

JAI JAGAT 2020

Youth in Jai Jagat 2020

The Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign is relying on youth to carry the hopes of peace and nonviolence into future times. The Campaign designed an online platform to help them start a local nonviolent action for peace and justice. Read more about the proposed tools page 2.

ANSH, a happy society

In Bhopal, Mohsin Khan opened his NGO, ANSH, to give youth opportunities to engage in societal change and well-being. To learn about his work, see page 3 !

A Peace Caravan in West-Africa

We are very happy to give news of Ardo Sow, a young social worker in Senegal who is organising incredible Peace Caravans in West-Africa to promote a better repartition of lands and the protection of rural natural environment. Read more page 6.

KhaDigi, a nonviolent business model

KhaDigi is a fashion brand created by the young Umang. Empowering rural women and respecting the environment, Khadigi may just be the perfect business model. See more of their work page 7 !



Believing in youth

Dear friends,

The Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign is gaining more support everyday, and it is mainly thanks to the efforts that our youth groups that are coming together to build up the Campaign.

In this May issue of our newsletter, we wanted to put the limelight on some of those young people who decided to dedicate their energy for a world of justice and peace. Outraged by the current state of society, they have decided to act for change.

For the Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign, youth is a primary focus. We know it is only by raising awareness and motivation among the new generation that global change will be attained. This is why we are mobilising youth through Youth Programs nationally and internationally to engage them to take action.

On the next pages, we invite you to read more about the incredible work those young people achieved and how the Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign is empowering youth.

To all, Jai Jagat !

The Jai Jagat Team



Youth in the Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign

The Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign is one whose goal is to promote a world where peace and solidarity are valued over greed and xenophobia. To plant the seeds of this future harmony, there is no other choice than to help direct youth to this purpose. Younger generations are the leaders of the future and therefore we must put all our efforts in empowering them to take actions for global change.

Thus, the Campaign wants to encourage young people in starting their own local action. To do so, the Campaign is offering a resource center and support through a platform from which people can get some tips to start their own action at the local level.

START LOCAL ACTION

To bring genuine change and a world at peace, the first step is to take action. By organising nonviolently, marginalised communities can work in their own localities to conduct change and advance their rights.

Moreover, one of the guiding principles of the Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign is to build fellowship among young people from different countries to create mutual understanding and solidarity among those of this new generation.

Because of our conviction that international

TAKE UP GLOBAL ADVOCACY

You are not alone. Whatever the issue you face in your own locality, someone else in the world is facing it too. This is why the Jai Jagat invites you to link your local action to a global Campaign.

solidarity lies in dialogue, the Jai Jagat Campaign will organise a Global Peace March in 2019-2020. Marching from Delhi (India) to Geneva (Switzerland), 150 walkers will advocate for global peace and well-being. The March will collect grievances from the social leaders of the 17 countries it will cross, and eventually present them to the United Nations in Geneva. The global actions led by the Campaign symbolise the importance of common understanding by highlighting the internationality of each issue.

In the meantime, Ekta Parishad, together with the Jai Jagat 2020 Campaign, started the New Generation Trainings. These peace and justice trainings explore how nonviolence can be a lens with which to look at community and alternative development processes, to make them equitable and inclusive. By bringing together young people from many countries, the Trainings explore the different strategies nonviolence offers to implement social change.

To know more about the Campaign strategy and the different resources we offer, visit our website at jaijagat2020.org

ANSH Happiness Society: Generating positive ideas

ANSH Happiness Society is a non-profit organisation founded and led by young people in Bhopal, India. The idea behind this was to create a platform where youth could express and innovative ideas in the field of social work.

The leader and founder of the organisation, Mohsin Khan, realised that the formal and traditional ways in which social action was conducted were too constraining. He felt the need to create a new space in which to conduct action, a space which fits better with what youth is : nomadic, connected and innovative. And in 2014, at only 20, Mohsin created his own NGO, the ANSH Happiness Society.

One of his motos is that change, innovation and alternatives exist everywhere ; and the issue is that people either don't know about them or how to engage with them. Therefore, the objective of the organisation is to motivate youth to try



implement change in the society by introducing new methods of work and action. He says :

"In India, urban youngsters are primarily concerned about academics - which of course is important, but they also need experience of what things are on the ground. For this, spaces like ANSH are important. It is a space where they can connect, learn and initiate."

The new generation is full of wonderful ideas that can benefit the commons. With ANSH, he wants to allow them to discover how they can create innovative ways of producing a positive action in the world, "not just in the field of social work but in all fields of life".

In a word, ANSH wants to broaden the perspectives of youth on how they view society that is actively working for its betterment, "a side they would probably never have been exposed otherwise".



The New Generation Trainings: Rajagopal P.V. to teach youth

Last year Rajagopal P.V., founder of Ekta Parishad, initiated the New Generation Trainings. The purpose of these trainings was to enhance leadership skills among the younger generation to allow them to organise in their own communities.

For the many years Rajagopal P.V. has worked with youth, and through this he has come to realise that all the energy that young people possess can become destructive if they did not channel it into social action. Thus, these peace and justice trainings aim at teaching the principles of nonviolent action to youth groups. He says:

"The idea is that through confidence-building exercises they would take social activism in

their own districts and, eventually, they would in turn train numbers of like-minded youth in their districts. We try to facilitate participants discover what they already have and validate their own experiences and knowledge, by providing new information on justice and peace to give them another perspective."

More than 2,500 young people already participated to the trainings all over India. Those trainings are giving the new generation opportunities to practice various methods of nonviolent social activism to help them bring social, economic and political change.

Next Trainings will happen from 26th to 28th of May, 2017 in Gujarat and gather 200 participants. Another one is planned in Haryana from 2nd to 4th of June, 2017. For more informations, please visit Ekta Parishad's website at <http://ektaparishad.com/>

Find your training!

Several of our partner organisations' are offering peace and nonviolence trainings to individuals and organisations. Find the one that suits you:



IGINP, International Gandhian Institute for Nonviolence and Peace

IGINP is an Indian based NGO institute offering trainings to learn about nonviolence so as to have the requisite knowledge that can be put into action. Trainings can either be short-term formations or long-term, dispensing a diploma. *Visit their website at <http://www.iginp.com>.*

MAN, Movement for a nonviolent alternative

MAN is a French formation institute offering various trainings to learn how to solve crisis and conflicts in a nonviolent way. They propose different trainings: onsite formations, team trainings, annual conferences on nonviolence... There are numerous possibilities for you to educate to nonviolence. *Visit their website at <http://nonviolence.fr/Manifesto-for-a-Non-violent-Alternative>.*



The International Youth Training: dreaming of a "border-free" world

The International Youth Training on Nonviolence held in September 2014 was the first step of a larger dream - having a "borderfree" world.

Through a variety of learning and debating including in-classroom presentations, field visits and participation in an Indian youth camp, this program explored how nonviolence provides a lens with which to look at community and alternative development processes that are equitable and inclusive for all.

The IYT initiated the reflexion on a Campaign to promote a nonviolent culture and economy, where everybody has the right to live in a dignified manner.

During the training, the new generation of peace-leaders explored the social, economic, political and educational and cultural aspects of nonviolent actions and developed new tools for nonviolent campaigns across the world, using the information and communication technologies.

The 35 participants were all struggling for peace and justice for people in their homelands. They were from 14 different countries - Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Italy, Nepal, Senegal, South Africa, U.S.A. and Zimbabwe. The IYT was not just about discussing the problems of the world but was a real initiative to find nonviolent solutions to deal with local as well as global problems.



Rossella

Bianco // IBO, Italy:

« Nonviolence principles require flexibility and patience because they are based on a broader vision of an idealistic society. When dealing with a conflict, the goals do not justify the means and nonviolence allows us to resist our own inner contradictions ».

How they felt

Dhritabrata Sen //

Action Aid, Bangladesh:

« Nonviolence has to be a common social vision. Considering the political and economic violence in Bangladesh, it will be challenging to implement it but there is no doubt that this training will help ».

Nonviolence for Nepal



Kumar Thapa is a young Nepali who participated in the International Youth Training organised by Ekta Parishad in 2014. From this experience, he kept a lasting impression : "The

learning from training are immense which in me has developed an attitude of being/accepting the principles of non-violence movement in my personal and professional life".

After the disastrous earthquake hurting Nepal in April 2015, he is now committed to the reconstruction of the country and especially in the field of land renovation. The massive

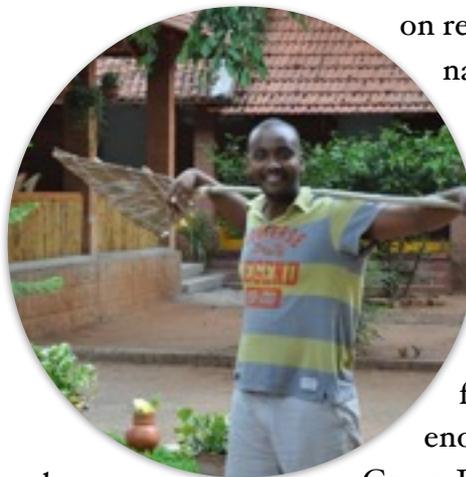
damages caused by the earthquake led to a situation of extreme crisis. It was in this context that nonviolence trainings appeared to be the most useful for Kumar.

He is now working in the Community Self Reliance Center (CSRC) and the National Land Rights Forum of Nepal (NLRN). Both those organisations are working to implement land rights in Nepal. He perceives nonviolence as an essential instrument of his action : "Nonviolence movement in itself is very sustainable and has a very great future ahead. After the training, I applied the learnings to land rights movement in Nepal through my organisations, which produced some milestone achievement in the field of land rights". He wishes to spread the word of nonviolence and peace to the younger generation and is organising numerous trainings and rallies based on the nonviolent philosophy.

The young hope of West Africa

Ardo Sow is a young Senegalese who started his own organisation, Collectif Ndiael, to help rural communities in his country. After participating to the International Youth Training organised by Ekta Parishad in 2014, he was inspired to use nonviolence as a main way of conducting action in his own locality.

Ardo's action was a real success : the Government of Senegal agreed to concede more than 10,000 hectares to his community. In the aftermath of his action, a commission was implemented by the local administration, which is currently working on the distribution of those lands to the people. As a member of this commission, Ardo cooperates with the administration and together they are determining what would be the better repartition of the lands. Because Ardo's



community is dependent on nature, they want to settle a distribution of lands that respect the environment and therefore they are working on relocating the surrounding Ndiael natural reserve.

In 2016, Ardo and fellow activists organised a Global Peace Caravan in West Africa to pressure governments on land, water and seeds rights. Almost all of West-African civil society was present, from Ouagadougou to Dakar. At the end of their journey, they presented a

Green Booklet detailing their advocacy platform to the Senegalese President. In 2018, they are planning to start a new Global Peace Caravan, from Guinea to Nigeria, to present their advocacy to the ECOWAS seat (the Economic Community of West African States).

Ardo Sow's action is an example and a lesson on how important local engagement is and how great the benefits are for one's community. We hope his story will inspire many others.

KhaDigi: Balancing old and new to promote nonviolent economy in fashion

KhaDigi is an Indian brand created by the young fashion designer Umang Shridhar.

KhaDigi is an amalgamation of two words: khadi and digital printing process. The khadi is a way of creating fabric: it is hand woven then hand spun on a spinning wheel, mainly in villages. In India, khadi has a particular historical and cultural resonance, as it is the oldest way of weaving and the symbol of noncooperation in the struggle against the British. On the other hand, digital printing process is the state-of-the-art technology in the fashion industry.

This unusual combination of traditional and modern finds a perfect balance in the creations of KhaDigi. The team consists only of young minds. The founder, Umang Shridhar, is a graduate of the National Institute of Fashion Technology of Bhopal. It took her two years to find and develop the perfect khadi fabric that could support a digital printing. And for Umang, balance is the key. Just like she had to find the perfect balance between old and new textile processes, she was determined in enhancing a balance between traditional and modern India. She says:

"Khadi is of great importance in India. It is not just a fabric but a thought process which involves *gram swaraj*, village self-reliance. In India, 70% of



the population still lives in villages but has no employment opportunities. Spinning khadi gives them a job at their door step, especially for women.

KhaDigi follows the same philosophy: we provide job opportunity to women by giving them a spinning wheel they use at home and ensuring them a legal wage. It was clear that our business model had to promote sustainable development and nonviolent economy."

The philosophy of the brand is anchored in reducing the inequality gap between rich and poor -which is alarming in India- and preventing environmental degradation by only using 100% natural products made in a sustainable way :

"We see KhaDigi as a solution to problems of environmental degradation, income disparities and unemployment in rural areas, while offering affordable and fashionable products to urban youth. Unemployment in rural areas should be a primary concern: it causes migrations at very high rates to urban areas and workers' dependency on parallel economy jobs. Through our work, I do not only want to generate employment, but also increase urban youngsters' awareness of the dignity of labour, which is not present in India."

To see and know more about their work, visit KhaDigi's website at <http://khadigi.co.in/> or their Facebook page



How to get involved ?

Our ambitious campaign would be impossible without the commitment of people sharing the Gandhian nonviolent values. Here are some opportunities to actively have a significant impact on building peace and invoke justice.

1

VOLUNTEER

Help us prepare the march ! We look for volunteers in journalism, fundraising, translation, video, photography etc...

2

ADVOCATE

Take part to a peace network and draft the platform that will be presented to the UN Agencies during our Geneva Action.

3

JOIN IN GENEVA

Join us at the climax of our journey, when we arrive together in Geneva, to demand concrete action to the UN !

4

SPREAD THE MESSAGE

Let people know of our project through social media and journalism. And if interested, walk with us to testify !

5

DONATE

We are all volunteers and we're still dependent on financial support. Make the march possible with your donations

6

CONNECT

You're part of an organisation sharing our values? Join our project by promoting our march and help us create an international network of peace organisations !

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