Healthcare system and way of distribution

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Secondary
Primary
Urban
Semi-Urban
Rural

MAIN FACILITIES
Bell Vue Clinic
Neoia Women & Child Care Centre
TRX General Hospital
Prijamuda Birla Aarved Eye Hosp.
Mission of Mercy Hospital
Subodh Mitra Cancer Hospital
West Bank Hospital
Gupta Medicares
Ramana The Chemist
Adeline Medical Stores
Sea Angel Medical
Blue Print Centre
Angel Drug Centre
Ray Medicals & Clinic

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EDUCATION IN KOLKATA

FACTS

Nowadays Kolkata is a bright name in the field of education and can surely be called the intellectual heart of India. It is the birthplace of geniuses like Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar and Keshab Chandra Sen, whose names have been imprinted in the history of Indian education forever. They are part of the extended process developed from the beginning cohesive to the British imperialism that brought the concept of western education. The city follows an 10+2+3 education plan. A number of institutions attained meanwhile a level of international reputation.

There are schools offering free elementary education to the children belonging to the lower economic classes are also taking care of other needs like food and clothing. They provide them with midday meals and school dresses with initiatives like the “Shikhshalaya Prakatip.” Street children are empowered through special programs by rehabilitation and skill-training. To secure education also for girls there are non-formal-education programs reserved for them only and special institutions like Women’s Colleges. Speaking generally, Kolkata makes great efforts to make education accessible also for the non-privileged in the society. Lately, participating in distance education systems is gaining popularity among students. This is offered by the Open Universities and hereby they allow students the flexibility of choosing a variety of programmes and completing them at their own pace.

As a result of the high high education standard of Kolkata has cultivated a number a Nobel Prize winners, authors, scholars, social reformers, freedom fighters, business tycoons and scientists. The English Medium schools are affiliated to:

1. Medicine
2. Engineering
3. Management
4. Astronomy
5. Biotechnology

The University of Calcutta has eight faculties - Agriculture; Arts, Commerce, Social Welfare & Business Management; Education, Journalism and Library Science; Engineering & Technology; Fine Arts, Music and Dance; Science; and Medicine. According to the Times Higher Education - World University Rankings for the year 2007, CU was ranked between 401 - 500, among the world's top 500 universities.

The British rule destroys traditional indigenous education system

In the 50s, the expenditures on education are almost ten times. The responsibility is now on the states and the central government.

Education system

Top FIVE Fields of study

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2. Engineering
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4. Astronomy
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