

### **Delhi-Gajraula Via Hapur (100 KM)**

Come on NH 24 via Akshardham. If you are starting late then the way till the first toll plaza beyond Ghaziabad is going to be a struggle because of traffic.

There is one straight highway from Ghaziabad to Rampur and one cannot go wrong on this one.

#### **Pit stop tips:**

Gajraula has a lot of options where one can stop for a meal or refreshments. A few popular eating places are: Moga Punjabi Dhabha, Mcdonalds & Bikanerwala. All of them are on the left side of the Highway so easily accessible for people driving from Delh.

People driving back to Delhi will have an easy access to KFC, Udipiwala & Moga Tourist Dhaba.

### **Rampur – Bilaspur (26 KM)**

As you come close to the other end of the congested Rampur town please take a left towards Bilaspur. If you miss this left you will end up driving on the road to Bareilly.

### **Bilaspur-Rudrapur (20 KM)**

Drive through Rudrapur town & once you cross the big factories (on your right) of the industrial area take the first prominent right & go for about 300 meters and take a left to come on 'Taanda road' If you have doubts ask for 'Taanda road' to Haldwani. If you miss taking this left (Taanda road) you will end up being on the road to Pantnagar & that is a 16 KM long detour.

### **Rudrapur -Haldwani-Kathgodam (40 KM)**

Haldwani and Kathgodam are twin towns 5 KM apart. You will not know when one ends and the other begins. Please cross the congestion of Haldwani as as fast as possible.

#### **Pit Stop options:**

Just 2 KM short of Kathgodam on your right is Woodpecker Food Plaza with ample parking space, clean washrooms and North Indian food. Woodpecker is just 300 meters ahead of a Café Coffee Day that will come on your right. At Kathgodam once you cross the iron bridge on your left is the popular South Indian place called Udipiwaala.

### **Kathgodam-Bhimtal (22 KM – uphill)**

From Kathgodam the mountain journey begins and Sonapani is 70 KM away (2.5 hours)

Driving for about 4 KM from Kathgodam just after you cross a small army camp on your right you will come to a fork. Please take the road going down to your right. It will take you to Bhimtal.

### **Bhimtal- Bhowali (10 KM-uphill)**

At Bhimtal you will hit the lake on your right. Keep it on your right till you hit a T

junction. Take a left from the T junction. It will take you to Bhowali (10 KM)

**Important tip:**

*There are two petrol pumps between Bhimtal & Bhowali. There are no petrol pumps beyond Bhowali. Please tank up if you are low on fuel.*

**Bhowali- Malla Ramgarh (12 KM- uphill)**

At the entrance of Bhowali the road takes a sharp downhill U turn to the left. After 300 meters take the first right to Malla Ramgarh. The GPS tries to throw you off track here but you will see a blue signage directing you towards Malla Ramgarh.

**Important Tip:**

*Sonapani is a private estate and not too many people know about it. There are no sign boards that will direct you to Sonapani, so, if you need to ask for directions please ask for 'Satkhol Ashram'*

*People beyond Bhowali would know 'Satkhol Ashram' You will also find some signages that will direct you to 'Ramchandra Mission, Himalayan Ashram, Satkhol' famously known as 'Satkhol Ashram'*

*Please call at +91-8006300100 or +91-9756086802 from the Ashram gate.*

**Malla Ramgarh- Talla Ramgarh (8 KM - downhill)**

Malla Ramgarh is a 10-12 shop small Pahari town. Precisely 2 KM after the Malla Ramgarh Bazar you will come to a fork. Take the road going down to your left. It will take you to Talla Ramgarh. *If you take the road going up to your right you will end up going to Mukteshwar and that is going to be a 12 KM long detour.*

**Talla Ramgarh-Nathuakhan (8 KM – Uphill)**

At Talla Ramgarh you will cross an iron bridge and your climb to Nathuakhan (8 KM) will begin. It is a narrow road. Please drive carefully.

**Nathuakhan-Satkhol Ashram gate (7 KM-uphill)**

Nathuakhan again is a 10-12 shops pahari town. Please keep straight on the road that you are on. (Avoid the left that takes you to 'Hartola')

Drive straight on the broad road that you are on for 7 KM from Nathuakhan avoiding the two forks you will see en route.

Landmark – Hotel Robinsson on your left. 500 metres ahead of Hotel Robinsson you will come to the blue arch gate of The Ramchandra Mission Ashram (Satkhol Ashram)

**Satkhol Ashram to Sonapani (2.5 KM cement road & dirt track)**

Please enter the gate. It is steep downhill cement road. Go for about 300 meters down driving past a dirt track on your right that has a gate in front of it. The second dirt track on your right (100 meters down from the first one) is the one you have to climb on. Drive uphill in first gear for about 200 meters and the road will flatten out. The 200 meter drive will give you an indication whether you want to continue driving or park your car & walk !!

**The dirt track/walk**

You have done almost all the hard work for a well deserved holiday. The last

approximately 2 KM needs to be now negotiated. For the first 10 years of our operations it was a walking path. People would park there cars and walk it. It's a pleasant 25-30 minutes walk through the orchards of our village.

**A narrow and treacherous (hardly) motorable road has been carved out of the walking path. If you do not feel confident enough to drive on this path, we will help park your car outside a village home and you can start your walk. Your luggage will be carried by our ponies.**