

Chapter- 16

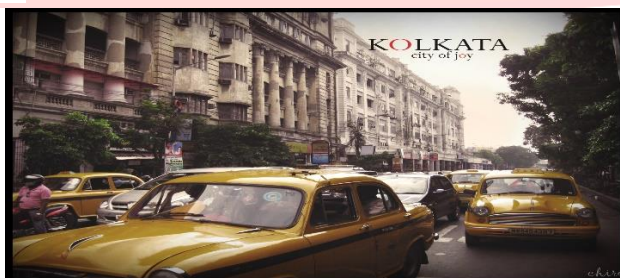
Kolkata

STUDY NOTES

- Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal.
- Kolkata was earlier known as Calcutta.
- It is situated on the east bank of the River Hooghly.
- Kolkata is located a little away from the seacoast.
- It has an important port called Diamond Harbour.
- Ships bring goods from other countries, and take goods to other countries from here.
- All the important offices of the State Government are in the city.
- The Chief Minister and Governor of the state work and live here.

Climate

- Being near the seacoast, Kolkata has a moderate climate.
- It is neither very hot summer, nor very cold in winter.
- It rains heavily during the monsoon months of June to September, often leading to water logging in the city.

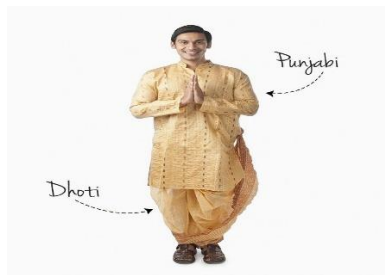


Clothes

- The traditional dress for men in Kolkata is the dhoti kurta or pyjama- kurta.
- However, many have changed over to shirts and trousers.
- Women mostly wear sari-blouse and salwar kameez.



**Bengali
drape**



Food

- Rice and fish are the staple food of the Bengalis.
- They are very fond of sweets. Sandesh and rasgulla two of their most popular sweets.

Festivals

- Though all the festivals are celebrated in Kolkata, the most important or are Kali Puja and Durga Puja.

Culture

- The main language spoken in Kolkata is Bengali.
- The people here are of art and music.
- The most popular games in Kolkata are football and cricket.
- The great poet Rabindranath Tagore, who wrote our National Anthem, belonged to Kolkata.
- He was the first Indian to get the Nobel Prize.

Transport

- Kolkata's main railway stations are Howrah and Sealdah.
- Howrah Station is located on the west bank of the river Hooghly.
- Howrah and Kolkata are twin cities.
- The Howrah Bridge (Rabindra Setu) and the Vidyasagar Setu connect the twin cities.
- Kolkata was the first city in India to have an underground railway system called the Metro.
- The Metro is an important means of transport in the city.
- You can still be trams and double-decker buses in the city.
- The airport in Kolkata is named after Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

Industries

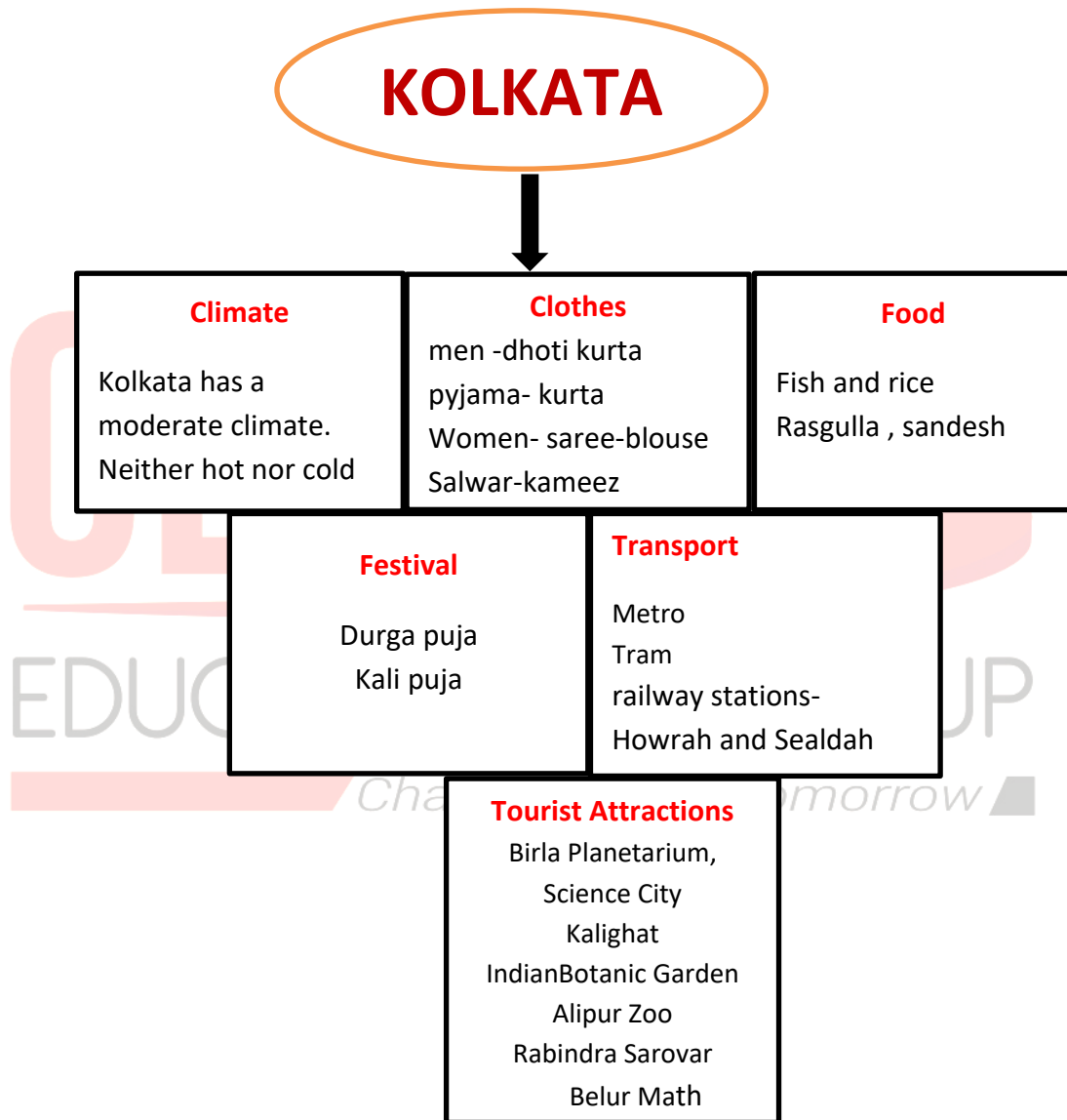
- There are several industries in Kolkata. Jute, textile, rice, rubber, paper and chemical are of the important industries.

Tourist Attractions

- In the heart of the city are Fort William and the Victoria Memorial.
- The Birla Planetarium,
- Science City, Kalighat,
- Indian Botanic Garden,
- Alipur Zoo,

- Rabindra Sarovar
- Belur Math are some other places which attract tourists to Kolkata.
- The National Library, the biggest library in India, is in Kolkata.

MEMORY MAP



Words to remember

- Metro: underground railway system
- botanical garden: a park where trees and plants are grown for scientific study
- tradition: a custom being followed for very long time

Let's know more:**Answer in one word:**

1. Kolkata is the capital of-
2. Famous festival in Kolkata-
3. Popular sports in Kolkata-
4. An important port in Kolkata called-
5. It is situated on bank of river-

Let's Do:**A. Match the columns.**

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| 1. airport | a. Sandesh |
| 2. bridge | b. Hooghly |
| 3. railway station | c. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose |
| 4. river | d. Howrah |
| 5. sweet | e. Rabindra Setu |

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Describe the climate of Kolkata.
2. Name three places of tourist interest in Kolkata.
3. What clothes do the men and women of Kolkata usually wear?
4. Write a few sentences about the transport facilities in Kolkata.
5. What are the major industries found in Kolkata?

Multiple choice questions

1. Kolkata was earlier known as

a. Calcutta	b. Kalikata	c. Kalighat
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2. The people of Kolkata speak

a. Punjabi	b. Bengali	c. Marathi
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3. The main festival of Kolkata is

a. Holi	b. Diwali	c. Durga Puja
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4. A popular sweet of Bengal is
- a. Rasgulla b. petha c. ladoo
5. Bengalis love to play
- a. tennis b. football c. badminton

HOTS: Think and Answer

- Why do you think Kolkata is the only city in India where trams run? Why do you think this means of transport cannot be seen in Hyderabad or Bengaluru? (Hint. Ko- kata was the capital of the British in India for a long time.)

Teacher's Note

Write the name of important personalities belongs to different field in your project record.

Improve Your GK

- The Sundarban National Park is a treat for travelers who love adventure and wildlife. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Sundarbans is the world's largest mangrove belt, translating to 'beautiful forest' in Bengali.
- Kolkata has been regarded as the cultural capital of India
- Famous freedom fighters, Sri Aurobindo, Subhas Chandra Bose, Swamy Vivekananda, B C Roy - all hailed from Calcutta.

Answer key:**A. Match the columns.**

- 1.c
2.e
3. d
4.b
5.a

B. Answer the following questions.

1. Kolkata is near the seacoast therefore it has a moderate climate. It is neither very hot in summer, nor very cold in winter.
2. Victoria Memorial, Birla Planetarium and Science City are three places of tourist interest in Kolkata.
3. People of Kolkata wear dhoti kurta, pyjama-kurta, shirts, trousers, sari-blouse and salwar-kameez.

4. Kolkata's main railway stations are Howrah and Sealdah. Kolkata has an underground railway system called the Metro. Kolkata also has an airport named after Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
5. Jute, textile, rice, rubber, paper and chemical are some of the major industries in Kolkata.

Multiple choice questions

1. Calcutta
2. Bengali
3. Durga Puja
4. Rasgulla
5. Football

Hots

Kolkata was the first state where it was brought by British in 19th centuries. Entire Asia Kolkata is the only City which has this unique transport system. **It is drawn electrically from the overhead cables.** On the road it runs on specially laid out tracks. Because it is driven electrically, there is no Carbon monoxide, SO_x & NO_x polluting the environment.

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