

Together for Peace: Spreading Message of Peace through Cycle Rally

Every year the United Nations call out for the International Day of Peace, also known as the World Peace Day, on the 21st September. In 2017 the theme for that day was “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All”. A special focus was put on people that are forced to flee from their homes, due to war, persecution, discrimination and other reasons, in the hope to find a better place worth living. Therefore, showing support, solidarity and encouragement with refugees was the major objective of the day, while also acknowledging concerns that people have connected to the new circumstance of people from foreign places coming into their society.

To celebrate that important day and to communicate the message thereof, India Peace Centre organized a cycle rally in Nagpur. About 250 cyclists from different clubs, individuals, and members of various social movements participated in the rally which was led by Dr. Tejinder Singh Rawal, a member of the Program Resource Team of India Peace Centre. The rally was organized in partnership with Nagpur YMCA and Rotary Club of Nagpur Downtown. The rally was flagged off by Dr. Amit Samarth, an international cyclist who was the first Indian to complete the Race Across America Challenge, Ms. Jyoti Patel who is the first woman in Central India to complete 600 kilometres brevet, Ms. Ekta Bhayia, the 2nd runners up in Mrs. India 2016 and Dr. Bhupendra Arya an old cyclist and dentist.

