

Details of CAB Awardees 2018

TIMIR HORE



A renowned scientist with a Masters in Geological Science and PhD in Environmental Hydrogeology, Dr. Timir Hore had been involved in environmental projects in Tanzania, East Africa and Sweden under Government of India's "Foreign Assignment" program. In Tanzania, he participated in developing "Water Master Plan," as a delegate of World Bank. He made significant contribution towards the development of drinking water system in Tanzania. He is member of Lions International organization, which had

honored him with the Lions Governor's Medal and Lions Flag for his contribution to Tanzania's drinking water system. He moved to United States in 1985 and settled in New Jersey, where he has been working ever since as a management partner of a private environmental corporation. He cofounded a philanthropic humanitarian project, called "Project Well USA," with professors of Berkley University, Drs. Allan and Meera Smith, to secure arsenic free drinking well water in rural West Bengal. He travels to India every year and spends considerable amount of time in rural villages to implement programs for safe arsenic free water for the people.

Timir exhibits a deep commitment towards social and cultural aspects of the community. He had been involved in Kallol of New Jersey since he came to the United States, where he served in many capacities, viz., President, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and so on. Over the years, he made many contributions that helped the organization grow stronger, culturally and socially. He became Joint Chairman of 2010 North American Bengali Conference (NABC), which was also held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Prior to that, he had actively participated, taking principal roles, in two other NABC conferences, which were organized by Kallol.

Timir has made significant contributions to promote and strengthen Bengali culture in the community, including publishing his own creative writings in Bengali magazines, as well as supporting the production of a variety of Bengali performing arts in New Jersey.

MRS. KRISHNA BHATTACHARYA



Mrs. Krishna Bhattacharya is well known in the Bengali Community for her active role in promoting numerous cultural and social initiatives in New Jersey regions. She came to USA in 1972 and immediately joined the oldest Bengali community organization NJ Saraswati Puja committee of NJ. She was past President of the New Jersey Puja Association (NJPA) and past President of the Kallol of NJ. Since 1972, she has been a passionate leader and member in many organizations including NJPA, Kallol of NJ and Ananda Mandir. Krishna is an outstanding leader in the community and was actively involved in raising funds for Ananda Mandir, NJPA and Kallol.

During her various posts at NJPA, Ananda Mandir and Kallol, she has also continued to make strides in involving the younger generation in various aspects of planning and execution and fostering the future of the community. She has organized many cultural activities to foster rich Bengali tradition and heritage among second generation.

She holds a Master's degree in social science from the University of Calcutta.

Currently she is working for US Govt, helping people to get their Retirement and Disability benefit.

Krishna played important role organizing various cultural program and bringing famous singer from India helping to raise funds also organized various fundraising event to help Ananda Mandir to raise fund. She is a very dedicated community worker for the Community in New Jersey.

SUBHRA GOSWAMI



Subhra Goswami had taught for over 25 years as a high school science teacher in the New York City public school system. She is currently teaching science with the Research Foundation CUNY in the "Upward Bound" program at Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York. She has translated an English to Bengali science dictionary for the New York City Department of Education. As part of her efforts to un-

ify multicultural students through the arts, she has led various Indian cultural clubs in her high school teaching experience. She has taught Indian art, music and dance in these clubs and encouraged participating students to integrate their own cultures. She held annual Tagore's Day celebrations where students recited and analyzed poems of Rabindranath Tagore.

She is the founder and director of Ranjane Inc. since 2006, a performing arts group focused on exploring the languages, art, poetry, music, dance and drama forms of India and other countries in our global community, with a vision to spread the message of unity through the performing arts. Ranjane is a Sanskrit name meaning colorful and entertaining. Her daughter Sweta Goswami serves as the dance teacher, and her husband Abhijit Goswami, serves as advisor and has contributed his artwork. The group has performed at many prestigious venues such as NY City Hall, Indian Consulate, Museum of Natural History, United Nations, Queens Borough Hall, Rubin Museum of Art and in various states in the USA and India. Ranjane has performed for many years at NABC focusing on specific themes showcasing unity and upliftment.

Subhra Goswami has presented various papers on Bengali culture. In 2005 she presented a paper on "Science Behind Bengali Culture" at Stamford University, Bangladesh. She has presented papers at the International Federation for Theatre Research in Washington D.C. 2005 and at Warwick University, England in 2014 on the subject of songs of protest in Bengali theater. She has also presented at conferences held by the Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project at the State University of New York Old Westbury.

Subhra has received drama/acting training from Utpal Dutt and has performed in various plays with his group, People's Little Theater, such as in "Darao Pathik Bor", "Titumir", "Stalin 1934" and others. She has played a prominent role in the Bengali film "Madhuban" directed by Ajoy Kar, starring Victor Banerjee, Tanuja and Utpal Dutt, and has performed at New York Fringe international drama festivals organized by Epic Actors' Workshop. As part of her community work, she has donated and sang for various fundraisers such as with Street Children International and the Give Me Water project.

Subhra learned Rabindra Sangeet and classical song from Surangama, Kolkata, and received a diploma certificate from Sailajaranjan Majumdar in Santiniketan. She has received art training from the Chitrangsu Institute in Kolkata and Santiniketan, and has conducted workshops on the art of alpana, rangoli and henna at the Museum of Natural History and Queens Public Library.

Subhra's academic background includes a HS from Sarisha Ram Krishna Mission, BSc from Presidency College, Kolkata, MSc from Ballygunge Science College, Kolkata and an MS from Queens College, New York.

HILLOL RAY



Hillol Ray, Poet Laureate, Author, Song Writer, and Multi-linguist, is a Civil-Structural - Environmental Engineer, and Manager of Drinking Water Supply (Underground Injection Control) Enforcement Program, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Dallas, Texas. Born and raised in Habra (24 Parganas North), a suburb of Kolkata, India, he received letters of personal compliments for his innovative thoughts and poems, from the former U.S. President Bill Clinton, former U.S. Vice President and Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore, Jr., the U.S. EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson; the Cousteau Society President Madame Francine Cousteau (wife of world renowned oceanographer, Jacques Yves Cousteau) of Paris, France, and Mother Teresa of Kolkata, India. One of his poems, "Hunger and Poverty: A Universal Shame" has appeared in a text book, "Themes and Links", for High School students in Italy. In 2006, he received the NFIA (National Federation of Indian American Associations) National Award from Long Beach, California, USA, in Liberal and Fine Arts. His biography has appeared in "500 Leaders of Science" and "International Directory of Distinguished Leadership" - both published by the American Biographical Institute (ABI) in North Carolina, and also in many biographical books, published by the International Biographical Centre (IBC) from Cambridge, United Kingdom. He has been interviewed by and published on "China Campus" magazine from Beijing, China, as well as in many popular magazines/newspapers/webzines and TV and Radio stations in USA and abroad; inducted under the "Nobel Laureates and Famous Indian Americans in USA"; conferred "Diversity Poet" by the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and "Inspirational Speaker" by the University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, U.S.A..

As an apostle for a sustainable world towards betterment of Human Rights (HR), and awareness about global peace, tolerance, and environment, Hillol has vested his lifelong works, financial resources, and creative writings through the establishments of the Hillol Ray Foundation for Human Rights (HR FF HR), the Hillol Ray Foundation for Peace and Environment (HR FF P&E), and the "Diamond" Think Tank, U.S.A. In February 2018, he was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by the Marquis Who's Who. Hillol is listed in the "Who's Who of Asian Americans", Marquis "Who's Who in America", "Who's Who in Science and Engineering", and "Who's Who in the World".

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