

Patha Sishu – O – Bhabaghure Mela, West Bengal 2016
(Street Children & Vagrants' Fair, West Bengal 2016)

Patha Sishu - O - Bhabaghure Mela 2016 in West Bengal 2016 organized on 26th to 27th October, 2016 at Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Block IB – 201, Salt Lake City, Kolkata – 106 by the Office of the Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal. The Mela was inaugurated in a festive mood by the Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Child Development and Women Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal on 26th October 2016.

Various articles produced by the Vagrants (*Bhabaghure*) of different Vagrant Homes in West Bengal, the Street Children of Beggary Prevention Scheme of the Office of the Controller of Vagrancy, West Bengal and Children of different Open Shelters were displayed for Exhibition & Sale.

This type of Exhibition gives an opportunity to show the talent & creativity of the inmates of Vagrant Homes and Street Children who are otherwise treated as wasted resources of the society. The effort was given not only to encourage these hapless people for mainstreaming but also for general awareness among people of all segments of the Society at large.

The Mela-cum-Exhibition which ran for two days on 26th & 27th of October 2016 drew a large number of visitors from different sections of the society. The quality of the products exhibited was highly appreciated.

