

# Khambhat artisans to show stone bead skills

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**Ahmedabad:** For the past 5,000 years, stone bead artisans in Khambhat have been involved in 'Make In India'. Now, they will finally get a global platform. A forthcoming workshop at IIT-Gandhinagar will see Khambhat's master craftsman Anwar Hussain Shaikh and his team conducting live practical into the technique of making stone beads before eminent experts and scholars from the US, the UK, Japan, Sri Lanka, Italy, Nepal, Thailand and Bangladesh.

"Stone bead study involves



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scientific investigations as well as understanding in the right cultural perspective. A combination of such a strategy has not evolved fully in south

TOI Asia even though a larger history of beads is noticed here. Keeping this in mind, Archaeological Science Centre, IIT-Gn, will conduct a five-day course-workshop on the 'History, Science and Technology of Stone Beads' from August 10 to 14," said Alok Kumar Kanungo, assistant research professor (archaeology), IIT-Gn.

He said: "With a huge repository of crafts, we need to promote craft tourism and connect it with Make In India mission. For instance, stone beads is our Make In India for the past 5,000 years but artisans lack a global platform."