

A HISTORICAL CASE STUDY ON *HAT TOLA* MOVEMENT IN JALPAIGURI DISTRICT IN PRE-INDEPENDENCE INDIA

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ABSTRACT

Hat Tola movement was an integral character of the peasant movement in Jalpaiguri district. Toll collections were made in Boda, Debiganj, Pachagarh and other adjacent areas. It remained an extensive practice in Jalpaiguri, both in the khasmahal areas and permanently settled the tract, and other districts of Bengal. The aims of the study are to establishment of new aspects of the peasant movement through this agitation.

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