

## **2011 Activity report of OSS**

This year Dr Debnath was relocating from the UK to settle in Kolkata, India and pledge to continue the OSS activities and do regular charitable clinics at RKMS, Kolkata. This would enable many more unfortunate people with spinal problems to have access to expert advise as well as surgical care.

UK team decided to come and help Dr Debnath to set up the process in place for doing the service. Dr Neena Seth, Consultant Anaesthetist, Marian Barry (RN), Rachel Hunt (RN), and Christine Reber (Neural Monitor specialist) came for six days on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Dr Francesco Cacciola, Neurosurgeon colleague from Sienna, Italy came to assist Dr Debnath for the surgeries.

The first surgery was anterior cervical decompression at C5/6 for a early myelopathy in a 50 year old man from Bangladesh. This was followed by surgery on 3 Adolescent Idiopathic scoliosis girls, 2 congenital scoliosis (hemivertebrae) and one grade 5 spondylolisthesis in a young girl.

After another successful campaign for a week, the team left for UK. But Dr Debnath remained this time to commence his career in Kolkata and continue the campaign for OSS under the auspices of SPIRIT-India.