





WELCOME TO WCES-IAGES

20th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES 2024) International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES) 22nd Annual Conference of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES)

Venue: Biswa Bangla Convention Centre | Kolkata

Theme - Continuum of Surgery – Envision the Future

Minimal Access | Laparoscopic | Endoscopic | Robotic



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Industry Colleagues,

Namaste!

It is a moment of great pride for the Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) to be hosting the 20th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery (WCES) at Kolkata, India. It gives us immense pleasure to welcome you all to this flagship conference of the International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES). As we are all aware, the pandemic has created stress, brought anxiety and disrupted our meeting schedules for over the last 2 years. This has surely developed a gap in the knowledge and skill acquisition concerning our specialties. It is designed to provide academic activity of the highest order, comprising lectures, symposia and interactive sessions on cutting edge technological skill and training by reputed international and national faculty. The Organizing Committee is working tirelessly to put together a world class educational and scientific program for what will be an academic extravaganza replete with tasteful cuisine to tantalize your taste buds and a complete cultural fest. Kolkata is known for its literary, artistic and revolutionary heritage. As the former capital of India, it is the birthplace of modern Indian literary and artistic thought. Kolkata is called the "City of Furious, Creative Energy" as well as the "Cultural Capital of India". I believe, at this august gathering, we shall be ushered into another modern and exhilarating surgical paradigm. In this backdrop, the conference will allow all delegates to reflect upon and celebrate our past accomplishments, renew friendships, extend networks, and jointly explore current and future research directions. It will be both exciting and ground-breaking in its wide ranging and multidisciplinary content where we will reflect upon our visions, innovations and sustainable operating techniques for the future of surgery.

We wish to make WCES-IAGES 2024, Kolkata a truly unforgettable experience for all and we look forward to your active participation.

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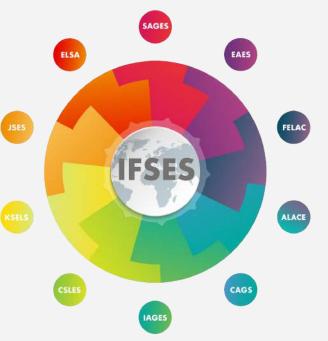
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery(WCES 2024), the flagship conference of International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES) in conjunction with the Annual Conference of Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo Surgeons (IAGES) is the conference of the decade in the field of Minimal Access & GI Endoscopic Surgery. It will indeed be a matter of great pride and immense pleasure for the distinguished surgeons from all over the world to attend this conference and disseminate knowledge, skill, training and make it an academic extravaganza. Happening for the first time in India we are sure that each participant of this congress will have a memorable experience of Incredible India.

ABOUT IFSES

International Federation of Societies of Endoscopic Surgeons (IFSES) was born in 1992 with the only mission the growth, future progress and spread of Minimally Access Surgery, World-Wide. This is not a Federation of Surgeons but of Surgical Societies whose members are Laparoscopic surgeons from all over the world.

The purpose of this Federation is to enhance and promote Endoscopic Surgery and Minimal Access Techniques by: serving as an International forum for the dis-evaluation, and dissemination of information pertaining to Endoscopic Surgery access techniques, IFSES is rich in the quality, capability, activity and culture of each one of its Member Societies and the ethical and professional excellence of its Corporate Members.



ABOUT IAGES

The Indian Association of Gastrointestinal Endo-Surgeons (IAGES) is an organization of surgeons formed to promote and spread the advancement of Endoscopic Surgery throughout India and beyond. The advancement and improvements in technology has resulted in significant changes in the surgical treatment of patients.

IAGES is a vibrant and prestigious association of more than 10000 life members. IAGES has been a leader in bringing numerous structured training programs in various areas of Minimal Access Surgery. IAGES has conducted 20+ national conferences and every year IAGES helds several fellowship programs that includes FIAGES, EFIAGES, FALS and FAGIE JMAS is the journal of IAGES and is getting more popular every year with a healthy impact factor.





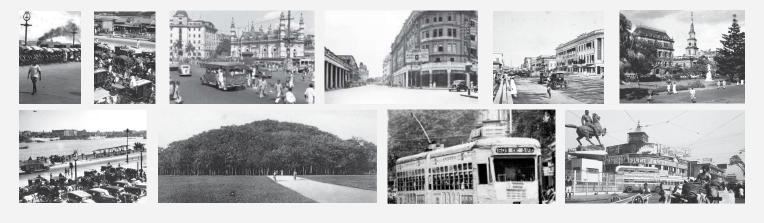
Where West Truly Encountered East!

Kolkata (Calcutta), beside the river Hugli grew into being the capital of India during the British Rule and the second capital city (after London) of the British Empire. Also, this city of palaces is known for its neoclassical mansions, as one gets to see an architectural mix of Palladian, Baroque, Rococo, Gothic, Hindu and Islamic. Kolkata's unique history and modern identity is reflected in its architecture, literature, cinema and music. Kolkata is home of extraordinary Indians such as Nobel Prize in literature - Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel Prize in Economic Science-Amartya Sen, Academy Awardee-Satyajit Ray.

Kolkata is the city of learning, The Visava Bharati (communion of the world with India) University was founded by Rabindranath Tagore in 1921, today is one of India's most renowned places of higher learning with a list of alumni that includes Nobel-winning economist Amartya Sen, globally renowned filmmaker Satyajit Ray and the country's leading art historian, R. Siva Kumar to name just a few.

Today Kolkata is the capital of the Indian state of West Bengal, it is also the modern India's cultural capital, city of artists, city of learning and books with the largest second hand book market in the world, largest book market in India and largest library in India, Second largest planetarium in the world, largest museum in India and largest botanical gardens (World's Largest Banyan tree in area covered which is 1250 years old) a Kolkata surely attracts the learned and historians.

Tourists get an experience of this multi cultured, multi religion, architectural retreat by joining the world famous heritage walks which covers through 8 cultures converging namely Armenian, Jewish, Chinese, Islamic, Jain, Buddhist coupled with the old influence of the Portuguese, the Scottish, the Greek and so on and are all found in a 2 km radius between Bow Barracks and Burra Bazaar area (CBD) of Kolkata. It is time for **west** to meet **east** in this world city.



ABOUT HOST VENUE

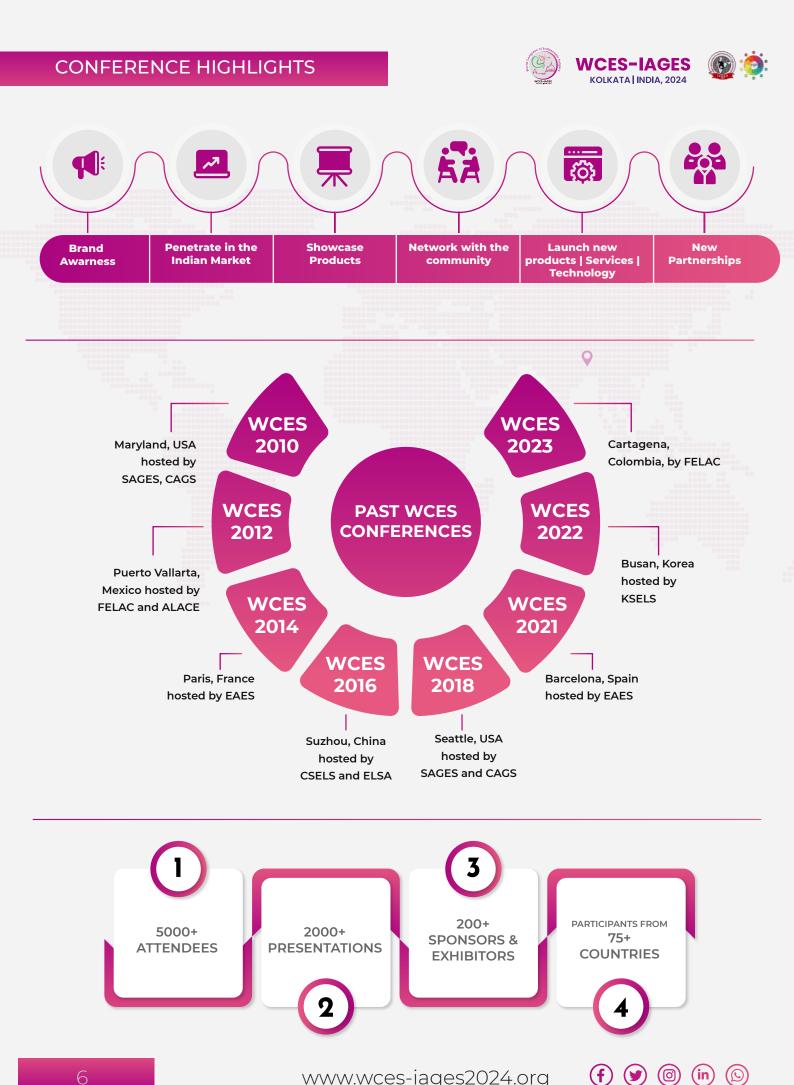
Biswa bangala is one of the largest convention centre in south Asia, which is erected on a ten-storeyed building with a convention hall, two auditoriums and four banquet cum exhibition hall for more than 5000 seating capacity, 1000 parking spaces, executive lounges, gymnasiums etc. The convention centre is spread over a built up area of 56932 sq meters and the addition of this world class infrastrucure has made Kolkata the most favourite desirable and destination for meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions (MICE).



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TRACK

- Upper GI
- Bariatric
- Breast
- Small bowel
- HBP
- Hernia
- Colorectal
- Thyroid and endocrine
- Thoracic
- Urology
- · Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Pediatric
- Acute Care Surgery and Trauma
- Miscellaneous
- · Abdominal wall Repair
- Robotics Surgery
- Emerging Technology

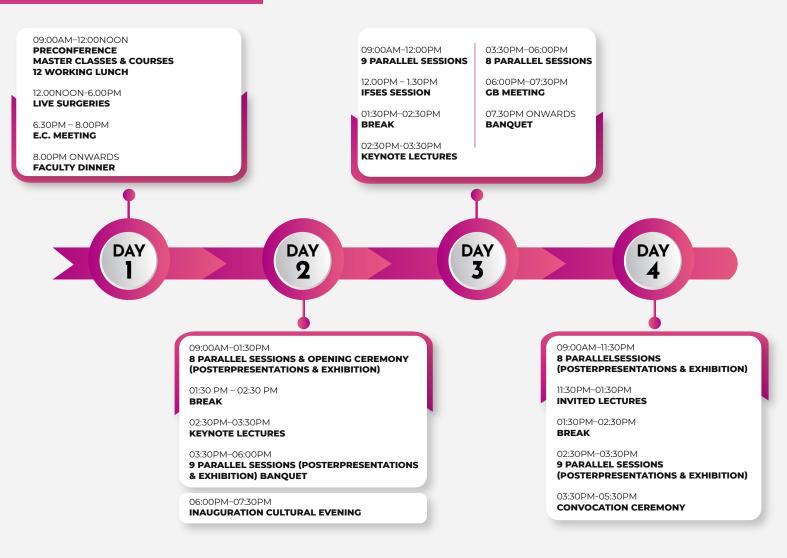
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- · Abdominal wall Repair
- Bariatric Surgery
- · Clinical Pathway
- Clinical Trials
- Complication
- · COVID-19
- Day Surgery
- Debates
- Education
- Endoscopy
- Energy Devices
- Engineering
- FRAS
- Guidelines

- Hands-on training
- Hernia
- Hybrid Surgery
- Image guided surgery
- Imaging
- Instruments & Equipments
- Indication
- Innovation
- MDT
- Medical Device Management
- Medical Economics
- Medical Materials
- Navigation Surgery
- Needlescopic Surgery
- Network
- NOTES
- Nutrition

- Operation Room
- Outcomes
- Precision Surgery
- · Reduced Port Surgery, Single Port Surgery
- Revision Surgery
- Robotic Surgery
- Soft Tissue Tumor (Sarcoma)
- · Surgical Skill Qualification
- Surgical Techniques
- Tips and Tricks
- Ultrasound
- Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Mixed Reality, 3D printing





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LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

1. Victoria Memorial

Spread over 57 acres of land, housing 21 lush green gardens, 28,394 artefacts, and 3,900 artistic paintings, the Victoria memorial is one of the best and romantic places to visit in Kolkata. Built in the memory of Queen Victoria, this white marble beauty is a host to 20 lakhs of annual visitors.

Location: Victoria Memorial Hall, 1, Queen's Way, Kolkata Timings: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.







2. Fort William

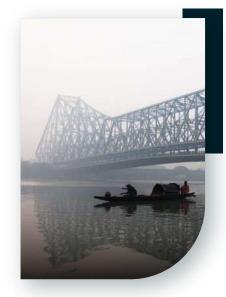
Situated on the eastern banks of the Hooghly river, Fort Williams is a huge building from the colonial era that has served multiple purposes to date. It is one of the few Kolkata points of interest which is a must-visit place during your Kolkata sightseeing tour. Known as the 'black hole of Calcutta', this place was once a temporary jail where prisoners were hauled, but now it serves as the headquarters of the Eastern Command.

Location: Fort William, Hastings, Kolkata Timings: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm

3. Howrah Bridge

A Kolkata sightseeing tour is truly incomplete without visiting the 'Harbour Bridge of India', the Howrah Bridge. Titled as the 'oldest but the busiest' place in Kolkata, the Howrah Bridge was built over the Hooghly river to ensure connectivity between the two major cities of Kolkata and Howrah. It is among the best places to visit in Kolkata in the evening where you can hang out with your friends and gaze out at the lit bridge sparkling in the dark.

Location: Jagannath Ghat, 1, Strand Road, Kolkata





4. Sundarbans

The most famous Kolkata tourist spot, Sunderbans is one of the natural wonders of the world. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sunderbans is a part of the world's largest delta formed by the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna. It is also the largest tiger reserve and national park in India. Other than wildlife, the Sunderbans are the epitome of breathtaking natural beauty and the most surreal landscapes which make them one of the best places to visit in Kolkata for couples.

Location: Dayapur, Gosaba, West Bengal Timings: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

LOCAL SIGHTSEEING



5. Rabindra Sarovar

Previously known as Dhakuria Lake, Rabindra Sarovar is an artificial lake in Kolkata. It is one of the best places to visit in Kolkata if you are looking for a quiet, and peaceful time. Every morning one would find numerous people jogging, or walking along the shores of the lake. It is also a perfect spot for nature admirers who wish to get close to the beauty of nature.

Location: Southern Avenue, Golpark, Tollygunge, Dhakuria, Lake Gardens, Kolkata





6. Alipore Zoo

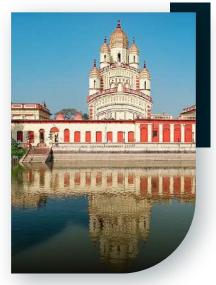
The Alipore Zoo is also sometimes called the Calcutta Zoo or the Zoological Garden of Alipore. It is India's oldest ever zoological park and surely one of the best places to visit in South Kolkata. Attracting wildlife enthusiasts and nature lovers from all over the country, it is immensely popular for once being the home of the 'Adwaita', the 250-year old Aldabra giant tortoise that had died in 2006. The many exotic animals living here include the Royal Bengal Tigers, white tigers, Asian elephants, one-horned rhinoceros, zebras, antelopes, and deer. Apart from these animals, the park is also home to bird species like Macaws, Swinhoe's Pheasant, Lorikeets, Lady Amherst's Pheasants, Ostriches, Emus, Hornbills, and even the Sarus Cranes that migrate here during winters. A sheer delight for families travelling to Kolkata, this park and its numerous wild animals always manage to bring a smile on the faces of youngsters and children.

Location: Belvedere Road, Lake Place, Alipore, Kolkata Timings: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed on Thursday)

7. Dakshineswar Kali Temple

Located in the Dakshineswar town of Kolkata, the Dakshineswar Kali Temple is a popular pilgrimage site dedicated to Goddess Kali. It is one of the must-visit places to visit in Kolkata in one day as one cannot afford to miss out on this architectural masterpiece which is also considered one of the holiest places in the city. It is also surrounded by some of the best cafes in Kolkata.

Location: Dakshineswar, Kolkata Timings: 6:00 am to 12:30 pm and3:00 pm to 8:30 pm





8. Kalighat Kali Temple

Seek blessings from Goddess Kali during your trip to Kolkata when you visit the mystical Kali Temple. It is one of the best places to visit in Kolkata to get familiar with the culture, traditions, and religious beliefs of the people of this beautiful city.

Location: Anami Sangha, Kalighat, Kolkata Timings: 5:00 am to 2:00 pm, and 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm

LOCAL SIGHTSEEING

9. St. Paul's Cathedral

Known for its Gothic style of architecture, St. Paul's Cathedral is the largest cathedral in Kolkata. Resembling closely to Norwich Cathedral, St Paul's Cathedral is also one of the best places to visit in Kolkata for people seeking a religious tour.

Location: Maidan, Kolkata

Timings: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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10. Park Street

Park Street is a street in Kolkata that is well-known for shopping. From food to traditional saris, there's no dearth of things to buy in Kolkata. Some of the most awesome things to buy in Kolkata include Dokra and paper mâché masks. The best time to visit this street is around Christmas to witness the beautiful decorations.

Location: Central Kolkata, Kolkata District, West Bengal. Timings: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm

11. New Market

The New Market is one of the most renowned and oldest markets in Kolkata. It has more than 2,000 shopping stalls selling all kinds of items. If you want to buy sarees for your loved one, then this is the market where you will find a wide range of varieties, including the famed Jamdani, Tant, Tasar Silk and of course all from across India. If you are there in the evening, don't miss the handcrafted jewelry and handbags. However, you have to hone up your bargaining skills to get a better deal. If you fall short of calories, New Market is a perfect place for a gastronomic ride.

Location: Lindsay Street

What To Buy: You can buy clothes, jewelry, bags, and household items Timings: Monday to Friday from 10 am to 8 pm





12. Bara Bazar

Bara Bazar is known for its vast collection of ethnic wear such as sarees, lehengas, salwar suits, etc. You will also find many vendors selling exquisite imitation jewelry at the most affordable prices. If you have an upcoming wedding in the family, hit the streets of Bara Bazar right now.

Address: Barabazar Market, Kolkata Nearest Metro Station: M.G. Road Key Attractions: Ethnic wear, household essentials, spices, festive decorations, puja items

DAY TRIPS IN KOLKATA







DT 1: City of Joy experience, a full day tour of Kolkata

Experience the best of Kolkata with this full-day tour of the city. You'll get to see many of the so-called City of Joy's greatest buildings and attractions, including the Victoria Memorial, St John's Church, the 18th-century Writers Building and the 19th-centry Shaheed Minar, as well as the oldest museum in India. You'll finish your tour with a three-hour cruise on the Hooghly River, a distributary of the Ganges.





DT 2: Day trip from Kolkata to Bishnupur for Terracotta Temples and Silk

Stray from the beaten path and see a different side of India on a day trip to Bishnupur from Kolkata. A great choice for travelers that have already ticked off Kolkata's top sights, this tour lets you avoid the hassle of advance planning, and transports you to lesser-known attractions such as the 17th-century terracotta temples of the Malla Kingdom.

DT 3: Day Trip to Taj Mahal and Agra from Kolkata (With Both Side Commercial Flights)

There's no need to miss a trip to India's Taj Mahal when you're in Kolkata. This private full-day tour makes it as easy as possible to check out Agra's UNESCO-listed, 17th-century wonder, with return Kolkata-Delhi flights, private Delhi-Agra return road transport, and a private guide to show you and provide insight into the multi-domed tomb. An optional Agra Fort visit, Agra shopping time, and Kolkata hotel transfers, make the day extra enjoyable.





DT 4:

2 days tour of Murshidabad from Kolkata (In private car about the great betrayal)

History enthusiasts will enjoy this two-day tour from Kolkata to Murshidabad, the old capital of Bengal. Learn all about the layers of history in this beautiful city and listen to your guide's fascinating stories. Visit the site of the Battle of Plassey, the grand Imambara, the beautiful Palace of a Thousand Doors, and more. Go at your own pace as this is a private tour.

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DT 5: 7 Days Nepal Package From Kolkata

Nepal is one of the best value destinations to travel in Asia surrounded by the majestic Himalayas. The Nepal tour package from Kolkata gives a chance to all the travelers to spend some time amidst the beautiful environs of the Himalayan valleys. Nepal is altogether a perfect getaway destination for travelers, tourists, couples, family, and friends. The best time to visit Nepal is considered to be between March to may and September to November. However, some tourist also chooses to visit it in the summer months. The time of your availing a Kolkata to Nepal holiday tour package depends upon your choice of experiences. While the summer months ensure that you experience everything in a lush natural glory, the winters here are for the travelers who want to experience the snow and indulge in adventurous activities that are best enjoyed during this weather.



DT 6: Special Uttarakhand Tour Package From Kolkata 6 Days & 5 Nights

Uttrakhand is one of the most beautiful hill stations in India with numbers of sightseeing places such as Nainital, Almora, Kausani, and Ranikhet. These all are the dream travel destinations for many as it gives real pleasure to eyes, heart as well as touches the soul. The splendid beauty of Jim Corbett National Park which is rich in flora and fauna is the place you will visit in Kerala. Jim Corbett is renowned for its Bengal tigers, elephants, and birdlife.

DT 7: Ecstatic Shimla 4 Night 5 Day Tour Package

Explore the former summer capital of the British in India at its best with an ecstatic 5 nights 6 days Shimla tour package. Enabling a traveler to relish the lush green hills with snow-capped peaks, one can witness the amalgamation of the Himachali and British traditions, capture a glimpse of the British architecture, and savour the taste of authentic Himachali food with a Shimla sightseeing package. This package also includes a road trip from Delhi to Shimla.



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Transport in Kolkata

Kolkata, the land of Tagore and Mother Teresa has been gifted with many descriptions in the history. From recounting the city as the'City of Joy'to the 'Jewel in The Crown of the British Raj'.

Kolkata has developed as the cultural center of India and is considered as a principal commercial center of East India.

Road Network in Kolkata

Kolkata with its extensive road network connects to regional roads, State Highways, countrywide roads. The arterial road network is supportive in handling heavy traffic in the metropolitan area of Kolkata, as most of the arterial roads are undivided 4 lane roads.

Taxis in Kolkata

Taxis in Kolkata are perfect for traveling to places of interest, sightseeing, airport hauling and more. Yellow colored taxis are famous for their look and services. You can hire then to travel in comfort to the important places in the city.



Rickshaws and Auto-Rickshaws in Kolkata

Hand-pulled rickshaws are popular mode of traveling and transportation in Kolkata. Unlike other parts of the country where you can find cycle rickshaws, in Kolkata you will come across rickshaws pulled by men. These hand pulled rickshaws are not allowed to ply over main roads of Kolkata.



Bus Services in Kolkata

The bus transit system is the most important mode of mass transportation in the city. There are several bus service providers, both in public and private sectors. The Calcutta State Transport Corporation (CSTC), South Bengal State Transport Corporation (SBSTC) and North Bengal State Transport Corporation (NBSTC) are public bus service providers.



Metro Rail in Kolkata

Kolkata Metro rail is the first urban mass transit system in India. The project was conceived in 1969 and came into existence in February, 1979. The first Metro train came into operation on 24th October, 1984 and ran between Esplanade and Bhowanipur spanning a stretch of 3.4 kms.

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Tram in Kolkata

Tram in Kolkata was introduced almost 125 years ago. During those days it was driven by horses. Slowly it underwent change and was powered by steam locomotives followed by electricity. Kolkata tram services is one of its kind in India.

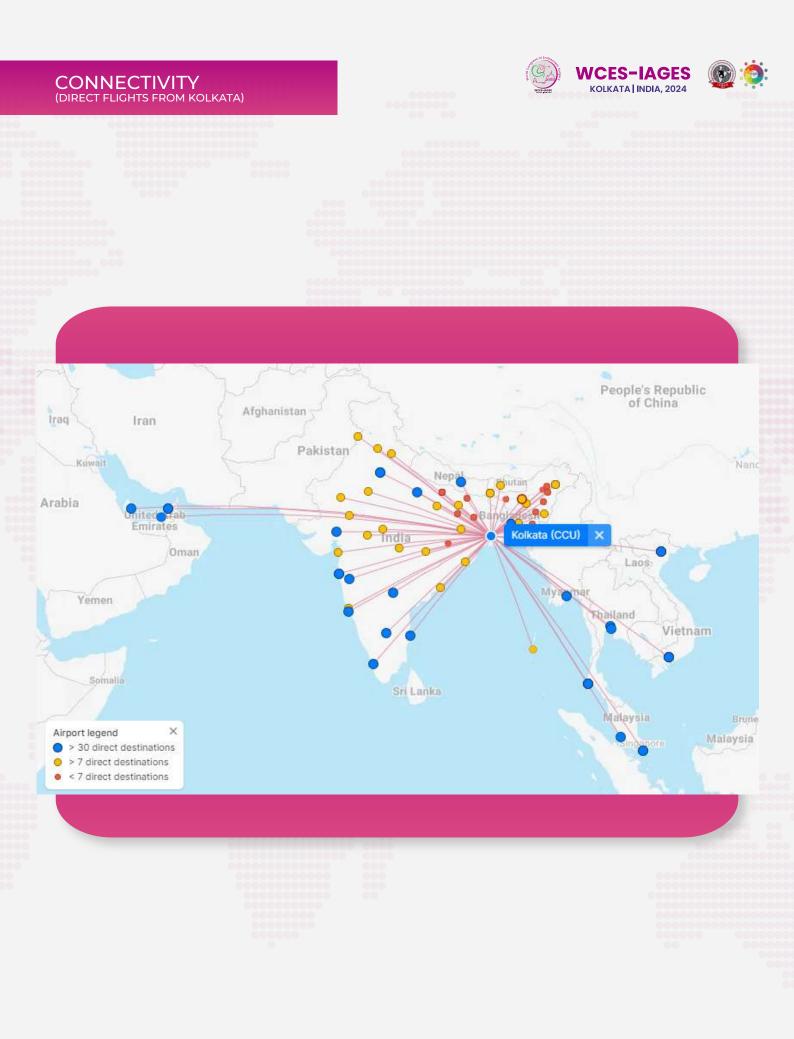
Rail Transport in Kolkata

The city has a robust railway network. It is well-connected to the rest of India by extensive railway network. It is a headquarter of two divisions of the Indian railways - the South Eastern Railway and the Eastern Railway.



Airport in Kolkata

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport (IATA: CCU, ICAO: VECC) is an international airport located in Kolkata, West Bengal, India, serving the Kolkata Metropolitan Area and is the aviation hub for eastern and northeastern India. It is located approximately 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) from the city centre













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REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS



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IAGES Member	₹25,000	₹30,000	₹36,000
IAGES Non Member	₹31,250	₹37,500	₹45,000
P G Student (India)	₹11,875	₹14,250	₹17,100
Accompanying person (India)	₹8,750	₹10,500	₹12,600
Others (Technician/ nurses)	₹7,500	₹9,000	₹10,800
IFSES Member (International)	\$500	\$600	\$720
IFSES Non Member (International)	\$719	\$863	\$1,035
P G Student (International)	\$313	\$375	\$450
Accompanying Person (International)	\$188	\$225	\$270

Above mentioned rates are inclusive of 18% GST

Bank Account DETAILS

NEFT & RTGS details of WCES 2024 Kolkata						
Account Name: WCES2024 IFSC CODE: HDFC0001923	A/C No: 50100453658379 Name of Bank: HDFC BANK	Branch: KASBA, KOLKATA				
I am enclosing herewith a Cheque/ d	emand draft no					
of Rs) only drawn on bank) the favour of "WCES 2024" payable at Kasba Kolkata.						

Above mentioned rates are inclusive of 18% GST

Date		Signature
Cancellation & Refue • All cancellation should be made • Cancellations received till 31st De • Cancellations received till 31st Ma • No refund for cancellation made • The refund process will begin on Please send duly filled Registration in favour of "WCES 2024" payable	For office use only Receipt No Registration No	
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