

# chaiwithlakshmi# - The Myth About Urban Indian Slums

While most of us may think that urban slums have electricity and toilets of some sort, they don't. And there are nearly 35000 such slums in India. It may be hard to believe, but the population from these slums is an active contributor to the country's economy and a highly effective participant in the urban work force! It is time that this population wasn't turned a blind eye to.

Taking a step in the direction of inclusion and development is a small team from Australia - *Pollinate Energy*. They are creating affordable products for lighting and electricity. Soon, they hope to create products for sanitation and cooking too. In this video, I catch up with Ben and Monique from Pollinate to understand their efforts, what's it's meant to work in Indian slums and their vision for the business.

This video was filmed at Sankalp Summit in Mumbai, India. Sankalp is an *Intellecap* initiative. Discover more at <http://www.sankalpforum.com>