



## Fort Williams Renamed as Vijay Durg

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**Fort William**, the Indian Army's Eastern Command HQ in Kolkata, has been renamed **Vijay Durg** to remove colonial imprints. It is named after **Maharashtra's oldest Sindhudurg fort**, a former **Maratha naval base under Chhatrapati Shivaji**.

- Other changes include renaming **Kitchener House**, inside the fort to **Manekshaw House** and **St. George's Gate** to **Shivaji Gate**.

### About Fort Williams:

- The fort is **located in Kolkata on the eastern banks of the Hooghly River** and was originally **named after King William III of England**.
  - The original fort was built by the British in **1696** under **Sir John Goldsborough** and **completed in 1706**.
  - It was damaged during the **Siege of Calcutta (1756)** when **Siraj-ud-Daulah defeated the British**.
  - After the **[Battle of Plassey \(1757\)](#)**, **Robert Clive rebuilt** it at a new location between **1758 and 1781**.
- **Significance:**
  - Site of the **[Black Hole of Calcutta incident](#)** (1756).
  - It houses a war **memorial** with artifacts from the **[1971 Indo-Pak War](#)** and **[Bangladesh Liberation War](#)**.

### Other Similar Renamings:

- Renaming **[Rajpath to Kartavya Path](#)** and **[Port Blair to Sri Vijaya Puram](#)**.
- The Indian Navy adopted a **new ensign, removing colonial symbols** (2022).

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