

## 5<sup>th</sup> Mathai Zachariah Annual Memorial Lecture

Dr. Mathai Zachariah founded the India Peace Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1988 and by doing that set the starting point for numerous visions and projects that have been carried out by the India Peace Centre so far. The India Peace Centre, being a place of constant encouragement and engagement in the work for peace under the principles of promoting the culture of dialogue and mutuality with a spirit of ever widening understanding. In remembrance of Dr. Mathai Zachariah who passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012, India Peace Centre instituted annual memorial lecturer which is organized in different places every year.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Mathai Zachariah Annual Memorial Lecture was organized in collaboration with the Bishop's College in Kolkata on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 on the theme "Reason and Rationality in Religions for Peace and Harmony". Dr. Saswati Mutsuddy, a Buddhist scholar from Kolkata University, was the main speaker on the topic which was responded by Rev. Philip Vinod Peacock, a Christian Theologian, and Mr. Sohail Ahmad, a Muslim scholar. Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad, Chairperson of India Peace Centre paid tribute to Dr. Mathai Zachariah and Rev. Dr. Sunil Caleb, Principal of Bishop's College, moderated the program the lecture was attended by students, teachers and ecumenical friends of India Peace Centre.

