

KASHINATH BHABAN: A UNIQUE BUILDING OF PANAM NAGAR BEARS TESTIMONY TO COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE IN BENGAL

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ABSTRACT

The rich cultural heritage and cultural identity of Bangladesh is vividly expressed and traversed as a symbol of power, dignity and artistry during the Colonial period. In this research study, the authors selected a unique building of Panam Nagar, is an old settlement as a part of Sonargaon area of Bangladesh, named “Kashinath Bhaban” which bears testimony to the style and design of Colonial architecture in Bengal. It is undoubted that the building Kashinath Bhaban plays an important role to represent our cultural heritage or our glorious past. This study concentrates on the building Kashinath Bhaban of Panam which have precious and research worthy documentation or information. The overall research study conducted here is focused on the demonstration of the building’s plan layout, elevations, sectional details, structure as well as construction materials, decoration and ornamentation for representing own belief and cultural exclusivity to the architecture.

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