

# KOLKATA

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Kolkata also known as Calcutta which was the official name until 2001) is the capital and largest city of the Indian state of West Bengal. It lies on the eastern bank of the Hooghly River, 80 km (50 mi) west of the border with Bangladesh. It is the financial center of eastern and northeastern India.[13] According to the 2011 Indian census, Kolkata is the seventh-most populous city in India, with a population of 4.5 million residents within its city proper. Greater Kolkata has a population of 15 million residents, and is the third-largest urban area in India.[1][14] Kolkata is a historically and culturally significant city in the historic region of Bengal. It is the second largest Bengali.

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