



ECONOMICS OF MOVING TO ANOTHER CITY FOR FURTHER STUDIES

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ABSTRACT

Mumbai (also known as Bombay, the official name until 1995), is the capital city of the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is not only the commercial capital of India, but also one of the top ten centers of commerce in terms of global financial flow. It is the second most populated city in the world, with an estimated population of about 20.7 million. If the commercial aspect is kept aside, the city of Mumbai is also referred to as “city that never sleeps”, “the city of dreams” and “the land of opportunities”. This city can be a hard taskmaster but the rewards are as good as they get. It provides ample opportunities for everyone.

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INTRODUCTION

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AIM OF THE RESEARCH

The aim of this research is to know the situation of outstation students studying in Mumbai. To know this a separate questionnaire was prepared, it was then sent to students to answer. Since, the data is been given by students themselves it is quite reliable and is not affected by personal biases.

INFORMATION COLLECTED BASED ON PRIMARY STUDY

OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities of living in Mumbai for outstation students particularly highlights the fact that why people prefer to come and study in Mumbai when compared with any other place. The major points among them are:

Food:-

The city is known for its distinctive street foods. Although street food is common all over India, street food in Mumbai is noted because people from all economic classes eat on the roadside almost round the clock and it is sometimes felt that the taste of street food is better than restaurants in the city.

Vada pav is noted as the most popular street food in Mumbai. Other noted street food in Mumbai include Panipuri, bhelpuri, sevpuri, dahipuri, sandwiches,



ragda-pattice, pavbhaji, Chinese bhel, idlies and dosas, all of which are vegetarian. Non vegetarian items are also found in bulk.

A person coming from outstation always prefer a place with good food. And Mumbai satisfies that condition completely. Since Mumbai is the second most populous city in the world, it provides food for all the sections of the society!

Haven for shopaholics:-

The city of dreams is an absolute shoppers delight. There are hordes of designer shops and malls but there are various markets also that make shopping all the more exciting. With superb bargaining tactics and little bit of research, shopping in Mumbai is something everyone would love!

This is an advantage as any need can be fulfilled at a reasonable price. People have their shops on streets and sell goods which are of good quality and comparatively cheaper price. It is quite economical so middle class people can afford it and can take their necessary items from here.

Offers many courses:-

Mumbai "the city of dreams" on the other hand offers many courses which are only taught by Mumbai University in India.

This is another advantage as there are some courses which are only taught in Mumbai when it comes to India. The special courses like BFM, BMS, BMM are only taught in Mumbai university. People come from so many places in Mumbai for these courses.

According to recent study out of all the outstation students studying in Mumbai approximately 50% of the students are particularly from Rajasthan!

Safety aspect:-

This is the main reason why girls are not sent out for studies. This is 21st century but still maximum people in India don't allow girls to study out due to safety factors.

Mumbai gets full points for this. The city is from one of the most secure place in India. Even women can do night shifts in their jobs. This is because of proper availability of transport and policemen at night. Women are guarded by the policemen in the local trains and at roads even at night. This makes Mumbai even safer.

Sources of entertainment:-

Unlimited fun, frolic and gaiety has been quite popular among the outstation students. As along with studies proper source of entertainment is also required.

Since Mumbai is one of the metropolitan cities, of India, it has all the ways to entertain the youth of the

country, from a simple park to high profiled clubs. It also showcases the cultural classical strains of India with its live shows and concerts.

Best options for coaching:-

Students coming from outstations in Mumbai generally don't find any problems in studies because Mumbai provides one of the best studies and coaching in India.

The best part is coaching is provided at timings that is suitable for the student, because some work part time along with attending colleges so time is arranged according to student's convenience.

Friendly people:-

Mumbai has a variety of people, majority of people living in Mumbai are really friendly. It is easy to make friends in this city. Although people here are always in a rush but when it comes to 'HELPING OTHERS', They do it with all their hearts.

No local language:-

Mumbai is the second most populated city in the world. People with all castes, religions, languages live here which shows a great diversity. A person coming from an outstation doesn't need to know a particular language. Communication can be done in Hindi or in English too. This is because students from foreign countries come in Mumbai to study, this makes communication easier for them.

CHALLENGES

Mumbai is at the same time a difficult city to live in. An outstation student coming to Mumbai has to confront the following difficult situations:

Traffic:-

The sheer number of people on the streets, the honking and the pollution are all part of Mumbai. The people travelling by road rarely reach on time because distance is too much. The Mumbai police announced several measures, including fine system and 200 digital billboards, to provide live traffic updates to motorists. The initiatives were announced at the launch of the Mumbai police traffic app that motorists can download on cell-phones for interaction with the police and real-time updates on traffic.

The infrastructural development of roads in Mumbai is not that good when compared to the number of vehicles that are rolling out there in the city. There is a bumper traffic on most of the important roads. Usually travelling by private vehicles takes time more than half an hour.

Local transport is daunting:-

Mumbai has the largest organised bus transport network among major Indian cities. Getting into trains during peak hours is a difficult task. People already are hanging out of the doors of the moving train. The local transport in Mumbai is not actually in the bad condition, it is the population of passengers which makes it pathetic particularly during peak hours.

Proper accommodation:-

This is probably one of the biggest problem for an outstation student. Property rates in Mumbai are the highest in the country. According to recent survey it was found that Mumbai ranks fifth most expensive city in the world to buy/ rent a house.

Since the property rates are so high it is not possible for everyone to afford luxurious apartments. People taking flats on rent also have to give a handsome amount of money to the landlords. This is an issue because every month a big sum of money is not that easy for everyone to afford and a student still studying can't pay off such expenses on his own.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

The accommodation challenges for outstation students can be reduced by providing some more hostels and paying guest accommodation in Mumbai. Even government can help by opening some more government hostels in which accommodation is provided to the needy ones, particularly for girls. This will be the major step as the places for accommodation for outstation students will considerably increase.

Travelling:-

Modes of transport	Responses	Analysis
Rail	40	The maximum number of students were found to be using local trains for travelling. It was seen that the students coming from places that are far face rush and bumping in local train but they still prefer local trains as their means of local transport. This is because it is cheap and easily accessible and it is rightly called as the lifeline of the city.
Road	11	The ones living close to their colleges go by road such as cab, buses or their own vehicles and they have to face sheer traffic problems. These were mostly boys who had their own private vehicles.
Other	1	Other as a mode of local transport was chosen by The ones who live near by walk it up. They don't need any mode of transport and can simply reach their destination by walking.

Mumbai police has always been supportive to ladies. Mumbai's police is the most trusted one which is forever ready for helping people and does its duty really well.

Neighbours should complain to the landlords for wrong kind of behavior of outstation students living there. This will perhaps make students scared and they will not disturb people with such kind of behavior.

Other problems can be solved if people themselves understand this and stop pushing and hurting others. People should maintain peace and let others also get a chance. The another issue is those people hanging on doors this is the reason because of which rail accidents happen. Another thing that Mumbai railway community can do is extend the stoppage time and trains for the passengers. This will solve this problem to a large extent.

Recently metro has been started in some parts of city, it is on the verge of extension. Apart from this, monorail is also started in some places. But local trains are the lifeline of the people living in Mumbai. So any improvement in local trains will be really beneficial for the passengers.

ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire was filled by the outstation students who are presently residing in Mumbai. There were 52 students who answered the questionnaire and accordingly the analysis is made.



Accommodation:-

Type of accommodation	Responds given by respondents	Analysis
On rent	38	It is seen that maximum of girls were live in hostels as girls hostels are comparatively safe. While boys prefer to stay as paying guests because there are no boundaries on them and there is personal space too. According to female students, hostels are very few as compared to the population. According to the study, it was seen maximum hostel accommodations are in Andheri, few in Goregaon. Matunga and grant road has very old hostels too. Most of the outstation students live in Andheri according to the analysis because Andheri has the maximum number of paying guest accommodations and hostels. As there many students from Rajasthan, a separate hostel exists in Goregaon only for Rajasthan students who are pursuing CA.
Other	14	These were those students who had some of their close relatives in Mumbai. They live with them and so may not have to spend money on rent.

Whether Mumbai traffic affects schedules

Possibilities	Responds given by respondents	Analysis
Yes	38	Maximum number of students answered this question as yes. These were mainly those who use their own vehicles or any road ways to travel. Sometimes students need cabs from local stations as well to travel back to their college/coachings.
No	6	The students who had their working places and residences near railway station and they travelled by train answered this question as no for obvious reasons.
Sometimes	8	These were the ones whose mode of transport was not fixed. This may be because of different timings also. As during peak hours traffic occurs so the ones travelling that time will definitely find traffic.

Whether travelling cost is high

Possibilities	Responses g	Analysis
Yes	14	Some of the respondents answered in the positive as may be they travel in cabs and private vehicles.
No	38	Maximum number of students answered the question as no. this may be because of the reasons that they travelled from local trains and buses. Public transport is cheap in Mumbai.

Whether the exposure and independence makes the students mature and responsible?

Possibilities	Responds given by respondents	Analysis
True	50	Most of the students felt that living in a city like Mumbai plays a great role in their current personality and they now feel comparatively mature.
False	2	While some felt that staying away from home is an obstacle in their growth and maturity. This may be because they sometimes feel lack of family support.

Whether the presence of a relative is important

Possibilities	Responses	Analysis
Yes	40	The answers given by most of the students was yes that might be because presence of a relative in a city as grand as Mumbai makes them feel comfortable and safe.
No	12	While very few answered the question as no maybe because a presence of such relative may compromise their freedom and fun.

Whether the students find it difficult to get reservations for travelling back home

Possibilities	Responds given by respondents	Analysis
Yes	34	Almost half the number of people answered this question as yes maybe because half the number of people use trains as their travelling convince, and it is apparently difficult to get reservations in trains as compared to flights and buses.
No	7	Some answered this question as no. this may be because they travel in bus or flights, in which it is comparatively easy to get seats.
Sometimes	11	The ones who answered sometimes, may use trains as their mode of transport. So sometimes they might feel it difficult to get reservations.

Whether the quality and quantity of food provided is satisfactory

Possibilities	Responds given by respondents	Analysis
Yes	2	Very few said yes. These are exceptions. This may be because they live with relatives or in a very good PG or a hostel.
No	40	Maximum number of students said no. That may be because of the fact that the food we get at home is always the best. When the food that people get in canteens is compared with the food they get at home, they find various problems in it.
Only Quality problem	8	Same reason goes with this too. When we compare any food with the food we get at home. We find many problems and mistakes in it!
Only Quantity problem	2	Some people might have tiffin systems. So they are in some cases provided with limited food but of good taste and quality, so they only find quantity problem.

Part time job:-

The answers for this question varied from person to person. The answers may have been depended on the following situations:

1.Financial backgrounds of the students :-

The students with a good financial background obviously don't need to indulge in a parttime job along with their studies.

2.Age group:-

The students below 18 yrs of age may find it difficult to get a job and perform the required operations. While, the students above the age of 25 will easily get a part time job.

Possibilities	Responds given by respondents	Analysis
Yes	9	The ones who answered yes may not have a very strong financial background or may be their age is appropriate for work or job.
No	43	The maximum number of students say no. this may be because they might just do studies.

Whether they find communication with people of a state with a different mother tongue problematic:-

Possibilities	Responds of respondents	Analysis
True	3	Very few people said true. This maybe because they don't know to speak both the languages i.e English or Hindi. They might use some other state local language to communicate.
False	49	Most of the students answered this question as no. Apparently, because Mumbai is a home for diverse castes, creeds and religions. Thus, there is a sparse use of local language. So, any person coming from any part can communicate easily via Hindi or English.

Whether coming to Mumbai in any way is helping to achieve goals:-

Possibilities	Responses	Analysis
Yes	49	Most of the students answered this question as yes because apparently, the opportunities in this city are endless. Mumbai is a home for diverse kind of people ranging from poorest of the poor to MukeshAmbani himself which proves that one can achieve or become ANYTHING what he wishes for.
No	3	Some even said no maybe because they think the city is quite distractive for children. They can easily get into wrong things.

CONCLUSION

Mumbai is known to be a city of mixed cultures and consists of everything for people of all ages. various programmes for all ages. Mumbai is the financial, commercial and entertainment capital of India. The City also houses India's Hindi(Bollywood) and Marathi film and television industry. Mumbai's business opportunities, as well as its potential to offer a higher standard of living, attract migrants from all over India, making the city a melting pot of many communities and cultures. The advantages of living in Mumbai are more than disadvantages. There may be some difficulties but privileges are always more. Living in a sprawling metropolis like Mumbai can be tough. but it is worth the effort .

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