



Mr Ragib Ali

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Media and Business**

Mr Ragib Ali is a leading industrialist, tea-planter, and is also associated with bank, Stock exchange, insurance companies, and many other business houses. He has endlessly contributed in establishing many schools, colleges, masjids, madrasahs and medical colleges, and universities throughout the country. Born in 1938 in Bishawanath, Sylhet in Bangladesh, Mr Ali was educated there before moving to the UK in 1956.

Mr Ali a direct descendent of Afghan military chief Syed Mohammad Yakub studied at the Raza G.C High School and College of Sylhet before moving to the UK at the age of 18 to further his education. However, once in the UK through hard work and perseverance, Mr Ali transformed himself from an ordinary waiter to a leading entrepreneur. He built up a successful restaurant business, acquired a huge wealth through share market and real estate business. Mr Ali's foresight, exceptional business acumen and strategic

vision, honesty, talents and energy were the key factors for achievement of these wonderful feats. He soon returned to his native country with all his funds to contribute in national development. As an astute entrepreneur he became, within a short period of time, a leading industrialist, a renowned businessman, a foremost tea planter and a famous banker of the country. Mr Ali is the current Chairman of Sylhet Tea Company Ltd and several other tea estates in Sylhet and Chittagong. He is also the Managing Director of Kohinoor Industries Ltd. and TLRA Holdings Ltd (owner of Kohinoor Detergent Factory) and has served as Chairman of South-East Bank Limited.

Mr Ragib Ali has an endless contribution in social development. His endeavour in this field is diverse and manifold, in promoting education, healthcare, sports, culture, literary works, journalism, communication etc. He has contributed towards the development of many schools, colleges, universities and

madrasahs. One of these is Jalalabad Ragib-Rabeya Medical College and Hospital, which has become an excellent centre for medical education and healthcare in the country. Millions, poor and rich alike are being benefited from these. A great philanthropist and a definitive patron of the poor, throughout his life Mr Ali has devoted himself for their well being. His philanthropy extends to every aspect of their lives. He has made many roads, bridge, culverts. Tubule etc. In his name there are more than 220 philanthropic projects, which are directly contributing in changing life of millions.

Mr Ali prefers a simple living and maintains absolute simplicity. He is very polite in his dealings and mixes freely with people of every walk of life. Happily married to Begum Rebeya Khatun Chowdhury who has been an inspiring force for her husband also inhibits a big philanthropic personality. The couple are blessed with a son and daughter.