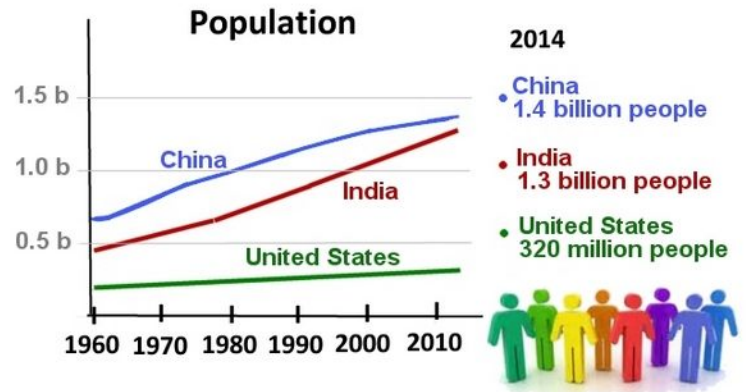


**Some interesting facts**

	INDIA	UNITED STATES
Capital	New Delhi	Washington, DC
Area	1,269,219 sq miles	3,718,000 sq mi
Population	1,250,000,000 (will pass China in 2022)	320,000,000
Highest Point	Kangchenjunga (Himalayas, border with Nepal) 8,586 metres (28,169 ft)	Denali (Mt McKinley) 6,190 metres (20,146 feet)



**Some more interesting facts**

	INDIA	UNITED STATES
States	28 states and 7 territories	50 states
Became a country	1947 (independence from Britain)	1776 (independence from Britain)
National Day	August 15	July 4
President	Narendra Modi (since 2014)	Barack Obama (since 2009)



**More interesting facts**

	INDIA	UNITED STATES
Average age	30 years	36 years
Literacy	74%	99%
Literacy <b>MEN</b>	82%	99%
Literacy <b>WOMEN</b>	65%	99%
Languages	Hindi, English, Urdu, Tamil	English
Religion	Hindu – 80% Muslim – 14% Christian – 2% Others – 4%	Christian – 71% Jewish – 2% Muslim – 1% No religion – 23% Others – 3%

**The many languages of India**

Hindi is #1 language in India. Spoken by 25% of people, mostly in north.

India's Constitution recognises 22 official languages.

28% of people speak some English, but not as their first language.

There are more than 150 languages spoken as the first (home) language by more than 10,000 people in India.

## Flag of India since independence in 1947



India money is the Rupee.  
Now around 68 Rupees = US\$1.  
So this 1,000 Rupee note equals  
around US\$15.

Rupee Symbol



### Short history of India – Slide 1

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- Finally British defeated other foreign powers and got control of all of India
- 1858 to 1947 – British Rule (Queen Victoria was the first Empress of India)

Flag of India 1880 to 1947



- Independence 1947 – Mahatma Ghandi led the fight to split from Britain (like George Washington)

### After independence in 1947

- At first one country (India)
- 1947-1948 India-Pakistan war
- Pakistan became separate country
  - India is mostly Hindu
  - Pakistan is mostly Muslim
- Both say Kashmir (Muslim) is theirs [Kashmir is bigger than Florida]
- UN agreement: part administered by India and part by Pakistan
- Small wars 1965, 1971, 1989, 1999
- Fighting continues to this day

### Short history of India

1947 to 1971 Pakistan had two parts

- West Pakistan
- East Pakistan

1971 East Pakistan seceded from Pakistan and became the separate country of Bangladesh

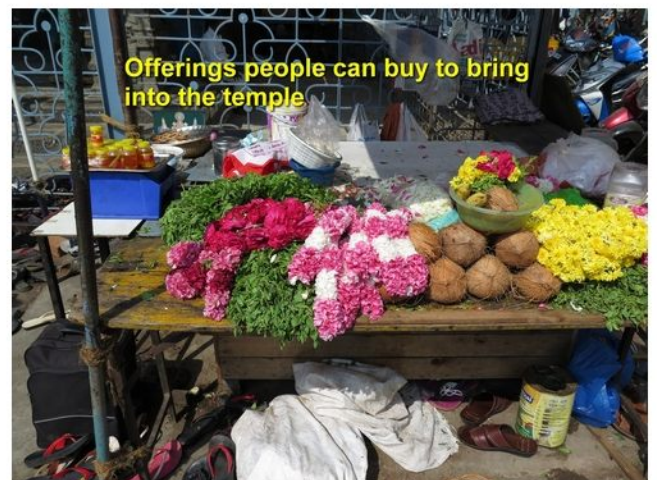
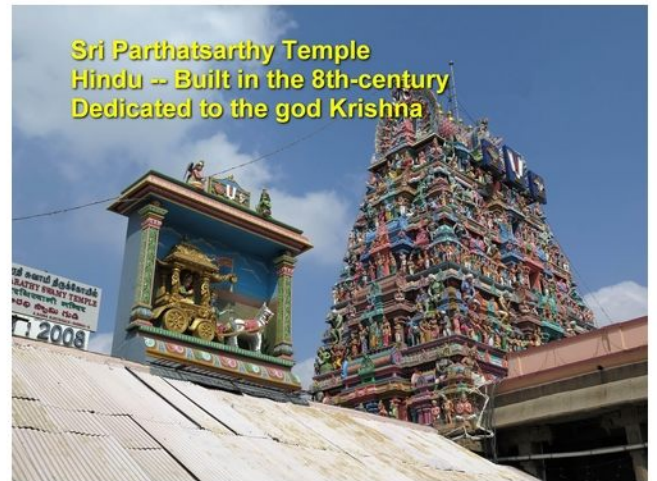
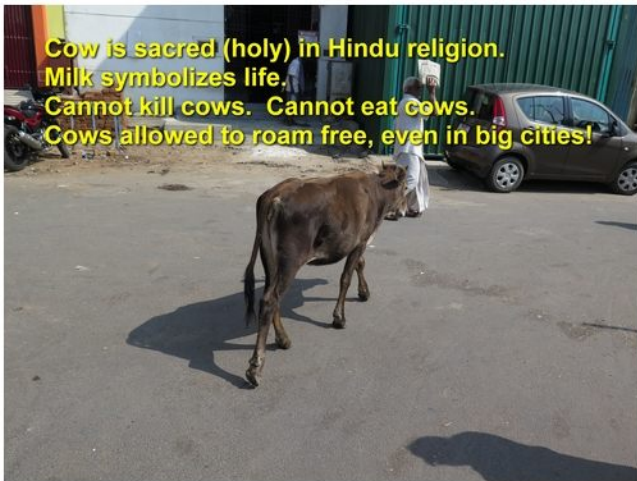
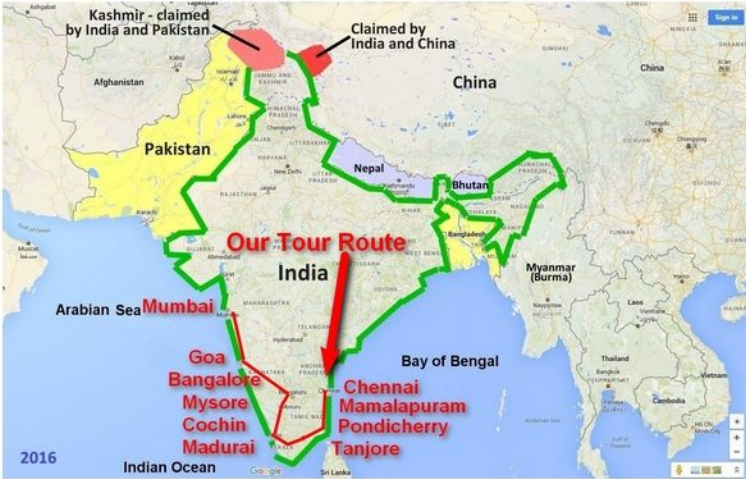
Goa was part of Portugal until 1961

- Small war between India and Portugal
- Goa became part of India

### After independence in 1947

- Another complication – China claims some of the land next to Kashmir, and so does India [3x size of Connecticut]
  - 1962 China-India war
  - China won, so they administer this area
  - But India still claims the area

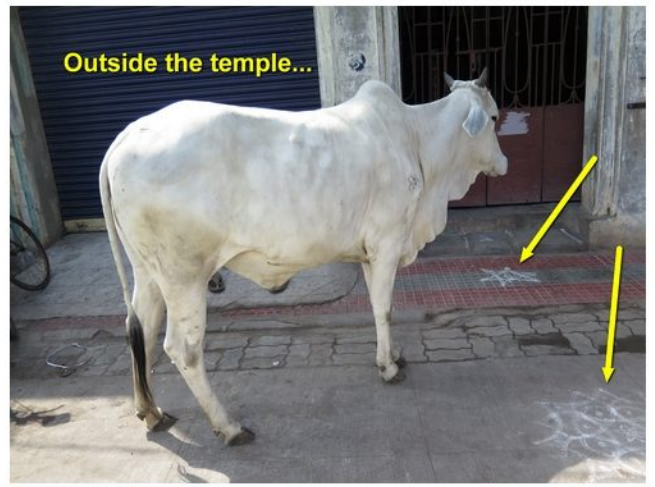
**India and its neighbors today**







Wedding Gifts



Outside the temple...



Kapaleeswarar Temple  
16th century.

Saris  
Tuk-tuks



Kapaleeswarar Temple



Kapaleeswarar  
Temple  
16th century



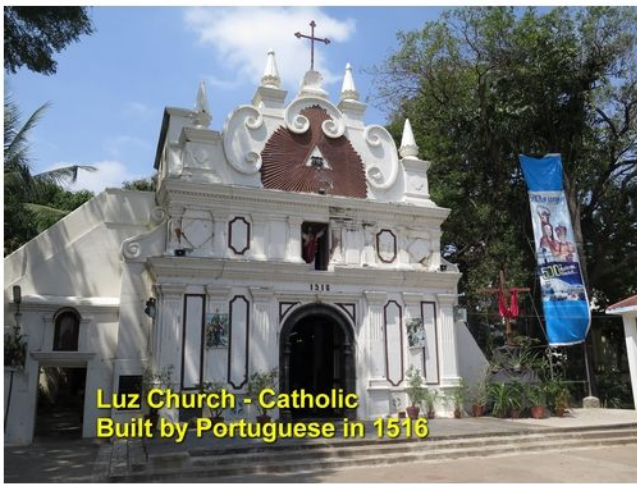
Temple Tank for religious bathing.  
Most Hindu temples have a tank like this.



Kapaleeswarar Temple



Notice all the women are  
wearing saris  
Tuk-tuk (taxi)



Luz Church - Catholic  
Built by Portuguese in 1516



Notice Hindi writing

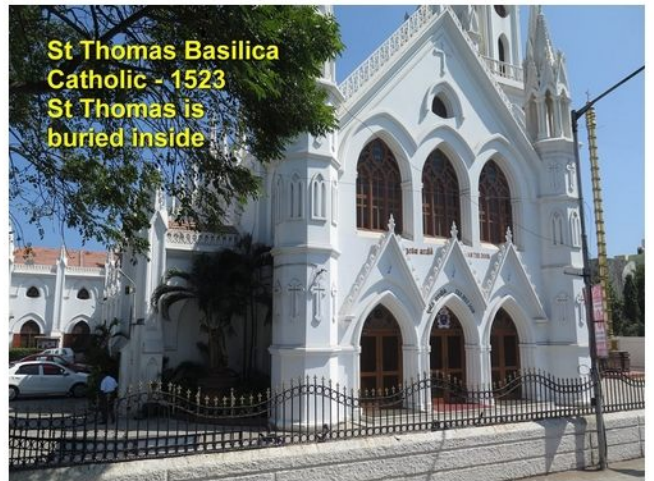
Chennai Metro  
(subway system)  
New -- just opened in 2015



New Chennai Metro



Metro Station



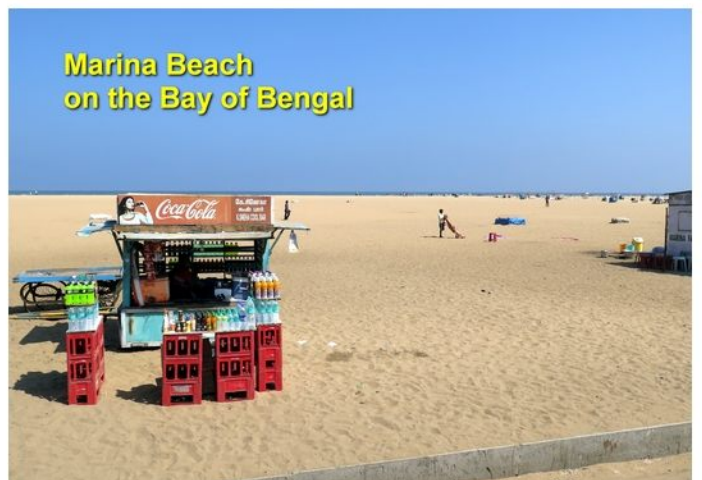
St Thomas Basilica  
Catholic - 1523  
St Thomas is  
buried inside



St Thomas Basilica  
St Thomas arrived here in 52 AD.  
He preached here 52 AD to 72 AD.  
He was murdered on this site 72 AD.



Typical street in Chennai

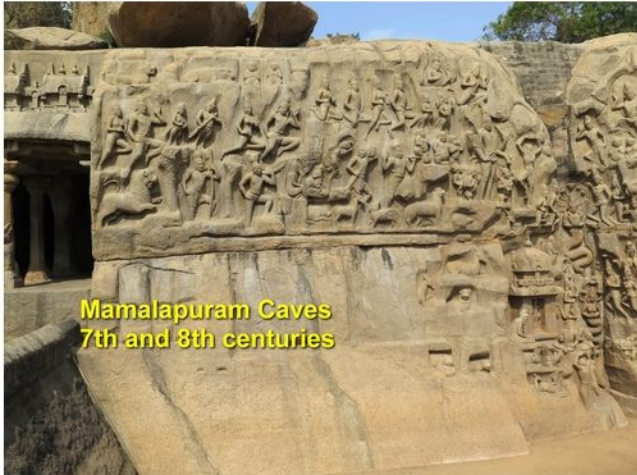








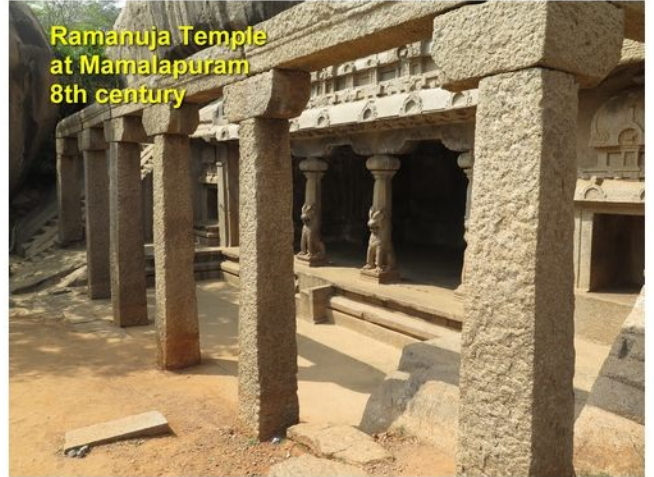
**Mamalapuram  
Shore Temple  
1300 years old!**



**Mamalapuram Caves  
7th and 8th centuries**



**Ramanuja Temple  
at Mamalapuram  
8th century**





Fruit snack vendor at Mamalapuram



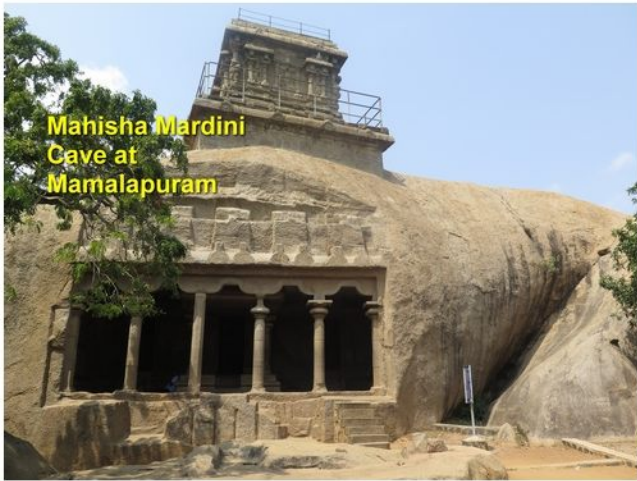
Snacks vendor



Mamalapuram Small temple



Rhesus macaque monkey at Mamalapuram



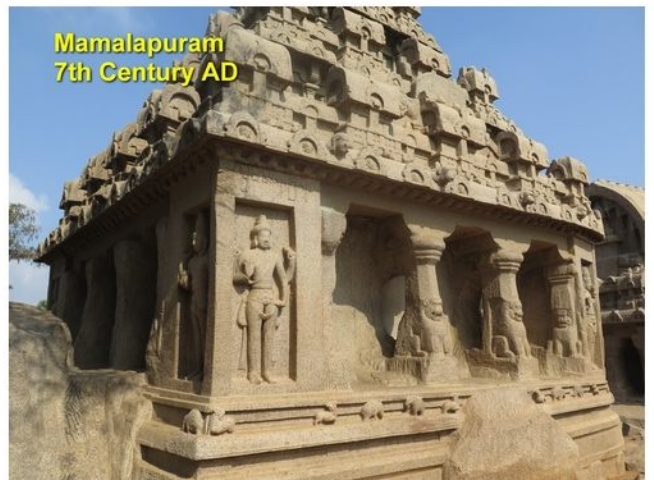
Mahisha Mardini Cave at Mamalapuram



Mamalapuram 7th Century AD



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Mamallapuram  
7th Century AD

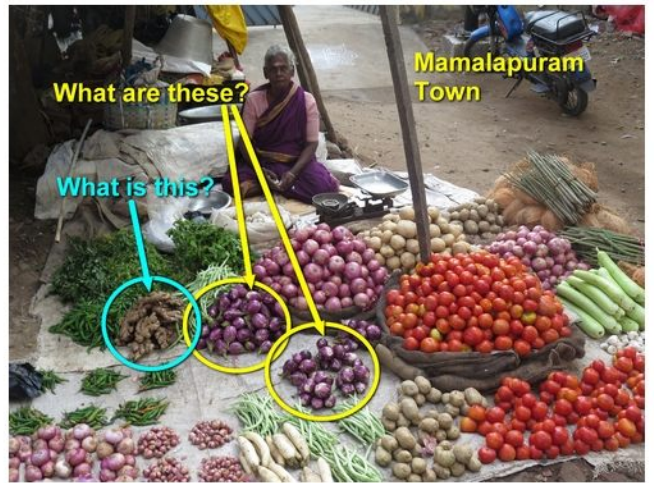
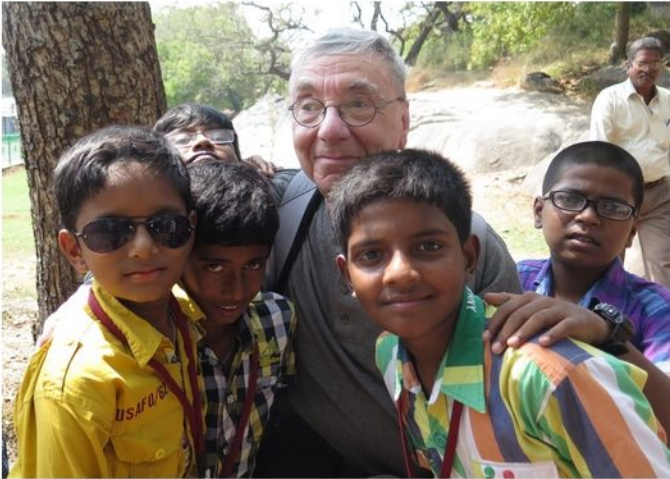


The "Butterball"  
Mamallapuram  
Students



Many students on field trips to Mamallapuram







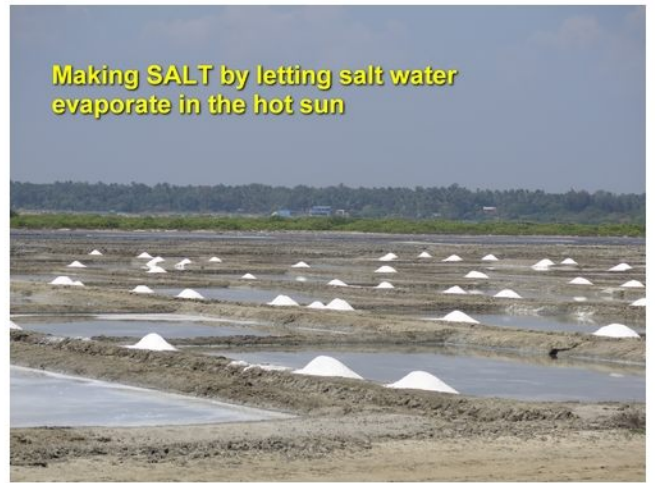
Mamalapuram tuk-tuk (taxi)



Mamalapuram students



Mamalapuram food vendor



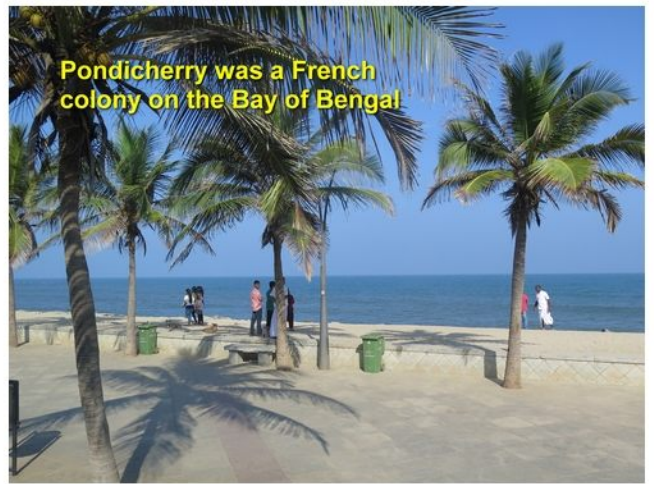
Making SALT by letting salt water evaporate in the hot sun



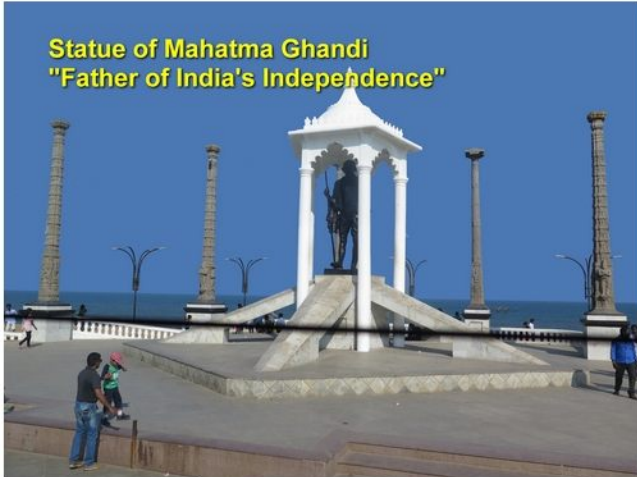
After the water has evaporated



Salt



Pondicherry was a French colony on the Bay of Bengal



Statue of Mahatma Gandhi "Father of India's Independence"



Pondicherry Governor's Mansion



Pondicherry Market



Spices in Pondicherry Market



Emperor Bananas or Ladyfinger Bananas



Indian food is often quite hot, from chillies











Homes



Homes



Kitchen outside the house



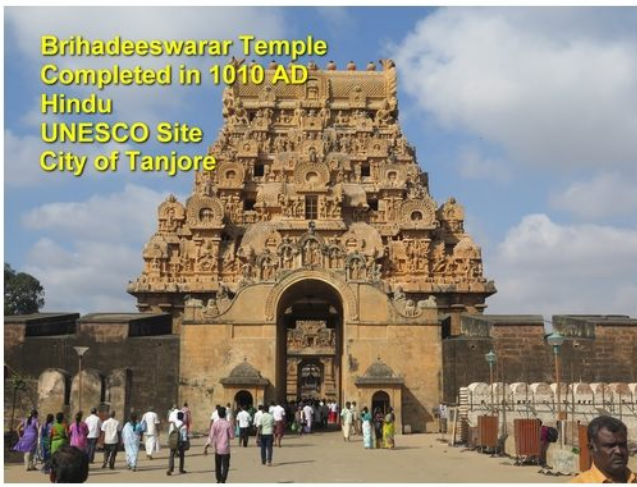
Kitchen outside the house

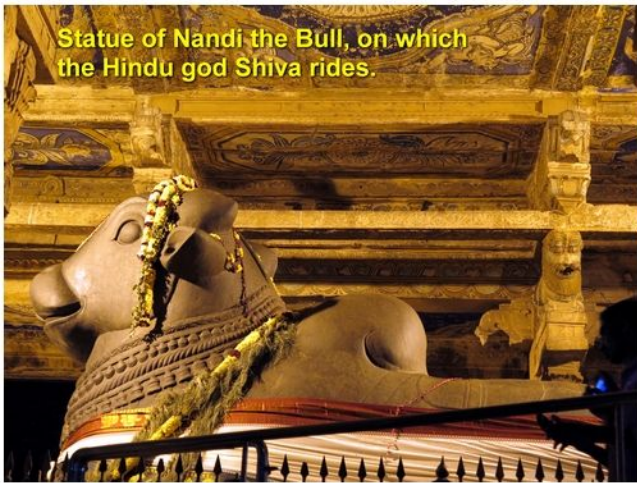
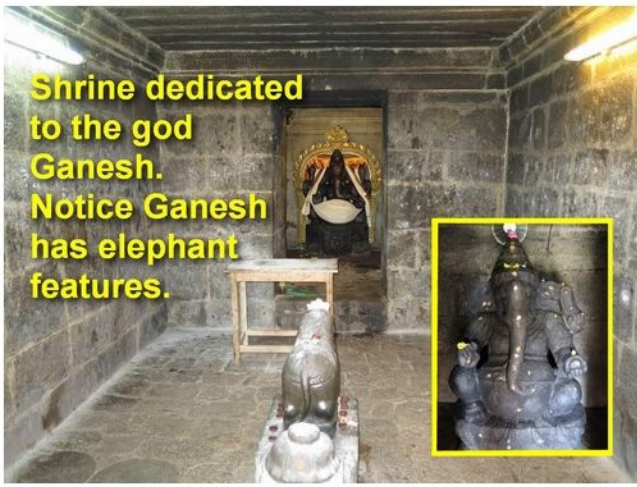


Sugar cane



Sugar cane to be transported to the refinery to make sugar







Terrible sidewalks in Tanjore!



After seeing those sidewalks I decided to take a tuk-tuk back to the hotel.

School "Bus"



Thanjavur Royal Palace 1535





Women going to do laundry



Shop of a man who makes veenas  
(Indian stringed musical instrument)



Veena



Veenas



Ox Cart



Entrance gate to a small town



Roasting Cashew Nuts



These have been roasted.  
Now each nut must be removed by hand.



Removing the nut  
from the shell



Scale for weighing



Building a thatched  
roof home



Making decorative tiles by hand





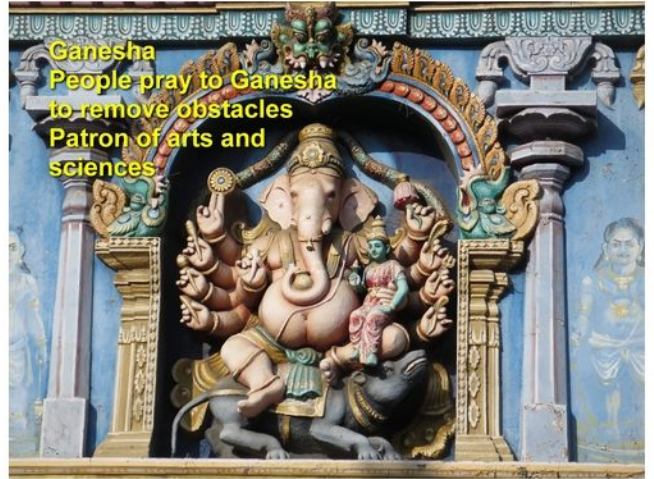




Small town market



Meenakshi Temple  
1655



Ganesha  
People pray to Ganesha  
to remove obstacles  
Patron of arts and  
sciences



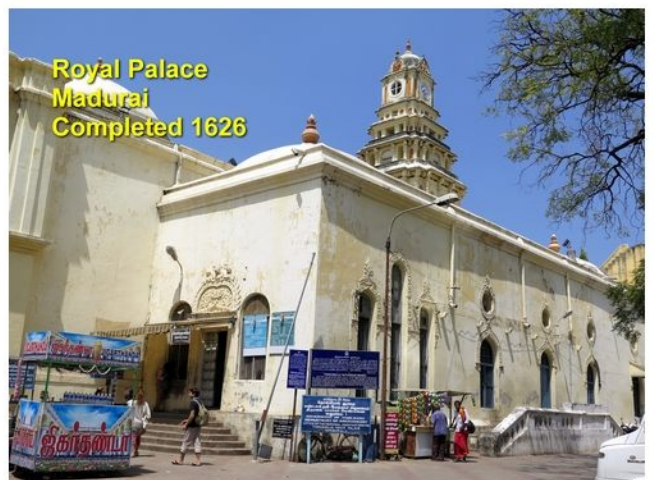
Meenakshi Temple  
City of Madurai  
1655



Meenakshi Temple



Nandi -- the bull on which  
the Hindu god Shiva rides



Royal Palace  
Madurai  
Completed 1626



Royal Palace  
Madurai  
Completed 1626



Throne of Maharaja  
(King) of Madurai



"Street Food"

Uthappam -- meat-filled dumplings

Will be Pancakes



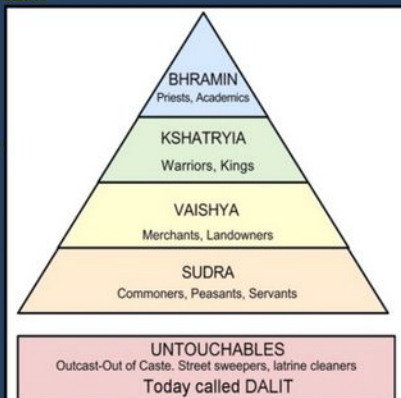
HOT chili sauce



These kids came to watch us eat --  
Surprised to find Westerners eating  
local fast food

### The Caste System

For hundreds of years, Indians have classified each other into five main social groups (called Castes):



### The Caste System

**Between 1860 and 1920:**

The British enforced the caste system, granting administrative jobs and senior appointments only to the upper castes.

**After 1920s:**

Social unrest during the 1920s led to a change in this policy.

**Today:**

Although illegal, the caste system is still widely accepted for marriages, jobs, friendships, etc.

## The Caste System

### Today:

- The Dalit (Untouchables) have great difficulty getting jobs.
- To help, the tour company I went with organizes two-hour bicycle rickshaw rides through some cities. Dalit men drive the bicycle rickshaws.
- They are paid, plus get tips.
- We did that in the city of Madurai.



Bicycle rickshaw ride in Madurai



Getting water for their family

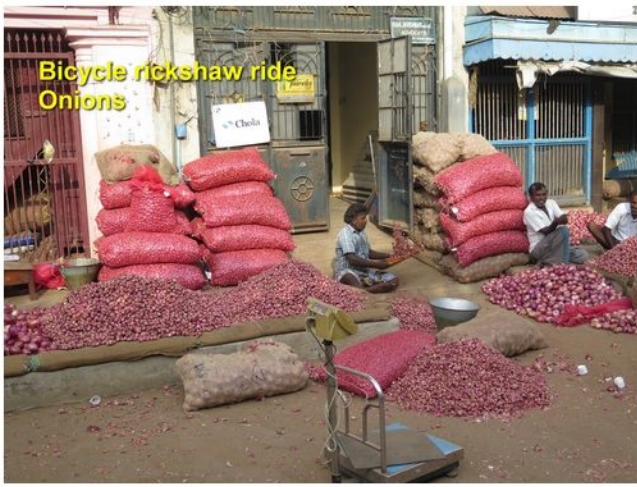


People watched us while we watched them!

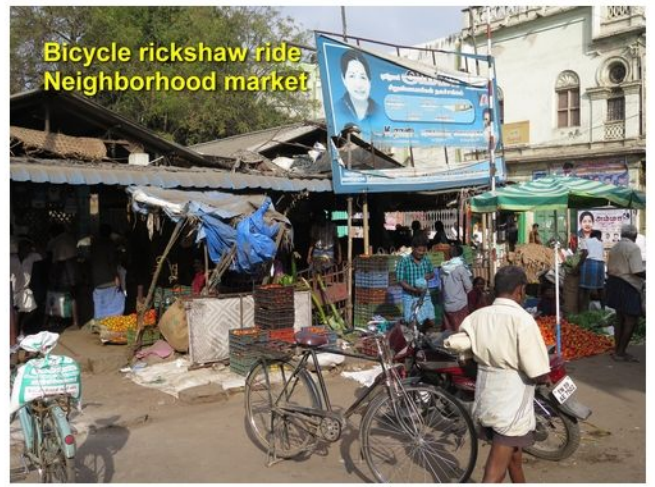


Bicycle rickshaw ride Madurai





Bicycle rickshaw ride  
Onions



Bicycle rickshaw ride  
Neighborhood market



Bicycle rickshaw ride  
Children waiting to go to school



Bicycle rickshaw ride  
Garbage "truck"

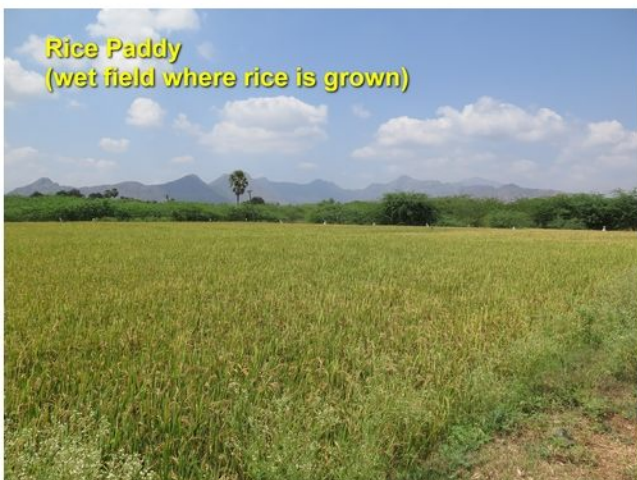
"Clean and Green City"  
"Together we can do it"



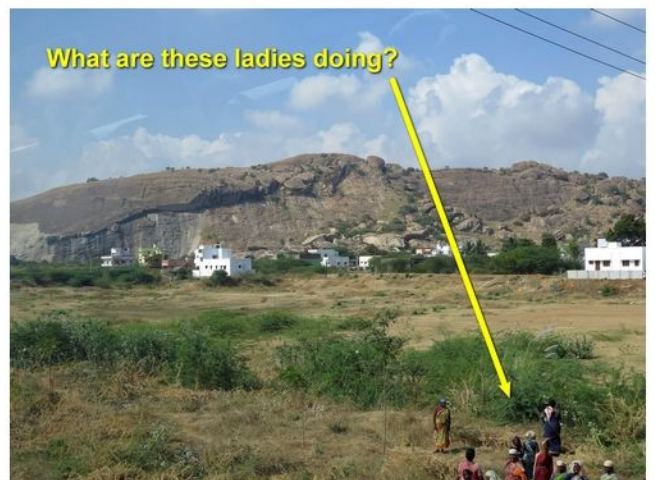
Ayyappan Temple



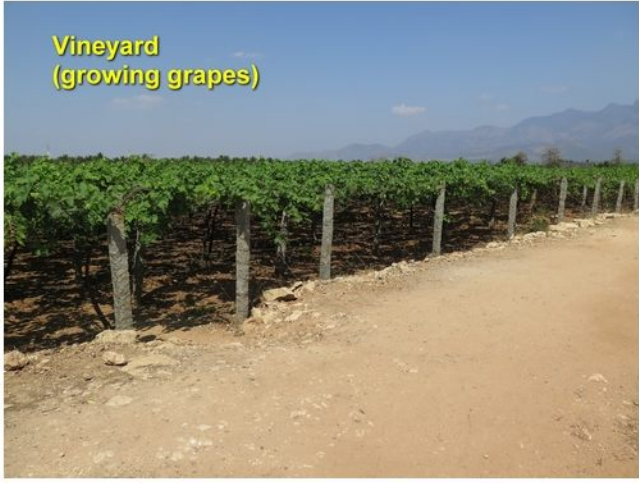
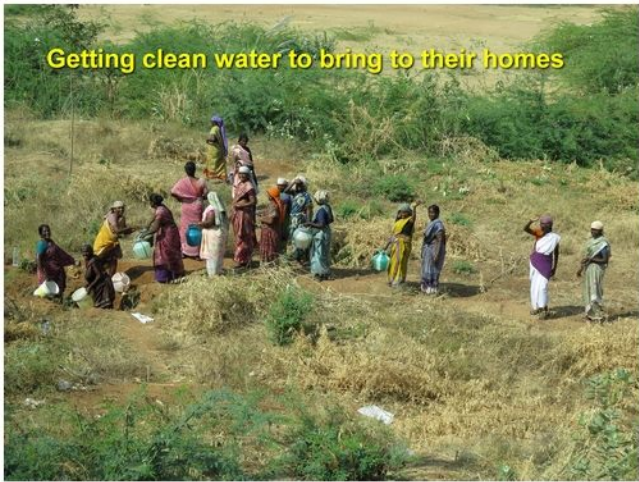
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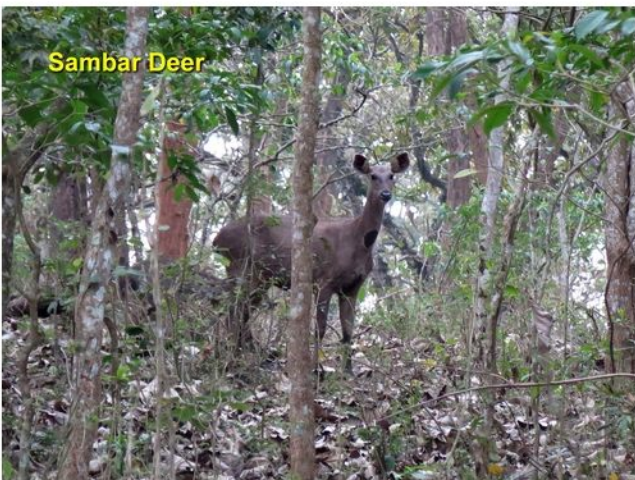


Rice Paddy  
(wet field where rice is grown)



What are these ladies doing?





**Eagle**



**Gaur (Indian bison)**  
Largest bovine in the world



Can weigh over 3,000 pounds!

**Butterfly**



**Indian giant squirrel**  
Tail can be 2 feet long



**Elephant trap**  
Built by British in 1950s  
Not used today



**We visited a spice plantation.**  
What is this?  
Hint: Drink



**What is this?**  
Hint: a kind of fruit



**What is this?**  
Hint: Ice cream





What is this?  
Hint: Norman Love



What is this?  
Hint: Black and white



This is NOT  
India...

Brazilian Red Pepper, growing in Rookery  
Bay, Naples, Florida, September 18, 2016



Our hotel



Tea Plantation



Tea Plantation



Tea Plantation



Only the young yellowish  
leaves at the top are picked





Franciscan Church



Lady plucking tea leaves



Hard work!

Then she transfers the leaves to this bigger sack

This small basket has scissors built in



The State of Kerala is mountainous



Getting latex rubber from a rubber tree



Many accidents on the roads in India

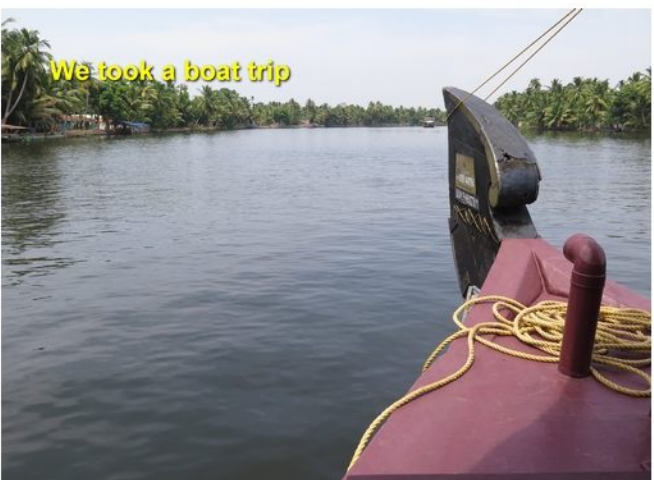
"The rate of traffic collisions in India is amongst the highest in the world."

India: 135,000 deaths a year.

USA: 33,000 deaths a year.



Houseboat on canals in Kerala State



We took a boat trip



Bathing



Bathing



Doing the dishes



"Jewish Town"  
Section of Cochin City



Jewish Town - Cochin



"Jewish Town"  
Cochin City



Old Jewish Cemetery  
Cochin  
Graves are above ground



Paradesi Synagogue  
Cochin -- 1567





Cochin fish market



Cochin fish market



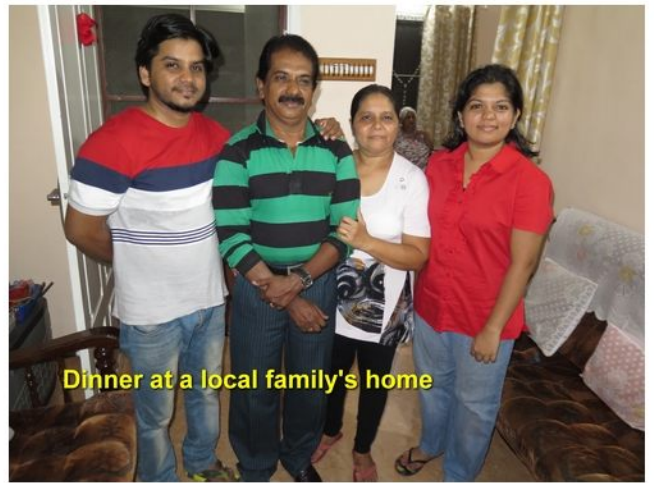
Our group having dinner in Cochin



Sunset in Cochin  
Arabian Sea



Sunset in Cochin  
Arabian Sea



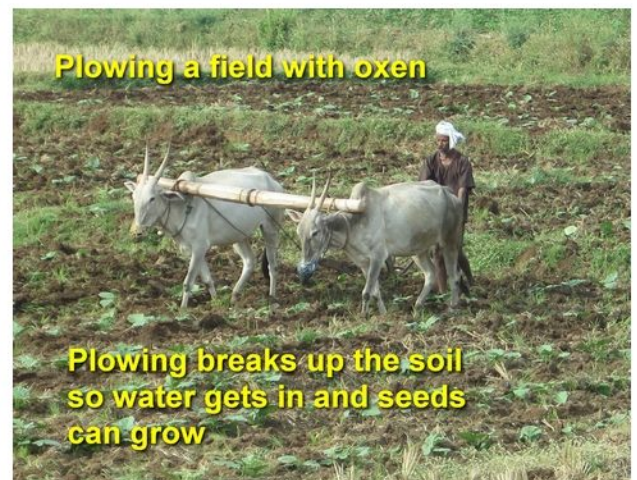
Dinner at a local family's home

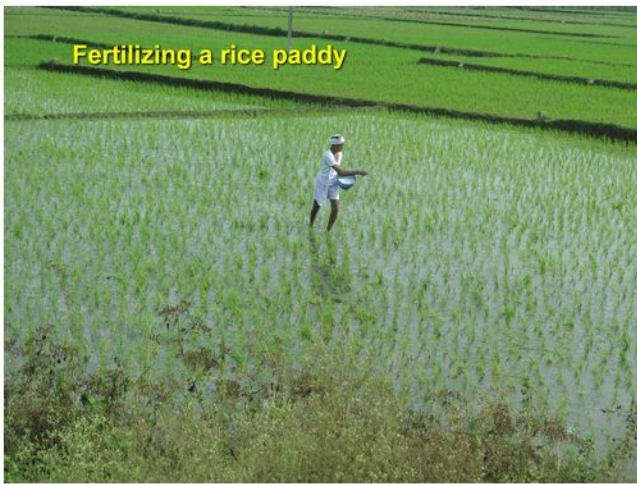


Dinner at a local family's home



Dinner at a local family's home





Fertilizing a rice paddy



Throwing fertilizer on rice plants



Another small town



Vegetable market



Keshava Temple -- 1291 AD





Laitha Mahal Palace (now a hotel)  
1930s



Mysore Palace  
1912



Mysore Palace  
1912



Mysore Palace  
1912



Mysore Palace  
1912



Malam Festival



Malam Festival



Malam Festival



Malam Festival  
Hindu priests bless and  
slaughter the chickens



Malam Festival



Malam Festival  
Market festival



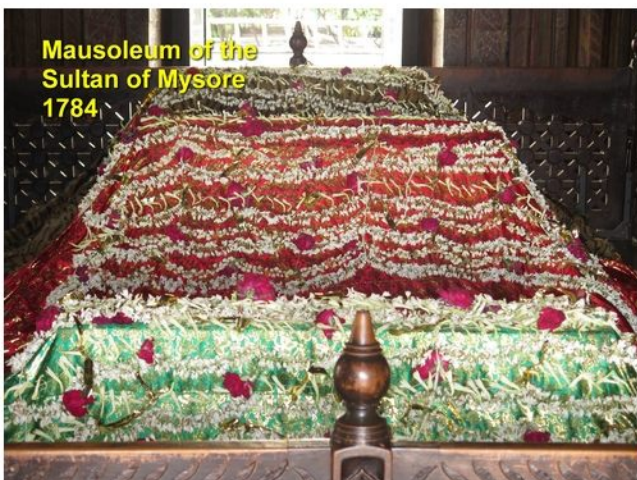
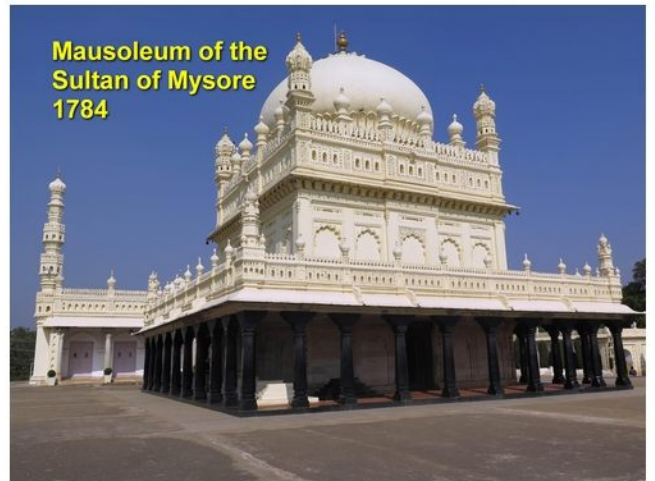
Malam  
Festival



Malam Festival









Hindu Wedding



Hindu Wedding



Walking from Hindu Temple to Reception

Groom



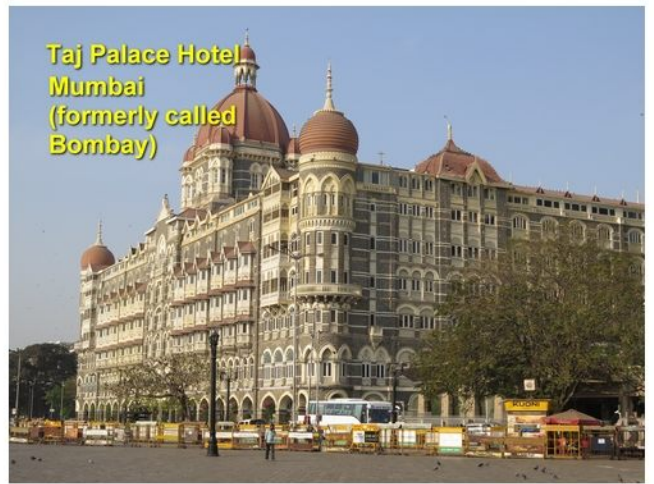
Hindu Wedding



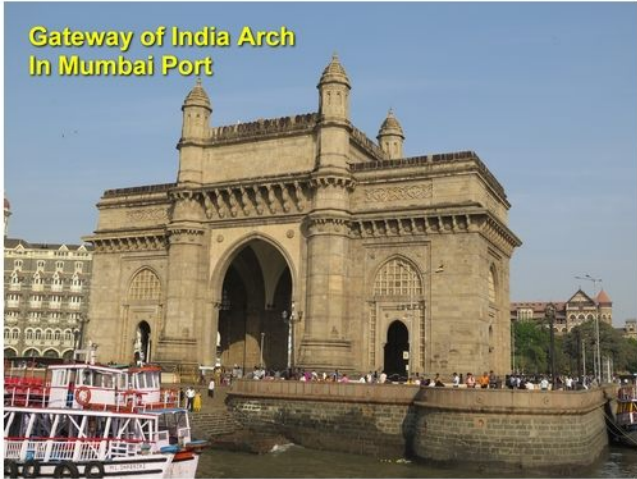
Hindu Wedding



Wedding Ceremony



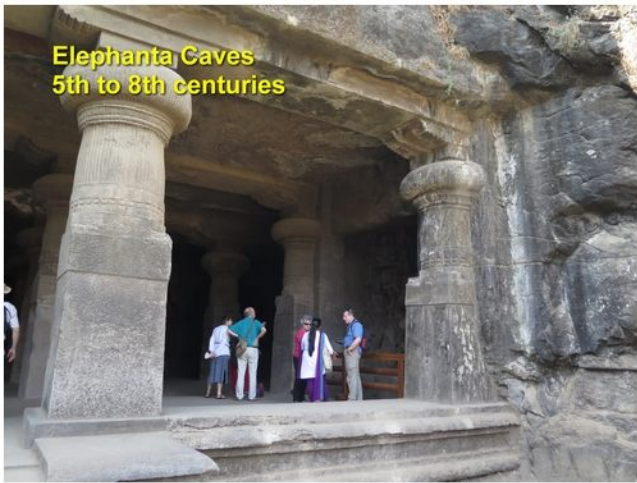
Taj Palace Hotel  
Mumbai  
(formerly called  
Bombay)



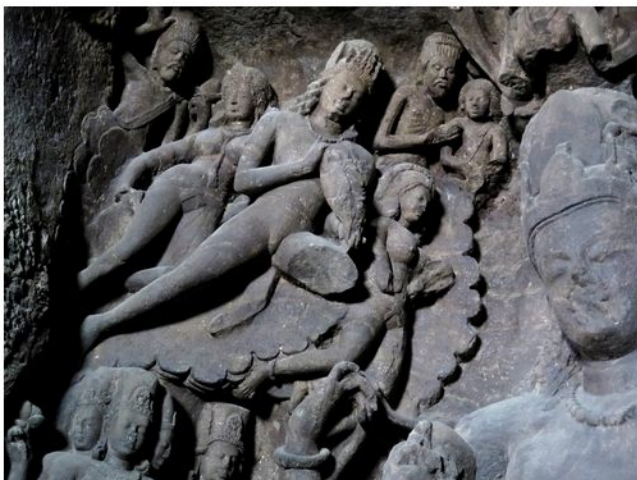
Gateway of India Arch  
In Mumbai Port

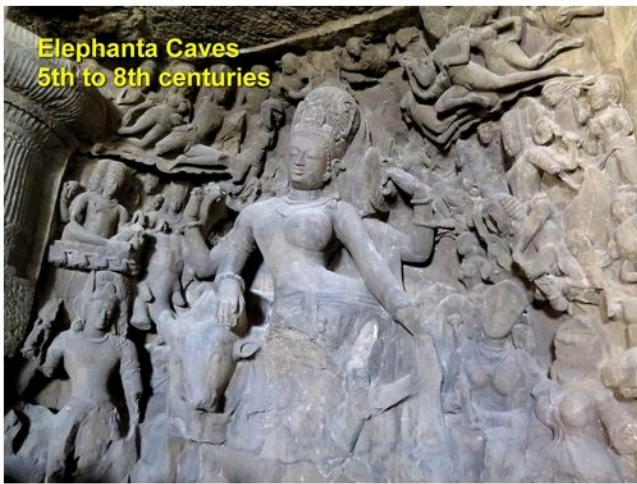


Ferry from Mumbai to Elephanta Island  
to explore Elephanta Caves



Elephanta Caves  
5th to 8th centuries





Elephanta Caves  
5th to 8th centuries



Mumbai  
City Hall  
Completed 1835



Dhobi  
Public laundry



Mahatma Gandhi  
Museum  
Mumbai



Ghandi worked for many years to  
achieve Independence of India  
from Great Britain in 1947



Cone is 28 rupees.  
68 rupees to US\$1  
28 / 68ths x \$1  
equals 41 US cents  
for the cone.



McDonald's India does not serve beef.  
This is a paneer "burger".  
Paneer is Indian white cheese (queso blanco).



Maharaja Mac -- no beef at McDonalds

Vegetarian -- corn  
and cheese patty

Grilled  
chicken patty

Try the New  
**MAHARAJA  
MAC**  
The Social Burger

Get a burger of your choice FREE on purchase above ₹110

**Vegetarian patty** ₹158 / ₹225

**MAC** ₹174 / ₹249

**ADD TO YOUR MEAL Piri piri**

**Aloo Wrap**

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**McVeggie Burger**

**Black Forest McFLURRY**

**Veg to NoMuffin**

**FISH & GRILL**

**EXTRA VALUE MEALS**

**BEVERAGES**

**BREAKFAST**

**Remember 68 rupees = US\$1**

**Chicken Sausage**

**Also is potato and cauliflower**

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