



Looking back

From the beginning of 2019, Society of Surgeons of Bangladesh organized a number of CMEs in different medical colleges and academic institutions engaging the members actively in a broad based teaching and learning environment. A number of seminars, symposiums and surgical conferences were conducted in a number of government and private institutions. Hands-on-training on basic surgical skills and live workshops were a routine in almost every month of the year. The society successfully organized the 15th international surgical congress and SAARC surgical care society meeting 2019 and Asir Memorial Gold Medal lecture from December 7th to 8th, 2019 at Dhaka. The congress became ornamental with the active participation of a large number of delegates from home and abroad. There was sharing of knowledge and experiences among the participants through different and divergent scientific sessions.

The "Asir Memorial Gold Medal" was awarded to **Prof. Dr. Md. Shah Alam** for his presentation '**Spinal Tuberculosis: An Enlightened Story of Remedy Through Surgery – Outcome of 715 Patients**'. Prof. Alam is a renowned orthopedic and spinal surgeon of the country with international reputation.

The Society accomplished another milestone by promulgating Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) course in collaboration with Bangladesh college of Physicians and Surgeons and American College of Surgeons (Bangladesh Chapter) this year after several years of relentless pursuance and ultimately obtaining a go-ahead signal from The Committee On Trauma, American College of Surgeons. This is the only internationally recognized training program in the field of surgery so far launched in Bangladesh. Three Students courses and one instructor course were successfully completed in the presence of international faculties from USA, Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and India in the premises of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons.

In preparation of the post graduate trainees for their final examination the society organized special classes by dedicated faculties on a regular basis for upgrading their knowledge and attitude; and to boost them up morally.

Overall, year 2019 was a year of lot of achievements and success for the society of surgeons of Bangladesh. Hope, year 2020 would be more promising and glorious for the society.