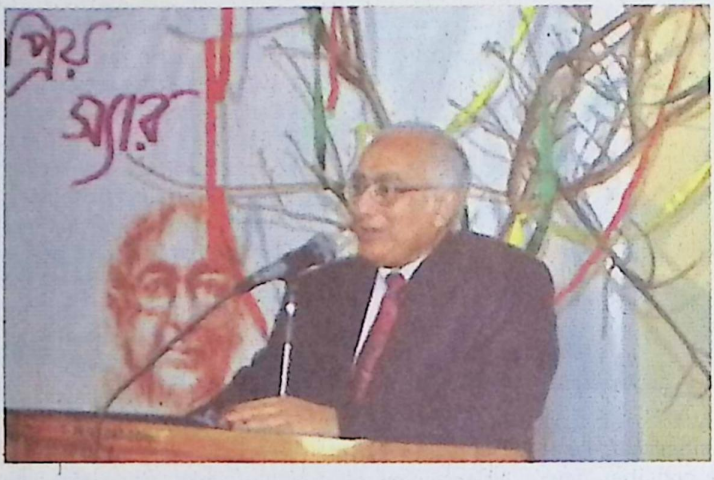
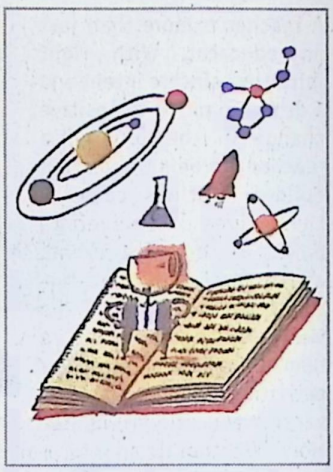




there as a teacher in 1960 later going to England for higher education with a scholarship from the oil company Burma Shell. With a PhD in 1968 followed by an array of attractive offers in America and Australia he turned his back to everything and rejoined BUET as a Lecturer.

From a Consultant to a Chairman of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon to a Vice Chancellor of BRAC University, Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury stands out even higher for his significant contribution from design to site selection and everything else that was involved in making the Jamuna Bridge.

However it is as the President of Bangladesh Math Olympiad Committee, a club aiming to popularize mathematics, that he has assisted youngsters from Bangladesh to win a medal for the first time in the International Math Olympiad (IMO) in Bremen last year. This has marked Bangladesh as a country that is not at all behind in terms of its scientific and mathematic progression. In fact, the long term plan suggested by JRC is to win the Phills Medal, the highest award in Math, by 2020 with the target of winning a Nobel Prize in science by 2030.

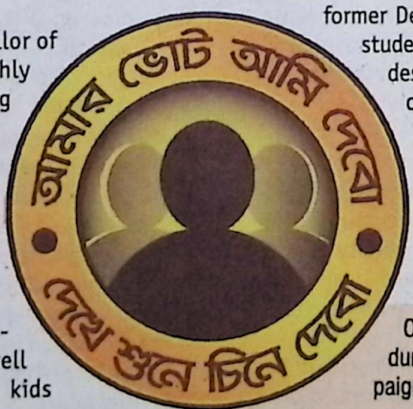
His role as the Vice Chancellor of BRAC University has been highly reputed. Aside from guiding this campus to grow from a mere few hundred in 2001 to currently a few thousand students, Prof. Chowdhury has made immense contribution particularly to the Architecture department. He helped the department organize various exhibitions as well as design architecture for kids programs. This University now ranks amongst the top private university in Bangladesh despite being around for only a few years.

His brilliance is then not only shown through infrastructures alone but also through the thousands of students who have studied under him and have been motivated enough to look beyond academic excellence. Prof. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury has been able to show the power of one and his ability to move a generation of others to succeed not only in Bangladesh but everywhere else around the world.

Advocating Leadership in Bangladeshi Youth

A Professor at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), University of Dhaka, Syed Munir Khasru did his MBA from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, US. He is not only a Professor at IBA; he is an entrepreneur, he is involved in the media, a columnist in newspapers, and a participant in policy dialogues and initiatives. He is an expert in communication strategy and designed the much-acclaimed "Voter Awareness Campaign" for the last Parliamentary Elections. He is a columnist in the Daily Star and Prothom Alo. A former Debater and Public Speaker, in his student days, he represented Bangladesh at international debating championships in US, Canada, and Australia

Since becoming Moderator of IBA Communication Club (IBACC) three years ago, Professor Munir has fundamentally transformed the extracurricular



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