Education occupies a central position in the agenda for societal development, particularly regarding positive changes in women's status. This is especially relevant for transitional societies in Asia, Africa, and South America. However, the rich, checkered, and contentious histories of female education in these regions often fail to attract sufficient attention. This presentation focuses on the historical background of the rise of female education in Bengal (colonial period), now divided between India and Bangladesh. It traces this history through the various debates in the late 19th and early 20th centuries regarding the education of women.

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