

Physics and the city of UMBAI

The megapolis of Mumbai (erstwhile Bombay) is a melting pot amalgamating a large number of cultures; it is a commercial and entertainment epicenter where grist and grime share space with shining structures. A typical *Mumbaikar* uses the municipal (BMC) water, commutes to work in an overcrowded local train or the public (BEST) bus, seeks relief in the evening by visiting the seashore or a mall. While such everyday occurrences could have inspired writers and poets from time to time, one would hardly suspect that they would catch the eye of a discerning physicist. We discuss the (simple) physics of some everyday occurrences in “*Aamchi Mumbai*”.

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