

# Identifying thematic concerns: what do we have

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# Variety of industrial heritage

- **Geographical Locations**
- **Time Period**
- **Different Builders**
- **Architectural Styles**
- **Size**
- **Different Typologies**

# Defining Areas of research

- All research has to cater to pedagogy and practice in the following pursuit
  - Theory and Philosophical base
  - Process and techniques
  - Standards
  - Technology

# Industry as understood from industrial revolution : mass production

- Raw material
- Produce
- Impact on and of the society
- Effectiveness on the economy: National, owner, workers and the residents
- Transportation
- Knowledge and science
- Built within the site and impact on the spatial fabric
- Perception and memory

# Challenge is traditional industrial heritage pre industrial heritage

- Reflection of culture
- Contemporary defined as small scale industry
- Skills produce product vs product influencing culture
- Position of skill in the society: trade, daily life products
- Inventions and knowledge

# Not everything is glossy

- Not so much that we would like to talk about : the life and oppression of the labour's/ always assumed as economic weaker section but never highlight that tribal community were self sustainable and very less dependent on market economy for daily needs and happiness
- Disaster defined and some undefined as they are slow after effects

# Heritage definitions is a challenge

- Many a times the structures are not of outstanding value
- Past, present to future because landscapes transform at every phase
- Valuation, authenticity and integrity are difficult to anchor on in a context

# Documentation a challenge

- There is a need to define the techniques, methodologies, and parameters for study
- multidisciplinary thinking and integrated approach is required
- Thematic sampling is required



# Probable themes

- Sites of global importance and its universal value
- Sites of National importance instrumental in nation building
- Sites of traditional knowledge systems: identifying traditional guilds, skill sets and distribution of activities in a society.
- Large industries influencing landscapes :industrial landscapes