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Addressing The Issues Of Liveability In Informal Settlements: A Case Of Dharavi, Mumbai

India's number of informal settlements have seen a meteoric rise of 25% in the last decade and the need to rehabilitate its citizens is an important issue than ever before. Dharavi, in particular has prevailed and resisted most of the redevelopment and up gradation schemes. Only sporadic attempts by the Indian government have been made at its periphery, with none of them working well enough to be replicated in more numbers. This is mainly because of the indifferent attitude of the concerned towards the existing social and economic mode of space, leading to insensitive and inefficient redevelopment and up gradation projects. This thesis tries to understand what contributes to the resilience of the space within the informal settlement of Dharavi which roots it deeply within the formal city, in order for redevelopment and up gradation schemes to work in a larger scale in a more inclusive and sustainable manner.