

PREFACE

While studying post-graduation at the University of North Bengal in the years 1997-1998, I became interested in the history of healthcare and medicine of India. From the 1980s, The history of healthcare and medicine in India is a popular area of research. A good number of scholars are working in this field. But the medicinal history of North Bengal has been avoided by the historians. There is no book-length account of public health in North Bengal, and it is that historiographical gap that this study endeavours to fill. This study is a narrative account of the medical and healthcare systems of North Bengal focussing different aspects.

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