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Founded in 1875, the Olivaint Conference is the oldest student association in France. Secular and politically independent, the association provides a forum for political and social discussions along with study tours for its members. This year, India was the chosen study destination. On the occasion of their twelve day journey, the members of the association visited the cities of Delhi, Jaipur, Udaipur, Agra and Bombay.

In Mumbai, supported by the Consulate of France in Bombay, they were able to visit Dharavi, where they were presented a draft of plans for slum redevelopment. They also met Mr. Sharit Bhowmik, Professor of Social Relations and Dean of Tata Institute of Social Sciences and had a profitable discussion on social relations in Indian industry. On the recommendation of Mr. D. D. Navekar, Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry, they visited the model industrial site of Godrej and Boyce Company at Vikhroli.

In spite of their tight schedule, they also were able to visit the famous site of the Elephanta caves and later had the opportunity to meet the Jesuit fathers at St. Xavier's College. An Indian dance show with the French artist H el ene Magisson was also organised for them by the Consul general.



Meeting with Shan Mehta presenting the redevelopment projects of Dharavi.



H el ene Magisson during the Indian dance show.

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