

# **HISTORY AND LITERATURE: A CLOSE PARADIGM**

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- ❖ E. H. Carr says, “The function of History is to promote a profound understanding of both past and present, through interrelation between them.”
- ❖ According to E. H. Carr, “the scope of History is a continuous process of interaction between the historian and the facts, and an understanding dialogue between the present and the past.”

**E. H. Carr**

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WHAT IS  
HISTORY?

EDWARD HALLETT CARR

“... a work of rare distinction which nobody can afford to miss.”— Hans Meyerhoff, *New York Times Book Review*

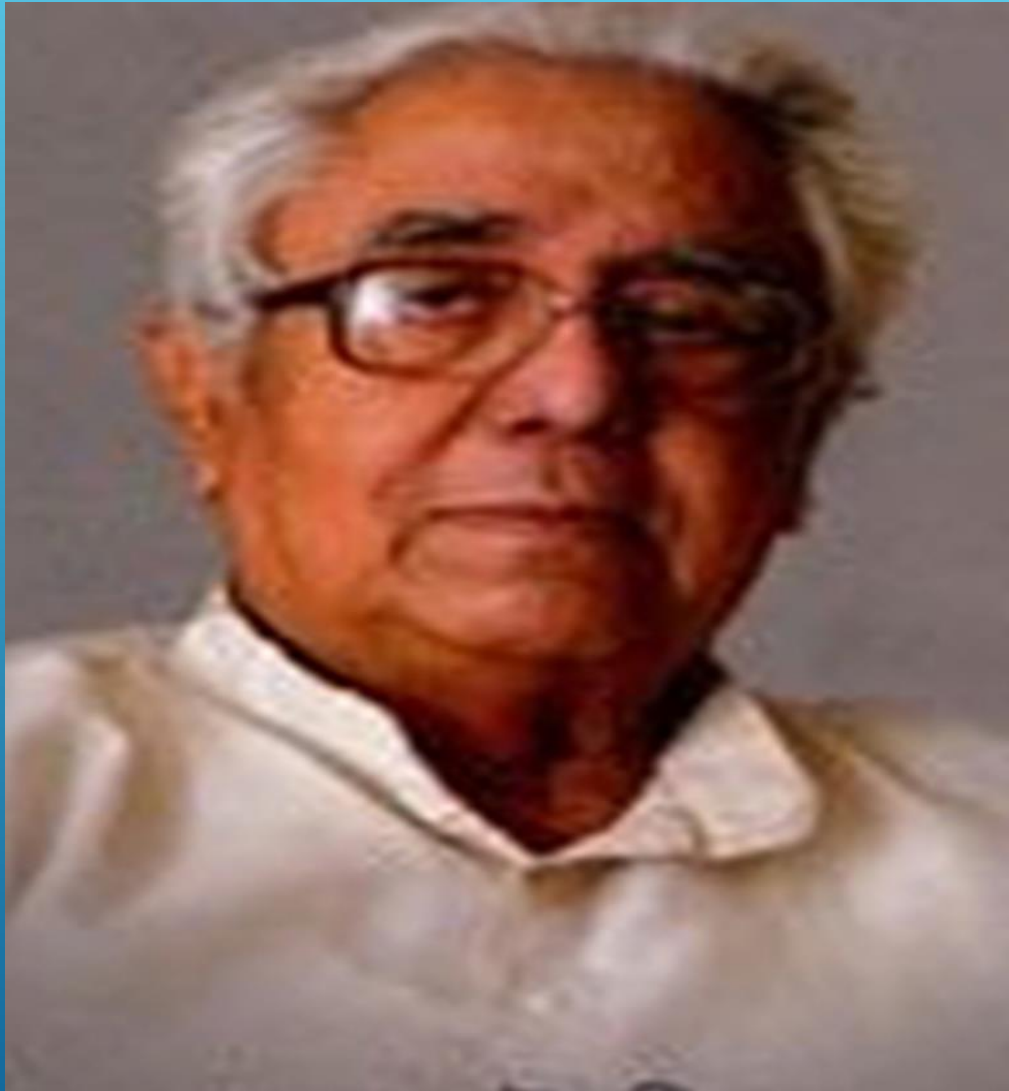
- ❖ **The first concrete result of historical study in the ancient period was found in the long lists of kings preserved in the Puranas and the Epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata.**
- ❖ **The literary sources of ancient Indian history were mainly divided into two parts, religious and secular.**
- ❖ **Religious texts include Hindus, Buddhists and Jains literature.**
- ❖ **Secular literature includes writings of foreigners, biographical works of great historical persons and historical texts and literary compositions.**



What distinguishes the historian  
from the collector of historical facts  
is generalization.

— *Edward Hallett Carr* —

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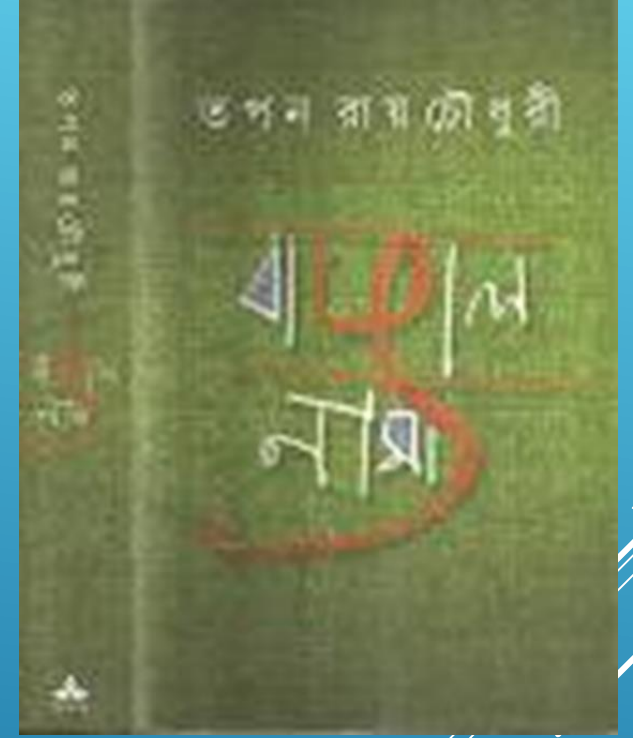
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**JADUNATH SARKAR**  
**(10 DEC 1870-19 MAY 1958)**

- ❖ **HE CONSIDERS HISTORY AS A PURELY LITERARY PURSUIT.**
- ❖ **HE SAID, “HISTORY IS LIKE A TRAVELLING. TRAVELLING WITH AN INTEREST THAT’S CURIOUS, SENSITIVE TO COMPLETELY UNFAMILIAR THINGS.”**





❖ **ANY LITERARY WORK CAN BE CONSIDERED AS HISTORICAL EVIDENCE OR SOURCE BY A HISTORIAN.**



❖ **A HISTORIAN RECONSTRUCTS THE PAST DEPENDING ON INSUFFICIENT SOURCES OF WHICH LITERATURE IS ONE OF THE SOURCES.**



❖ **HISTORY IS PURELY A LITERARY PURSUIT AS IT TRACES THE PASSAGE OF MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH TIME.**