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## Lecture - 34 Continuity and Revival: Resource Building and Dissemination Perspective

Namastey! Hello everyone! Welcome again to the NPTEL course - Role of Craft and Technology in Interior Architecture. And extending our discussions on Continuity and Revival, today we are going to focus on the Resource Building and the Dissemination Perspective. We will see some examples and we will also have a look towards the end at a list of references, which is going to be useful for all of us.

So, we have been talking about continuity and revival, and we have discussed within this, different aspects like research and documentation. And then towards the end we are also going to talk about the dissemination part and the resource building part. So, that is our focus for today. And let us sees some examples while we discuss this perspective.

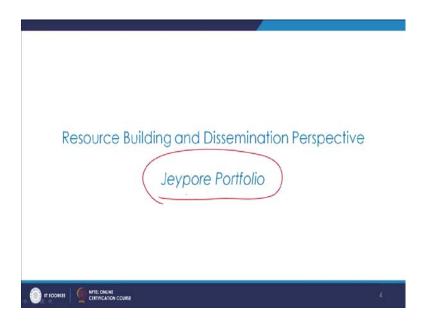
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So we are going to see the Jeypore Portfolio, Jean Le Pautre French album of Interior Decoration and Ornament, and we will also see an online library - the Building Technology Heritage Library, where we will see some amazing resources which have been built up online, and which could be referred for, you know, further information in learning and dissemination. And of course, we will see some work by DICRC, CEPT

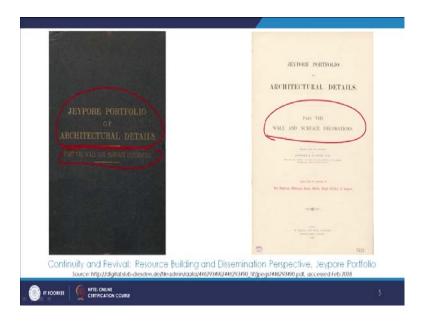
University. And then, we will see some resource building and dissemination perspective through the works done at IIT Roorkee.

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So, beginning with the Jeypore Portfolio - so, Jeypore Portfolio is very famous, it's very popular and it is a very pioneering effort, where we see a sort of a resource building inventory, where we see a catalog of architectural details and it is in several parts, and it covers lot of details.

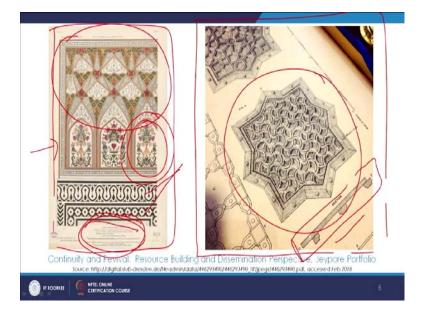
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So here, like what is seen on the slide, is this Jeypore Portfolio of architectural details cover and here this part focuses on the wall and surface decoration. So, related to this part, there are lot of drawings and details on scale, which have been you know documented and persevered and disseminated through this very rich inventory and which has taken lot of effort to get compiled and to get collected. So, the thing is that you know, it is very important that such interesting traditional forms, art and craft forms, interior-architecture styles - they are documented, they are preserved, and there are some resources like this which are built up, where people could have a look at them and generations like ours today, can have a look at these details, draw inspirations, learn from them and continue them.

So, what we documented yesterday is a good reference for us today and what we are documenting now is also going to be a very good resource for the future, because there are lot of architectural styles and art and craft forms which are languishing or probably which one would see in the museums in the future to come, which is not a very good sign. But then, if we begin now, documenting them and creating this repository, it is going to be a very good, rich resource.

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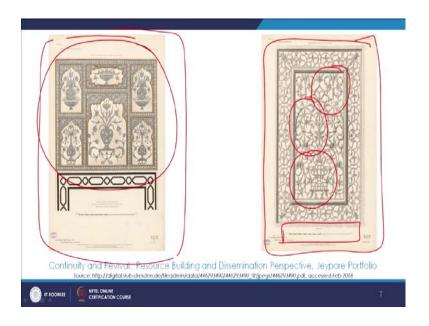


So here what we see, is an amazing piece of resource building and dissemination and we see the sort of intricate details, and there is also plan and there is also you know everything on scale and here one could read all the details, the motifs and the elaborate

zoom-in details, what are the motifs and what is the geometry that is seen over here and what is the scale.

So, this is a very rich resource and this is very handy for us to refer to and learn from and then continue these details later. And that is why we are saying continuity and revival, tradition and continuity, what exists we learn from that and then we take it further in future with you know contemporary expressions and times to come and the details get modified, but at least there is a base resource, which one could you know fall back on and learn from and refer to. So, if we see Jeypore Portfolio, some more pictures there are some amazing details which have been documented and preserved and they are there for dissemination and then we refer to them and learn from.

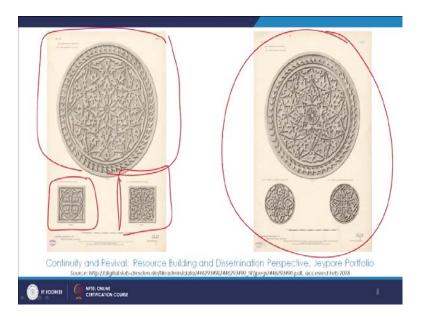
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So, like another plate, is this one and again, we see lot of details of you know surface decoration and works that were seen on the walls of different buildings like Fatehpur Sikri, some buildings in Ahmadabad, some other traditional interior-architecture built forms, which were documented at that time with all the intricate details that are seen with all the very close details with the proper scale which could help us understand the drawing, the depth, the motifs, the entire scale of the design that is done, and on which surface it is done and what is the entire aesthetic appeal to it, you know, if user is seeing.

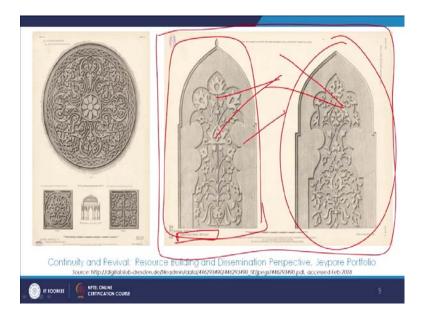
So, all these details we get to know through these drawings which have been documented and which are now getting disseminated through this building, through this resource, which was built by some pioneering efforts. Further, we see some more details over here.

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Some details over here, so all these plates, they are there as resources and inventories and there is lots to learn from and referred to.

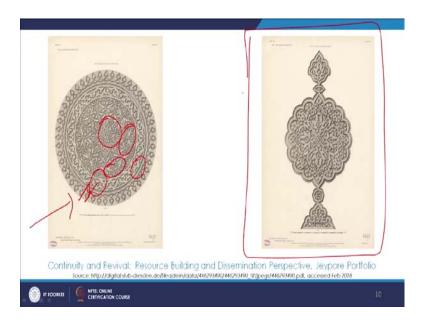
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Again over here, we see these architectural details and we see over here the surface and the detailing part - over here, over here. So, all these details exist and this is now a resource, like a resource hub actually, which has lot of details, and there are so many interesting and you know important libraries from the different reputed institutes of the world, where this portfolio is kept in the library for people to refer, for researchers to go through. So, it is a very significant contribution, it has lot of details, and it is a very good resource for us to fall back upon.

And continuing this, you know, like we have lot of building trade catalogs, we have lot of architectural portfolios, but there is still paucity of these and especially in the Indian context. So, few individuals and organizations are already working towards it and it would be like very good if all of us in our capacities could contribute towards this resource building creation.

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So, some more details like very intricate details you know here and then further intricate details. Again here we see another plate. So, this whole part is dedicated to wall decoration and surface decoration and related to that, there are different elements, which have been documented and which have been put forth and in front of us through drawings.

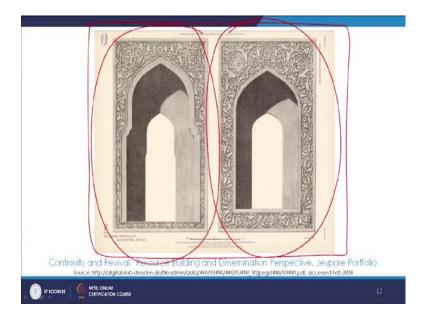
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Again if we see over here, it is like a very exquisite detail, very intricately carved and you know all the details are over here - which period, where it belongs to and the plate number and everything is over here.

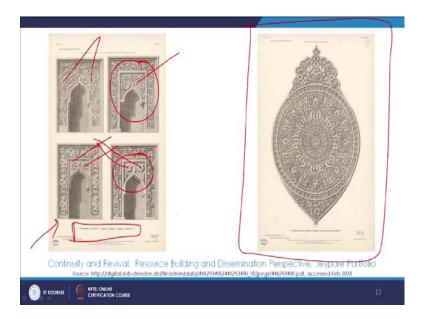
So, all that effort is worth it and it has been preserved. Again we see over here, this detail. So, this is a very important part of the resource building and dissemination perspective, and especially coming from an institute like IIT Roorkee, where we focus a lot on the research part, it's very important for us to focus on these resource building aspects and consider the perspective of dissemination and work with the students and professionals and researchers to come up with different mediums to disseminate the work that we document and explore and research upon.

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Again continuing with the Jeypore Portfolio, again we see lot of details and documentation, which is done and this resource hub is being created by adding details.

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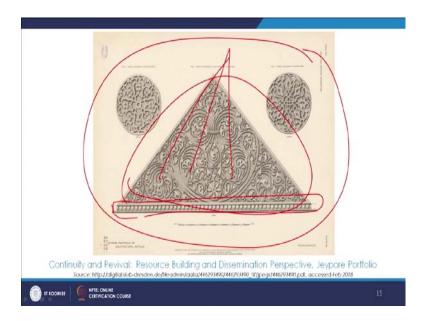
These are some more details on scale, and with all the details - this is different, this motif is different, here the detailing is different, and then over here. Similarly, we see this detail over here in another plate of the Jeypore Portfolio.

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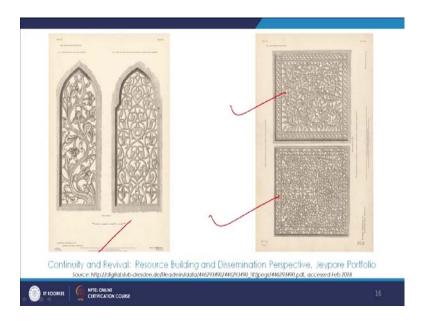
Some more details - very beautiful, intricate details of the wall decoration and the surface decoration, all the craftsmanship that we see here, because we have been talking about craft and technology in interior-architecture. And here, we are seeing this space-making element wall. And, we see all these intricate details which are done at this surface and this is a shear craftsmanship and how it was done by hands.

So, also capturing that quality of craftsmanship and trying to disseminate this interrelationship between craft, interior-architecture and focusing on the building crafts part, Jeypore Portfolio is a very apt example because of which I have put these drawings and plates over here. It helps us understand this inter-relationship that we have been trying to explore throughout this course. And, we talk about craft and architecture, and then we try to see how they are very inter-related, very innately at different levels. (Refer Slide Time: 10:39)



Some more details here and the border details, and the details in this space - so all that is seen here, in this portfolio.

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Some more plates over here, more details. So, Jeypore Portfolio is available in different libraries, also online and there are different parts to it. And if you are particularly interested, I would suggest to see the details and also try to understand through drawings, the making of these elements and the ornamentation part.

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So, now let us see the album of interior decoration and ornament and this is also a sort of resource building perspective, where the artist has tried to create a catalogue of different elements that contribute to interior decoration and the ornamentation. And then we see it as a sort of a visual repository, and there are so many references that we can look at and learn from.

So, it is not given in too much detail, but I have just tried to put two slides to just explain how resource building helps us understand to have at our disposal, various resources and to draw inspiration from them and learn from them, particularly about that era when they were compiled, but also because of our special interest in knowing the past and carrying it forward.

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So, here we see these lots of details and the resource building part. So, so many details whether it is done on a surface or it is an object or a sculpture and we also see the interiors over here. So, we see these wall surfaces and we see a space over here with human figures and we see some floral motifs, we also see some more surface decoration. So, there are lots of these details which have been catalogued and preserved and a resource has been created. Further if we see here, again this interior space.

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We see some lighting details, we also see again here, we see some interior space, we see some wall surface and plaster details. So, so many details over here we see and the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Smithsonian Museum and there are lots of other significant you know organizations and institutions, museums, where this catalogue is found, because it is such a significant work.

And, it is again a very rich resource hub, where we can get details about, you know, different material culture, the details of the interiors, details of the interior-architecture parts, surface decoration, space-making elements, building crafts, and this interrelationship between craft and interior-architecture. So, these resources exist and we must also contribute from our side looking in our region doing whatever we can.

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Now seeing the Building Technology Heritage Library, this is an online library and I found it very interesting. It has amazing resources, lots of books, and which are catalogues and visual repositories and inventories and they give lot of information on different materials and making and craftsmanship, different kinds and typologies of built forms – residences, bungalows and you know so on. So, it is again a very rich resource hub.

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So, there are some books and catalogues which talk specifically about color, then, modern home plans also, something on wiring. And then, about the timber, genuine mahogany and you know, how one identifies, thumb rules about it.

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So, all these different kinds of resources – repairs, then second homes for leisure, builders hardware.

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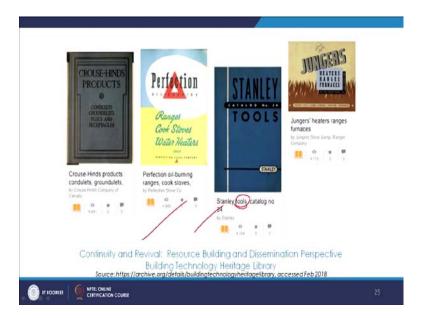
So there are so many different subjects, that have been covered and again there is one catalogue over here which talks about the kitchen furniture specifically, the architectural and building catalog and you know electric fans. So, there are so many different objects and space-making elements and the built forms that have been covered and discussed through these catalogues and there is such rich information out there, just because this resource was built up by efforts of lot of individuals and organizations. And now we have that as a repository for our reference, so something very important.

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So, here we see other plans and you know more details - fittings, fabrications and details like that.

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Some more details over here, also something on the tools, we are talking about the crafts and the craftspersons and the craftsmanship, and tools come into picture often, and we talk about the role of tools and material knowledge and technique.

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So, all those things have been covered. Then again, here some more catalogues also on lightening, lighting sorry.

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So, all these kinds of catalogues are there - resource building part has been covered by some pioneering efforts. Some more information - book of beautiful homes, and so many other things, also on paints.

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So, here we see the illumination catalogue, so when we study interior design we also talk about the illumination, the lux levels, the physics of light and the chemistry of colors, and things like that and so many you know, details are already there. And there is this catalogue of building materials and so many other things about plumbing and heating and more details over here.

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Architecture of the night, so that is a specific series, we see some more details which talk about the artistic houses.

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So all those kinds of catalogues and building resources. Street lighting, specifically. So again, you know, kitchens; lighting equipments; different kinds of house typologies; and different kinds of tools; and wiring; and heating; and plumbing; electrical devices - all this cataloging, it does help. Once, the resource is built up and it is there, out in the open, for you know, people to refer to and follow and learn from.

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Some more details again - the material culture, more details, modern homes, furniture, some standards for the roof.

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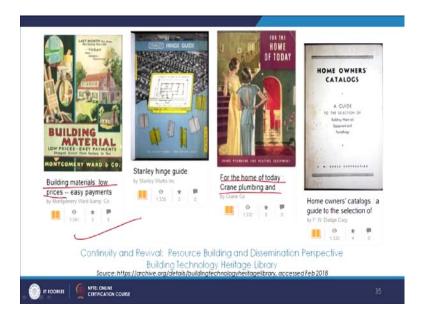
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Some more, we see over here.

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Again, some interesting ones - building materials: low prices-easy payments; we see some more details about plumbing. So again, this entire repository, it is a very significant source, and I have mentioned the source over here and the references also, and here as well and you could have a look, there are very interesting books.

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And we are talking about the crafts and the craftsman and they have some books on the craftsmanship as well.

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So again, continuing with this catalog, we see here, a sort of compilation of some other different kinds of catalogs and resources that could be found on this portal. So, here again, we see many of these. All of these are a part of this online resource building hub and there are so many different interesting resources to refer to.

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Again talking about craft itself, it has several documents, which focus on the craft, here as well, the jewellery and you know the other things. So, this repository is there, and you

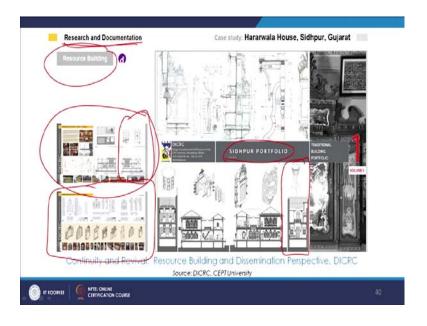
could always look into the details because right now I am just mentioning very visually and very like, in an overview, what all resources are available.

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Now, let us see the DICRC, CEPT University; their works, and what is their perspective on resource building and dissemination.

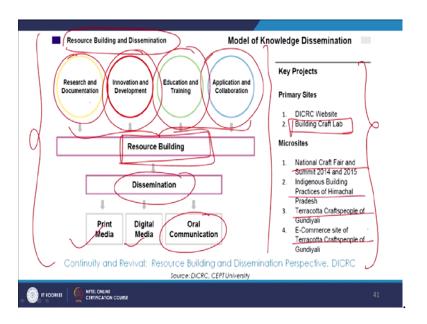
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So, we have already seen lot of their work in the previous modules also and we touched a little bit upon the research building, resource building part under the research and documentation. So, they do create this rich repository and they have lots of plates and

portfolios, where you know, all the detailed drawings and images are compiled and composed. And, they are there on their online portal to refer to. And, specifically talking about the resource building and dissemination part, again they follow a very interesting and simple model.

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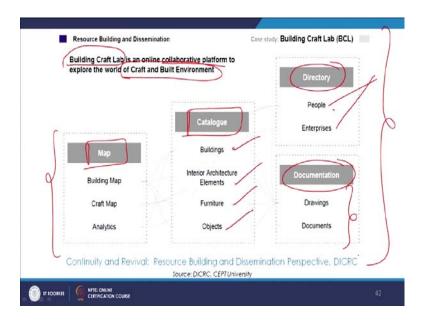


So, research and documentation, we saw that, we discussed about the innovation and development part, then there was a discussion on education and training and subsequently we also talked about the collaborations. So, all of these together, they contribute to the resource building aspect, and then they are disseminated either through the print media or digital media or through oral communication. So, this is a simple and effective model and this is what they keep following. And again, I have talked about their online portal several times and there is rich, huge repository - there are drawings; there are portfolios; there are images; there are field trip details; and there is also a list of projects that they work upon.

So, if you really need to go into the details, this is also a very interesting portal, specifically in the context of India where so much effort has been made to have India's own building craft laboratory and there are so many resources that have been painstakingly you know, compiled together with lot of team coordination by different individuals and teams working on it. So, they have these interesting projects. And then

there are lots of other micro sites, which plug into this, and then there is this huge generation of data which could be referred to.

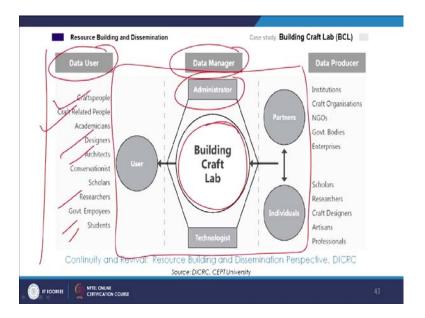
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And again, this building craft lab that I was mentioning, it is a very collaborative platform and it is specifically to explore the world of craft and built environment. So, whenever we talk about craft, interior-architecture, building crafts, so this is one specific online resource, which is open and anybody could excess, and it is a brilliant repository, if you need information related to these subjects that we are talking about. So, there is a mapping part, then there is a cataloging part. So, all the catalogues that we were seeing in the international context, they have tried to do something like that for the Indian scenario, and it is very significant.

So, you know, all these elements and buildings have been documented and then there is a creation of directory, which has the information on people and enterprises and then there is a documentation part. And then this entire resource hub is open to all and it is accessible, that is the most important part which is the take away from here.

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And again, they have these user groups, you know, who all uses, use, who all will use the data. So, craftspeople; academicians; designers; architects; and then there is this long list. And then, there is this huge chunk of data, which they you know administer, with which they manage, and building craft lab is at the center of the helms of the affairs and then there is lot of information that goes in there. And there is also this interesting aspect that you know, one could also be a contributor and data producer.

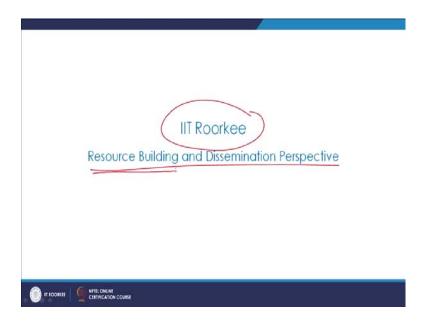
So, if I work here, you know, at IIT Roorkee, related to building crafts, and then if I want to contribute the data there and you know just enrich this already existing laboratory, I could do that. So, this way all of us you know, just network, join hands and contribute by sharing the data, which is again, they are in open for others to also have a look at and learn from, share, also add more details to it if they have done some more work, so that is how everybody grows and the data gets disseminated.

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And again, this is from the website and we have the data like this. So if one is interested you could just have a look in the detail.

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Then let us just talk about IIT Roorkee, some work done over here, and what do we do for disseminating the work that is done and how do we try to create this resource hub and repository.

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So, here this is project Dharohar and we have seen some pictures and previous slides. So, again you know this is a sort of convergence of lot of people that happened through this national seminar, there was also a launch of this monograph, which has significant information about the building crafts of Almora specifically. And then, it is disseminated through newspapers, lot of people get to know about such events, then they you know contact us, and then there are collaborations, and people join in, they work together.

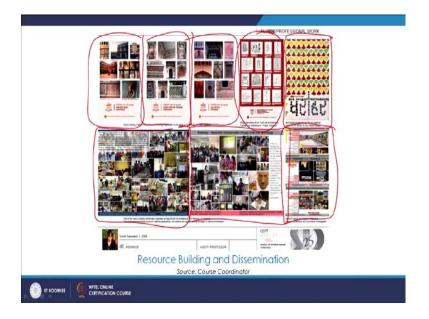
And we have lot of experts coming in, who also help, and then craftspersons of course, through whom we learn, we also create the directory, which is not as elaborate as organizations like DICRC, but we have just begun it. So, we collate that information and then there are talks and lectures and then dissemination also through such exhibitions and craft bazaars. So, this is one way of resource building and dissemination and connecting to people and building a network.

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And again, you know, so some more work during that workshop, and how the outreach was established, the monograph; the different plates; and portfolios that were created; and the exhibition was put up. And also, they were put up for certain publications in certain books.

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So, that kind of work. So, here we see the interior-architecture and building crafts, in Uttarakhand. This is another monograph which happened for another event. This is also one monograph, which talks about the art and architecture of Udaipur. And again, the

workshops that we saw in one of the previous modules, there you know, plates and digital panels and portfolios, which are made and exhibited and put up on website, that is how they are disseminated.

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So, here we see the cultural industries in Uttarakhand, this is the cover of a monograph, this is another event that happened. So, all these resource building activities and dissemination, it happens here, and there are lot of collaborations and platforms.

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And lot of people coming-in, again this exhibition, some very interesting rare craft objects you know, coming-in from Munsiyari, which are not available, so easily, you know, in the market and also lots of craftspersons are not doing them anymore, so that collection we had put in the department of architecture, it was very fascinating. And this was another ministry of culture workshop, where this huge discussion happened.

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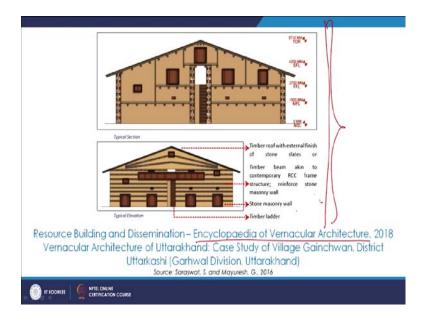
And, so some publications - this was for ICOMOS, and then this is another conference "South Asian Vernacular Architecture", where the work from Uttarakhand was presented, and again some books where the chapter contribution has happened.

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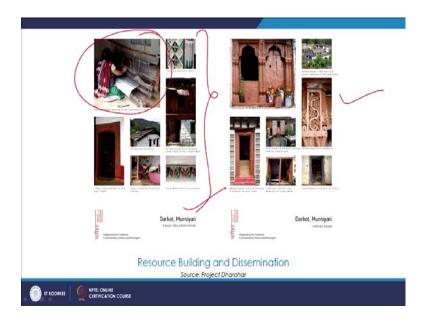
And again, we are talking about the building crafts of Uttarakhand.

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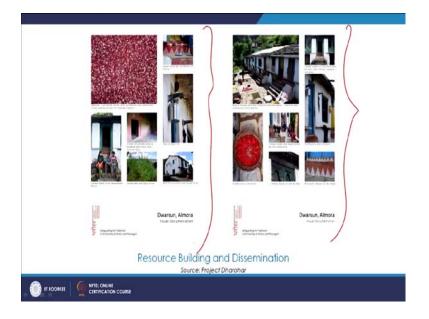
So, this is how we are trying to disseminate. This is a plate from the Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture, and this has been covered in the encyclopedia, where we are talking about the building craft and interior-architecture of Uttarakhand.

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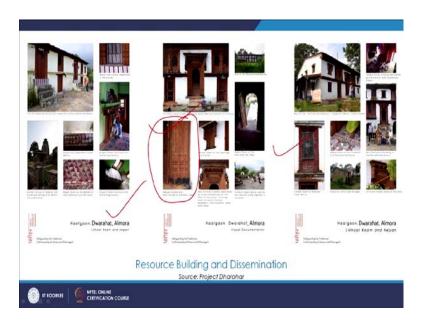
And, some more plates and details you know, again the traditional pit loom, and the space-making elements and the building crafts in Uttarakhand; those kind of details; documenting them; building a resource; putting them up for publications; exhibiting them for dissemination; putting them on websites; also exhibiting them at different platforms. So, some of this work was also exhibited at CEPT, because in the capacity of an alumna, I had presented some of the work there, so that is how it gets disseminated.

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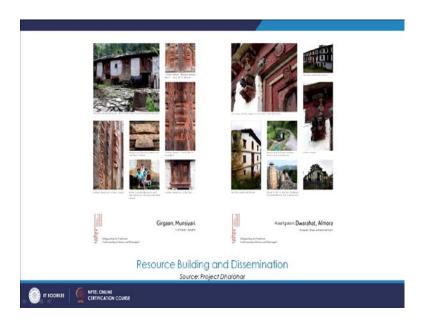
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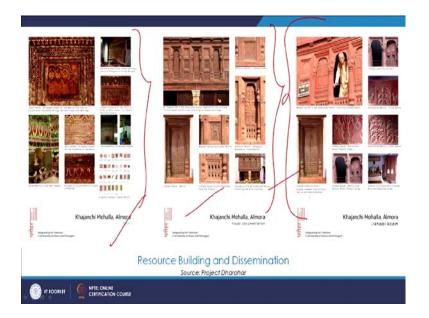
These are some more details - different houses; different timber residences, which were documented, their details.

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And, there are plates, which were created, which were exhibited and put up at different platforms.

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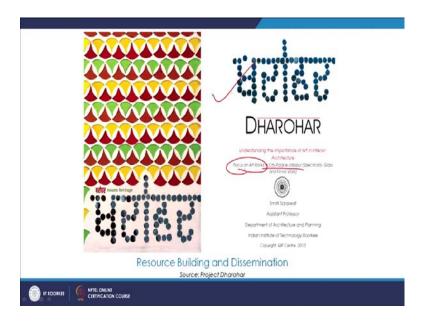


Again, we see some more work - the timber craft and the *aepan* art over here, again the facade and the interior-architecture, the craft and the motifs.

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Some more documentation over here - again the one that I was talking, City Palace Udaipur and art work and architecture, the monograph.

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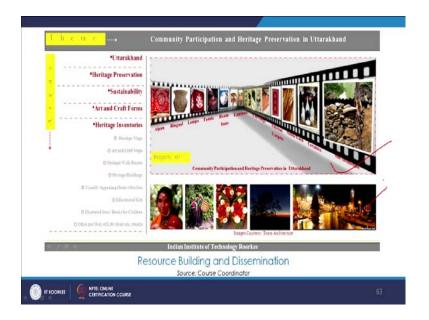
These are the pages from the monograph.

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And some other ways to, you know, build the resource and disseminate. So, I also conducted this GIAN course, which again talked about this inter-relationship between interior-architecture, craft and design. It was a very successful course. And again, it was a way of networking; disseminating; and creating a resource. The work that happened during this was exhibited and lots of prototypes were made.

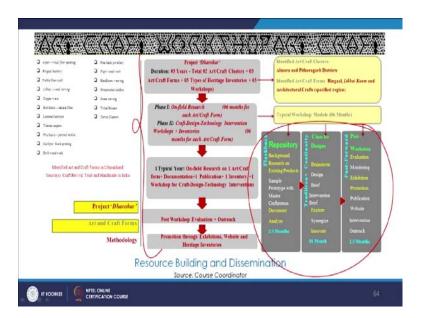
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Again some more projects and their details, and how we approach project from a resource building and dissemination perspective, of course followed by the research and

documentation part, the process to be followed, and what are the focal points of that project.

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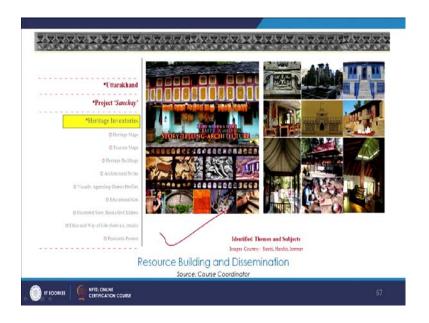


And again, more details - visual repositories; resource building and dissemination.

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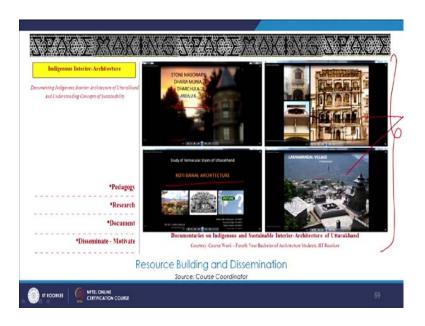
Again, there is also a way to disseminate through videos and documentaries. And, one of the small documentaries is in the making. I do not have it right now.

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And some work which is done in the studio, with the students - their contribution you know, how do they document and create this data.

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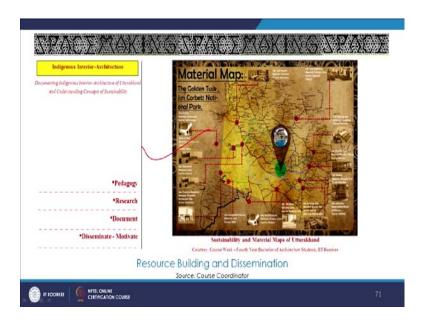
And again, these were the documentaries which were made by students of fourth year, and they have really done some very nice work, talking about the material culture, craft and interior-architecture styles of Uttarakhand.

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And also creating you know, very interesting material maps - again the different materials, where do they come from, and sustainability aspects and things like that.

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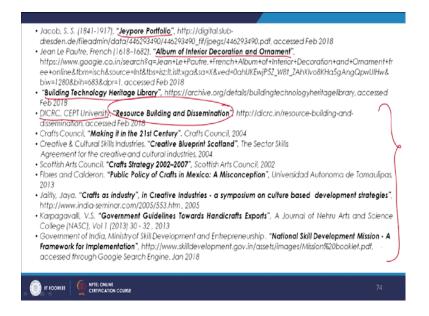
So, lot of work happens inside the studio; also through projects; and we try to really build up a rich repository, and take care of the dissemination, as far as possible.

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So, next time, we are going to talk about the summary of all these previous three-four modules that we have seen on continuity and revival. And let us see some references now.

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So, specifically to this module, I have put of the Jeypore Portfolio; the Album of Interior Decoration and Ornament that we saw, the Building Technology Heritage Library; the resource building and dissemination part covered by the DICRC. And then, we have lots of other common references that we have been seeing back and forth.

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Some more over here, what you see on the slide; here again, this is very significant, "Material and Technology – an Inventory of selected materials and technologies for building construction." This is also a very rich repository and a resource to fall back upon.

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Thank you.