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Bapu's spiritual mentor to come alive on stage

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PATNA: A show based on the life and personality of Shrimad Rajchandra, the guru, guide and mentor of Mahatma Gandhi, will be staged in the state capital on May 23.

Titled 'Yugpurush—Mahatma Ke Mahatma', the play portrays a profound relationship between Rajchandra and Bapu as well as the transformation of Mohandas into Mahatma Gandhi.

Chief minister Nitish Kumar is expected to attend the show while Tushar Gandhi, great grandson of Gandhi, will be present at the function.

The show will be jointly organised by Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharmapur (Gujarat) and the Jain Sangh, Patna to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Shrimad Rajchandra as well as the centenary year of Mahatma Gandhi's Champaran Satyagraha.

Widely acclaimed 'Code Mantra' director, Rajesh Joshi, has directed the play, while well-known playwright Uttam Gada is the scriptwriter. Sachin-Jigar duo has composed music for the play.

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chapter in the cultural, political and spiritual history of the country," said Pradeep Jain, president of the Jain Sangh.

"But very few in north India are familiar with his persona and

contributions. That's why we brought this production to our city," he said.

Subodh Jain, vice president of the Sangh, said the play was recently conferred with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke excellence award, 2017, in the best drama category.

"It had created a record of sorts with staging of 500 shows within 176 days in 173 countries," he said.

At present, the play is being staged in Gujarati, Hindi, Marathi and Kannada and is likely to be enacted in English and Bangla soon, he added.

Entry to the show will be on invitation cards only.