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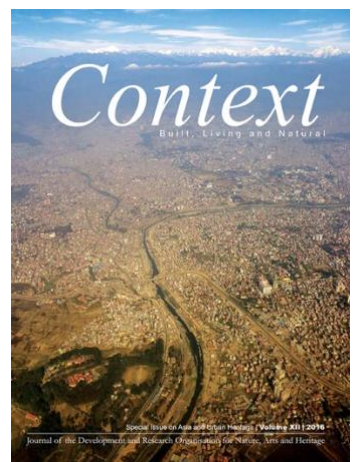
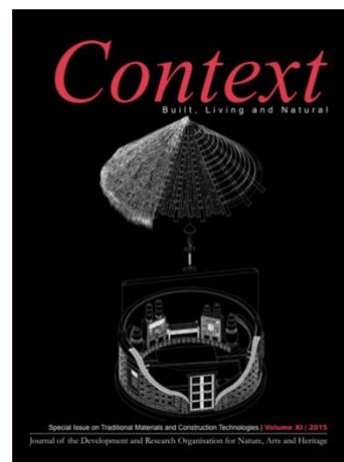
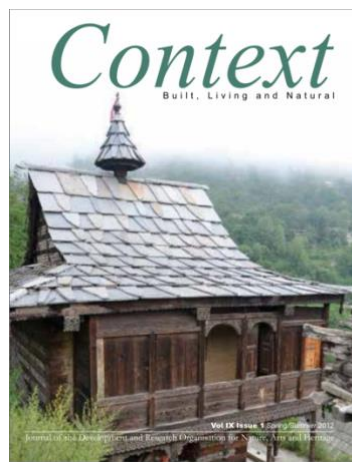
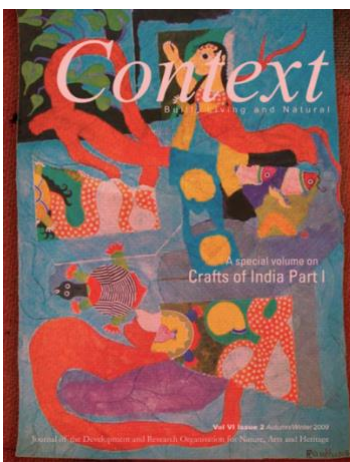
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## Indigenous Knowledge Systems in India

### Background Note

Indigenous knowledge is the traditional wisdom that is unique to a culture, region or a society. It is generally based on understanding, experiences and interpretation and is passed on from one generation to another. This knowledge base has a broad spectrum, ranging from textual traditions to vernacular architecture, farming techniques to medicinal theories, folklore to religion and rituals. It is important to understand this indigenous perspective in order to derive valuable lessons on sustainability.

As significant it is to recognise indigenous knowledge, it is equally important to understand, extract and incorporate it in today's context. With the limitations of reach of technological advancements, the potential of the indigenous knowledge application is essential, and we need to address the concern that this knowledge is eroding rapidly. There is a need to attribute and acknowledge this knowledge resource and apply its learnings into practice.

This issue of CONTEXT- Built, Living and Natural, 2018 will focus on these indigenous knowledge systems in India. The broad categories for the issue are as follows:

#### 1. Theoretical Frameworks

This section will focus on the epistemological concepts and understanding the various schools of thought and values they impart to knowledge, the diversity in viewpoints, beliefs, perceptual observations, memory and system of thinking.

#### 2. Understanding and Interpretation of Traditional Knowledge Systems

This section will cover tangible and intangible aspects of indigenous knowledge including building techniques, local materials and designs, principles of town planning, conservation of built heritage and environment, community practices etc. This section will also include subjects like indigenous medicinal practices, folk healing traditions, indigenous agricultural practices of farming, fishery etc.

#### 3. Recognition and Application of Regional Wisdom

This section will focus on initiatives of how local and indigenous knowledge has been practiced in the present context. It will also cover aspects of integrating indigenous knowledge in governance and policy, locally and nationally.

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