

# Annual Report 2022

# AGM 2022 Chattagram Samity UK

Prosperity through caring and sharing



ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING of
CHATTAGRAM
SAMITY, UK

Limehouse Youth Centre,

Limehouse Causeway, London E14 8BN Sunday

27th November 2022

12.30 pm to 16.30 pm.

# AGENDA

- 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER.
- 2. Approval of last AGM meeting.
- 3. Chairperson's welcome speech.
- 4. General Secretary's report.
- 5. Treasures Financial Report.
- 6. APPROVAL OF REPORT FINANCIAL REPORT
- 7. REFRESHMENTS
- 8. DECLARATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE TERM 2022-2025.
  - 9. New Chairperson's acceptance speech.
  - 10. NEW GENERAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH.
  - 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.
  - 12. ADJOURNMENT.





"I cannot thank everyone enough for your support and guidance that I and my executive members received"

# Forward from the Chairperson

Assalamualaikum dear respected members, of Chattagram Samity UK,

As you know today is our AGM. Our comity was elected four years ago, and the election date was meant to be at the beginning of the year. Due to unforeseen circumstances with COVID 19 and other reasons the election day has been delayed. The whole world has suffered a lot and many of our members have lost their loved ones. We continue to keep them in our prayers. We had the sincerity to do many things for the community, within our limitations we tried our best. During COVID times we had several virtual meetings to keep us connected.

Nothing is better than an in-person gathering, and we finally managed to gather for our picnic at Regent Park, luckily with great weather and a big attendance. Following with a well-organized, successful Mezbaan with your cooperation and lots of community members attending. Also, with the attendance of Bangladesh High commissioner, our fellow chittagonian. Who really enjoyed herself and gave us great feedback.

Today you will get a newly elected committee. I hope they will do better with all your cooperation. We have tried our best for our community, if we have done anything wrong, please forgive us, again thank you very much for all your cooperation.

Md. Alamgir Khan Chairperson Chattagram Samity U.K.





"Thank you for your ongoing support"

### Summary - General Secretary's Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those attending today's AGM.

Given the extraordinary circumstances of the last few years due to the Pandemic, we would like to thank all our members that have contributed to the ongoing success of the Chattagram Samity UK, through their support.

It is appropriate that our members' personal and collective efforts are acknowledged. As the General Secretary of Samity, one of the pleasures of preparing an annual report is that it gives us the opportunity to look back and see all that has been accomplished over the last year, which was filled with wonderful opportunities and challenges. Few of the highlights were:

- The first face-to-face event after Covid-19 for the Samity The Annual Lunch, held at Feast and Mishti in September 2021.
- Well organized and most successful Picnic at Royal Regents Park in the summer of 2022
- Publication of the "Karnaphulir Dak" magazine to celebrate the Samity's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence of Bangladesh
- Zoom meeting celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II Later, honoring the memory of her Highness.
- 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "Bhasha Dibosh" celebration of International Language Day at Sonargaon Restaurant in February 2022
  - Dua mehfil through zoom for our respected departed members.
- $\bullet~$  Our most successful event The Mezban on September  $25^{\rm th}$  2022 at the Memon Centre, Balham

Apart from our regular Executive Committee meetings over the year, we held Board Meetings via Zoom, before and after each of the events. Taking on and learning from the feedback provided by our members.

With our members' help and cooperation, we as a Samity intend to approach 2023 with the same enthusiasm as our previous years. We wish the very best for the success of the new Executive Committee.

Moushumi A Chowdhury (Joya) General Secretary - Chattagram Samity U.K





2021 had been a very successful year for us.

# Financial Summary - Treasurer's Report

We are holding our 2021 AGM delayed after two years gap due to Covid situation in the country.

Due to Covid, Samity could not hold any proper meetings and functions including our famous Chattagram Samity's Mezban. Our subscriptions were down £1,040 in 2019, £704 in 2020 and £768 in 2021. Year 2022 looking promising, this is also due to new members joining the Samity.

I would request our honourable members to pay their subscriptions by using our Bank Standing Order Mandates available. I would also request you to pay the subscriptions by the end of 31 March each year; so that when we hold our future AGMs in the month of April or thereafter, you can proudly attend the AGM as paid member which is a requirement for attending the meeting and voting.

We had just one function in 2021 which was a get together in a restaurant and this was a free entrance for the paid members the cost to the Samity was £550.

Post financial year 2021, we held a Picnic in Regents Park, Mezban in September and a short notice reception to honour and celebrate Mr M A Malek the proprietor of Daily Azadi who received "Ekushe Podok" from Bangladesh Government. You will receive the financial report of these events in next year's report.

I am retiring from my post as treasurer after this AGM after serving for last 7 years under to Chairpersons. It was an honour to serve for the Samity and see it grow from initial 40 odd members to now nearly 160 plus members. I will keep on supporting the Samity in the future and wish the Samity to grow further and stronger in the coming years.

Mohammad Rukn Uddin Treasurer Chattagram Samity U.K.



# <u>Chattagram Samity UK - Annual Report For The Year Ended 31 December 2021</u> <u>Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet</u>

#### **Income and Expenditure Account**

income and expenditure Account					
	20	2021		2020	
<u>Income</u>	£	£	£	£	
Subscriptions					
Life Members	200		300		
By Standind Orders	258		324		
By Cash and Cheques	310		80		
		768		704	
Other Income					
Zakat Donations	-		1,220		
Beirut Donations	-		1,080		
Mezban Donations	-		-		
Mezban Receipts	-		-		
			-		
Donation Received	186	186	24	2,324	
<u>Total Income</u>		954		3,028	
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Mela Expenses	-		-		
Mezban Expenses	-		-		
Zakat Donation	_		1,220		
AGM & Meeting Expenses	-		-		
Restaurant get together	550		-		
Beirut Donation	-		1,080		
Condolence Meeting Expense	-	550	-	2,300	
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Total Expenditure		550		2,300	
Surplus for the year		404		728	
<u>Balance Sheet</u>					
Fixed Assets					
Equipment		_		-	
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<u>Current Assets</u> Bank Current Account	11,981		11,601
Bank Donation Account	<u>1,582</u>	13,563	<u>1,558</u> 13,159
Total assets		£13,563	£13,159
Represented By:			
Income & Expenditure Account			
Balance brought forward		13,159	12,427
Net surplus for the year		404	728
Balance carried forward		13,563	13,159

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

Approved by the Management Committee on 7 September 2021.

**Chairperson** - Alamgir Khan **General Secretary** - Moushumi Chowdhury **Treasurer** - M Rukn Uddin

#### **Independent Examiner's Report**

I have checked and agreed the above Account for the year ended 31 December 2021 that has been prepared by the Treasurer.

Transactions have been verified to the underlying accounting records and I can, therefore confirm that the Annual

Report has been properly extracted from these records.

A F M Nasir Uddin FCA



#### **OUR GOAL:**

Become the focal point for all Chittagonian activities in the UK

#### **OUR AIM:**

To empower our members through support and communication

# Mission and Vision Statement

Through sociocultural projects, we endeavor to broaden the cultural knowledgebase of young Brits, enrich their cultural experiences and thereby remain connected to their cultural roots, Our organisation encourages Chittagonians to exchange views and address matters of common interest, relating to life in the UK and issues of importance in Chittagong, in Bangladesh.

# **Executive Committee Members**

Chairperson: Md. Alamgir Khan

Senior Vice Chairperson: Forkanul Quader

Vice Chairperson: Hasib Chowdhury

General Secretary: Moushumi A Chowdhury

Treasurer: Mohammad Rukn Uddin

Joint Secretary: Wahid Parvez

Joint Assist Secretary: M. A. Mannan

Organising Secretary: Nasirul Azam

Joint Organising Secretary Junaid Nizam

Cultural Secretary: Zillur Rahman

Joint Cultural Secretary: Ishrat Jahan Shumi

EC Members Fuad Chowdhury

Sarwar Jamil

Taslima Chowdhury

Nazrul Chowdhury

Bazlur Rahman

Farid Tayeb

# Co-opted Members

Taseer Khan, Sahida Kamal, Masood Haznain, Iftekhar Chowdhury

# Advisory Panel of Past Chairpersons

Mrs Anuman Ara Nizam, Mr Mohammad Afsaruddin Mr Nazmul Chowdhury, Mrs Shahana Afsaruddin