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# Lecture - 30 Week - 06 Craft Sector: Summary & Discourse

Namastey! Hello everyone welcome to the NPTEL course Role of Craft and Technology in Interior Architecture. Today we are going to discuss module 30 which is the summary of few previous modules, and we will just try to some up what we understood about the craft sector in India.

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So, we will be just summing up the craft sector in terms of the overview; the issues and challenges that it faces; the policies and reforms that have been introduced; what are the gaps that have been identified; and of course, the list of references towards the end. To begin with, we tried to understand how is craft sector defined, and what is the overview of it, specifically in the context of India.

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"The sector may be best defined as pertaining to items made either totally or partially by hand, significant for their utility and/or decorative value. Taking a holistic view, the operational domain of craft includes statutory bodies (ministries, state departments, boards and autonomous institutions) pertaining to Handicrafts and Handlooms as its core, while drawing upon programmes and schemes of Rural Development, Skills Development, MSME, Tourism, Culture, Commerce, Labour and Industry. It also includes NGOs, social enterprises, and market organizations and has vertical and horizontal linkages with international markets, development and funding agencies, displaying a vibrant and dynamic sector responding to multiple trends and processes through a variety of media."

– Yamini Mubayi, Policy Gaps Study on the Crafts Sector in India; 2016

So, we understood that this sector may be best defined as pertaining to items made either totally or partially by hand, significant for their utility and/or decorative value. And, we also tried to understand that the operational domain of the craft includes statutory bodies, ministries, state departments, boards and autonomous institutions pertaining to handicrafts and handlooms as its core, while drawing upon programmes and schemes of rural development, skills development, MSME, tourism, culture, commerce, labour and industry.

It also includes NGOs, social enterprises, and market organizations and has vertical and horizontal linkages. So, it is a gamut of things and there is a huge umbrella under which lot of these activities are organized and termed together. So, craft sector is very humongous. It involves lot of people involved in it. And therefore, it's sometimes very challenging to understand it and to come up with policies which could work in its favour. And there are lot of problems and challenges that come into picture. But, I think the government is really working quite elaborately in the direction to overcome the gaps and challenges and to make very relevant policies.

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Now, despite its rich heritage of traditional manufacturing skills, we learnt that India's share in the international market for craft is under two percent, while that of china stands at thirty percent. So, we saw that despite being a potential sector and despite being, you know, also contributing to the employment in the country, our international, you know, positioning and the share is quite less, which can be really increased.

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"According to the United Nations, over the past thirty years, the number of Indian artisans has decreased by thirty percent. And we learnt about this alarming number while we were talking about it in the previous lecture, indicating the need to reinvest in artisans; to safeguard history, culture and important source of livelihood." So, while we are talking about the overview of the sector, we also get figures like this and they are quite alarming and disturbing, but most definitely now things are improving.

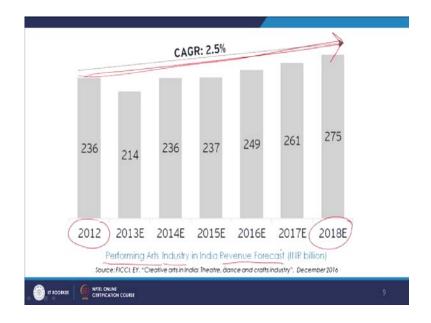
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We also discussed little bit about the performing art industry and what are the opportunities that we see. And we discussed how increasing national and international exposure across theatre, dance and craft industries; upgradation of new technology and settings; rising global demand; and, emergence of varied performances being experimented as sources for performance, are providing opportunities for the industry to capitalize on.

So, we tried to understand the craft sector in terms of the opportunities which are there in terms of the different kinds of activities that fall under it. And we saw some statistical data, we saw the graphs that explained us you know some data regarding the potential of these industries and the revenue generation and how there has been an annual growth rate when we talk about the revenues being generated.

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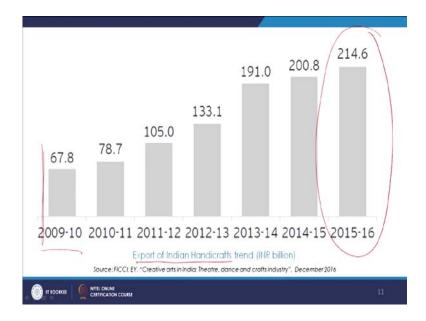
So, since we are talking about the performing arts industry. And here from 2012 to 2018 we saw this steady growth you know and how the revenue forecast was made. And there was this stable growth that was seen.

CAGR: 17.8% 125 107 90 76 65 49 47 2012 2015E 2016E 2017E 2018E 2013E 2014E Performing Arts Support Activities in India revenue Forecast (INR billion) Source: FICCLEY, "Creative arts in India: Theatre, dance and crafts industry", December 2016 NITEL ONUNE CERTFICATION COURS

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We also saw that you know the performing arts support activities are also a gamut of activities when we talk about this industry and there also we see a very steady growth and quite impressive growth actually from here to here. So, we saw these kinds of graphs and data to also understand that yes, the number of artisans is decreasing and there is an alarming data

that we come across, but then there are also improvements which are happening. And at least that the direction and the vision that the government has or the individuals and the associated organizations have that is not in a, you know, not minuscule and it is really contributing.



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Some more data we saw where we saw the export of Indian handicrafts and we saw this trend rising from 2009-10 to a very huge number here in 2015-16. So, we saw these kinds of data sets also.

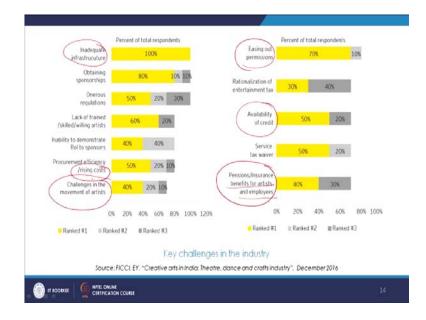
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	Export items	2015-16 April - Sept (in INR billio	ember	Y-o-y increase in %		
	Art metal wares	19.40	25.92	33.62		
	Wood wares	19.16	21.87	14.13		
	Hand printed textiles & scarves	14.24	16.11	13.1		
	Embroidered & crocheted goods	14.30	16.54	15.67		
	Shawis as art wares	0.03	0.03	8.52		
	Zari & zari goods	0.62	0.56	-9.49		
	Imitation jewelry	10.74	11.02	2.62		
	Misc. Handicrafts	31.43	37.97	20.78		
	Total	109.89	129.99	18.28		
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And another data and the table that explains the export figure of handicrafts and here from 2015 - 16 to 2016 -17, we again saw the rise and in terms of percentage it is not bad 18.28 percent. So, again these are all hopes that we have in the, you know, the results that we see which make everyone going and encourages and empowers the stakeholders involved in this sector to keep working and to think about you know lot of good changes that are going to happen. Of course, having said that there are lot of gaps and problems, but they have to be addressed and lot of work is already happening.

So, because I was talking about the issues and challenges, and gaps; so, now, let us see the issues and challenges which we discussed in great detail. And here we will just, we are browsing through them and just being, just see the overview of it. So, we saw this slide couple of times and it very interestingly elaborately consolidates the key issues and challenges and we tried to understand that.

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So, we talked about the inadequate infrastructure; we talked about the lack of scholarships, sponsorships; lack of awareness towards the government policies. And, we talked about lot of onerous regulations; there are sometimes services tax that get introduced. And, we also talked about the challenges from the current market demand; competition from the industries, multinational corporate; and, the mass production of finished groups vis-a-vis the production by hand.

We saw all these challenges and issues. Then, there were also issues related to permissions, also procuring of the raw material and then availability of credit, getting loans from the bank that was also one key issue and a challenge. Then, you know, some benefits for artists and employees in terms of pensions and insurance, if that could be introduced, that would give them some security and already some schemes are there they need to be strengthened. And, rising costs of the raw material again; challenges in the movement of artist - how do we go to them rather taking them out of their community and cluster. So, all these issues and challenges we have been discussing about.

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the groups are often well organized they do not have the production or marketing	
expertise." _ Jaitly. Jaya. "Crafts as industry", in Creative Industries - a symposium on culture based development strategies, http://www.india-seminar.com/2005/553.htm, 2005	
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And we also talked about how "apart from vision and political will to develop crafts production as a serious economic preposition, there is always issue of finances which is involved. After all, if we talk of building the barely literate and often indebted craftsman into a self employed producer-entrepreneur it will need funding structures." So again, lot of issues related to the lack of funding structures and then "the recent thrust on creating self help groups and micro credit schemes is bringing the organizational and financial components to suit small businesses and the decentralized sector in rural areas, particularly for women. Unfortunately, though the groups are often well organized they do not have the production or marketing expertise."

So again - the lack of production or marketing expertise that we saw in the previous consolidated table also. And we interestingly discussed about the key challenges in the

building craft sector. And we discussed the issues and challenges which have been highlighted by DICRC at CEPT University.

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Strategic thinking	Absence of collaborations of various partners within the built heritage sector for the holistic strategic plans related to building crafts
Sustainability	Lack of maintenance of our existing traditional and vernacular building stock as well as the contemporary application of building crafts in current built environment
Demand	Lack of recruitment strategies to attract the craftspeople needed to solve the current skills shortage within heritage sector
Skills gaps	Absence of a defined knowledge documentation system and inter-competence among craftspeople leading to reduction of the loss of knowledge and skills
	Key Challenges in Building Craft Sector reative arts in India: Theatre, dance and crafts industry", December 2016
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Talking in terms of strategic thinking, they point out that there is absence of collaborations of various partners within the built heritage sector, for the holistic strategic plans related to building crafts. There is lack of maintenance of our existing traditional and vernacular building stock as well as the contemporary application of building crafts, in current built environment. Because we have been talking about the building crafts and the role of craft and technology in interior architecture, it's very important that we also discuss about the challenges and issues specifically within the building crafts. And, there is lack of recruitment strategies to attract the craftspeople needed to solve the current skill shortage within heritage sector.

Then, there is absence of a defined knowledge documentation system and inter competence among craftspeople leading to reduction of the loss of knowledge and skills that is also key issue and challenge. Taking it further - the building craft discussion, there is also lack of defined knowledge transfer from one generation to another, leading to decrease of resources as well as interest amongst younger craftspeople that also has been identified.

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There is shortage of public awareness of the built heritage sector and work opportunities causing serious problems related to sustainability and survival amongst the craftspersons. The percentage of short term assignments in the building sector that also we discussed, it poses a huge barrier to training and skill development and then there is absence of tangible progression routes and financial rewards for those who wish to continue to work in this sector.

There are not enough returns, there is lot of investment of time and energy and then they do not gain back enough. And then, they migrate and they go to work in different sectors; they seek jobs; and they just get reduced to part time artisans, which is not a good sign. And, then we also saw some case studies from Gujarat; Rajasthan, specially Jaipur; and Orissa.

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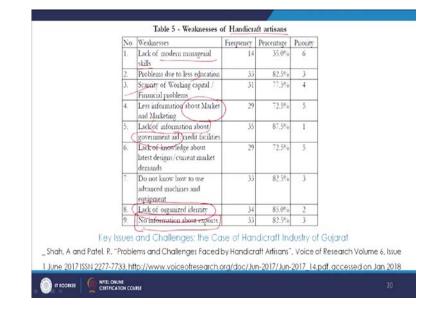
So, this one was from Gujarat and it was talking about different forms of handicraft activities and what we saw alarming was again what I was mentioning just now. The number of artisans which are artisans, which are part time, is so huge, it is more than half of the total number, and that they are not practicing these craft forms as their sustainable livelihood they have to rely on different supplementary income and different other activities.

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Reasons to join the Handicraft	Frequency	Percentage
Easy	7	17.5%
Less Investment	4	10.0%
Utilization of Free Time	26	65.0%
Govt. Help	2	5.0%
No Option	6	15.0%
Key Issues and Challenges: the C	ase of Handicraft Industry of	f Gujarat

And then we also talked about the reasons, you know, why a particular artisan or a craft person or an individual joins the handicraft sector. And then, we saw here, an alarming

number that you know, there were only 5 percent of the total respondents, who came to this sector because of the government help or who were aware that the government help existed.

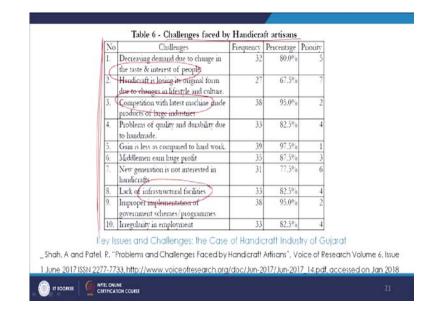


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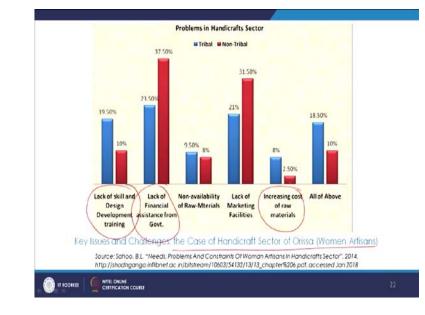
Then we also saw the weaknesses of the handicraft artisans and we tried to understand these issues and challenges and the problems that are faced. So, again the lack of managerial skills, there was lack of education, scarcity of capital, less knowledge about market and marketing, and then lack of information about the government aid, and lack of organized identity - they sometimes have conflicts within themselves, and this competition among the craftspersons because of which the quality standards and pricing vary.

So, all those issues! And then, they sometimes have no information about the exports. So, we tried to understand through these case studies and already existing researches what are the key challenges and issues and how could they be addressed through policy formulation.

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Further we saw the challenges faced by the handicraft artisans and we saw lot of these challenges over here. Again here - the lack of infrastructural facilities that we see, and then the changing taste and interest of people, changing market demand, and then the competition with the latest machines - so, we discussed all this in detail and we could just have a sort of a comprehensive understanding of these problems and challenges and issues that the craft sector is facing today.

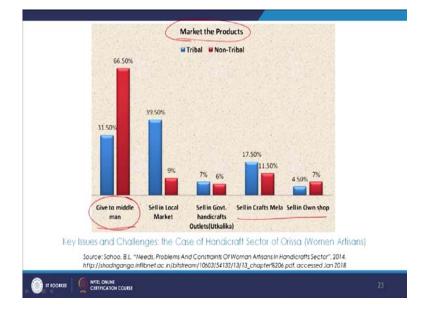


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Then we saw this case study from Orissa, where it has been talked about, you know, the challenges especially the women artisans face. And, we see the lack of skill and design development training; lack of financial assistance; non availability of raw materials; and, increasing cost of raw materials - all the issues that we have been seeing so far.

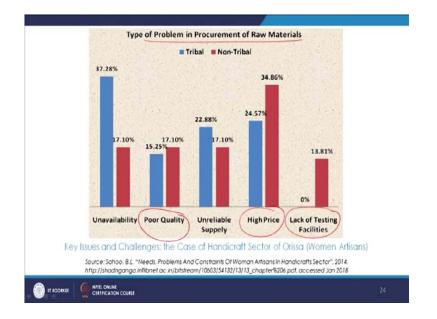
So, we see lot of commonality and we see lot of common issues and challenges, be you know, whatever be the state or the region, but more or less there are lot of common issues and challenges. And, I am sure, there could be a sort of a system that could be made to take care of these common issues and then there could also be horizontal and vertical linkages to take care of them, across different communities, you know, taking care of the regional variations and also sort of developing a network amongst the states.

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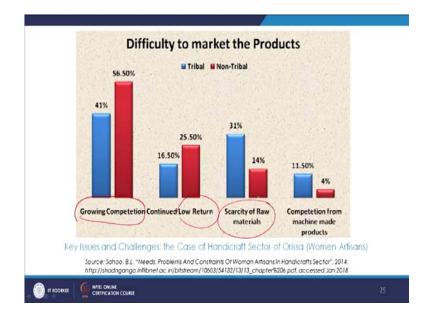
And you know, we just also saw the problems associated with the marketing of the products and how the middle man comes into picture. And then there are lot of cases of exploitation and other things. So, we saw all these issues and challenges.

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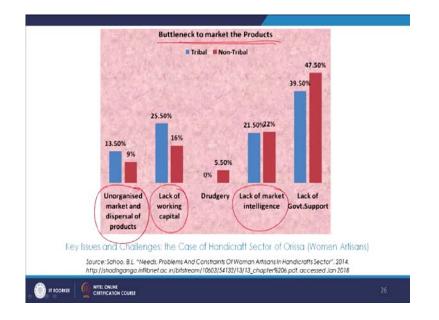
And, there were also problems in procurement of raw materials that we came across and high prices one thing, lack of testing facilities is another reason, why you know this has been faced. Sometimes the poor quality raw material is available, and because of which the product which is made is also not good, and the difficulty in marketing the products.

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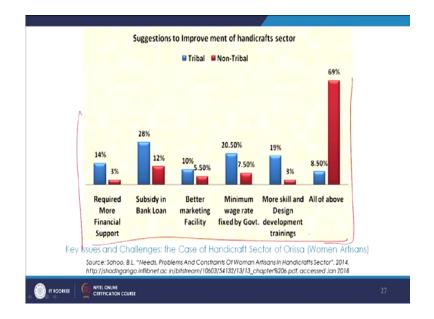
So, lot of data related to that - growing competition, low returns, again scarcity of raw materials, and there is lot of competition from the machine made products.

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Then we discussed about the bottlenecks to market the products and again we saw lot of issues that have been highlighted by lot of organizations, individuals and researches like this that we are taking reference to. Unorganized market and dispersal of products - because of the informality of the sector that we have been discussing about that is again a challenge how to market the products; lack of working capital; there is lack of market intelligence and lack of government support as per the respondents survey, but of course, sometimes, most of the times, government's support even if it is there, it somehow does not reach to them. So, that is again an issue.

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There were also suggestions to improve this sector that we discussed about and we you know saw all these kinds of case studies. So, after discussing the issues and challenges we also talked about the policies and reforms in the craft sector. And we discussed how the current government is very keen towards this model of you know establishing creative and cultural industries.

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And seeing craft industry as a labor intensive job creator. The findings of the craft economic impact study done by the crafts council of India, it emphasizes on the importance of crafts to achieve social and political stability. So, we also saw the findings of the craft economics and impact study and it also suggested the increasing number of women participation. And how it is very beneficial and it contributes in the economy and the entire production cycle. We discussed about that and also the current government is very focused on creating opportunities for entrepreneurship, for training, for capacity building and lot of policies are getting aligned to these focus points and that is how the schemes are coming up and the policy frameworks are getting developed.

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We also discussed the national design policy and what are the important highlights that it has put forth and one of the important things it emphasizes on is the creation of platform for creative design development, design promotion and partnerships. So, how to create the convergence, how to create a platform, that brings in people from different backgrounds and knowledge together, and then come up with sort of a production system and designs which have value addition and which also benefit the craft person as well as the designers involved.

And, it will generate, according to this policy, the better employment opportunities, and also improve the standards of living of the craftspersons, which again should be a core concern while making policies, because it is not just the increase in the numbers or the, you know, the projections, the growth rates that we have to see. Eventually, it has to give satisfaction to the community to the craft person and there should be an enhancement and improvement in the quality of standards of living by these craftspersons. (Refer Slide Time: 18:40)

	•Creation of original Indian designs in products and services drawing
	upon India's rich art and craft traditions and cultural heritage - this will
	ensure that the innovation is embedded in the ethos of the communities,
	and it is more about value addition rather than snatching away the
	essence of these art-craft-cultural forms
	•Making India a major hub for exports and outsourcing of designs and
(	creative process) for achieving a design enabled innovation economy
	•Enhancing the overall tangible and intangible quality parameters of
	products and services through design – incremental innovations leading
	to social change

Further, the policy also highlighted the creation of original Indian designs and valuing what is original to India, what creates its identity and how to do value addition in small steps and not just snatch away from the soul of the product which is made by the craft person; and then making India a major hub for exports and outsourcing of designs and creative processes, this is also highlighted in the policy. And, we discussed about it. Then, enhancing the overall tangible and intangible quality parameters. Again, because we have been talking about creating awareness, lot of artisans and crafts persons do not know about schemes, policies, reforms.

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p	articularly SMEs and cottage industries, about the competitive
a	dvantage of original designs – revival of arts and crafts, but maintaining
tł	ne originality and purity
•	Sustaining and strengthening India's traditional knowledge, skills and
c	apabilities while being sensitive to global heritage - so that our shop
fl	oor workers, craftpersons and artisans could be engaged in
n	nanufacture of innovative products and contemporarisation of
tr	adifional crafts for broad spectrum of uses and niche markets.

So, creation of awareness among manufacturers and service providers, particularly SMEs and cottage industries, about the competitive advantage of original designs; so awareness about different schemes and policies and particularly here awareness about the strengths of the original Indian designs which come through customization, which come through the you know very rigorous and involved process of making a product.

Then, sustaining and strengthening India's traditional knowledge skills and capabilities while being sensitive to global heritage. So, being sensitive to the global heritage and what is the need of the hour, of course, is very much crucial and required, but also not giving away what traditionally has been practiced, and what is the bridge between the two, and how the tradition and continuity you know, they work together.

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Then, we also discussed how government is thinking to take up policies which discuss the importance of integrating art and craft skills in built forms, and that is where the building craft scenario comes into picture. And we discussed how art, craft, interior-architecture now come under the creative industries umbrella. And then, how they could be really you know, worked together, to come up with policies to have an integration and linkages between these three.

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Then continuing with a discussion on policies and reforms, we also discussed about the twelfth five year plan and how the plan recognizes some priority sectors - specifically textiles and garments; leather and footwear; gems and jewellery; food processing industries; and of course, handicrafts and handlooms, because it is again a very priority sector involving lot of number of artisans and craftspersons and it generates lot of employment.

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And we also talked about you know, some sort of consensus now being achieved in the government policies and the different schemes that it takes and there is an effort to solve this

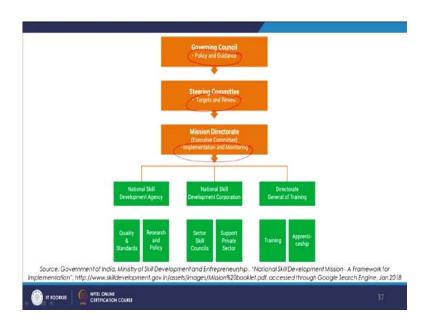
lack of convergence. So, somewhere we have been successful, somewhere we have not been, but it is a welcome step that government is at least thinking about achieving this consensus.

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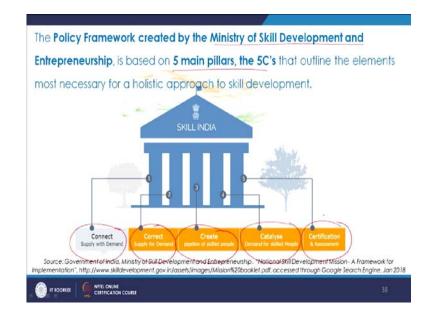
And of course, we talked about the very important national skill development mission and we talked about you know what was the purpose for which it was created and the vision of skilled India how important it is and how now there is also the formulation of ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship, which is the streamline institutional mechanism through which the national skill development mission works. We talked about it is structure.

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And you know, how at different levels, what is the focus and how there is an importance to policy and guidance; targets and review; and there is also assessment and monitoring when the policies get implemented.

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We also discussed about the five main pillars which the skill development mission focuses on, and it talks about - connect, correct, create, catalyze, and certification. We discussed about that and it is a very welcome step while creating policies and reforms related to the craft sector in India.

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•Export Promotion Scheme for Handicrafts
<ul> <li>Schemes for Product Development, focusing on the following:</li> </ul>
a) Workshop and Training Programme in Packaging and in Export
b) Training of Artists/Master crafts persons/Designers
c) Workshop/seminar in India and Abroad
d) Selection of Designers, Artists for development of prototypes for exports
and invitation to foreign Designers
•Schemes of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry
Of Textiles, Government of India
_Karpagavalli, V.S. "Government Guidelines Towards Handicrafts Exports", A Journal o
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Other than that we also enlisted few more policies. So, we also discussed about the Export Promotion Scheme for Handicrafts, Schemes for Product Development, then Schemes of the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles.

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We further talked about the Babasahib Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana; we talked about Bima Yojana for Handicrafts Artisans; Credit Guarantee Scheme that we have come up; Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, and so many others, again like it is not an exhaustive list. We also looked upon the model that China and the country like Vietnam follows and what is their way of you know, making policies when it is about the craft sector.

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Based on the international context, an approach like the one that is pursued by China may be useful. In such a way that, far from offering a single, full time. training craft program. It would be better to offer different programs classified according to the need: 1. Higher education craft program, addressed to the young population, the replacement generation of our craftspeople. 2. Training program for employment, aimed at the unemployed population as an alternative to generate jobs. 3. Training program inside workplace, aimed at current craftspeople in order to professionalize and include them in the formal economy. \_ Flores and Calderon. "Public Policy of Crafts in Mexico: A Misconception", Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas, 2013 

And how they put lot of emphasis on education in the craft sector and this education craft program which they call for the young population, then the another one training program for the unemployed population. And then there is the third one training program inside workplace aimed at the current craftspeople; and how you know as an international case the other countries are looking forward to this model of you know the three tier and then they are trying to learn and apply the understanding in their own context.

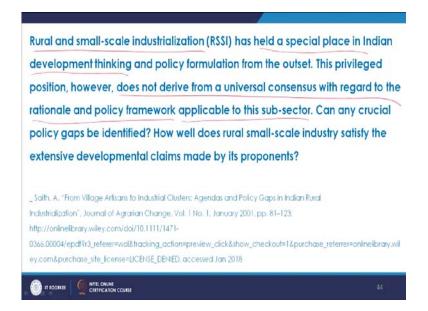
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We saw the case of Vietnam, how it is the Trade Department in Vietnam that promotes the entrepreneurial interests of traditional artisans, while other departments simply ensure that raw materials, fuel and easily accessible marketing systems are provided without fuss and hassle. So, the artisan and craft person is not running around to procure raw material and he does not go through everyday hassle you know and get exploited by the middleman and lot of different people who are involved, but it is channelized institutionally, and there are different ways how you know, it is being provided to the craftspersons, and they can then concentrate on the production and creativity.

We also saw certain gaps after discussing these policies and schemes.

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And we saw the case of rural and small scale industrialization, which has held a special place in the Indian development thinking and policy formulation, but again there are lot of gaps and then it does not derive from a universal consensus with regard to the rationale and policy framework applicable to the sub sector. So, it is an important sector, but there are lots of gaps that the researchers and the organizations, and the individuals, they have analyzed and there are problems you know, with the policies related to RSSI which need to be really understood and overcome.

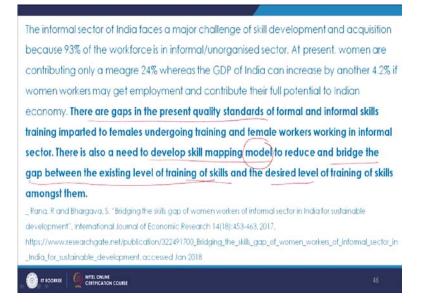
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is in the organised sector. Of this 7%, two-thirds are employed by the gove	ernment.A
whopping 446 million people, or 93% of adult workers, are in the unincorp	orated,
unorganised sector. A little over half of these are self-employed. Many are	e semi-literate o
illiterate. The craft sector employs about 11 million people of which 43 lak	hs are in the
handloom sector. This 11 million is almost as large a number as those who	work in the
organized private sector. It is also the second largest employer in the cou	ntry after
agriculture. We are talking about the lives and livelihoods of an enormou	s number of
people, most of whom barely make ends meet. The introduction of GST he	as made their
lives difficult.	
_ Mastani, M. "The GST Regime is Damaging, Not Helping, India's Crafts Sector", The	Wire, 25.09.2017,
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We also talked about working age population of India and how it is a huge number you know which is in the unorganized sector. So, how the policies really take care of this informal unorganized sector is the concern, and the craft sector employees about 11 million people, out of which 43 lakhs are in the handloom sector itself. To come up with policies for such a huge number and to really you know, take care of the challenges and problems which are related to it, is again a very humongous task. Maybe it needs a policy in place itself to make the policy for this sector.

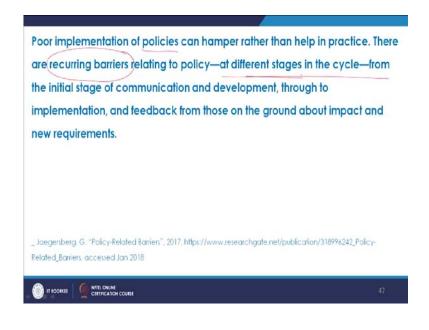
So, we are talking about lives and livelihoods of this enormous number of people and then the policies like you know the introduction of GST comes into picture which somehow troubles all these artisans and craftspersons and then we try to understand how important it is to monitor and assess the policies which get made, because sometimes they are on paper for the betterment and empowerment of these artisans and craftspersons, but the result is opposite of what is being and vision so, that is again a gap.

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Then there are also gaps in the present quality standards of formal and informal training and especially when we talk about women. So, that gap needs to be addressed and we also discussed the need of developing a skill mapping model which would reduce, and bridge the gap between the existing level of training of skills and the desired level of training of skills. So, this is again a gap and if a model like this is developed this could be bridged.

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And we also discussed how the poor implementation of policies, is a major concern and no matter how many policies get made until and unless the implementation is done effectively the result is not going to be achieved.

So, we talked about that and then we also talked about you know recurring barriers related to policy, which we see at different stages right from the initial stage of communication and development to the final stage of implementation and execution, also getting feedbacks, and the monitoring process involved.

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We saw the problems related to the enterprising environment, also saw the problems related to the entrepreneurship development, and what are the different kinds of gaps that we come across while talking about policies related to both of these, we discussed that briefly. (Refer Slide Time: 27:59)



And we also talked about the powerloom sector which is an important sector of the craft industry in India and Ministry of Textiles makes very sound policies for the powerloom sector. But somehow again, these policies are not reaching on ground, and the major gap from the formulation of the policy to the implementation is the lack of awareness of these policies, about these policies, that these policies and schemes actually exist, the artisans and the craftspersons are not aware about these. So, the dissemination also needs to be addressed and the policies should actually reach to the end beneficiary, that is how they will draw benefit out of it.

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We had this discussion on a major concern, where we were talking about the health hazards faced by the artisans and the craftspersons and how sometimes policies do not address the occupational health services and the hazards associated while weaving or while you know, doing very minute and detailed work like you know, *zari* work.

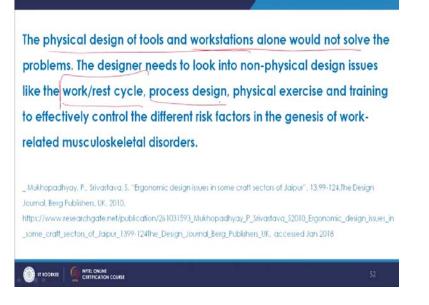
So, there are respiratory problems, there are vision related problems, and they have to be addressed because if the maker is not healthy, it would reflect on the productivity. And, if the standard of life is not good, what is the point of making all these policies and what is the point if you cannot give a healthy life to the community involved.

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Sector/Issues	Institutions and Policies at present	Gaps and Problems	Innovations and New Actors (includes ongoing actions)	Indicators	Risks Assumptions
Artisans Welfare. Occupational health and safety	Ministry of Textiles Schemer. 1. Comprehensive Welfare Scheme, AABY, RGSSBY 2. HRD 3. CHCDS NRLM - social security schemes Ministry of Labour and Employment - Incurace schemet, Housing schemet, OHS Isavi -	Lack of information and knowledge about the schemes among the potential beachCianes Poor implementation of schemes at the local admanistrative level Lack of comprehensive database on artisans, entit, producers groups     Lack of recognition of artisans identity     Lack of unstanable livelihoods No estimation of Gross Value Addrd (GVA)     Lack of Occupational health and Safety acruss and support towards improving working conditions     Lack of Environmental norms and inflastructure support	Health and Life mnurmos- expand illumber of Vervice providers (Manistry of Labour standards) Handcardts Census- create database supplemented by NRLM Issue Artistans ID cards Convergence of anharmschne service provision - upgrade workspaces in terms of sanitation, sewerage, mad/eding, power supply, connectivity etc Implementing agenciet - expand to include NGOs and other nelevant groups Carry out advocacy and awareness campuigns * Carfmark-benchmark for ethical parchetes. Awards to master craftimen and other design innovation awards	<ul> <li>Artisani insurance – number of services</li> <li>Estimate GVA by crafts sector</li> <li>Estimate number of artisani added to the workfocce annually</li> <li>Crafts items added to UNESCO ICH kst</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enhanced production should not lead to de skilling</li> </ul>

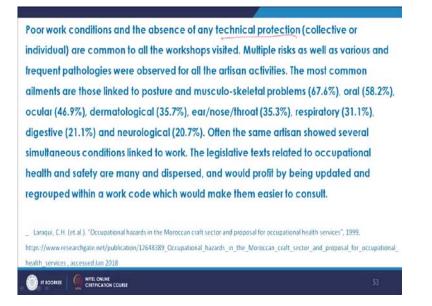
And of course, we discussed about the gap analysis several times. So, I am not going to discuss now; we discussed about the entire existence of gaps and problems and how they are tried to be solved; so that we discussed.

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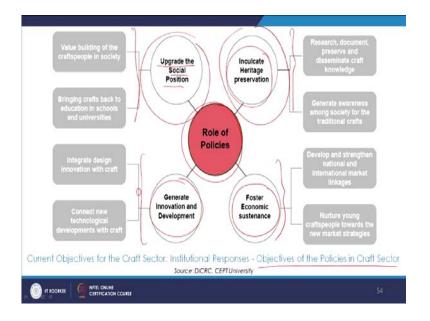
And we also discussed about the workstations, we also discussed about the location, you know what is the strategic location where the workplaces or the workshops of the craftspersons and artisans should be, whether within the city or outside, and how this shift is happening, where earlier historically the work stations or the workshops were situated within the city and now they are pushed out of the city for several other reasons.

And we discussed, the physical design of tools and workstations alone is not going to solve the problem, but it is also important to understand, you know, that the designer who is involved while working with the artisans and craftspersons, that designer must understand the work and rest cycle of these craftspersons; the processes involved; and the physical exercise and training. So, that the maximum result is received. (Refer Slide Time: 30:42)



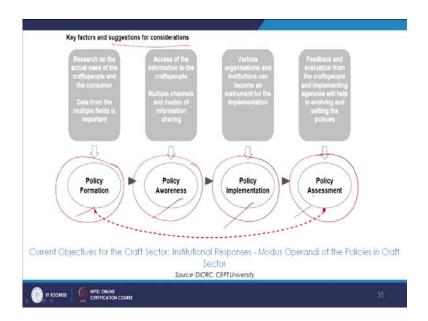
We discussed about the poor working conditions and the absence of technical protection and how these workstations and work conditions in which the artisans work they really need to be upgraded, both in terms of infrastructure and also in terms of the experiential quality. And finally, we also discussed about some institutional responses vis-a-vis the policies and the concerns related to the craft sector. So, we discussed some frameworks and the recommendations by DICRC and the model that they adapt themselves for working.

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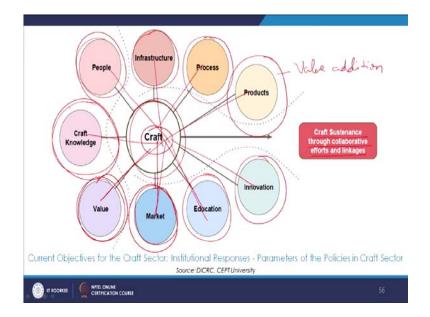


So, when we see here the role of policies. We discussed how DICRC follows these four important points here about upgrading the social position, inculcating heritage preservation, fostering economic sustenance, generation of innovation and development and how within these four important nodes what are the further activities that they do and how they try to achieve, so, objectives of the policy in the craft sector, that is what we discussed, right now I will just briefly give an overview.

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And they talked about these factors and suggestions for consideration which are like the four step important process - involving the policy formation, awareness, implementation, and of course finally the assessment.



And they also suggest the craft sustenance through collaborative efforts and linkages, where craft is at the center and then there are different links, there are different collaborative efforts that happen and that is how craft could sustain and giving a sort of a policy framework and talking about certain methods of work, which give adequate infrastructure; which put people in focus, which are the craftspersons and the communities; value their process that they employ while working; also understand the value of the original designs and the products they make; and suggest value addition and incremental innovation that we talked about. So, innovation is here. How through education, there could be awareness about our traditional craft knowledge systems that we again discussed, in few previous slides in also previous lectures, and how to link the craft communities and clusters to the market; equip them with the knowledge about the marketing and managerial skills; and of course, the value associated with the word craft itself; and, craft knowledge, how it is transferred, preserved, disseminated and valued.

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And finally, we also talked about the lack of convergence amongst the different policies and schemes of government and how the different individuals and organizations and departments of the government who are involved in this entire craft sector, policy formulation and implementation of schemes, how they are working in different silos and then there is a lack of convergence and there is a lack of ecosystem - we talked about it.

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So, again this is what I was talking about in the previous slide - the lack of convergence and lack of creation of ecosystem, and this is one major concern and this is what sums up what

we have been discussing in the previous four-five lectures. Our next module we will focus on- "Continuity and Revival: Research and Documentation Perspective." We touched a little bit on the continuity and the tradition part, the tradition and the continuity part. So, we are going to see this in the next module and let us see some references now.

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