**Touch the Earth: A Soil Pilgrimage**

2\textsuperscript{nd} – 5\textsuperscript{th}, October, 2015

October second is the anniversary of Gandhi’s birth. Gandhi’s philosophy of Ahimsa (non violence) is the inspiration behind Navdanya’s work creating non violent agriculture.

The soil pilgrimage will leave on October second (the day of Gandhi’s birth) for Gandhi”s Ashram, Seva Gram, Wardha, where Gandhi moved in 1934 to strengthen the freedom movement in India. This movement was based on peaceful non-cooperation with the British Empire, and constructive action based on Swadeshi-economic freedom and democracy.

Gandhi brought India freedom through the power of non-violence and the spinning wheel. We will gather at his hut to take a pledge to build a non- violent relationship with the soil.

We will also visit Vinoba Bhave Ashram, Pavnar, Vinoba one of Gandhi”s disciples started the movement Bhu dan (gift of land) for distributing land to the poor and the landless.

Register at: **bija@navdanya.net**

Highlights of the Pilgrimage:

- Staying at the Centre of Science for Villagers, which keeps alive Gandhi’s legacy of non-violence, science and technology.

- Meeting organic farmers who are rejuvenating agriculture through native seeds and ecological practices.

- Attending a conference on Howard & Living Soil which is being organized by local movements to in celebration of the Year of Soil.

- Visiting the Sarafa, one of the most inspiring indigenous food markets in the world.

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