

## **Meeting of Noble Laureate, Prof. Amartya Sen with Director, AMU Murshidabad Centre**

Prof. Amartya Sen invited Director of AMU Murshidabad Centre, Dr. Badaruddoza for a discussion on the development and academic progress of AMU Murshidabad Centre. He took keen interest in various issues related to the progress and growth of the Centre. He praised the administration and staff members of Murshidabad Centre for recently organizing a successful 3-day writers' workshop for women – 'Her Story' in collaboration with Pratichi Institute. He said that AMU Murshidabad Centre has a greater role to play in removing socio-economic disparities and bringing in real development of West Bengal. He apprised Dr. Badaruddoza about the work done by Pratichi Institute for the upliftment and emancipation of minorities. He urged that the two institutions should work more closely with each other to widen their scale and scope of operations. He said that by developing synergies, both organizations can serve larger population.

Later on, while speaking at the public discussion on "*Half a decade of RTE: How Far Are We from the Goal?*", Dr. Badaruddoza said that it is a proud moment for Murshidabad Centre that a noble laureate is concerned about its welfare and progress. He apprised Prof. Sen about the recent achievements and developments of Murshidabad Campus including those of the main campus. Dr. Badaruddoza also familiarized Prof. Sen with the life history of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and his sacrifices for the establishment of Aligarh Muslim University.

Prof. Sen was surprised when informed that Murshidabad Centre is offering only three courses. He said that an off-campus of such a reputed University shares huge responsibility. He appealed to the Central government to provide adequate funding to the Centre for adding more courses and subjects on science, technology and medicine.