

BENGAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Charity Registration Number : 1191373

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT – YEAR ENDING 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Bengal Heritage Foundation presents the following report for the year 2024 (Jan–Dec 2024).

Following the successful transition to the Foundation model in 2023, the Trustees continued to strengthen the organization's structure, governance, and engagement with key stakeholders throughout 2024.

The Foundation built on its existing relationships and entered into **key collaborations with the British Council, the High Commission of India in the UK, and partners across the education and banking sectors**. These partnerships enabled the Foundation to broaden its reach, enhance programme quality, and contribute more meaningfully to cultural and educational initiatives.

The Trustees participated in and supported major community and cultural events that aligned with the Foundation's objectives of promoting Bengal's rich heritage, arts, and traditions within the UK and internationally. These activities were conducted in close collaboration with like-minded organizations and sister charities, ensuring alignment with our strategic objectives and fostering stronger community integration.

The Trustees also reviewed and reinforced governance processes to ensure continued compliance with Charity Commission requirements, maintaining a high standard of transparency and accountability across all Foundation activities. The trustees elected an additional trustee to the board Anamika Sarkar. For the coming financial year trustees also nominated working committee members.

Board of Trustees (2024)

- Suranjan Som – Chair

- Debarati Goswami
- Sourav Niyogi
- Koshik Chatterjee
- Jhuma Bhadra
- Bidisha Dutta
- Sambrita Das

Looking Ahead to 2025

In 2025, the Foundation aims to deepen strategic collaborations with cultural, educational, and financial institutions; scale community-facing programmes; and continue strengthening governance and impact measurement. Priorities include: expanding educational outreach with sector partners, developing sustainable funding pathways with banking partners and sponsors, and increasing bilateral engagement initiatives in partnership with the British Council and the High Commission of India.

Trustees of Bengal Heritage Foundation