After 120 days & 2000 km covered, the Global Peace March said goodbye to India!

For four months, we were walking on the central plains of this wonderful and diverse country, covering 25 km a day, staying in different locations every night and meeting hundreds of people in the course of every day. We’ve got a “worm’s eye view” of people’s lives. Step by step, village by village, city by city connecting with the actions of so many people, it has been an amazing view into the daily lives of such a diverse population. This is very different from the “bird’s eye view” which tends to see things from aerial heights without touching the ground realities. The Jai Jagat in every step ‘touched the ground’.

During its first phase, the Jai Jagat March went through Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, spreading Gandhi’s message of “on the move for justice and peace” directly impacting over 100,000 people during the course of the walk, trained nearly 5,000 young people and sensitized 25,000 school children on nonviolence. Most of the journey was in Madhya Pradesh and as we traversed 13 districts, we found ourselves in dozens of forest areas, and in this process, we became acquainted with different tribal cultures “adivasis”, learning from them and from their own experiences of caring others and earth.

We are more than grateful to all these people with whom we have been able to share a common vision of nonviolence and who have given us the strength to continue with it to other countries…

Dear readers, we are ready to go on!

Read more about the First Days of the Jai Jagat
By Jill Carr-Harris

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100 DAYS OF JAI JAGAT 2020
WARDHA PEACE CONFERENCE

28th to 30th January

The International Peace Conference on Justice and Peace marked the end of the Indian leg of the Yearlong Jai Jagat March. The three-day conference celebrated in Wardha, Maharashtra was organized around the theme of integrating nonviolence in governance, economy, and education as ways to bring about a peaceful and just society. During the first two days, the event was hosted by the Mahatma Gandhi International University receiving about 250 people. In the first day, the “Art for Peace” exhibition curated by Vikram Nayak was launched. It was made up of the winning pieces of the International Cartoon Contest for Nonviolence.

In the third and last day of Conference, marchers walked to Sewagram Ashram where Gandhi lived his last 12 years. Marchers from the “Second World March” also joined to share the experiences of their March which also begun on October 2nd and it is aim to cover 45 countries.

Significantly the closure of Jai Jagat in India was carried out in memory of the day Gandhi was killed 72 years ago, and therefore with the commitment to continue reflecting on their relevance in today’s world and to take their ideas forward.
JAI JAGAT INTERNATIONAL IS #ONTHEMOVE

International Land Coalition-
Jai Jagat
Fellows open their rooms of nonviolence.
The young team of eight people from different organizations from across the world walked along with the Global Peace Walk in India for two weeks in December. Each of them is an embodiment of hope in today’s times of crisis. This group of eight diverse worldviews have all come together to learn the Gandhian principals of ahimsa in unique diverse ways, in order to then take their learnings back to their lands to act them out.

In front of our walls we build bridges… On February 8th, Jai Jagat Spain joined the VII March for Dignity to remember all the migrant people murdered in 2014 on the Tarajal Beach in Ceuta -a Spanish autonomous city bordering on Morocco-. For another year they have gathered to keep shouting NO PERSON IS ILEGAL!
On January 2nd, *La Caravane des Alternatives* began its journey with the excitement of one simple desire in mind: “feel useful and come back changed”. Forty days later, they have already crossed four countries, been in several communities and shared enriching experiences of nonviolent organization.

They started their journey driving from Carcassonne, France, through Spain and all the way to Rabat, Morocco. Once in Africa, they flew to Dakar, Senegal, where their quest really started. In Dakar, they met local groups of nonviolent civil intervention, education for peace and ecological agriculture. They have shared workshops, artistic presentations, pedagogic instruments and concrete experiences of communitarian engagement and social cooperation.

They have also visited small autonomous orchards and communities with severe environmental issues. On January 13th, they participated in the Forum of Alternatives which was held in Casamance. There, the Caravan urged for the importance of sharing the concrete alternatives offered by those who want to keep the earth alive and proposed to take them to the Geneva Forum.

**Over a month later they are already back in Spain!**

To know about their following activities visit: [Jai Jagat -España](#) and keep updated in their Blog [Caravane2020](#)
WHERE ARE THE MARCHERS?

The 50 yatrees -marchers- are now moving as tributaries of a river to different regions of the world for a short while.

The biggest group of yatrees already arrived to the south of Armenia where they have started walking. In the meantime, parallel support marches are walking in Iran, Nepal, United Araba Emirates and different states of India. After conferences, solidarity exchanges and fundraising activities, by March 5th all marchers will converge in the snowy Caucasian mountain region.

To see the Armenian Welcome of Jai Jagat

Watch video: Jai Jagat Glimpses

-To keep updated on this march, follow Jai Jagat 2020 Armenia-. 
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