

The Gandhi Initiative @ Silicon Valley



Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi

(October 2, 1869 – January 30, 1948)

Generations to come, it may well be, will scarce believe that such a man as this one ever in flesh and blood walked upon this Earth.

- Albert Einstein



The Gandhi Date Line

- 1888 : Sailed from Bombay for England to study law
- 1893 : Sailed for South Africa; faced racial discrimination
- 1899 : Organized the Indian Ambulance Corps for British in Boer War
- 1904 : 'Indian Opinion' journal started. Phoenix farm established near Durban, inspired by Ruskin's 'Unto this Last'
- 1906 : Celibacy vow taken. First Satyagraha campaign launched against the discriminatory Asiatic Ordinance
- 1907 : Satyagraha against the 'Black Act' forcing compulsory registration on Asians
- 1908 : First imprisonment for Satyagraha. Second Satyagraha campaign began with bonfire of registration certificates
- 1909 : Wrote 'Hind Swaraj'
- 1910 : Established Tolstoy Farm near Johannesburg
- 1915 : Back in India to a rousing welcome
- 1918 : Led strike of mill workers at Ahmedabad. Undertook his first fast in India.
- 1920 : Launched non-co-operation movement
- 1921 : Launched Mass Civil Disobedience movement; thousands arrested. Congress entrusts him with 'Sole executive authority'
- 1930 : Historic Dandi March – breaking of salt law
- 1931 : Second Round Table Conference in London
- 1932 : Began epic fast in Yervada Prison
- 1933 : Nationwide campaign against untouchability
- 1940 : Launched individual civil disobedience Satyagraha
- 1942 : Quit India Movement-nation wide Satyagraha
- 1946 : Peace mission in 49 villages in East Bengal to stop communal carnage.
- 1947 : Opposed decision to accept partition of India. August 15 – refused to attend India's Independence celebrations. Fasted and prayed in Calcutta to end the communal killings there.
- 1948 : Last fast of his life for communal unity.
January 30- Assassinated

