



Coronavirus patachitra (narrative scroll painting)

Date

2020

Primary Maker

Rupban "Svarna" Chitrakar

Medium

Natural pigments, paper, cotton thread, sari fabric, adhesive

Description

Long scroll depicting scenes of people facing the novel COVID-19 corona virus pandemic of 2020, with the virus shown as a large red colored monster (red, blue, yellow, green). Patachitra are narrative scroll paintings from West Bengal, India. Chitrakar (picture makers) is a surname and caste title adopted by the community of artists, also known as Patuas, who paint stories and write

accompanying songs performed as the scroll is unrolled. Traditionally, itinerant artists went from village to village, performing scrolls to tell religious stories and folktales, as well as to communicate important current events and public service announcements (from exhibition label text).

Dimensions

100" x 22"