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#### From Calcutta Madrasa to 'Aliah University: A Journey

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**Abstract.** The history of Muslim education in India since the inception of British rule, is closely associated with the history of Calcutta Madrasa popularly known as Madrasa-e-'Aliah.<sup>[1]</sup> It is the main spring from and round which a system of madrasa education grew up in India. The Calcutta Madrasa was the first educational institution in India, established by the British Government for the promotion of education in Theological Science, Oriental Studies, Medical Education, Geological Studies and Islamic Laws among the Muslims of Bengal for the purpose of administration and the judiciary. The institution which has managed to cover such a time period of two and a quarter century has played a remarkable role in the dissemination of knowledge, as well as social and cultural activities. It was hugely affected by the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947 and lost its earlier prestige and status. Then, owing to continuous movements by the students of the madrasa and votaries of madrasa education, against the ruling government of West Bengal to establish their tradition through this educational Institution, the Calcutta Madrasa regained its college status and then has been upgraded to 'Aliah University in 2007. This paper traces the journey for this institution.

**Keywords.** Calcutta Madrasa, Persian language, 'Aliah University, Madrasa education, Calcutta Madrasa College

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