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Report on Field Visit to Slum Cluster

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Time: 8:00 AM onwards

Number of Students: 6

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As part of the course Understanding the Urban, the students of the first semester of the MA Urban Studies programme took part in field trip to a slum cluster in Naraina Vihar Industrial Area, West Delhi. The aim of this field trip was to expose the students to the social, economic, and spatial dimensions of informal housing settlements which form an integral part of our cities. The students gained an understanding about the coexistence of the slums alongside planned housing colonies and industrial area, their interaction with these areas through jobs as informal workers; the precarity of the site itself as hazardous adjoining railway tracks, but the economic adaptation within the urban fabric through a paper and cardboard collection unit for recycling set up in its proximity.



