



Mr. Mohammed Monchab Ali JP

Mech. Engineering (Diploma) RIPHH (Diploma)

Place of Residence: **Chester, Chesihre**

Sector: **Catering**

Mr Mohammed Monchab Ali is the current Chairman of Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council in UK (GSC). In 2002, Mr Ali was appointed Justice of Peace (Honorary Magistrate) at the Chester & Ellesmere Port Bench. Born in 1953 in Shorisha Para, Chattak, Sunamganj in Bangladesh, Mr Ali was educated and employed in Bangladesh before coming to the UK in 1982.

Mr. Ali studied at Madan Mohan College in Sylhet for two years in Intermediate Commerce before completing his Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Sylhet Polytechnic Institute in 1980. Whilst waiting for his exam result, Mr Ali started and served as Head teacher at a school namely "Shomota Junior High School".

After completing his studies Mr Ali joined Karim Pipe Mills in Chittagong as an apprentice engineer in late 1980. During this time he was also associated with journalism in Bangladesh and served as a Sub Editor of the "Purbanchal", a Khulna based daily until 1982.

Since his arrival in the UK, Mr. Ali worked in numerous restaurant across London before opening his own in 1985 which later closed

down. Mr Ali later opened another Restaurant called the "Bengal Dynasty Restaurant" this time in Llandudno, North Wales which proved to be very popular. In 1991 Mr. Ali opened another Bengal Dynasty in Deeside, North Wales. His restaurant was honoured as the "Best Indian Bangladeshi Restaurant" in the region of Wales by Patak Spices in 1993, and was named as the "Best Restaurant in Wales by Good Curry Guide 1995-97, 1998-1999 & 2000. The real curry restaurant guide named the Bengal Dynasty Restaurant as the one of the Top-30 Restaurant in UK from 1994 until 2005. The British Curry Awards named Bengal Dynasty Restaurant as a one of the Top-30 Restaurant in UK and Top-10 Finalist for 2005 & 2006 and it won British Curry Awards Best Restaurant in Wales 2007. Mr Ali runs all his Businesses with his long-time Business partners Mr. Manikur Ahmed and Mr. Raja Miah. It is a very classic example of longstanding business partnership in Bangladeshi community in UK.

In addition to Mr Ali's business ventures he is also very active in numerous socio-cultural projects having set up the Alhaj Mazhar Ali Welfare Trust as well as chairing Chester & North Wales

Bangladeshi Youth Association. On the business front, Mr Ali is a member of Restaurant Association Great Britain, Federation of Small Business in UK and the Ellesmere Port & North Wales Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ali was previously involved with Bangladesh Caterers Association as a Regional co-ordinator and Senior Vice President, he served as a General Secretary of Chester Bangladesh Welfare Association and the Chester Shahjalal Mosque committee.

Moreover, Mr Ali is also an Executive Member of both the North Wales Racial Equality and the Chester Asian Council. Mr Ali married Sophia Ali in 1982 and is blessed with five children and a granddaughter.

Throughout his life Mr Ali has always tried to provide opportunities for people from all backgrounds to educational opportunities. He also feels that if the government in Bangladesh ensure an investment friendly environment in the country, many Bangladeshi tycoons will come with their huge investment in the country of their origin.