## **Programmes & Activities in the Financial Year of 2015-16**

## Observance of Mahatma Gandhi's 147th Birthday and Presentation of the 18th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Deliverance of the 17th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration (02/10/2015):

The Sangrahalaya observed the 147th Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October, 2015 at its premises. The 18th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award was presented and the 17th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration was delivered on the occasion. In the financial year, 2015-16 the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award, instituted to honour those engaged in Gandhian and noble society-enriching activities, etc. was presented to Gandhi Vichar Parisad, Bankura a well known Gandhian Voluntary Organization, which is involved in the reconstruction of villages on the line of concept and praxis of "Gram Swaraj" as articulated by Mahatma Gandhi and Acharya Vinoba Bhave, on the occasion. The Award consists of a silver salver, Scroll of Honour and Rupees ten thousand (10,000/-) and traditional materials. The award was handed over by Sri Narayan Basu, to Sri Gaursundar Rajak of Gandhi Vichar Parisad. Prof. Jahar Sen, Former Professor Department of History, University of Calcutta, member of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, read out the Scroll of Honour. Prof. Sandip Das, Former Professor, Department of Philosophy, Uluberia College, delivered the 17th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration. He was felicitated with a Silver Salver and traditional materials. A temporary exhibition on "Three Great Personalities in Photographs – Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose," was inaugurated by Sri Salil Kumar Gupta, member of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya. The opening song 'Raghupati Raghab Raja Ram' was rendered by the staff members of the Sangrahalaya. The function was attended by the members of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya

as well as eminent personalities, all whom took turns to garland the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi and spinning the Charkha (Spinning Wheel) installed at the entrance of the Mural Gallery of the Sangrahalaya. The entire function was presided over by Sri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya while the welcome address was delivered by Sri Pratik Ghosh, Director-Secretary of the Sangrahalaya.



