

# Jai Jagat 2020 in Pakistan

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## **Background:**

The Jai Jagat began to make plans to travel through Pakistan as early as February 2019. There was also a is a wake-up call to respond to the deepening economic, social and environmental crisis. The campaign is an urgent appeal for people to transform and achieve one planet one people. JaiJagat 2020 Yatra, a year-long foot march was started on the 2nd of October 2019 from Rajghat, India and will end on the 2nd of October 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland. A six member `Nepalese team visited in Pakistan from 16-21 February and joined the different activities as part of the Jai Jagat 2020.

## **Brief about Pakistan:**

- Population-197 Millions
- Areas-881,913 Square KMs

Pakistan has the second largest economy in South Asia. Pakistan's economy is made up of the services sector (60%), industry/manufacturing (21%) and agriculture (19%). Almost half the population depends directly or indirectly on agriculture for their livelihoods.

Pakistan is currently facing several distinct but inter-related conflicts. The legacy of the 1947 partition of India can be seen in unresolved violence in Kashmir – where, despite numerous ceasefires, the line of control has been repeatedly punctured by intense violent clashes.

Terrorism and the ‘war on terror’ have been costly for Pakistan – both in terms of human loss and economic costs. Since 2002, more than 50,000 people have died due to terrorism, and the economic cost is estimated to be around US \$120 billion.

Pakistan also suffers sectarian and ethnic violence between its diverse populations. Sunni-Shi’a tensions escalated as a result of Pakistan’s support for Saddam Hussein in the Iran-Iraq war, and due to covert support of Sunni-Shi’a militant organisations by Saudi Arabia and Iran. The relationship continued to worsen with the Taliban’s increasing power in Afghanistan during the 1990s.

In this context, Pakistani people are committed for peace and justice since they are facing the violence since long time. As envisioned by the Jai Jagat Global Pace March team, a six members Nepalese visited to discuss the issues of peace and Jai Jagat in Pakistan.

**March Related Activity:**

15 February 2020	Ktm-Karachi, Pakistan
16 February	Arrival in Karanchi Welcome by PILER (Pakistani Institute, Labor Education and research) Informal meeting at Karachi Press Club
17 February	Interaction between PILER and Nepali Delegation Team Meeting with the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and also attended at the consultation program at HRCP on student union bill and share about the Global March Jai Jagat 2020 Participate at the all parties meeting on urban issues mainly on the evection issues
18 February	Interaction with Student Faculty members of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Karachi Interaction with USMAN institute of Technology
19 February	Interaction with student and faculty members of Sindh Agriculture University, Hydarbad Interaction at the Hydarbad Press Club Meeting with the civil society members and politicians in Hydarbad
20 February	Meeting among civil society members who are working on peace issues Seminar on the struggle for international peace and justice jointly organized by the Pakistan Peace Coalition, the Pakistan-India Peoples forum for peace and democracy and The Pakistan Medical Association at PMA house, Karachi
21 February	Press Meet at Karachi Press Club Peace Rally
22 February	Return back to Kathmandu

**Results of March:**

- Shared the concept, main theme and importance of Jai Jagat among Pakistani CSOs, media people, political leaders, academicians, students, government people and community people (around 1000 people directly and through media)
- Knew the issues of Pakistan related inequality and poverty which is essential to be addressed for the peace and justice

- Build good relation with PILER and other CSOs and bring the new hopes for the journey for peace and justice

### **Issues related peace and justice**

- Big landlordism, bonded labor is still in practice mainly in brick factory and other construction work
- Women Violence seems rampant-Girls are out of school of marginal section, very few women are in road and most of them are begging money
- Internal Land grabbing-the builders have nexus with government and grabbing the government land massively
- Eviction is major issues in the urban areas, urban poor are denied from their housing rights
- Villagers those are leaving in rural areas are facing hunger and it is happening mainly because of the not implemented the land reform program,
- Big portion of the government budget goes for Security
- Minimum wages is fixed but not implemented which threatened the livelihood of agriculture workers and other sectors labours.

### **Questions and expectations from Pakistani People:**

- Jai Jagat should speak on Jammu & Kashmir Issues : In the most of the consultations, the media and CSOs people raised this issues and pushing Jai Jagat team to speak on this issue and they have taken this is not only issues of India and Pakistan, this should the agenda of Jai Jagat 2020.
- SAARC need to be reactivate: The eighteenth summit of 'South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation' (SAARC) was held in Kathmandu, the capital of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal during 26–27 November 2014. There was scheduled nineteenth summit in Islamabad, Pakistan in 2016 but could not held because of some reasons, Pakistani people really wanted to reactivate of the SAARC platform.
- No visa policy will be required with in SAARC Country: The people whom we met suggested to raise strongly the issues of south region poverty, climate issues, the proper distribution and use of resources, domestic violence's since the jai jagat started from this region.

### **Impression:**

- CSOs are active for peace and justice. CSOs friends have strong commitment for the peace and justice and they felt its importance.

- Political parties comes with Banner for solidarity-seems serious on social issues

### **Learnings :**

- The power and impacts of social movement is higher than other activities which is also realized again during our journey in Pakistan.
- Engaging and involving diverse sectors people like Doctor, Professor, Media, Business person, not only limit with in similar sector.
- Informal network and relation is very important to make movement successful
- Simple and cost effective way of work (Just tea and cookies for all the event and use the social venue)
- Manage dedicated person for photo, video and media relation

At last we had very fruitful last six days and Global Peace March team shares its sincere gratitude and thanks to Erik Todts for his generous financial support, CSOs, professionals, human rights activists, political parties, media and individuals for their friendly and very kind cooperation and supports for our global peace march. We share our inner heart sincere thanks and gratitude to PILER team and Mr. Karamat Ali for hosting us and supporting for every step.

### **Annexure - Media Clips :**

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/615048-n-a>

<https://www.urdupoint.com/en/pakistan/nepali-delegation-urges-civil-society-to-join-841648.html>

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<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/617952-nepalese-activists-thank-pakistani-govt-civil-society-for-warm-welcome>

<https://www.imago-images.de/st/97065339/w>



Figure 1 Welcome to Jai Jagat Team by PILER



Figure 2 Welcome lunch to Marcher organized by Karachi Press Club





Figure 3 The CSO representatives shared the peace related issues at the welcome reception



Figure 4 Joint Meeting and Solidarity with PILER team



Figure 5 All parties meeting on evection issues



Figure 6 Interaction with Student Faculty members of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Karachi





Figure 7 Interaction with Faculty members of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Karachi



Figure 8 Interaction with student and faculty members of Sindh Agriculture University, Hyderabad



Figure 9 Interaction at the Hyderabad Press Club



Figure 10 Meeting with the civil society members and politicians in Hyderabad





Figure 11 Meeting among civil society members who are working on peace issues



Figure 12 Meeting with chief of Sindh province police



Figure 13 Press Meet at Karachi Press Club



Figure 14 Rally at Karachi