

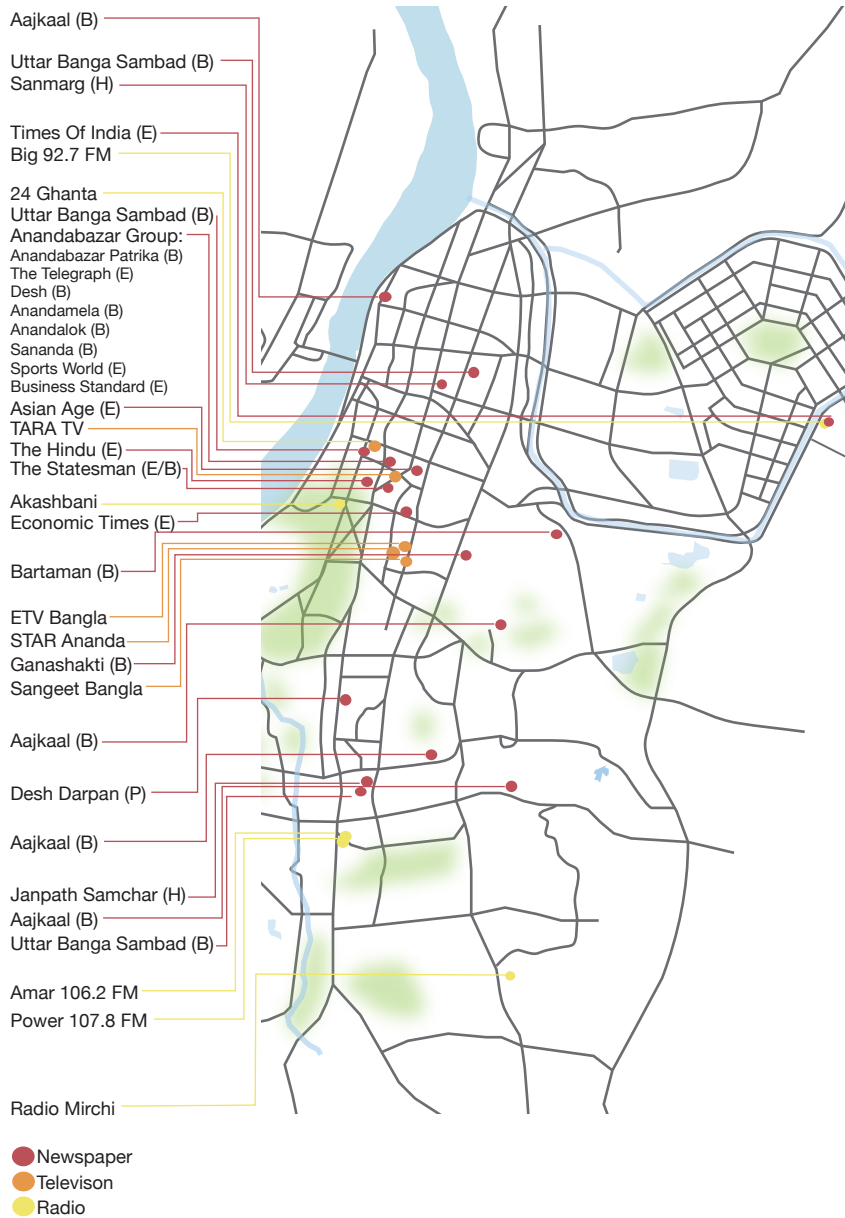
IMAGE AND REPRESENTATION Kolkata

The city of Kolkata has many different faces. On the one hand it is known as the cultural capital of India with his many Nobel Prize Winners, the birthplace and home of famous people such as the poet Rabindranath Tagore and the filmmaker Satyajit Ray. But the city is also known as the complete opposite, a city of misery with all the slums, hungry people and frenetic streets. When mother Teresa came to Kolkata it became a city of charity, and so the charity tourism with its many volunteer workers was activated.

Once Kolkata was the former capital of British India, Kolkata retains a feast of dramatic colonial architecture. The British controlled the city, but the Kolkatans started to organize themselves and it became a city of revolution. Still people don't stay calm and appear on the street to protest.

The incredible contrasts have enticed many to wax lyrical about Kolkata. Günter Grass stayed there for half year and wrote his dairy 'Show your Tongue' or Dominique Lapierre with his book 'City of Joy'.

Each one presents Kolkata in its own way: the Images of Kolkata composed.



MEDIA PRODUCTION IN KOLKATA

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1997 Arundhati Roy 'The God of small things'

1991 Satyajit Ray awarded a life time achievement Oscar

1984 First color TV Transmission started

1975 First TV Transmission started

2007 Mira Nair 'The Namesake' based on the novel of Jhumpa Lahiri

1994 Vikram Seth 'A Suitable Boy'

1969 Mrinal Sen 'Bhuvan Shome' political propaganda

1956 Satyajit Ray won for his Film 'Pather Panchali' a prix at the Cannes Film Festival

1958 Indian Coffee House was opened in Kolkata

1998 Amartya Sen received Nobel Prize in Economics

1988 Gavatri Spivak 'Can the Subaltern speak?'

1977 Left Front led by CPI(M) Party came into power

1970 Frontline 'The Naxal Challenge'

1946 Communal Riot Direct Action Day

1946 Howrah Bridge was commissioned

1947 The British Empire 'The lost Jewel' 14 million people lose their homes

1947 Refugees after the partition

1972 Refugees during the war in East Pakistan

1988 Günter Grass 'Show your Tongue'

1985 Dominique Lapierre 'City of Joy'

1950 Mother Teresa The Missionaries of Charity

2004 Zana Briski and Ross Kauffmann 'Born into Brothels'

1979 'Calcutta Rescue' founded by J Preger

1990 'city of culture'

1980 'city of activism'

2000 'a colonial city'

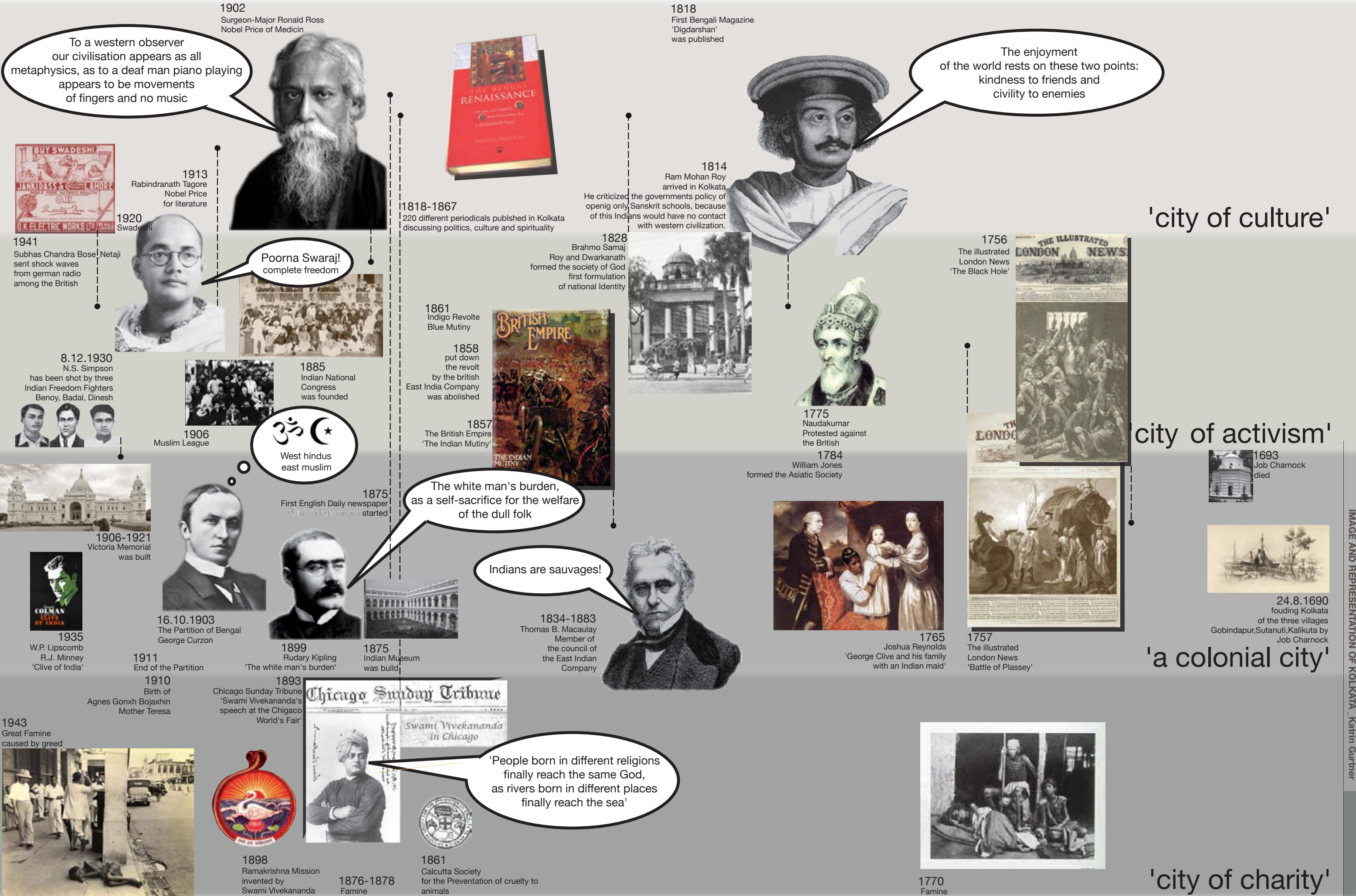
1990 'city of charity'

2008

Unlearning one's privileges as one's loss

A turd of god! Shove, are shoved slip on slick soles. From our feet, mounting nausea Horror

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty



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