



## economic centers over the ages

post-1690

**18th century** 

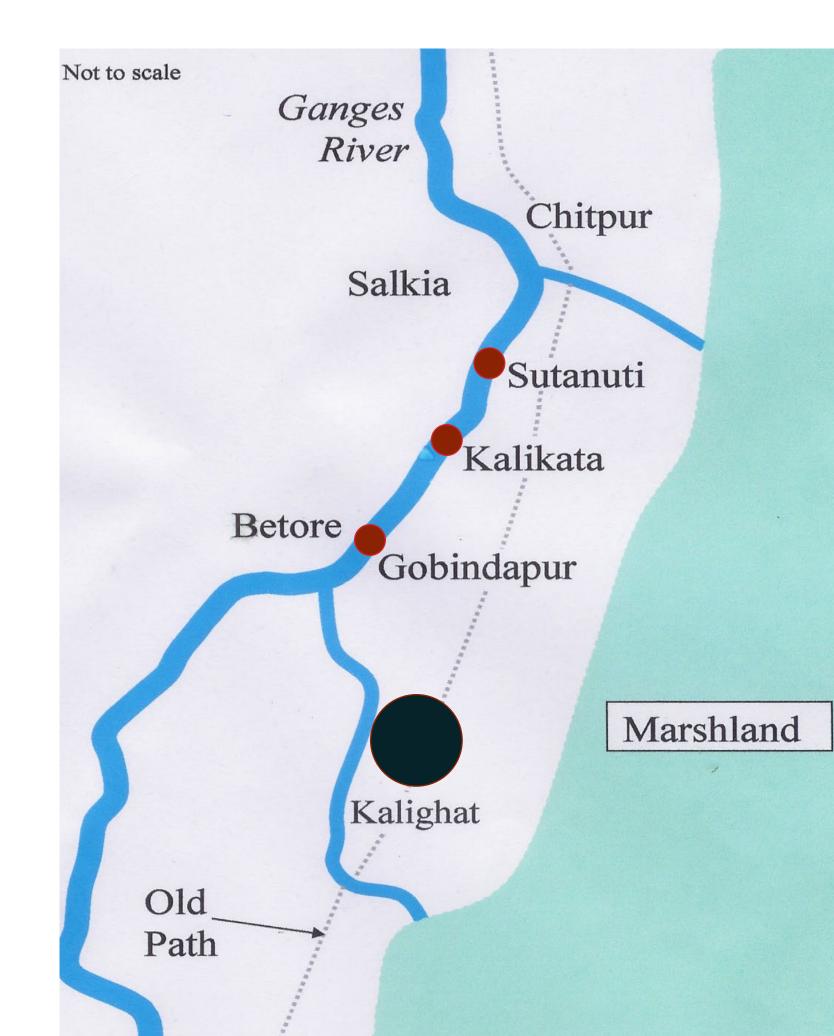
19th century

20th century

21st century

neighborhoods

suburbs





#### 18th century



A Perspective View of FORT WILLIAM in the Kingdom of BENGAL; belonging to the Cafe India Company

### 19th century



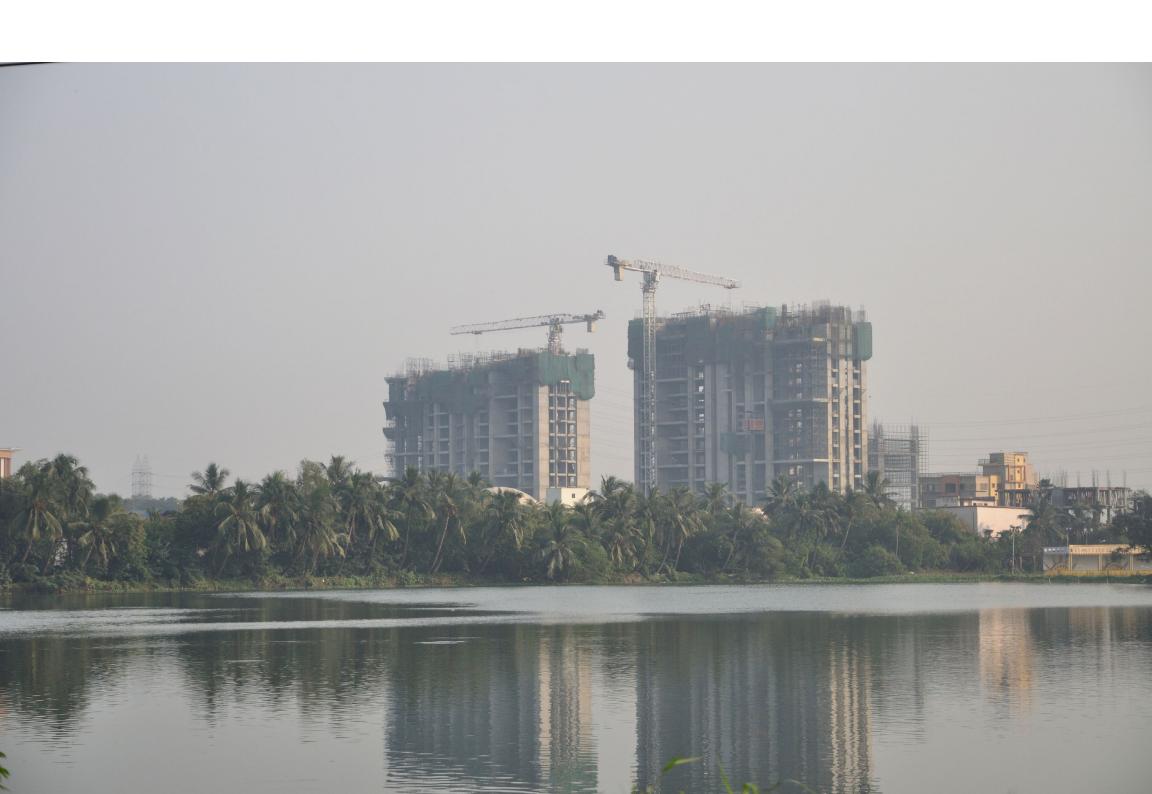
### early 20th century



### late 20th century



### 21st century



# calcutta

The city of Calcutta holds a special place in the Indian subcontinent as being a city of history, culture, arts and sports. It is also a city that has kept growing in different directions that can be accurately narrated by tracing its economic history.

The city was founded as fishing villages along the banks of the Ganges river in 1690. The city grew as a major trading center with the arrival of the western settlers before becoming the capital of the erstwhile British India Empire.

Calcutta owes much of its economic development to the British presence in the 18th and 19th century. The city went through economic stagnation and population explosion due to war migration for much of the 20th century.

Looking ahead in the 21st century the current economic revival is being driven forward by the service-oriented economies, chief among them information technology and construction engineering.

