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History *of* Sylhet Government Pilot High School



Around 1830, during the rule of the British East India Company, Lord Bentick ordered the establishment of this school in order to make the people of the region speak English properly. In 1841, only 41 students were studying here. Reverend Price then took charge of the school as headmaster and transformed the school into a missionary school. The school was then handed over to Reverend Price. In 1869 the name of the school was changed to "Sylhet Government High School" and Roy Sahib Durga Kumar Bose was appointed as the headmaster of the school. The school was destroyed in the earthquake of 1897 and later the school was moved to its present location (Kalighat). When Roy Saheb Durga Kumar Bose voluntarily retired in 1903, Baikunthanath Bhattacharya took charge as the headmaster of the school. Another earthquake destroyed the school in 1918 and the school was rebuilt in 1919. In 1926, the school was damaged by a severe flood and in 1929, the entire school, except for one building, was destroyed by fire. During World War II in 1939, the school building was used as a camp for soldiers, and after the soldiers left, the school resumed its work. In 1955 the school was named Sylhet Government Pilot High School by the project of piloting schools by East Pakistan Government. In 1962, Abdul Wahid Chowdhury took over as headmaster and improved the science lab and increased the number of teachers. In 1967 he was selected as the best head teacher of Chittagong division. In the same year. He was awarded "Tamga-e-Khedmat" for his radical transformation of the school. In 1971, Pakistani soldiers set fire to the school, destroying many important documents and burning books. In 1999, the school was divided into morning and day shifts.

