



Sri M, Founder of Manav Ekta Mission/Walk of Hope

Sri M is a peace activist, social reformer and educationist. He is a torch-bearer for peace, communal harmony and tolerance in today's conflict ridden society. He has been striving towards this objective for several years through his numerous social initiatives aimed at the promotion of tolerance and non-violence. Sri M was born in 1949 in Trivandrum (South India) and grew up in the Sufi and Muslim traditions.

On finishing his graduation, at an age of 19 years, he left for the Himalayas for his spiritual quest. There he lived for many years, and under the guidance of his spiritual teacher, he did an in-depth study and contemplation on comparative religions and their common basis. He was tasked by his teacher to spread the message of Peace and Harmony as his life mission. On his return, he mobilised initiatives for the poor tribes and implemented programmes especially focussed on promoting tolerance, non-violence and human oneness.

Sri M is the founder of the Walk of Hope which he implemented in India for the promotion of peace, harmony and oneness of humanity; a 7,500 km- long Walkathon from the Southern tip of India, Kanyakumari to the North in Kashmir. The walk started in January 2015 and the impact was astounding. More than a million people from different denominations have come to walk with Sri M and resolved to a peaceful living. The Walk was concluded at Srinagar, Kashmir in April 2016 and was completed in around 500 days.

Mr. Adama Dieng, Under-Secretary- General of the United Nations/Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide also participated in the Walk of Hope India.

During the month of March 2017, the peace mission of Sri M reached out to Europe with a Walk of Hope at Berlin on March 19, 2017 and The Hague¹ from 28 to 31 March 2017. He has addressed school children and several other gatherings at Berlin, Zurich, Bern, Interlaken (Villa Unspunnen), Amsterdam and The Hague to promote the message of Oneness of Humanity.

From 21 September to 2 October 2018 Sri M will visit The Hague again for the WHO 2018.

Sri M's life mission in his own words may be summed up as - "Born Human, Be Human, Every step for Humanity."

He has written several books, including "Apprenticed to a Himalayan Master: A Yogi's Autobiography".

¹ Short- 3min- movie on Walk of Hope 2017 in The Hague: <https://youtu.be/dVKUwQwHb68>

