

## Background of Peter Ruhe

- 1957** Birth in Berlin (Germany)
- 1975-77** Vocational training as computer programmer
- 1977-79** Semi professional football player
- 1979-98** Employment as computer programmer with Technical University of Berlin
- 1980-82** Owner of a restaurant in Berlin
- 1983-dato** Extensive travels to India
- 1983** Involvement in German peace movement; Foundation and establishment of Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin (chairperson from 1983 until 1992)
- 1984** Co-author of the book " *My life is my message - Das Leben und Wirken von M.K. Gandhi*"
- 1988-94** Preparation of the largest photo-archive on Gandhi and India's freedom movement
- 1991** Organised an annual drawing competition " *Gandhi as I see him*" in Rajkot (Gujarat/India); Establishment and promotion of the international youth project " *The Gandhi-Bridge of Understanding*"
- 1992** Award for his life work by the Gujarati Writers' Association, Rajkot.
- 1997** Director research for the documentary TV-serial on Gandhi directed by Ketan Mehta
- 1998** Production of the audio visual show " *NAMASTE - A Journey across India following the footprints of Mahatma Gandhi*"; Establishment of the non-profit company GANDHISERVE in Germany.

- Design of eleven exhibitions on Mahatma Gandhi, presented over 60 times in Germany, Denmark, England, Israel and India
- Oral history about Mahatma Gandhi and India's freedom movement
- Consultant to owners of original material on and about Mahatma Gandhi for its preservation and accessibility
- Established tour guide to India " *following the footprints of Mahatma Gandhi*"



## Positions:

- Founder of GANDHISERVE e. K.
- Honorary director of the historic photo department at Dinodia Picture Agency, Mumbai
- Adviser to International Gandhian Movement, Canberra (Australia)
- Technical adviser to Vithalbhai Jhaveri Collections Trust, Mumbai
- Adviser to Prabhudas Gandhi Memorial Trust, Rajkot
- Technical adviser to Gandhi Media Foundation, Mumbai
- Marketing agent to Kanu Gandhi Photo World, Rajkot



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## Search-n-Research



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## Search-n-Research...

... has become the theme for an ongoing project of systematic oral history and search for yet unknown material on and by Mahatma Gandhi.

Every year GANDHISERVE founder Peter Ruhe visits numerous associates and relatives of Gandhi, photographers, collectors and contemporaries of the Mahatma all over India and also abroad.

### The aims and objectives of the project are:

- ❖ To record reminiscences and first hand information about Gandhi and India's freedom movement, and
- ❖ To guide the owners of material how to store and handle their treasured films, letters, photographs, documents etc. better, to render conservation service and
- ❖ To make this material available in copies to the subscribers of the project.

A mobile repro unit, especially designed for *Search-n-Research* in Germany, allows to take high quality reproductions on the spot. At the end of each *Search-n-Research* term (1<sup>st</sup> January until 31<sup>st</sup> December) subscribers receive copies of all newly found material (consent of the owners provided) as well as a detailed report. Furthermore subscribers get free access to the *Member's Area* of GANDHISERVE's website which hosts a selection of the material ever found through *Search-n-Research*.

Find more information at



## GANDHISERVE...

... is a non-profit enterprise which aims to popularise Mahatma Gandhi's life and work and thus spread the ethics of nonviolence.

GANDHISERVE offers:

- *Information Service* about the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi
- Sale of media on Mahatma Gandhi such as books, photographs, audio/video tapes, CD-Rom's, as well as other items like spinning wheels, t-shirts, mouse-pads, jigsaw puzzles, stamps, greeting cards, etc.
- Profound and rare material on Mahatma Gandhi in its *Member's Area*
- Services in the areas of media consultancy, research and travelling
- Inspiration for the production of quality media on Mahatma Gandhi by establishing an annual *Gandhi Media Award*
- Support of the application of Gandhian thoughts through its *Support Scheme*

Any profit will be used by GANDHISERVE exclusively for the promotion of the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi.



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*"I have established GANDHISERVE with the aim to help promoting Gandhian values throughout the world.*

*Personally I believe that our current problems can only be solved by nonviolent means, according to the saying by late Dr. Martin Luther King jr.:*

*"There is no choice between violence and nonviolence. The only choice we have is between nonviolence and perish."*

*I am actively working for the promotion of Mahatma Gandhi's life and work since 1983. During the course of my engagement I had to realise - sometimes painfully - how difficult it is to work for what I believe is a good cause. Although my work is recognised and appreciated around the globe it remains extremely difficult to get any other than moral support.*

*I know that a large number of like-minded people and groups are facing the same problem. Therefore GANDHISERVE has made it its policy that all surplus is to be used exclusively to support initiatives which are dedicated to the promotion of Gandhian values.*

*If GANDHISERVE can help spreading the message of love, truth and nonviolence, I believe that we have carried forward the cause for which Gandhi lived and died for."*

Peter Ruhe