

Emperors & Jewels: Treasures Of The Indian Courts

Exhibition At Aga Khan Museum Will Showcase Splendour Of The Decorative Arts

TORONTO: Discover the opulent lifestyles of the Mughal emperors and of the sultans of Deccan, India, in *Emperors & Jewels: Treasures of the Indian Courts* from the al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait, opening August 18 at the Aga Khan Museum.

The Canadian premiere exhibition reflects the splendour of the Mughals, who were great patrons of the jewelled arts, which blended Central Asian, Iranian, and Indian traditions.

Exquisitely crafted pieces of men's jewellery, once owned by the Mughal emperors who ruled India from the 16th to 19th century, bear witness to the deep love of beauty and craftsmanship.

They also speak of the blossoming creativity of these high-born rulers, who adorned themselves magnificently to feast and to fight. Paintings from the Aga Khan Museum Collection, showing hunts and battles, receptions and gardens, set the scene for the jewelled works of art from the renowned al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait, and reveal the artistic passions of the Mughal emperors.

"This exhibition celebrates the splendour and the grandeur of the decorative arts, and showcases the Mughal royalty's affinity for luxury and their appetite for in-



novation," says Henry Kim, Aga Khan Museum Director and CEO. "The rich cultural exchanges between Muslim and non-Muslim cultures in the 16th and 19th centuries enabled Indian artisans of this period to produce some of the finest artistic achievements in jewellery and ornamentation."

From whimsical rings and turban ornaments to intricately designed daggers and swords, the compilation of objects in the exhibition reinforces the status, wealth, and ceremony of the courts of the Mughals and their contemporaries.

"Filiz Çakır Phillip of the Aga Khan Museum and Salam Kaoukji of the al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait, co-curated *Emperors & Jewels*. "During this period, when the India subcontinent was booming with trade-driven cultural exchange, artisans were

able to borrow freely from many sources," remarks Phillip. "Due to the masterful application of the Indian techniques of hardstone carving and gem setting, as well as of gold inlaying and associated arts, these treasures provide a unique opportunity to discover the relationship between dynastic traditions and the ingenuity of jewellery designers."

Exhibition highlights include:

- A 17th-century dagger sashcord ornament from Northern India or Deccan, made of jade, inlaid with gold and set with rubies, diamond, pearl, coral, blue sapphire, cat's eye chrysoberyl, yellow topaz, and emerald. (The al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait, LNS 257 HS)

- A cup from late 16th-century India made of jade, set with ruby, emerald, sapphire, and dark sapphire-blue and emerald-green

transparent glass. (The al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait, LNS 140 J)

- A genealogical chart of the Emperor Jahangir and his immediate family, executed as a set of jewel-like portraits painted in opaque watercolour, ink, and gold on paper. (AKM151)

- A folio from a 16th-century manuscript of *Akbarnamah* (Biography of Akbar), painted in opaque watercolour, ink, and gold on paper and showing the Mughal emperor luxuriously adorned. (AKM149)

Emperors & Jewels runs from August 18, 2018 to January 27, 2019 at the Aga Khan Museum. For more information, visit agakhanmuseum.org.

The Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, Canada, has been established and developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), which is an agency of the Aga



Khan Development Network (AKDN). The Museum's mission is to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the contribution that Muslim civilizations have made to world heritage while often reflecting, through both its permanent and temporary exhibitions, how cultures connect with one another. Designed by architect Fumihiko Maki, the Museum shares a 6.8-hectare site with Toronto's Ismaili Centre, which was designed by architect Charles Correa. The surrounding landscaped park was designed by landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic.

Van Rams Storefront; Jewellery Stolen

MISSISSAUGA: The owner of a Toronto-area jewelry store said he thought his wife was going to be shot after \$100,000 worth of items were stolen at gunpoint.

Baldev Manjania said a red van rammed into the front of his store in Mississauga, Ont., three times on Saturday evening, breaking through the glass windows.

He said he was in his store, New Rana Jewellers, with his wife and brother when three masked men ran inside and started smashing the display cases.

Manjania, 48, said one man pointed a gun at his wife while the other two started stealing jewelry. He said the men didn't say anything during the robbery.

"I feel very scared," Manjania said. "I thought they were going to shoot my wife."

Manjania said he grabbed a sword he got from a Sikh temple and ran after the three men as

they jumped into a black car and drove away. "I went to get my sword because I had to do something to save my family," he said.

Manjania said nobody was injured.

Peel regional police said they are investigating the incident and that they are searching for four suspects, but no other information is available.

Spokeswoman Const. Sarah Patten said police are aware of a security camera video circulating online that shows the robbery.

"Police are still investigating and canvassing the area," said Patten.

Manjania said his store is now being repaired and that he expects the construction costs to be about \$25,000.

He said his store opened in 2005 and that he was robbed only once before in 2012. But he said this robbery was the first time a gun was used.

India Is Open For Business: PHDCCI



Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce hosted a business delegation led by Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director Punjab, Haryana and Delhi Chamber of Commerce and Industry for an interactive session with the members of ICCC.

Mr. Kanwar Dhanjal, President ICCC welcome the delegation and said that the time has come to rethink for doing business with

India as at present it is not up to its full potential. Canada needs India more than India needs Canada.

Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, Principal Director PHDCCI said that India is the fastest growing economy of the world now and is open for business. in the sectors such as food processing, infrastructure development, cold chain management and housing market.

Mr. Saifullah Khan, Consul Commercial assured all help for the promotion of trade and commerce ties between the two countries. ICCC's Vice President Mr. Nareshkumar Chavda and Mr. Ajay Tandon. ICCC Directors Mr. Abu Becker, Mr. Sanjay Brahmabhatt, Mr. Pranav Patel, Mr. Pradyuman Jhala were also present at the ceremony along with ICCC members.

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IFA Organizes A Fun Cruise



The Indian Family Association Canada organized a cruise recently on the 'Pioneer Queen' in Toronto waters with the theme "From I To We".

Participants enjoyed music and food while on the cruise.

TEAM IFA was created by 12 Core Members (Jayesh Brahmabhatt, Umesh Patel, Kashyap Patel, Keyur Patel, Amit Shah, Jitendra Vyas, Dhruv Sharma, Shilpesh Parikh, Rajesh Brahmabhatt, Nanoh Jha, Don R. B. Patel and Mihir Oza).

IFA thanked Shilpesh Parikh of Gujarat Abroad, Lalit Thaker of Gujarat Weekly, Lalit Soni of Gujrat News Line, Anjan Pahwa of Voice of Canada-Chandigarh Voice and Sudhir Anand of Weekly Voice and Radio Voice for their support.

The IFA Women's Wing will be presenting a gala Diwali Dinner, along with a difference & also a surprise programme by IFA Youth Wing in the coming days. Please stay tuned on FB, Twitter, Instagram, Wapp,email etc.