

# RELIGION AND CASTE

## History of Indian Religions

**SIKHISM** WORLD KOLKATA 20 MIO 15599  
 MONOTHEISTIC, ONE GOD FOR ALL RELIGIONS

**JAINISM** WORLD KOLKATA 4.2 MIO 20895  
 WELFARE AND HEALTH OF EVERY BEING IN THE UNIVERSE, AND OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF

**BUDDHISM** WORLD KOLKATA 350 MIO 6445  
 PHILOSOPHY BASED ON BUDDHAS TEACHINGS

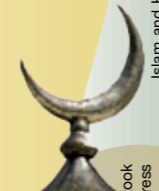
**ISLAM** WORLD KOLKATA 1,2 BN 926769  
 MONOTHEISTIC, TOTAL SURRENDER OF ONESELF TO GOD

**HINDUISM** WORLD KOLKATA 900 MIO 3552274  
 POLYTHEISTIC, LIFE AND DEATH IN A ENDLESS CIRCLE (SAMARA), FULLFILLING ETHIC AND RELIGIOUS COMMITALS (DHARMA) TO GET REDEMION (MOSHA)

**CHRISTIANITY** WORLD KOLKATA 2.1 BN 40218  
 MONOTHEISTIC, CENTERED ON THE LIFE OF JESUS OF NAZARETH



Decline of Buddhism together with the disappearing of Buddhidist Kings



Some Hindu rulers took military action to suppress Buddhism. However it was probably developments in Hinduism itself that helped the faith to grow

Islam and Hinduism were in conflict because, although the mystical traditions of both religions had some common ground, Muslim rulers sought to conquer Hindu territories and, from the 17th century, to assert the superiority of Islam.

religious tolerance under Mughal Emperor Akbar 1556-1605 leads to religious mixt-culture



Trough the intense contact with hinduism caste similar systems begin to spread over Muslims.

1867 Srainath Jain Temple

1907, Foundation of All India Muslim League

1926 Nakhoda Masjid  
 1918 Hindu- Muslim clash  
 1928 Hindu- Muslim clash  
 1935 Prince Ghulam Masjid

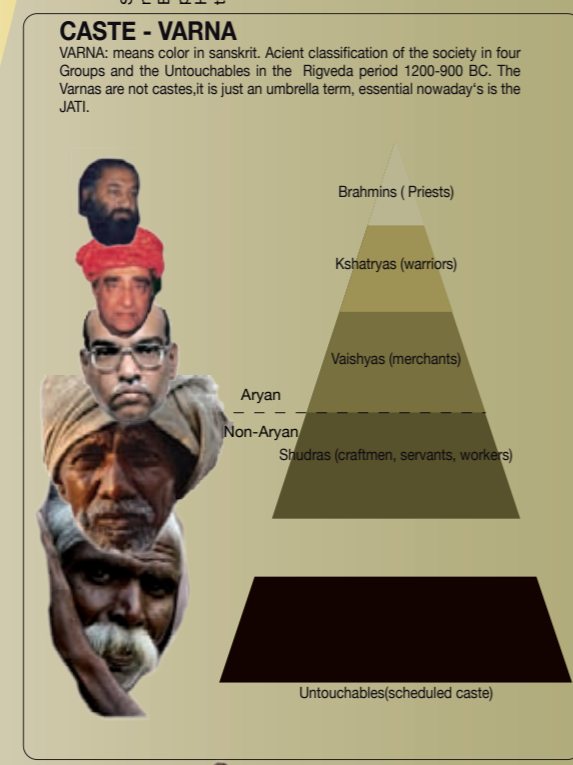
1946 Big Hindu- Muslim riots in Calcutta. 4000 people die  
**Partition riots Muslims have to abscond due to proscution. 500000 people die**



1980 Svetambara Jain Temple

1984 riots between Hindus and fundamenta: list Sikhs. Hindu violence against Sikhs

0.34 %  
 0.46 %  
 0.14  
 20.27 %



3300-1700 Indus Valley Civilisation by the Harraapan Culture  
 Arian migration into the north-west of india  
 Arian migration into the Ganges delta. Become new rulers. **Introduction of caste system**  
 Myth and knowledge gets written down: The vedas



**Kalighat Temple** is an important religious place for the followers of Hinduism. As per the legends, the different body parts of Sati fell on the earth at the time of self-sacrifice. It is believed that the right toe of Sati fell here and subsequently; the temple was erected to commemorate the Goddess. Goddess Kalika is the presiding deity in the Kalighat Temple.

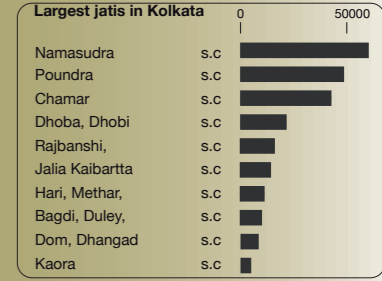


**CASTE - JATI**

jati	caste
gotra	clan
khodan vansham	lineage
kutumbh	joint family family

Marriage has to be inside jati  
 Marriage has to be outside the clan

**jati:** means birth, closed autonom group in society every caste has a rang in social hyrarchy certain religious, social & economic rules:  
 -social contacts are limited  
 -Endogamie  
 -Eating (Vegetarism,...& with whom)  
 -choice of profession



1809 Kail Temple, Kalighat Hindu Revivalism because of Christian Missionaries

1855 Dakshineswar Temple 1858 Shiva Mandir 1899 Belur Math Ramakrishna Temple



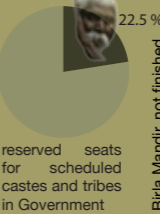
1920s Nimtala Burning Ghat

1918 Hindu- Muslim clash

1942 B.R. Ambedkar demands for reservations for the scheduled castes in gov. services and education

app. 2.5 Mio Hindu refugees from East-Bengal arrive in Kolkata

1947 B.R. Ambedkar gets chairman for drafting the Indian constitution



Birla Mandir, not finished

1980 Mandal Commission was founded to identify the backward classes and estimates it to 52% of Indian population, they recommend to increase the Quotas from 22% to 49.5%

reserved seats for scheduled castes and tribes and other backward Classes  
 1990 Madal commissiorf recommendations get implemented in Governement Jobs - nation wide protest  
 1996 Critique on Mandal Commission having estimated the Backward classes to high; quota remain.  
 2006 Reservations for OBC's in Central Government



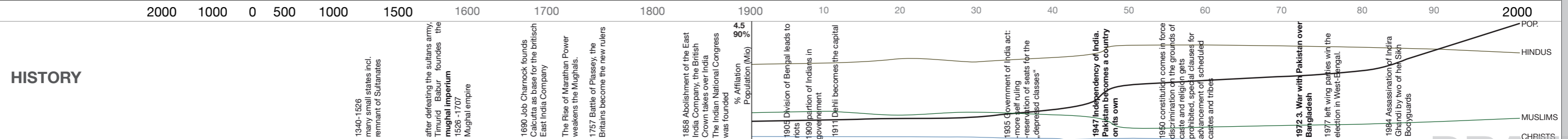
1724 The Armenian Church

1772 Old Mission Church 1787 St. Johns Church 1840 St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church 1849 St. Pauls Cathedral 1864 St. James Church



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1942 INC decides the „Quit India“ resolution wich asks the Britain to leave immediatly

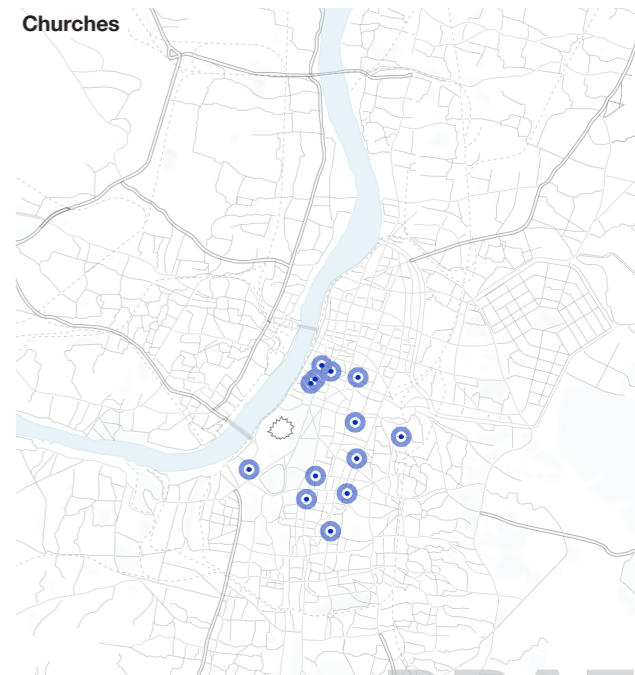
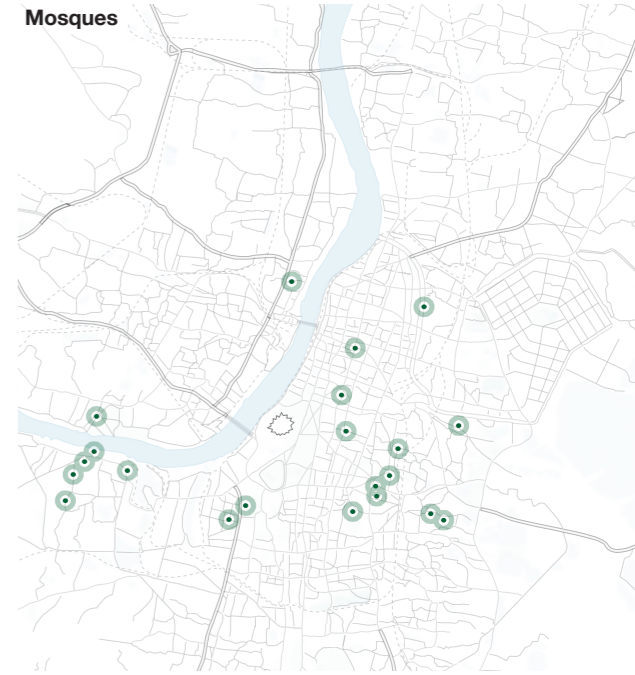
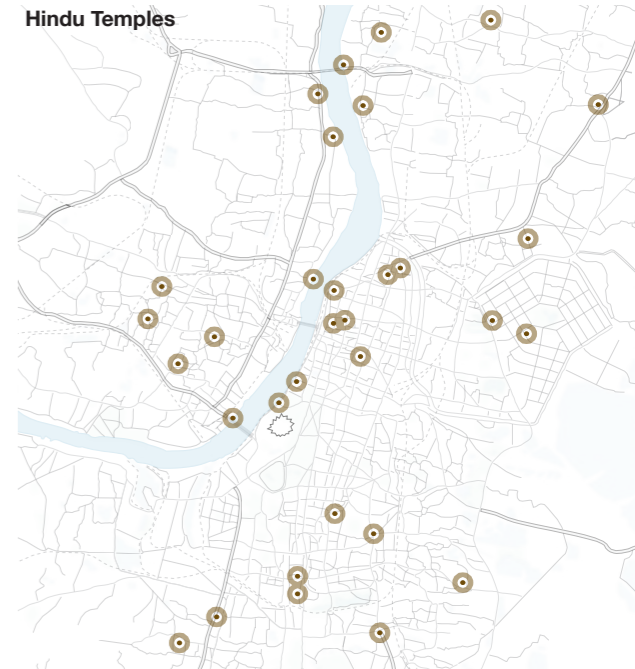
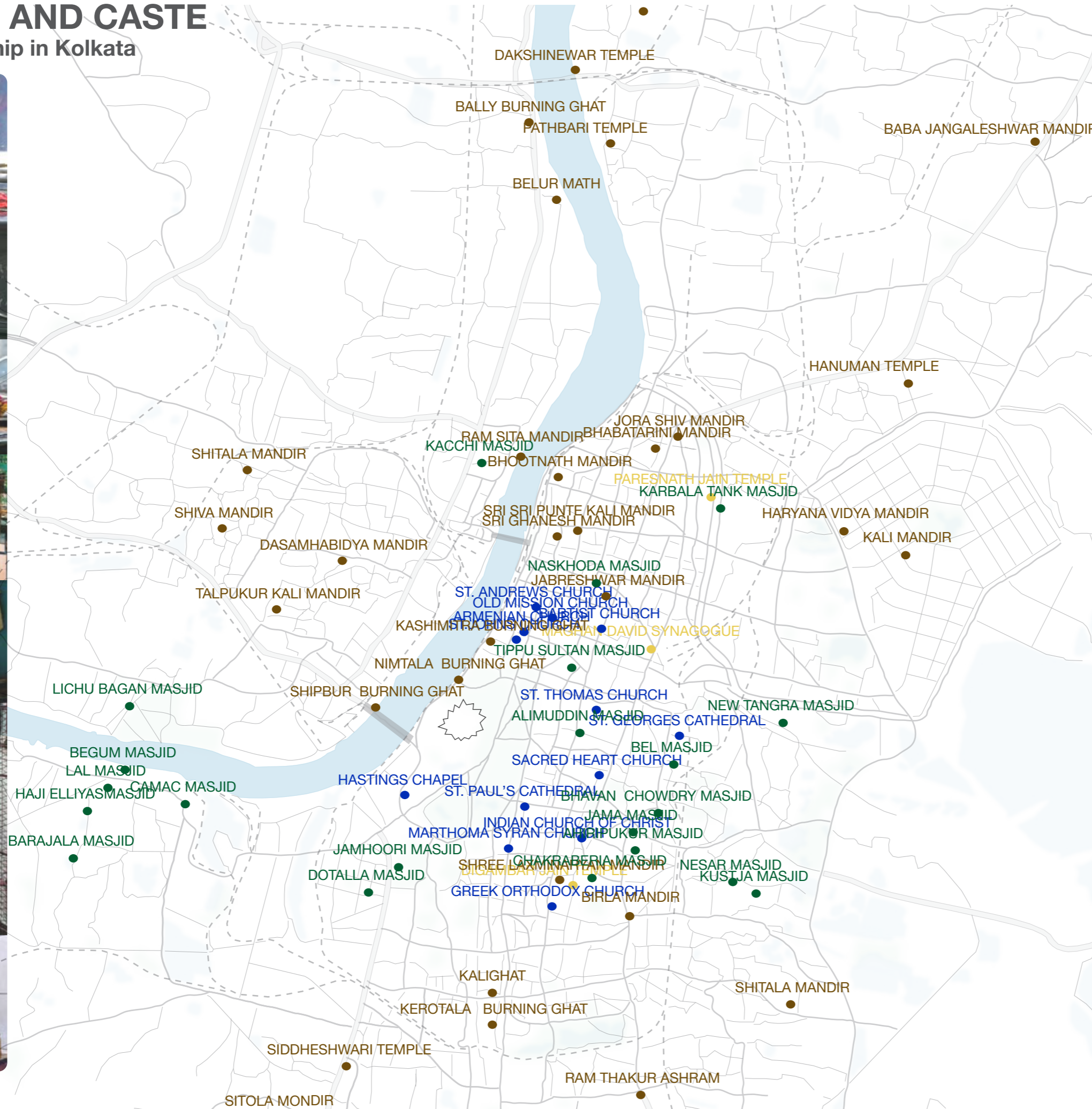


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## Places of Worship in Kolkata



"Daily Temples"



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