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Nation, Novel and History: A Case Study of a Nineteenth Century Polymath

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R.C. Dutt (Romesch Chunder Dutt 1848-1909) packed in one lifetime at least five distinguished careers - civil servant, economic historian, outstanding novelist in Bangla, translator of Sanskrit classics into English, Professor of Indian history and culture at London University and financial advisor to Sayajirao Gaekwad of Baroda. He was also the President of INC and a relentless critic of British taxation and famine control policies. This paper attempts an assessment of this man, setting him against the background of colonial history and focusing on his imaginative construction of India as a nation.