We have all been preoccupied with the COVID-19 this month. Being in lockdown, many of us are reviewing daily statistics, listening to a range of ‘experts’, helping family members to cope with sickness, boredom isolation and fear. The Jai Jagat marchers have gone back to their home countries to do a lot of important activities: Javier Leal is a doctor caring for CV-19 patients in a Madrid hospital; Lorena Julio is assisting people with disabilities during this pandemic; Ran Singh and Ramesh have identified 30,000 labourers, many of whom are in need of transport in order to get to their home villages, while also procuring one month food supplies; Aneesh, Mudit, Satish, Khushbu have opened a Jai Jagat kitchen in Bhopal. Kasturi is making khadi masks and distributing vegetables.

But still how can we not feel that massive changes that are happening all around us…? People have experienced reduced consumption, more local production, a greater recognition of the human-animal/nature interactions and so forth. One year down the road, where will find ourselves…?

There are growing biases against marginalized communities that they are the vectors for spreading disease. There are employers that are showing reluctance to rehire labour and quickly automating production lines because these are corona free. Farm labourers, manual workers, people collecting/extracting natural resources all over the global south may suddenly find themselves dispensable.

The Jai Jagat is reshaping the campaign from one year to ten years, from 2020 to 2030. It is proposing to have a virtual meeting in September this year and most probably, holding a Geneva forum in December between the 10th to the 13th in celebration of Human Rights Day. Over the next six months we are encouraging local actions and also having virtual events in different regions. We have just completed a month-long set of virtual talks on nonviolent governance during the Armenian revolution and looked at peace zones in the South Caucasus region. Some of the youth of the Jai Jagat march from India and Armenia: Riya, Jannejay, Davit P. and Agabeg made this possible. We are hoping to do another set in South Asia and possibly in the Balkan region.

In conclusion we want to thank all those who have provided funds and support to the relief work in the different countries, and especially in India as well as the virtual networking on peace and justice issues.

By Jill Carr-Harris.
Jai Jagat 2020-2030: Reshaping the campaign for justice and peace to ten years.

Day by day we have convinced ourselves that maintaining and strengthening this global movement capable of rethinking the very roots of the current development model and proposing alternatives, is very necessary to face this crisis and prevent many others. For this reason, it has been decided to restructure the Jai Jagat campaign to ten years.

Given the difficulties in carrying out the Geneva Forum as planned, a virtual programme has been proposed by the end of September-beginning of October, to share local actions, exchange case studies and learnings from the first year of Jai Jagat.

For the next six months, we encourage everyone to implement local actions and virtual events to continue learning about the main problems, alternatives and solutions that are taking place in our different countries.

In convergence with the new direction of the campaign, soon we will be running a new version of the jaijagat2020.org website where we will be sharing more information. Stay tuned!
Jai Jagat marchers from India supporting the migrant labor stuck due to lockdown.

Ran Singh, Ramesh Sharma & Kasturi Patel, have worked with Ekta Parishad among the most deprived section in different states of India. Most of these population have lost their wages and livelihood because of the lockdown due to the COVID 19.
In this crucial period, marchers have joined efforts with Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram, working in 14 states with the most affected families. The main activities undertaken are:
- food & grain distribution,
- production and supply of masks,
- raising awareness to prevent the spread of virus,
- shelter and transport facilities for migrant laborers who are returning by foot to their villages,
- and monitoring and assisting in compliance of government order.
So far, they have reached 74,762 households, but your support still needed.

For more information, click here to visit Ekta Parishad’s website.

After having returned home from the six-month Global Peace March, Javier Leal have worked as doctor in one of the field hospitals for covid patients in Madrid during the month of April. This month has been the most difficult for health systems in many countries, especially in Europe, with overcrowded and understaffed hospitals. By the end of April, there were already more than 200,000 cases of infection in Spain, with Madrid being one of the most affected cities. From the Jai Jagat family we thank Javier and all the people facing this crisis every day from different front lines.
EARTH DAY: Online celebration led by Jai Jagat UK.

In the midst of the COVID 19 pandemic, on April 22nd more than 150 people participated on an online gathering to celebrate and honored the Earth, focusing on Climate Action. Artists, politicians, faith leaders, & environmental activists joined remotely throughout the day exchanging ideas and looking at how to tackle climate change from diverse perspectives. Interviews with political leaders of cities like Remy Pagani, Cabinet member for Climate Action, Geneva City, were inspiring along with local and national UK activist organizations such as Sustrans and West Midlands Climate Action Group. Clips of all these talks will be soon available on the Footsteps website.

Finally, poetry couldn’t be missed. In the next column, there is one of the poems written by a young activist. Enjoy it!

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO:

JAI JAGAT: A WALK ON EARTH FOR EARTH

Mother Nature`s Rest Day

She heaves a sigh of relief, as her inhabitants finally sleep. No longer wreaking havoc as they Push and shove through her arteries

Mother knows this is a time for discipline, A time to send her children to their room To reflect upon the harm, they’ve inflicted. They stare longingly at her plethora of offerings

Learning to appreciate her in all her Abundance, just too little, just too late. But she is gracious and gifts them all One last chance to learn and grow

They pine for her kiss of warmth As they refamiliarise themselves with the Sensation of fresh air flooding their lungs, No longer poisoned with greed and hunger

At long last, bird song can be heard; No longer drowned out by the groan Of a man-made mechanical world. The sky no longer shrouded in smog,

Instead pure light stretches itself Across a canvas scrubbed clean. The flesh of the sky, raw and vulnerable, Wounds still lingering under the surface.

Her breath is no longer laboured with the Weight of a self-flagellating world. She smiles to herself as the scars in her earth Begin to seal, giving way to a burst of greenery.

The vines tangle themselves once more In amongst her veins, as they flow With vitality like rivers: Verdant and vivacious.

Her heart swells, pumping passion not pollutants. She hesitantly peers down towards The fresh dawn of tranquility she has birthed. Humble yet content, hopeful yet concerned

Knowing this time, that if they choose To walk the plank They do so, no longer blindfolded But with eyes wide open.

By Millie Gould (activist for Youth Climate Strike)

"The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed." - Mahatma Gandhi
Moving Towards Nonviolent Governance: Learning from the Armenian Revolution.

On celebration of the 2nd anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, a series of talks on the democratization process of Armenia were held throughout April. MPs, activists, academics, as well as members of International Advisory Committee of Jai Jagat participated. Some of the interesting topics discussed were: the role of the civil society and youth in political change, women within revolution, methods and techniques of nonviolent resistance, among others.

Click here to watch the sessions on our Youtube Channel.

A dialogue on Establishing Peace Zones in the South Caucasuses and Internationally.

From 2001 onwards, there have been numerous discussions in Georgia on peace zones, and there has also been greater attention after the Velvet Revolution to holding peace talks between Azerbaijan and Armenia. For this reason, a series of webinars were held on May 2, raising some of the critical issues related to peacebuilding in this time of Coronavirus. But more specifically, it examined some of the best practices worldwide and assessed which of these, may have some application in the South Caucasus region. It brought together over 20 panelists from India, Philippines, Canada, USA, México, Colombia, Brazil, France, Armenia and Georgia.

Click here to watch full Webinar on our Youtube channel.
Youths around the world: Building possibilities for new scenarios of justice and peace.

On April 24th an interesting talk on the role of youth in nonviolent political change were held by different young leaders of Jai Jagat. Davit Petrosyan and Davit Simonyan from Armenia spoke about the mobilization of youth as the motor force of the Velvet Revolution. Lorena Julio highlighted the movements led by young women for sexual & reproductive education, and against gender-based violence in Argentina and Latinamerica. They agreed on the need to promote good education, as well as more young social leaders who feel hopeful that a different world is possible through nonviolence.

Click here to watch the complete session.

Josua’s Journey for Peace.

Josua Situmorang from Indonesia is one of the nine young leaders chosen from the ILC network to march for a better future with the ILC-Jai Jagat 2020 fellowship programme. “I was curious to know about this programme, and luckily was assigned by my organization to take part in this movement. I doubted myself if I could walk such a long journey. But my enthusiasm, curiosity defeated my doubt. So, I decided I have to take part in this movement.” (Josua S.). Click here to look back to his experience!

Let’s share Case Studies on Nonviolence!

We aim to advocate and influence active nonviolent strategies and tools, and sharing best practices and solutions on the four pillars of development:
1) Eradication of poverty
2) Elimination of social exclusion
3) Addressing climate crisis
4) Conflict resolution

If you, your group or organization have implemented a nonviolent alternative that have led (are leading) to positive change in at least one of the pillars mentioned, contact us to receive more information on how to build your case study. Initiatives that have risen from the bottom are encouraged. We will share these studies by theme (pillar) among those who will have contributed examples for this theme in order to build up progressively strong arguments for advocacy.

For more details contact: monica.eag@gmail.com and rrs.181819@gmail.com
The Canadian Slow Peace Project launched a new initiative for people to contribute with metaphorical steps to keep circling the globe with nonviolence. Join this effort by sharing:

- Your understanding of ahimsa.
- An action for ahimsa in which you have participated or which you know about.
- An example of how you or others teach about or for ahimsa.

Click here for more information and to submit one step.

The Jai Jagat team from Bhopal, India: Aneesh, Mudit, Satish and Khushbu, have opened a Kitchen at Gandhi Bhawan where they are serving 3 meals to 50 people every day. These 50 people are front liners working 24/7 to protect population from the coronavirus. As the team says: “They are taking care of us, let’s take care of them by serving them good and healthy food”.

Join this initiative so that they can serve more front liners!

Contact: +91 9755988707, 9971964569, 9039205522.
Given the unprecedented situation due to the COVID-19, the Mexican Gandhian Collective Pensar en Voz Alta is collecting actions of solidarity taking place in different parts of the world. This initiative aims to show supportive and caring relationships as a fundamental pillar in building a nonviolent culture.

Upload a video on your social networks sharing your experience, and using the hashtags:

#ViralizaSolidaridad
#ViralizarLaSolidaridad

For the second consecutive year, Fundación Comparlante from Argentina, launches the literary contest for children “Mi mundo a mi manera”. Lorena Julio, Jai Jagat marcher and Co-Founder of Comparlante, invites all young writers between the ages of 6 and 13 from all Spanish-speaking countries to participate. Their mission is to include in their stories one or more characters with disabilities. The protagonists of the stories can be children with autism, cerebral palsy and/or stump or amputation. “These days, when children have to stay at home, are a great opportunity to research and talk as a family about topics that are not often discussed, such as disabilities, in order to learn and create”. (Lorena). Click [here](#) for more information.
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