



# Walk of Hope

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PADAYATRA | KANYAKUMARI TO KASHMIR

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Walk of Hope is a padayatra for peace and harmony by the Manav Ekta Mission—covering 6000 kms from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. Led by Sri M, founder of Manav Ekta Mission, the journey spans 15-18 months through 12 Indian states, bringing together citizens from all walks of life. Traversing the varied landscape of India, it seeks a significantly restored nation—fit enough to be bequeathed to our future generations.

The **Walk of Hope** will flag off on 12 January 2015, the birthday of a great prophet of interfaith harmony, Swami Vivekananda. Starting from the Gandhi Memorial Mandapam in Kanyakumari and concluding in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir, this initiative will reach out to 10 million fellow Indians.

The **padayatra** seeks to explore the root cause of intolerance and divisiveness—an exercise to restore the innate spirituality of the nation—rekindling true faith and rejuvenating the spirit of hope, love, peace, harmony and oneness.

The **padayatra** will cover 15-20 kms a day and halt in the evening at a pre-determined village or town enroute. The evening will be spent meeting with the local populace—which will include meaningful dialogues, inter-faith prayers, eating together and resting overnight at their homes.

In Sri M's words: **We will walk together, not as members of groups or parties or advocates of ideologies, but as humans. We will walk to free society from fear and insecurity, thus igniting the formation of an inclusive and participative society where opportunity is given to all, where talent and effort are rewarded regardless of caste, religion, language, region or gender.**

A diverse assembly of responsible citizens, who foresee a united and inclusive India for themselves and the future generations, will accompany Sri M in this walk. The hope is to erase disparities arising from a misunderstanding of our diverse culture and religions, thus uniting the humanity of India through a spiritual approach proving people can live together despite all differences.

The **Manav Ekta Mission**, a body founded on the singular belief that all humanity is one, powers the **Walk of Hope**. The Mission, a wing of the **Satsang Foundation**, works towards promoting oneness of all faiths by encouraging people to nurture the innate goodness in every human being.

The objectives of the **Manav Ekta Mission** to be accomplished through the **Walk of Hope** are:

- **Interfaith harmony:** Initiatives that promote and nurture interfaith unity, harmony and the message of oneness
- **Equality for all:** Enabling equality for all irrespective of caste, creed, religion, language and gender

- **Sustainable living:** Activities inspiring harmony with nature to energise our immediate eco-systems
- **Women empowerment:** Initiatives that champion empowerment and safety of women
- **Community health:** Propagating effective community awareness programmes to improve sanitation thus creating a positive influence on personal health and hygiene
- **Education & youth development:** An active proponent to spread education in the lower strata of society and empowering youth through education across the nation

## Sri M

Sri M—spiritual guide, social reformer and educationist—was born into a Muslim family on November 6, 1948 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. His transformational journey, from a young boy to a living yogi, is a fascinating story symbolized by single-minded discipline and dedication. He travelled to the Himalayas at the age of 19, met saints and sages, eventually gaining his spiritual fulfillment under the guidance of Maheshwarnath Babaji. He is married and has two children. His autobiography, **Apprenticed to a Himalayan Master—A Yogi's Autobiography**, is a bestseller. Based in Madanapalle, Andhra Pradesh (a three-hour drive from Bangalore), he leads a simple life—teaching and guiding the **Satsang Foundation** and **Manav Ekta Mission**.



To know more about the Walk of Hope with Sri M and participation in this spiritual quest for a united and inclusive India, log on to [www.walkofhope.in](http://www.walkofhope.in) or write to [team@walkofhope.in](mailto:team@walkofhope.in) You may also WhatsApp us @ 9611135502

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