

## A PROMINENT INDIAN OPHTHALMOLOGIST AND RECEPIENT OF IDB SCHOLARSHIP GIVES BACK TO HIS COMMUNITY

BEING a brilliant student, Dr. Mir Alam Siddique was able to win an IDB scholarship to obtain his MBBS. The scholarship from IDB was a real rescue for his ambition to become a doctor, he said, as he would not have been able to study medicine without it. He is one of the few eye specialists in India and the first in North-East India to acquire Ph.D. degree. His cataract research has earned him the honour of "The Top Biomedical Research in the World" by RMF, USA in 2012. He received the "Best Scientific Paper" award in the annual conference of Association of Community Ophthalmologists of India and international Assembly of Community Ophthalmologists in 2011.

Dr. Siddique is very active in serving the poor and needy in his city and state. He carried out many surgeries and restored vision to thousands of poor people for free during the last 12 years. His dedicated healthcare service to patients ranging from the most economically and socially backward to the most forward has benefited people of North East India and inspired many other doctors and students to follow suit. He is presently working in Regional Institute of Ophthalmology, Gauhati Medical College and Hospital, Guwahati.

