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## Mumbai–The Gateway of India

### Lesson Plan

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- Climatic Conditions
- Government Offices
- People – their Languages and Traditions
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#### Objectives

- Learning about the location, extent, background and importance of Mumbai.
- Its climatic conditions
- Government Offices in Mumbai
- Life of people in Mumbai – their traditions, languages, food, etc.
- Tourist attractions in Mumbai – places, institutions, monuments, places of worship, etc.
- Major Industries – centre of trade and industry in India
- Transportation – local, national and international
- Educational and Research institutions, etc.

#### Teacher's Aids

- Map and atlases
- Pictures, internet

#### Tips for Teacher

- Share pictures and stories about the various places and people and institutions of Mumbai

## /// Gear Up, Background and Reading

- ▶ In Gear Up, the answers to the four pictures are: 1. BATATA VADA 2. BHEL PURI 3. MODAK 4. PAO BHAJI
- ▶ Read the lesson and points to remember aloud and explain.
- ▶ Mumbai – capital of Maharashtra, earlier called Bombay – western coast, facing Arabian Sea – one of the largest cities – busiest airport.
- ▶ Initially seven fishing islands where Koli fishermen lived – patron goddess: Mumba Devi – hence named Mumbai – British connected the islands – developed city of Mumbai – now an important centre of trade, commerce and industry.

## /// Climatic conditions

- ▶ Moderate – neither hot in summer, nor cold in winter – because of Arabian Sea influence – heavy rainfall in June, July and August.

## /// Government Offices

- ▶ State Government offices of Maharashtra – Governor, Chief Minister, other ministers and senior officers
- ▶ Public services looked after by Mumbai Municipal Corporation.

## /// People's life and traditions

- ▶ Mostly from Maharashtra – many from other states work and settled here – each follow their own traditions.
- ▶ Languages: Marathi, Konkani, Gujarati, Hindi, English and Urdu
- ▶ Festivals: Diwali and Ganesh Chaturthi; Parsis : Navroz
- ▶ Food: Bhelpuri, panipuri, vada pav, pao bhaji.
- ▶ Tourists from all over the world – important landmark – Gateway of India – statues of Shivaji and Swami Vivekananda near it.

## /// Tourist Attractions

- ▶ Gateway of India, Marine Drive, Kamala Nehru Park, Jehangir Art Gallery, Taraporevala Aquarium, Essel World, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Victoria Gardens, Chowpatty, Juhu, Versova beaches, Taj Mahal Hotel, Elephanta Caves, Siddhivinayak Temple, Haji Ali Dargah, St Thomas Cathedral, Mumba Devi Temple, etc.

## /// Major Industries

- ▶ Factories – producing textiles, garments, oils, chemicals, medicines, electrical and electronic goods, cosmetics, etc.
- ▶ Films and TV serials produced; IT industry fast developing.
- ▶ Petroleum found under seabed – in Arabian Sea – Mumbai High – important oilfield – Sagar Samrat fitted to take out petroleum.

## /// **Transportation**

- ▶ Network of local transport – buses and trains – Metro
- ▶ Connected to rest of India through road, rail and airways
- ▶ First train in India: Mumbai to Thane 1853 – most popular station: Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus
- ▶ Bandra-Worli Sea Link: opened in 2010 : bridge across the sea.

## /// **Educational & Research Institutions**

- ▶ First atomic power plant – Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Trombay
- ▶ Tata Institute of Fundamental Research [TIFR]
- ▶ Indian Institute of Technology [IIT], etc.