- The first meeting of the new working committee of the Nepal Medical Association (NMA) was held on 4<sup>th</sup> of Baisakh 2066 at the NMA office, Siddhisadan, Kathmandu. The organizing committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> All Nepal Medical conference was felicitated for successful organization of the conference.
- Heartly gratitude was also expressed to the election council 2065-67 for conducting the election successfully.
- The outgoing working committee members were congratulated for successful completion of their tenure with a hope that they would continue their help and cooperation in the future.
- The 24 All Nepal Medical conference was convened in Kathmandu from 2066 Baisakh 2 to 4<sup>th</sup> with theme of "Fostering Patnership in Health Services".
- 5. The executive committee of the NMA organized a discussion on "Health as a fundamental right". Specialities, societies associated with the NMA, members, media person, hospital directors of various hospitals of Kathmandu, dean and chairperson of various medical colleges took part in the discussion. The report with recommendations from the discussion was submitted to the Fundamental rights council/committee and Chairperson of the constituent assembly.
- 6. A talk/discussion "Suggestions regarding the budget of fiscal year 2066/67" was organized on 2066/2/21. Specialities societies associated with the NMA, members, media person, hospital directors of various hospital of Kathmandu, dean and chairperson of various medical colleges took part in the discussion. A report with recommendations and suggestions was finalized after corresponding for important suggestions with the members of the 12 regional chapters of the NMA. The final report was submitted to the finance minister of the Government of Nepal.
- On 2066/3/1 the executive committee of the NMA wrote a 19 point reminder letter to the Honorable Finance minister Surendra Pandey to draw his attention towards budget formulation for the fiscal year 2066/67.
- The NMA organized a press conference to condemn the attack on Dr. Roshan Raut, Sahid Gangalal hospital during a Kathmandu valley strike organized on 2066/3/1.

- The executive committee meeting, 2066 Asad 2, decided to provide a monthly scholarship of Rs. 600 per month based on a request to Ankit Aryal, a 5<sup>th</sup> Standard student and Ishan Aryal, the sons of Late Dr. Ram Prasad Aryal.
- A decision was made to award Dr. Yagyaraj Renu's Joshi scholarship to Dr. Laxmi Narayan Yadav from 2065 Kartik till the end of this education based on his application.
- 11. On 2066/3/4 the NMA drew the attention of the Honorable Primeminister, Home minister, Minister for Health and Population, Nepali Congress party, Unified N.C.P Maoists, U.M.L and other political parties towards "The problems and challenges faced by Health workers and institutions" with a written document.
- 12. On 2066/2/14, Sunday (28 June 2009) a workshop on "National Consultative Meeting on Undergraduate Vs Postgraduate's Seats: Rationale, Challenges and Future Prospective in Nepal" was organized by the NMA. Dr. Angel Magar co-ordinated the event with his paper on current scenario of medical graduates and post graduates in Nepal. The consultative meeting was started with the inauguartion at 8 AM 9 AM in the morning with 50 high level participants.

The honorable minister for health and population Mr. Uma Kant Chaudhary was the guest and NMA president Dr. Kedar Narsingh KC chaired the workshop. Dr. Anjani Kumar Jha, the NMA General Secretary welcomed dignitaries, all the participants in the National Consultative Meeting, Dr. Magar highlighted the aim, objective and expected output while Dr. Bhusal talked about the current scenario of Medical Educaiton in Nepal. Honorable Minister for Health and Population Mr. Uma Kant Chaudhary appreciated the meet and promised to support the output of this meet for the betterment of medical education in the country. Vote of thanks for all those who were involved in the National Consultative meeting was given by Dr. Kedar Narsing KC. After the general discussion five different group was formed to formulate a

recommendation from this meet. They have come up with the following recommendations:

- Quality control in medical education is a must.
- We need to have a Medical Education Bureau under which a separate Medical university should be there in our country. It would look after medical education, accreditation of the medical colleges and quality control in medical education. In fact "National Health Professions Education Act" is needed to look after all these issues.
- Single entrance criteria for entry into the bachelor and post graduate level, only pass out can go abroad.
- Immediate need of Increase in PG seats in clinical, basic and public health
- Foreign medical grads- PG UG, both should undergo licensing examination.
- NMA have to lobby and get these things passed from the parliament.
- Government need to formulate required number of medical colleges, medical graduates, and medical specialists and should work accordingly.

The representative from Ministry of Health, Worldh Health Organization, BPKIHS VC, NAMS VC and rector, Kathmandu University, Nepal Medical Council, Principals from different medical colleges, and Directors from various hospitals, Medical educationists, various stake holders and concerned authorities on medical education participated.

- 13. A press release was made to condemn and demand action against the perpertrator on Dr. Ishwar Raj Devkota, Medical officer, Rapti Zonal Hospital, during emergency treatment of a patient at Dirghayu polyclinic, Tulsipur at 10 PM on 2066/3/15.
- On 2066/3/22, Monday, a discussion program on "Swine flu in Nepal: current scenario, epidemiological strategy and health care" was conducted.
- 15. On 2066/3/24 a program was held in honor of the new team of the Ministry of Health and population including the honorable Minister, State minister (MoHP), Deputy chairman of the National Planning Commission and the two Secretaries of the minsitry. During the programme, attention was drawn towards the demads and problems faced by doctors verbally and through a written document.
- On 2066/3/28, the NMA members attended a meeting at the honorable Prime Minister's office

regarding the Cholera epidemic in western Nepal, the loss of more than a hundred lives and immediate need of sending health workers to the district voiced by the MoHP. On the basis of the discussion and agreement, the NMA sent a team of doctors to Jajarkot, the badly dirrhoea affected district under the coordination of Dr. Angel Magar. The team consisted of:

- 1. Dr. Angel Magar
- 2. Dr. Santosh Dahal
- 3. Dr. Partha Bhurtel
- 4. Dr. Vivek Dhungana
- 5. Dr. Rina Yadav
- 6. Dr. Suman Prasad Adhikari
- 7. Dr. Surya Prasad Rimal
- 8. Dr. Sachin Gurung
- 9. Dr. Sachin Kumar Shrestha
- 10. Dr. Abash Joshi

This team served the diarrhoea affected region for more than two weeks.

- 17. On 2066/4/30, Friday, a condolence program was held in memory of and to pray for eternal peace to the soul of Late Dr. Pitambar Jha, senior life member and past Chairman of the Sagarmatha branch of the NMA.
- 18. On 2066 Shrawan 5, Monday, the meeting of the executive committee created a sub committee to study various quotations submitted for the construction of the NMA building. The quotations were submitterd by 1. Heritage Design Assocites Pvt. Ltd. Kathmandu and 2. Nepal Delta Engineers Pvt. Ltd. Samakhusi, Kathmandu. The current executive body is very much serious to make things a reality. We hope to have our dream come true very soon.
- 19. On 2066 Shrawan 17, a training program was organized on 'How to write Thesis?' for the benefit of post graduate residents studying in various medical colleges and universities in Nepal. Dr. Angel Magar co-ordinated the training program with the faciliator likes Dr. Arun Neopane, Dr. Jay N Shah, Dr. RK Dulal, Dr. Amit Joshi, Dr. Poonam Rizyal and Ms. Amita Pradhan. Dr. Sanju Lama, Mr. Alok Thakur, Mrs. Luna Acharya assisted the program. Dr. Kedar Narsingh KC, Dr. Chop Lal Bhusal and Dr. Anjani Kumar Jha observed and help smooth

running of the program. The residents from various academic institutes took part, appreciated and suggested more training in the future. NMA is committed to conduct such training program periodically.

This training program has been requested by many academic institutions from various parts of the country. However, we could only provide this training to the College of Medical Sciences, Chitwan, Bharatpur. Dr Chop Lal Bhusal, Dr Anjani Kumar Jha along with the co-ordinator of the program, Dr Angel Magar and team conducted the training.

- On 2066 Bhadra 31, the NMA issued a press statement to condemn the attack on Dr. Kuldip Pandit, Janakpur Zonal Hospital.
- 21. On 2006 Bhadra 11, the NMA issued a press statement asking for investigation and immediate legal action on the guilty with regard to the attack on physicians working in the Emergency department of the Narayni Sub-regional hospital.
- 22. On 2066 Bhadra 31, the NMA organized a press conference to announce step wise protest programs in reponse to government's inaction and apathy towards the implementation of the Health Professional protection act 2063 and protection of life, rights and welfare of doctors in the nation despite repeated written requests.
- On 2066 Ahwin 5, Monday, a condolence program was held at 1:00 PM in memory of Late Dr. Pusushottam Niraula, life member NMA to pray for eternal peace for his soul.
- 24. On 2066 Ashwin 19, Monday, the NMA executive committee conducted an interaction program with various Specialities Societies, Nagarik Samaj, Professionals' Alliance for Peace and Democracy (PAPAD), Human rights organizations and lawyers on the demands submitted to the Department of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Population, Government of Nepal.
- 25. On 2066 Kartik 3, a press release was made to draw serious attention and condemn the misbehavior and physical attack on Dr. Kumud Kumar Limbu and Dr. Md. Farid Amatullah, Orthopedics residents, BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences by the patient party who also threatened the Hospital director.
- On 2066 Kartik 4, Wednesday, a meeting of the NMA executive committee discussed that the MoHP

- had failed to adress the demands of the Physicians despite repeated written requests. Thus, it decided to submit an Ultimatum letter to the Minister, MoHP, a copy of which was also submitted to the Honorable Prime Minister. The meeting decided to provide 72 hours from 2066 Kartik 4, 3:00 PM to the government to act on the above issues; failing which, a nation wide protest program would take place under the NMA.
- 27. On 2066 Kartik 7, Saturday, an emergency meeting of the Executive committee of the NMA decided to continue wearing black arm bands by physicians in the nation as no concrete decisions had been reached in the meetings held between the MoHP and the NMA.
- 28. On 2066 Kartik 14, Saturday, a meeting of the Council, NMA decided to continue the protest programs being held in coordination with various stakeholder organizations and associations started in accordance with decision of the Executive committee. The meeting asked the NMA to conduct necessary programs including Relay fasts, fast unto death etc. without closing down health services.
- 29. On 2066 Mangsir 15, Monday, the Executive Committee meeting decided to hold a meeting of the NMA council, NMA executive committee, all government and private hospitals, nursing homes, speciality societies on 10:00 AM, 2066 Mangir 27, Saturday to discuss further protest programs to pressurize the government which had repeatedly failed to adress the demands made for the welfare, rights and protection of doctors; which had been submitted a number of times to the Prime Minister's office, Office of the Chief Scretary, Ministry of Finance, MoHP.
- 30. On 2066 Mangsir 16, Tuesday, the relatives of Shivaram Rai, admitted to the National Institute of Neurological and Allied Sciences, bansbari attacked the health workers on duty and damaged hospital property. A press statement was issued with regard to the above issue and to the statement made by respected Constituent Assembly member Shri Arjun Rai at National Institute of Neurological and Allied Sciences premises.
- On 2066 Mansir 18, the Executive committee of the NMA organized a discussion program on Ethics in Research. Dr. Angel Magar co-ordinated the program. Dr. Ram Agrawal, School of Medicine,

- Maimi University, USA represented the CITI-Program. Dr. Angel, Dr. Aram Dr. Chris Curry from Australia presented various papers about the need of education on Research in Ethics. The doctors from various medical colleges of Kathmandu and hospital took part in the program. NMA is trying to bring out the Research Ethics Education in Nepal in collaboration with CITI-Program, USA under the co-ordination of Dr. Angel Magar.
- On 2066 Mangsir 19, members of the NMA met the Honorable Prime Minister and submitted a document to draw his attention towards various demands made by the NMA.
- 33. On 2066 Mangsir 27, Saturday, a meeting of the NMA council, executive committee, all government and private hospitals, nursing homes, sepciality societies gave permission to the Executive Committee of the NMA to halt all medical services exluding emergency services; if necessary.
- 34. On 2066/8/28, serious attention was drawn towards physical attacks on Doctors and various professional organizations in the nation, of the Honorable Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal; honorable Chairman of the Constituent Assembly Mr. Subash Chandra Nembang; Surya Bahadur Thapa, President, Rastriya janashakti party; Pushpa Kamal Dahal alias Prachanda, Chairman, United N.C.P- Maoists; and acting President, Nepali Congress Party.
- 35. On 2066 Paush 13, Monday, due to total apathy and inaction by the government on implementing

- the Health Professional Protection Act passed by the parliament, the NMA announced the suspension of health services except emergency services at various hospitals and clinics across the nation.
- 36. On 2066 Poush 13 NMA, unwillingly but to pressurize the government to become serious about the NMA demands, called the nationwide shut down of the hospital. The suspension of medical services in all government and private hospitals and clinics of Nepal, was a huge success. NMA would like to thank the Nepal Human Rights Association, PAPAD, Sheer Memorial Hospital, Om Hospital and Reseach center, Nepal Surgeon's Society, Speciality Societies, Nepalguni Medical College teaching hospital, College of Medical Sciences (Chitwan), Nepal Health Professionals and workers union, Nepal Nursing Association, Nepal Health Professional's Association, Nepal Dental Association, the branches of NMA, doctors, health professionals, all hospitals and private clinics in the nation, medical colleges, press and the public for their partnership and support in the protest program. As a result, the Cabinet of Minister of the Government of Nepal convened an emergency meeting, which had decided to form a High Level Working body. The development is viewed positively by the NMA. However, this decision is incomplete. The NMA has thus decided to temporarily suspend its programs to assess the situation. Further protest programs, their dates, and nature will be decided upon and announced through the press.