# CLIx Symposium Travel Advisory

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# CLIx International Symposium

The CLIx symposium builds on the Connected Learning Initiative (CLIx), a collaborative project to improve the academic and professional prospects of high school students in underserved communities in India. CLIx is led by the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA USA. The "Connected Learning at Scale: An International Symposium" is going to be held in Mumbai on 8 & 9 August 2018 at the TISS Campus, Mumbai.

The purpose of the symposium is to share experiences of practitioners and researchers and collaborate on design and development of innovative solutions for quality learning at scale. It is designed with panels and workshops, through which participants with rich experience in educational innovation will address the themes of,
● Designing learning experiences
● Scaling with quality
● Partnerships
● Research directions


The CLIx International Symposium will be taking place at the Tata Institute of Scoial Sciences, Mumbai old campus. The address of the campus:
**V.N. Purav Marg, Eden Gardens, Deonar, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400088**

# GETTING TO TISS, MUMBAI

Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is located in the North-East of Mumbai opposite to Deonar Bus Depot. Deonar Bus Depot is a landmark known to most taxi/auto drivers.
*There are two TISS campuses in the same area, and since the CLIx Symposium is happening in the old campus, please ensure you tell your cab driver to take you to the campus opposite to the Deonar bus depot.

**By Air**

- Mumbai is well connected through air. The approximate distance from ChhatrapatiShivaji International Airport (Sahar) and ChhatrapatiShivaji Domestic Airport (Santacruz) is 25 km and 18 km.
- It is always advisable to take a pre-paid taxi from the Domestic/International Airport.Taxi fare should be approximately Rs. 235- 260, and the travel time is close to 60 to 75 minutes.
- You can also book an Uber/ Ola cab from the airport to the TISS campus. Cab fares start from a range of Rs. 330 to 400.

    (These rates are suggestive and subject to differ as per traffic/surge pricing)

ChhatrapatiShivaji International Airport (Sahar) to TISS Mumbai

ChhatrapatiShivaji Domestic Airport (Santacruz) to TISS, Mumbai

*(Please click on the link provided above for directions to the TISS, Mumbai campus from International and Domestic Airport)*

**By Train**
The Mumbai Suburban Railway is the busiest rapid transit system in the world. Trains run from 4 AM until 1 AM, and some trains also run up to 2:30 AM.

**From Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal (CST/VT)**

- If you board at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) formally known as Victoria Terminus (VT), buy a suburban train ticket (1st class or 2nd class) to Govandi railway station and board the suburban train (Central Railway Harbor Line mostly known as Harbor Line) marked M, VA, BR or PL. The journey time is approximately 55 minutes. Order of suburban stations on the route are Mumbai CST, Masjid bunder, Sandhurst Road, Dockyard

Road, Reay Road, Cotton green, Sewri, Wadala Road, GTB Nagar, Chunabhatti, Kurla, Tilak Nagar, Chembur and Govandi.

- Get off at the Govandi railway station and use footover bridge to come out of the station (Platform No. 1 side).
- Take an auto-rickshaw (three-wheeler) to TISS
- As there are two campuses you can can ask auto-rickshaw to go oppsite deonar depot for old campus.

**From Dadar Terminal**

- If you board at Dadar Terminus/local station (both are adjacent to each other)
- You may directly take a taxi to Deonar Depot. The taxi fare will be about Rs.100-120/-. It is not advisable to take the suburban train from Dadar (Central Railway Main Line) in the evening after 3pm, especially on a working day.
- If you still wish to come by the suburban train (Central Railway Main Line), buy a ticket to Govandi railway station. This is a direct ticket and will be valid for the journey upto Govandi Railway station.
- Take the Foot over bridge then change over to Harbor line train on platform number 7 to take another suburban train (Harbor Line). Order of suburban stations on the route are Tilak Nagar, Chembur and Govandi.
- Get down at the Govandi railway station and use Footover Bridge to come out of the station (Platform No. 1 side).
- Take an auto-rickshaw (three-wheeler) to TISS.
- As there are two campuses you can can ask auto-rickshaw to go oppsite deonar depot for old campus.

**Fom Bandra Terminal (Western Railway)**

- You may directly take a taxi to Deonar Depot. It is not advisable to take the suburban train from Bandra (Western Railway). A cheaper option would be to take an auto-rickshaw to Deonar Depot/TISS.
- Another option is traveling by bus (BEST buses) from Bandra Bus stand to Deonar Bus depot.

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# List of hotels near TISS campus

**List of hotels near TISS campus (venue) and rates of standard single occupancy rooms:**

**1. The Fern Residency**
B-411, Acres Club, Hemu Kalani Marg, Sindhi Society, Chembur, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400071, India
Rs. 5652

**2. The Royal Orchid**
N G Acharya Marg | Chembur, Mumbai 400071, India
Rs 4250 + taxes

**3. Club Emerald**
Next To Sushrut & Mangal Anand Hospital, Swastik Park, Chembur, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400071, India
Rs. 5049 + taxes

**4 .Yogi Broadway Hotel**
403-K, VN Purav Marg, Chembur East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400071, India
Rs 4095 + Taxes

**5. Hotel Maharana Inn**
Chauhan Apartment, VN Purav Marg, Charai, Chembur East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400071, India
Rs. 3952 + Taxes

**6. Hotel Rajhans**
15/16 N G Acharya Marg, Mumbai 400071, India
Rs 3500 + taxes

**7. Hotel Jewel Of Chembur**
1st Road | Chembur, Mumbai 400071, India
Rs 5000+ taxes

There are several other hotel options in Wadala, Sion, Vashi and Kurla, which are close to Chembur, about 30 minutes away by taxi in the morning/non rush hour times.

# Mumbai: Useful Applications

- **M Indicator** : Information regarding public transport
  - [Click here to download the app on Google Play Store](#)
  - [Click here to download the app on the 'App' Store](#)
- **Mumbai:** information related to the current weather, Trains, must visit places, city map, hotels, emergency numbers, nightlife, etc (Only applicable for android users)
  - [Click here to download the app on Google Play Store](#)
- **IRCTC** : Used for long distance train journeys
  - [Link to the website](#)
- **Ola Cabs / Uber :** Booking taxis
  - [Click here to download the Ola app on Google Play Store](#)
  - [Click here to download the Ola app on the 'App' Store](#)
  - [Click here to download the Uber app on Google Play Store](#)
  - [Click here to download the Uber app on the 'App' Store](#)
- **Zomato :** Restaurants Directory and food delivery
  - [Click here to download the app on Google Play store](#)
  - [Click here to download the app on the 'App' store](#)
- **News apps:** In shorts , NDTV, TOI etc
- **Trip Advisor:** Info about hotel bookings and various other accommodations
  - [Link to the website](#)
- **Practo**: Directory of medical practitioners & consultants
  - [Link to the website](#)

# Mumbai: Arts &Entertainment

- *Heritage buildings and monuments* :Gateway of India , Kala Ghoda and Fort Area , Kanheri Caves , Elephanta Caves

  - Click here for information on the Gateway of India
  - Click here to visit the Kala Ghoda association website
  - Click here for information about Kanheri Caves on the Archaeological Survey of India's Official website
  - Click here for information about Elephanta Caves on the Archaeological Survey of India's official website

- *Religious places:* Mount Mary Church, Haji Ali Dargah, Global Vipassana Pagoda, Siddhi Vinayak temple , Mahalaxmi temple

  - Click here for information about Mount Mary Church
  - Click here for information about Haji Ali Dargah
  - Please click here for information about Global Vipassana Pagoda
  - Click here for information about Siddhi Vinayak Temple

- *Museums and Art Galleries :* CSMV Fort, Dr. BhauDaji Lad Museum Byculla, NGMA Kala Ghoda, Jehangir Art Gallery Kala Ghoda , Piramal Museum of Art Lower Parel

  - Lonely Planet's list of Museums and Art Galleries in Mumbai and infromation about them

- *Cultural spaces :*NCPA Churchgate , Alliance Francaise de Bombay Marine Lines, Max Mueller BhavanChurchgate , Godrej India Culture Lab Vikhroli, Hive Bandra , Prithvi Theatre Juhu, Maker Asylum Andheri  , Tangerine Arts Studio Bandra , Avid Learning Mahalaxmi
- *Parks :* Sanjay Gandhi National Park Borivali and Thane, Priyadarshini Park Napeansea Road , Joggers Park Bandra
- *City Tours :* Reality Tours, Bombay Heritage Walks, Seek Sherpa

  - Click here to visit Reality Tours' official website
  - Click here to visit Bombay Heritage Walks' Official Website
  - Click here to visit Seeksherpa's official website

- *Shopping:* Colaba Causeway market, Linking Road (Bandra), Phoenix Market City (Kurla West), Palladium mall (Lower Parel)
- *List of things to do in and around Mumbai*
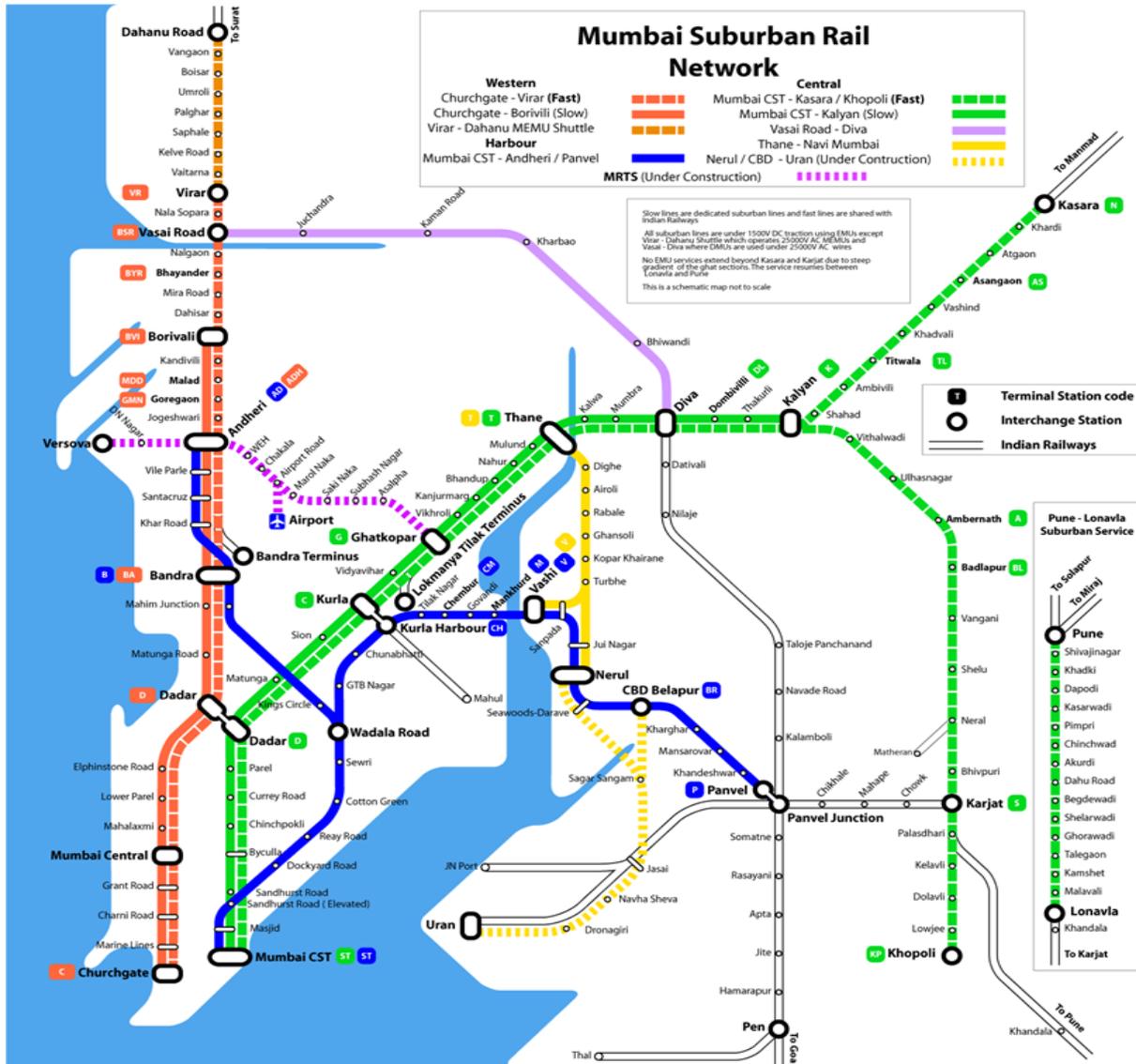- *List of Places to visit in Mumbai*

# Mumbai Transport

- **Train**s: Western, Central and Harbour (Switch from Dadar to go to western line train stations). Nearest suburban railway station to the TISS, Mumbai campus is 'Govandi'
- **Buses**: Non AC buses and AC Buses. Nearest bus station to the TISS, Mumbai campus is 'Deonar bus depot'
- **Taxis :** Yellow cabs , Ola Cabs, Uber
- **Rickshaws** : within Thane to Sion, Borivali to Bandra
- **Metro rail** : Andheri to Ghatkopar (Western-Eastern area)
- **Monorail:** Wadala to Chembur (Central area)

# Mumbai Transport: Trains

- Fast local train covers only Major stations and is highly crowded. Slow local trains stops at all stations and are reasonably less crowded.
- **DifferentCompartments in Mumbai Local:**
  *-First class compartments:* First class compartment is a premier compartment for travellers who wish to ignore the deadly rush in the second class compartments. First class compartments are more comfortable than the general class/ second class. This compartment is also comparatively cleaner than other compartments.
  - *Second Class Compartments:* Mostly crowded and packed, the second class compartment is the cheapest mode of travel available in Mumbai if your journey is long and your aim is to travel from one corner to the other.
  - *Ladies Compartments:* All local trains in Mumbai have ladies compartments. It is another option available to them if they cannot or do not want to travel in a general compartment. As general compartments are already crowded with men, it is not convenient for women to travel with them
  - *Luggage Compartments:* If you have luggage with you, then you can travel in the luggage compartment. Do not get in this compartment if you are without luggage, if caught then you will have to pay a penalty.
  - *Handicapped and Cancer Patient's Compartments:* This compartment is only for handicapped, differently abled and cancer patients.
  - **Senior Citizen's Compartments:** Senior citizens have a separate compartment for their travel. Apart from senior citizens, nobody else can travel in these compartments.
- **Identification of Different Compartments**:
  - The platform has differently marked pillars. **Red** is for first class; **Green** is for ladies; **Yellow** is for handicapped compartment resp.
- There are different platform numbers for trains travelling along different directions.
- Trains stop for 20 seconds on average at every station
- Caution: If you are claustrophobic, avoid the train!

# MAP to Suburban Rail Network



**For large sized map :**
**https://erail.in/info/railway-maps-mumbai-local/1801**

# Emergency Information

- **Police hotline** - 100
- **Police Control Room Helpline** - 22620111, 22151855
- **Ambulance services** - 1298
- **Ambulance -Dadar** 4229531, 4229556
- **Women's helplines** - 22828862, 26140403
- **Railway Emergency** – 23004000

# Must Haves

- Passport
- Local prepaid SIM (Hotel address, passport, passport size photograph); service providers – Vodafone , Airtel
- Oral rehydration therapy solution. Eg - Electrol
- Sanitizers
- Umbrellas during the monsoon
- Mosquito repellent Eg- Odomos
- Basic medications
- Rain jacket/ Poncho is advised

# Safety Tips

- Women must avoid travelling in General Compartments during rush hours
- Do not stand near the Exit in a moving train
- If you are using a taxi/auto, insist on Meter based fare; do not tip
- In case you get lost or face any problem while travelling in a cab, speak to traffic policemen
- Do not venture into isolated places
- Make a mental note of the major landmarks while you travel
- Keep all Emergency information with you at all times
- Do not carry much cash money while using public transport; beware of pickpockets
- Avoid street food and carry bottled water, if possible.

# India: Facts

• India has 22 official languages, recognized by the Constitution.

• Hindi and English are commonly spoken in cities and every state also has its official language

• India is a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic with a Parliamentary system of Government.

• India currently has 29 states and 7 Union territories

• Literacy Rates: 74.04% in total; 82.14% being males and 65.46% being females.

• Poverty rate: 21.9%

• Population: 1.3 billion

• Religious Communities: Hindus (79.8%) , Muslims (14.2%) , Christians (2.30%) , Sikhs(1.7%), Buddhists (0.7%) , Jains (0.4%)

# Mumbai city: History

• Mumbai is a cluster of seven swampy islands. A small fishing village was transformed to the first city of India.

• The city was originally home to Koli Fishermen, worshipper of Mother Goddess Mumba Aai, from where the city gets its present name .

• From the portugueseBom Bahia or 'good bay' to a 17th century archipelago with a Fort built by the British East India Company, it increased in importance as a trading port.

• The islands of Bombay were consolidated- through land reclamation projects and grew to form the present Island City. It then functioned as a seat of governance for the Bombay presidency.

Now known as India's commercial capital, the city has constantly undergone change. It was a fore runner in social, economic and cultural growth in post –independence India.

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