



PRIZE: Sanjay Foods boss Atul Lakhani, second from right, with Navin Shah, Lord Raj Loomba and EastEnders actor Nitin Ganatra at the Asian Achievers Awards

City business wins an Asian Achiever award

By STAFF REPORTER

CATERING and events company Sanjay Foods has been named Business of the Year award at this year's Asian Achievers Awards.

The awards celebrated outstanding British Asian talent across the arts and media, sports, community service, the professions, uniformed services and the world of business at a gala ceremony in London hosted by EastEnders actor Nitin Ganatra and KissFM's Neev Spencer.

Sanjay Foods is owned by Atul Lakhani, a former High Sheriff of Leicestershire, director of Leicester Asian Business Association and of Leicester Chamber of Commerce and a member of Belgrave Business Association.

Picking up his award, Atul said: "We are delighted to be flying the flag for Leicester businesses.

"It's a great recognition for Sanjay Foods and I dedicate this award to our dedicated staff without whom we could not have achieved this."

Other winners included mental health campaigner Poppy Jaman, Metropolitan Police Assistant Commis-

sioner Neil Basu and BBC News presenter Babita Sharma.

The 12 awards are hosted by Asian Business Publications Ltd (ABPL).

Founder-chairman CB Patel said: "The awards have grown in stature year on year and once again we received an overwhelming number of nominations, which is an indication that the success of the British Asian community in various fields continues unabated."

"Our awards recognise all those unsung heroes within the Asian community many of whom arrived here as migrants.

"They have made great strides, not just within their communities and professional sectors but have made huge contributions to British society and the UK economy."

The awards has helped to raise £1.5 million for various charities since launching 18 years ago.

At the ceremony, £100,000 was raised for Oracle Cancer through donations and an auction hosted by Jeffrey Archer.

Lots included a shirt signed by the Indian cricket team, which went under the hammer for £5,000 and a seven-night luxury tour aboard India's Decan Odyssey train, for £10,000.

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Quiz raises £6,000 for good cause

MORE than 30 businesses attended a charity quiz at Leicester Tigers' Welford Road Stadium.

The quiz and curry night, sponsored by Bray & Bray Solicitors, raised almost £6,000 for Warning Zone.

The interactive learning centre will use the money to fund the general maintenance and facilities.

Pochin and Next Plc also supported the event, contributing towards the cost of food and raffle prizes.

The winners were the Woods family, with a family team linked to Warning Zone picking up the wooden spoon.

"What a great evening. To spend time with our neighbouring businesses while raising so much for the cause was fantastic," said Kelly Ferguson, from Bray & Bray.

"We'd like to thank all of the local businesses that came to show their support for the charity."

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