



South Asian Network opens up Bangladeshi Development Center in central Los Angeles. (Spectrum News/Vania Patino)

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# Bangladeshi Development Center opens to empower community

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LOS ANGELES — The first Bangladeshi Development Center in central Los Angeles has opened its doors offering ESL classes, immigration help, computer classes and domestic violence case management, among other resources.

The South Asian Network received a grant through Los Angeles County's Poverty Alleviation Initiative to fund and manage the center for one year. However, they hope to stay open for years to come.

According to the network, more members of the Bangladeshi community have immigrated to the United States in recent years and hold lower-paying jobs compared to other South Asian groups.

This is why the center's goal is to give community members the resources they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

The center is at 154 S. Vermont Ave. in Los Angeles.

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