

Surat, Patna, Dacca etc. Many other towns were also involved in the production of textiles such as, Sarhind, Samanah, Nasarpur, Sehwan, Sironj, Nosarai, Shahjadpur and Agrezabad.

The silk products:

The manufacture of silk cloth was the next order of importance. ‘_chopas’, ‘_ bandanas’, and ‘_corahs’ of Murshidabad, Maldah and Bengal towns; the fine floral brocadework of Banaras and Ahmedabad ; and double weaving of colors produced at Poona, Yeola and other places were the most important silk products.

The woolen industry:

In woolen, the important product was Kashmiri shawls, produced in Kashmir and other towns of Punjab like Amritsar and Ludhiana. Kashmiri shawls had a great demand all over India. By 1850 the shawls became very much popular in Europe and France. However, it faced many hurdles like France-German war, introduction of new techniques, availability of cheap substitute products, leading to decline of the industry.

The metal industry:

In India, the manufacture of steel and wrought iron had high perfection almost two thousand years ago. It is known that the iron industry not only fulfilled local wants, but also exported the products to foreign countries. The quality of the metal was world-wide popular. The famous iron pillar near Delhi, which fifteen hundred years old, indicates the amount of skill in the manufacture of wrought iron its durability. The iron industry flourished mainly in towns like, Mysore, Chota Nagpur and the Central provinces. The other metals like brass, copper and bell metal were also famous all over India. The town centres for the metals were, Banaras, Nasik, Pune, Hyderabad, Vishakhapattanam and Tanjore. Many other industries like gold, silver, marble, sandalwood; glass-bangles, etc. were existed.

The ship-building industry:

It was a flourishing industry in Surat and Baroch. The large supplies of good timber had made ship-building a prosperous in India. In the words of William Digby, —a hundred years ago, the ship-building was so excellent in India that ships could travel to Thames, as compared to the ships built in Britain.

Other small industries: Other industries like, jute, paper, leather wood ware, bows and arrows, cord work, cutting of precious stones, pottery, sculpturing, scents, perfumes, oils etc., were well developed during pre-British period

Pattern of Industrial Production:

The pattern of industrial production during the pre-British period would be clear from the following points.