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A Review Study of Refugee Problem in Bengal

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Abstract

There is darkness under the lamp. A real example of this proverb can be seen in the case of Bengal. It was prevalent about Bengal, "What Bengal thinks today, India thinks tomorrow", this astonishing image of Bengal even became helpless when Radcliffe Border broke the hearts of Bengal and our Bengalis at a time when India was on the verge of introducing itself as an independent country in front of the world. The border drawn over Bengal and Punjab based on religion has left many Hindu and Muslim families homeless, identity less overnight. As a result, along with independence and partition, the word 'refugee' or 'displaced' entered the history of India as well as Bengal. Just as many Hindu families left East Pakistan and came to West Bengal due to partition, so did many Muslim families leave West Bengal and migrate to East Pakistan. The State Archive can be used to search for real information and truth about the struggle of refugees for the study of refugee issues in Bengal, and the interview method is also quite effective. The collection of Oral History of many refugee families came from East Bengal who took shelter in West Bengal, could play an important role in this regard. Also, one more topic worth mentioning in this study is the perspective. The gender Approach has emerged in the research nowadays. The tendency to look at any topic from a feminist point of view has nurtured. In this case, many of the refugee women coming to a different country should be considered sensitively keeping in mind their helplessness, their struggle to achieve security and meet their basic needs. With all this in mind, the methodology will be determined in the present study.

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