

# Association of Political Science Students (APSS)

2005/06

## APSS Special Contribution to Facilitating Peace Process and Pro-Democratic Movement

(Record found so far through Newspaper and concerned individuals)

### About the APSS

The Association of Political Science Students (APSS) is politically independent, scholarly association, established in 2001, supporting and encouraging the training, research, dialogue, roundtables and national cooperation of political scientists, theorists, practitioners, policy makers, journalists, researchers and students either in formal education or those interested in political issues and other intellectuals, across Nepal and beyond. The APSS has nearly 2,100 members across the country, has working relationships with Nepalese political parties, relevant departments of Universities and different academic and professional associations and unions. It has now 26 district chapters, and 43 locally-active groups have been affiliated to pursue APSS policy and programme implementation process. Formally in 2006 the APSS got registered at local authority of Government with an approved Charter, the APSS is non-profit making and non-religious Association.

Crisis of democracy in Nepal due to different unconstitutional and undemocratic activities of the state, conflict among or between political forces arose seriously. To draw attention of the students and other social walks in day-to-day political activities and their effects, pressurize the state not to go towards any undemocratic process, and develop a common agenda towards conflict management and resolution, APSS organized different workshops and seminars. The followings are briefing of APSS activities (during the period of 2005/06 to facilitate and back the ongoing democratic movement and protests:

### 1. Conflict Resolution Talks: Obstacles and Possibilities

Date: January 9, 2005  
Venue: Padmakanya Multiple Campus, Bagbazaar  
Objectives: To seek and identify way of conflict resolution and common problems towards talks between the state and the CPN (Maoist).

#### Main speakers:

- Sudeep Pathak, President, Nepal Human Rights Organization
- Yuvaraj Ghimire, Senior Journalist
- Dr. Narayan Khadka, Central Member, Nepali Congress (D)
- Shambhu Thapa, President, Nepal Bar Association

Other participants: Political leaders, professors, advocates, students, journalists and civil societies.

Outcomes/Message: Centralising the nation and nationality, all the existing political forces should come in a meeting to seek common points.

### 2. For Political Outcome, Election or House Revival?

Date: January 23, 2005  
Venue: Reporters' Club Nepal, Putalisadak  
Objectives: To seek and identify the drawbacks and positive impact of house election or its revival.

#### Main speakers:

- Arjun Narsingh KC, Nepali Congress
- Pradeep Nepal, CPN (UML)

- Lilamani Pokharel, Janamorch Nepal
- Harihar Dahal, Senior Advocate
- Prof. Dr. Ananta Raj Poudel, Political Scientist, TU
- Kapil Kafle, Media Commentator
- Prof. Dr. Bhupati Dhakal, President of Nepal Professor's Association

Other participants: Political leaders, professors, advocates, students, journalists and civil societies.

Outcomes/message: Stop political instability by the constituent assembly through house revival.

### 3. Free Press and Democracy

Date: June 6, 2005

Venue: Trichandra College, Ghantaghar

Objectives: To discuss the necessity of free press to enforce democracy.

#### Main speakers:

Mahesh Acharya, Nepali Congress

Pradeep Gyawali, CPN (UML)

Pratik Pradhan, Editor of The Kathmandu Post

Prof. Dr. Saubhagya Jung Karki, Senior Political Scientist, TU

Dr. Suman Dhakal, Political Scientist, TU

Other participants: Political leaders, professors, advocates, students, Political Scientists, journalists and civil societies.

Outcomes: Necessity of a strong pressuring movement against the government to establish free press environment and democracy.

### 4. Quality Education: Professional and Moral Education

Date: June 25, 2005

Venue: Padmakanya Vidhyashram Seminar Hall, Dillibazaar

Objectives: To discuss the necessity of quality education for profession and moral enlightening.

#### Main speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Bidhya Nath Koirala, Senior Educationist, TU
- Prof. Dr. Mahendra Singh, rector tu, Educationist
- Prof. Dr. Tirtha Khania, Educationist, TU
- Prof. Dr. Mana Prasad Wagley, Educationist, TU
- Prof. Madhav Gautam, Former Vice-Chancellor of ms University
- Prof. Toran Bahadur Karki, Former Vice-Chancellor of Purvanchan University

Other participants: Senior Educationists, professors, students, journalists and civil societies.

Working Papers: Prof. Dr. Bidhya Nath Koirala and Prof. Tirtha Khania.

Outcomes: Curriculum, teaching style and examination system must be restructured and kept politics away from academia.

### 5. Need for a Common Education Structure and Multi-Thinking

Partially supported by Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC/Nepal)

Date: July 25, 2005

Venue: Hotel Yak & Yati, Durbar marg Kathmandu

Objectives: To discuss the necessity of quality education for profession and moral enlightening, and seek common points of education in different political ideology.

#### Main attendees:

- Prof. Dr. Bidhya Nath Koirala, Senior Educationist, TU
- Prof. Dr. Tirtha Khania, Educationist, TU
- Prof. Dr. Mana Prasad Wagley, Senior Educationist, TU
- Dr. Purna Kanta Adhikari, Freelance Educationist
- Dr. Agni Kafle, Member-Secretary of CTEVT
- Dr. Bidhur Upadhya,
- Prof. Dr. Hridayaratna Bajracharya, Executive Director, CERID
- Dr. Shree Ram Paudel, Educationist, TU
- Ramsworup Sinha, Deputy Director General, Department of Education/Nepal
- Prof. Upendra Karki, Educationist, TU
- Dr. Krishna Bhattachan, Sociologist, TU
- Mahendra Pandey, CPN (UML)
- Rajendra Maharjan, Journalist, *Mulyankan Monthly*
- Prof. Radha Sharma, Educationist, TU

Other participants: Senior Educationists, professors, students, journalists and civil societies.  
 Working papers presented by (five separate working papers):  
 Prof. Tirtha Khania, Dr. Purna Kanta Adhikari, Prof. Dr. Hridayaratna Bajracharya,  
 Mahendra Pandey and Rajendra Maharjan.

Outcomes/message:

Curriculum, teaching style and examination system must be restructured and kept politics away from academia for democratic education system.

## 6. Human Rights and Outcome from the Current Conflict

Date: Ashoj 2, 2062

Venue: Shanker Dev Campus, Putalisadak

Objectives: To enforce human rights and discuss on how outcome can be got from the current conflict.

### Main speakers:

- Ram Chandra Poudel, Nepali Congress
- Bamdev Gautam, CPN (UML)
- Lilamani Pokharel, Janamorcha Nepal
- Homnath Dahal, Nepali Congress
- Laxman Aryal, Former Justice of the Supreme Court
- Prof. Kapil Shrestha, Political Scientist & Human Rights activist
- Yuvaraj Ghimire, Senior journalist

Participants: Senior politicians, human rights activists, profesors, students, journalists and civil societies.

Working Papers by: Prof. Kapil Shrestha

Outcomes/Message: Stop political instability by the constituent assembly through house revival, and need for an immediate democratic change.

## 7. Civil Rights and democracy in the Current Situation Rights

Date: October 26, 2005

Venue: Public Information Center/World Bank, Kamaladi, Kathmandu

Objectives: To enforce human rights and discuss on how outcome can be got from the current conflict.

### Main speakers:

- Gopal Man Shrestha, Nepali Congress

- Raghuji Panta, CPN (UML)
- Dhruva Hari Adhikari, Senior journalist & political commentator
- Prof. Krishna Khanal, Political Scientist
- Bhimarjun Acharya, Constitutional Lawyer
- Rameshwor Upadhyaya, General Secretary, Nepal Professor's Association
- Sudeep Pathak, Human Rights leader

Other participants:

Senior politicians, Political Scientists human rights activists, professors, students, journalists and civil societies

Outcomes/Message:

Stop political instability by the constituent assembly through house revival, and need for an immediate democratic change.

#### **8. In the Current Situation Human Rights in Nepal**

Date: Kartik 23, 2062

Venue: Public Information Center/World Bank, Kamaladi, Kathmandu

Objectives: To enforce human rights and discuss on how outcome can be got from the current conflict.

Main speakers:

Jhahnath Khanal, CPN (UML) –current Prime Minister of Nepal

Himlal Puri, Janamorch Nepal

Krishnajung Rayamajhi, Former Justice of Supreme Court

Charan Prasain, Human Rights activist

Other participants:

Senior politicians, Political Scientists human rights activists, professors, students, journalists and civil society members

Working Paper by: Bishnu Bhusal, Human Rights activist

Outcomes: Go for a constituent assembly to overcome from the problem.

#### **9. In the Current Situation Conflict Management in Nepal**

Date: December 2, 2005

Venue: Public Information Center/World Bank, Kamaladi, Kathmandu

Objectives: To enforce human rights and discuss on how outcome can be got from the current conflict.

**Main speakers:**

- Madhav Kumar Nepal, General Secretary, CPN (UML)
- Gopal Man Shrestha, Acting President, Nepali Congress (D)
- Ram Chandra Poudel, Nepali Congress
- Arjun Narsingh KC, Nepali Congress
- Dr. Minendra Rijal, Nepali Congress
- Ian Martin, Chief of OHCHR/UN Nepal

Other Participants:

Senior politicians, Political Scientists human rights activists, professors, students, journalists and civil societies

Working Paper: Prof. Dr. Ananta Raj Poudel

Outcomes: A democratic change will work to stop human rights violence and unilateral ceasefire should be bilateral.

#### **10. Role of Students in the Current Political Situation**

Date: February 3, 2006

Venue: Padmakanya Multiple Campus, Bagbazaar

Objectives: To identify the role of youth-student in ongoing movement/pro-democratic political demonstration for democracy.

##### **Main speakers:**

- KP Oli, CPN (UML)
- Laxman Aryal, Former Justice of Supreme Court of Nepal
- Harihar Dahal, Former President of Nepal Bar Association
- Rajendra Dahal, Editor of Himal magazine fortnightly
- Prof. Dr. Bhupati Dhakal, President of Nepal Professor's Association
- Prof. Kapil Shrestha, Political Scientist
- Rajendra Prasain, APSS President
- Jemima Gordon-Duff (UK envoy), Political Secretary of British Embassy

Other participants: Senior politicians, Political Scientists, human rights activists, foreign diplomat, professors, students, journalists and civil societies.

Outcomes: All the students should take part in political movement peacefully.

#### **11. Just-Finished Free Student Union Election's Result and Democratic Movement**

Date: Falgun 26, 2062

Venue: Tri-chandra College, Ghantaghar, Kathmandu

Objectives: To identify the role of youth-student in ongoing movement for democracy.

##### **Main speakers:**

- Arjun Narsingh KC, Nepali Congress
- Dr. Minendra Rijal, CPN (UML)
- Bhim Rawal, CPN (UML)
- Nilambar Acharya, Political analyst
- Gunaraj Luitel, Lead Columnist, Kantipur National Daily
- Khagendra Sangroula, Lead Columnist & writer

Participants:

Senior politicians, Political Scientists, Students leaders, professors, students, journalists and civil societies

Outcomes:

All the students should take part in political movement peacefully.

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