/2016)

Children's Day was celebrated in a unique manner by the Sangrahalaya on November 18, 2016 at Siksha Niketan, Kalanabagram, Burdwan. Siksha Niketan is an educational institution for underprivileged children in rural India. It has been providing "Basic Education" to children of poor farmers in the village of Kalanabagram free of cost, for over sixty years. Built on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi's "Buniyadi Siksha"(Basic Education), Siksha Niketan runs a very unique program of education which emphasizes on vocational and values education alongside an academic curriculum. This institution currently provides opportunities for education to nearly five hundred underprivileged children and young adults in the village of Kalanabagram in Burdwan district of West Bengal. Children up to the level of class VIII are taught at Siksha Niketan. This year the Sangrahalaya had aimed at celebrating the Children's Day with the underprivileged and tribal children. Hence, with this aim in view the Sangrahalaya went to Siksha Niketan with the Mobile Exhibition and daylong programme. The Sangrahalaya mounted the mobile exhibition set *Alokchitre Teen Mahajibon* (three great personalities in photographs- Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose) in roll-up standee for the children as well as the staff of the school. After this an animation film on the life and works of Mahatma Gandhi was presented. Next the audio -visual quiz consisting of twenty (20) questions on Mahatma Gandhi was conducted for the students. Then the documentary titled *Role of Barrackpore in the Freedom Movement of India* was shown. Finally the winners of the quiz contest were given prizes. The members of the Sangrahalaya were also shown the glimpses of the different types of activities undertaken by Siksha Niketan concerning rural development based on the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. On the whole this was a very unique experience for the members of the Sangrahalaya and the programme received a lot of positive response from the children and staff of Siksha Niketan

