## <u>Celebration of 148<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi: Presentation of the 20<sup>th</sup> Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Deliverance of the 19<sup>th</sup> Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration: (02/10/2017)</u>

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday was celebrated by the Sangrahalaya on October 2, 2017 at its premises. The 20<sup>th</sup> Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award was presented and the 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration was delivered on the occasion. The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award is instituted to honour those engaged in Gandhian and noble society-enriching activities, etc. In the financial year 2017-18 the award was presented to Janab Syed Abul Maksud, founder and President, Gandhi Smarak Sadan, Dhaka and also a renowned Gandhian scholar. 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 Shri Narayan Basu, Chairman of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, to Janab Syed Abul Maksud. Sri Debajyoti Dutta, member of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya read out the Scroll of Honour. Sri Samar Bagchi, former Director of Birla Industrial and Technological Museum and presently involved in generating awareness on issues related to environment and Mahatma Gandhi's views on it, delivered the 19th Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Oration. He was felicitated with a Silver Salver and traditional materials. The function was attended by the members of the Managing Committee of the Sangrahalaya, eminent personalities as well as the local people, all of whom took turns to garland the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi and spinning the Charkha (Spinning Wheel) installed at the entrance of the auditorium of the Sangrahalaya where the function was organized. The opening and closing songs along with Vedic chants were rendered by Smt. Arpita Mukherjee and Sri Sourav Das. 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. The programme received positive response from the audience.























