CAB Recognition - NABC 2019

Rama Prasad Chakravarty

Rama Prasad Chakravarty, globally known as RP, is the only member of CAB resides outside North America. He was associated with CAB almost 2 decades back for technical assistance by his company in Kolkata to CAB and NABC. Gradually he became part of CAB and NABC and the authorized representative of CAB in Kolkata rendering selfless, dignified and trust worthy service to CAB in general and NABC in particular, for years . He not only coordinates the NABC activities asked from but also maintains all statutory obligations and banking activities dedicating his personal credential with no financial and other gain, which helped NABC Kolkata chapter to continue for years. He coordinates with the vendors, sponsors, performers, goverment authorities, accounting consultants on behalf of NABC, in India.

RP did his Masters and also post-graduation in Business Management. He is an entrepreneur doing business globally and also associated with several voluntary Indian, US and Canadian organizations working for the have-nots of the society, of which many are from USA working for Indian root.

CAB will be honored bestowing AWARD 2019 to such a personality who does not know saying NO to working for any socio-cultural cause. He is a global trotter and has authored few travelogues for tour in India and abroad.

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অরুন্ধতী সরখেল তিনদশক ধরে আমেরিকার বিভিন্ন অঞ্চলে বাংলা নাচ, গান ও স্বরচিত কবিতার অনুষ্ঠান করেন। ২৫ বছর ধরে up state র বাড়িতে বাচ্ছাদের বাংলা নাচ, গান ও ছোটদের বাংলা ছড়া শিখিয়েছেন। বহু সরস্বতী পূজো ও দুর্গাপূজোতে নৃত্যনাট্য, বসন্ত উৎসব ও উপস্থাপিকার কাজ করেছেন। বাংলাভাষাকে ভালোবাসেন। জীবনের নানা প্রতিকূলতার মধ্য দিয়ে গেলেও বাংলার চর্চা ছাড়েননি। আন্তরিক, সংবাদবিচিত্রা, আনন্দলিপি ও কল্লোল পত্রিকা, দেশর আনন্দবাজার ও আজকালে তাঁর গল্প, প্রবন্ধ, Art, photography ও এদেশের জিনিষ দিয়ে দেশের recipie, সাজগোজ ও ঘর সাজানার টিপসে তিনি সিদ্ধহস্ত। মূলতঃ কবি, পাঁচটি কবিতার বই ও নাচের ঋতুরঙ্গের সিডি কলকাতা থেকে প্রকাশিত হয়েছে এছাড়া বহু বঙ্গসম্মেলনের সাহিত্যবাসরে কবিতা আলোচনা ও উপস্থাপনায় অংশগ্রহণ করেছেন। ৮০-র দশকে East, West combination এ বাংলা নাটকে বিদেশীদের সামনে তুলে ধরেছেন। যা এখন বেশ দেশে জনপ্রিয়ে হয়েছে। এছাড়া দেশের জনপ্রিয় 'তারা টিভি' ও 'রূপসী'তে তাঁর স্বরচিত কবিতা পড়া হয়েছে। বর্তমানে বস্টনের বাসিন্দা। বস্টনেও প্রায় একদশক ধরে বিভিন্ন organization এ অংশগ্রহণ করেছেন। তাঁর বহু ছাত্রছাত্রী আমেরিকার বিভিন্ন অঞ্চলে ছড়িয়ে আছে। দু-একজন নাতী, নাতনীও উপহার দিয়েছেন।

State Senator Jay Chaudhuri

Senator Jay Chaudhuri represents District 15 that includes parts of Raleigh, Cary, and Garner, representing almost 200,000 citizens. First elected in 2016, he is the first-ever Indian-American to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly. Earlier this year, Senator Chaudhuri became Minority Whip, the second-highest ranking member among Senate Democrats. Senator Chaudhuri is also the highest-ranking Bengali American elected official in the country.

Throughout his public service, he has embraced the values instilled in him growing up in Fayetteville by his immigrant parents. His father worked as a physician at the Veteran Administration Hospital before going into private practice. His mother managed his father's medical office.

As one of the newest and youngest members of the State Senate, Senator Chaudhuri has focused on four areas: fighting for educational excellence for every school and every student, building a stronger and healthier economy for our middle class, returning our state government back to the people, and creating an even more compassionate state.

Since taking office, Senator Chaudhuri has:

- Helped pass legislation that strengthens our early childhood education system;
- Fought to make sure the General Assembly made a commitment to fund K-3 arts, music, and physical education teachers next year;
- Established a study committee in partnership with North Carolina State University and the School of Science and Math to expand computer science education in our classrooms;
- Recruited the global Indian technology company Infosys that will create 2,000 high-paying jobs in Wake County;
- Hosted forums on hate crimes for the South Asian American community in his Senate district;
- Helped fund $1.2 million to the Duke Brain Center in this year's budget that will create an Alzheimer's Disease registry.

He has sponsored legislation with Republican Senators to return our state government back to the people, including bills to limit legislative sessions, stop the revolving door for legislators who lobby the General Assembly, and stop salary, travel, and per diem pay unless the General Assembly passes the budget on time (known as the "No Budget, No Pay" Act). Senator Chaudhuri has also been a vocal advocate and supporter of legislation to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission.

Before serving in the Senate, Senator Chaudhuri served as General Counsel & Senior Policy Advisor to State Treasurer Cowell, where he helped recover more than $100 million back to the pension and unclaimed property funds. Senator Chaudhuri also led the effort to establish the first ever Innovation Fund, a $230 million fund dedicated to support and invest in businesses with significant operations in North Carolina. The fund has helped support 6,200 jobs in North Carolina. During his time at the Department of State Treasurer, Senator Chaudhuri also served as Chair of the Council of Institutional Investors, an association of pension funds with combined assets of more than $3 trillion that serves as the leading voice for effective corporate governance and strong shareholder rights.

Prior to working for Treasurer Cowell, Senator Chaudhuri served as Special Counsel to then Attorney General Roy Cooper, where he led an investigation by all 50 Attorneys General that resulted in a landmark agreement with the two leading social networking sites, MySpace and Facebook, to better protect children Internet predators. For his efforts, the National Association of Attorneys General honored him with the Marvin Award, given to an individual who furthers that association's goals.

Senator Chaudhuri has also been a leader in the Indian-American community. After college, he organized the first-ever National Indian-American Students Conference that brought together more than 100 Indian-American campus leaders across the country. From 2006 to 2009, he served as President of Indian-American Leadership Initiative (IALI), an organization that recruits, trains, and funds Indian-American candidates. Under his leadership, IALI hosted the first-ever Indian-American event at the Democratic National Convention in 2008.

His leadership and deep commitment to the Indian-American community comes from his parents, Dr. Debi Prasad and Mithu Chaudhuri. His father founded and served as the first President of the Southeast North Carolina Association of Indian Americans. His mother served as President of the North Carolina Bengali Association. Since then, he has worked for the betterment of both the Indian- and Bengali-American community.

Senator Chaudhuri attended Fayetteville public schools. He graduated from Davidson College, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, and North Carolina Central University School of Law with honors.

He lives in the Cameron Village neighborhood with his wife, Sejal, and their two children, and a black lab.