**Gandhian award for Berliner**

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The Mahatma Gandhi Smriti Puraskar instituted by the Sanskar Shikshan Seva Trust here will be presented to Mr. Peter Ruhe of Berlin for propagating Gandhism and resurrecting the Gandhian thought. The award will be handed over to him by the former Labour Minister, Mr. Manishshubhaji Joshi, at a function to be held at the Gandhi institution, Rashtriya shala, here tomorrow.

Mr. Peter Ruhe, founder chairman of the Gandhi Information Centre in Berlin, has been organising various programmes through different media to kindle interest in Mahatma Gandhi. "At a painting contest organised by him last Saturday here, nearly 700 students took part. The response was immense," says Mr. Ruhe, enthused by it.

The theme of the drawing contest was "Gandhi as I see him" and the Rajkot municipal corporation had co-sponsored the event. A contest was held at Anrrel, too.

The prizes to contest winners will be given at the same function tomorrow. Mr. Prashottam Gandhi will preside over the function. The mayor, Mr. Vajibhai Vala, will be the chief guest. A freedom fighter and writer, Mr. Prabuddhas Gandhi, and writer Pradyumna Joshipura will also attend the function.

**German Gandhian gets award**

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The former Labour Minister, Mr. Manishshubhaji Joshi, presented the Mahatma Gandhi Smriti Puraskar to the German Gandhian, Mr. Peter Ruhe, here yesterday. The award instituted by the Sri Sanskar Shikshan Seva Trust has been given to Mr. Peter Ruhe for propagating the Gandhian thought. Mahatma Gandhi's grand nephew, Mr. Prabuddhas Gandhi, presented the citation to Mr. Peter Ruhe.

The Mayor, Mr. Vajibhai Vala, spoke of the relevance of Gandhian ideals and values. He also appreciated the exhibition of paintings on the Mahatma.

Replying to the felicitations, Mr. Peter Ruhe, founder chairman of the Gandhi Information Centre, Berlin, recalled how he was drawn to the Gandhian thought. It's appeal was so strong and relevant that he tried to nurture it. The response to the drawing contest he had organised had shown that Gandhi was not forgotten.

In his Gujarati address, Mr. Ruhe referred to the eternal human values of truth and non-violence. Only the Gandhian way could give answers to the myriad problems of the present day world, he said.