

## Preamble

The Department of English, University of Calcutts, which was established in 1907, was recognized as a Department of Research Support (DRS) under the UGC's Special Assistance Programme Phase III (SAPIII) in the academic year 200-2003. The thrust area – 'Literary and Cultural Interface between Bengal and Britain in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries' – is a recognition of the unique contribution of Bengal to the cultural paradigms that shaped modern India, as also of the rich archival resources relating to the colonial period which are available in Kolkata. The five year programme (2002-2007) consists of five major activities:

1. To conduct original research in the thrust area
2. To evolve foundational theory in this field
3. To edit, translate, and publish / reprint little-known books / manuscripts from this period
4. To make new research material available in this area
5. To explore the interface between the Bengali and the English languages.

The annotated summary and digital archiving of *The Calcutta Review*, a University of Calcutta Central Library holding, is part of the Department's endeavour to make new archival resources and primary research material available to scholars from a variety of disciplines whose work concerns the colonial period in India. This is an ongoing project and the site will be updated with fresh material from time to time as the work progresses. The Department is grateful to the UGC for providing funds for this significant project, and would like to thank the University Librarian, Central Library, University of Calcutta, for permission to place this material on the University's website.