



### **UN-Day program**

Every year, on 24<sup>th</sup> of October, the whole world is celebrating UN-Day. The United Nations were created to promote peace, human rights and provide a platform for all nations of the world to work together in this process. The organization of 193 member states has been working with these goals since 1945 but there is still much work to do.

The India Peace Centre, Nagpur used the occasion to initiate a round table discussion under the lead question: "What can we do to fulfil the Sustainable Development Goals?" The program was opened by five IPC Core Group members who all concisely addressed one of the main concerns of the India Peace Centre that are also featured in the Sustainable Development Goals.

Dr. Rayalu covered the topic "Equality" and focused on the suggestion to make the UN itself more equal by balancing the powers of all member states and democratizing the UN Security Council. Dr. Shende spoke on the issue "Health" and Dr. Rawal gave an account on the "Environment". Both concluded that it is crucial to take care of oneself and of one's surrounding in order to achieve happiness. In this process even small things like switching off the light when you leave the room or keeping your trash with you instead of throwing it into nature if you can't find a dustbin can make a great difference. The other two topics "Peace and Justice" and "No Poverty" were addressed by Dr. Khawaja and Adv. Raffique

After the initial presentation, the crowd of around 30 visitors of all age groups was invited to share their opinions on the different topics. The interaction, chaired by IPC Director Kasta Dip, was well received and underlined the importance of these topics in today's society.

In the end we are all responsible and it is our duty to keep on questioning and asking for alternatives. That's our part in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals.