



BCC&i Ratnagarbha 9th Edition

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Ashirvaad presents The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industries (BCC&I) Ratnagarbha Awards in association with *Anandabazar Patrika* and Senco Gold & Diamonds stepped into its ninth year on March 8. Celebrating International Women's Day in its truest form, the award aims to felicitate the mothers of achievers in various spheres of life. Their illustrious list of achievers has in the past included the likes of designer Sabyasachi Mukherjee. This year too, the star-studded event took place on Women's Day at Hyatt Regency Kolkata. The awardees came from different industries and their illustrious oeuvre encompassed sports, films, social service, business and people's choice. The list of celebrities with their awardee mothers were archers Dola Banerjee and Rahul Banerjee's mother Kalpana Banerjee, MD and CEO of Berger Paints Abhijit Roy's mother Gita Roy, activist Sourav Mukherjee's mother Tandra Mukherjee, doctor Mir Asif Ikbal's mother Rebeka Begum, actor, producer and singer Anirban Bhattacharya's mother Annapurna Bhattacharya and a lifetime achievement award for singer Ajoy Chakrabarty. t2 attended the event to bring you glimpses from the evening.

THE AASHIRVAAD PRESENTS BCC&I RATNAGARBHA AWARDS IN ASSOCIATION WITH ABP WAS A WARM EVENING SALUTING MOTHERS OF ACHIEVERS AT HYATT REGENCY KOLKATA



That Anirban Bhattacharya was a man with big dreams was evident to his mother at a very young age. They might not have understood his sudden desire to study at Rabindra Bharati University after school but they wholeheartedly supported him. The singer, actor, producer was felicitating his mother Annapurna Bhattacharya. "My mother used to nip at my finger with her teeth before I left the house saying 'nojor na laage'. What are the odds that I ended up in a profession which survives on nojor," the actor laughed and said for his introvert mother. He also quickly sang two lines of *O amar desh'er maati* at the ceremony. Giving her the award were Tanmoy Banerjee, director RT Network Solutions, and Sagnik Chowdhury from the ministry of tourism.



"He would play so much during the day that by the time it would be time for studies, we would find him fast asleep in his room while his tuition teacher waited outside patiently," laughingly said Gita Roy as she received her award from her son Abhijit Roy, Subir Chakraborty and Siddharth Sharma, CEO, Kolkata, Bengal & Odisha at Bharti Airtel.



A sudden decision to not sit idly in the evenings and instead taking them for archery classes at a nearby track by Dola and Rahul Banerjee's parents led to two Arjuna awardees in the family. Kalpana Banerjee was all smiles as her children awarded her the Ratnagarbha award. "My daughter would go for tournaments far and wide and always come back with a prize. That's when we knew there was something special about her. My son of course followed suit," she smiled and said while receiving the award from her children and Subrata Dutta and Rohit Jaiswal, medical director, AMRI hospitals.



Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty took home the lifetime achievement award this year for his illustrious life and career in music. He spoke about growing up in his home and the opening of Shrutinandan, the music school of national repute that he runs. He was awarded the prize by Goutam Roy, senior vice president BCC&I and executive director, HR Admin at CESC Ltd. and President HR at Power Group RPSG, and B.B. Chatterjee, past president of BCC&I. "I am feeling embarrassed to have so many things with love, affection and blessings from BCC&I. I don't know if I am worthy of this award and the love you have given me but the two people who deserve this award are my mother and my daughter's mother. I give all my respect to them," the singer humbly said.



The welcome address was given by the president-designate of BCC&I and MD and CEO of Exide Industries, Subir Chakraborty, and Subrata Dutta, chairperson of The Sports Development Committee of BCC&I. "Mothers are the artisans who shape young souls and these people go on to become the pillars on which society grows," said Chakraborty.

"He lost his father at a young age and we have shared a close relationship since childhood. He never wanted to serve at a job and instead wanted to do work at his own organisation to help people relentlessly. That's the only happiness he gets in life where he might have been shy and introverted but always with the burning desire to work towards building his organisation," said Tandra Mukherjee on Sourav Mukherjee's extensive work in the Sunderban. His extensive relief work that is expansive and of immense help for the Sunderban ecosystem is exemplary, making women in the area independent. He gave the award to his mother along with Deb A. Mukherjee, past president at BCC&I and MD, Cenergist Energy Private Limited and Pranab Chandra, director, Mukharochak.



Saptak Bhattacharjee gave a wonderful performance singing some popular hits.

"I have never had to tell him to sit down to study," said Rebeka Begum of her son Mir Asif Ikbal who took home the People's Choice Award. Her dream had forever been to see her son as a doctor. He has now successfully fulfilled my wish. He then started working as an RJ and she would feel proud to hear him on radio. His earnest work during Covid-19 is truly appreciation-worthy as his mom spoke about how he didn't come back home for 22 days at a stretch. An RJ, doctor, writer, producer of digital content, Mir has worn many hats and his mom rightly took home the popular choice award from him, Kumar Shobhan, GM, Hyatt Regency Kolkata, and Surajit Ghosh, brand manager, Bengal branch, ITC Ltd.



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