

FAQ's

1. What is craft?

Craft is characterized by a certain type of making, in which objects are created by hand through the skilled use of tools. It may also be described as 'workmanship of risk' , that is to say that the quality of the result is not pre-determined , but depends on the judgement, dexterity and care which the maker exercises. It is medium specific- identified with both the material and the technology used.

Crafts are not simply a particular way of making objects, but are inextricably bound up with the structure, values, history and identity of communities in which they are practiced.

2. How craft and conservation are inter related / dependent on each other?

- Conserving the craft and the craftsman

If crafts are to be valued as intangible heritage, the know-how involved in practicing a craft must be itself the object of conservation.

- There are great varieties of aims and approaches, which place varying emphasis on conservation and economic potential.
- Training centers are one way to proceed- stress is predominantly on the built heritage.
- For example: West Dean College, England founded in 1964 offers diplomas and degrees in conservation and restoration of historic fabric

3. What are the special zones that have been designated in the heritage site of Hampi?

1. Heritage Zone: The entire Local Planning Area or Heritage Area shall be a 'Heritage Zone'
2. Archaeological or Areas of Special Control: This zone specially includes the entire 'World Heritage Site' or the prime Archaeological area and historic settlements which is approximately 25.00 SQKM.
3. Prohibited Zone around 'Archaeological Area': The prohibited zone of 300.00 meters from the prime Archaeological area is designated and no developments are allowed within this zone.
4. River front Zone: To protect the scenic River front of Tungabhadra from possible invasion of illegal developments/recreation activities, it proposed to have 45.00 meter of 'River front Zone' on either side of the river.
5. Water bodies: A 45.00-meter of buffer zone around tanks, historic canals etc., is reserved and no developments are allowed within this area. In addition to this the 'catchment area' of 'Kamalapur Tank' shall also be protected.
6. Development Zone: This zone refers to the future developments of all rural settlements, Kamalapur town, and areas for the creation of tourism and transportation facilities within the Local Planning Area.

4. Discuss the administrative issues faced by a heritage tourism site like Hampi.

- A state level "Conservation Committee" shall be constituted to monitor and guide the **HWHAMA (Hampi World Heritage Area Management Authority)** in all technical issues related to protection and conservation of Archaeological monuments and natural areas.
- All developments in the Heritage Area shall be in confirmation with the 'Master Plan' and strict enforcement to control illegal developments.
- All developments in the Heritage Area shall be of International Standards
- The Authority shall encourage all the implementing agencies for the preparation of different projects and shall be responsible for the approval of such projects in the Heritage Planning Area.
- All Govt. departments shall invariably consult/obtain permission from HWHAMA before taking up any development works/project in the Heritage Planning Area
- Site provides an excellent natural setting for country/trekking sports activities.
- List of Natural Areas i.e., notification of ecologically/Environmentally sensitive areas like water bodies, forest lands, River fronts and Rocky hillocks has to be made for the protection of bio-diversity and cultural heritage of the area.
- Establishment of two Police Circles one to the south and to the north of River Tungabhadra.
- Augmentation of underground water resources through rain water harvesting
- Public Housing Schemes may be encouraged to have uniform social and physical infra-structure.
- Special regulations to protect and conserve the 'Archaeological Area' have been formulated Zonal Regulations to control and regulate the developments in the Local Planning Area have also been formulated.