

PEOPLE PLACES
CONVERSATIONS
A KINDER
WORLD

CYCLE YATRA

AN OUTER & INNER JOURNEY AROUND UDAIPUR

13-20 NOVEMBER 2026

Joint Yatra with
Swaraj University and Vimukt Shiksha

DIFFERENT
PATHS
A SHARED
TOMORROW

THE WORLD IS ONE FAMILY.
THE ROAD IS OUR TEACHER.

LESS
STUFF
MORE
PERSPECTIVE



CURIOSITY
CONNECTION
GENEROSITY
LEARNING
BELONGING



WHAT IF, FOR FIVE DAYS, YOU TRAVELLED WITHOUT MONEY, WITHOUT YOUR PHONE AND WITHOUT CARRYING FOOD?

Not as a challenge.

Not as a stunt.

But as an experiment.

An experiment in **trust**.

An experiment in **Gift Culture**.

An experiment in what it means to
live, even briefly, by the spirit of
Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

“
THE WORLD IS ONE FAMILY.
”

What happens when we travel not as consumers, but as guests?

What happens when we stop expecting the world to arrange itself
around our preferences?

What happens when we enter another person's home, village and
way of life with humility rather than judgement?

And what might we discover about ourselves when we slow down
enough to listen?

This November, Swaraj University and Vimukt Shiksha invite you to
a different kind of journey around Udaipur.

We will spend eight days together.

13-14 November: preparing ourselves and building trust within the group.

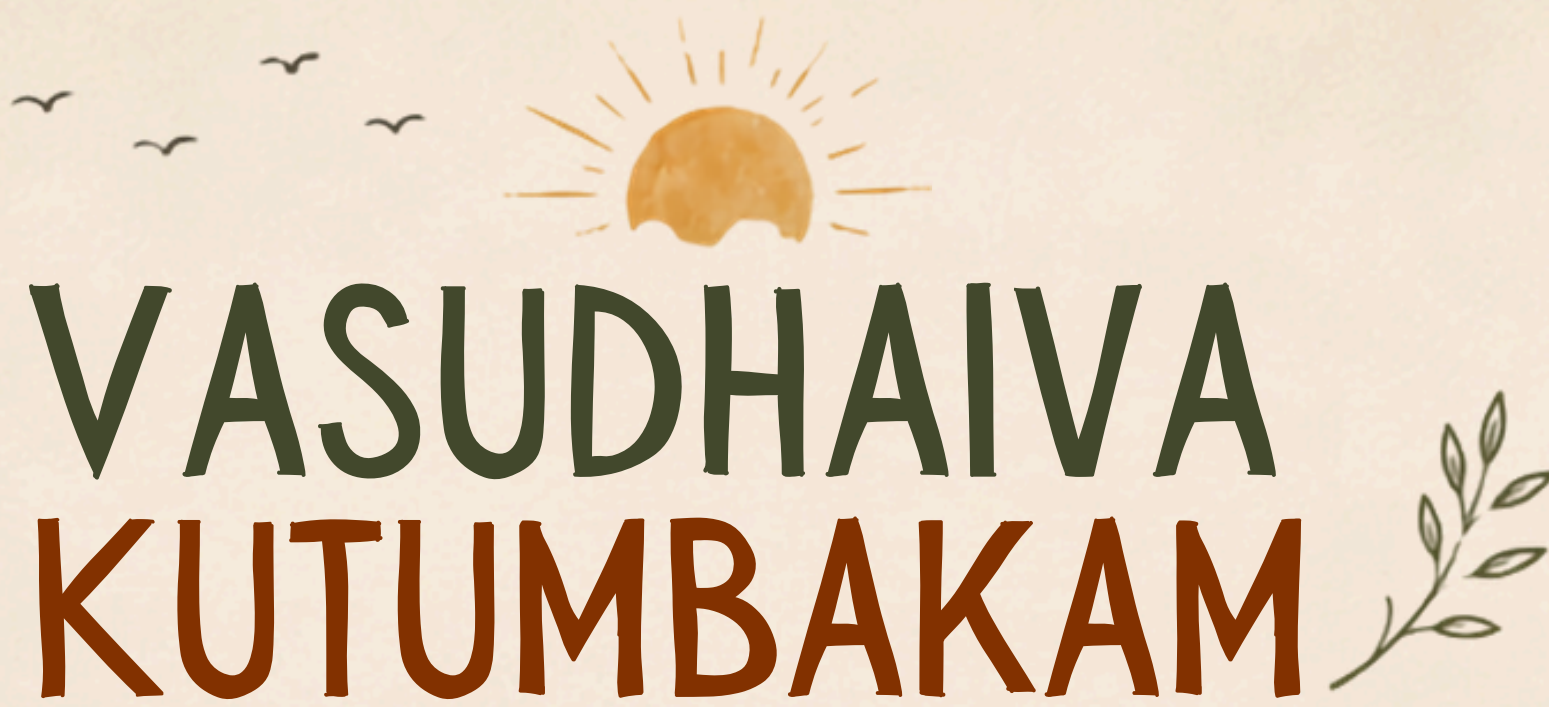
15-19 November: five days on the road, cycling through villages,
landscapes and communities.

20 November: returning together for reflection, sharing and closing.

THE BICYCLE IS OUR MEANS OF MOVING THROUGH THE
LANDSCAPE.

BUT THE REAL JOURNEY IS WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN PEOPLE.





VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM

THE WORLD IS ONE FAMILY.

The Cycle Yatra is an invitation to explore what this ancient idea might look like when we actually try to live it.



For five days, we enter villages and communities **not as tourists, consumers or experts.**
We enter as guests.

The people we meet are not “locals” providing us with an experience.
Their homes are not hotels.
Their food is not a service.
Their culture is not something for us to consume.
They are people.
People with their own ways of living, knowing, celebrating, working and relating.

Many may not have the material resources that we are accustomed to.
Yet they may have something else in abundance:

-  The willingness to share.
-  The **generosity** to welcome a stranger.
-  The spirit of **Atithi Devo Bhava**

The Yatra asks us to receive this generosity with gratitude, participate where we can and respect the context we have entered.

- **We are not** going there to point out problems.
- **We are not** going there to judge.
- **We are not** going there to offer solutions.
- **We are not** going there to make promises.

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-  We are going there to learn, unlearn and experience.
 -  If there is something we can offer in the moment, we offer it.
 -  If something is offered to us, we receive it.
 -  And when it is time to leave, we carry the relationship and the learning with us.

THE EXPERIMENT

NO MONEY. NO PHONE. NO FOOD.

From the beginning of the actual Cycle Yatra on 15 November, we leave three things behind:



Our money.



Our phones.



Our food.



Why?

Because these three things allow us to remain largely independent from the people and places around us.

With money, we can buy what we need.

With a phone, we can find our way, call someone, search for information, document everything and retreat into the familiar whenever things become uncomfortable.

With food in our bags, we don't have to depend on anyone for nourishment.



For five days, we intentionally step away from these forms of security.

And instead, we experiment with something else:



We ask.

We listen.

We offer our time and our hands.

We receive what is offered.

We share what we can in the moment.

And we discover what happens when we stop trying to meet every need through money, technology and personal preparation.



THE QUESTION IS NOT, "CAN WE SURVIVE WITHOUT MONEY?"

The deeper questions are:

- What happens when we cannot buy our way through an experience?
- What happens when we have to ask?
- What happens when we have to trust?
- What happens when giving and receiving become relationships rather than transactions?



This is our experiment with **GIFT CULTURE.**

THE YATRA

15-19 NOVEMBER

FIVE DAYS ON THE ROAD

DIFFERENT
PEOPLE.
NEW PLACES.
SHARED LIVES.

PEOPLE
PLACES
STORIES
TOGETHER
→

We leave Udaipur on bicycles and move through the rural landscapes, villages, farms and communities around the city.

This is not a conventional cycling tour.

There is no sightseeing checklist.

No race.

No fixed promise of where we will eat.

No fixed promise of where we will sleep.

The road unfolds through encounters.

We may meet a farmer and work alongside them.

We may sit with an elder and listen to stories.

We may learn a local craft.

We may help someone with their work.

We may cook.

We may sing.

We may repair a bicycle.

We may walk.

We may play.

We may spend an afternoon doing something none of us planned that morning.

And when evening comes, we may have to ask:

WHERE WILL WE SLEEP TONIGHT?

Perhaps a family will invite us home.

Perhaps a community will share its space.

Perhaps someone we met during the day will offer us a place.

Perhaps another possibility will emerge.

We don't know.

AND THAT NOT-KNOWING IS PART OF THE YATRA.



TRAVELLING AS GUESTS

REAL
PEOPLE
REAL
CONVERSATIONS
A WIDER
WORLD

MOST TRAVEL ALLOWS US TO STAY IN CONTROL.
WE CHOOSE WHERE TO STAY.
WE CHOOSE WHAT TO EAT.
WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED.
WE USE OUR PHONES TO FIND OUR WAY.
WE PHOTOGRAPH PLACES AND MOVE ON.

THE CYCLE YATRA ASKS US TO TRAVEL DIFFERENTLY.

WHAT IF WE TRAVELLED AS GUESTS
RATHER THAN CONSUMERS?

WE DON'T ENTER VILLAGES LOOKING FOR AN "EXPERIENCE".
WE ENTER TO MEET PEOPLE.
WE DON'T TREAT COMMUNITIES AS DESTINATIONS.
WE BECOME PART OF A MOMENT IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIFE.
WE DON'T ARRIVE AS EXPERTS.
WE ARRIVE AS LEARNERS.
WE DON'T ASSUME THAT WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TEACH.
WE BECOME AVAILABLE TO BE TAUGHT.
AND WE MAKE AN EFFORT TO MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE,
RATHER THAN EXPECTING THEM TO MEET US WHERE WE ARE.



RECEIVE
WHAT IS
OFFERED.



RESPECT
WHAT
IS
DIFFERENT.



ADAPT
WHERE
YOU
CAN.



OFFER
WHAT YOU
CAN.



KEEP
LEARNING.



MAKING PEACE WITH WHAT IS OFFERED

Simple places.
Meaningful people.
A richer perspective.

DIFFERENT
FOOD SAME
HUMANITY.



Different
Journeys.
Same Humanity.

THIS IS PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT THINGS TO
UNDERSTAND BEFORE JOINING THE
YATRA.



For five days, **we cannot expect the places we visit to organise themselves around our preferences.**



Food may not be what we normally choose. There may not be options for particular food preferences.



Accommodation may be very simple.



Toilets may not always be available. In some, perhaps many, places we may have to walk into a field or suitable natural space to relieve ourselves.

This may feel unfamiliar.
It may feel uncomfortable.
And that is something we need to mentally prepare for.

This does not mean ignoring hygiene, safety or basic dignity. It means understanding the context we are entering and adapting ourselves to it rather than expecting the context to adapt to us.

The people we meet may not have a lot of resources.
But they may have vBut they may have a great deal to share.



They may share the best they have.



They may welcome us into their homes.



They may offer us food when they have little to spare.

WE RECEIVE THIS GENEROSITY
WITH GRATITUDE, NOT
ENTITLEMENT.

- We do not compare.
- We do not complain about what is different.
- We do not immediately label something as a “problem”.
- We first try to understand.

Because the purpose of this journey is not to fix the world around us.

IT IS TO ALLOW THE WORLD AROUND US TO TEACH US.

PEOPLE PLACES
STORIES
PERSPECTIVES A
BRIGHTER US.



GIFT CULTURE

Can giving and receiving become something more than transactions? Can we receive without immediately calculating what we owe? Can we give without expecting something in return?



TRUST

What happens when we don't have everything figured out?
Can we trust people we have just met?
Can we trust our group?
Can we trust ourselves enough to step into uncertainty?



LIVING KNOWLEDGE

What can we learn from people whose knowledge comes from living closely with land, seasons, animals, materials and community?



SIMPLICITY

How little do we actually need?
What happens when we carry less, consume less and make more space for relationships?



COMMUNITY

What happens when we stop trying to do everything ourselves? What becomes possible when we learn to depend on one another?



VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM

Can we experience, even briefly, what it means to see the people we encounter not as 'others' but as part of one larger human family?



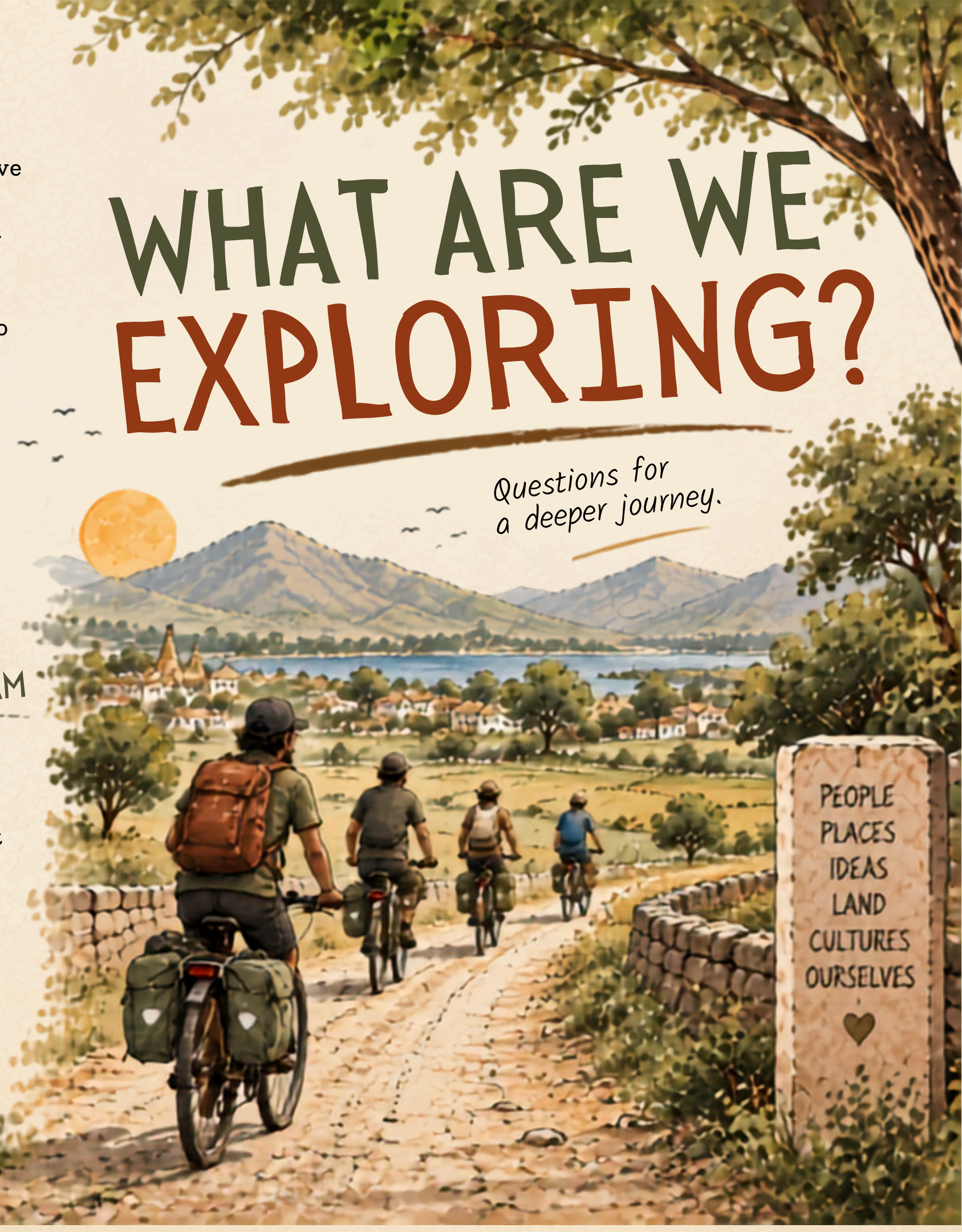
SELF

Who are we when some of the things that normally make us feel secure are temporarily taken away?



WHAT ARE WE EXPLORING?

*Questions for
a deeper journey.*



THE INNER JOURNEY

The bicycle takes us through the landscape.
But something else happens along the way.

- Without a phone.
- Without money.
- Without food in our bags.
- Without our usual access to convenience.
- Without knowing where we will sleep.
- Without knowing what the next meal will look like.

Our habits begin to show themselves.

Our discomfort.

Our fears.

Our assumptions about scarcity.

Our ideas about comfort.

Our dependence on technology.

Our relationship with uncertainty.

Our ability to ask for help.

Our ability to give.

Our ability to receive.

THE OUTER JOURNEY BECOMES A MIRROR.

WHAT DOES THE WAY WE TRAVEL
REVEAL ABOUT THE WAY WE LIVE?

Less
Stuff

More
Presence

Deeper
Questions

A Fuller
Life

THE ROAD
OUTSIDE
REVEALS
THE ROAD
WITHIN.

THIS IS NOT FOR EVERYONE

You don't need to be an experienced cyclist.
But you do need to be comfortable with physical effort, simple living
and uncertainty.
You need curiosity.
You need humility.
And you need a willingness to let go of some control.

COME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN:

-  learning beyond classrooms
-  rural communities and living knowledge
-  Gift Culture and reciprocity
-  Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
-  ecology and our relationship with land
-  community living
-  travelling without consumption
-  questioning our ideas of comfort and abundance
-  spending time away from technology
-  exploring yourself through experience

- Come if you are willing to **NOT KNOW**.
- Come if you are willing to ask.
- Come if you are willing to receive.
- Come if you are willing to give.
- Come if you are willing to adapt.
- Come if you are willing to enter another world without immediately trying to change it.



*Different
People.
Different Journeys.
A More Human World.*

*SIMPLE
PEOPLE
PROFOUND
LESSONS*

*Less
Stuff
More
Learning*



LESS
STUFF
MORE
FREEDOM

SAME
JOURNEY'S
DIFFERENT
PERSPECTIVES



DIFFERENT
PEOPLE.
DIFFERENT
JOURNEYS. A
KINDER WORLD.



WHAT DO YOU BRING?

LIGHTER BAGS.
DEEPER JOURNEYS.



TRAVEL LIGHT

For the actual Yatra, **15-19 November**, we will provide basic, sturdy rental bicycles.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN BICYCLE.

Each participant should carry a small bag that can easily be mounted on the rear carrier of the bicycle. The idea is simple:

CARRY ONLY WHAT YOU ABSOLUTELY NEED.

Your bag should contain essentials such as:



Personal care and hygiene items



One or two pairs of simple, comfortable and modest clothes



A water bottle



Comfortable footwear



A sleeping bag



Any other genuinely essential personal item

WHEN PACKING CLOTHES, REMEMBER:

You will be cycling long distances.
Your clothes should be:



COMFORTABLE TO CYCLE IN.



SIMPLE AND PRACTICAL



MODEST AND RESPECTFUL OF THE RURAL RAJASTHANI CONTEXT.

Please resist the temptation to pack for every possibility.
The less we carry, the more freely we can move.

And beyond everything in the bag, bring:

AN OPENNESS TO UNCERTAINTY.

THE WILLINGNESS TO ASK.

THE WILLINGNESS TO GIVE.

THE WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE.

RESPECT FOR THE PEOPLE, CULTURE AND
ECOSYSTEMS WE ENTER.

And perhaps most importantly:

A QUESTION.

CARRY
LESS.
RETURN WITH
MORE.



THE EIGHT DAYS

MORE THAN A
JOURNEY.
A WAY OF
LEARNING.

13 NOVEMBER



ARRIVE • MEET & BEGIN

Arrival at Swaraj University.
Meet the group.
Settle in.
Open the Yatra.

14 NOVEMBER



TRUST • PREPARE • LET GO

Build relationships within the group.
Understand the experiment.
Prepare practically and mentally for the journey.
Get comfortable with the bicycles.
Think about what we really need to carry.

15-19
NOVEMBER



THE CYCLE YATRA

- Five days on the road.
- Cycling.
- Village immersion.
- Community encounters.
- Gift Culture.
- Living knowledge.
- Uncertainty.
- Participation.
- Reflection.

NO MONEY.
NO PHONE.
NO PERSONAL FOOD.

20 NOVEMBER



RETURN • REFLECT • SHARE

The journey doesn't end when we return. We come back together to reflect.

- What happened?
- What surprised us?
- Where did we struggle?
- Where did we receive?
- Where did we give?
- Where did we judge?
- What judgements did we let go of?
- What did the communities teach us?
- What did we learn about ourselves?

And most importantly:

WHAT WILL YOU TAKE BACK INTO OUR EVERYDAY LIVES?

YATRA
CHANGE
PERSPECTIVES

DIFFERENT PEOPLE.
DIFFERENT PLACES.
A DEEPER YOU.

VILLAGES

CONVERSATIONS

FIELDS

PEOPLE

NEW PERSPECTIVES

SAME
ROADS
DIFFERENT
QUESTIONS
A DEEPER
YOU.



THE CONTRIBUTION

A YATRA OFFERED IN THE SPIRIT OF GIFT

This Cycle Yatra is being offered jointly by Vimukt Shiksha and Swaraj University in the spirit of Gift.

THAT DOES NOT MEAN THE YATRA IS FREE.

A great deal of work goes into creating and holding this experience.

The preparation.

The facilitation.

Building relationships with communities.

The bicycles and logistics.

The food and accommodation around the preparation and closing days.

Safety and support.

And all the invisible work that makes it possible for a group to travel into uncertainty.

But instead of deciding the monetary value of the Yatra in advance, we want to experiment with value differently.

WE INVITE YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE YATRA FIRST.

- Live it.
- Receive it.
- Participate in it.
- Notice the effort behind it.
- Notice what you receive from it.
- Notice what it asks of you.

And then, at the end, sit with a simple question:

WHAT WAS THIS EXPERIENCE WORTH TO ME?

- You will be invited to make a contribution of your choice.
- There is no fixed fee.
- There is no **prescribed amount**.
- There is no **expectation** that everyone contributes the same.
- We ask you to contribute what you genuinely feel is appropriate after experiencing the journey.
- This too is part of our experiment.

CAN WE EXPERIENCE VALUE BEFORE PUTTING A NUMBER TO IT?

CAN WE MOVE FROM A FIXED PRICE TO A CONSCIOUS CONTRIBUTION?

CAN WE GIVE BECAUSE WE VALUE SOMETHING, RATHER THAN BECAUSE WE ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR IT?

Your contribution also helps create the possibility for others to experience such journeys.

MORE YATRAS
MORE PEOPLE
A KINDER WORLD.

NOT A
TRANSACTION
A RELATIONSHIP



GENEROSITY
KEEPS
YATRAS
ALIVE



Good
People
Brighter
Places



COME WITH A QUESTION

YOU DON'T NEED TO ARRIVE WITH ANSWERS. COME WITH A QUESTION.

- About yourself.
- About education.
- About community.
- About consumption.
- About trust.
- About generosity.
- About what it means to have enough.
- About how we want to live.
- About what **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** might mean
- if we actually tried to live it.
- About the kind of world we want to create.

FOR FIVE DAYS, LEAVE BEHIND THE THINGS THAT USUALLY MAKE YOU FEEL SECURE.

- Leave behind your wallet.
- Leave behind your phone.
- Leave behind the food in your bag
- And enter the yatra with what cannot be packed:

YOUR PRESENCE.

YOUR CURIOSITY.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONNECT.

YOUR WILLINGNESS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE.

THEN, WHEN YOU RETURN, ASK YOURSELF WHAT THE EXPERIENCE WAS WORTH.

Not just in money.
But in time.
In effort.
In learning.
In relationships.
In what may have shifted inside you.

Different People.
Different Places.
A Deeper You.



A Kinder More
Connected World
is Possible.





SLOWER
DEEPER
TOGETHER



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GOOD
QUESTIONS
BETTER
JOURNEYS



CYCLE YATRA

13-20 NOVEMBER 2026
UDAIPUR, RAJASTHAN

people Land
Learning
Sharing
Belonging
A Richer
You



13-14 NOV

Preparation • Orientation • Trust Building



Only 12
Participants.



15-19 NOV

Cycle Yatra • Village Immersion • Gift Culture



Basic rental
bicycles provided

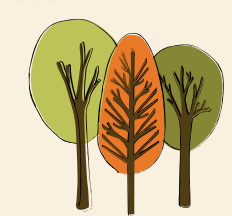


20 NOV

Reflection • Sharing • Closing



Contribution decided
by each participant at
the end of the Yatra



SWARAJ
UNIVERSITY



Vimukt Shiksha
Travel. Transform. Belong.

BRING YOUR QUESTION.
BRING YOUR OPENNESS.
LEAVE THE REST BEHIND.

COME RIDE WITH US.

APPLY NOW!

