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# The Ramniklal Solanki Pioneers Research Project

**The untold inspirational biographies of the South  
Asian Diaspora across generations in Great Britain**



The Ramniklal Solanki Pioneers is a flagship 'living history' resource project aimed at narrating the life histories of British-Asians who have made Britain their home and contributed to every facet and every area of modern British society over the last 100 years – each has different stories to tell.

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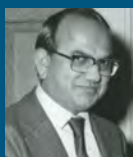


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The Ramniklal Solanki Pioneers is a high-profile research project that systematically captures, collates and documents the life histories of Pioneers, alongside evaluating the sociocultural, economic, intellectual, political and demographic impact of South Asian diaspora community in Britain across generations. It features a series of inspiring case studies of Pioneers whose contributions have had an ever-lasting impression and impact on British society.

These unique case studies are stored in the University's digital platform where the data will be stored, curated and shared so that this platform becomes a 'living legacy' which truly captures the multidisciplinary spirit of the United Kingdom. The Ramniklal Solanki Pioneers project is chaired by Lord Kamlesh Kumar Patel of Bradford OBE and supported by the UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and the India Business Group, London.



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(1931-2020)

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Asian Media Group



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Co-Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat Peers, House of Lords



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Actress, Comedian, Writer



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Former Assistant Commissioner (Specialist Operations) Metropolitan Police



## **AZEEM RAFIQ**

English cricketer, formerly at Yorkshire County Cricket Club



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(1923 - 1988)

Community champion, entrepreneur



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