The Bridge Home: Photos

A visual resource containing pictures that relate to scenes in Padma Venkatraman’s novel
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Mangoes for sale

Vegetable seller with push cart
Crowded City Bus and small temple

School girls (in pink uniform) and crowded bus
City Street with 3 wheeled "auto rickshaw"

City Street and fruit vendors
Crowded Street with Traffic
No gaps in moving traffic
Jewelry ad and low income apartments in the background

Billboard advertising Jewelry
Not too wealthy neighborhood and clothesline

Banana sellers
Men drinking chai from glass tumblers at roadside tea shop
Stray dogs on the streets
Stray Puppies
Ruined Bridge Beside Newer Bridge
Bridge over the Adayar River

Distant view of the river

Modern bridge with stone lions
Dilapidated housing near polluted waterway with open gutters and rubbish dumps
Kolam flour is held between the fingers

Kolam patterns are drawn on the front step
Kolams in Southern India are drawn from grids created with dots.
Nice neighborhood with wide streets

Nice neighborhood with shady tree lined avenues
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Man sleeping on the street in the shade of a tree that’s growing out of the sidewalk

Glass set atop a wall
A gardener looks over a wall at school boys in uniform on the way to school
Trash dumps, rubbish heaps and piles of garbage are present even in wealthier neighborhoods
Apartments in low income neighborhood
Meat hanging on hooks in an open stall

Waterlogging even after a mild rain (street puddle)
Man standing on a trash dump near a polluted waterway

In the next few pictures if you look carefully, you’ll see human beings standing on large rubbish dumps
Person with sack on his back standing atop the rubbish (to the right of the photograph) and another person to the left.
Man on the waste mound
Man cooking food on the street
Biriyani (mix packet)

Roadside Biriyani stall and pharmacy
Man pumping water from a rusty hand pump

Park in the middle of the city
Waste Mart

The entrance is closed but you can see bags filled with different types of waste packed and sitting outside on the street.
Plastic toy seller on the street

Plastic toys being sold on the beach
Distant view of nicer section of beach

Distant view of poorer section of the beach
Close up view of light house and nicer section of beach
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Corn vendor at the beach

Food stalls at the beach
Woman sitting on the street and making bead necklaces to sell.
Santhome Cathedral, Chennai

A small church in the city
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Wedding guests

Entrance to wedding hall
A wedding couple and guests
Animals eating refuse from trash bin
Fireworks at a home during the Divali festival

Child holding a firecracker during the Divali festival
Banyan tree
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Graveyard

Entrance to graveyard
Some schools that inspired the safe spaces in the book
Serving food at a school

Picture of Ambedkar and icons of The Buddha
Children often sit cross legged on the floor.

Writing in Tamil on the board behind the teacher.