



## Mr Shofi Ahmed

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Media and Literacy**

**M**r Shofi Ahmed a national award winning writer, and one of the most talented writers to come out of the Bangladeshi community here in the UK. Mr Ahmed was the founder editor of Bangla Mirror, the first weekly English newspaper for the British Bangladeshis. Currently he is free-lancing with English news agencies.

While studying for a degree in I.T, Mr Ahmed won a bursary to study at Oxford University. The same year his first article on natural science also won him a national award. In 1995, the science wiz kid's work was getting acknowledgement from the mainstream press as he won the Daily Telegraph's National Young Science Writers Competition. This award gave the writer an opportunity to meet the nation's leading science writers, journalists and personalities.

In 1995, Mr Shofi Ahmed's profile rose after the release of his first poetry book, 'Reason and The Origin – the Relativity of Science and Poetry' which was published by New Millennium Publishers. The book was praised by leading academics and scholars at a distinguished Daily Telegraph event. The Royal Society of Science's SCAN magazine described the book in a review as



"A collection of modern poetry combining the arts of literature with the discipline of science, poems compare themes such as the physics involved in the creation of the material world and thought processes".

Mr Ahmed was involved in a project enabling blind, deaf and disabled people in London how to use the Internet in their own homes at a cost they can afford in 2001. He worked with a range of professionals from different backgrounds who were all committed to open up the Internet for people with disabilities. U Can DO I.T scheme was

major success and was even featured in Paddington People magazine.

Mr Ahmed's efforts have been widely recognised by the community as he received an award from Channel S in 2006. The eldest of seven sibling's lives in North London, Mr Ahmed is married to Ayesha Ahmed and has been blessed with three children who are Zohura Ahmed, Ali Ahmed and Zubeda Ahmed. Mr Shofi Ahmed is soon to release another book focussing on his motherland called Sylhet: 'The Land of the Centre of the Earth'.