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Session: Kahani, parampara, aur bhavishya: Oral traditions, their role and impact

Intertwined Threads – Inter-connected Lives: Living with Heritage

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The inter-connectedness of tangible material remains and intangible, or 'living', heritage is universally recognized. However, despite our efforts at explaining this, there are always more elements to the subject than are generally analysed and described.

My presentation looks at some everyday strands or threads of living heritage. Among these are subjects like: - food, music, leisure, oral transmission, building skills and tradition. The transmission of traditions and what constitutes tradition will also be revisited – including through examples of visitor experiences and students' outreach programmes at palace museums like Jaipur, Udaipur and elsewhere. I also draw upon the experiences, and contributions, of organizations like the Jaipur Virasat Foundation, with their work in the field of tangible built heritage, and intangible heritage.