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THE BENGAL'S PRIDE AWARDS HONOUR
GLOBAL BENGALIS AT HOUSE OF COMMONS

London 6th June: Noble laureate **Dr. Amartya Sen** has been conferred the **Lifetime Achievement Award** at **The Bengal's Pride Awards** on the evening of 6th June at the **Churchill Hall, House of Commons**. Recipients also included the newly appointed counter-terrorism chief of Scotland Yard, **Mr. Neil Basu**, who won an award for the **Contribution To Public Service**. Hosted for the first time by the **Asian Business Publications Limited**, publisher of the **Asian Voice** newsweeklies, these inaugural awards aim to recognise global Bengalis and Bangladeshis for their work in different walks of life.

Not just Bengalis, winners tonight also included key personalities who work closely with the community, especially in the UK, West Bengal and Bangladesh. The initiative has been supported by **Hippo Cabs**, UK's first branded disability transportation services.

Mr. Prabir Chatterjee of **Little Kolkata**, founder of a pop up venture and upcoming Bengali restaurant in London's Covent Garden won the **Young Entrepreneur of The Year** award, while **Mr. Enam Ali MBE**, the Bangladesh born British businessman won the **Bengal's Pride Award**.

NSHM Knowledge Campus has been honoured as the **Educational Institution of The Year** and **SME of the Year** has been conferred to **Ms. Mohua Banerjee** of **Shree Ganesh Paper Mill, Naihati**.

Dr. Pronnoy Roy of **NDTV** won the **Media Person of the Year** award. **Ms. Sahana Bajpaie**, enthralling audience with her singing and honeyed rendition of Tagore songs and folk music, was honoured in the field of **Contribution to Art & Culture**.

Dr. Prathap Reddy won the award for his commendable contributions in **Health & Social Care** and **Nova IVI Fertility Clinic** received the **IVF Clinic Of The Year** award.

Prime Minister Theresa May, in her exclusive message to the winners said, "It is important to recognise the achievements of the Bengali community, and honour those who are key role models in business, politics, public services, art, philanthropy and across many other sectors. The Bengali community should be proud of what they have achieved over the years. The breadth of the awards being celebrated today is a testament to the positive impact the group has had, both here in the UK and across the world."

Mr. CB Patel, Publisher/Editor of Asian Voice, said, "The UK is home to Bengalis from both India and Bangladesh, and although the latter forms a larger community, both have many customs and traditions in common, coming as they do from the same ancestry. The Bengali community in the UK can harness the commonalities for the greater good of the UK economically and culturally.

"The Bengal's Pride Awards is our humble acknowledgement of the lofty accomplishments of the

Bengali community and I do hope that it will scale greater heights in the years to come.

Chief Guest for the evening, **Sir Malcolm Grant CBE**, the **Chairman NHS England** said, “We have over 40,000 physicians of Indian-origin working in the NHS. Our hospitals, primary cares would collapse without the participation of this extraordinary community. I pay tribute this evening to the immense strength of the NHS based on the support from this community.”

Mr. Samit Kumar Biswas, Director & CEO, Advatech Healthcare Europe Ltd said, “I strongly believe in giving back to the society and this awards is our humble way of doing so. Through this awards, we would also like to pay tribute to the extreme passion of Bengalis towards their diverse profession.”

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

Photo captions:

- 1. The winners of The Bengal's Pride Awards with Chief Guest Sir Malcolm Grant CBE, Sir David Amess MP and Prakash Hinduja*
- 2. Chief Guest Sir Malcolm Grant CBE with winner of Bengal's Pride Awards Mr. Eman Ali MBE*

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