activities of IBA and has set new benchmarks for inter-university competitions. Students of IBA have organized competitions of high professional standards. For example, BrandWitz the flagship branding competition for the Business School graduates is his brainchild and now a regular event jointly organized by IBA and Unilever. Under has leadership, IBACC has become one of the most active student bodies and have won majority of the inter business school competitions. IBA's performance in international competitions also has been commendable.



As an Adviser to the University Grant Commission (UGC), Professor Khasru has streamlined the quality of participation of Bangladeshi universities in international debating competitions. The process of representation of Bangladesh in the World Debate Council has been made transparent and freed from irregularities that at times had earlier tarnished image of the country to the community of international students.

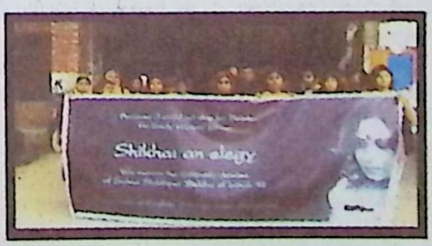
Professor Munir also is a successful entrepreneur. Under his leadership, e-Gen Consultants Ltd. has become one of the very few Bangladeshi consulting firms with international projects in countries like India, Pakistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Nigeria. It is a consulting firm mostly run by the bright young graduates of the leading business schools of the country as opposed to senior bureaucrats and academics, which used to be the norms. He has taken management lessons beyond the classroom by empowering the talented youth of Bangladesh. Recently, he has launched a policy research outfit the Institute for Policy, Advocacy, and Governance (I-PAG). During the last meeting of the Bangladesh Development Forum in February 15-16, 2010, Professor Munir arranged a session for the Bangladeshi youth whereby they shared their aspirations for the future with development partners of Bangladesh.

Initiatives undertaken by Professor Munir have played a strong role in promoting positive changes in the youth of our country. His actions have promoted leadership and inspired patriotism in the young minds.

The youth of Bangladesh holds the key to the socio-economic freedom of the country. The respected teachers of whom we talked about in this issue are among the prominent few who took selfless steps to develop the student community. Their initiatives have groomed the young minds and provided a platform for them to speak up and showcase their talents. Their initiatives have indeed been the Winds of Change.

Shikha: an elegy

Abu Saleh Md Rafi



WHEN Shikha was posting her last message on Facebook about her going home, she did not know that she was telling a truth 'truer' than she thought. On her way to Comilla, Saima Siddiqua Shikha, an MA student (Batch 32) of the Department of English, Jahangirnagar University met her end in a fatal road accident on 26 March 2010. The department observed a day of condolence on 03 April 2010. At around 10.00, a large number of students attended the silent procession of mourning that toured round the campus and ended at the Dhaka-Aricha highway to form a wave of Human Chain along the road demanding security of human lives on road. Students were overwhelmed when eminent singer Fahmida Nabi on her way to Pabna stopped at the Dairy Gate, JU and shared hands in the Chain. At 11.00, the Chair planted a sapling in front of the New Arts Faculty in memory of Shikha. The reminiscence session entitled "Shikha: an elegy" started at 11.30 am in which students of different batches remembered Shikha, the sweet and sad memories relating to her, and her activities: she created the department's account at Facebook. Among the teachers, Mr Raihan Sharif and Dr Shamsad Mortuza spoke. While Mr Mortuza read out a poem of his own based on the fond memory of Shikha, the Chair, Mashrur Shahid Hossain dedicated his song "What it takes to say 'goodbye'" to the memory of Shikha. We mourn! We pray! And we let the 'shikha' (light) stay!

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