

It was a pleasant surprise to be detected by Shri Peter Rühbe at the New Delhi railway station while starting for Kerala. Not only the readers of Sansthakul but many of the constructive workers of India are acquainted with this young German, whose love for the Mahatma and his cause has brought him to India on many occasions during the past years. His outstanding contribution however is the Gandhi Information Centre in Lubecker Strasse 44 P.O. 210 109, 1000 Berlin 21. This creation of his and a group of his ilk in Germany, is not only an important centre for the Gandhians visiting that country, Europeans, desirous of knowing Gandhi, find this centre and the group of young German enthusiasts very helpful for being exposed to the various aspects of the life and work of the Mahatma. Peter was, therefore, an ideal co-passenger while travelling to Kerala, even though he got down at Wardha. He was returning from a small trip of the Thailand and was resuming his regular contact programme in several of the Gandhian constructive world institutions in India till January 1994. The latest contribution of the Gandhi Information Centre is a small but beautifully printed multicolour booklet in German about Gandhiji's life with short but educative narrations on several important aspects of his life and work. The beautiful booklet is more attractive on account of many coloured paintings of Gandhi and symbols associated with him, carefully selected from the products of "sit and draw" competitions on Gandhi organised by him for the past few years in this country. It has also a map of India showing various important places with which the Mahatma was associated, including an insert of the route he followed during the Dandi March. Needless to mention that Gandhians in India have to learn a lot from this young German devotee of the Mahatma who is an unofficial cultural ambassador of Germany in India functioning at the people's level.

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