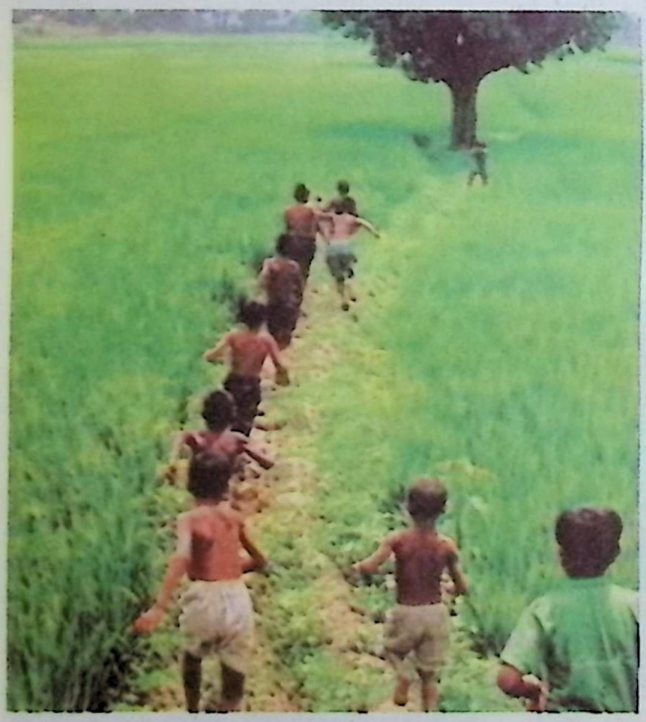
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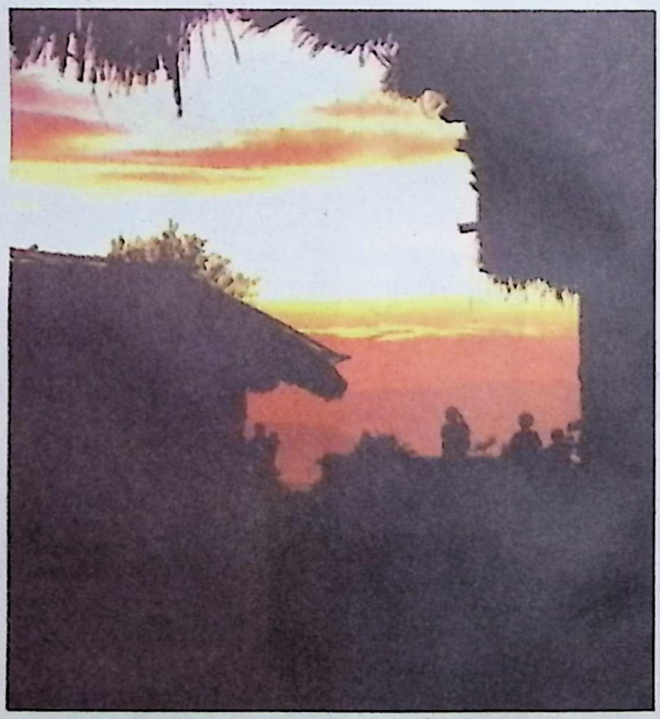
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IN the last decade, North South University did not only create a strong platform for quality private education, the establishment also encouraged students to get involved in various extra curricular activities, which goes on even now. The students of NSU have excelled in the fields of theatre, music, debate, public speaking, establishing business strategies and also photography. In fact, the North South University Photography Cub (NSUPC) is one of the most actively running clubs in the institution right now. To date, the club has come up with several photography exhibitions, both in-house and outside the universities and has produced a bunch of creative and innovative young boys and girls. NSUPC was established in the year 1997 by three students Niaz Uddin Ahmed, Saud Al Faisal and Asad and a faculty member of NSU, Dr. Islam M Faisal. At that time, they had no idea how and where this club would end up at. They encouraged and welcomed students with similar kinds of creative knowledge and the initiative to come up with new ideas regarding photography, workshops, exhibitions and ways to expose the young photographers, who were fast signing up as members, to the realities of life and the beauty of nature.

To date, NSUPC has been displaying the works of the students through various kinds of exhibitions and displays organised on different levels. Every semester, the members of the club get together with the in-house exhibitions, primarily based on the routine field trips that they take in between semesters and classes. NSUPC has visited several locations in Bangladesh and also organised several one-day trips to the outskirts of Dhaka during weekends. "This helps us to explore nature," says Miran Hossain, the current General Secretary of NSUPC. "And experience first hand the various elements around that we as photographers would like to capture with our lens." The club has also taken several international trips and plans to visit Kerela in the coming semester break.

An exhibition that NSUPC had organised which attracted flocks of artistes, professional photographers and admirers was Southern Glances. The exhibition displayed the wonders of Chittagong, which was a part of the club's National Photography Field Trip programme. This seven day exhibit was held in the famous Drik Gallery in Dhanmondi.





Yet another important event that NSUPC organises on a regular basis is the Intra NSU Photography Exhibition, where works and creations of the general students of the university are displayed.

According to Khandokar MA Asim Labib, the former President of NSUPC, the aim here is to develop quality photographers with the technical know-how as well. "That is what the founder members of this cub had wanted as well," he says.