

## ROLE OF DR. RAM DAS SEN (1845-1887) IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY BENGAL RENAISSANCE

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Ram Das Sen was one of the prominent figures of Murshidabad district of Bengal. He was one of the antiquarians and orientalist scholars. Most of his works were written with the historical sense. His philosophical thoughts and methods of history writing which were represented in his books Aitihasyik Rahasya, Bharat Rahasya, and Ranta Rahasya are no less than the mainstream of historiography. As an eminent antiquarian Ram Das was felicitated abroad and touch the heart of such Orientalist Scholars like Max Muller, Dr. Albrecht Weber, Count Angelo-de-Gubernatis and others by his philosophical researches. This celebrated antiquarian received the title 'Doctor' from the Oriental Academy of Florence, Italy in recognition of his Sanskrit literature, antiquities writings, and research activities. He also received a 'Diploma' from 'Asiatic Society of Italy'. He also added a new dimension to the Bengal Renaissance in the nineteenth century. This work tried to focus on the role of Ram Das Sen to spread a new dimension to the Bengal Renaissance*

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