

**About BAWDI:** The Bangladeshi American Women's Development Initiative (BAWDi), established in 2015, promotes, supports, and addresses the needs of Bangladeshi women and girls in Paterson, NJ and neighboring communities through grassroots organizing, connecting women to resources and services, and building sisterhood.

**In Memorium:**

We honor those who fought and gave their lives for the Bangla language. This event is in honor of students Abdus Salam, Rafiq Uddin Ahmed, Abul Barkat and Abdul Jabbar and others who sacrificed their lives on February 21, 1952 for the right to speak, protect and recognize their beloved mother tongue.

“Moder gorob, moder asha,  
ah-mori Bangla bhasha,  
Mago tumar khule,  
tumar bole  
pothoi shanti bhalobasha,  
amori Bangla bhasha”

**The Bangladeshi American Women's  
Development Initiative & The Paterson  
Museum presents:**



*Bangladeshi culture, textile and art:  
International Mother Language Art  
Exhibit & Fashion Show*

Saturday, February 22, 2020

2 - 5:30 pm

The Paterson Museum  
2 Market St  
Paterson, NJ



[MomsRising.org](http://MomsRising.org)  
[MamásConPoder.org](http://MamásConPoder.org)

**Special thanks to:**

**The Paterson Museum:**

Giacomo DeStefano, Paterson Museum Director  
Heather Garside, Museum Exhibit Curator  
Mohammed Khalil, Artist & Art Exhibitor

**Members of the BAWDI Board:**

Amber Huq  
Mahbuba Neela  
Minowara Begum  
Sarah Huq  
Shabina Yeasmin  
S. Nadia Hussain  
Tania Chowdhury  
Yasmin Begum

**Historian & Author:** Dr. Vivek Bald

**Artists:** Shurmmi Mazid & Mir Mahmood

**Singer:** Sultana Ferial

**Our Esteemed Speaker:** Dr. Khyati Joshi

**Our Volunteers:** Mumtahana Meah, Noah Huq, Sarah Huq,  
Zain Huq

**Our Models:** Amaya Ahmed, Minowara Begum, Mumtahana  
Meah, Naheean Soumik, Noah Huq, Noory, Priya Tanisha  
Ahmed, Roberto Alvarado, Sqarah Huq, Zain Huq, Zakir  
Alvarado-Hussain

**Our Performers**

Shabina Yeasmin for graciously providing henna art

**Program**

**2-2:30pm**

Art Exhibit Opening, Food and Henna

**2:30-3:00**

Welcome & International Mother Language Program

**3:00-3:10**

Census 2020 Presentation & Video

**3:10-3:50**

Cultural/Historical Presentation & Fashion Show

**Speakers:**

Giacomo DeStefano, Paterson Museum Director  
Dr. Khyati Joshi of Fairleigh Dickinson University  
BAWDi Board

**3:50 -4:20**

Performances

**4:20-4:40**

Closing

