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Daily Life in India

Village Life

- ♦ The majority of people live in rural villages.
- ♦ They produce most of what they need to survive.
- ♦ Families work together.
- ♦ Many villages still don't have electricity or running water.

Village Life Video Questions:

1. How is life different in villages than towns/cities?
Clean air, very few cars & noise, no big shops
2. How do people make a living from the land?
Farm, herd, fish
3. Where do they get water?
The village well

City Life

- ♦ 25% of the population lives in urban cities.
- ♦ Cities have modern factories, buildings, & highways.
- ♦ Major problems in cities today include:
 - Inadequate sewage
 - Contaminated water
 - High percentage of people living in poverty

Families

- ♦ Live with extended families-parents, children, & spouses of children.
- ♦ Most are Patriarchal- The father is the head of the family.
- ♦ Father makes important decisions and rules.

Marriages

- ♦ Most are still arranged (around 90%).
- ♦ Families chose someone within the same caste and religion.
- ♦ Some girls in Indian marry very young usually to an older man.
- ♦ Once married brides leave their family and move in with husband's family.

Weddings

- ♦ Huge village celebrations.
- ♦ Paid for by the bride's family. Sometimes lead to family debts.
- ♦ Bride's family must also give a dowry (gift of property or possessions) to the groom.

Women in India

- ♦ Historically, women in India had very few rights.
- ♦ It was considered the duty of women to marry, obey their husbands, and have sons.
- ♦ Men must also marry because women have a creative energy called Shakti.
- ♦ Hindu widows were often forbidden to remarry and expected to spend their life in prayer.
- ♦ In Muslim (Islamic) areas of India, women are required to be subordinate to men and wear veils (Hijabs) in public places.
- ♦ Women in India have new rights in India today such as the right to vote & own property.