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## Two Cambridge curry houses win national prizes

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**HOT STUFF:** Lalbagh owner Miftaur Choudhury, right, and his staff outside their Bourn restaurant

Two curry houses in Cambridge beat some spicy competition to scoop national prizes for their food.

Lalbagh restaurant in Bourn and Golden Spice, in Akeman Street, Cambridge, were honoured in Takeaway.com's English Curry Awards on Monday.

Both winners were nominated by customers before anonymous judges sampled the cuisine.

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Lalbagh was awarded the title Restaurant of the Year for the East of England at a ceremony held at the Excellency Centre, in Bolton.

Miftaur Choudhury, owner of Lalbagh, said they were ecstatic to have won.

He said: "Obviously we are doing something right, that's why we are being recognised for it. We are extremely pleased."

Miftaur has been running Lalbagh for nearly four years and said he had no idea who nominated them for the award.

"Thank you very much whoever you are for recognising us and putting us forward for the award. This is all just so great."

Golden Spice was lauded as regional takeaway of the year.

Anwar Hussain, of Golden Spice, said: "It feels fantastic, we totally didn't expect it.

"We are just a little takeaway in Cambridge and we were up against lots of big competition from all over the country."

He added: "The evening was great, very different to working, especially when you win."

Yasmin Mahmood, organiser of the contest, now in its second year, said: "The awards were a runaway success and have made their mark in the English Asian calendar.

"This year's awards succeeded in both raising money for a worthy charity and paying tribute to England's thriving curry industry."

The event raised more than £1,000 for Save the Children, which will be spent on projects in Bangladesh.