

## ***PREFACE***

The subject of the proposed study is the development of Cooch Behar State under the Maharajas (1847-1949), it is at the same time a study of its historical significance. The Princely State of Cooch Behar situated in the Northern most part of India . Being born and brought up in Cooch Behar from my childhood I feel nostalgic of my native town . Though small in size compared to other Princely States , what was the magic wand that made the State an ideal State to other Princely States of India . The proposed dissertation is a humble attempt to explore the areas of developmental works much taken by the Maharajas which set an example to others princely states during the period .

In this work an attempt has been made to ascertain the exact nature of development under the Maharajas and of its historical significance . To that end official records, as available ; have been duly selected for study . By way of examining the nature of the said development , the work seeks to establish the fact that the developmental activities of the Koch Maharajas were mostly effective in the matter of modernization of Cooch Behar. Development of a kingdom depends, in the main, on its ruler . Cooch Behar is not an exception to that .