

SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA MISSION DHARAMPUR
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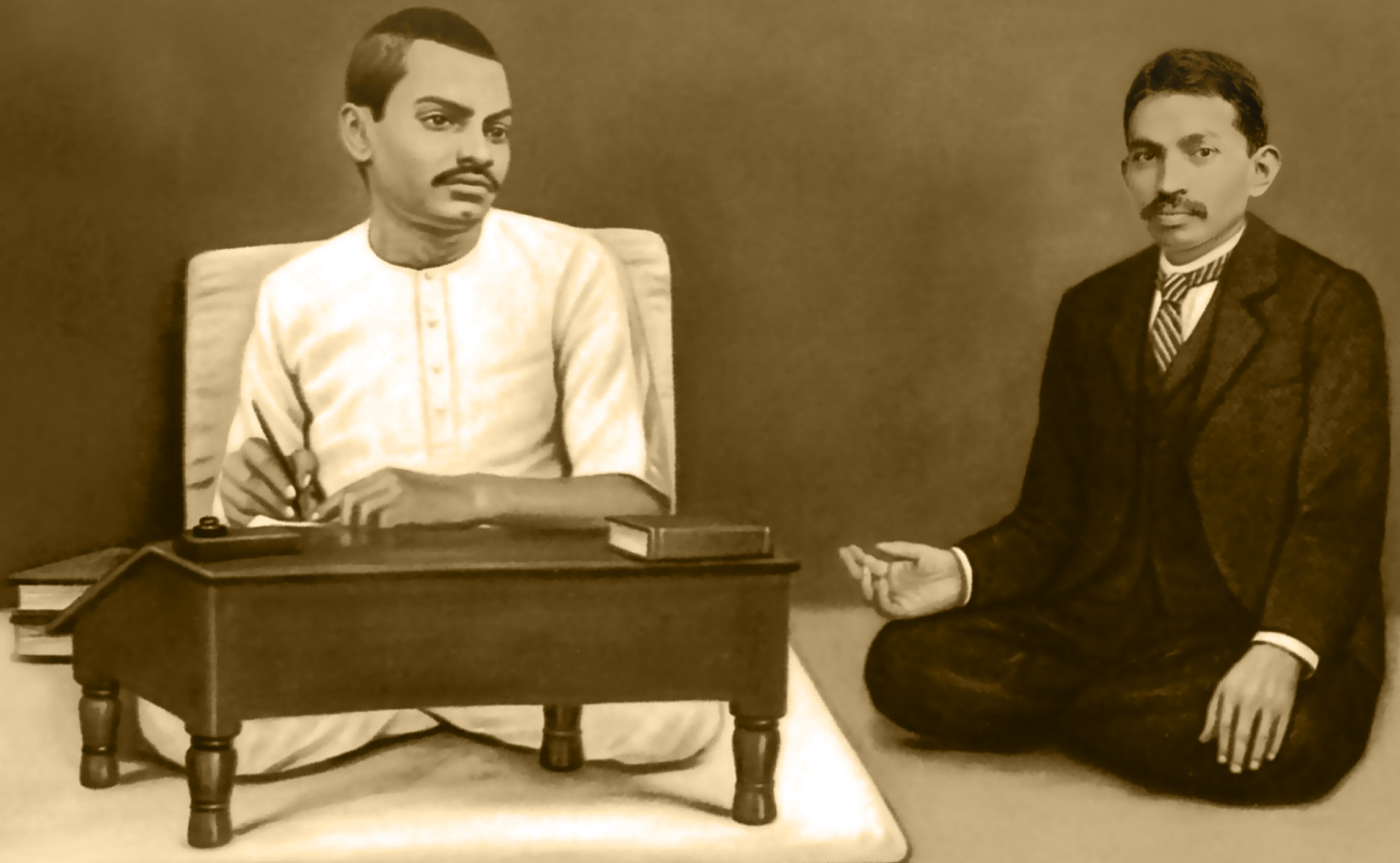
YUGPURUSH

MAHATMA NA MAHATMA

“Such was the man
who captivated my heart
in religious matters
as no other man has till now.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

-Modern Review, June 1930



AN UNTOLD STORY IN THE HISTORY OF INDIA SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRAJI AND MAHATMA GANDHI

2017 marks the 150th birth anniversary of the great Indian saint, poet-philosopher, and spiritual luminary - Shrimad Rajchandraji. Honoured as the spiritual guide of Mahatma Gandhi, Shrimad Rajchandraji had a tremendous and formative influence on the Father of the Nation.

Gandhiji met Shrimadji for the first time in Mumbai, upon his return from England as a barrister in 1891. Shrimadji's inner equipoise, absorption in spiritual pursuits, enlightening wisdom, knowledge of the scriptures and moral earnestness left a deep-rooted impression on Gandhiji. Their relationship blossomed over profound interactions in the two years that Gandhiji spent in Mumbai.

Upon moving to South Africa, Gandhiji corresponded with Shrimadji through letters. Shrimadji's insightful thoughts ignited the fire of spiritual inquisitiveness in Gandhiji. Their close association contributed in moulding Gandhiji's moral fibre. Shrimadji's inherent adherence to the principles of satya, ahimsa and dharma later crystallised as the fundamental tenets of Gandhism. Although Shrimadji left His mortal body at a young age of 33 in 1901, Shrimadji's letters and compositions were Gandhiji's dear companions. He contemplated upon them time and time again. Gandhiji would write about Shrimadji, speak about Him in speeches and discuss Him with close associates. He continued to be deeply inspired by his bond with Shrimadji, and His spiritual works.

The force that influenced Gandhiji's ideas and guided his beliefs, the entity that contributed in the making of the Mahatma - Shrimad Rajchandraji is revered for His great spiritual state, extraordinary personality and literary genius by seekers across the world.

“The more I
consider His life
and His writings,
the more I
consider Him to
have been the
best Indian of His
times.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

-Letter to HSL Polak,
April 26 1909

A TRIBUTE TO TWO GREAT SOULS YUGPURUSH - MAHATMA NA MAHATMA

Commemorating the glorious occasion of Shrimad Rajchandraji's 150th birth anniversary year, under the able guidance of Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshbhai, Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur presents the theatre production, Yugpurush - Mahatma na Mahatma.

Yugpurush is a heart-touching and riveting portrayal of the profound spiritual relationship between Shrimadji and Gandhiji. Experience Gandhiji's internal and external journeys unfold under the inspiration of his spiritual mentor.

Yugpurush highlights the values of expanding one's capacity to love and give selflessly, respecting diversity, supporting truth, fostering trust, and building lasting communities. It brings to the forefront a powerful experience of looking within, upholding truth and fearlessness, as well as transforming character and consciousness.

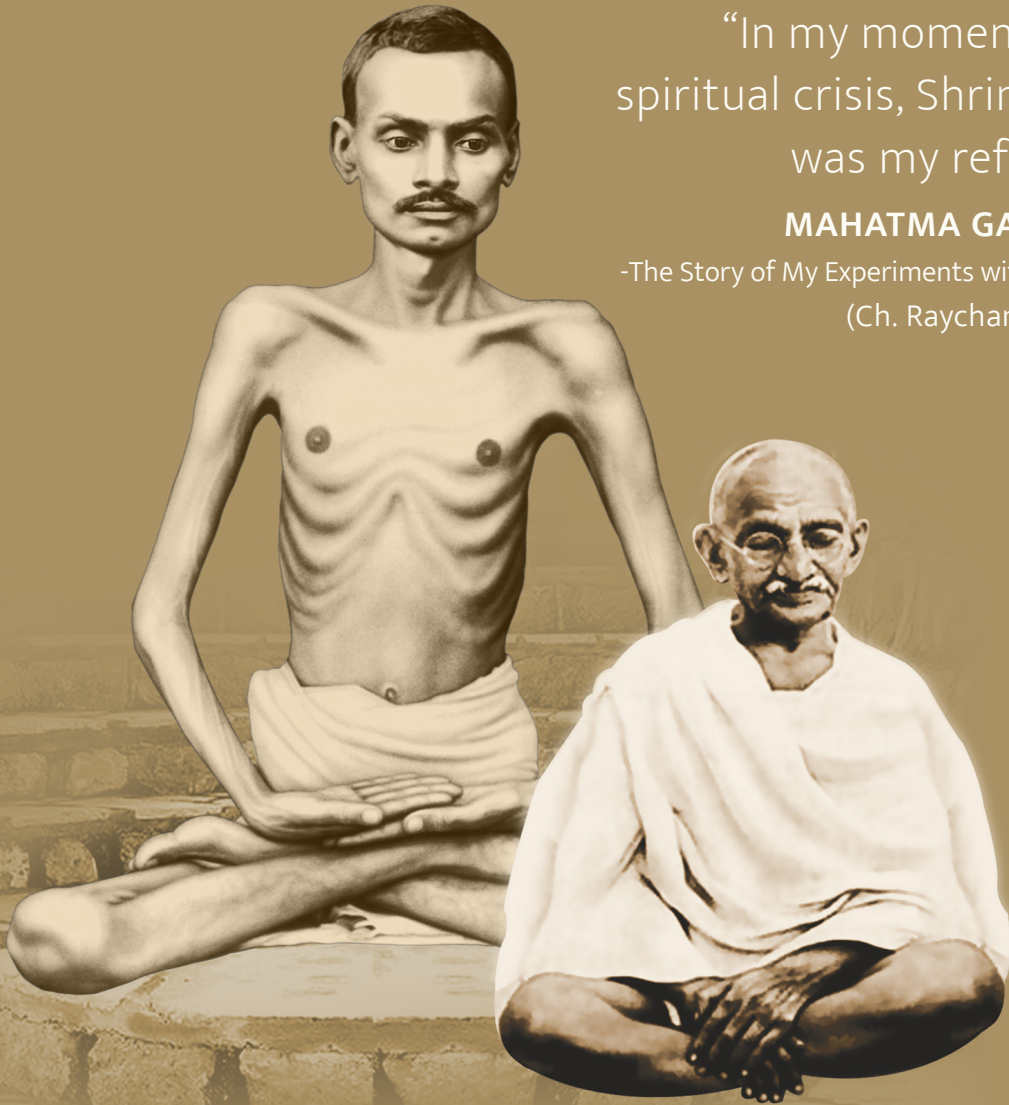
The Gujarati play is directed by acclaimed director Rajesh Joshi of 'Code Mantra' fame, and scripted by well-known playwright Uttam Gada of 'Maharathi' fame. The music direction is by popular composer duo Sachin - Jigar. Duration: 120 minutes with intermission.

In addition to the Gujarati version, the play will soon be released in Hindi, English and other regional languages.

“In my moments of
spiritual crisis, Shrimadji
was my refuge.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

-The Story of My Experiments with Truth
(Ch. Raychandbhai)





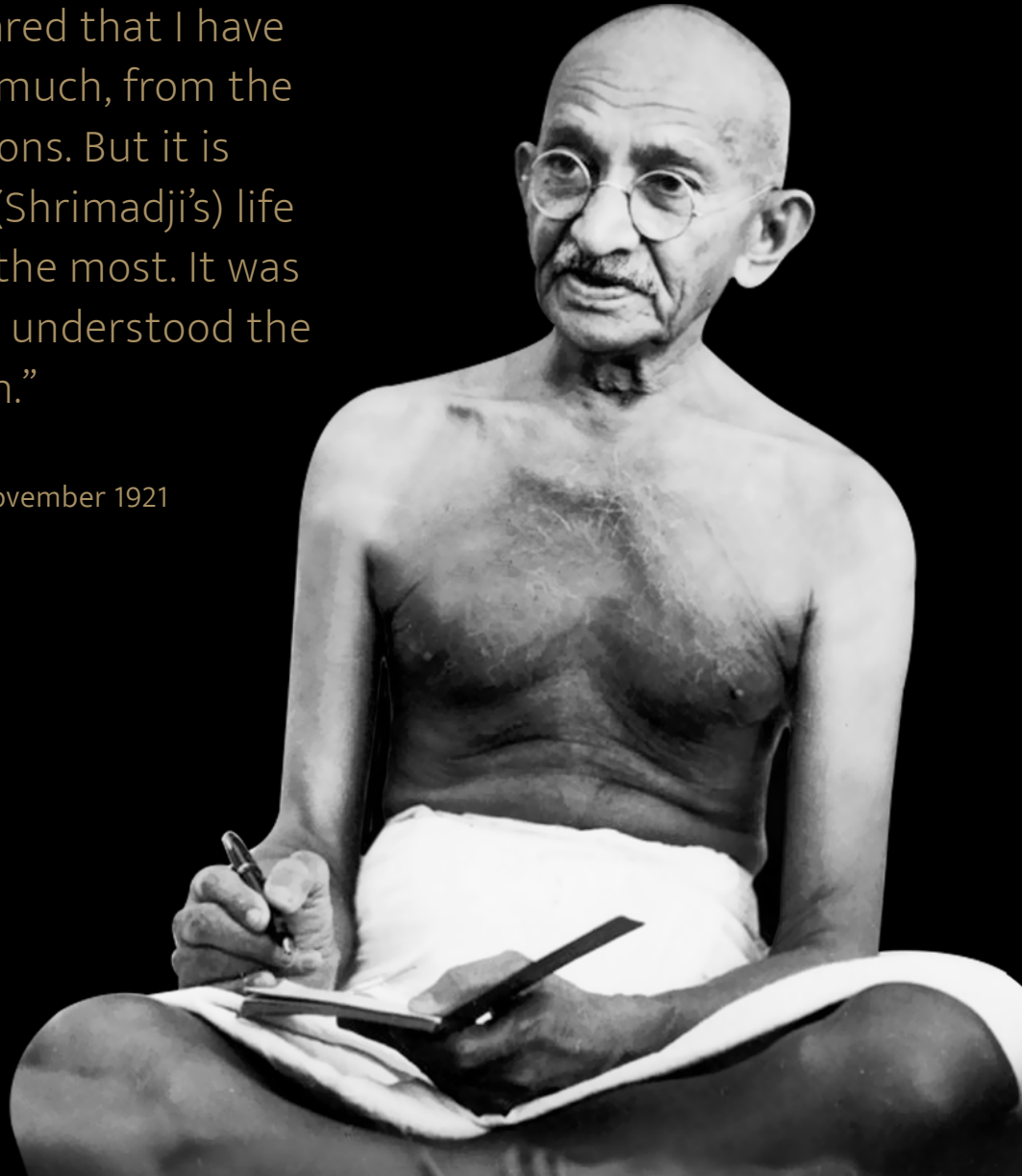
FASCINATING FACTS SHRIMADJI'S IMPACT ON GANDHIJI

- Gandhiji dedicated an entire chapter to Shrimadji entitled 'Raychandbhai' in his autobiography 'The Story of My Experiments with Truth.' He also mentions Shrimadji in the chapters, 'Religious Ferment', 'Comparative Study of Religions' and 'Brahmacharya'.
- When Gandhiji was sent to London to put forward the plight of the Indians in South Africa, he carried some letters that Shrimadji had written to him as well as an English translation of 'Shri Atmasiddhi Shashtra' - Shrimadji's philosophical magnum opus, translated by Gandhiji himself.
- Shrimadji's distinctive composition, 'Apurva Avsar Evo Kyare Aavshe?' was one of Gandhiji's favourites. It was included in the 'Ashram BhajanaVali' - a collection of devotional songs sung at daily prayer meetings. Gandhiji often recited Shrimadji's poem 'Nirakhine Nav Yauvana' to strengthen his belief in celibacy.
- Gandhiji prepared an article entitled, 'Some Recollections of Raychandbhai', in which he extensively extolled Shrimadji. He wrote this article while he was jailed in Yerwada, Pune.

“I have often declared that I have learnt, and learnt much, from the lives of many persons. But it is from the Kavishri (Shrimadji's) life that I have learnt the most. It was from His life that I understood the way of compassion.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

-Speech at Ahmedabad, November 1921





THE INSPIRATION AND THE MISSION

SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRAJI

Shrimad Rajchandraji is the epitome of an intense and incessant pursuit of spirituality. Shrimadji was born on the auspicious day of Kartik Purnima on 9th November, 1867 in Vavania, Gujarat. A perfect blend of pure knowledge, selfless devotion, and complete detachment, Shrimadji attained self-realisation at the age of 23. He spent months in seclusion, absorbed in the ecstasy of the Self. His compassion for the world flowed in the form of Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra, a masterpiece in philosophical literature. On Chaitra Vad Pancham, 9th April 1901, at the age of 33, Shrimadji left His mortal body in Rajkot. His preachings have been published in an invaluable volume 'Shrimad Rajchandra,' which continues to quench the thirst of true seekers. Through ashrams, temples, and institutions dedicated to Shrimadji around the world, lakhs of devotees are benefiting from His teachings and progressing on the spiritual path.

PUJYA GURUDEVSHRI

Founder, Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur

Propounding the path of Bhagwan Mahavira, the torchbearer of Shrimad Rajchandraji's mission, Pujya Gurudevshri Rakeshbhai is a spiritual visionary and a modern day mystic. He is illuminating thousands of lives globally through enlightening discourses and an array of meditation retreats. His divine benevolence has uplifted a multitude of underprivileged lives through inner augmentation and societal development.

SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA MISSION DHARAMPUR

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur is a global movement that endeavours to enhance the spiritual growth of seekers and benefit society. With its international Headquarters at Shrimad Rajchandra Ashram, Dharampur, the Mission has over 100 Satsang centres, 31 Youth Groups and 227 Divinetouch Centres - value-education and self-development programmes for children - spread across the globe in North America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. The Shrimad Rajchandra Love and Care programme includes: Health Care, Educational Care, Child Care, Woman Care, Tribal Care, Community Care, Humanitarian Care, Animal Care, Environmental Care and Emergency Relief Care.

Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur is playing a key role in universal upliftment by actualising its Mission Statement - Realise one's True Self and serve others selflessly.

www.shrimadrajchandramission.org

SELFLESS SERVICE IN ACTION – SUPPORT THE CAUSE



This initiative aims to spread Shrimad Rajchandraji's values of ahimsa and satya that shaped Gandhiji's beliefs, and supports the construction of Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital - a new 200-bed multi-speciality charity hospital in South Gujarat. The rural populations of the Valsad district of Gujarat rank amongst the poorest in the state, facing poverty, malnutrition, illiteracy, and the lack of health awareness, leading to a myriad of health concerns. Contributions to the cause qualify for CSR and tax benefits under various sections.

SPREADING THE MESSAGE - SPONSOR A SHOW

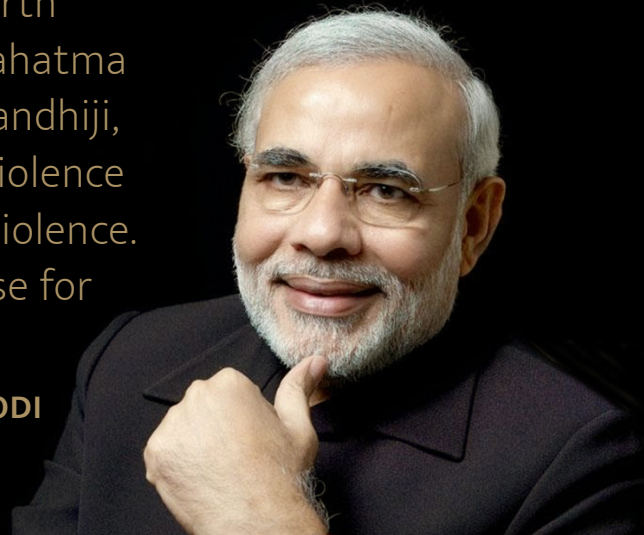
For society to benefit from Shrimad Rajchandraji's philosophy and to reach wider audiences across India and the world, you can join this movement by sponsoring a show. Sponsoring the play brings multiple benefits such as taking the message of two luminaries to new audiences, sharing the play's values with others, and supporting the noble cause of a charity hospital for the economically underprivileged.

For a show sponsored by you, you are welcome to invite an audience of your choice such as friends, family and business associates, or take the shows to schools, colleges, prisons and communities. Join this movement of service.

“The country is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandraji, Mahatma Gandhi’s Guru. In one of His letters to Gandhiji, Shrimadji writes... the principle of non-violence has existed ever since the existence of violence. What is important is which one we utilise for the welfare of mankind.”

HON’BLE PRIME MINISTER, SHRI NARENDRA MODI

-India’s 70th Independence Day Speech, August 2016



“Shrimad Rajchandraji was a legendary saint of the modern times, One who had experienced God at a young age. Anytime Mahatma Gandhiji had doubts, he would obtain direct guidance from Shrimadji.”

HON’BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF GUJARAT, SHRI VIJAY RUPANI

-Opening Ceremony Speech of Shrimad Rajchandra Vidyapeeth, October 2016

“We are all worldly people whereas Shrimad was not of this world.
We will have to take many births whereas for Shrimad
perhaps one birth is sufficient. We will perhaps be running away
from liberation whereas Shrimad was advancing towards
liberation at a very fast pace.”

MAHATMA GANDHI

-Some Recollections of Raychandbhai

An article written by Mahatma Gandhi in Yerwada Central Jail, Pune

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