

British Bangladeshi Who's Who 2011 launched



The British Bangladeshis have made their own place in multicultural Britain, and other communities can also be successful by awarding their high achievers who made contributions in their respective fields. The British Bangladeshi Who's Who publication is designed to emphasise the success of the Bangladeshi community and make it more significant. This was the gist of the British MP Anne Main's speech as chief guest at the 4th annual British Bangladeshi Who's Who award ceremony and gala dinner. The event was held on the 13th of October at Water Lilly Centre in East London.

The programme was jointly moderated by Barrister Anawar Babul Miah and Showmi Das. Barrister Shahadoth Karim, the editor of British Bangladeshi Who's Who delivered the welcome speech where he thanked everyone for their cooperation. He also highlighted the fact that publication would inspire future generations. Special guests included the Bangladeshi High Commissioner to Britain Dr.M Sayeedur Rahman Khan, Rushanara Ali MP, Channel S founder chairman Mahee Ferdaus Jalil, Channel S Chairman Ahmed Us Samad Choudhury JP, Channel S Managing Director Abdul Haque, Ex President of BBCC and prominent Businessman Mukim Ahmed, Ex President of BBCC Shahagir Bakth Faruk, Water Lilly Centre's director MK Jaman Jewel, prominent Businessman Aziz-ur-Rahman , prominent Businessman Amin Ali, Country manager of Biman Bangladesh Airlines uk Mr Shamsul karim prominent Businessman Sukur Ali, Eastern Pride director Mazhar Ali, Parvej Ahmed, Camden Council leader Nasim Ali, Tower Hamlets Council chair Mijanur Rahman Choudhury, Greater London Assembly

member Murad Qureishi, Cllr Motin-uz-Zaman Cllr Lutfu Begum, Cllr Ayesha Chowdhury, Greater London Assembly member John Biggs, Tower Hamlets Labour Party leader Joshua Pack to name but a few.

Persons having made significant contributions in the community as well as in the mainstream were awarded. The Tower Hamlets Mayor Lutfur Rahman was awarded in politics, and was handed his award by Anne Main MP. In research and education, Dr Nazia Khanum OBE was handed the award by the Channel S founder Chairman Mahee Ferdous Jalil. In Islamic affairs and community work, Dr Abdul Bari received the award from the Bangla Mirror editor and Who's Who chief editor Md Abdul Karim Goni and Barrister Anis Rahman OBE. For his achievements in media, the Bangla TV managing director Syed Samadul Haque received an award from Rushanara Ali MP. Barrister Naufal Zamir was awarded for his contribution in telecommunication, and he was given his award by Barrister Shahadoth Karim. The Bangladeshi High Commissioner Dr Saeedur Rahman Khan awarded the JMG Air Cargo Managing Director Monir Ahmed as a business personality. In catering, Siraj Ali was awarded by the deputy mayor of Tower Hamlets Ohid Ahmed. Al-Haj Nur Miah was awarded for business and community work, and the award was given by the Camden Mayor Abdul Kader.

The Bangla Mirror Group has been publishing the British Bangladeshi Who's Who since 2008. The publication and event was the brainchild of the father and son who are the Editor in Chief and Editor respectively. This year's publication consists of more than 200 individuals including medics, journalists, lawyers, businessmen, accountants and others from various walks of life.

The Bangla Mirror group who were behind the publication boast an impressive team which include Barrister Anis Rahman, academic Mashuk Ahmed Khan, journalist Shamayita Chakraborty, Mohammed Jubair, Koyes Uddin, Mohammed Ali, Shabab Karim, Matiar Chowdhury, Barrister Anwar Babul Miah, journalist Mizanur Rahman, Sheikh Tuahid, Selim Rahman, Rahmin Karim and Sadik Karim.

The chief sponsors of the event were Thames Management Solution Ltd in partnership with Canary Wharf Group. Josim Uddin and Sumon Alom from Thames Management Solution Ltd and Zakir Khan from Canary Wharf Group did their utmost to make the event a success.

The media partners were Channel S, weekly Janomot, Bangla Post, Bangla Voice, Media Link, Impress Media, Film Asia, 'Purple I' Technology, Eastern Pride, Today Printers Ltd, Bangla Times, the Water Lilly, Bangla News and Prestige.

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Prominent singers Alaur Rahman and Roshanara Moni performed music at the event. Media Link were in charge of the event management. A CD named Vision Bangladesh produced by the NGO BRAC and a CD on the football tournament of Canary Wharf Group were also played during the programme.

The other speakers were Baroness Pola Uddin as well as the first female Bangladeshi judge Sapnara Khatun, Canary Wharf Group's head of community affairs Zakir Khan also spoke at the event.

The event concluded with a full three course meal courtesy of Eastern Pride, the catering partners of British Bangladeshi Who's Who.