

-Janadesh in the press around the world-

Ekta Parishad is already known in a lot of countries, especially in Europe thanks to Ekta Europe's work. Rajagopal PV, the leader of the movement gave many conferences around the world and many friend organisations are supporting Janadesh effort. You will be happy to see the coverage we have around the world, by discovering this selection of some of the international articles published about Janadesh or Ekta Parishad.

In Switzerland, several newspapers have written articles about Ekta Parishad. The most know is "Die Wochenzeitung", existing since 1981 and distributing 650 000 copies weekly around Zurich. One article explained the situation of Landless people in Northern India and detailed the mass movements' struggles. (*Die Wochenzeitung No.48 ; Kampf um Landrechte in Nordindien-Auf den Spuren Gandhis;Peyer Nathalie; 2001-11-29*)

In Germany, the situation is similar: many regional periodicals have met Rajagopal PV and spread information about the various marches: padyathra, cycle yatra, etc. where German young people participated. (*Tageszeitung: Radln fur den Frieden, 60 000 readers, since 1978*)

In France, the daily newspaper "Le Monde" wrote a few articles about Ekta Parishad. The latest one told about the role of Ekta Parishad and how this organisation gives voice to landless people. This newspaper is one of the most important in France with around 400 000 daily copies. It deals with national and international affairs, since 1944. (*Le Monde; Rajagopal PV, voix des Sans-terres au nom de Gandhi; Kempf Hervé; 2004-01-16*)

In the same country, the biggest regional newspaper called "Ouest France" gave information on Rajagopal PV's visit in France, during the International Day of Peace. With 750 000 daily readers this newspaper covers 14% of the national market. (*Ouest France; Le canton célèbre la journée de la paix; 2005-09-23*)

The Guardian, one of the most important English independent newspapers, published a special issue on Concern Worldwide's work. Inside this article, the journalist explained how Concern tackles the causes and effects of poverty and hunger in India, especially through Ekta Parishad. The newspaper is distributed in 17 various countries to approx. 400 000 people. (*The Guardian Concern; p.30-32; A journey of hope-How Concern tackles the causes and effects of poverty and hunger; Randeep Ramesh*)

Moreover, many international organisations have interviewed Ekta Parishad members about their actions and Janadesh. These articles can be found in the newsletters listed below:

- Education for all, newsletter of **UNESCO**, June 2006;
- Down to Earth p.22 to 28, published by **Society for Environmental Communications** (India) in October 2006;
- Newsletters of **Quakers Peace and Social Witness** (UK), June 2005 and May 2006;
- **Solidarité's** special bulletin (France) spreading information about Janadesh, October 2006;
- **Solifonds'** Information bulletin No41 (Switzerland) published in March 2005.
- One entire number of Frère des Hommes' newsletter "**Résonances asiatiques**" was dedicated to Janadesh, in December 2006 (No.9).

Many more references to Janadesh 2007 can be found on the World Wide Web. The most relevant are listed out below:

- http://www.peuples-solidaires.org/article_texte.php?id_article=805: "**Janadesh, le peuple en marche pour l'accès à la terre, Campagne du 1er juin au 22 octobre 2007**", Article 307 from the NGO "Peuples Solidaires" published on 5th June 2007.
- <http://alternatives-international.net/article800.html>, http://alternatives-international.net/article359.html?debut_articles_rubrique=105: "**JANADESH 2007, la marche des paysans sans terre**" and "**INDE, Les paysans sont en marche**". 2 articles edited by Alternatives Internationales, in May 2007 and September 2006.

- <http://www.coordinationsud.org/spip.php?article4994>: On 8th January 2007, Michèle Bruhat (Frère des Hommes) wrote an editorial in Coordination Sud's newsletter (the widest platform of French NGOs).
- <http://southasia.oneworld.net/article/view/142321/1/1893>: The OneWorld network, which spans five continents in 11 different languages, published an article called "**Ekta Parishad at the ISF: Moving Towards Janadesh 2007**", from Geetha N Bhardwaj, on 12th November 2006.
- <http://www.wfuna.org/news/newsletter/unc65.cfm>: The World Federation of United Nations Associations published a newsletter (Issue No. 65 - September 2006) where details were given on "**Walking for Land Rights**".
- http://www.confederationpaysanne.fr/index.php?rubrique_id=104&actualite_id=1088 : "**JANADESH 2007, la marche des paysans sans terre indiens**". The "Confédération Paysanne", France's 2nd biggest agriculture syndicate made a press release on Janadesh, on the 17th of April 2007.