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LIFE IN 35 mm

THE SLUMS OF LUCKNOW



There are numerous definitions of what constitutes a slum yet slum dwelling is considered to be one such way that conceptualizes and characterizes urban deprivation. The word “slum” initially came into existence in London at the beginning of the 19th century to narrate a “room of low repute” or “low, unfrequented areas of the town”.

The early definitions of slumdwelling included social, physical, spatial, and behavioural aspects of urban poverty. While undertaking this research, the first definition of slum identified was one cited by the Report of Committee on slum statistics, Government of India that says “A slum is a compact settlement of at least 20 households with the collection of poorly built tenements, mostly of temporary nature, crowded together usually with inadequate sanitary and drinking water facilities in unhygienic condition.” Another striking statement where slum has been re-defined by the United Nations Programs on Human Settlements as “a contiguous settlement where the inhabitants are characterized as having inadequate housing and basic services. A slum is often not recognized and addressed by the public authorities as an integral or equal part of the city”

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Facts about Slums



Source: http://mohua.gov.in/upload/uploadfiles/files/21UP_lucknow_sfcp-min.pdf



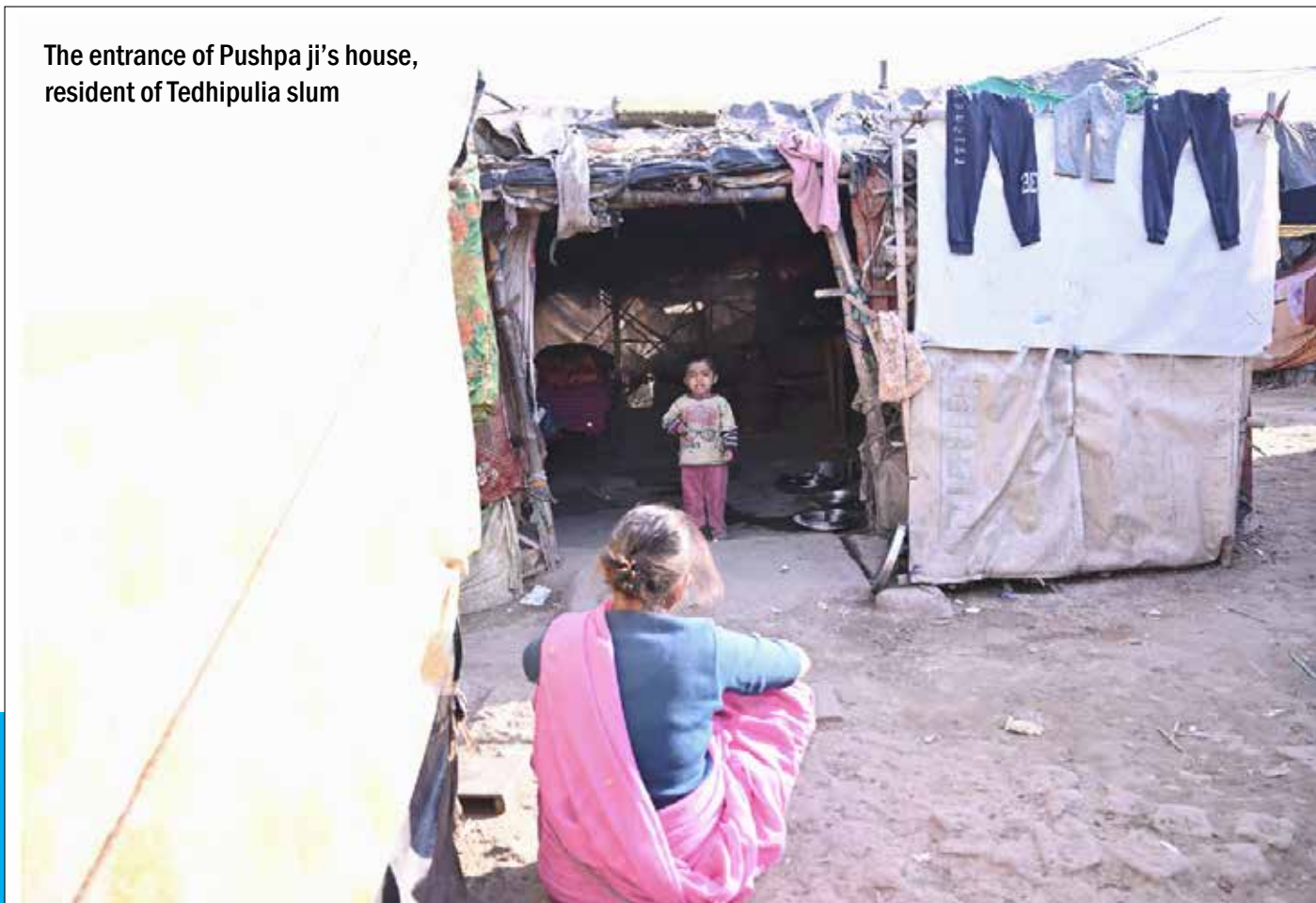
Source: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/284206361_Housing_and_sanitary_conditions_in_slums_of_Lucknow_capital_of_Uttar_Pradesh



OVERVIEW

Slums are home to a majority of people in the world. Slums in India are characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and a hazardous living environment. The poor living conditions and lack of awareness among the slum dwellers have had not only affected the health of those people but also poses distinctive challenges in establishing health surveys. Nishatganj railway crossing, Nishatganj flyover, and Tedhipulia are such areas of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The government of Uttar Pradesh (of which Lucknow is the capital city), for example, has defined slums and squatters as a place “Where the competent authority upon information received otherwise in its possession is satisfied as respects any area that a majority of the buildings in the area are, by any reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, an inappropriate arrangement of design of such buildings, narrower or faulty arrangements of streets, lack of ventilation; light or sanitation facilities, or any combination of these factors, detrimental to safety, health, or morals of inhabitants in the area, it may by notification in the official gazette, declare such area to be a slum area.”

The entrance of Pushpa ji's house,
resident of Tedhipulia slum



1bhk world of Rita, resident of
Tedhipulia slum



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We are still waiting for the officials to clean our slums.

Kranti Sachan, resident of Tedhipulia slum



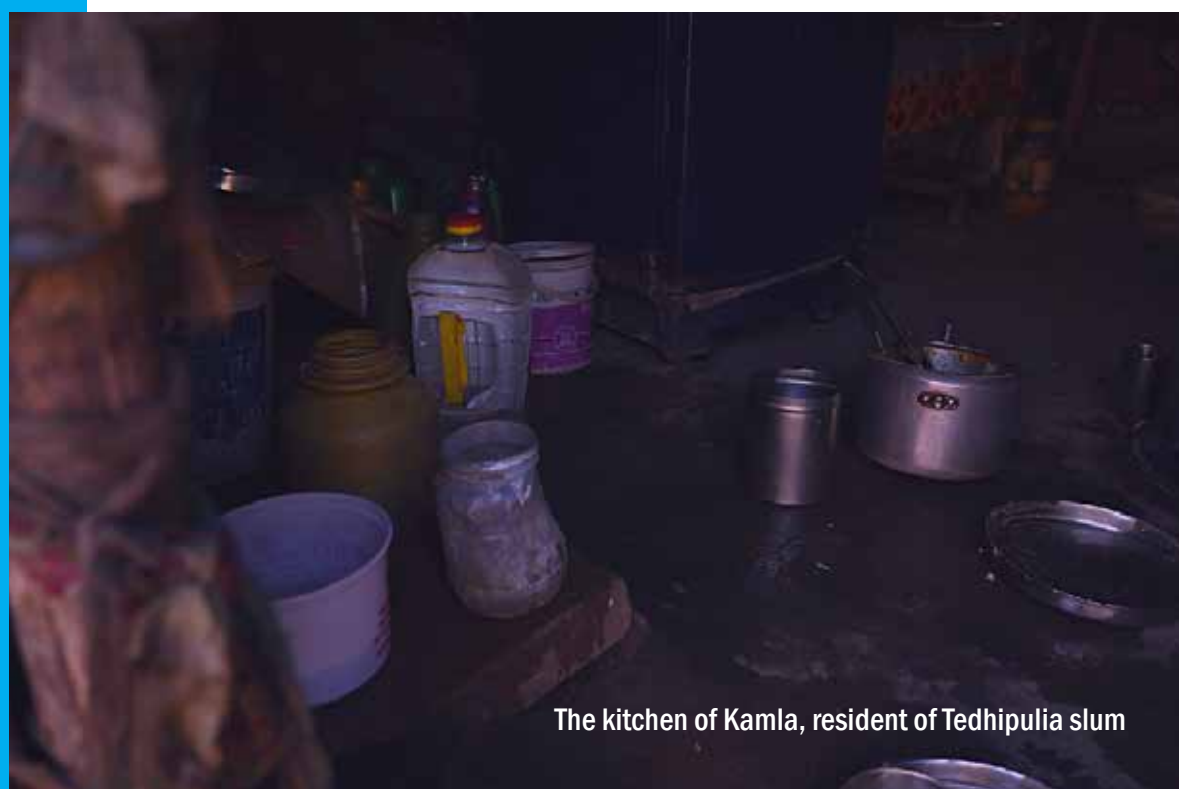
I am living here for the past 20 years & the situation is still the same.

Kamla, resident of Tedhipulia slum





Temporary washroom of a family of 8 in a slum



The kitchen of Kamla, resident of Tedhipulia slum



Phoolmati making rice and chutney for her 3-year-old kid



Slum residents fill drinking water in plastic cans.



Phoolmati and her husband storing water.



Reena washing clothes near a drain.



**Children of a lesser God:
Residents have drinking and
bathing facility near a drain.**

Public toilet being used
as a temporary shelter



Public toilet in a slum

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We can't afford to use government toilets, we choose to go outside

Shanti, resident of Tedhipulia slum



▶ A woman going to attend nature's call in the open. Due to meagre earning of Rs 1500/month, slum residents prefer open defecation instead of using public toilets for which they have to pay.



Kids prefer to defecate in the open
despite a public toilet in the locality



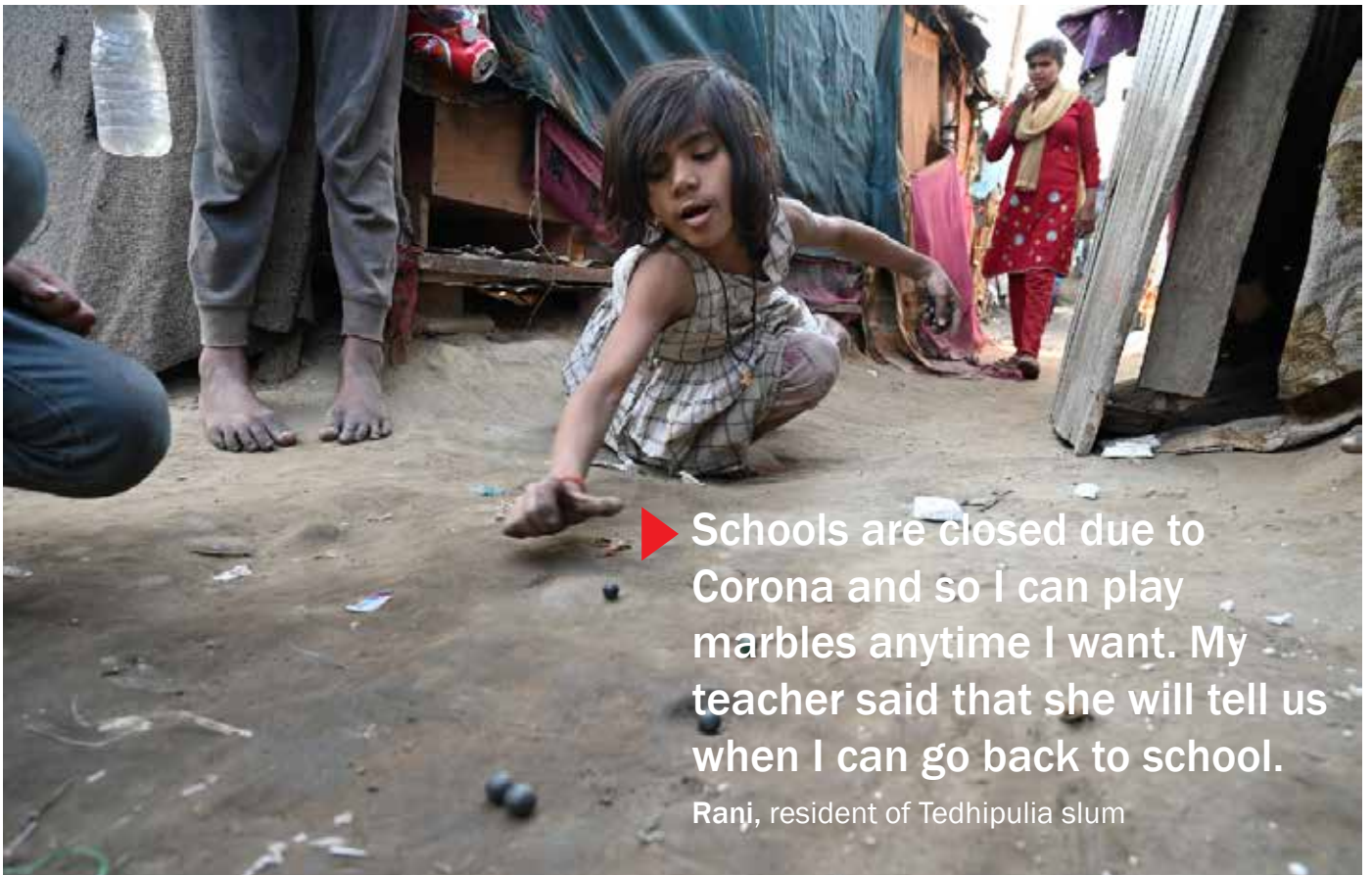
Residents of
Nishatganj slum



A group of kids loitering near a
garbage heap just outside the slum

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Due to limited water supply, residents have to queue up to get their turn to fill and stock water for daily use.



► Schools are closed due to Corona and so I can play marbles anytime I want. My teacher said that she will tell us when I can go back to school.

Rani, resident of Tedhipulia slum



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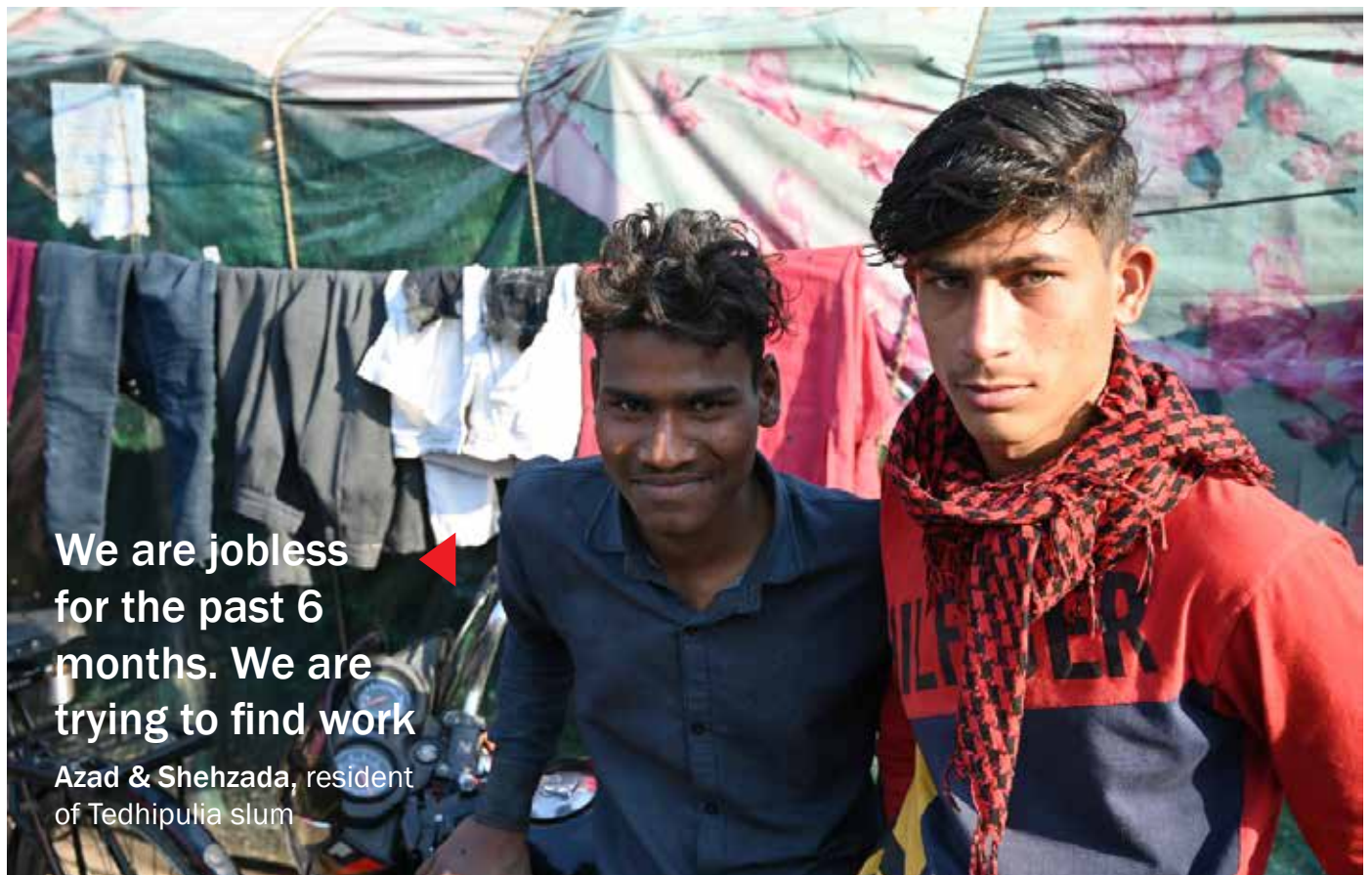
I don't know what Corona is, but
Amma said if we will wear masks
it will go away

Karan, resident of Tedhipulia slum



We are jobless
for the past 6
months. We are
trying to find work

Azad & Shehzada, resident
of Tedhipulia slum





A CENTRE FOR MEDIA STUDIES *initiative*

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The Centre for Media Studies (CMS) which is part of Centre of Excellence program with due approval of Hon C-6 promotes inter-disciplinary approaches to study, understand, bring about co-operation and provide consultancy service to the industry by regular research and assess the evolution, role, relevance and impact of media in India and around the world.

This centre of excellence not only takes up different projects related to research and consultancies but also keeps a vigilant eye on the impact, influence and functioning of the media and create documents within the institution involving students.

Some of the projects/consultancies undertaken by CMS are 'National TB Control Campaign' and came out with 'Photography Excursion and Video Documentation' sponsored by Mamta; Project on Road Safety, Quarterly data based graphical analysis document-Repertoire, Documentaries

for Sparc India.

A Special Project was undertaken on MahaKumbh 2019 at Prayagraj(Allahabad) wherein we made a short Documentary and created content in the form a Booklet by covering different stories.

An MOU with Water Aids (UK Based Trust) and Amity School of Communication with former being the Knowledge Partner is in the final stages of execution.

Two Short Term Research Projects are in the final stage of being executed including a field study being given to us from I-Next (Jagran Group) on the Consumer Behaviour of the Newspaper Readers, outcome of which will be published in the leading Hindi daily of India.

One of the striking features of CMS is that it involves students of master's & bachelor's Programs who are not only exposed to the basic foundations of mass media reasoning and thought but are also to the inter-disciplinary application of the Journalism and Mass Communication.

