

HISTORY OF EDUCATION IN INDIA



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The Christian missionaries and Education in Murshidabad district: 1813 – 1947

Subhendu Biswas



Introduction

Murshidabad district has been playing a leading role in the field of education since ancient time. The 'Raktamrittika Vihara' or all the Buddhist monasteries that were built in Karnasuvarna (capital city of king Shashanka) emerged as the center of education. Later, when the Nawabi rule began in Bengal (1717 onwards) the fame of Murshidabad as the capital of Suba Bengal spread all around. At present what we understand by Murshidabad district has been shaped in 1704.¹ However, Murshidabad district was formed much later in 1768.² At present the boundaries of Murshidabad district were determined for administrative purposes, not geographically. Maktabas and Madrasas played an important role as centers of education in Murshidabad district during the Nawabi period. They mainly taught