

JAI JAGAT 2020



ON THE MOVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

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The Global Peace March Highlights:

- March in India (including launch) 121 days
- March internationally (including Geneva) 244
- Total days of march: 365 days
- No. of countries: 10
- No. of marchers: 200 in India; 50 internationally
- Expected numbers of people meeting on the march 10,000 internationally
- Expected number of people trained in nonviolence in India: 2019: 2500.
- Expected number of people to impact over the course of the year 10 million

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What is Jai Jagat

Jai Jagat is a global campaign for justice and peace that combines 370 days of March from Delhi to Geneva, with trainings, dialogues and outreach to inspire people and decision-makers to adopt nonviolence and ensure inclusion in tackling poverty, discrimination, violent conflicts and the climate crisis. This journey is also an opportunity to learn from the people who are giving different answers to those problems. It is an opportunity to connect and create a different history

The Jai Jagat Program

Gandhi 150th Celebration

On **2nd October 2019**, the 150th anniversary of Gandhi's birth will be celebrated in India and worldwide. With the presence of the marchers, spiritual leaders, activists, political thinkers and artists, on this occasion, the Jai Jagat campaign will be launch in New Delhi, as well as in other countries. To see the complete program. Visit <u>here</u>.

Global Peace March

The year-long foot March will cover 14,000 kilometers from New Delhi, India, to Geneva, Switzerland. It will start on **4th October 2019** and will cross 10 countries: *India, Iran, Armenia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia and Italy to arrive in Switzerland* on **26th September 2020**. Fifty marchers would be present throughout the whole walk and some people would keep joining in between. For more details, look at the March Itinerary and if you want to be part of this learning journey fill out the Marcher Application Form and join us!

Jai Jagat- Geneva Forum

Geneva City and Canton are welcoming the marchers for a week-long program from **26th September to 2nd October 2020**. The Genève Forum will be the culmination of the journey where people will discuss and share their alterna-

THE JAI JAGAT CAMPAIGN



Updates to the Jai Jagat Campaign

The Marchers are getting ready!

From 4th to 8th August, the Indian core group of marchers received intensive training on nonviolence in Madhya Pradesh, India. Through yoga, music, theatre, manual labor and theory lessons, they shared their life stories, experiences and reflections on Gandhian nonviolence thinking.



Jai Jagat at the PALÉO MUSIC FESTIVAL in Nyon, Switzerland

With six days, six nights, 230 000 spectators, more than 500 journalists, photographers and media representatives, the Paléo Music Festival was a great opportunity for Jai Jagat Nyon, The Meal-Mies and The Meal to participate with an info-stand on the arrival of the Global Peace March in September 2020 in Switzerland. See you there from 21-26 July 2020!



Tritha Sinha in Concert for Jai Jagat 2020

On July 26 at the Bains des Pâquis, Geneva, people received the Jai Jagat message of global peace and social justice through the beautiful voice and music of Tritha, a music activist from India. As the Jai Jagat Geneva team said: "This is only the beginning of Jai Jagat's collaboration with her and other such artists who are on the same journey to create a better world". If you are an artist and want to join us, send your proposal to con-



Youth for Jai Jagat

A group of 40 odd youths came together to explore different ways of engaging in the Jai Jagat campaign. A brief note on the campaign and the 4 pillars of change was given by Jill Carr-Harris. "All for he planet and planet for all." Jai Jagat is concept risen from the marginalised and the indigenous, for whom Jai Jagat offers rays of hope with the common destiny. Rajni Bakshi our guest offered her reflections of this world - to quote her, "we are in a world where there cannot be a winner without loser." Competition versus Co-orperation is the battle that we are facing today. Our quest must be to understand how a win-win world is created and embraced. The young at heart Ramesh ji shared his dream - a community that shares, lives and journey's together. Youths are an important element to make this a global movement. And hence to make this the global voice - the group has jointly decided to form a backend research team which will offer database of case studies, quantitative data and infographics etc.

Is Gandhi a Beacon of Global Peace and Development?



New Delhi, 11 September, 2019: With the countdown to October 2, 2019 the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Jai Jagat, an organization that is seeking to infuse Gandhian ideas of social justice and peace, has launched a year-long campaign to observe this milestone.

Launching the year-long campaign from October 2, 2019 and culminating on 26th September 2020, Shri P.V. Rajagopal, a well-known Gandhian thinker and social activist and Founder, Ekta Parishad stated that it was time to renew our vision of Jai Jagat, 2020. "This is important not only because we are living in a time when the world is threatened by ecological crisis of huge proportion but with equal if not more concern about the development divide and the growing social marginalization of vast sections of our society"

Elaborating on why the year-long Yatra is going to culminate in Geneva, he stated pithily that given the huge interconnectedness in the world we are living in the quest for peace and social justice is universal and the march across Asia and Europe is a reflection of this, he added

Explaining the significance of the vision of Jai Jagat as–On the Move for Justice and Peace- Jill Carr Harris state ed that the year-long march will start on the 2nd of October from Rajghat in Delhi and moving through 12 states of India when it concludes in Ahmedabad. This 121 day Yatra would then start from Iran traversing through 10 countries including Iran, Armenia, Georgia, Serbia, Bosnia, etc and culminate after an additional 244 days on 26th September 2020 in Geneva. Simultaneously parallel marches will also meet this Yatra in Geneva from Senegal, France, Germany and United Kingdom to name few. While in Geneva an 8-day forum would be organized to deliberate with various UN Agencies and like-minded organizations on four themes emerging out of the Sustainable Development Goals, like Reduction of Poverty, Elimination of Social Exclusion, Halting Climate Crisis and Promoting Nonviolence and Peace. This will be translated into a Vision Document seeking the inclusion of non-violence and peace within the ambit of the sustainable development goal.

At the day-long dialogue with a cross-section of Gandhian Scholars and civil society organization the consensus was that with everything getting worse, initiatives like Jai Jagat need to be taken up at global level to reverse the damage of climate change, human rights violations, ecology and decreasing trust between communities.

Taking this forward, Rajni Bakshi, the well-known author and columnist stated that on this day we cannot lose sight of the significance of 9/11 and ironically on the very same day Swami Vivekananda delivered his momentous Chicago address and it is most vital now to open spaces for dialogue to address global violence.

Miloon Kothari, the human rights activity and former UN rapporteur urged that we used the 100th anniversary of League of Nations to revive the spirit and letter of multilateralism.



Caravan of Alternatives

The caravan FOR A LIVING PLANET offers to its public a space for meeting, for the diffusion and the sharing of actions carrying hope. It is carried by organizations, artists, activists, both local and national, already active in the diffusion of the keys to transformation.

It's about creating a space of sharing sot hat the solutions of tomorrow are put in place by exchange, confrontation and discussion with the participants.

The caravan will spend an average of one week in each place to offer, depending on the possibilities, conferences, screenings, shows, parties and short courses. It is place to get information, to think, to train, to enjoy and celebrate also because it is by joy and emotion that one weaves the links that allow the advent of other possibilities. The program of each place will be determined in advance with local partners, who are also involved in the ongoing transformation.

We will establish a ten-week trip from Paris (France) to Ziguinchor (Senegal) in the spring of 2020. The route will be determined first and foremost by the desire and willingness of the local partners to receive us and by the opportunities presented.



Charter of Commitment

Everywhere the desire grows for profound change in our way of life. In the wake of the deepening economic, social and environmental crises, the Jai Jagat campaign ("Long Live the Planet!") is working to achieve a caring world for all living beings based on human rights.

MISSIONS

- To promote Gandhi's message of nonviolence, as a global transformation strategy and a way of living together.
- To promote the Jai Jagat marches as a tool of change makers working together to transform individuals, institutions and societies.
- To recognize the knowledge of women, young people and the poor and to ensure that they are empowered as the main actors of this campaign.
- To raise awareness on how local solutions contribute to global change.
- To build on the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030)
 through the fulfilment of four central pillars: eradication of poverty, elimination of social discrimination, climate action, and nonviolent reduction of conflict.

VALUES

- Act peace to attain peace: "Be the change you want to see in the world."
- Practice sharing and caring.
- Propose rather than oppose; pre-empt "us and them" relationships.
- Respect the ideal of openness, cooperation and inclusion of Jai Jagat in the service of the common good.

Peace Conferences during the March

- Italy: Conflict Transformation through Interreligious Harmony: In the Footsteps of Gandhi
- Georgia: South Caucuses Regional Peace Conference: In Memory of Mahatma Gandhi
- Sarajevo: Regional Conference on Peace and Global Challenges in the 21st Century
- Armenia: Nonviolence as a Tool for Political Transformation: The Armenian Experience
- India: 150 Years of Ba-Bapu (Kasturba and Mahatma Gandhi) and the Jai Jagat Campaign
- Geneva: The Geneva Forum– 8 Days