ABSTRACT
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PURPOSE
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Throughout 2016, we have done significant accomplishments to enrich the social and cultural life of Bangladeshi living in tri state area- which we are all excited to share with our community.

PROGRESS
Under the leadership of BADV’s current President, the current committee took the office of the BADV in Nov, 2015. Since the formation of the current committee, there were various initiatives taken to revamp the BADV organizations. Various long term and organization’s infrastructure related planning were taken into consideration for future benefits of BADV. We would mention these initiatives in the upcoming sections of this report. The executive committee members strived restlessly to attain any events organized by BADV to make it a huge success. For every events organized by the current executive committee of BADV had keen eyes to make the events more entertaining to the audience without losing the cultural heritage of Bangladesh.

Followings are the brief summary of the most significant works after the current committee took BADV office:

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<td>1. Established BADV domain: <a href="http://www.badv71.org">www.badv71.org</a></td>
<td>When we took the responsibility of BADV office, by then the old BADV domain was lost. Restoration of the old domain was complex, time consuming and expensive. We promptly decided to establish a new domain for us that would become the new domain for BADV going forward. Our President decided promptly to purchase the BADV domain and hosting (container).</td>
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<td>2. Maintained BADV web-site with new look.</td>
<td>After establishing the BADV domain, the next major task was to design the website. The website has been redesigned completely. We encourage all community members and our patrons to please view the newly designed BADV domain as going forward this will be the single source of truth for BADV.</td>
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3. Reestablished 501 (c) as a nonprofit status of BADV

When we took over the office of BADV by then we lost the 501 (c) status. To elaborate further- A 501(c) organization, or simply a 501(c), is a tax-exempt nonprofit organization in the United States. Section 501(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. § 501(c)) provides that 29 types of nonprofit organizations are exempt from some federal income taxes.

We are happy to announce that BADV is now recognized as a 501(c) non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Donations made out to BADV may qualify for federal tax exemption.

4. Reception to 1st President, 1st Vice President of BADV and Dr. Nina Ahmed, Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia

BADV is culturally enriched organization which was formed in 1971. BADV has successfully located the former 1st President and 1st Vice President of BADV.

In an honor to the BADV founder President, Mr. Mozharul Hoque, Founder Vice President- Mr. Monayem Chowdhury and Dr. Nina Ahmed, Honorable Deputy Mayor of Philadelphia- We have organized a reception in our Phoela Boishak-2015 Program to express our respect and gratitude.

5. Establish Social Media Networking through BADV Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/BADV71/

This is the era of the social networking. BADV recognizes the need of social networking for which we have established BADV Facebook page to spread the words of BADV in the community. We have received significant positive feedback of the BADV face book page from the various community members. We have started circulating all our community events through BADV face book page.

We are requesting all community members to choose “Like” the BADV face book page (https://www.facebook.com/BADV71/) to stay connected with our community events.
6. Organized Pohela Baishak

In order to celebrate Bengali New Year 1423, we have successfully organized “Pohela Baishak” on April 16th, 2016. We got huge responses from the community members who attained the event. There were food stalls and other stalls from different vendors. There was a children art competitions along with a colorful cultural program. The community members enjoyed the ambiance and the cultural program. We received overwhelming response from the community members to celebrate the Pohela Baishak 1423.

7. Organized Annual Picnic event successfully.

We have successfully organized the annual picnic event this year on August 27, 2016 in the Peace Valley Park, Doylestown, PA. The spontaneous presence of the community members were over whelming Everybody enjoyed the picnic under open air. There were various events and sports in the picnic according to the age groups.

During the picnic there was a General Meeting where we have added few constitutional changes, which are as follows:

- a) The position of “Secretary” will now be known as “General Secretary”
- b) Going forward the term for the newly appointment committee of BADV will serve 2 years instead of 1 year.
- c) Proposed a draft proposal to form a “Board Of Trustee” for BADV.


BADV actively participated in social charitable events to help community members and also others in Bangladesh.

This year, BADV has participated in a social fund rising program for renowned music composer and singer Lucky Akhand who has been suffering from serious ailment in a
FUTURE PLANS
Under the leadership of our current President, BADV has taken aggressive efforts in the following areas as part of our development plans:

1. We have decided to prepare a general Annual report through which we would provide annual updates, achievements, activities, development plans for the year to all BADV general members.

2. We are actively working with Deputy Mayor’s office to pursue securing a permanent office in Philadelphia.

3. We will launch a Fund Raising Drive by collection membership dues and increasing both life and general members. We will make phone calls, send emails and reach some other ways to the existing and potential members during December, 2016.

4. We are developing an “Operational Hand book” of BADV - which will contain list of essentials “to do” items to operate BADV efficiently. Such list of items are for example- properly filling of the tax to maintain the 501(c) status of BADV, timely payment of the domain and container so that we don’t lose the domain in future, update face book etc. This hand book will be handed over to the next president for their monthly and yearly check list. This operational hand book will become an essential part of running BADV organization.

5. BADV being one of the oldest organization that never seek for any available grants from any donor organizations. In order to run any organization it is important to have a secured fund. We are planning to seek grants from various donor agencies. In order to submit the grant application there are required supporting documents need to be prepared. These supporting documents will include the history of BADV, mission, annual activities and performance as an organization. It will also provide information about how BADV has been contributing to the development of Bangladeshi community, increasing health awareness, increasing social awareness, guiding the young generation for career planning, job fair, helping College preparation planning, encouraging and involving children to get familiar with our cultural heritage etc. We will be using these documents to seek for the grant from multiple donors.
CONCLUSION

We would like to thank all community members, patrons, well-wishers for their support and encouragements. Without your support and encouragement, our success wouldn't have been possible.

There are multiple ways that you could get involved with BADV. You can contact us directly in the address below, or you can Email to us at badv71@yahoo.com. You can also connect with us through our face book (https://www.facebook.com/BADV71/).

We have started circulating all our community events through BADV face book page or through BADV’s own Email distribution list. We are encouraging our community members to contact us if anyone is interested to take advantage of such opportunities to circulate any events (except political/religious) through us.

Your constructive, positive comments are always welcome to improve our organization. Please email us at badv71@yahoo.com.

If you have an address change, send us the following information and we will update our directory. Please Email us with the words “Address Change” in the subject line.

- name
- address
- telephone number

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If you prefer to write to us in the traditional way, our address is:

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