

22nd Sodhyatra Route Details

Starting point: Gandhi Smarak, Motihari

Ending point: Nandangarh and Ashok Stambh, Lauriya, Bettiah

Days	Route	Distance	Details
Day 0 28th December , 08	Stay at Mangal Seminary (for Male) and MJK Girls Inter Collage (for Female)	0 Km	Night Halt Contact Person: Azhar Hussain Ansari- 09931872941
Day 1 29th December , 08	Gandhi Smark ¹ , Motihari, East Champaran	0 Km	Inauguration of SY
	M. S. Collage ² Motihari	0.5 Km	
	Karpuri Thakur Collage, Banjariya	1.5 Km	
	Chailaha Village	2 Km	
	Ajgari Village	2 Km	
	Siswa Village	2 Km	
	Gokhula Bazar	1 Km	Afternoon Rest
	Mahmadpur	3 Km	
	Siswaniya	1.5 Km	
	Gobari and Mokhalishpur	1.5 Km	
	Bhela Chhapra Middle School	6 Km	Night Halt
		Total 21 Km	Contact Person: Md. Parvez- 09931675080
Day 2 30th December , 08	Bhela Chhapra	0 Km	Day 2 Starting
	Via Semra, Chhapra Bahas ³	7 Km	
	Sarhari Village	3 Km	
	Sugauli ⁴	4 Km	Afternoon Rest Contact Person: Pramod Stifen- 09471022909
	Via Sugauli Suger Factory, Dandi Tola	2 Km	
	Sripur Chowck	3 Km	
	Madhopur Krishi Vigyan Kendra	4 Km	Night Halt Contact Person: Md. Samiullah- 09386012149
		Total 23 Km	
Day 3 31st December , 08	Madhopur KVK	0 Km	Day 3 Starting
	Jaukatiya	5.5 Km	
	Bhanachack	1.5 Km	
	Majhauriya	0.5 Km	Afternoon Rest Contact Person: Dr. S.T.Navi- 09934246358
	Mahodipur	3.5 Km	
	Mahna Chowck	3 Km	
	Lalgarh	3 Km	
	Hariwatika Chowck Bettiah	3 Km	
	Via Bus Stand, Sri Bipin High School Bettiah	2 Km	Night Halt

			Contact Person: Miraz Ahmedad- 0930475605
		Total 22 Km	
Day 4 1st January, 09	Sri Bipin High School Bettiah	0 Km	Day 4 Starting
	MJK Collage and Durgabagh Temple ⁵	1 Km	
	Shahid Smarak (chota ramana) ⁶	0.5 Km	
	Kali Temple ⁷	2 Km	
	Chawni Chock	3 Km	
	Kudiya Kothi and Ranipur	4 Km	Afternoon Rest Contact Person: Parshuram Das- 09470224670
	Rampurwa	2 Km	
	Vrindavan Ashram, Buniyadi School⁸ & Jawahar Navodaya School	5.5 Km	Night Halt Contact Person: Om Prakash Gupta- 09431461029
		Total 18 Km	
Day 5 2 nd January, 09	Vrindavan and JNV	0 Km	Day 5 Starting
	Rampurva Tola	1.5 Km	
	Kumarbagh Chowck	1.5 Km	
	Purvi Mathiya	2 Km	
	Bakuchiya Village	1 Km	
	Chughadi Church ⁹ and High School	1.5 Km	Afternoon Rest Contact Person: Awdesh Sah- 06254223701
	Bhaisahi Village	3.5 Km	
	Pakdihar Village	3 Km	
	Bengali colony¹⁰ and Shanichari Kothi	2 Km	Night Halt Contact Person: Brijkishor Kumar- 09470033690
		Total 16 Km	
Day 6 3 rd January, 09	Sanichari Kothi	0 Km	Day 6 Starting
	Padari Village	4.5 Km	
	Mathiya Village	1 Km	
	Dumra Village	2 Km	Afternoon Rest
	Marahia Village	1.5 Km	
	Nandangarh ¹¹ and Ashok Stambh ¹²	1 Km	
		Sri Sahu Jain High School Lauriya	1 Km
		Total 11 Km	
Total distance = 21+23+22+18+16+11 = 111 Km			

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How to Reach:

Nearest Railway Station- Bapudham Motihari (Direct trains available from Ahmedabad, New Delhi, Howrah, Dehradun, Jammu Kashmir, Bandra Terminus and Ludhiana)

Nearest Air Port- Gorakhpur/ Patna Nearest air-port is Patna, about 225 Kilometres from Bettiah.

1	Motihari (East Champaran): Motihari was to the first laboratory of Gandhian experiment in Satyagraha and probably it will not be very incorrect to say that it has been the spring board for India's independence. Champaran district generated a wave of enthusiasm and inspiration to the people who were thirsting for a selfless and saintly leader. The technique followed by Gandhiji in Champaran was what attained later on the name of Satyagraha.
2	Old Jail where Gandhi ji was jailed. Currently collage is running in this building.
3	Flood affected villages
4	Sagauli, in East Champaran District of Bihar, is around 25 km north-west of Motihari. The treaty of Sangauli (1815), between Gorkhas and the British, was signed in this town.
5	Bettiah (West Champaran): Birthplace of famous writer Gopal Singh Nepali, Mohandas Gandhi started the Satyagraha movement from Bettiah in 1917. A beautiful temple with domal kalash is the centre of attraction during Durga Puja.
6	Where six persons were killed by British government during flag hosting.
7	Kaali Bagh Mandir: Temple with idols of over 500 deities that are housed separately around a pond. All of them are worshipped daily by a large number of pujaris (priests).
8	Brindaban (West Champaran): It is a small village in the Betia sub-division under Champatia Block. It has the Gram Seva Kendra, which had been planned to work out the deals of the Gandhi Seva Sangh. The all India Gandhi Seva Sangh held their annual conference at this village in 1937. Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Rajendra Prasad attended it. Gandhiji stayed here in 1939 for seven days and started an Ashram, which is still functioning. A person Sri Mathura Bhagat (100 years) worked with Gandhi ji is residing here.
9	17th century Catholic Mission, with a church, with nice sculptures and paintings.
10	Bangladeshi refugee colony.
11	Nandangarh is situated in Lauria block while Chankigarh is situated in Narkatiaganj block. These are actually two big mounds which are the remains of palaces of Nanda Dynasty and Chanakya, the world famous economist, Nandangarh has also been conjectured as the ashes Stupa where the ashes of Buddha are said to have been enshrined.
12	About one kilometer east of Nandangarh in Lauria block is the lion pillar of Ashoka, over 2300 years old and is in excellent condition. This pillar is 35 feet in height and its base diameter is 35 inches and upper diameter is 22 inches. Its massiveness and exquisite finish furnish striking proof of the skill and resources of the masons of Ashokan age. Two more such pillars with their capitals removed have been discovered in Rampurwa village, close to Gandhi's Bhitiharawa Ashram in Gaunaha block. One of their capitals, the bull is now in the National Museum at New Delhi and the other, the lion, is at Calcutta Museum.

On October 11, 1917, Gandhiji arrived in Bettiah from Motihari by train. The local CID described his visit as follows. About 4,000 people were present at the station and no sooner the train stopped than people began to shout: Gandhiji ki jai, Gandhi Maharaj ki jai. There were bajas (bands), and flags at the station and all the men from neighbouring and distant villages, including schoolboys and mukhtars were present. They showered flowers on Gandhiji and garlanded him. There were red carpets spread over the complete length of the platform. Surajmal Marwari of Bettiah had brought his phaeton and a horse of Puran Babu Raj, an engineer, was harnessed. Gandhiji was taken to Hazarimal's dharamshala with all the villagers who had come to see him. The dharamshala was nicely decorated with flags, flowers, etc." D.G. Tendulkar's Gandhi in Champaran has a photograph of it, where Gandhiji camped and conducted his campaign. The site still exists, besides newly painted signboards reading "Hazarimal dharamshala, estd. 1892". The original building has been half demolished and would have disappeared had the Government of Bihar not woken up belatedly. There is a plaque which indicate that Gandhiji made his debut in Indian politics, 80 years ago, from the site of the rubble.