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Standard Chartered Channel i Agrow Award 2020 kicks off



Dhaka, 12 November 2020 – Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh and Channel i has jointly announced the launch of Standard Chartered - Channel i Agrow Award 2020, at a press conference held in Dhaka recently.

Agrow Award will recognize the best performing individuals and institutions for their significant contributions to the agriculture sector of the country. This year, two new award categories have been introduced, with a total of 10 different categories being considered. The two new categories are Best Journalist (Agriculture) and Best Community as Disaster Fighter. Nominations will also be accepted in the following eight categories: Farmer of the Year – Male; Farmer of the Year – Female; Heroes for Change; Jury Special; Best Agricultural Organization in Research, Innovation and Technology; Best Agricultural Organization in Support & Execution; Best Agricultural Exporter and Lifetime Achievement Award.

Speaking at the press conference, **Naser Ezaz Bijoy, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Bank** said, “The tireless efforts of the heroes of our agriculture sector has helped our nation stand tall and secure, even in the face of a one-in-a-generation challenge. From women empowerment, rural development to food security and export diversification, the contributions of the agriculture sector and its protagonists will continue to be vital for our nation. Honouring these heroes for their courage, ingenuity and dedication has never been more important.”

He added “I am grateful to Channel i for continuing to partner with us in Agrow Award and help us take this new initiative to new heights. We are privileged to have Mr Sheikh Siraj, who is a pioneer in Agriculture Journalism as the chairman of jury board. Inspired by his contributions, we have introduced a new award category on Agriculture Journalism, this year. ”

Faridur Reza Sagar, Managing Director, Channel i, said, “The Coronavirus situation serves as reminder about how vital the agriculture sector is to the world. Rethinking agriculture has become a



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question of survival. Recognizing the contributions of our agricultural heroes is more important than ever. We are proud to be a part of this initiative.”

Shykh Seraj, Director and Head of News, Channel I, said, “The contribution of our farmers towards the progress of our nation cannot be measured by prizes or awards. Still I believe the Standard Chartered-Channel i will help provide further impetus to the sustained success of our agriculture sector. In recent times, young farmers are achieving significant success through technology-based agriculture. They all deserve special recognition.”

The Standard Chartered Agrow Awards recognizes the leaders and innovators that are taking our agriculture industry forward, with the goal of promoting the disseminating technology and best practises at all levels of the industry. This year will mark the sixth edition of Agrow Award. Till date, there have been 34 award winners.

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Agrow Award 2019 Winners

Individuals

Name	Category	Area	Activities
Razia Sultana	Best Farmer (Female)	Ashulia, Savar	Vegetable Cultivation Livestock (goat)
Matiur Rahman	Best Farmer (Male)	Chapainawabganj	Fruits
Prof. Goutam Buddha Dash	Hero for Change	Chittagong (VC, Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Science University)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Mentorship
Sheikh Siraj	Lifetime Achievement		

Institutions

Name	Category	Activities
Lal Teer Seed Limited	Best Exporter	Vegetable Rice
Pran Agro Business Ltd	Jury Special (Export)	Potato, Cassava, Peanut, Mug Dal, Mango, Tomato, Organic Fertilizer, Feed and Medicine, Fish hatchery and Farming.
Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI)	Research	Livestock research
Grameen Jano Unnayan Sangstha	Support and Execution	Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock

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Previous Winners

Category	2014	2015	2016	2017
Best Agricultural Organization in Research & Innovation	BARI	Lal Teer Seed Ltd.	Ispahani Agro Ltd.	BIRRI
Best Agricultural Organization in Support and Execution	Alim Industries Ltd	BRAC	Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE)	ACI Crop Care & Public Health
Best Agricultural Exporter	Creation Private	Seamark Group	Bengal Braided Rugs Pvt. Ltd.	BaSe Bangladesh
Farmer of the Year - Male	Khan Asaduzzaman	Md. Billal Sikder	Abdus Sattar Sana	Md. Sher Ali Soddar
Farmer of the Year – Female	Alia Begum	Fatema Zohora	Hosne Ara Begum	Anju Sarkar
Farmer of the Year - Subsistence Market Farmer Group		Integrated Farming Group	Group for Vegetable Cultivation Through Rainwater Harvesting	Md. Nurul Haq (Babul). & His Group
	n/a			
Best Use of Technology in Agriculture	n/a	Amar Desh Amar Gram	Alim Industries Ltd	Soilsafe by Kranti Associates

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