BENGAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Charity Registration Number: 1191373

ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT – YEAR ENDING 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Bengal Heritage Foundation presents the following report for the year 2025 (Jan-Dec 2025).

This year under the CIO Foundation model, the Board delivered its flagship Rabindra Jayanti, Fagun Fest, the Indian Superfans League UK and a Sharad Mela with around 120 volunteers, while managing a sharp rise in event costs.

The trustees also partnered and collaborated in events around the society alongside likeminded, sister charities.

The AGM was conducted on 16th November 2025.

The charity continued to work with its strategic partners, including the British Council, the High Commission of India and The Nehru Centre, the Bhavan to bring Bengali and Indian culture to audiences across London.

Key events and achievements

1. **Rabindra Jayanti 2025.** Our annual celebration of Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary was held on 9th May 2025 at The Nehru Centre, London, featuring music, recitation and theatre by members from across the UK, continuing BHF's commitment to preserving Bengal's literary and cultural heritage.
2. **Fagun Fest.** Where we supported India's rural artists, like baul folks, and Bengal handicrafts (Nakshi Knatha), etc. This was organised at 'the Bhavan' on the 31st May 2025.
3. **Indian Superfans League UK and Sharad Mela.** In late July 2025 the charity held the Indian Superfans League UK, bringing together members of the Indian diaspora from across the UK. A Sharad Mela ran alongside on the same day, with a range of activities for children and families.
4. **Children and young people.** Children took part in multiple activities like the Sharad Mela and in the Rabindra Jayanti cultural programme, supported by the charity's safeguarding policy.

Connected charity. BHF works closely with London Sharad Utsav, a separate registered charity. The two charities share the same eight trustees but neither controls the other.

The Member of trustees are now as follows:

Koushik Chatterjee – Chair
Suranjan Som
Debarati Goswami
Sourav Niyogi
Jhuma Bhadra
Bidisha Dutta
Sambrita Das
Anamika Sarkar

Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 24-Oct-2026, and signed on its behalf by:





Koushik Chatterjee **Sourav Niyogi**

Trustees of Bengal Heritage Foundation

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Financial Activities
January-December, 2025

	Total
Income	
Member Subscriptions	180.00
Participant Fees	3,050.00
Sponsorship	18,775.00
Uncategorised Income	0.55
Total for Income	**£22,005.55**
Total	**£22,005.55**
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	15.99
Event Expenses	£1,650.00
Equipment Hire & Transport	690.96
External Support - Labour	5,679.05
Food & Refreshments	3,721.99
Pujo Expenses	1,783.13
Venue Hire	1,991.60
Total for Event Expenses	**£15,516.73**
Interest Payable	-0.72
Operational Expenses	
Accountant Fees	1,000.00
Total for Operational Expenses	**£1,000.00**
Total for Expenditures	**£16,532.00**
Net Operating Income	**£5,473.55**
Net Income/(Expenditure)	**£5,473.55**