



JAI JAGAT 2020

ON THE MOVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE



NEWSLETTER

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Note from the editor

We started the Jai Jagat march (*padyatra*) from New Delhi on October 2nd, 2019 expecting to reach Geneva a year later. We stopped it in Armenia in the middle of March due to the Covid-19 pandemic, after traveling through six countries and walking 3000 kilometres. Yet our colleagues from France, Switzerland and other European countries have taken up the baton, and marched from different locations expecting to arrive into Geneva by the 26th of September, having braved difficult conditions --some coming as far as 950 kilometres!

We, the Indian marchers, salute the European marchers for their tenacity in overcoming many challenges. We are so proud of them having almost completed it. Their message has deep appeal to many people around the world: that we need to come together' around a vision of an inclusive world, where 'no one is left behind'. Positive peace inspires young and old alike, to hope and act for a better future. We need to embody that peace.

In this newsletter you will see the calendar events for the Jai Jagat Twelve Days of Actions. This will be the final event of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of Mahatma and Kasturba Gandhi. In addition, there is also many initiatives taken up by the youth and others that continue to renew our commitment to becoming actors of change. Whether it is a march, a meal, a fast or a network, we need to find the way forward for a more peaceful and just world.

#onthemoveforjusticeandpeace

By Jill Carr-Harris

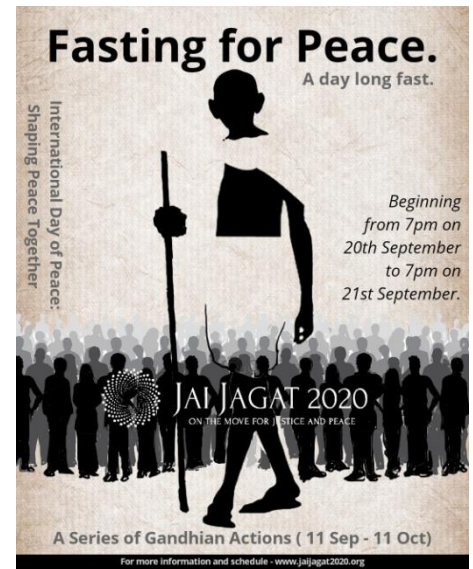
Jai Jagat – More than Ever Before

Two-week Program

From 21ST September to 2nd October

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

On this International Day of Peace, September 21st, 2020, the Jai Jagat Campaign is calling for a radical change in our society. We, as a human family, have the opportunity to fast together for 24 hours. This act of self-sacrifice emboldens us to make changes in our own behavior and actions, if we are to build a more just and peaceful world. The UN's "Shaping Peace Together" appeals to people to spread compassion, kindness and hope in the face of the pandemic and to eradicate poverty; reduce discrimination; ameliorate the climate crisis; and stop violence and wars. It is imperative that we learn from this pandemic about the fragility of the earth, and our interactions, and find ways to commit ourselves to policies and practices that restore peace and nonviolence for the sake of the next generations.



MARCHERS WELCOMED TO GENEVA

SHARING #THE MEAL, SHARING PEACE

One hundred Friends from France, Switzerland and other parts of Europe will enter the outskirts of Geneva to Merin on the evening of **Friday, 25th of September** after some had walked 950 kilometres from northern France and others in the hundreds. For those that were part of the Indian and Caucuses and French marches, they will have walked as much as 3500 kilometres over the course of this year. Braving the Covid-19 restrictions, these marchers are carrying the message all the way to the Plaine de Plainpalais in Geneva: It is time for us to come together and create a more just and peaceful world!

For all of those that want to express solidarity, join in by holding your own Meal in your community on **Saturday, September 26th, 2020**. The idea is for you to share a meal with some of those more marginalized in an act of sharing peace together. While taking the meal, make a small collection. This will get to raising those that have unduly suffered during the Covid-19 crisis. **It is important that you send from THE MEAL either two photos or 30 second video clip of to: jaijagat2020@outlook.com & info@the-meal.net.**

INTERNATIONAL WEBINARS

- 25/09** JAI JAGAT FILMS SCREENING & ARRIVAL OF MARCHERS TO GENEVA
1:30pm to 4:30pm CET/ 5pm to 8pm IST
- 26/09** SHARING #THE MEAL AROUND THE WORLD
12am to 2:30pm CET / 3:30pm to 6pm IST
- 27/09** EDUCATION FOR JUSTICE THROUGH PEACE
3pm to 11:45pm CET/ 6:30pm to 3:15am IST
- 28/09** INDIGENOUS ISSUES FOCUSING ON INDIA, EUROPE, CANADA AND MEXICO
1:45pm to 7pm CET/ 5:15pm to 10pm IST
- 29/09** YOUTH & NONVIOLENCE
3pm to 6pm CET/ 6:30pm to 9:30pm
- 30/09** WOMEN'S ISSUES:

-ART, HANDICRAFTS, AND PEACE TOURISM BETWEEN INDIA AND IRAN
10:15am to 1pm CET / 1:45pm to 4:30pm IST

-LEADERSHIP AT THE GRASSROOTS BETWEEN INDIA AND NEPAL
1pm to 3:30pm CET/ 4:30pm to 7pm IST

-SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN SPAIN
3:30pm to 6pm CET/ 7pm to 9:30pm IST
- 01/10** RE-IMAGINING A NONVIOLENT ECONOMY PART 1
10am to 7pm CET/ 1:30pm to 10:30pm IST
- 02/10** RE-IMAGINING A GLOBAL-LOCAL GREEN NONVIOLENT ECONOMY PART 2
9:30am to 5:30pm CET/ 1pm to 9pm IST

To join any webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81743373966?pwd=cFkrUXk3V0doUWJUZXVGTVCZkhJdz09>

Zoom Webinar ID: 817 4337 3966

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Live Streaming on Fb @JaiJagat2020

There will also be other events in various countries. To see the full program, click [here](#).



LATEST NEWS & ACTIONS



Photo from La Nouvelle République

Marchers from France are #OntheMove to Geneva.

Covid-19 didn't stop them! With backpacks on their shoulders, members of Action Aid France-Peuples Solidaires led the first steps of the different marches from France to Geneva. They started on July 30th from Guérande, with the intention of arriving in Geneva on September 25th. Along the way they have met with various groups such as the Paysanne Confederation, *Paludiers* (salt workers), horticulturists, cyclists, and several activists. They still have miles to walk and are eagerly waiting to meet the marchers coming from Lyon (Sept 12th), Saint Antoine l'Abbaye (Sept 13th), La Chaux-de-Fonds (Sept 17th), Lons-le-Saulnier (Sept 19th), Seytroux (Sept 23rd), and Beaufortin/Annecy (Sept 23th).

Click on the marked links to read their daily blogs and follow their journey.

Karuna Samvad - Compassion dialogue in commemoration of Vinoba Bhave.

The past September 11th was the 125th birth anniversary of the leader of the Bhoodan Movement (also known as the Land Gift Movement), of the early 50's in India. Through face to face dialogues, Vinoba Bhave got landowners to donate land to the landless for agriculture, thus becoming one of the most successful and inspiring nonviolence movements. Vinoba is also remembered for being the one who coined the idea of *Jai Jagat* as a call for a more united world.



To commemorate his legacy, a Karuna Samvad (compassion dialogue) has been organized at 125 places across India to discuss the current circumstances of the country, and the local issues people is facing today.

Madras Café Unlocked: An online gathering of food, festivities, music, solidarity, and shared humanity.



Madras Café is a volunteer run restaurant at WOMAD UK, a fundraiser for Action Village India (AVI) who are a partner to Ekta Parishad's community harmony and land rights activity around Chilika Lake, Odisha. When WOMAD was cancelled

through CV-19, Madras Café and AVI decided to hold an online festival with a focus on Jai Jagat, food and peace, justice, community and climate. The festival was opened by Rajagopal and Jill, who also told of their experiences walking on the Global Peace March. In addition to the interesting discussions, there were amazing music and storytelling; a cartoon workshop by Vikram Nayak, who organised Jai Jagat's international cartoon competition, and a film of Jai Jagat 2020 UK's partner ChangeKitchen, a social enterprise, and their activity during CV-19 lockdown.

The festival site is live until May 2021. Click [here](#) to visit and enjoy!



LEARNING FROM NONVIOLENCE & PEACE

The International Land Coalition and Ekta Parishad released the Manual on "Land and Non-violence: Engaging youth in transformative social movements".

With the goal of promoting youth leadership of grassroots and people's movements, this publication offers an overview of seven initiatives of Ekta Parishad and its partners in India. It explains their main features and how they were implemented.

DOWNLOAD [HERE](#)



Learning from Indigenous People in Creating a Worldview

By Jill Carr-Harris and Rajagopal P.V.

In the Jai Jagat Global Peace march, fifty marchers walked through 2400 kilometres in central India from October 2nd, 2019 to January 30th, 2020. In a step-by-step formation, seeing village after village, in forest after forest, we came across many Adivasis (Indigenous) communities, and became acquainted with different tribal cultures. Among the marchers, we had three Adivasi friends (Nirmala from Chattisgarh, Chunilal from Jarkhand, and Saraswati from Madhya Pradesh) who gave us many insights while we were walking together.

To read complete article, click [here](#).



Photo Martin Bauer



Nonviolence: An intercultural definition.

By Claire Lhermitte (France)

Non-violence is perhaps one of the most subjective words I know. Indeed, during my stay in India, I had the chance to participate in the march for non-violence: Jai Jagat. I then initially noticed a strange fact: each person present in this campaign had a different definition of non-violence. With hindsight and through many discussions with the marchers, but also with a few readings, I have forged an intercultural definition or at least the one that seems sufficiently objective, of non-violence.

To read complete article, click [here](#).

WHAT DOES NONVIOLENCE MEAN FOR JAI JAGAT YOUTH?

"अहिंसा अपने आप को पहचानने का एक साधन है। मैं अहिंसा को एक कठोर अवधारणा के रूप में नहीं देखती, जिसकी एक निश्चित संरचना होती है, बल्कि मेरे अनुसार हर कोई अहिंसा को अलग तरह से समझता है, इसे अलग तरह से लागू करता है, और यहां तक कि इसे अलग तरह से अवशोषित करता है।"

-Nonviolence is a means to identify yourself. I don't find nonviolence as a rigid concept which accomplishes with fixed structure, rather for me everyone understands nonviolence differently, applies it differently, and even absorbs it differently.
KHUSHBU, INDIA.

According to me, non-violence is respect and understanding of the other/self and his/her needs by listening to him/her. The understanding is important because since we all live a different reality due to our education, our culture and our experience, we do not, in fact, have the same perception of what is violent or not. We must therefore make every effort to understand what is for the others violent or not and what they need in order to help them stop experiencing violence.

CLAIRE, FRANCE.

For me nonviolence refers to an open and democratic decision-making whereby no one is discriminated against based on sexuality, gender, sex, tribe or race, everyone's view matters and the platforms or spaces created by the authorities and local communities are safe for everyone to freely express their views without fear of victimization. The dominant private interests are curbed to extend that the socio-economic space is partisan to no entity or individual ... Is not partisan to no entity or individual.

MOLATELO, SOUTH AFRICA.

"Safari yenyemafunzo, changamotonakukuzwanjani"
- A journey with teachings, challenges and growth on the road.

SIDNEY, KENYA.

For me, nonviolence is the lens through which we can truly look at the suffering in the world, whether physical, mental or spiritual, and also the means to transform this suffering into self-reliance, by learning from and caring for those less privileged than us. But in the end, I would still echo Gandhi ji's words, *"I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and nonviolence are as old as the hills"*.

JANMEJAY, INDIA.

Nonviolence to me is the most peaceful method on earth. It is the best holistic way of life, too. It can be even practiced for bringing great changes in the world for ever.

AJIT, INDIA.

"मेरे लिए अहिंसा दुनिया को देखने का एक लेंस है। हैरानी की बात है कि जब आप इस लेंस के माध्यम से देखते हैं तो दुनिया एक समावेशी, समान और"

-Nonviolence for me is a lens to see the world. Surprisingly when you see through this lens world turns into a more inclusive, equal, and peaceful picture.

SHAHAZ, INDIA.

THANKS TO THE ENTIRE JAI JAGAT FAMILY FOR KEEPING THIS CAMPAIGN #ONTHEMOVE!

This newsletter has been prepared by Mónica Acevedo with inputs from Jill Carr- Harris, Fran Wilde, Claire Lhermitte and the young marchers mentioned.

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