## Visit to Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya

On 19th March, 2022, Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan's Smt Surajba college of education students visited Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya which is situated in South Mumbai. We reached the museum at 9 am and entered the museum when everyone arrived. As we entered on the ground floor we saw that there were many pictures, postcards of Mahatma Gandhi and there was information given about each picture. There were pictures of Kasturba Gandhi (the wife of Mahatma Gandhi) ,Shrimad Rajchandra (Gandhi's mentor) and many other significant people who were connected to Gandhi in some way. There is a statue of Gandhi at the center. The library in the Sangrahalaya consists of more than 40,000 books and many periodicals. The books in the collection are more or less about Gandhi, his thoughts, and freedom fighting movements. Some books were even owned or read by Gandhi. There were spinning wheels (charkha) hanging on the wall for display. As we went on the first floor, there were more pictures on the staircase walls as well. On the first floor, The rooms on either side of the exhibition have been turned into a Picture Gallery which gives glimpses of Gandhiji in Mani Bhavan and important events in his life. It displays photographic posters depicting important events and photostats of some significant letters, articles and documents written by and about Gandhiji with appropriate captions in Hindi and English. A few replicas of Gandhi's belongings and models of his birth place, Sabarmati Ashram, Sevagram Kutir, Phoenix Ashram and his prison cell are also on display.

On the second floor of the building, a room, which was used by Mahatma Gandhi as his living room and working space, has been maintained. Adjoining Gandhi's Room is the exhibition depicting Gandhi's life through mini figures which portrayed every important incident of Mahatma Gandhi in about twenty-eight tableaux, prepared by Smt. Sushila Gokhale-Patel. We learned a lot through this exhibition as many significant movements started from this place. It is a place where in 1921 Mahatma Gandhi did a four-day fast to restore peace in Mumbai. It was very interesting museum which is dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi. We could see the real life things which were used by Gandhi, most of the things which we had only read about. We left by 1 pm after visiting each floor.







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