

JAI JAGAT 2020

ON THE MOVE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

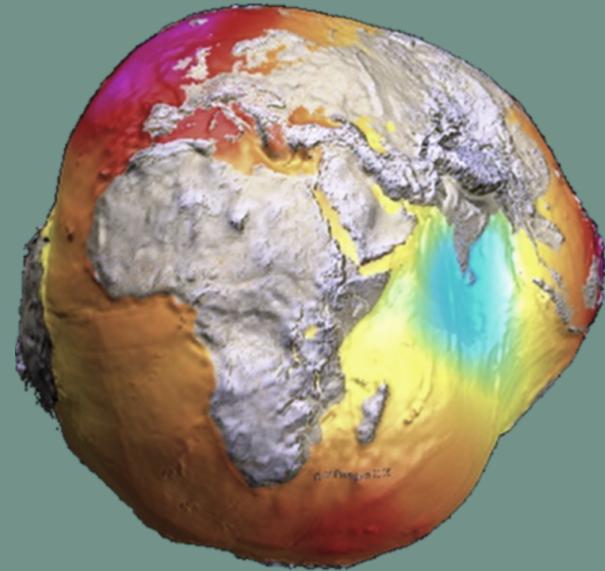
THE JAI JAGAT MANIFESTO

CONCISE EXPLAINER

This manifesto is a blueprint for how humanity can overcome the unique problems we face right now.

We have the age-old problem of unfairness, injustice, poverty and marginalisation of poor communities, and now, the devastating threat of climate change also must be addressed. Our finest traits and ideas will need to be harnessed to improve the lives of individuals, communities and countries and, ultimately, the whole planet, as we work together for our common wellbeing.

The Jai Jagat vision emerged as Rajagopal, the founder of Ekta Parishad, visited numerous groups and projects throughout India and other nations to explain Ekta Parishad's methods of empowering poor communities. Seeing how individual groups were having an impact on their own communities, the clear next step was to link them together to create a movement which could provide effective solutions to the problems we face.



Never in human history have we faced such a crisis as we face now. There are the ancient problems of poverty and injustice, along with new and escalating wars and migration on a massive scale. Increasing automation is bringing the mass employment model of capitalism to an end.

Millions of jobs are threatened as human labour becomes redundant across many industries. In addition to all that, the profound effects of global warming and extreme weather conditions need to be halted, or at least mitigated, to prevent a catastrophic future with significantly diminished food and water.

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Nonviolence is a way of life because we have to engage in a continual struggle to overcome our inner violence. Gandhi's use of Satyagraha (translated as 'truth force') was to find an inner power to overcome obstacles and bring about external change. Six commitments have been identified that can help everyone harness their inner power.

- A commitment to personal change
- A commitment to protect the life nurturing systems of the earth
- A commitment to nonviolent social action
- A commitment to nonviolence as a way of life
- A commitment to global citizenship
- A commitment to justice, human rights and democracy

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For the British Empire to give up India, its colonial jewel, without bloodshed, would have seemed nothing more than an impossible dream when Mahatma Gandhi first joined in the struggle for India's independence, yet he lived to see his dream happen. Gandhi's mantras of non-violence and individual improvement in the interests of the collective good are the cornerstone of the Jai Jagat manifesto. His idea of Sarvodaya ("progress for all") envisaged encouraging people to overcome the great challenges in their lives through collective action.

The Jai Jagat manifesto suggests what collectively we might effectively do to prevent a disastrous future. Our Green and White booklet has as its aim that we have the new mass movement that we need and that we work together for the same common goals. The Green alludes to our recovering a balanced relationship with our planet and the White to the struggle for peace based always on justice. We hope the vision we have shared in the booklet will inspire the will and courage in millions to improve their lives individually and collectively.

What Gandhi said all so many years ago still stands: 'The means may be likened to a seed, the end to a tree, and there is just the same inviolable connection between the means and the end as there is between the seed and the tree.'



This vision is intended to give people, particularly young people, a sense of their individual and collective strength, and a realisation of the power they can, individually and collectively, wield rather than wait for governments and international bodies to come to a decision to act in positive, beneficial ways.

We are all beginning to grasp the possible catastrophic consequences of a rise of even 1.5°C, let alone 2°C, in our average global temperature. Human ingenuity on a local level can lead to global change. Jai Jagat is striving to link bottom-up, grassroots innovations and schemes across the world to combat climate change.

Jai Jagat advocates reforming education to ensure that social values permeate learning, so people learn from an early age how to become responsible global citizens. There is a need for us to instill in our young people a greater vision of peace and justice, rather than simply a focus on fitting in and maintaining the status quo. The exposure of young people to the challenges of marginalisation and poverty on the one hand, and climate change on the other, can create the basis for their social development and understanding of deeper structural problems in society.

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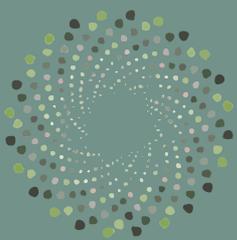
Children and young people have grasped better than anyone the scale of the environmental threats our and other species face. The recent schoolstrikes, inspired by Greta Thunberg's solo Friday schoolstrikes in Sweden, to protest against governments' apparent inaction on climate change is a clear manifestation of this new understanding.



Women's training and women's leadership are important levers for positive social change. The proliferation of women's self help groups around the world are testament to the role of women's leadership in development. Women generally have had less mobility, but when opportunities open up for them and their families, they are often seen to stride ahead.

Jai Jagat's success will be depend on:

- Eradicating Poverty – Everyone's basic human needs are met.
- Removing Social Discrimination – Respect for human rights so there is no destructive discrimination on the basis of race, caste, gender, religion and ethnicity.
- Reversing Ecological Destruction and the Climate Crisis – This requires radical changes in production and consumption patterns.
- Ending Conflict – Conflict has caused so much destruction of human lives and potential and the only way to end it is by generating a collective commitment to build a nonviolent society.



The Jai Jagat Manifesto offers, finally, a co-ordinated solution to the problems of humanity in the 21st Century and in generations to come will hopefully be seen as our early steps to create a better world for all.

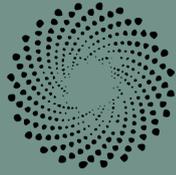
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Charter of Committment



Everywhere the desire grows for profound change in our way of life. In the wake of the deepening economic, social and environmental crises, the Jai Jagat campaign ("Long Live the Planet!") is working to achieve a caring world for all living beings based on human rights.

MISSIONS

- To promote Gandhi's message of nonviolence, as a global transformation strategy and a way of living together.
- To promote the Jai Jagat marches as a tool of change makers working together to transform individuals, institutions and societies.
- To recognize the knowledge of women, young people and the poor and to ensure that they are empowered as the main actors of this campaign.
- To raise awareness on how local solutions contribute to global change. To build on the Sustainable Development Goals (Agenda 2030) through the fulfilment of four central pillars: eradication of poverty, elimination of social discrimination, climate action, and nonviolent reduction of conflict.

VALUES

- Act peace to attain peace: "Be the change you want to see in the world."
- "Practice sharing and caring."
- Propose rather than oppose; pre-empt "us and them" relationships.
- Respect the ideal of openness, cooperation and inclusion of Jai Jagat in the service of the common good.



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