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## 章节摘录

From June to September Kolkata can get torrential rains . During my stay it once rained for about 48 hours . Entire neighborhoods couldnt be reached by motorized vehicles , and the newspapers showed pictures of rickshaws being pulled through water that was up to the pullers waists . When its raining , the normal customer base for rickshaw pullers expands greatly , as does the price of a journey . A writer in Kolkata told me , "When it rains , even the governor takes rickshaws . "While I was in Kolkata , a magazine called India Today published its annual ranking of Indian states, according to such measurements as prosperity and infrastructure . Among Indias 20 largest states , Bihar finished dead last, as it has for four of the past five years . Bihar , a few hundred miles north of Kolkata , is where the vast majority of rickshaw pullers come from . Once in Kolkata , they sleep on the street or in their rickshaws or in a dera—a combination of garage and repair shop and dormitory managed by someone called a sardar . For sleeping privileges in a dera , pullers pay 100 rupees(about\$2 . 50)a month , which sounds like a pretty good deal until youve visited a dera . They gross between 100 and 150 rupees a day , out of which they have to pay 20 rupees for the use of the rickshaw and an occasional 75 or more for a payoff if a policeman stops them for , say , crossing a street where rickshaws are prohibited . A 2003 study found that rickshaw pullers are near the bottom of Kolkata occupations in income , doing better than only the beggars . For someone without land or education, that still beats trying to make a living in Bihar . There are people in Kolkata , particularly educated and politically aware people , who will not ride in a rickshaw , because they are offended by the idea of being pulled by another human being or because they consider it not the sort of thing people of their station do or because they regard the hand-pulled rickshaw as a relic of colonialism . Ironically , some of those people are not enthusiastic about banning rickshaws . The editor of the editorial pages of Kolkatas Telegraph-Rudrangshu Mukherjee , a former academic who still writes history books—told me , for instance , that he sees humanitarian considerations as coming down on the side of keeping hand-pulled rickshaws on the road . "I refuse to be carried by another human being myself , "he said , "but I question whether we have the right to take away their livelihood . "Rickshaw supporters point out that when it comes to demeaning occupations , rickshaw pullers are hardly unique in Kolkata . When I asked one rickshaw puller if he thought the governments plan to rid the city of rickshaws was based on a genuine interest in his welfare , he smiled , with a quick shake of his head—a gesture I interpreted to mean, "If you are so naive as to ask such a question , I will answer it , but it is not worth wasting words on . "Some rickshaw pullers I met were resigned to the imminent end of their livelihood and pin their hopes on being offered something in its place . As migrant workers , they dont have the political clout enjoyed by , say , Kolkatas sidewalk hawkers , who , after supposedly being scaled back at the beginning of the modernization drive,still clog the sidewalks , selling absolutely everything or , as I found during the 48 hours of rain , absolutely everything but umbrellas . &hellip;&hellip;

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