

P R E F A C E

In the present work an attempt has been made to highlight various aspects of the history of nationalist movement and freedom struggle in the Northern Districts of Bengal. Apart from the movements launched by the Indian National Congress, the agitation of the peasant masses against the Raj, the trade union movements and the activities of the terrorist revolutionaries have also been included in this first ever attempt to discuss the subject. Paucity of source materials for such a regional study and prolonged search for it demanded a long time for the completion of the work. Besides a variety of approaches and treatments were required for the study and analysis of the subject matters like non violent mass movements and violent rising of the tribal peasants which differ from each other presumably in many ways.

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