



Reviving Community Living



Quaid Doongerwala



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The housing project is located about 60 km to the north east of Mumbai and houses 54 families of staff working in the industrial facility of a colour coating plant for a large corporate group.

Family, relatives and community play a critical role in the Indian society – the housing has been designed keeping these socio-cultural realities in mind.

Using the Mumbai chawl as a reference to organize the spaces, we saw it as a typology with tremendous possibility of being a social catalyst. Four apartments of 540sq ft each are strung along a corridor space, at the end of which sits the staircase. On the ground floor, the apartments are accessible individually, having their own small semi-private space, resembling the characteristic