

Sep 29, 2011

**Wires**

## William Carey's 250th Birth Anniversary Celebrated

PTI | Kolkata | Sep 24, 2011

 [PRINT](#) [SHARE](#)
[COMMENTS](#)

The 250th birth anniversary of Rev William Carey, a social reformer, linguist and educationist who took a leading role in compiling dictionary of Bengali and English and founded Serampore college, the first degree-granting institution in Asia, was observed here this week.

The Agri-Horticultural Society of India, set by Carey in Alipore area in the city in 1820, observed his 250th birth anniversary on Thursday.

A detailed year-long programme has been drawn up by the Diocese of Kolkata (CNI), Agri-Horticultural Society of India, William Carey Study and Research Centre and Serampore municipality in Hooghly district where he died on July 9, 1834.

Born at Paulerspury, Northampton, in England on August 17, 1761, Carey, a scholar by himself, was the Professor of Bengali, Sanskrit and Marathi at the Fort William College in Calcutta. He also trained young men for the Indian Civil Service.

William Carey was known for his campaign for the abolition of 'sati' and also female infanticide.

Carey, who established the first printing press in India, translated the Bible into many Indian languages, translated Indian classical literature and traditional stories, and even published the first newspaper in Bengali.

With the help of other Baptist Missionaries, he initiated around 100 rural schools mainly encouraging the education of girls.

Setting up of Agri-Horticultural Society of India prompted by his love for botany.

Society sources said that Carey wrote about the improvement of land by encouraging a "superior mode of cultivation", rotations of crops and the use of waste lands for cultivation.

He also introduced the concept of the savings bank to assist poor farmers improve their produce.

Filed On: Sep 24, 2011 17:46 IST

FILED IN: [Homages & Tributes](#) | [West Bengal](#)

Translate

into:

© Copyright PTI. All rights reserved. Reproduction or redistribution of any PTI content, including by framing or similar means, is expressly prohibited without their prior written consent.

 [PRINT](#) [SHARE](#)
[COMMENTS](#)

### RELATED WIRES :

- [Singer Case: Tata Motors to Study HC Judgement](#) Sep 28, 2011
- [HC Upholds Mamata's Singer Land Return Act as Valid](#) Sep 28, 2011
- [Singer Erupts in Joy Post Land Rehabilitation Judgement](#) Sep 28, 2011
- [Singer Verdict Historic: Mamata](#) Sep 28, 2011
- [Day of Victories for Mamata, Wins Bhowanipore Bypoll](#) Sep 28, 2011
- [WB: CPI\(M\) says attack by Trinamool to Hide Infigths](#) Sep 27, 2011
- [Security Agencies Hail Mamata's Tough Talk on Maoists](#) Sep 27, 2011
- [Trinamool Supporters Attack CPI\(M\) Office, 4 Injured](#) Sep 27, 2011
- [Martyr' Rajbala Cremated in Haryana](#) Sep 27, 2011
- [Mamata to Hold Talks With Interlocutors on Maoists](#) Sep 27, 2011
- [CPI\(M\) Alleges 'Double-Speak' by Mamata on Maoists](#) Sep 26, 2011
- ['Trinamool Congress Used Maoists to Come to Power'](#) Sep 26, 2011
- [Maoists and CPI\(M\) are the Same: Mamata](#) Sep 26, 2011
-