

# ROYAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR WOMEN

## REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL VISIT

**NAME OF THE PROGRAM:** Mani Bhavan and Discovery of India

**DATE:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**VENUE:** Mani Bhavan- Grant Road, Discovery of India- Worli

**TIME:** 7:30am to 2:00pm

**NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:** 13

**Coordinator:** Ms. Shaista Shaikh

### Objectives

- To explore Gandhiji's leadership in India's independence and his global impact on non-violent movements.
- Evaluate the relevance of non-violence and truth in addressing modern social and personal issues.
- Examine the historical significance of places like Mani Bhavan in the context of India's struggle for freedom.
- Discuss the ongoing relevance of social justice, equality, and communal harmony in today's world.

### Reflection:

On November 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 B. Ed students of the Royal College of Education and Research for Women actively participated in Educational Visit to Mani Bhavan and Discovery of India offering a unique opportunity to connect theory with practice. As we explored the historical significance of the place where Mahatma Gandhiji lived and worked during pivotal moments of India's freedom struggle. The students gained valuable insights into Gandhiji's educational philosophy. The visit also highlighted the role of education as a powerful tool for social reform, encouraging students to reflect on how we, as future educators, could use teaching as a means to bring about positive change.

We were inspired by Gandhiji's values of non-violence, truth, and equality, and many students felt motivated to integrate these principles into our teaching practices. Being at Mani Bhavan gave us a tangible connection to the **freedom struggle**, enhancing our appreciation for the intersection of **history, culture**, and education. Reflecting on this event today, it is clear that the so-called discovery of India wasn't the beginning of India's existence or importance. It was, instead, the start of a colonial era that would leave a lasting impact on the country's politics, economy, and society. The discovery of India, as a concept, refers to the European exploration and eventual colonization of the subcontinent, which was historically

rich, diverse, and ancient. The colonial powers, particularly the British, took vast wealth from the subcontinent, transforming India's economy and society in ways that reverberate through history.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Here are some of the key learning outcomes of participating Educational Visit:

#### **MANI BHAVAN (GANDHIJIJI'S MUMBAI RESIDENCE)**

1. **Understanding Gandhiji's Ideals and Life:**
  - Gain an in-depth understanding of Mahatma Gandhiji's personal philosophy, focusing on his life choices, principles, and dedication to non-violence, truth, and social justice.
2. **Historical Context of the Indian Freedom Struggle:**
  - Explore how Mani Bhavan served as a significant center of the Indian independence movement and a site where Gandhiji's key strategies, such as the Non-Cooperation Movement and Salt March, were planned and executed.
3. **Connection Between Gandhiji and His Surroundings:**
  - Reflect on the physical space of Mani Bhavan and understand its role in shaping Gandhiji's thoughts, his connection with his followers, and his commitment to the cause of Indian freedom.

#### **DISCOVERY OF INDIA (HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL EXPLORATION)**

1. **Deep Understanding of India's Cultural and Evolution:**
  - Develop a comprehensive understanding of India's rich cultural history, philosophy, and the significant historical events that led to its struggle for independence, as seen in Jawaharlal Nehru's *Discovery of India*.
2. **Understanding India's Global Role and Legacy**
  - Gain insight into how India's ancient civilization and philosophical traditions influenced global thought, while critically analyzing the external influences during the colonial period.
3. **Critical Reflection on Colonialism and Nationalism:**
  - Analyze the impact of British colonialism on Indian society and economy and critically reflect on how India's journey toward independence shaped its modern identity and values.

## GLIMPSES OF THE VISIT



## Exploring the Library



## Life of Gandhiji



**Books on Life of Mahatma Gandhiji**



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