

*“The Mardasirakan Jemaran (Armenian College and Philanthropic Academy of Calcutta/Kolkata) and its Bicentenary”*

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This presentation will discuss the long history of the Armenian College and Philanthropic Academy (ACPA) as a crucial junction that has kept the circulation of the Armenian diaspora alive and has established the identity of the diaspora in the host city of Calcutta/Kolkata. The talk will revisit the historical foundation of the institute and the role of the community in the process. It will then look at the evolution of the school and the changing socio-cultural dynamics from 1821 to the present, placing emphasis on the College’s recent history and the role of youth from Armenia currently studying there.