The interdisciplinary project

Initiated by GandhiServe India, in an interdisciplinary project Gandhi scholars, historians, photo experts and graphic designers joined hands in order to turn black and white photographs into colour images, thus making them true documents of history. After scanning, all photographs have been cleaned digitally and colourized by skilled Indian hands according to the historic settings. When the photographs were taken the actual colourful scenes were reduced to black and white photographs due to technical limitations of those days. Now, in a complex process Indian experts have added the missing colours.

With this the intention was not to manipulate or adulterate pictures but to bring them closer to the colourful image the photographs documents.

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The Mahatma and the book

Mahatma Gandhi - the Father of the Indian Nation, and the Apostle of Nonviolence. He worked for India's independence from the British rule and gave us the awesome power of nonviolence. A social reformer, he taught the world the eternal values of love and truth. His fight for human rights, protection of environment and religious tolerance was mankind’s finest hour. This book introduces to the reader the life and work of the historic figure of Mahatma Gandhi through rare images and archival material. In an interdisciplinary project black and white photographs were turned into colour images, thus making them true documents of history. The missing colours were added according to the historic settings. By this the pictures have been brought closer to the colourful images the photographs document.

Topics covered in the book


Background

With this publication Devadas Gandhi’s dream comes true, to document his father’s life by photographs day-by-day. He had started collecting photos of his father during Gandhi’s life time but had to give it up when he became chief editor of Hindustan Times in the early 1950s. In an monumental effort GandhiServe India collected Gandhi’s photographs from sources allover and did extensive research on the captions, too. Finally, over 5000 photographs got colourized as per the historic settings. Except those who were lucky enough to meet Gandhi personally, the world has never seen him as natural and sharp as in this book! Now Devadas Gandhi’s dream comes true as nearly 1300 high quality photographs document Gandhi’s life in detail. Due to extensive research and technical advancement GandhiServe India is now able to publish the definitive photo biography - on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary, which will be celebrated the world over in 2018/19.

Dedicated to the Conscience of Humanity

This photo biography is the official contribution by GandhiServe India to the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It appeals to the conscience of humanity not to forget or ignore Gandhi’s teachings.