



JAI JAGAT 2020-30

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To,
Shri Narendra Modi
Honourable Prime Minister of India
Government of India

October 29th, 2021

Sub: People's concerns in India/UK for taking immediate action to address the Climate Crisis at the UN COP 26

Dear Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji,

As the Honourable Prime Minister is coming to Scotland for the COP 26 Summit, this is a unique opportunity for India to take leadership and regulate carbon greenhouse gas emissions to save future generations.

We wanted to bring to your attention that the Jai Jagat Campaign held 106 marches in India on the issues of climate justice and nonviolent economy last month over 12 days in September 2021. These footmarches across 12 states of India, spanned over 102 districts and 3500 villages, and had the participation of 60,000 people.

These Indian footmarches were concluded on October 2nd on Gandhi's 151st birth centenary. People expressed a variety of concerns, and with regard to climate change, the auction of coal blocks and the sharp rise of coal mining which displaces forest dependent communities, disrupts their rural economy and leads to widespread soil erosion, loss of biodiversity, environmental contamination.

In continuation of these padyatras in India, Jai Jagat marcher Pushpanath Krishnamurthy, began his march from London to Glasgow on October 2nd to the COP 26. Before reaching Scotland on the 31st October, Pushpanath Krishnamurthy has heard from more than 5000 people in different cities and towns across the UK, who are calling for a Climate Emergency.

In both the UK and India there is wide-spread civic concern that global warming will go well-beyond the agreed threshold of 1.5 percent, if immediate remedial action is not taken by all nation states.

Pushpanath Krishnamurthy has used a 30-day march in the UK to show the wisdom of Gandhi of "living simply so others can simply live". Connecting with school children, mayors, the media, and many other bystanders each day, he has repeatedly shown that people can begin at home and make the changes necessary for curbing environmental catastrophe. If this is also met with the appropriate international/national policies, genuine change for greater sustainability is possible.

In sum, we wanted to restate the importance of the Government of India's role at this moment in history. Standing up for the creation of a sustainable and nonviolent economy to buffer all people against the deleterious effects of the climate crisis, is the way forward. Our decisions to regulate carbon emissions today is the hope of generations to follow.

With regards,

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