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■ **CARVING CALCUTTA: SPACE, ECONOMY AND LAW IN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY BENGAL** (Orient BlackSwan, ₹1,135) *by Kaustubh Mani Sengupta* aims to offer a new perspective on viewing the East India Company's



foundation in Calcutta. The exploration of the shifting nature of Bengal's rivers and how it affected the regional ports is especially interesting.