



Developing Cities:

Understanding Development in the Indian Design Context

Over the past 77 years since India's Independence, the concept of "Development" has undergone a significant transformation. Initially characterized by vernacular architecture that was sensitive to multi-species mutualism, development has now shifted to a time-centric methodology aimed at accommodating the burgeoning urban populations. This shift is marked by the proliferation of dense multi-storey urban fabrics.

However,

- The creation of new products and built forms has led to substantial waste generation, exacerbating an already imbalanced environment.
- This urbanization has also resulted in the loss of wildlife and urban ecology, diminishing the personal connection that residents had with their surroundings.
- Our interaction with the natural ecosystem and its stakeholders is gradually fading away in the new generation.
- The profound impact of technology on everyday life, particularly its role in accelerating rural-urban migration needs to be evaluated and addressed.

With evolving infrastructural needs and a population striving for survival, it is imperative to chart a path towards creating sustainable spaces for various societal strata.

The installation stands as an initiative aimed at igniting contemplation and discourse on the trajectory of urban development in India and seeks to drive a shift towards sustainable urban practices. We hope it serves as a call to designers, architects, urban planners, and the public alike, urging them to reassess current paradigms for the collective benefit of future generations.