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দলমত নির্বিশেষে সবাইকে নিয়ে মানবতার সেবাই আমাদের মুখ্য উদ্দেশ্য। আমাদের প্রধান লক্ষ্য সমাজে সম্প্রীতির বন্ধন সুদৃঢ় করা, সংকটে মানুষের পাশে থাকা ও অস্তিত্ব রক্ষার প্রয়োজনে অন্যায় অবিচারের বিরুদ্ধে সংঘবদ্ধ প্রতিবাদে সোচ্চার হওয়া। আমরা প্রতিটি ক্ষেত্রেই যথাসাধ্য ভূমিকা রাখতে চেষ্টা করেছি।

সংগঠনের জন্মলাগ্ন থেকে বি এইচ এ আর্তমানবতার সেবায় নিরলস ভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। এতে আছে যুক্তরাজ্যের প্রত্যন্ত অঞ্চলের অবস্থানরত কম্যুনিটি সদস্যবৃন্দের সাথে মতবিনিময়, সংযোগ রক্ষা, কর্মসংস্থান, বাসস্থান, রেফারেন্স, অসুস্থতায় সহযোগিতা, আর সুস্থ সংস্কৃতি চর্চা ও সমাজ গঠনের সংলাপের আয়োজন করা, সংগঠনে কোমলমতি নতুন প্রজন্মের প্রতিনিধিত্ব আহ্বান ও সুনিশ্চিত করাও বি এইচ এ'র অন্যতম লক্ষ্য। কার্যকরী কমিটিতে যুবপ্রতিনিধির অবস্থান ও সক্রিয় ভূমিকা শিকড়ের সাথে সাংস্কৃতিক ও সামাজিক বন্ধন সুদৃঢ় করবে। একই সাথে যুক্তরাজ্যে বহুজাতিক সাংস্কৃতিক পরিমণ্ডলে সম্প্রীতি ও সংহতি রক্ষায় বি এইচ এ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করছে।

আমাদের পূর্ব প্রকাশনায় ২২ বছরের কার্যক্রমের পরিসংখ্যান তুলে ধরেছি। তারই ধারাবাহিকতায় এবারের সংকলন। সাম্প্রতিককালে বি এইচ এ'র কর্মসূচীর মধ্যে উল্লেখযোগ্য হচ্ছে বৃটেনের সামাজিক সংগঠনের সাথে মিলেমিশে কাজ করা, বৈষম্য কবলিত দুর্দশাগ্রস্ত মানুষের উপর নিপীড়ন নির্যাতনের বিরুদ্ধে প্রতিবাদ করা, প্রাকৃতিক দুর্যোগে ক্ষতিগ্রস্তদের সহায়তা করা, দ্রাণসামগ্রী বিতরণ করা ও কূটনৈতিক ও আন্তর্জাতিক মানবাধিকার সংগঠন আয়োজিত সেমিনারে মানবাধিকার বধিগত ভুক্তভোগীদের পক্ষে প্রতিনিধিত্ব করা। কমনওয়েলথ এপিপিজি ও বৃটিশ মন্ত্রী কেথরীন ওয়েস্ট, স্টিফেন টিমস এবং রোসনারা আলীর সাথে মিটিং, ১০ ডাউনিং স্ট্রিট প্রধান মন্ত্রীর অফিস ও বাংলাদেশ হাইকমিশনে স্মারকপত্র প্রদান বিশেষ তাৎপর্যপূর্ণ।

২৫তম প্রতিষ্ঠা বার্ষিকীর প্রস্তুতি পর্বে পরামর্শ ও সহযোগিতায় বিরামহীন কর্মতৎপরতার জন্য সহকর্মীদেরকে জানাই আন্তরিক কৃতজ্ঞতা। বিজ্ঞাপনদাতা ও শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীদের সারগর্ভ বস্তুনিষ্ঠ বক্তব্যের জন্য ধন্যবাদ জানাই। বাংলাদেশ হিন্দু এসোসিয়েশন ইউকের মানব সেবার কার্যক্রম অব্যাহত রাখার প্রয়াসে আপামর জনসাধারণের সম্পৃক্ততা ও সহযোগিতায় আমরা অত্যন্ত আশাবাদী। একই সাথে আহ্বান জানাই, দলমত নির্বিশেষে বি এইচ এ'র জনকল্যাণমূলক কার্যকলাপে অংশ নিতে এগিয়ে আসুন। প্রার্থনা করি, বন্ধুত্ব, ভ্রাতৃত্ব ও সম্প্রীতির ঐক্যতানে মুখরিত ও সমৃদ্ধ হোক বি এইচ এ। এই আলোর পথযাত্রায় সঙ্গী হোক নতুন প্রজন্ম।



Editorial

On this special occasion of 25th anniversary of the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK), we welcome, congratulate and share best wishes to you all. At the same time, we express our gratitude to all the dedicated souls who have shared their valuable time for the humanitarian works of the BHA (UK). We respectfully remember all those comrades who have passed away and acknowledge their hard work for the charity over the years since the inception of BHA (UK). We are indebted to the working members for their patience and continued dedication.

Our main aim is to create bonding between the members of our community and the UK's multicultural society, standing by victims in need and raising our voices against the atrocities and injustices perpetrated against innocent human beings. We must all stand together, regardless of differences of opinion, for serving humanity and maintaining community cohesion.

BHA (UK) has been serving people in need since it's inception. We endeavour to keep in touch with members across UK, exchanging opinions, providing support with accommodation, employment, wellbeing support and maintaining liaison with the multicultural community. We encourage dialogue for the improvement of cultural and social integration.

BHA (UK) aims to encourage and nurture youth leadership among its British born members. This new generation will play a significant role in connecting the Bangladeshi community with their cultural roots and heritage.

This edition of Roots is a continuation of BHA (UK)'s activities since the last publication which contains the historical data for 22 years. The most recent and important activities involved working with social and cultural organisations, helping people affected by natural disasters and protesting against non-equality, discrimination and other atrocities. We have also been liaising with UK government ministers, members of Parliament, the House of Lords, Downing Street, and the Bangladesh High Commission. We also made representations to the United Nations, All Party Parliamentarians Group meetings on humanitarian issues.

Finally, we are grateful to our sponsors, all executive committee members and well-wishers for their ongoing supports and kind suggestions for the preparation of the events of the 25th Anniversary of the BHA (UK). We would sincerely urge members of the community to get involved in order to keep the BHA (UK)'s charity works running effectively. We thank and highly appreciate all testimonials received from members and the wider community to mark this milestone. Our prayers for the friendship, brotherhood and solidarity amongst members in the UK in order to work shoulder to shoulder. We hope the new generation will follow this path of enlightenment in connecting roots.





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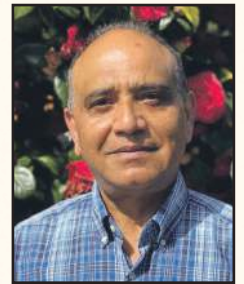
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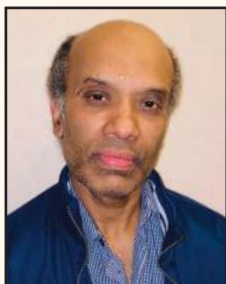
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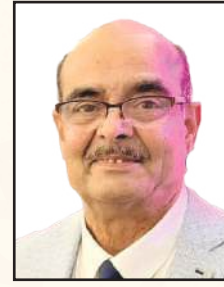
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Proshanta Purokayastha BEM
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Nomoshkar

I would like to welcome and congratulate you all on Silver Jubilee Celebration of the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK). I am feeling blessed to have had the company, affection and support of hundreds of people over 25 years of the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK). BHA (UK) was formed by community members who had a vision of unity by supporting good causes and well-being. It revived the hope of establishing the existence of Hindus from Bangladesh and highlighting their identity and origin.

BHA (UK) has been working towards community cohesion in the British multicultural society. BHA (UK)'s aim of serving humanity was demonstrated when we stood by the needy, and victims of injustice and natural disasters. There are numerous examples over the past 25 years that BHA (UK) has carried out its humanitarian activities in the UK and overseas with great affect. Many were duly published in the 20th anniversary publication of Roots and is now continued in this edition.

BHA (UK) has focused on the British born younger generation in order to raise the awareness of our cultural heritage and inspire them to carry out research on their forefathers' legacy and our origins. BHA (UK) has made continuous efforts to liaise with other members of the UK community, especially charitable organisations, and worked towards national unity.

In recent years BHA has played an important role by attending All Party Parliamentarian Group meetings at the House of Commons and meeting MPs and ministers where we raised concerns about crimes against humanity perpetrated on Hindus in Bangladesh. At the same time, BHA (UK) stood by the victims of natural disasters and racial atrocities in Bangladesh.

The Biennial Conference is a time to get-together to acknowledge the support of, and express gratitude to, the members of the UKwide community. I believe that we have been able to spread our message to general members, distinguished guests and well wishers.

I believe that the milestone celebration of the Silver Jubilee would be marked as a significant step forward for the Bengali Hindu Community and especially Hindus from Bangladesh. My prayers for continued progress in our charitable work and ongoing success in the future.

Kind Regards

Proshanta Purokayastha

Proshanta Purokayastha





Rabin Paul
Vice Chairman

Dear Friends

It has been an honour to have been part of Bangladesh Hindu Association (“BHA”) since its inception. I am proud of the fact that the first meeting to discuss the formation of BHA was held at my old home at 14 Nathaniel Close, E1, near Toynbee Hall. Initially we started the charity work with supplementary school to support disadvantaged children. That contributed towards the achievement for younger generation to become a doctor, lawyer and economist.

BHA is an umbrella organisation that was established to make others aware of the heritage and contributions of Hindus from Bangladesh and to help individuals in need. BHA has experienced a number of important milestones that we can be proud of. Bangladeshi Hindu organisation contributed to the Bangladesh High Commission for flood victims. BHA also submitted a petition to Prime Minister Tony Blair at Downing Street at the end of 2001, which condemned the atrocities committed against Hindus in Bangladesh following the 2001 general election.

BHA has continuously raised awareness of crisis in Bangladesh and contributed towards relief efforts. Amongst numerous other initiatives, BHA organised a press conference at the start of 2014 to raise awareness of the atrocities committed against Hindus in Bangladesh, raised funds for victims of violence in Shalla Upazila, Sunamganj during 2021 and organised a huge demonstration outside the Houses of Parliament and in front of the BBC in 2021. More recently, BHA has held meetings with the UK government to raise awareness of anti-Hindu violence following the fall of the previous Bangladesh government in August 2024 and we have held events to celebrate Holi at the House of Parliament for the first time in 2024 and then in 2025.

However, more work needs to be done. It’s not enough to be proud of our past; we must actively work to shape our future. I urge each of you to consider how you can contribute. Volunteering your time, sharing your skills, or simply encouraging others to get involved can have a profound impact.

Every small action, every new participant, strengthens our association and ensures that our legacy continues to thrive for generations to come.

Kind Regards

Rabin Paul





Sujith Kumar Chowdhury
General Secretary

Dear Friends,

It is both a privilege and an honour to present this brochure to you at the end of my second term as your elected General Secretary. I have served this amazing community for the past 4 years and feel blessed to be a part of its Silver Jubilee, which shall be celebrated on Saturday 30th August in London. This amazing milestone has only become possible due to the tremendous support of our community, and the trust you have put in our Executive Committee, in me as your General Secretary, and in your Chairman.

BHA (UK) is a UK wide umbrella organisation of Bengali Hindus living in the UK with ancestral roots to Bangladesh. It was formed in response to the massive humanitarian violence against the Hindu community in Bangladesh during and after the general election in 2001, to raise awareness abroad and to support the victims. Since its inception we have protested against all the social injustices in cooperation with other organisations, keeping our voice alive through print and social media platforms as well as organising physical gatherings and rallies. A particularly notable achievement was the 2021 London rally held in protest of the Durga Puja violence. This was the largest congregation of the Hindu community in the UK, and attracted attention from key government and media spokespeople such as MP Virnedra Sharma and MP Stephen Timms. More recently, we have joined forces with Bengali Hindu organisations from across the UK to support the 8-Point Demands laid out by the Hindu community of Bangladesh under the leadership of Chinmoy Das Brahmachari. When Chinmoy Prabhu was arrested, we organised protests across a number of cities in the UK – including in front of the Bangladesh High Commission buildings in London, Manchester, and Birmingham – and handed over a memorandum demanding the release of Chinmoy Prabhu and an immediate stop to the persecution of minority communities of Bangladesh.

We also have a strong humanitarian function - due to your active financial and physical support, BHA (UK) has been able to carry out essential humanitarian work both here and abroad such as food distribution and providing financial assistance to the most vulnerable groups. As part of our support to Chinmoy Prabhu's movement, we have raised funds for the victims of the August 2024 violence and for the disaster relief activities following the 2024 floods. I also feel proud to remind you that during the COVID-19 Pandemic, BHA (UK) supported the wider community in the UK and abroad to an extent that has been acknowledged by the highest authority at the time – Her Majesty the Queen – who awarded the British Empire Medal to the Chairman of BHA (UK).

Our goal as an organisation is "Unity, Community Cohesion, and Progression as a Thriving Community in the UK", so it is important for us to recognise the achievements of our younger generation and community champions. We host award ceremonies to celebrate the individuals, families, and groups in the UK for their commitment to preserve and promote Sanaton culture and Bangladeshi Hindu heritage in the UK. Our fellow brothers and sisters are also continuously working to meet the needs of our younger generation and the wider community, which has resulted in the development of our BHA Youth Forum so that we can ensure our culture and heritage is passed on to and celebrated by our next generation. The celebrations of our 25th Anniversary in London will help to bring the community together from all over the UK, and we hope to create an atmosphere of bonding, harmony, and joy between the many communities who will be present.

Best Regards

Sujith Kumar Chowdhury





AMBASSADOR

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**Message from His Excellency Mr. Chandra Kumar Ghimire
Ambassador of Nepal to the United Kingdom**

It is with immense pleasure that I convey my warmest regards and sincere congratulations to the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) on the occasion of its 25th anniversary.

This significant milestone reflects the Association's enduring dedication to fostering cultural harmony, spiritual values, and community unity within the United Kingdom. Throughout the last quarter of a century, BHA (UK) has been instrumental in empowering the Bangladeshi Hindu community—preserving heritage, enhancing interfaith dialogue, and promoting the spirit of service and solidarity.

I applaud BHA (UK) for its commitment to engaging youth, humanitarian initiatives, and cultural preservation. Your endeavors to cultivate a strong sense of pride in heritage and identity among younger generations are truly commendable. The accolades received by this association highlight your substantial positive influence across various communities.

As Nepal and Bangladesh possess profound historical, cultural, and civilizational connections, I seize this moment to acknowledge the significant contributions of the Bengali Hindu diaspora in enriching the social and cultural fabric of the UK.

May the 25th anniversary celebrations of BHA (UK) further strengthen community bonds, encourage mutual respect, and inspire many to continue their service for the common good.

I wish the BHA (UK) every success in your noble pursuits.

Chandra Kumar Ghimire
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28 July 2025

Dear Mr Purokayastha

Thank you for inviting me to contribute a message for *Roots* magazine once again. I am honoured to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Bangladesh Hindu Association on achieving your twenty-fifth anniversary

The Bengali Hindu community has long made a valuable and vibrant contribution to the diverse fabric of East London, and I know this anniversary marks an important milestone for many. The BHA has exemplified community service, fostering cohesion, and humanitarian support across generations and communities. The impact of your work – especially during the Covid pandemic – has resonated deeply, earning well-deserved recognition with your British Empire Medal.

I also greatly welcome the continuing work of the Association with younger generations, especially through the BHA Youth Forum. Encouraging young people to explore their heritage and engage in community life lays strong foundations for the future.

Please do pass on my best wishes to all members. I look forward to joining you for the celebration on 30 August, and I hope it is a joyful and memorable occasion. I wish you every success in the years ahead.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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It is with great admiration and heartfelt congratulations that I extend my best wishes to the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) on the momentous occasion of its 25th Anniversary.

Over the past 25 years, BHA (UK) has played an invaluable role in promoting unity, cultural heritage, and community wellbeing among the Bengali Hindu diaspora in the United Kingdom. In my capacity as MP for Harrow East, I represent a large proportion of the diaspora and recognise the importance of BHA with its tireless efforts in fostering harmony, supporting vulnerable communities and engaging the younger generation in understanding their roots and heritage.

Particularly notable is the Association's response during the COVID-19 pandemic, where your commitment to humanitarian support, both locally and internationally, stood as a testament to the values of compassion and service that lie at the heart of all your work. The recognition bestowed upon you through the British Empire Medal in 2021 is a proud achievement and a reflection of your enduring impact.

While I regret that I am unable to join you in person for this remarkable celebration on the 30th August, please accept my warmest regards and sincere congratulations. May the next 25 years bring continued growth, unity, and prosperity to BHA (UK) and the vibrant community it represents.

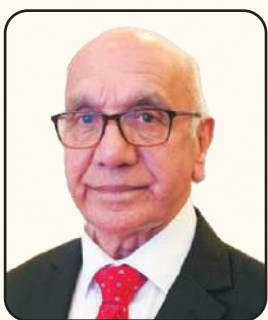
Kind Regards,

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Virendra Sharma
Former Member of Parliament
for Ealing Southall

Dear Proshanta

It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I send my congratulations to the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) on the Silver Jubilee of The Roots magazine. For twenty-five years, this publication has been more than just a chronicle of community life — it has been a lifeline of culture, faith, and unity for Bangladeshi Hindus in the UK and across the world.

While this milestone is a time for celebration, we cannot ignore the serious challenges that the Hindu community continues to face in Bangladesh. Reports of discrimination, intimidation, and violence against minorities remain deeply troubling. These injustices not only harm individuals but undermine the values of equality, tolerance, and human dignity that should be the foundation of any society.

I stand in unwavering solidarity with the Hindu community of Bangladesh and with your efforts to secure safety, justice, and equal rights for all. The voices raised in The Roots — voices of truth, resilience, and cultural pride — must continue to be heard, and I pledge my ongoing support in advocating for your cause at every possible forum.

As you mark this remarkable 25-year journey, may you be strengthened in purpose, united in vision, and inspired to carry forward your rich heritage for future generations.

Virendra Sharma
Former Member of Parliament for Ealing Southall





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সম্মানিত সদস্যবৃন্দ,

আন্তরিক শুভেচ্ছা গ্রহণ করুন।

বাংলাদেশ হিন্দু অ্যাসোসিয়েশন (ইউকে)-এর গৌরবময় ২৫তম প্রতিষ্ঠাবার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে আমি গভীর শ্রদ্ধা ও আন্তরিক শুভেচ্ছা জানাতে পেরে নিজেকে অত্যন্ত গর্বিত ও সম্মানিত বোধ করছি।

গত দুই দশকের অধিক সময় ধরে, 'বাংলাদেশ হিন্দু অ্যাসোসিয়েশন (ইউকে)' যুক্তরাজ্যসহ বিশ্বের বিভিন্ন প্রান্তে বসবাসরত বাঙালি হিন্দু সম্প্রদায়ের ঐক্য, সমৃদ্ধি, সহনশীলতা এবং সাংস্কৃতিক গর্বের প্রতীক হয়ে দাঁড়িয়েছে। আমাদের ঐতিহ্য রক্ষা, ভাষা ও সংস্কৃতি প্রচার এবং প্রয়োজনের মুহূর্তে উদার মানসিকতা নিয়ে হিন্দু সম্প্রদায়ের পাশে দাঁড়ানোর যে নিরলস প্রচেষ্টা আপনারা চালিয়ে যাচ্ছেন, তা নিঃসন্দেহে প্রশংসার যোগ্য।

সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান, যুব সম্পৃক্ততা, মানবিক সহায়তা কিংবা ন্যায়বিচার ও মানবাধিকারের পক্ষে সোচ্চার কণ্ঠস্বর প্রতিটি ক্ষেত্রেই আপনাদের ভূমিকা অনুপ্রেরণাদায়ক। Roots ম্যাগাজিন প্রকাশ, কোভিড-১৯ মহামারির সময়ে সহায়তা এবং সংখ্যালঘুদের অধিকার রক্ষায় বিশেষ করে বাংলাদেশে চলমান সাম্প্রদায়িকতার বিরুদ্ধে রুখে দাঁড়ানোর জন্যে ব্রিটিশ পার্লামেন্টসহ বিভিন্ন আন্তর্জাতিক সংস্থায় আপনাদের সোচ্চার ভূমিকাই প্রমাণ করে ঐক্যবদ্ধ কমিউনিটি কী অসাধ্যকে সাধন করতে পারে।

বিশেষভাবে ধন্যবাদ জানাই আগামী প্রজন্মকে ক্ষমতায়নের প্রতি আপনাদের মনোযোগের জন্য। আজকের বৈশ্বিক প্রেক্ষাপটে যেখানে নিজস্ব পরিচয় ও মূল্যবোধ অনেক সময় ঝুঁকির মুখে পড়ে, সেখানে যুব সমাজকে নিজেদের শেকড়ের সঙ্গে যুক্ত রাখার প্রচেষ্টা অত্যন্ত সময়োপযোগী ও প্রয়োজনীয়।

আপনাদের প্রতিটি সদস্য, স্বেচ্ছাসেবক ও নেতৃত্বদের প্রতি রইল আমাদের গভীর শ্রদ্ধা ও আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন যাঁরা এই অসাধারণ যাত্রার অংশ হয়েছেন। আপনাদের নিষ্ঠা আগামী দিনগুলোতেও উজ্জ্বলভাবে বিচ্ছুরিত হোক এবং সদস্যদের মধ্যে বন্ধন হোক আরও দৃঢ়।

আসুন, অতীতের গৌরবে ও সুন্দর ভবিষ্যত বিনির্মাণের আশায় আমরা একসাথে এগিয়ে চলি।

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(মনীন্দ্র কুমার নাথ)

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To
The Bangladesh Hindu Association UK

Subject: Congratulations on 25 Years of Dedicated Service

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Hindu Forum Britain, I extend our warmest congratulations to the Bangladesh Hindu Association UK on completing 25 years of remarkable service. Over the years, BHA (UK) has exemplified the true spirit of *seva* through its voluntary work, supporting those in need both in the UK and abroad. Your tireless efforts in providing humanitarian aid during floods and crises, as well as your financial and moral support to vulnerable communities, are a testament to your compassion and commitment. We also commend your engagement with parliamentarians and APPGs, ensuring that the voice of the community is heard at the highest levels.

Your journey of unity, service, and advocacy over the past quarter-century is truly inspiring, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside you in strengthening our shared values and service to society.

With heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for the future,

Yours sincerely,

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Protest Rally: 8 Point Demands



Bradford Rally



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Birmingham Rally



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Protest Rally: 8 Point Demands



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Sarbojanin Baba Lokenath Association



North London Prabhati Sangha



United Hindu Cultural Association, London



The Hindu Society UK



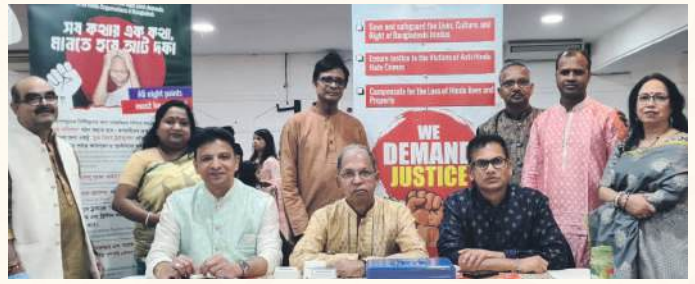
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All eight points must be accepted

1. সংখ্যালঘুদের নিপীড়নের জন্য ন্যায়বিচার নিশ্চিত করতে, একটি "নিরপেক্ষ তদন্ত কমিশন" গঠন করতে হবে। অপরাধীদের দ্রুত এবং উপযুক্ত শাস্তি প্রদানের জন্য একটি "দ্রুত বিচার ট্রাইব্যুনাল" প্রতিষ্ঠা করতে হবে। ক্ষতি-প্রতিরোধের পর্যাপ্ত ক্ষতিপূরণ ও পুনর্বাসনের ব্যবস্থা করতে হবে।
To ensure justice for the persecution of minorities a "Neutral investigation commission" must be formed, followed by the establishment of a "Fast-Track Trial Tribunal" to provide swift and appropriate punishment to the offenders, along with adequate compensation and rehabiliation for the victims.
2. অবিলম্বে "সংখ্যালঘু সুরক্ষা আইন" প্রণয়ন করতে হবে।
Enact a "Minority Protection Act" immediately.
3. "সংখ্যালঘু বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়" গঠন করতে হবে।
Form a "Ministry of Minority Affairs".
4. হিন্দু ধর্মীয় কল্যাণ ট্রাস্টকে "হিন্দু ফাউন্ডেশন" - এ উন্নীত করতে হবে। এক-ইভাবে, বৌদ্ধ এবং খ্রিস্টান ধর্মীয় কল্যাণ ট্রাস্টগুলিকে ফাউন্ডেশনে আপগ্রেড করতে হবে।
Upgrade the Hindu religious Welfare Trust to a "Hindu Foundation". Similarly upgrade the Buddhist and Christian Religious Welfare Trusts to foundations.
5. "দেবোত্তর সম্পত্তি পুনরুদ্ধার এবং সংরক্ষণের জন্য একটি আইন" প্রণয়ন করতে হবে এবং "অর্পিত সম্পত্তি ফেরত আইন" সঠিকভাবে দ্রুত বাস্তবায়ন করতে হবে।
Enact a "Law for the Recovery and Preservation of Endowed Property" and properly implement the "Vested Property Return Act".
6. সমস্ত সরকারী/বেসরকারী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, কলেজ এবং প্রতিটি উচ্চ শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানে সংখ্যালঘু ছাত্রদের জন্য "অর্থনা ছান" তৈরি করতে হবে এবং প্রতিটি হোস্টেলে অর্থনা কক্ষ বরাদ্দ করতে হবে।
Build "Houses of Worship" for minority students in All Government/ Private Universities, University Colleges, and every Higher Education Institutions, and allocate prayer rooms in every hostel.
7. "সংস্কৃত ও পালি শিক্ষা বোর্ড" আনুষ্ঠানিক করতে হবে।
Modernize the "Sanskrit and Pali Education Board".
8. শারদীয় দুর্গা পূজা উপলব্ধের সময় পটভূমির সরকারী চুক্তি বাতিল করতে হবে। পাশাপাশি প্রতিটি সংখ্যালঘু সম্প্রদায়ের প্রধান ধর্মীয় উৎসবের জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় ছুটির ব্যবস্থা করতে হবে।
Disclose a 5-Day Public Holiday during the Shardaia Durga Puja festival. Along with, necessary leave must be provided for the major religious festivals of each minority community.



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Commonwealth APPG with Andrew Rosindell MP



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COMMONWEALTH ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

1 pm on Thursday 24th October 2024
Committee Room 8, Palace of Westminster

AGENDA

The meeting will be an Oral Evidence Session on a spotlight inquiry into ongoing events in Bangladesh.

- Opening of the meeting and apologies for absence
Andrew Rosindell MP, Chairman of the Commonwealth APPG.
- Oral Evidence Session – the APPG will hear from:
 - H.E. Ms. Saida Muna Tasneem - Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK, Ireland
 - Proshanta Lal Datta Purokayastha & Sujith Kumar Chowdhury – President & General Secretary – Bangladesh Hindu Association
 - Jubair Ahmed – Community Activist and Entrepreneur in the UK & Bangladesh

Parliamentarians will be invited to ask the contributors questions.

3. Invitation for comment from invited guests at the meeting.

4. AOB – closing remarks from Andrew Rosindell MP

If you have any questions or queries please email - pierre.wilby@parliament.uk.
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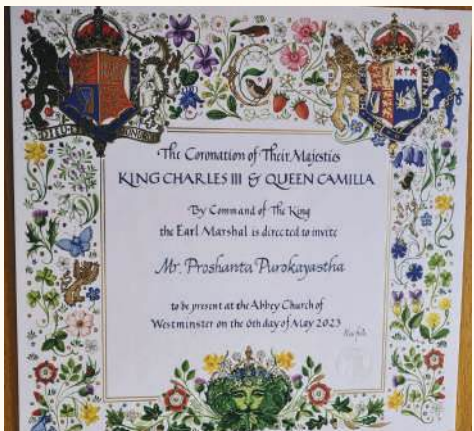


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BHA Youth Lunch, August 2025



Attended Ipshita memorial Charity



Attended Sankirtanfest Event, London



Attended Gaudiya Mission Meeting, London



Tribute to Late Pankaj Bhattacharjee, London



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Participated Buddha Purnima Talk Show



Community Engagement



Sanatan Mohalaya



Attended Sankirtanfest Event, London



Attended Diwali Festival, London



Attended Community Wedding, Loughborough



Attended Hindu Society New years Dinner



Attended Sampriti Reception



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Attended International Geeta Yagna, London



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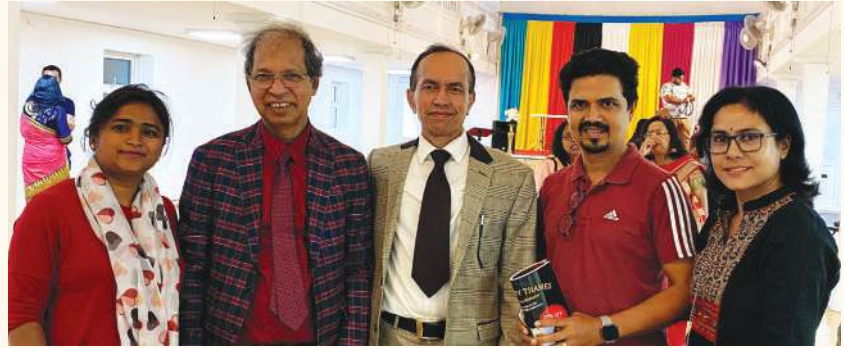
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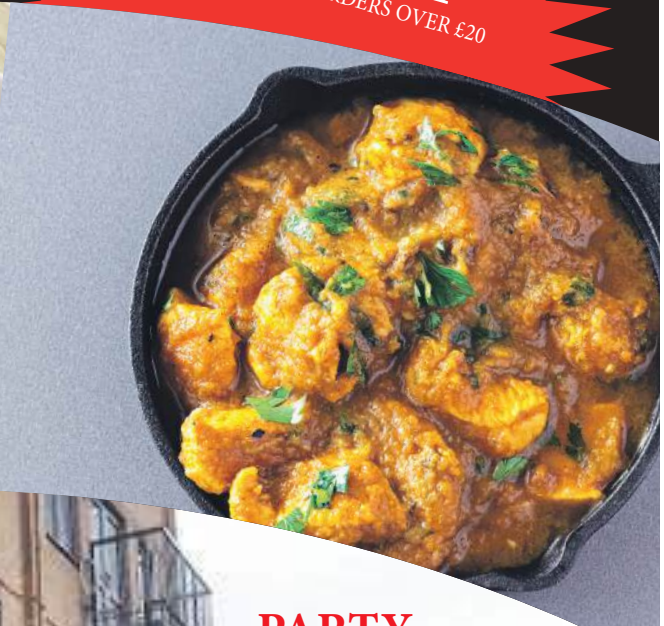
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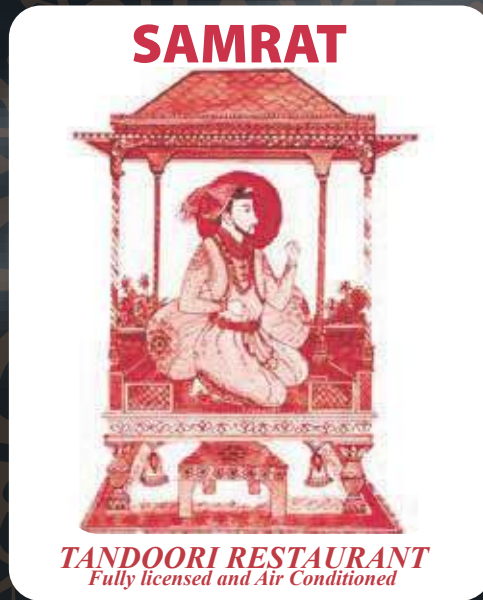


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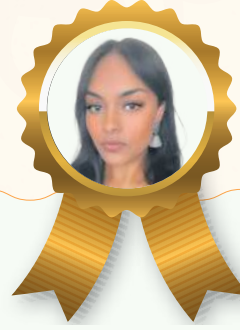
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Dr Sunil Kanti Roy

A freedom fighters in 1971, worked as a Medical Officer in the "Mobile Indian Red Cross Team" during the liberation movement of Bangladesh. He worked in most "Refugee Camps" and served refugees from Bangladesh irrespective of religions, cast, creed and sex. He came to UK in 1975 as a student, passed LRCP (London), MRCS (England) in 1983 and MRCP (UK) in 1984. He became Fellow of Royal Society of Medicine (FRSM) London in 2003 and Fellow of Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) London and (FRC) Edinburgh in 2003. He was a GP Tutor to teach Medical Students of King's College and Imperial College, London. He received Music "Diploma" and "Post-Diploma" on Hindustani Vocal Music and Rabindra Sangeet. He is now committed to serve the cause for Humanity and The prime charity project of "Ipshta Memorial" at present is the "Blind prevention Clinic" in a rural Village - "Atla" near Tarapit, West Bengal, India.



Prof. Dr. Chitta Chowdhury

A freedom fighter, served both in humanitarian refugee camps and in the treatment of the wounded liberation forces in Sector 8, under the command of Major Jalil. joined the British Army. Commissioned as a Senior Major, and served across the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, before my posting to the Far East Command in Hong Kong. Outside my clinical work, Dr Chowdhury, actively involved with the Help the Poor Trust, inspired by Mother Teresa, From the tense wards of a besieged Chittagong hospital in 1971 to the operating theatres of the British military and the NHS, his path has been marked by the interplay of history and humanity.



Sukriti Prova Sen

Sukriti Prova Sen is the Director of Children's and Education Services at Coventry City Council and a Board Director of the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS). Born in Oldham to Bangladeshi parents, Sukriti's early experiences of growing up shaped her commitment to fairness and social justice. Beginning her career in the voluntary sector in Tower Hamlets, she became a qualified social worker in 1992 and has since held senior leadership roles across London and Essex, where she contributed to Essex County Council's 'Outstanding' Ofsted ratings in 2018 and 2023.



Dr Subir Sen

Dr Subir Sen has been awarded Honorary Fellow of University of East London, his unique contribution in medical and clinical education. He has been practising as GP with speciality in cardiology at Stratford for over last 20 years and a GP trainer, clinical and educational supervisor for GP's, Practice Nurses, Physician Associates, Pharmacist and closing gap between privileged and underprivileged communities. He has tremendous contributions in the raising quality and standardised clinical practice and education in East London.



Dr Dababrata Chowdhury

Dr. Chowdhury's experienced as a Software Engineer from Hacettepe University in Turkey, along with his MBA and PhD in Knowledge Management from the University of Plymouth UK and his position as an Reader (Associate Professor) in Digital Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Management. Dr Chowdhury has over 20 years' experience in the HE sectors, with 10 years in outward facing programme running and development roles. During this time, he has developed a fundamental, holistic knowledge of universities and how to form mutually beneficial, strategic, university connections with industry partners and local communities from across the globe. Currently, Dr Chowdhury is the associate editor for the Review of Applied Socio-Economic Research Journal and an editorial board member for International Journal of Technology Intelligence and Planning (IJTIP) and Co-editor in International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Management Inquiries. He has published over 40 papers in refereed academic journals, conference proceedings, book chapters, and magazine articles. He is capable of speaking and communicating in English, Turkish, Hindi, Bengali, Azerbaijani and Urdu.



Dr Debasish Kar

Dr Debasish Kar is an academic GP currently working as an NIHR Clinical Lecturer at the University of Plymouth. This is a highly regarded and competitive award awarded to clinical academics who have completed their academic doctorate, on top of their clinical qualifications. He is also affiliated and undertaking research in collaboration with the University of Oxford, Imperial College London, King's College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is also leading global health research working collaboratively with the University of Washington, University of NSW, Sydney and teaching research methodology at the University of Professional, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He has published over 40 articles in peer reviewed journals attracting over 900 citations worldwide.



Amitabha Sikder

For over 20 years, Mr Sikder led Cyber Security consulting services to global banks, financial firms, professional services, telecom and critical UK National infrastructure. Key leadership roles include Director-level positions at CLS Bank (US), and senior roles at Barclays Bank PLC, London Stock Exchange, London Metal Exchange, Mitsui Group, KPMG, Boston Consulting Group, National Grid, and Nokia Siemens Networks. He enhanced his expertise with an Executive Leadership certification from the University of Oxford. He holds multiple professional qualifications, including CISM, ISO 27001, MCSA, MCSE and PRICE 2. He served as a guest lecturer in Information Security at Aston University, Birmingham,



Dr Chitta Saha

Dr Chitta Saha is a Senior Lecturer in Automotive Engineering BSc (Hons) (BUET), MEngSc (NMRC), University College Cork (UCC). During PhD study, Dr Chitta Saha developed the model of an electromagnetic (EM) vibrational generator and verified the model with the measured and simulated results. He was a Lecturer/Assistant Professor in the School of Computing, Electronics and Maths at Coventry University. He received a fellow in HEA 2015 award. He was an external examiner of Hertfordshire University. 2012 onward, he successfully supervised around 60 MSc students 4 PhD completion, currently supervising 2 PhD students



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I am proud to have been a part of Bangladesh Hindu Association (BHA) since its very inception. BHA continues to go from strength to strength; tirelessly advocating for and uplifting those who are most in need, standing firm against the no injustices of discrimination and atrocities being committed against innocent Hindus (and other minorities) in Bangladesh.

Himangshu Goswami
Ex Chairperson of BHA(UK)



BHA(UK) has been engaged all through to create, sustain and promote congenial and harmonious community relations between different ethnic groups, Hindu religious and cultural groups including youth groups living in the UK. BHA(UK) is deeply involved in preserving our Sanatani identity and supporting our new generation to understand their own ethnic origin, religion and culture. The challenges BHA(UK) has faced successfully so far show the passion, commitment and resilience of the whole organisation. BHA(UK) has been maintaining its promises to help our community here in the UK and abroad, particularly in Bangladesh during natural disasters, ethnic cleansings and atrocities for being Hindu as minority in Bangladesh including other human rights issues for minorities, by planning adopting and implementing variety of activities.

Amalendu Shekhar Podder
Ex Chairperson of BHA(UK)



Twenty five years ago, our founders came together with a vision to preserve our rich cultural and spiritual heritage, support our community, and create a platform for unity and shared values in the UK. As we celebrate this silver jubilee, we reflect not only on how far we've come but also on the strength and resilience that has carried us through. Over the years, this Association has become home for many a place where traditions are honoured, festivals are celebrated with joy, and support is extended in times of need. We have grown together, welcomed new generations, and stood by one another through challenges, always guided by the principles of dharma, community service, and mutual respect I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all past and present committee members, volunteers and supporters whose dedication and passion have made this milestone possible. Your contributions have built a legacy that we can all be proud of.

Mr Taraka Ranjan Chanda
Chair Person Bangladesh Hindu Association



The Bangladesh Hindu Association's silver jubilee is an occasion to look forward rather than merely commemorate the past. Issues of minority rights, inclusion, and identity are still crucial in a society that is changing quickly. The BHA's ongoing goals will remain to empower marginalised communities, foster intercultural harmony, and increase community representation. The Association's legacy is evident as it marks 25 years of service: a community that was previously voiceless has rediscovered its voice. The upcoming chapter is expected to be equally important, with increased prominence, a more profound influence, and a revitalised force. Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the Bangladesh Hindu Association! I hope the next 25 years bring even more success.

Kavita Protima Gupta
Community Activist, Coventry



Congratulations to everyone in the team. It was a great event. Special congratulations to Swapan for his restless effort for taking this organisation forward, it has made its right place in this country... My best wishes for more and more success.

Samar Chakraborty
Coventry, Guest of 20th Anniversary



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Thank you to the BHA Community for my nomination and award. I am both honoured and humbled by your kind gesture. This award does not only go to me but represents the hard work and commitment of the wider BHA community. May Lord Krishna continue to bless everyone and ensure our community goes from strength to strength.

Sandhya Roy

Award Winner-2022, BHA(UK)



A huge thank you to our BHA Youth Champion Amit Deb and his PMO team for delivering such a successful Sankirtan event in the banner of SankirtanFest. This was an historical event in community cohesion and successfully bringing all sects and groups of Sanatanis together in celebrating the uniqueness of sanatan spiritual journey. I believe this event will positively contribute in removing barriers in community unity for achieving common goals. Hats off guys!!!! Though there are still plenty rooms for development.

Sujith Chowdhury

General Secretary, BHA(UK)



At the core of its mission, BHA (UK) strives to empower the younger, British-born generation to reconnect with their roots. Through initiatives such as the BHA Youth Forum, it promotes cultural education, storytelling, and heritage awareness—bridging tradition with modern identity. What truly sets BHA (UK) apart is its blend of cultural stewardship and humanitarian action. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the organisation provided vital support to vulnerable communities both in the UK and abroad.

Alak Chanda

General Secretary of BHA (UK)



BHA has been supporting our community in many ways and bringing our community members together in many ways and will continue to do so. I would like to convey my gratitude to the BHA to everyone involved in supporting the BHA community. When we had the covid pandemic and other natural disasters like the flood BHA has been able to support many members of our community in India and Bangladesh..

Haripada Suklabaidya

Vice Chairman of BHA (UK)



I am very happy to be involved in BHA from day one. BHA are doing very fantastic and humanitarian job from longtime. We did very massive and successful programmes at Bradford, London and Birmingham and we celebrated two Holi celebration in British House of Commons since 2024 for the first time. Undoubtedly BHA is a best and largest national Organisation in the UK because they go above and beyond for the people in need and still continues taking great initiative for community people.

Amar Baidya

Vice Chairman of BHA (UK)



Being part of BHA has helped me understand and value my culture more deeply than ever before. It has also opened my eyes to the real issues our community faces and the support it needs. The encouragement I have received from BHA has given me a fresh perspective and inspired me to work harder for our shared goals. I encourage everyone in our community to get involved with BHA, whether to promote our culture, support the Hindu minority in Bangladesh and throughout the world, or make sure our community in England gets fair opportunities and protection from any kind of oppression.

Johar Shil

Press and Publicity Secretary of BHA (UK)



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Since becoming a member, I have had the chance to engage with the wider community and see closely how much effort BHA puts into promoting our culture, religion and traditions. Through different activities and events, BHA has worked hard to keep our heritage alive and has also given the younger generation the chance to learn about and feel proud of their roots. I have seen how BHA brings people from different backgrounds together, encouraging unity, harmony and a real sense of belonging which is very important in today's world. Their work is not just about promoting culture, it is about strengthening community ties and giving us all a platform to feel connected.

Mahamay Seal
Cultural Secretary, BHA(UK)



A huge congratulations to the BHA Chairman, General Secretary and other executive members for such a wonderful program in the House of Commons. It was a milestone for the young generation well as all community members. I must have to say all BHA members 'A Special Thanks' for their hard work and dedication that they had shown on the day and this has made the program so lively and successful. This is how the team spirit should always be there. Many many congratulations to all young participants who worked very hard. My son and I absolutely enjoyed the moments.

Jini Sen
Community Activist



This was a long journey of last twenty years together with all our fellow community members. Some of them left us for good and some talented new faces joined by this time. The journey will obviously enhance community cohesiveness and mutual support in the days ahead. It needs sincere initiative, wholehearted involvement, utmost devotion to sacrifice for wellbeing and support for the society at it's difficult times. This is a charity for mankind which is named as "Nishkam Karma" in Srimadbhagavad Geeta. Heartiest congratulations to all who have been awarded for their noble task and contributions for this community. My humble gratitude to BHA for recognition of my little contribution towards social service through BHA and other organisations as well as my own capacity. This will obviously encourage and inspire others to come forward to work for this community. May Lord Krishna bless us to uphold this togetherness to serve this community.

Haradhan Bhowmik
Award Winner-2022, BHA(UK)



I have personally been inspired by the various activities of this organization. I sincerely thank you for the important work you are doing for the Hindu community in different countries, including the United Kingdom, and for raising our rightful demands to the government.

Radhakanta Dhar
Executive Committee Member



Over the past two and a half decades, BHA (UK) has played a vital role in bringing together the Hindu community across the UK and promoting harmony within wider society. Your commitment to cultural preservation, social cohesion, and community service is truly commendable. Wishing BHA (UK) continued success and growth in the years to come.

Anupam Saha (FCCA)
Senior Vice President, SBLA (UK)
Admin Co-coordinator, Hindu Aid UK



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Heartfelt thanks to Proshanta & Sujith for inviting me to such a prestigious event on last Thursday and on top allowing me to speak in front of such a ceremonious gathering. I am indebted to you both and the BHA. It shows the breadth of your heart.

Dewan Gous Sultan
Community Activist



The Bangladeshi Hindu Association (BHA) plays a vital role in safeguarding the rights of religious minorities and promoting secular values. Through its dedicated efforts the organisation addresses incidents of violence against Hindus and other minority communities while advocating for justice, equality and communal harmony. BHA's unwavering commitment to upholding the principles of secularism and fostering an inclusive society is highly commendable.

Sahab Uddin Bacchu
Cultural Activist



I am quite impressed to see that the Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) is doing incredible work for humanity. BHA (UK) has stood as a united platform dedicated to charitable work and humanitarian service for last 25 years. Throughout these decades, they have been privileged to serve the needy, offering vital financial support both here in the UK and overseas. From responding swiftly to floods and natural disasters to aiding those affected by humanitarian crises, their mission has always been driven by compassion and the belief in shared responsibility

Sujon Barua, Community Activist



I became aware of the BHA (UK) through my friendship with Proshanta Purokayastha. I've observed his tireless work organising the association's work and coordinating many charitable efforts to provide assistance to the less fortunate. On its 25th anniversary I wish the BHA (UK) many more successful years of service to the community.

Desmond Bacchus
Spectator of Holi Festival



We've witnessed how confidently embracing this belief, the Bangladesh Hindu Association-UK has for many years worked across Britain through diverse activities to spread the message of friendship, unity and harmony. We truly believe that in a multilingual and multifaith society like Britain, organizations like this are vital to help us build a beautiful, tolerant community in a more united way. We are confident that in the future, the Bangladesh Hindu Association, UK will further strengthen and continue their noble charitable works for a more humanitarian society. Best of luck.

Emdad Talukder, MBE & Freedom of London,
Mahfuza Rahman, Freedom of London.



It's a great pleasure to know that Bangladesh Hindu Association is celebrating its 25 years of successful activism here in the UK. I am a core admirer of BHA for its impact-making campaigns against all forms of tortures, injustices and atrocities against religious minorities in Bangladesh; I applaud the way they have been helping supporting and standing firmly beside victims since they begun, in addition to promoting and preserving our ancient heritage and religion of the land (Indian sub-continent) as well as a unique culture of devotion through events, talks and other form of activism. It's such a huge joy that this important and indispensable activism by BHA has successfully been run last 25 years and I would like to see BHA at the forefront of all progressive movements and campaigns here in Europe.

T M Ahmed Kaysher
Director | Saudha, Society of Poetry and Indian Music



The Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) is a shining example of how unity, compassion, and courage can change lives far beyond borders. Born from a shared identity, it has grown into a global voice for justice, human dignity, and cultural pride. For over 20 years, BHA (UK) has stood up for the oppressed, offered hope to victims, and built bridges between communities—reminding us that humanity has no nationality. From defending human rights to aiding flood victims, from celebrating our shared languages to supporting the most vulnerable, their work transcends religion and geography. They have shown that when we come together, we can heal wounds, preserve heritage, and inspire the next generation to lead with empathy. BHA (UK) is not just an organisation—it is a movement of hearts and hands, proving that the fight for justice anywhere is the fight for humanity everywhere.

Rummy Haque
Cultural Activist



Testimonials



২০০৩ স্বপনদার সাথে পরিচয়। একদিন সন্ধ্যা বেলা স্বপন দা বেড়াতে আসলেন, চা খেতে খেতে স্বপন দা বুঝিয়ে বললেন বাংলাদেশের হিন্দুদের জন্য একটা অর্গানাইজেশন থাকার কথাটা জরুরি। সেই থেকে আমি বাংলাদেশ হিন্দু অ্যাসোসিয়েশন এর সাথে সম্পৃক্ত। বার্মিংহামে, বাংলাদেশের বাইরে এমন সম্মেলন দেখে খুব আশার আলো জেগেছিলো। স্বপনদার অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রমে বাংলাদেশ হিন্দু অ্যাসোসিয়েশনের যাত্রা শুরু হলো, কখনো কনফারেন্স, কখনো মিটিং কখনো বা মিছিল। বাংলাদেশের হিন্দুদের অবস্থার কোনো পরিবর্তনের আভাস নেই কিন্তু BHA হাল ছাড়েনি, আজ এই এমপি তো কাল আরেক এমপি র সাথে মিটিং, বাংলাদেশ হাইকমিশনকে চাপে রাখা সবই খুবই নিষ্ঠার সাথে করে যাচ্ছে BHA। ২০০৩ থেকে এখন অবধি বাংলাদেশের হিন্দুদের অধিকার আদায়ে অনেক অর্গানাইজেশন গড়ে উঠেছে কিন্তু কেউ বা আজ আছেন তো কাল নেই, BHA একমাত্র হিন্দু অর্গানাইজেশন যাদেরকে দেখছি প্রতিনিয়ত কাজ চালিয়ে যেতে। আমি এবং সেকুলার বাংলাদেশ মুভমেন্ট BHA এর সাথে সম্পৃক্ত থাকতে অনেক গর্বিত। BHA-এর সকল সদস্যদের প্রতি রইলো আমার প্রণাম ও ভালোবাসা। আমার বিশ্বাস BHA একদিন বাংলাদেশের হিন্দুদের অধিকার রক্ষায় তাদের লক্ষ্যে পৌঁছাতে পারবে। নিরন্তর শুভ কামনা।

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Heartfelt congratulations to the Bangladeshi Hindu Association BHA UK on completing 25 successful years. I've had the privilege of seeing their humanitarian activities closely since 2009-10, and I truly admire their commitment to supporting Bangladeshi minorities and standing by victim families in difficult times.

Their dedication to justice and community welfare has always inspired me. Wishing BHA, UK many more years of meaningful service and continued success.

Ajanta Deb Roy
Councillor and Community Activist



Happy New Year to the incredible team at the Bangladesh Hindu Association (BHA) and the amazing individuals. Your kindness in providing food and financial assistance has been an invaluable blessing, empowering me through challenging times. Even those whose names I may not know, your silent contributions have not gone unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. Your unwavering support has been my strength and inspiration. I am forever grateful for your compassion and dedication. Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling New Year

Luckhan Das
Member, BHA(UK)



I have, only in the last couple of years, become involved with BHA(UK). I have attended their celebrations and did not know what to expect from what I believed to be a small minority community. My experience has opened my eyes as to what this association has achieved. From the chairperson and the committee to the youngest child in attendance you can feel the energy, passion, fight, pride and belief in what they have built and what they hope to achieve. It has been very inspiring. This small minority community has possibly surpassed itself with the BIG impact it has on its own community here across the UK, and the amazing work it does to support fellow Hindus and human beings in Bangladesh. I wish the association every success for the future.

Rashmin Mistry
Spectator of Holi Festival



For 25 years, the Bengali Hindu Association has stood as a beacon of unity, compassion, and cultural pride. More than just an organisation, BHA has been a nurturing umbrella of continuous support—especially during times of hardship, both locally and abroad. Whether responding to global crises or personal struggles, BHA has consistently uplifted vulnerable communities, offering a sense of belonging when it was needed most. BHA's vibrant cultural activities have brought generations together, creating shared experiences that strengthen family ties and ensure that future generations remain connected to their roots. Through celebrations that invite all to participate, BHA keeps beautiful traditions alive—traditions that should never be forgotten.

Kanika Roy
Coventry, Guest of 20th Anniversary



BHAS UK is proud to have stood shoulder to shoulder with BHA UK in many important initiatives - from nationwide protests and programmes in Parliament, to constructive meetings with leaders such as Deputy Foreign Secretary Catherine West MP. Together, our collaboration has amplified the cause of justice and equality. We celebrate this milestone with immense joy and pride

Bikram Banerjee
National Coordinator BHAS UK





Why Sanatana Dharma?

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BHA Special Award Winner 2022

In the Oxford Dictionary of Hinduism 'Sanatana Dharma' is defined as an eternal religion, a Veda-based form of Hinduism, deemed to be universally and eternally valid where Veda means 'knowledge'. It has also mentioned that the term Veda is both singular and plural and refers to a body of Sanskrit texts which, in the first instance, was composed, recited, and orally transmitted by the people who referred to themselves as Aryans. The earliest Veda is Rig Veda Samhita dated back between c1700BCE to c1000BCE. Then further collections were Sama, Yajur and Atharva Veda Samhita. There are various Upanishads which in an expanded sense, is also referred to as the Vedas.

Please note that Sanatana Dharma is the original name of Hinduism. It was the Persians who came to India during the sixth century BCE and began using the name 'Hinduism' to refer to the religion of the people living near the Indus River. In the Persian language, the letters h and s are pronounced almost the same, so they mistook the word 'Sindhu' (the Sanskrit name for Indus River) to be 'Hindu'. There is no word 'Hindu' or 'Hinduism' in any of the Hindu scriptures. In Sanatana-dharma, duties performed according to one's

or Hindu Dharma was criticised for its caste system. In his book Hinduism, Kshiti Mohan Sen, the father of Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, refers to an interesting argument in Mahabharata, in which Bhrgu tells Bharadvaja that caste divisions relate to differences in physical attributes of different human beings, reflected in skin colour. Bharadvaja responds not only by pointing to the considerable variations in skin colour within every caste, but also by asking: "we all seem to be affected by desire, anger, fear, sorrow, worry, hunger and labour; how do we have caste differences then". Kshiti Mohan Sen also refers a quote from the ancient Bhavishya Purana that "since members of all the four castes are children of God, they all belong to the same caste. All human beings have the same Father, and children of the same Father cannot have different castes." So, in the Hindu scripture, the caste system was not only ignored but also argued against its relevance in the society. **The cardinal principle of Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism is the total freedom of thoughts and actions. This religion never forbids anyone to question its fundamentals. Even an atheist has the right to condemn Hinduism in the public and still proudly proclaim that he or she is a Hindu or Sanatani.** In his essay On Tolerance France philosopher Voltaire wrote 'I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it'. Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism is the embodiment of what Voltaire wrote. In one part of Hinduism, one may come across people are worshipping animals or various deities and, in another part, one may come across concepts that parallel quantum physics. Some Hindus discuss and promote the philosophy of Advaita means 'There is only one' and other discuss and promote the philosophy of Dvaita means 'Duality'. In his book The Tao of Physics Physicist Fritjof Capra refers Brihad- Aranyaka Upanishad and mentioned that in the Eastern image Divine is not of ruler who directs the world from above, but of a principle that controls everything from within: He who, dwelling in all things, Yet is other than all things, Whom all things do not know, Whose body all things are, Who controls all things from within He is your Soul, the inner Controller, The Immortal. [Brihad-Aranyaka Upanishad (3.7.15)]

This is the intrinsic dynamic nature of Sanatana Dharma. Sanatana Dharma is based on the awareness of human experience. Philosophers Aldous Huxley and Leibnitz has called it as a perennial philosophy because they appear in every age and civilizations: (1) There is an infinite, changeless reality beneath the world of change; (2) this same reality lies at the core of every human personality (3) the purpose of life is to discover this reality experientially, that is to realize God while here on earth.

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spiritual identity as 'atman' (Self) and are thus the same for everyone. General duties include virtues such as honesty, refraining from injuring living beings, purity, goodwill, mercy, patience, forbearance, self-restraint, generosity, asceticism, tolerance and acceptance. The beauty of Sanatana Dharma is tolerance and acceptance. At the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago on 11th September 1893 Swami Vivekananda, an Indian Saint mentioned in his lecture that "I am proud to belong to a religion which has taught the world both tolerance and universal acceptance. We believe not only in universal toleration, but we accept all religions as true." Vivekananda further added that "I am proud to tell you that we have gathered in our bosom the purest remnant of the Israelites, who came to Southern India and took refuge with us in the very year in which their holy temple was shattered to pieces by Roman tyranny. I am proud to belong to the religion which has sheltered and is still fostering the remnant of the grand Zoroastrian nation." Sometimes Sanatana





"When a person responds to the joys and sorrows of others as if they were his own, he has attained the highest state of spiritual union (6:32)".

"That one I love who is incapable of ill will, who is friendly and compassionate (12:13)".

"They alone see truly who see the God the same in every creature, who see the deathless in the hearts of all that die, Seeing the same God everywhere, they do not harm themselves or others, thus they attain the supreme goal (13:27-28)".

John Van Ruysbroeck, one of the medieval mystics and philosopher from Belgium, once said:

"The image of God is found essentially and personally in all mankind. Each possesses it whole, entire and undivided and all together not more than one alone. In this way we are all one, intimately united in our eternal image, which is the image of God and the source in us of all our life."

This is what Sanatana Dharma said several thousand years before. The Chandogya Upanishad says "Tat tvam asi: Thou art That". Atman is Brahman: The Self in each person is not different from the Godhead. Nor it is different from person to person. The self is one the same in every creature. It is also like a deep meditation when one arrives at a point where the distinction between observer and observed breaks down completely, where subject and object fuse into a unified undifferentiated whole. Thus Brihad-Aranyaka Upanishad (4:5:15) says- "Where there is a duality, as it were, there one sees another; there one smells another; there one tastes another...But where everything has become just one's own self, then whereby and whom would one see? Then whereby and whom would one smell? Then whereby and whom would one taste?"

Infact everyone will embrace Sanatana Dharma because its man's everlasting search after truth. I recall an essay published in the Newsweek on 15 August 2009, where Lisa Miller wrote that we are all Hindus now, people may or may not actually convert to Hinduism, but they may embrace the Hindu concept of truths in their daily lives.

Sanatana Dharma allows the free flow of thoughts and actions. Everyone has the divine right to believe whatever he or she wants to believe and worship God in whatever form. There are no statements in Hindu scriptures starting with 'Thou shalt not'. Peoples belong to Sanatana Dharma accept everyone with open arms. For example, when Thomas the Apostle landed in Kodungallur, a town in Kerala during 52 CE, the people of Kerala greeted him with open arms. Ramakrishna Paramahansa, an Indian saint, who is regarded by his follower as Avatar, mentioned to his disciple that 'as many faiths, so many paths'. Oxford Professor Ruth Harris, in her book Guru to The World noted that Ramakrishna's teaching suggests all regions are only different paths and compared his ideas to the tenderness of a mother who prepares exactly what they like, exactly what agrees with their stomachs.

Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism believes in the Rig Veda's statement "Ekham Sat Vipra Bahuda Vadanti". God is one, but theologians call God by many names. It firmly believes in the statement from the Mundaka Upanishad, 'Satyameva Jayte'-means Truth alone triumphs, not falsehood. The concept of utmost freedom of thoughts and actions are the beauty of Sanatana Dharma. Even atheists have the freedom to condemn Hinduism in public and still proudly say they are Hindus. That is the reason I believe and practice Sanatana Dharma.



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BHA YOUTH FORUM Rajen Paul, Youth Organiser

Bangladesh Hindu Association started operations in the UK over 20 years. It was formed by a group of dedicated individuals as an umbrella organisation with the key objectives of promoting the identity of Hindus who can trace their ancestral roots to Bangladesh, making others aware of the heritage and contributions of Hindus from Bangladesh and helping individuals in need. As we reflect on our journey,

WHAT IS BHA YOUTH FORUM?

BHA Youth Forum is a national Hindu Bengali youth body established in the UK.

Here at the BHA Youth Forum, our mission is to support, represent, educate, and foster a unified community to preserve our Hindu Bengali identity.

it is important to appreciate that the future of our heritage, voice, and resilience lies in the hands of our youth. Today, more than ever, we need young voices to stand at the forefront of advocacy, truth-telling, and justice.

The history of atrocities committed against Hindus in

Bangladesh is not just a chapter in our past — it is a lived reality for many and is often overlooked in mainstream media. It is our collective responsibility to raise awareness, educate others, and ensure that these injustices are acknowledged and remembered. Youth participation is not optional — it is essential. Through social media, community engagement, and cross-cultural dialogue, we have powerful tools at our disposal. Our awareness and activism today can pave the way for a more just and inclusive future tomorrow. Let us honour our past not with silence, but with purpose of BHA UK.



OUR MISSION

We want to build bridges, connect you with your fellow Hindu Bengali peers, as well as those who have an interest in learning more about our unique and enduring cultural heritage. We want our actions to ensure the success of the Hindu Bengali diaspora.



Why the Youth Should Be Proud of Sanātana Dharma Krishna Shil, Winner of Youth Champion 2022

As youth, we are full of energy, questions and ambitions. We are the generation that will face challenges, shape the future and carry our culture forward. In today's busy life with studies, careers and distractions, we often ask what can truly guide us. For me, Sanātana Dharma is that guide. It is not only a religion but a way of living that gives both knowledge and wisdom. It teaches us balance, helps us face problems with strength, and shows us purpose in life. This is why I believe every young person should be proud to be connected to Sanātana Dharma.

One of its strongest teachings is karma. It explains that every action brings a result, whether good or bad. Science says the same in Newton's third law: every action has an equal and opposite reaction. For students this is very practical, because it reminds us that every choice matters. The effort we put into studies, the way we treat people and the habits we form all shape our future. Nothing is wasted. Remembering this makes us more mindful and responsible and gives us a healthier mindset.

Sanātana Dharma also teaches about the ātmā, the soul, which is eternal and beyond the body. Science still cannot fully explain consciousness, yet our scriptures already reveal that this awareness comes from the soul. We may not see it, but we feel it in the energy and presence within us. This gives confidence to young people, because it shows that we are more than our marks, looks or social status. It teaches us to value the deeper self that never changes.

Even time is explained in a way that connects Sanātana Dharma and modern science. Einstein's theory of relativity shows that time is not fixed. Our scriptures also describe

time as relative, with days of the gods being far longer than human days. This helps us look at life differently. Instead of being crushed by stress and deadlines, we learn to use time wisely and keep a calm mind.

All these examples show that the teachings of Sanātana Dharma are not only spiritual but also evidence based. They line up with what science is gradually discovering, and they continue to guide us toward a healthier and more balanced life. For young people this means strength in study life, focus in working life and better organisation in daily routines. The wisdom of karma helps us make the right decisions, the knowledge of the soul gives us inner confidence, and the understanding of time helps us manage pressure. When we put these truths together, it becomes clear that the purpose of the scriptures is our well being, and that by following them we can live with peace, clarity and success.

I also want to thank BHA for inspiring me to write on this topic. I admire their work. They make sure that young people like me stay connected to our roots and understand our heritage. I hope BHA continues to grow stronger and that more youth take part in its mission.

In the end, **I feel proud of Sanātana Dharma because it is ancient yet modern, spiritual yet scientific, philosophical yet practical. It shows me how to act responsibly, stay calm in difficulties and discover my true self. For the youth, it is not only tradition but also a guide for living wisely in today's world.** That is why I proudly say that I belong to Sanātana Dharma. Open up yourself and feel the sanatani within you.





BHA Youth Lunch – An Initiative to Interact & Create Bonding

Proshanta Purokayastha BEM

BHA (UK) has taken an initiative to engage younger generations across the UK and get to know each other. Very first of this kind of event, took place on Saturday, 23 August 2025 at Samrat Restaurant, Barking Road, London E13 8HL. Sujith Chowdhury, Biswajit Dey, Arjun Datta and I welcomed attendees and introduced the host Rajen Paul. BHA Youth Organiser. I have been overwhelmed with the positive responses from parents and kind cooperation from members of Executive Committee. It's a great news that many youth attended the lunch despite of holiday commitments and spent about 3 hours together. We assured them that the networking lunch initiative was a non-political, non-patronising, non-supervising get-together for informal introduction and interactions amongst youth from London. It is also intended to be expanded across UK cities which could lead to a National Youth Conference. I would highly appreciate if parents and guardian across

UK are willing to share this idea of Youth Lunch, consider the implications of introduction and bonding amongst



younger generations across the UK. I trust BHA (UK) regional coordinators would be happy to host Youth Lunch in different cities in the UK in the near future. Youths are the future of our community. Youth Lunch will bring British born, European and settled younger generations together to keep our existence intact with culture and identity of origin. Let us hope for the best and encourage younger generation to keep this initiative running with good intentions of community cohesion and service to the humanity.



A Sense of Gratitude

Rajonna Dey, Year - 11

Congratulations to BHA's celebration of their 25th anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation and admiration for the Bangladesh Hindu Association UK (BHA) and the exceptional work they continue to do in cultural, religious, and humanitarian aspects. I am truly inspired by the way BHA preserves and promotes the traditions and heritage of the Bangladeshi Hindu community, while also creating platforms where those traditions can be shared with wider society. Their previous initiative of hosting a Holi celebration at the UK Parliament was a powerful example of how culture can transcend barriers, foster mutual understanding, and bring people together. To see a festival rooted in joy, colour, and unity being celebrated in one of the most important institutions of democracy is a testament to BHA's vision and commitment to inclusivity. At the same time, I deeply admire the Association's courage and consistency in addressing humanitarian concerns. The attacks, discrimination, and injustices faced by minorities in Bangladesh are issues that cannot be ignored, and BHA

has taken on the important responsibility of ensuring these concerns are raised at the highest levels of government here in the UK. By doing so, they not only give a voice to those who are often silenced but also remind us of all our shared responsibility to stand against injustice and advocate for the rights and dignity of vulnerable communities.

On a personal level, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the work BHA does. Their dedication is not just about organizing events or raising issues; it is about building bridges, strengthening communities, and creating hope. It is about ensuring that the cultural and spiritual identity of the Hindu community thrives, while also standing up for justice and human rights for all. I commend the Bangladesh Hindu Association UK for their outstanding efforts, their vision, and their unwavering commitment to making a difference. I look forward to supporting and seeing their continued impact in the years ahead, as they continue to inspire us all through their service, their advocacy, and their celebration of our culture and humanity which aligns with promoting Bengali culture, community, cohesion and harmony.



Inspiration of BHA UK

Biroja Dey, Year - 4

Congratulations to Bangladesh Hindu Association UK for completing 25 years. It was a pleasure when I attended and performed a poem which was in Bengali and a dance in another BHA programme. On that moment I was inspired by the audience and BHA members to be involved with wider community, meeting with diverse people and learning my roots and heritage of Hindu culture. Many thanks to BHA for giving me and other children these opportunities for us to want to explore our origin and culture. I look forward to be involved in many other programmes and promote our culture and heritage. Hare Krishna





Reflections on Our Journey and the Road Ahead: A Message to the Community

Ajit K Saha FCCA, ACA, MSc, AFHEA

In my 22 years in the UK, I have witnessed a profound transformation within the Bengali Hindu community. The world we live in today is vastly different from when BHA UK was founded. The socio-economic landscape has shifted, and our community has evolved alongside it.

Particularly over the last decade, due to significant migration from various European countries, our once regionally concentrated community—primarily from Sylhet, Comilla, and Chittagong—has become far more diverse, now representing nearly every district of Bangladesh. This influx has brought new strength and vibrancy. Today, there are nearly 50 Durga Pujas celebrated in London alone, and cultural events take place throughout the year, reflecting our growing

However, alongside this growth come real challenges. Many of the newer members of our community are struggling to adapt. They often find it difficult to maintain the standard of living they experienced in the EU, face barriers to securing stable employment, and lack access to proper guidance and support networks.

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However, alongside this growth come real challenges. Many of the newer members of our community are struggling to adapt. They often find it difficult to maintain the standard of living they experienced in the EU, face barriers to securing stable employment, and lack access to proper guidance and support networks.

Yet, despite these hardships, the new generation is rising to meet the moment. They are turning adversity into opportunity. We are proud of these determined individuals—fighters in every sense—who embody the spirit of resilience. At the same time, we are witnessing the emergence of the third generation of British-born individuals of Bangladeshi Hindu heritage. This marks a significant milestone as we continue our journey toward a mature, diverse, and thriving society in the UK.

But sustainable growth does not come without challenges. This shift demands that we reassess our

priorities and adapt our strategies to suit the UK context. In my view, there are several key areas where BHA UK and other community organisations can make meaningful and lasting contributions:

1. Support for Newcomers: Offering structured guidance and mentorship to help new arrivals integrate effectively into British society.
2. Education and Empowerment: Prioritising education, vocational training, entrepreneurship, and knowledge sharing across generations.
3. Cultural Preservation: Preventing religious conversions through awareness, education, and inclusive community engagement.
4. Marriage Bureau: Establishing a Hindu marriage bureau to support matrimonial connections within the community.
5. Youth Engagement: Organising summer camps focused on religious and cultural training for younger generations.
6. Monthly Classes: Hosting regular religious education sessions to preserve and pass on our spiritual and cultural heritage.
7. Community Summits: Launching biannual Hindu summits and networking events to foster collaboration and unity.
8. Business Support: Promoting Hindu-owned businesses and creating initiatives to support their growth.
9. Professional Networking: Facilitating networking opportunities for Hindu professionals to encourage mentorship and career advancement.
10. Political Engagement: Encouraging greater participation in local government and politics to strengthen our community's voice.
11. Emergency Fund: Creating a common emergency relief fund, with each member organisation contributing 5% of their revenues, to support our community during times of crisis.

I am confident that many of these initiatives are already being explored. But even with limited resources, if each of us contributes a small portion of our time, skills, and energy, we can collectively build a stronger, more resilient future.

Let us use this anniversary of BHA UK not only to celebrate our achievements but also to renew our commitment to the generations ahead. Together, we can honour our heritage, support one another in the present, and shape a brighter, more united future for our community here in the UK.

With warmest wishes and gratitude,

Ajit K Saha FCCA, ACA, MSc, AFHEA

Founding Trustee – SBLAUK & Hindu Aid UK

Treasurer & Trustee – DU Alumni Association UK





Bangladesh Hindu Association UK, 25 Years of Services, Struggle & Strength

Protima Kavita Gupta

As the Bangladesh Hindu Association (BHA) marks its 25th anniversary, the organisation stands as a testament to resilience, unity, and a relentless pursuit of cultural preservation and representation. From its humble beginnings to becoming a renowned voice in Bangladesh and the UK, shows the resilience of a community committed to preserving its identity while making a significant contribution to society at large.



A Voice Born from Necessity

The creation of Bangladesh is an internationally recognised chapter of South Asian history. Yet, within this narrative, the story of Bangladeshi Hindus often remains overlooked, particularly in the West. Their existence, their struggles to safeguard culture, faith, and heritage, and their continued fight for recognition are less well understood beyond the community itself.

The Bangladeshi Hindu diaspora is a sizable group in the UK. For many years, however, there was little representation and involvement in civic, political, and governmental arenas. The Bangladesh Hindu Association was established 25 years ago with the straightforward but effective goal of giving the community a unified voice.

From Humble Beginnings to National Prominence

The BHA started off small, establishing networks, making relationships, and holding tiny religious and cultural



gatherings to unite people. Over the years, its reach significantly expanded. Today, the Association has evolved into a respected body with influence at governmental levels in both the UK and Bangladesh.

It makes numerous and significant contributions:

Community Representation: Ensuring that the highest levels of government pay attention to issues that affect Hindus in Bangladesh.

Social Support: Collecting donations for victims in Bangladesh, especially those who are facing life-threatening conditions and was suffering during natural disasters.

Youth and Education: Supporting Bangladeshi students in the UK with opportunities and mentorship.

Advocacy and Protest: Organising protests and campaigns on urgent issues impacting communities both domestically and internationally.

Cultural engagement: Organising conferences, workshops, and other activities to foster harmony, understanding, and



integration in multicultural Britain.

Through these initiatives, the BHA has promoted intercultural communication and unity in addition to improving its own community.

Leadership and Recognition

Sri Proshanta Datta Purkayastha

Although teamwork has been crucial to the organization's success, individual efforts have also been highly visible. Sri Prashanto Dutta Purkayastha has been a leader and a pillar of service among them.

Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appreciated his exceptional dedication by awarding him an BEM. His following invites to Buckingham Palace and the Coronation of King Charles III are honours that demonstrate both the appreciation of a community's contribution to British life and personal accomplishment.



Looking Ahead: The Next



25 Years

The Bangladesh Hindu Association's silver jubilee is an occasion to look forward rather than merely commemorate the past. Issues of minority rights, inclusion, and identity are still crucial in a society that is changing quickly. The BHA's ongoing goals will remain to empower marginalised communities, foster intercultural harmony, and increase community representation. The Association's legacy is evident as it marks 25 years of service: a community that was previously voiceless has rediscovered its voice. The upcoming chapter is expected to be equally important, with increased prominence, a more profound influence, and a revitalised force. Congratulations on the 25th anniversary of the Bangladesh Hindu Association! I hope the next 25 years bring even more success.





BHA : A Memorable Journey Prasanta Kumar Datta, Vice President

A new journey of my life began in 1999 in London, leaving all my family members behind. I had never been away from home for more than two months at a time. The beginning of my life in London was very exciting—beautiful surroundings and full of joyful experiences. However, as days passed, I started to miss my family members, my circle of friends, the neighborhood where I spent more than 25 years of my life, and national celebration days such as Independence Day, Mother Language Day, all the Pujas, and Eid.

Life must move on. It was my decision to seek a new life in London, so I had to find ways to compensate for the missing parts of my past. During my youth and student life, I spent my spare time involved in various sports, social activities, and student politics. I knew how to connect with people and build friendships, so I looked for every opportunity to engage with the community in London.

To celebrate my first Durga Puja in 2001, I attended the Toynbee Town Hall in Brick Lane. I was over the moon to have the opportunity to celebrate Durga Puja in London, and I am still grateful to the organizer, the Sanaton Association. During that Puja, I met many members of the community, including Mr. Prosanta Datta Purakayasta. We exchanged contact details.

The year 2001 was very significant for the Bangladeshi Hindu community. In the aftermath of the national election, a massive wave of violence was carried out against Hindus. The Bangladeshi Hindu community in London was devastated and felt compelled to support the victims and raise awareness of the atrocities. I found out that a group led by Mr. Prosanta Datta Purakayasta had submitted a petition at 10 Downing Street. This action deeply inspired me.

Time passed. One evening in 2003, I received a phone call from Mr. P.D. Purakayasta, who told me that a group of community members from across the UK had gathered in a small church hall in Birmingham. The outcome of that gathering was the creation of a charity platform called the Bangladesh Hindu Association UK (BHA UK). I have been part of this organization ever since.

This Roots Magazine will speak for itself about what BHA UK has accomplished over the last 25 years. More importantly, it will reflect what I have achieved, how satisfied I am, and what has motivated me to remain part of the BHA UK family.

At the beginning of my life in London, I felt a degree of loneliness. That feeling no longer exists. I am now a broader part of society, engaged in day-to-day activities, and able to celebrate with a large number of people. I am well-informed and regularly invited to participate in various social and cultural events.

As an active BHA UK member, I have gained many valuable skills—such as how to organize and deliver successful events, recruit and connect with members, share knowledge, participate in important meetings, and help make decisions. The most fulfilling aspect of being a BHA UK member has been responding to and supporting victims from minority communities in Bangladesh, and raising their voices in international forums. During the floods and the COVID-19 pandemic, BHA UK managed to deliver support and assistance to those who needed it most. This meaningful contribution has added greatly to my sense of satisfaction and purpose.

I wish and hope that BHA UK will continue to grow and serve the community for many more years to come, and I will continue to serve as a dedicated BHA UK member.

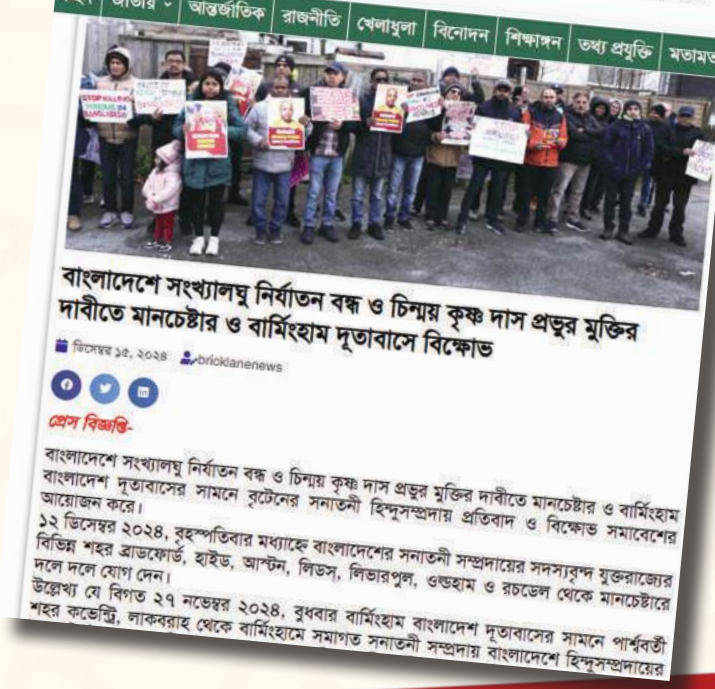


BHA Connects North of England : A Memorable Journey Supratim Deb Goutam,

The Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) stands out due to its sincere approach. We are discussing our heritage, ethnic culture, and the new generation of British-born people. The goals and objectives of the association are sociocultural. Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) serves as a forum for our esteemed culture and community. We need to stay in touch and explore ourselves for a variety of reasons throughout our lives. We must eventually discover our origins, long-lost family members, and friends. Establishing a connection for crisis, help and guidance is crucial. It took over 40 years to articulate our genuine emotions. It seems that members of our community had been hiding their UK origins for a while. It is time to show off your identity and be proud of your community. All we have to do is strive to blend into this diversified society of the United Kingdom and be good citizens.

Bangladesh Hindu Association was established in 2001 but the concept and idea of uniting the Bangladeshi Hindus in the UK started many years prior to this. In Bradford we had the privilege to organise the expansion of the association to the North of England as part of encouraging the next generation to feel and become more involved in their roots and culture. This meeting was started by a performance of the Gayatri Mantra by my two young boys aged 5 and 7 at the time. We also paid respect to the pioneering community leaders such as the Late Monindra Kumar Dey, Late Surdhir Chadra Das, etc. We had a huge response from the local community and was a success with approximately 300 participants. I wish all the best for the future of the Bangladesh Hindu Association and hope the next generation will uphold the flag of this organisation.





BHA (UK) Press Coverage



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British Hindu delegation raises concerns of the persecution of Hindus in Bangladesh with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

10th February, 2025

London, on Wednesday 5th February, a delegation from the British Hindu diaspora met with MP Catherine West, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to discuss the ongoing persecution and human rights violations of Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh.

The 5-member delegation included members of the Bengali Hindu Adarsha Sangh UK, INSIGHT UK, Bangladesh Hindu Association UK, National Hindu Students' Forum UK and Hindu Aid UK. The discussion was divided into three key sections, each focusing on specific aspects of the crisis and necessary actions.

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Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) celebrates 20th anniversary

Outstanding achievers were honoured at the event

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UK's Hindu community lauds PM's role in establishing secular Bangladesh

Leaders of the Bangladesh Hindu Association, representing Bangladesh-origin Hindus in the UK, praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visionary leadership for the remarkable economic development and her pragmatic steps to establish a secular and oppression-free democratic Bangladesh.

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নির্বাচনকে ঘিরে সংখ্যালঘু নির্যাতনের আশঙ্কা, ব্রিটিশ প্রধানমন্ত্রীর দ্বারস্থ বাংলাদেশের প্রতিনিধিরা

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PROTEST IN FRONT OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT TO PROTECT HINDUS AND OTHER MINORITIES IN BANGLADESH

Aug 11, 2024

Ansar Ahmed Ullah
Contributing Editor, Shottobani

London 10th August: More than a thousand British Hindus, alongside individuals from various religious communities and walks of life, gathered in front of the UK Parliament to protest the ongoing atrocities against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. Since the ousting of Sheikh Hasina, the former Prime Minister, on 5 August, there has been a surge in violent attacks against Hindu men, women, and children, targeted solely because of their faith.



BHA (UK)'s Tribute To The Departed Souls



HM Queen Elizabeth II



HRH Prince Philip



Late Jitendra Lal Gupta



Late Bani Dey



Late Normoda Kumar Deb



Late Gopendra Lal Gupta



Late Shri Rama Kanta Dey (Rana)



Late Ajay Paul



Late Sudhir Ranjan Datta



Late Samar Chakraborty



Late Prabir Kumar Roy



Late Gouri Prova Datta



Late Gita Rani Roy



Late Dilip Chanda



Late Nirmal Kumar Dey (Mintu)



Late Shila Purkayastha



Late Bidhan Das



History of BHA (UK)

Proshanta Purokayastha BEM

Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) started 20 years ago as an umbrella organisation and a common ground for the members of Bengali Hindu Community as a whole originally from Bangladesh . The principle of the unity was based on identity of origin and culture in Bangladesh regardless of differences in opinion and current nationality status for the migration in various countries in the world.

Very first activity and protest started as Victim Support and Welfare Group of Sanaton Association for the purpose of protesting against the atrocities on innocent Hindus in Bangladesh. SANATON Association's registered status required to submit petition to the Prime Minister at Downing Street. We then invited members, organisations of Bengali Hindu the community from every city, all over United Kingdom and the National Committee of Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK) was formed on Sunday, 31 August 2003 at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, London E1 6LS. This is now widely known as BHA (UK). A chronological information listed below with references of date and action.

- 6/12/2001 – Campaign started to join Victim Support Welfare Group of Sanaton Association to protest against atrocities on minority Hindus in Bangladesh.
- 31-12-2001- Petition submitted to the Prime Minister Tony Blair MP at Downing Street, London SW1
- 3-1-2002 – Acknowledgement received from Prime Minister's Office
- 14-1-2002 – Invitation sent to members calling to form a Probashi Bangladeshi Hindu Organisation
- 21-01-2002 – First meeting held at 320 Barking Road, London E13 on 21 January 2002. Members Present: F.k Dhar, Proshanta Purokayastha, Subodh Ranjan Sen, Himangshu Goswami, D K Ray, Jadob Majumder, Raneshwar Ray, Mukul Roy, Chiranjit Majumder, Samir Kumar Das, Bidhan Goswami, Sujit Sen, Biswajit Goswami, BB Goswami (Document Attached).
- Extra Ordinary General meeting on 1 of August resolved the date of National Meeting on Sunday, 31 August 2003
- National Committee Meeting held on 31 August 2003 at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street London E1 6LS on at 10am to 5:30pm under the heading of Bangladesh Hindu (Human Rights) Association with outlined Aims and objectives, initiated by Sanaton Association. First National Committee was formed
- The company was formed on 10 August 2004 Company Number 5202054
- BHA (UK) made £500 Donation for the Flood Victims of Bangladesh On 1/9/2005
- 16 March 2006 – International Mother Language day celebration news coverage
- National Conference held on 28 May 2006 at Toynbee Hall, London, under Bangladesh Hindu Association (UK). High Commissioner Sabihiddin Ahmed attended meeting, news coverage & Committee.
- Meeting with High Commissioner Mofazzal Karim on 24 June 2006, Janomot Coverage 19 July 2006.
- 2007 – Annual Conference , Pershore Road, Birmingham
- Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, 9 November 2008 in Birmingham, Executive Committee was formed.
- Registered for Charity on 24 February 2009
- EGM took place on 29 March 2009, London
- Annual Conference 2010 at INDIAN YMCA on Sunday 19 September 2010
- 2011 – EGM. London Regional Committee on Sunday 22nd May 2011
- Press Conference on 27 January 2014, for the atrocities on Hindus,
- 2018/19 Supporting Luckhan Das, Raktim Kar Vasha , Subasish Bose
- 2019 – 2020- Continuous Covid Support, mindfulness sessions, advice, fund raising effort. Support provided to victims in UK, Bangladesh and India
- 18 Nov 2020 – Condemnation of Muradnagar Comilla's atrocities
- 28 Feb 2021 International Mother Language Day Celebration inclusive of multifaitth community.
- 24 Sept 2021 – Helped Jhumon Das
- 22 Dec 2021 – intellectual Martyrs Day at Shahid Minar
- 4 August 2021 Meeting with High Commissioner
- 28 October 2021 Demonstration at House of Parliament and in front of BBC
- 29 March 2021 Condemnation of the attacks in Bramman Baria
- 24 March condemnation for Shallah Attack & Fund raised for Shallah Victims
- 14 March Have your say to Census 2021 Campaign
- 2021- supporting student Priyangka Bhattacharjee
- Ongoing various references and support to asylum seekers, voluntary workers
- 14 February 21 Inaugration of Youth Forum
- Annual General Meeting 20 September 2020, Executive Committee formed

COVID 19 Support

- 3 June 2021 Paschim Pailanpur Union
- 18 June 2021 Usmani nagar
- 20 June 2021 Adityapur, Chorbita, Satyapur
- 24th June Khalilpur Union
- 3rd July Sreemongal
- July 2021 Borkol
- 4 August 2021 Mathbaria Pirojpur, Barishal
- Shilchar Hospital
- Kolkata Covid Hospital Kanti Ganguly
- Gaudiya Mission





Activities Over Last 3 Years

June 2022

Financial Assistance to Late Umesh Das (Bidhan)'s Family, UK

July 2022

Solidarity meeting with Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee

October 2022

Meeting with Sir Stephen Timms MP, Minister

May 2023

Humanitarian Assistance to Nabiganj Fire Victims Bangladesh

September 2023

- Wellbeing programme with Bodhi Shuddhaanandaa Maharaj
- Meeting with Foreign Minister Abul Momen at Taj Hotel

October 2023

- Wellbeing programme with Bodhi Shuddhaanandaa Maharaj
- Vice Chairman Robin Paul. Face 2 face talk with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, London

December 2023

- Solidarity with Sampriti Concert, London
- 10 Downing Street, Petition to urge Bangladesh Government to ensure protection of minorities in election period

February 2024

Floral tribute to late Samar Chakraborty, Coventry

March 2024

1st Ever Holi celebration at House of Commons

MAY 2024

Community engagement at Birmingham
Attended BSCO cultural event

June 2024

Joined fund raising campaign for Sankirtan Concert of Sanaton Association

July 2024

- Wellbeing programme with Bodhi Shuddhaanandaa Maharaj
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August 2024

Flood relief distribution in Bangladesh

September 2024

- Support to Flood Victims**
 - * 1lakh tk through Haradhan Bhowmik for Flood victims of Comilla, Nangolcoat & Laksam
 - * 1 lakh tk to Feni flood victims through Dr. Dababrata Chowdhury
- International conference for coordinated efforts during Durga Puja
- 1 lakh rupees for Tripura Flood Victims, India

October 2024

- Rallies in solidarity with sanatoni movement in Bangladesh under the leadership of Chinmoy Das Brammachari
- Coordinated campaign with Puja Committee across UK in support of 8 Point demand of The Bangladeshi Hindu Community and fund raised for the victims of violence in relation to that.
- Attendance of the Guest Speaker at House of Commons under the chairmanship of Bob Blackman MP on celebration of Jammu Kashmir accession event.

November 2024

- Protest in front of Bangladesh High Commission London for release of Chinmoy Probhu
- BHA Chair and Secretary attended Commonwealth APPG with a large group of member and provided witness statement on atrocities against minorities in Bangladesh
- Meeting with Virendra Sharma, former MP to appraise him on Bangladesh situation.
- BHA Chair and Secretary attended a wedding event in Loughborough for community engagement.
- Attended UN Human Rights Convention, Geneva

December 2024

- Protest in front of Bangladesh Assistant High Commission Birmingham, against atrocities on minorities in Bangladesh.
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- BHA members including the Chair and Secretary attended the Sampriti Concert at Birmingham as part of Community Engagement.

January 2025

- BHAS conference at Birmingham on Bengali Hingu Genocide in Indian Sub Continent
- 1 lakh tk to Bishwajit Chakraborty, Manob Mondir Foundation, Srimongal in support to vulnerable tea garden worker.
- 1 Lakh tk to Adv. Romen Roy's Family for treatment support. Money sent to his sister.
- 30 thousand taka to Sumon Sharma, Chittagong in support of poor Hajari Lane victim who was arrested on false allegations.
- 1 lakh tk to Bimala Prasad Prabhu, ISKCON Bangladesh in support of Rangpur victims.
- 1 lakh tk to Shanta Saha Akash to support Duarabazar victim, Sunamganj.

February 2025

Meeting with Catherine West MP, FCDO

March 2025

- Meeting with Rushnara Ali MP
- Supporting Gita Distribution Project in Chattogram through Sumon Sharma

May 2025

Second Holi celebration at the House of Commons

June 2025

- Floral tribute to late Kshama Dutta, Mother in Law of our executive member, Pulok Kanti Shome
- Financial assistant for treatment of Beauti Rani Sarker Jagannathpur Bangladesh

July 2025

Floral tribute to late Dilip Chanda, Husband of our executive member, Baby Rani Chanda

August 2025

BHA Youth Lunch in London



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