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## *World Social Work Day 2017*

### Report from Bangladesh

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#### **A Scene of the WSWD 2017**

You all will be very delighted to see the Dept. of Sociology & Social Work of The People's University of Bangladesh where I am the head of the department, little efforts to celebrate the WSWD 2017. We have organized a two days event. On 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017, we hold a grand colorful rally and pre seminar workshop on the global agenda. Our all dignified faculty members, guest speakers from different development organizations and our students participated to the pre seminar mini workshop and discussion. In that event, the faculty members and guests shared their knowledge and ideas on the social work's present status in the community development field in Bangladesh. They also highlighted the necessity and scope of social work in national image building mission.

## **A Snapshot from our 2<sup>nd</sup> National Seminar**

On 22nd March 2017, we have had a day long National Seminar on the WSWD 2017 theme “Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability”. This is in fact such a grand event for the second time in Bangladesh at the auspicious occasion of the World Social Work Day (WSWD) celebration. To mark the day significant, we have invited a number of eminent social work academics, government high officials of social services department and prominent development activists to talk on diverse community developments issues. Approximately 200 delegates from different organizations along with the students of Sociology & Social Work discipline of our University.



Token Appreciation handed over to the Panel Speakers

## Sessions of the Seminar

The National Seminar held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 included two technical sessions, extempore speech, motivational presentation and talk from the gallery. At the inception of the seminar, honourable Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University Mr. Md. Shirajul Islam Mollah, MP was present as Chief Guest and Professor Dr. Shamima Nasrin Shahed honorable Member Secretary of BoT, Vice Chancellor and Registrar were present as Special Guests along with deans of the Faculties, Heads of the departments and other faculty members. After the inception, keynote speech was given by globally renowned social work scholar and philanthropist Professor Dr. P. C Sarker, honorable Vice Chancellor of Royal University of Dhaka. Professor Dr. Md. Abul Hossen, Head of Social Work department of Jagannath University chaired the session and Dr. Uttam Kumar Das, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Planning was panel discussant on the session. Professor P.C Sarker presented his keynote speech on “Origin and Trend of Development of Social Work Education and Social Work Practice across the East and West”. He covered the background history of social work education and practice over the east and west lastly focusing on the situation of social work practice in Bangladesh. Dr. Abu Jamil Faisal, Chairman, Health21 was the chairperson of another technical session where Ms. Debry, honorable country director of Institute of Wellbeing and Eng. Shakil Khan were present as speakers. They all delivered their talks on sustainable development, environmental sustainability and community development. Apart from the technical session, Professor Masuda M. Rashid Chowdhury chaired the session while Mr. Mokhlesur Rahman, honorable Ex. Secretary. We had the opportunity to have the valuable speech from many other distinguished speakers from diverse fields.



## Congregation of Social Workers

The event of this year will bear a long way memory in the hearts of all social workers in our country. Our efforts of WSWD 2017 celebration was not kept limited within our premise rather we had tried to circulate and incorporate the people from all walks of life. As we have been marching with the Colourful Rally which fascinated numerous roadside walkers and impacted on their minds. This event was highlighted both in electronic and print media that also reflected greatly. In fact, our National Seminar to celebrate WSWD 2017, was really a pioneering footstep in our country in terms of Social Work internalization and practice. In the Rally, Md. Habibur Rahman, Head of Sociology & Social Work department, Professor Masuda M. Rashid Chowdhury, honorary dean of social science faculty were seen in front line along with other colleagues and students. It was really a great pleasure for us to have the valued presence of honorable Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Moh. Amin Uddin Mridha and Mr. Mohammed Mufakker, honorable Registrar of the university wished us and launched the Rally.



**The Rally on March**

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