

## **Summary Report of A.O.S.M, B.O.T and P.I activities 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> July'2011**

1. **The Asia Oceanic Service Meet (A.O.S.M)** was held for the first time in India and Chandigarh fellowship was given the opportunity to make arrangements for the same. The A.O.S.M took place between 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July at the North Park Hotel, Panchkula.
2. **Delegates from 20 countries** met to discuss regarding the fellowship in their countries and how to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics in a more effective manner. All the delegates paid for their own stay and meals.
3. In this business meet, observers were allowed to sit and understand the proceedings
4. GSO NY was represented by a Director of Staff Services Doug R.
5. G.S.O India for the first time in 25 years decided to move the Board of Trustees meeting out of Mumbai, to hold the same on the sidelines of the A.O.S.M during 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Many trustees of GSO India including the Chairman, P.I Chairman, ex-P.I Chairman and the 'A' class trustees spared time to reach Chandigarh on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> to be able to participate in the P.I activities in an effort to give impetus to the effort in spreading the AA message in North India.
6. The main idea was to utilize the backdrop of A.O.S.M to create **awareness about the A A fellowship and the 'recovery program' through media and various other agencies**. The P.I activities/efforts are detailed below:-
  - (a) Our A class Trustee (non alcoholic) Mr. S.T. Ramesh, D.G.P Karnataka helped us connect with **D.G.P Police Haryana, I.G Police Chandigarh and D.G. Prisons, Haryana**.

We have already received permission from the I.G Chandigarh to put up posters in police stations, police posts and all beat boxes. In Haryana ADGP has also consented to give us permission for the Panchkula district as a pilot project.

After taking permission from the D.G.P Prisons, meetings will be started in Gurgaon and Faridabad Prisons as a pilot project, besides sensitizing programs for the jail staff. The Regional Trustee Delhi has agreed to take responsibility for this activity.

(b) **Awareness Meet for the NGOs**-Chief Guest Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Social Security, Women and Child Development, Punjab, Prof. Laxmi Kanta Chawla. This was held in the Art Gallery on the 21<sup>st</sup> July and our A class Trustees Padam Shri Father Joe Perera and MR. S.T. Ramesh addressed the gathering besides stories/experiences from A A and Al-Anon members. The gathering included Director of Social Welfare Punjab, Dy. Director Social Welfare Haryana and Incharges of various NGOs involved in social welfare. This meet was attended by approx 175 representatives of NGOs

The Hon'ble minister appreciated the work being done by the fellowship and gave a strong message to the NGOs to participate and help in carrying the message.

c ) **Press Conference** was held at the press club Chandigarh on the 21<sup>st</sup> July afternoon and our two **A class trustees** Father Joe and Dr Ashish Deshpande spoke to the press regarding Alcoholics Anonymous, the recovery program and the important role of the press in helping us to create awareness in the general public.

There was a lot of enthusiasm from the press, with an active question-answer session. There was wide coverage in 14 Newspapers.

(d) **TV Interviews and Panel Discussions** were recorded with *PTC Channel, Chandigarh Doordarshan and Day & Night channels*, where again the A class Trustees Father Joe and Dr Ashish Deshpande, as the faces of the fellowship appeared to pass on the 'message from Heart'

(e) A A members recorded telephonic-interviews with **AIR Chandigarh and Jalandhar**. We also have permission to record interviews with AIR Patiala and Bhatinda in future.

(f) A meeting was organized with the Editor-in-Chief of 'The Tribune' with Mr. S.T.Ramesh on the 21st July for future cooperation.

(g) Hon'ble **Justice Rajive Bhalla** of the Punjab & Haryana High Court is a friend of the fellowship and allowed us to hold an awareness meet for the judicial officers in the Judicial academy Chandigarh on the 23<sup>rd</sup> under his chairmanship. The topic was 'Substance Abuse and the Law' The G.S.O New York Director of Staff Services, G.S.O India Chairman, ex-P.I Chairman and members from the local fellowship spoke on the subject and there was very good participation from the judicial officers.

Justice Bhalla has recently passed an order under the 'probation act' to send the persons caught under 'drunken driving' category to attend the A A meetings.

Lot of thinking will have to be done with regard to this so that path breaking move from the judiciary this can be effectively followed up.

(h) Father Joe along with G.S.O P.I Chairman and our members visited the rehabs on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

7. The cultural program organized by the Host Committee was very well appreciated by the A.O.S.M delegates, trustees and the local fellowship members.

8. The A.O.S.M delegates, A Class trustees and other G.S.O trustees attended FOUR local recovery meetings, which were very well attended, with some even new members attending some meetings.

9. Members from the local fellowship volunteered for various committees and whole heartedly gave their time to receive the delegates and make the various programs effective.

10. Comprehensive accounts for the A.O.S.M and the allied activities have been posted on the Chandigarh Intergroup website [www.aachandigarh.com](http://www.aachandigarh.com)

There is a shortfall of Rupees 54,453 and all are requested to kindly contribute. The contributions can be given to the Intergroup Treasurer Ranbir S.

Thanks,  
Yours in A A Service

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