

# GUJARATI YATRA

JOURNEY OF A PEOPLE

**14 November 2017 - 14 April 2018**

Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am - 5pm

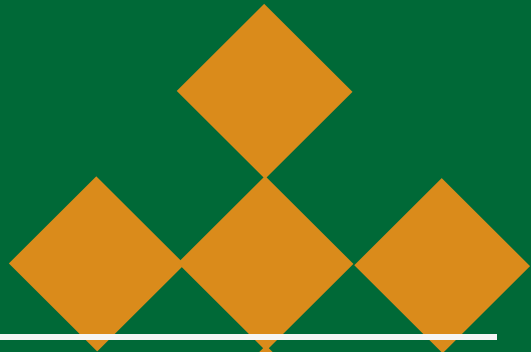
Except public holidays

**Museum of Croydon**

Croydon Clocktower

Katharine Street Croydon CR9 1ET

FREE ENTRY



*Subrang Arts*



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The National Lottery**  
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# ABOUT

'Yatra' is an ancient Sanskrit word meaning journey or pilgrimage.

'Gujarati Yatra' refers to the journey made by people from their original homeland in Gujarat on the west coast of India, to the south and east of Africa and finally on to Britain and other western countries.

This exhibition tells the stories of the individuals and communities who made this journey, through their objects and oral histories.

These stories also reveal the art, language, literature, food and religion of the Gujarati people and how these were preserved and adapted in different cultures. The history of the Gujarati Yatra is intertwined with, and helps us understand, changes in politics, trade, business, education and migration from the period before British rule in India to the present day.

Gujarati Yatra; journey of a people is at the Museum of Croydon, Croydon Clocktower from 14 November 2017 – 14 April 2018, Tuesday – Saturday, 10.30am – 5pm (except public holidays). Entrance to the exhibition is free.

Exhibition inspired by community group Subrang Arts and supported by Heritage Lottery Fund.

Curators: Rolf Killius and Lata Desai

## Gujarati Yatra Exhibition

**14th November 2017 – 14th April 2018**

## Sari Exhibition

**14th November 2017 – 26th January 2018**

## Contemporary Embroidery

**13th November, 2017 – 26th January 2018**

The Click Clock Gallery, Clocktower Cafe

**Find out more at**

[www.gujaratiyatra.com](http://www.gujaratiyatra.com)

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# EVENTS

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## Family Day Croydon Clocktower

### Rhyme and Rhythm Tabla workshop with Saleel Tambe

10.30am - 11am  
Central Library

### Saree draping session

11.30 - 12.15  
Central Library

### Tales from Kutch

#### Story Telling by Seema Anand

And then what happened.....

They say a journey is only as good as the stories you can tell. Every stone is a story, every tree, every speck of dust tells a tale, all you have to do is listen. Sit with me - I'll tell you some.

They say God knows the whole truth and God is the whole truth but brother I have heard.....

3pm - 4pm  
Central Library

### Arts and Craft Workshops

Beadcraft, Henna Painting,  
Clay Pot Painting

10.30am - 2.30pm (Drop In)  
Clocktower Atrium

### Indian Music - Flute and Tabla

With Robin Christian  
and Saleel Tambe

12pm - 2pm  
Clocktower Cafe



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## Talks Day Croydon Clocktower

### Migration of Stitch & the Practice of Stitch as Movement

Anne Morrell *Author and contemporary textile expert*

This talk will focus on the different approaches to stitch in India, in particular Gujarat, and the UK. Anne's work draws on her research into these distinctive styles, inspired by traditional Indian methods, especially Phulkari.

11am - 11.45am  
Braithwaite Hall

### Textiles, dress and identity in contemporary Gujarat

Eiluned Edwards *Reader in Global Cultures of Textiles and Dress*

This talk will look at the use of textiles and dress in contemporary Gujarat, focusing on the desert district of Kutch in the west of the state. It draws on long-term research with weavers, block-printers, tailors, and animal herders in Kutch.

12pm - 12.45pm  
Braithwaite Hall

### Doors, Plates and Kangas; Cultural Influences of Gujarati Trade in East Africa

Judy Aldrick *Author and Historian*

2pm - 2.45pm  
Braithwaite Hall

### Gujarati Export Textiles

Avalon Fotheringham *Curator South Asian Department - V & A Museum*

This talk will focus on the long history of Gujarati-made textiles being exported and incorporated into cultures world-wide.

3pm - 3.45pm  
Braithwaite Hall

All Events Free - Reserve your seats on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/edit?eid=37601620459>

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## Film Screening Day Croydon Clocktower

### Sundarana

Marriage, migration and social change among the Patidars of Central Gujarat

1pm - 2pm

David Lean Cinema

### So Heddan So Hoddan

The Film is a journey into the music and everyday life of communities in Kutch, set against the backdrop of the Rann and the pastoral Banni grass lands.

*Directed by Anjali Monteiro and K.P.Jayasankar*

2.15pm - 3.15pm

David Lean Cinema

### Interval (Snacks served)

### From Gulf to Gulf to Gulf

From Gulf to Gulf to Gulf is a result of four years of dialog, friendship and exchange between CAMP and a group of sailors from the Gulf of Kutch. Their travels, and those of co-seafarers from Pakistan and Southern Iran, through the Persian and Aden Gulfs show us a world cut into many pieces, not easily bridged by nostalgics or nationalists. Instead, we follow the physical crossings made by these groups of people who make and sail boats. And who also make videos, sometimes with songs married to them.

*Introduced by Prof Edward Simpson (SOAS)*

*Directors : Shaina Anand, Ashok Sukumaran*

4pm - 6pm

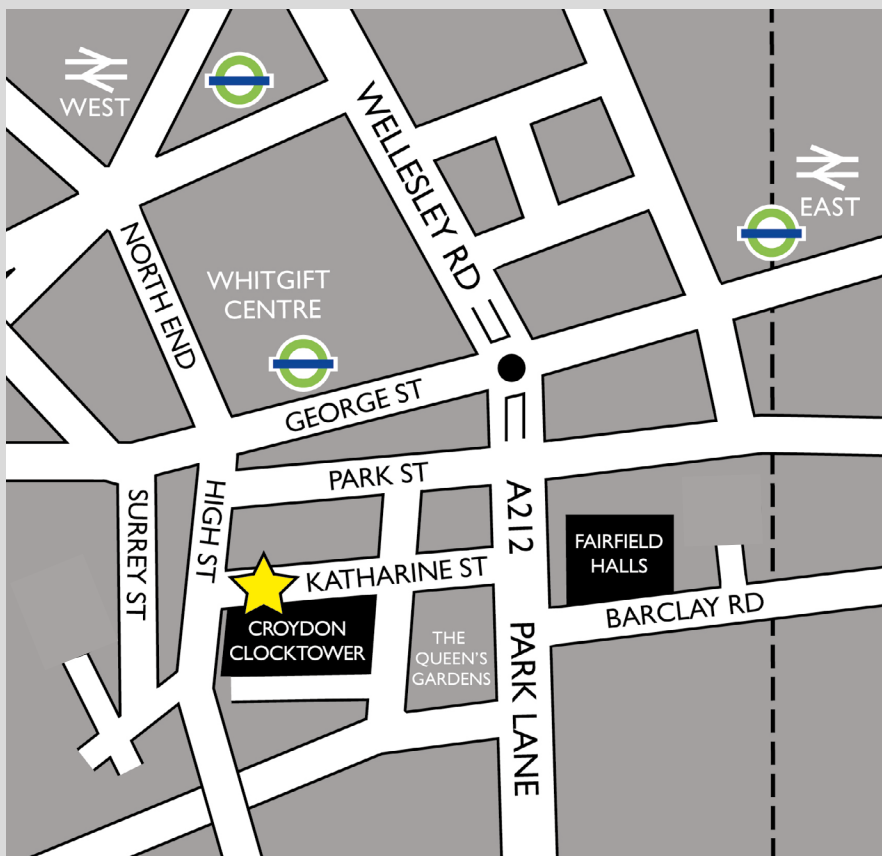
David Lean Cinema

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<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/film-screening-day-gujarati-yatra-journey-of-a-people-tickets-37685694928>



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