**This activity will help you to**:

* locate Mumbai.
* appreciate its importance regionally, nationally and internationally.
* understand why it has grown so rapidly.

**Student tasks**

1. On the *India in the world* map outline, shade and label the country of India.
2. On *The states of India* outline map of India, mark on the following:
* the city of Mumbai
* the capital city, New Delhi
* the Arabian Sea
* the Bay of Bengal
* the Indian Ocean
* the state of Maharashtra
1. On the more detailed map of Mumbai city, identify the following:
* the Sanjay Gandhi National Park
* the centre of Mumbai
* Navi Mumbai
* the slum area of Dharavi.



**The edge of Dharvai in Mumbai**

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**India in the world**



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**The states of India**



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**The states of India**



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1. Use the Internet to research Mumbai’s importance as a regional, national and international centre and its growth over time and space.
2. Insert details into the relevant boxes below. A few points have been added to get you started.

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| **Growth** |
| Largely due to **natural increase** and **rural-urban migration**.  |
| **Population** has **nearly doubled since 1991**, **from 12.5 million to** **over 21 million people** **today** (estimated figure for the city and its metropolitan area in 2015).  |
| Started life as a **series of fishing villages**, became a **port**, with growth concentrated on the peninsular, and is now a **megacity**.  |
| The **Malad-Dahisar region** in the **west** and **Cembur-Govandi region** in the **east** have **grown the fastest**.  |
| The **north** is becoming **more populated**, whilst the **south** is now **less populated**.  |
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| **Importance Nationally** |
| India’s **financial** and **commercial centre**.  |
| India’s **principal port**.  |
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| **Importance Regionally** |
| The **capital city** of the **Indian state** of **Maharashtra**.   |
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