



Team Western Region with Be the Local Founder, Fahim Vohra About Dharavi

'Dharavi' is a Slum in Mumbai, India. Dharavi is routinely called "the largest slum in Asia," Dharavi slum was founded in 1880s during the British colonial era. The slum grew in part because of expulsion of factories and residents from peninsular city center by



ethnic, diverse settlement. Dharavi's total population estimates vary between 300,000 to about 1 million. It has an active informal economy in which numerous household enterprises employ many of the slum residents. It exports goods around the world Leather, textiles and pottery products are among the goods made inside Dharavi by the slum residents. The slum also has a large number of thriving small-scale industries that produce embroidered garments. Most of these products are made in tiny manufacturing units spread across the slum and are sold in domestic as well as international markets. The annual turnover of business here is estimated to be more than \$650m (£350m) a year.

The Tour was conducted by Fahim, Co-Founder of 'Be The Local' himself. Concierges also got an opportunity to visit a home in the slums and witness Pottery making. It was realized it's important for everyone to come to Dharavi see how it functions, explore and know more about the micro industry and a self sustained society.

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