

PRESS RELEASE | THE CLIMATE WALKER

Jaydip Lakhankiya Walks 12,000 Kilometres From Malta to India, Picking Up Garbage Each Day

Known as The Climate Walker, the 25-year-old walker from Gujarat is carrying a public climate message across roughly 20 countries while collecting one bag of garbage where practical each day.

Valletta, Malta. Jaydip Lakhankiya, known publicly as **The Climate Walker**, is walking roughly **12,000 kilometres from Malta to India** to make climate responsibility visible through slow travel, road conversations, and one bag of garbage collected where practical each day.

The journey began publicly from Valletta on **21 February 2026** and is planned across approximately **20 countries** over around **18 months**. Jaydip travels primarily on foot, with unavoidable ferry crossings required by geography. Along the route, he documents the road, speaks with communities, seeks school and NGO conversations, and collects **one bag of garbage where practical each day** as a visible act of responsibility.

Jaydip is originally from **Bhavnagar, Gujarat, India**. His background includes travel and tourism studies, outdoor instruction, kayaking, trekking, a 182-day solo journey across India by walking and hitchhiking, and study in Malta. His public mission is not leisure travel or influencer content. It is a long walk built around human contact, simple living, daily cleanup, and direct conversations across borders.

“I pick up one bag because responsibility should be visible.”

Key Facts

Name: Jaydip Lakhankiya

Public name: The Climate Walker

Origin: Bhavnagar, Gujarat, India

Mission: 12,000 km walk from Malta to India with daily cleanup

Route: around 20 countries over roughly 18 months

Daily action: one bag of garbage collected where practical each day

Cleanup logged: 140 garbage bags in the latest public update

Countries entered: Malta, Italy, Vatican City, San Marino

Public city history: Rome, Venice, Padua, and Udine

Public tracker: delayed and generalized for safety

Support: goes to The Climate Walker LLC and helps Jaydip Lakhankiya keep the walk, cleanup work, route logistics, and documentation moving

Story Angles

Editors and producers can approach the story through climate action, daily waste collection, youth leadership, Malta-to-India human interest, schools and communities along the route, sponsor support in real conditions, or the long-term plan for cleanup and environmental education after India.

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