

- Stainless Steel has wide range of applications and use.
- It does a quiet job in industries, equipments, appliances invisibly.
- Stainless Steel is **MOST VISIBLE** in Architecture



**STAINLESS STEEL IN ARCHITECTURE**  
**ISSDA seminar on**  
**Sustainable Stainless Steel for Buildings & Constn.**

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**India has undoubtedly put its stamp of ingenuity and enterprise in the world of stainless steel**

- in making stainless steel more contemporary,**
- In making contemporary more Stainless Steel**



**No wonder, stainless Steel is today an integral part of Indian daily chore- there is a visible change now.**

## What is Stainless Steel

Stainless steel is not a metal, it is an alloy.  
(Essentially it is an alloy having a minimum of 10.5 percent chromium)

Stainless Steel has different grades.

Depending on the alloying elements included, SS grades have been classified variedly.

Each grade offers a set of properties and function.  
And grades are to be selected based on end use

- environment, strength, anti-corrosion, aesthetics

# The Stainless steel family



**Precipitation  
Hardening  
Grades**  
S17400 /  
S 17700 etc

**Austenitic  
Grades**  
304 / 304L 316 / 316L  
321 etc & 200  
series

**Ferritic  
grades**  
409 / 430 / 439  
etc

**Martensitic  
grades**  
410 / 420 etc

**Duplex  
grades**  
S 31200 /  
S 32900 etc

# Typical Chemistry – major grades (%)

Grades	Ni	Cr	C	Si	Mn	P	S	N	Oth
304	8-10.5	18-20	0.08	0.75	2	0.045	0.03	0.10	-
316	10-14	16-18	0.08	0.75	2	0.045	0.03	0.10	2-3 Mo
430	0.75	16-18	0.12	1.00	1	0.04	0.03	-	-
SSLN 4	3.8-4.7	14-17	0.10	0.75	8	0.07	0.03	0.15	2.2 Cu
SSLN 1	0.9-1.7	14-16	0.12	0.75	10	0.07	0.03	0.20	2.2 Cu

# Versatility – the core of stainless steel

Stainless steel steals an edge over its contemporaries in terms of

- absolute corrosion resistance,
- virtually FIT and FORGET
- higher strength-to-weight ratio,
- excellent fabricability
- suitability for clean and hygienic environment.

## Why is stainless steel different?



When exposed to atmosphere,

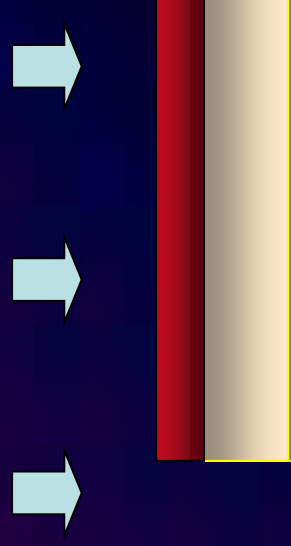
On stainless steel ,  
an impervious layer  
Chromium oxide is  
formed.

It resists corrosion



On carbon steel,  
a brittle layer of  
iron oxide is formed

It corrodes and  
spreads like cancer.



# Stainless steel - architect's delight

- \* Superior aesthetics
- \* Tough & durable
- \* Weldable & easily formable
- \* Highly corrosion resistant
- \* Choice of colourful coatings
- \* Fire resistant
- \* Low maintenance
- \* High strength to weight ratio
- **Low life cycle cost**  
Intensive and innovative product and application development have brought in interesting finishes making stainless steel a designer's delight.



# Stainless Steel in building & architecture



<b>Grades</b>	<b>Usage profile</b>
<b>DUPLEX</b>	<b>Corrosive / marine environments</b>
<b>316</b>	<b>Mostly exteriors where close to seaside / corrosive environment roofing, facia and cladding</b>
<b>304</b>	<b>Interiors, Exteriors, Roofing, Railings, cladding and aesthetic embellishments</b>
<b>430</b>	<b>Interior usages, false ceilings, trims and decorative furnishings</b>
<b>Low Ni</b>	<b>Interior usages, railings and other embellishments involving less draw in non corrosive environment</b>

# Aesthetic make-ups on stainless steel



## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

2B/ NO. 4 / no.8 (mirror finish)

## NEW AESTHETIC OPTIONS

moon rock  
honeykom  
quadra check  
aqualine  
linen  
frondz  
stripe  
mystique  
hammertone

**Finishes that will be an embellishment on the sparkling  
Stainless steel**

# Report Card of candidates



Features / Grades	Duplex	316	304	430	Low Ni
Magnetism	No	No	No	Yes	No
Corrosion resistance	V Good	V Good	Good	Less	Less
Interior usage	V Good	V Good	Good	Usable	Usable
Exterior usage	V Good	V Good	Good	NR	NR
Ductility	V Good	V Good	Good	Less	Less
Formability	V Good	V Good	Good	Less	Less
Thermal conductivity	1/3 of MS			1/2 of MS	
Thermal expansion	1.5 times MS			same as MS	
USP	Fit n forget			Lustrous	Cost Effective

**Note : NR: Not Recommended**

# Grades suitable for different site conditions

Type of location	Grade of stainless steel
<b>SUBURBAN</b> Non industrial Non coastal Low population density	430 grade - moderate staining * Low ni / 304 grade – no attack 316 grade – over specification
<b>URBAN</b> Residential/commercial Moderate auto pollution Light industrial pollution	430 grade – can get heavily rusted Low ni / 304 grade – slight discolouration * 316 grade – performs well
<b>INDUSTRIAL</b> High Industrial pollution SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>2</sub> emission Light industrial pollution	Low ni / 430 grade – can get heavily rusted 304 grade – medium to heavy rust * 316 grade – performs well *
<b>COASTAL</b> Chloride and salt in air High humidity Hi-ambient temperature	Low ni /430 grade – unsuitable-will get rusted 304 grade – can get pitted * 316 grade – performs well *

**Note:\*** Smooth finish & periodic washing will improve performance

# Breaking a myth

**STAINLESS STEEL **X** WILL NOT CORRODE**

**Even if there is no structural deterioration, Stainless steel will also get stained / corroded when**

- **right grade is not chosen**
- **Crevices are present to abet corrosion**
- **Bi-metallic contact - fostering corrosion**
- **Improper welding / finishing – passivation must**
- **Incorrect cleaning media is used**
- **no regular cleaning is undertaken ✓**

# THE GOLDEN RULES TO FIGHT CORROSION



- Study the environment – the pollution level – suspended particulates ✓
  - Sulphur and Nitrogen oxides, flue gas soot, etc cause corrosive environment
  - Salt in air coupled with humidity and high temperature can cause corrosive environment
- Study the wind pattern, direction – Hi velocity winds can blow out surface contaminants ✓
- Study the rain pattern – intensive rains can wash out surface contaminants
- Opt for a smooth surface ( SR - Ra 5 microns and less )
- Opt for a vertical grain orientation – natural washing
- Avoid horizontal, crevice and sheltered surfaces

# Extra word of caution !!

- ✓ Let us not assume that all that shines is stainless steel – ask for the right grade, know the chemistry
- ✓ A small cost saved by compromising in grade selection might end up in costly loss – loss of face, loss of outlay
- ✓ Even while opting for Low Nickel – please make sure that there is at least 16% chromium and around 4 % nickel - and
- ✓ Make sure that a cleaning regime is in place

# Spectrum of uses for stainless steel

\* **Roofing**

\* **Cladding & panelling**

- column cladding

- Interior panelling

- curtain walling

\* **Doors frames & shutters**

\* **Railings & balustrades**

\* **Signages, street furniture & sculptures**

\* **Waterlines**

\* **Structurals**

\* **Water tanks & building accessories**



## Stainless steel in roofing

The need : a zero-maintenance roofing option

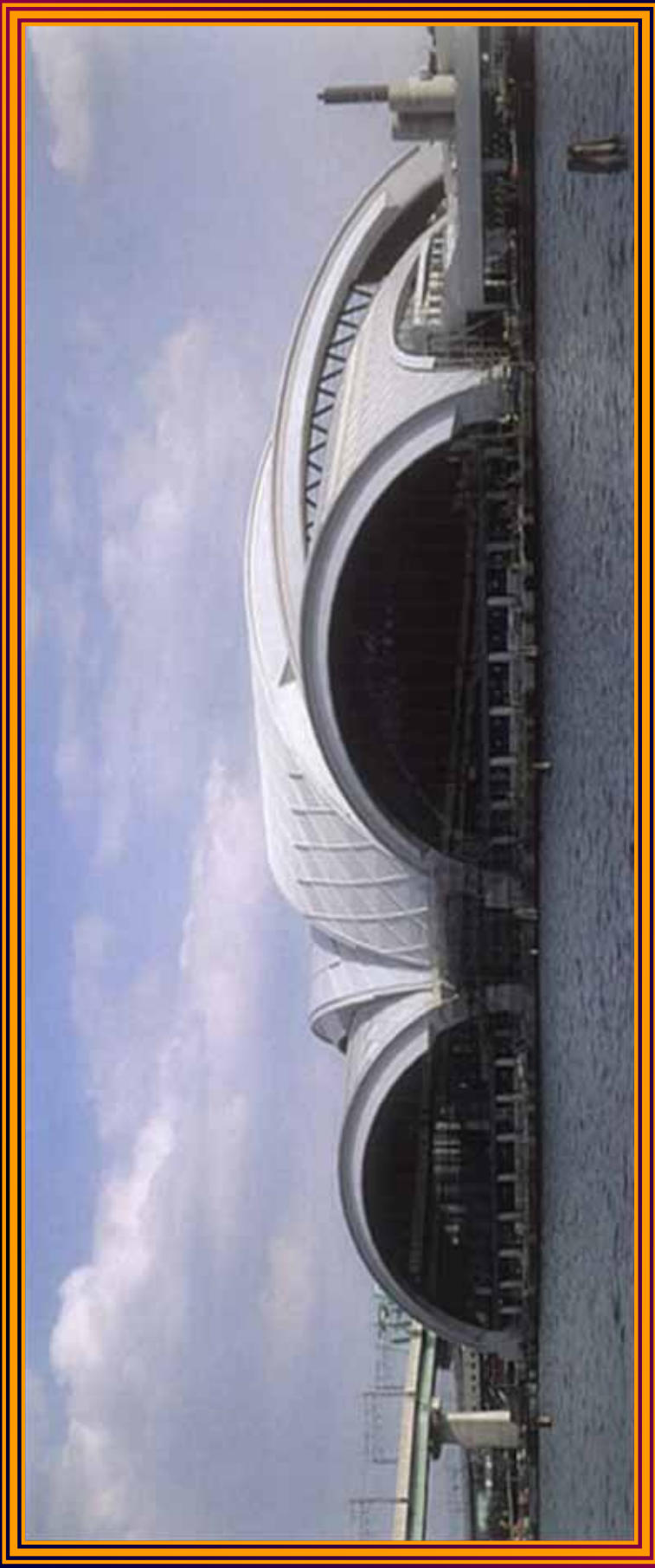
The scoring points for ss

- \* High strength
- \* Ductility
- \* Choice of coatings
- \* Can use thinner gauge
- \* durability
- \* Zero maintenance
- \* Lower Life Cycle Cost

The trade off : the higher initial outlay

But you save on repetitive annual maintenance headache – the most irritable and oft ignored aspect in public utility buildings.

## FEW ROOFING MASTERPIECES ACROSS THE GLOBE



### TOKYO TATSUMI INTL., SWIMMING POOL

... right at the sea side with 304 grade roofing with flourocarbon resin coating - working well since 1993

# Stainless Steel masterpieces - Ajuba



**Khalsa heritage Centre – Anandpur Saheb  
Over 40 MT of 304 grade texturised finish used for cladding**

**ONE OF THE MANY LANDMARK PROJECTS  
CRAFTED BY CPWD**



**SALEM STEEL PLANT SUPPLIED OVER 400  
TONNES OF STAINLESS STEEL FOR THIS  
PRESTIGIOUS LANDMARK – THE PARLIAMENT  
LIBRARY PROJECT**

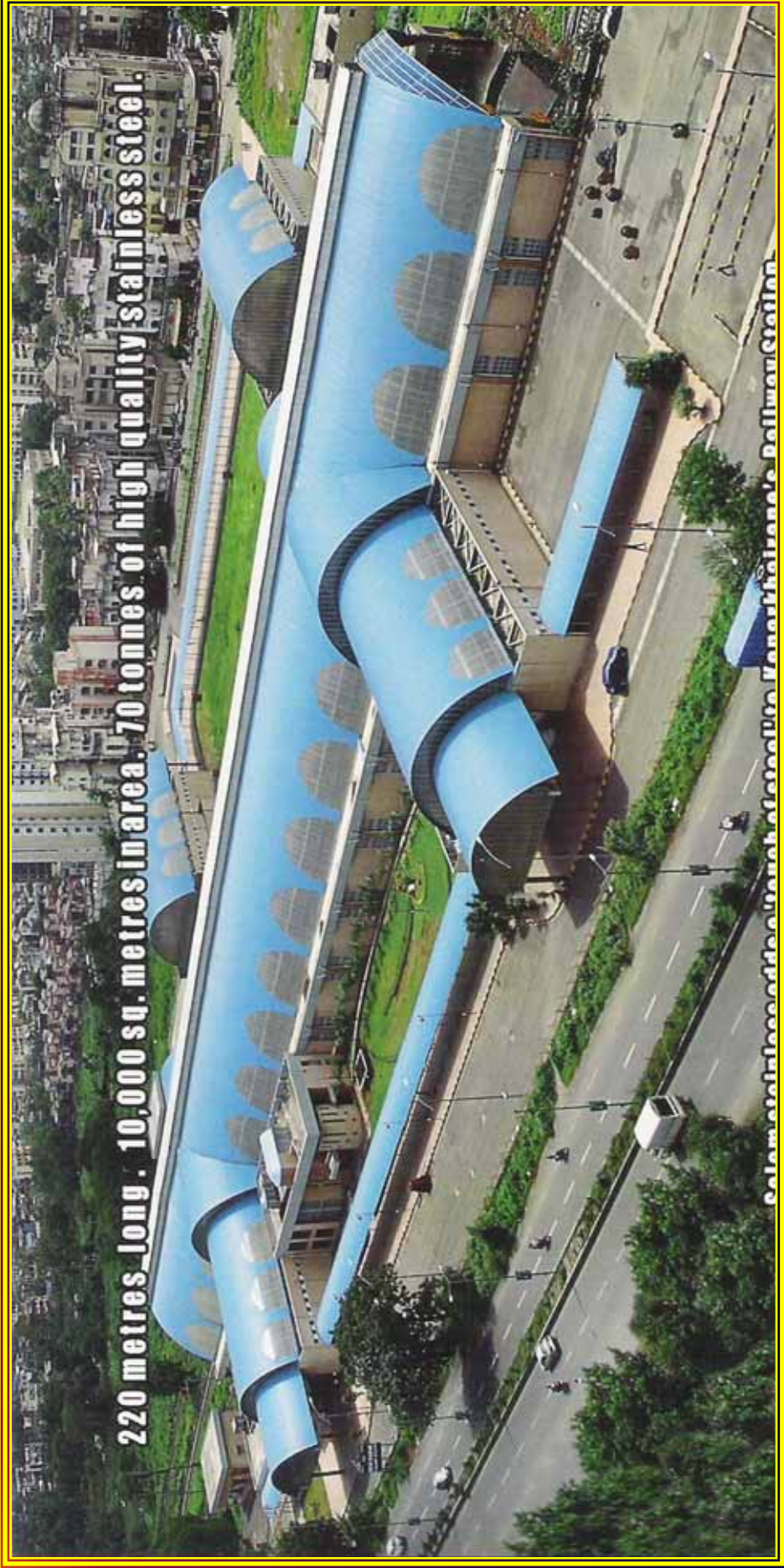
# **KOPARKHAIRANE WITH COLOUR COATED STAINLESS STEEL ROOFING**

**Grade : 304  
Thk (mm): 0.50**





# KOPARKHAIRANE – AERIAL VIEW



**KOPARKHAIRANE STATION IN NAVI MUMBAI WITH  
COLOUR COATED SS ROOFING - OVER 50 YEARS LIFE  
WITH ZERO MAINTENANCE**

# STAINLESS STEEL FOR CLADDING

**The need :: rich aesthetics  
durability  
Zero maintenance**

**Where stainless steel scores -**

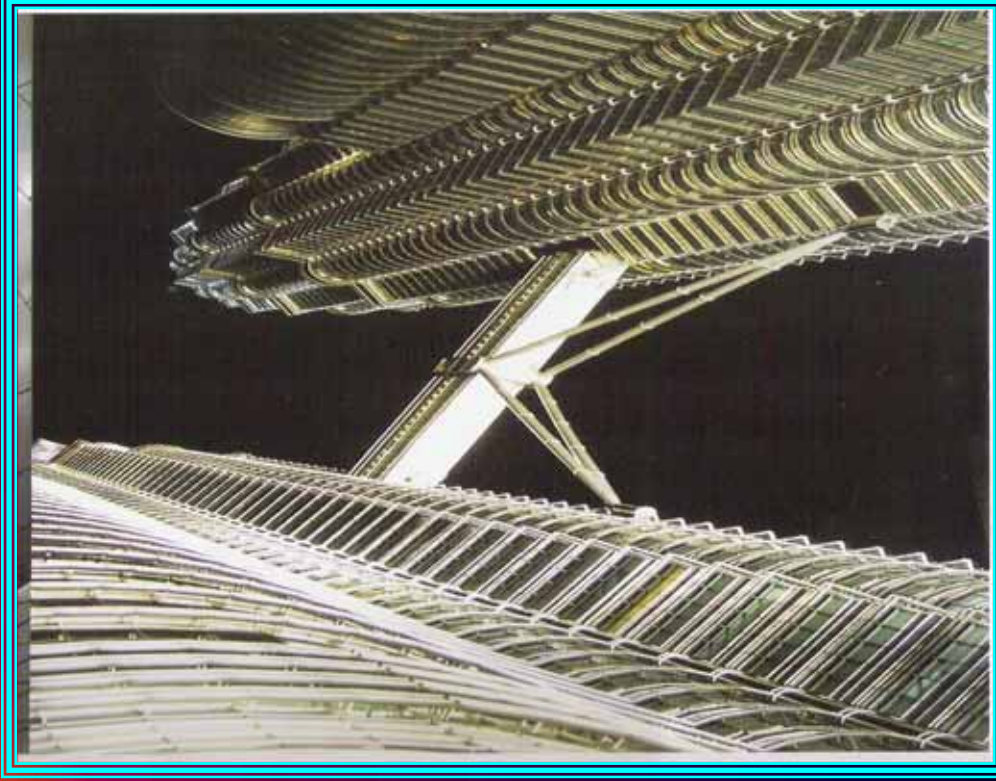
- \* pristine & gleaming look**
- \* Delicately reflective**
- \* Strength & stiffness**
- \* Water wash & that's all**
- \* Lasts for a life time**

## PANELLING - A COST COMPARISON

<b>PARAMETERS</b>	<b>STAINLESS STEEL</b>	<b>GRANITE / MARBLE</b>
<b>THICKNESS (MM)</b>	1.25/1.60	5.00/12.00
<b>WEIGHT/SQ METRE (KG)</b>	10/12.5	60 to 100
<b>FIXING</b>	Easy	Cumbersome
<b>CHANCE OF BREAKAGE / CHIPPING</b>	None	Quite Possible
<b>LIFE</b>	50 – 70 years	20 – 30 years
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	Needs only occasional water wash. No weathering	Can weather & crack over the years. Can fall off
<b>COST PER SQ METRE (RS)</b>	4500	2000 to 6000 depending on quality / colour



# Stainless masterpieces



**PETRONAS TOWERS – K L**

**Grade : 304 / 316**



**CHRYSLER TOWERS, USA**

**Grade : 302**

# Stainless masterpieces - Cloud Gate



168 panels – 2442 ltr ft of  
Seamless welding  
Weights : 110 MT  
Daily cleaning –1.8m  
6 monthly TIDE wash 150  
litres

designed by Anish Kapoor at Chicago

10 mtr x 20 mtr x 13 mtr - Grade : SS 304

# Stainless masterpieces – Stonecutters bridge



**The 1600 metre Stonecutters bridge Hong Kong with two 290 metre Pole Towers is designed for a life of 120 years – using Duplex stainless steel plates and 304 grade stainless steel reinforcement bars**

# Stainless Steel masterpieces – Burj Kalifa



The world's tallest building  
-2717 feet tall

A sparkling testimony for  
stainless steel being the  
architect's choice

Cladding using glass and  
textured stainless steel  
spandrel panels with  
vertical tubular fins



Architect : Adrian Smith

# STAINLESS LANDMARKS – FAR AND NEAR



**METRO RTA BLDG - TOKYO**  
**Grade : SS 304**



**ASHOK LEYLAND-CHENNAI**  
**Grade : SS 316**

# STAINLESS LANDMARKS – FAR AND NEAR



**US AIR FORCE MEMORIAL  
WASHINGTON DC - SS 316 Gr**

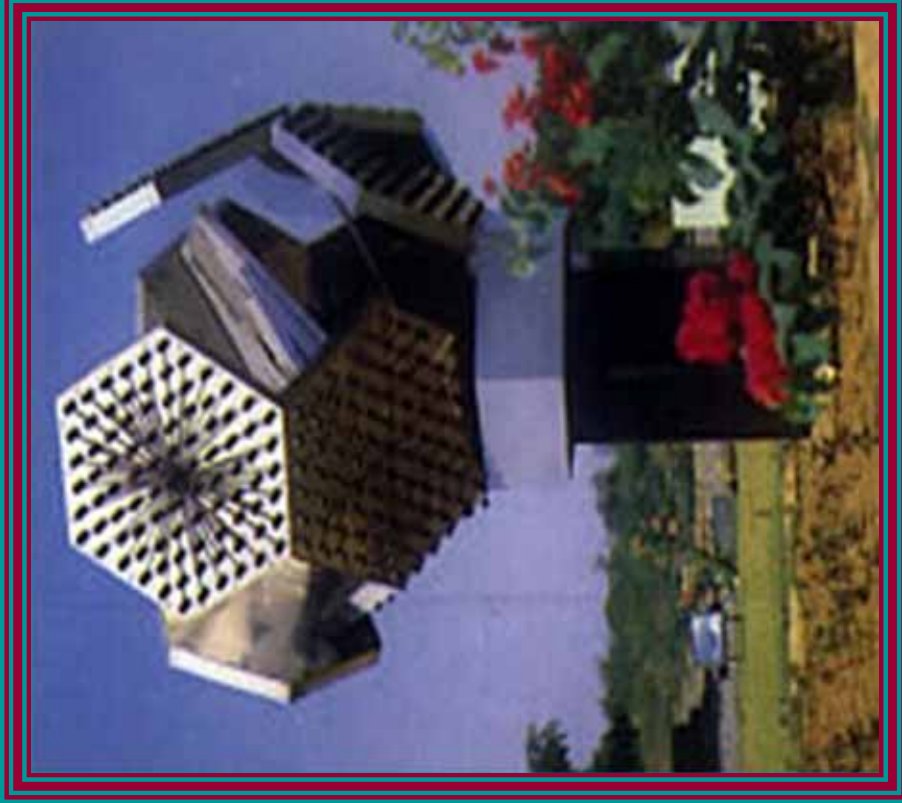


**HUDA PARK – HYDERABAD  
Grade : SS 304**

# ARTISTIC RAILING & BALUSTRADES



# COMMEMORATIVE SCULPTURES



FORMS IN NATURE - SALEM



GARUDA - GURGAON



## **STAINLESS STEEL WATERLINES**

- **Water distribution lines have been in vogue in USA , Japan and Korea for over two decades.**
  - **New York - New Jersey water distribution tunnel has been installed with 100 years design life.**
  - **Widely used in related applications like water treatment and Sewage treatment**
- **And in India , Mettur makes the beginning.**



## SS VERSUS MS WATERLINE PIPES - A TECHNICAL COMPARISON

PARAMETER	SS	MS
YIELD STRENGTH	HIGH (1.5 TIMES)	LOW
% ELONGATION	40 %	25 %
CORROSION RESISTANCE	HIGH (0.002 MICRONS P.A)	LOW - (6 MICRONS P.A)
“C” VALUE	140 - 150	100
COATINGS	NOT REQD	REQUIRED
WT / METRE	LOW, since <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- no coatings</li> <li>- no corrosion allowance</li> <li>- flexibility to opt for lower OD - THK configuration</li> </ul>	HIGH, since <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in MS pipes higher thk. Is required for getting the reqd strength</li> <li>- Concrete liner &amp; epoxy coat is a must</li> <li>- Allowance for corrosion loss to be built up</li> </ul>
INSTALLATION	EASY	DIFFICULT
LIFE	> 100 YEARS	25 YEARS

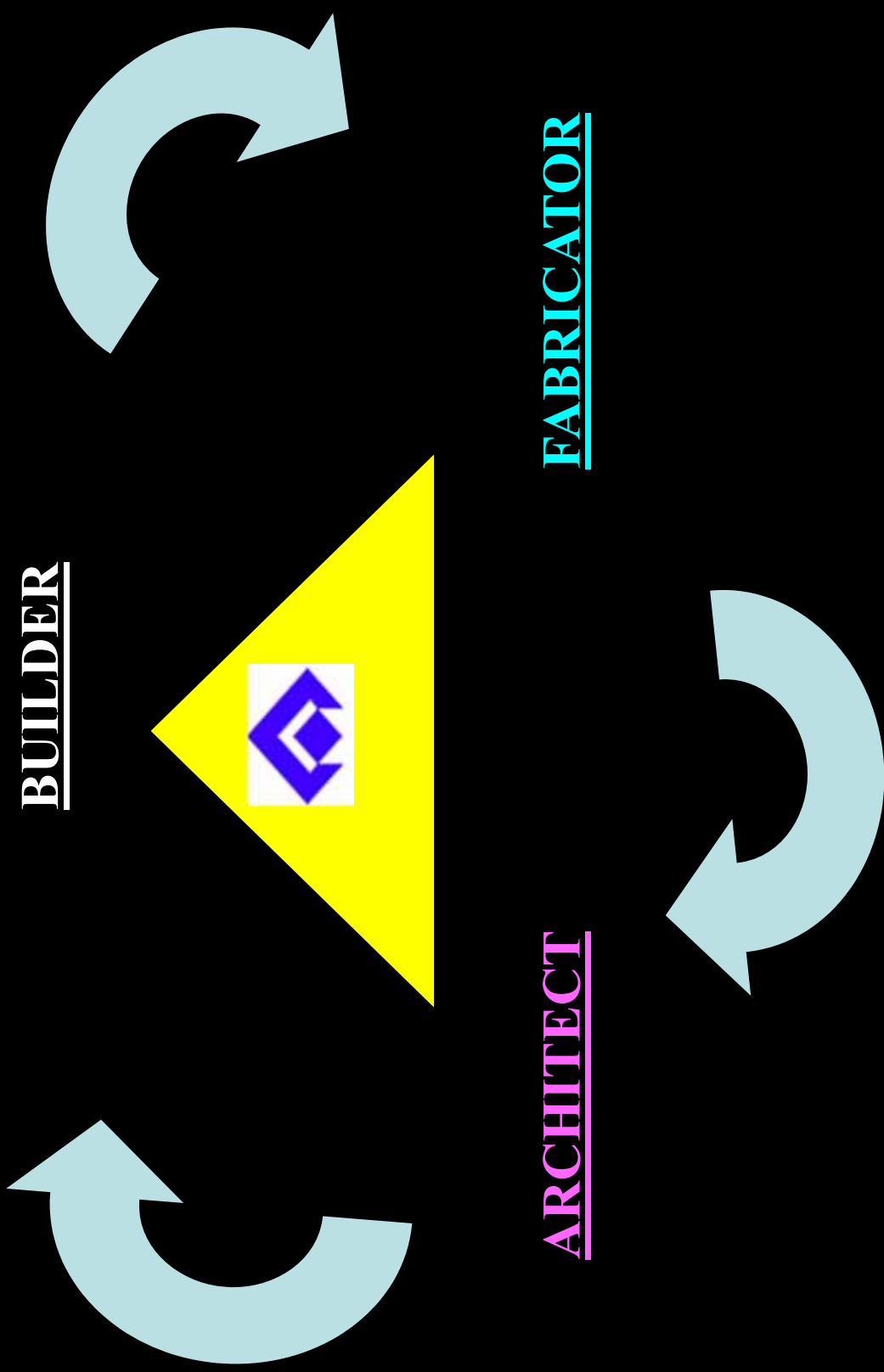
## **WHERE SS WATERLINES SCORE**

- **Excellent corrosion resistance**
- **100 years of leak & trouble free life**
- **Higher strength to weight ratio**
- **Flexibility to use a lower OD - lower Thickness configuration**
- **No need for corrosion allowance**
- **Overall weight reduction**
- **Lower friction loss - c value = 150**
- **Savings in pumping power**
- **Cleaner & hygienic option**
- **Lower life cycle cost**

## So, the crux of the issue lies in

- **Deciding on the application for which stainless steel is being considered**
- **The environment – is it sea side / interior / industrial dusty and polluted / humidity and rain prone etc**
- **Choose the grade that suits the application**
- **Design the product suitably – make sure that**
  - **a right finish is chosen**
  - **right fabrication practices are adopted**
  - **there are no crevices,**
  - **suitable drainage is provided,**
  - **right slope is given,**
  - **right fasteners are used,**
  - **and a regime for cleaning is put in place**

SALEM STEEL PLANT  
INTERFACING THE FORCES  
IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE





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