S.I. Te HIST/GEOG
MUMBAI TRIP

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Objectives

- To provide S.I. OIB candidates with realistic experience and exposure to key themes and issues of the Geography syllabus of Mumbai as a global megacity in the nation-state of India, an emerging economy in the so-called BRICS group of nations.
- To provide S.I. OIB candidates with hands-on experience and exposure to an NGO, one that is working with international aid groups that focuses on the empowerment of women as a key to sustainable development, which will in turn provide candidates with meaningful volunteer experience to enhance their university applications.
- To see evidence of British colonialism and culture in India, and to cross-reference with the S.I. OIB Literature synoptic topic of Post-Colonial Literature.
1.1 Development: Critically evaluate some of the measures and indices of social and economic inequality.

At Dharavi, before our tour. Dharavi is a locality in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. It is considered one of the largest slums in Asia. Dharavi is one of the most densely populated areas in the world.
1.3 The role of international aid, trade and other factors in international development.

Srujna is an NGO based out of Mumbai’s Kandivli suburb. We were able to participate in their 10th anniversary celebration and assist in handing out awards and achievement certificates.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg-SL7RHQ1o
1.3 Critically evaluate different types of aid; eg. NGO’s, impact of empowerment of women in sustainable development.

“Srujna is a not-for-profit which aims at financial independence of women in poverty. We believe that this is the first step to empowerment. We work on a self employment model where we train women in various crafts, provide them with business assistance and a market. We are working with 800 women in Mumbai, Navi Mumbai and Thane Districts in Maharashtra.”
We were welcomed with incredible warmth and hospitality by the members of SRUJNA.
The local community came out to support SRUJNA in their 10-year celebration. Handmade crafts were on display, the work of local women trained in entrepreneurship by this NGO.
Zoe presented our gift of boxes of Arabic sweets.
Local newspapers and television channels reported on the celebration ceremony and our participation in it. Our S.I. Te students were enthusiastic participants, developing rapport with the community members and NGO officials, and in general were excellent representatives of LFIGP.
1.4 Regional disparities in social and economic development.

Owned by India’s richest man, Mukesh Ambani, the 400,000-square-foot Antilia on Mumbai’s Cumballa Hills is situated in one of the world’s most expensive addresses—Altamount Road. The building comes with 27 floors, replete with extra-high ceilings. Every floor is equivalent to an average two-storey building’s floor. In fact, Antilia can survive an earthquake of magnitude 8 on the Richter scale. India’s most expensive house also has six dedicated floors for cars, including Ambani’s INR 5 crore Mercedes Maybach.

*How do nations incentivize the creation of wealth? What causes underdevelopment and disparity in wealth?*
2.1 Show the challenges megacities face and evaluate attempted solutions

Spending hours in Mumbai traffic helped us to understand the spatial layout of this global megacity, and evaluating the strategies we could see it was employing in facing its challenges of transportation, waste collection, water and food safety, to name a few.
Literature: PostColonial Synoptic Topic

The train station formerly known as Victoria Terminus, built to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria. It is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
At left, the dabbawala home cooked lunchbag delivery system, a unique feature of Mumbai. Above, at Lion Gate historical marker.
Traveling by ferry to Elephanta Island in the Mumbai Harbor, to visit the Hindu temple caves.
At Bollywood.
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