



Mr Mizanur Rahman

Place of Residence: **Edinburgh**
Sector: **Media**

Mizanur Rahman is a prominent media activist, based in Scotland, engaged with Bengali press and media in the UK. He has contributed to promote the Bangladeshi community and raise their awareness in various issues through media and journalism especially Bengali TV media. For his outstanding professional excellence Mr Mizanur Rahman, channel S Scotland reporter, awarded "Channel S chairman award" which was launched in 2008 by the "Channel S" television to honour broadcasting journalist working in the Bengali media (channel S) within the UK and Europe.

Mizanur Rahman, who lives in Edinburgh, was born and brought up in Tikria, Srimongal, Moulvibazar. He is older son of Md Faizur Rahman, Retd. Health Inspector and mother Mrs Monwara Begum.

He has completed secondary education from BTRI high school Srimongal and awarded MSC in Zoology from MC College, National university of Bangladesh with distinction (first class – 9th position nationally in order of merit).

He began his career as a lecturer

of zoology in Modonmohon University College, Sylhet. Later in 2000, nature lover Mizanur Rahman joined in Dhaka based environmental research organisation CNRS (Centre for Natural Research Studies) as a Biologist in UNDP funded Natural Resource Management and Conservation program across the wetland area of Bangladesh. And he worked in the different parts of Sunamgonj Haor areas, Hakaluki Haor, Hail Haor, North Bengal and coastal region of Bangladesh.

He came to the UK for further higher education, and was awarded MSC in Sustainable Development from Stirling University, Scotland in 2006. He conducted his MSC research project on Sustainable Rural Livelihood over the rural region of India.

On completion of his study Mizaur Rahman begins to live and work in Edinburgh and interact with the local Bangladeshi community. Considering the situation and reality of Bangladeshi community Mizanur Rahman decided to work for them on his spare time.

It wasn't always his plan to become a journalist but always

keen to tell a good story, as he began his journalistic career as a sideline at the Srimongol-based local weekly Srimongoler Chiti in the early 90s. He contributed many articles and features in the UK based Bengali ethnic newspaper portraying local community. Finally, Bangladeshi community living across the Scotland highlighted in the television media by his great effort.

Race equality activist Mizaur Rahman is a member of the London Bangla Press Club and a first British Red cross first-aid volunteer in Scotland from Bangladeshi background.

Key to Mizanur Rahman's success was his commitment to working for the community.

Receiving the channel S reporter award was one of his proudest moments, he felt so much privileged and honoured as sort of awards things he used to report on media for other people. He is also fortunate to have opportunity to tell the story of other Bengali people's lives and achievements. He is planning to work towards development of TV journalism those involved in covering news of Bangladeshi community in the UK and abroad.