country in the same year!

The department organized a two-hour long session of reminiscence and cultural acts "Accolade!" on 22nd April at the Senate Hall of Jahangirnagar University. Professor Shariff Enamul Kabir, Vice Chancellor of the university was present as the Chief Guest and handed over the crests to these legendary litterateurs. Eminent writer Hayat Mamud, Special Guest, added new insight to the lives and thoughts of the educationists concerned and made valuable observations about the nature and prospect of higher education. Professor Siddiqui gave his speech in Bangla for the better understanding of the house-packed audience and shared a slice of his eventful life.

After the speech, there was a short cultural act: there were recitations from the poems of Professor Siddiqui and Mohammad Rafiq, and couple of dance items and songs ranging from *tap'pa* to Lalon performed by students and teachers. 'Dhwani,' a recitation organization of JU made a chorus recitation of extracts from Mohammad Rafiq's *Kopila*. Outside the Hall, there was a daylong exhibition of books by Professor Siddiqui and Mohammad Rafiq.

It is to mention that Professor Siddiqi was one of the pioneer teachers of the department and was the Vice Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University for two consecutive terms. Poet Mohammad Rafiq who would teach epics and Greek literatures has been on LPR. Professor Shafi Ahmed, in his speech, made insightful analysis of the significance of Mohammad Rafiq's poetry as well as reminisced his times with and achievements of Professor Siddiqui with a comment that latter should have received this award long before. Our Chair focused on the same point when he quoted from the famous "Friends, Romans, countrymen" speech in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to highlight that we are not oblivious like Caesar's subjects: we recall, and we recognize. We recognize our icons and we recognize all people - the English Association officials and the student volunteers particularly whose week-long sweat made this event sweet!

