

REPORT ON 'SOUTH ASIAN STUDENTS MEETING' HELD IN NEPAL ON 28-29 AUGUST, 2007

On August 28-29, a seminar was held on Kathmandu, Nepal organized by Physicians for Social Responsibility Nepal. It was a South Asian Students Meet. The theme of the conference was 'A **Call from Medical Community for the Prevention of Small Arms Violence**'. PSR, Bangladesh sent a team to attend the meeting. The members are as follows:

1. Moshiur rahman Khasru- Team leader.
2. Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury and
3. Anarul Islam.

Total Five (5) country attends the conference namely Bangladesh, India, Germany, Poland and host Nepal. The main objectives of the meeting were:

1. To be self aware about small arm tragedies.
2. To know the ways adapted in some countries for tackling small arm violence.
3. Development of ways of handling the problems of small arms on our part through brain storming and following the examples of other countries of the world.
4. Dissemination of our findings to the media for mass awareness.

The programme was divided in to two parts according to day.

On 28th August welcome note was delivered by Swachchhanda Songmen. Speeches were also delivered by Prof.Dr.Mathura Prasad Shrestha, Prtesident PSRN, Dr.Khagendra bikram (ISR, IPPNW) and Chudamani giri (NSR, PSRN).

During student activities session **Moshiur Rahman Khasru** delivered his speech regarding overall activity of PSR, Bangladesh. He elaborately talks about various works organized by PSR; Bangladesh. It was highly appraised by all the country in the meeting. We also distribute Leaflets of our activities among the participants of various countries.

During group discussion session various topics like Protection of human rights; health professional's role, Medical negligence and its impact on healthcare, Nuclear arms race in south Asia and its consequences, State of health care services delivery in our part of the world etc. were discussed among the participants. **Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury** Delivered a speech about drawing attention to the President of United States of America about Stoppage of war. **Anarul Islam** also actively took part in group discussion session.

On 29th August the programme started with a State of the art Lecture delivered by Professor Indrajit Rai upon 'Issues on small arms: means, problem and management in context of Nepal'. Then a open discussion was held participated by all the present country. The topic was 'Small arm violence and its consequences'. Bangladesh actively participates there and put some valuable suggestions which were agreed by all.

Last of all Mr.Chudamani giri (NSR, PSRN) gave his concluding remarks.

It was overall a nice and organized programme. PSR; Bangladesh shows their competency in this regard. We have got a good exposure regarding arrangement of this kind of international assembly. We hope in future, we can exercise our experience here and strengthen the hand of PSR, Bangladesh.

With regards

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Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury

Anarul Islam