



## Mr. Matiar Rahman Chowdhury

Place of Residence: **London**

Sector: **Media (journalist)**

**M**atiar Rahman Chowdhury, a journalist and a researcher, was born in Sylhet. His permanent address is: Village- Noorgaon (Puradia) Upazila –Nabiganj, District- Hobiganj. He is widely known as Matiar Chowdhury. Mr. Matiar completed his primary education in the Maktab of his village. He studied MA in Islamic History at the University of Rajshahi following the completion of SSC and HSC from Sylhet Model High School and ModonMohon College respectively.

Matiar Chowdhury has been engaged with journalism since 1980s. He started his career in journalism as a correspondent of Jugoveri.

Since then, he worked with various newspapers, magazines and periodicals both in Bangladesh and the UK. At this moment, Mr. Matiar is working as the UK correspondent of NNB, a news agency of Bangladesh.

Mr. Matiar Chowdhury regularly writes columns and articles for the newspapers of the UK, America, India and Bangladesh. Sylheti Bibir Kissa, Sagar Parer Rojnamcha, Gorib Ullar Rojnamcha, Engo-Bonge Sylheti Boyan, Samprotik Bangladesh and Itihaas Kotha Koi are some of his popular columns.

Matiar Chowdhury is the pioneer of developing the Sylheti language in the UK. He has a good contribution in inventing the Sylheti Nagri font for computer.

Matiar Chowdhury is an eminent translator. He established Sylheti Research and Translation Centre in the UK. More than fifty Sylheti puthi were translated by him. He presented his findings on Sylheti language in several seminars in Bangladesh, India, France, Germany, United States, Sweden, Switzerland and in the Middle East. He translated the scripts of films i.e. Jesus, Renson and Bedel from English to Sylheti Language.

A United States based Organisation 'Interact' awarded Mr. Matiar in 1997 for his outstanding contributions in translation. In 2002, he was honoured as 'Sylhet Ratna' by Oldham Bangladeshi Cultural Group and Rajnagar Youth Welfare Society, UK for his research in Sylheti language and literature. He was awarded with 'Syed Sultan Award' in 2002 by Mahakabi Syed Sultan Sahitya O Gobeshana Parishad.



Books of Mr. Matiar Chowdhury that have already been published are Nabiganjer Itikatha (1985), Noupothe Nabik (1983), Kushiara Baake (1981), Sylhet Bichitra (1990), Sylhet Guide(1989), Sylhet O Sylheti Bhasha(1999), Sylheti Bhasha Shikshar Boi (1998-2000), Ten Sylheti Poem (1998-Translated), Yuktorajye Sylhetbashi (Yet to be published)

References from the books of Matiar Chowdhury have been mentioned in more than fifty books of Bangla Academy, Islamic Foundation and other publishing companies.

Mr. Chowdhury is closely engaged with Social activities. He used to be the Publicity and Publication Secretary of Yuktorajya Gonodabi Parishad (1995-1997). He is engaged with Greater Sylhet Development and Welfare Council, Habiganj Association, founder chairman of Sylhet Academy UK and Europe, Founder Trustee and vice president of Nabiganj Education Trust, Joint Convenor of Inatganj Thana Bastabayan Committee and Sarba Europeo Bangabandhu Parishad. He is also a life member of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and Muslim Sahitya Sangsad, Sylhet.

Mr. Matiar Chowdhury is married to Junia Begum with four sons. His sons are Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Mahfuzur Rahman Chowdhury, Mazidur Rahman Chowdhury and Monzur Rahman Chowdhury. He is living in London with his family.