

It is nothing new to write history of the higher academic institutions, rather as a part of historical research, it is a long standing process of writing history of the various highly reputed educational centres of excellences across the country. In this regard our humble attempt to explore the historical background of the foundation of Raiganj College and its gradual up-gradation up to a university for bringing the facts and findings daylight in the form of present work. It is mere follow the continuation of writing history in this tradition. In that context, we may refer here that prior to the commencement of the British rule there was no education system supported by the state in India. However, in order to mould the Indian mind, the Britishers introduced modern education system for diverse intention and thereupon Hooghly Mohsin College (1831), Calcutta Medical College (1835), Elphinstone College at Bombay (1835), Dhaka College (1841), Calcutta University (1857), Benares Hindu University (1916), Aligarh Muslim University (1920), Dhaka University (1921) and so on were established sometimes by the British along with the heartiest cooperation and inquisitiveness of the progressive minded natives of India. As a mark of recognition in the field of pursuing quality education and spread of the light of knowledge uninterruptedly, the history of these said academic institutions have already been written in different forms from different corners.

In the study of the history of 'Evolution of Higher Academic Institutions' throughout the country, what fascinated us the most, are the magnanimous personalities of those gentlemen who had dreamt to set up a college at Raiganj to pursue higher education for the future generation of this neglected and truncated region, and their dream has come to reality gradually with the up-gradation of Raiganj College to Raiganj College (University College) and finally to a full-fledged university in 2015. On behalf of the authors it is nothing but a sincere attempt to highlight the issues connected with various significant aspects of the history of Raiganj College to Raiganj University for the awakening of the new generation of the country.



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