

ABSTRACT

By the end of the eighteenth century and into the nineteenth century, society was steeped in blind faith, superstition and cultural rigidity that could only be eradicated through the spread of education. The 19th century saw a revival of social, religious, cultural, political and educational changes in Bengal commonly known as the Bengal Renaissance. European education, culture made its impact and led to an educational awakening. The main objectives of the study were to highlight the background study of Bengal Renaissance; to study on education of pre-renaissance periods in Bengal; to study the influence of western education on Bengal Renaissance; to study the Rani Rasmani and contemporary society in Bengal; to study the humanistic and spiritual approaches of Rani Rasmani; to study the contributions of those approaches of Rani Rasmani in the field of education and social welfare. The methods adopted for the study is a Historical method of Qualitative Approach with the help of Documentary Analysis. Two techniques were used in this study; those are Interview and Expert Opinion. Also two tools were used in this study, those are- Questionnaire and opinionnaire. In this present study a documentary analysis has been taken by the primary sources and secondary sources. Stone inscriptions, Zamindari seal, letter, reports, deeds etc. were also used as primary sources. Various types of books, newspaper, magazines, and periodicals etc. were used as secondary sources. The study was used of both internal and external criticism for assessing the validity and reliability of the data. To study led to the following conclusions that Bengal Renaissance gradually led to the development of modern Indian education and modern thought. Rani Rasmani was a strong woman whose outlook was far more advanced and sophisticated than the rest of the contemporary women. Her religion is to serve humanity i.e. 'Sevadharma' (human Service) is the basis of her philosophy. Her social welfare activities were a testament to her compassion and commitment to the betterment of society. Her work, philosophy, education and values demonstrated a deep concern for the well-being of others. All the steps taken in her life and all her spiritual and humanistic approach accelerated the path of renaissance in Bengal through education.

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