MAPPING THE MUGHALS

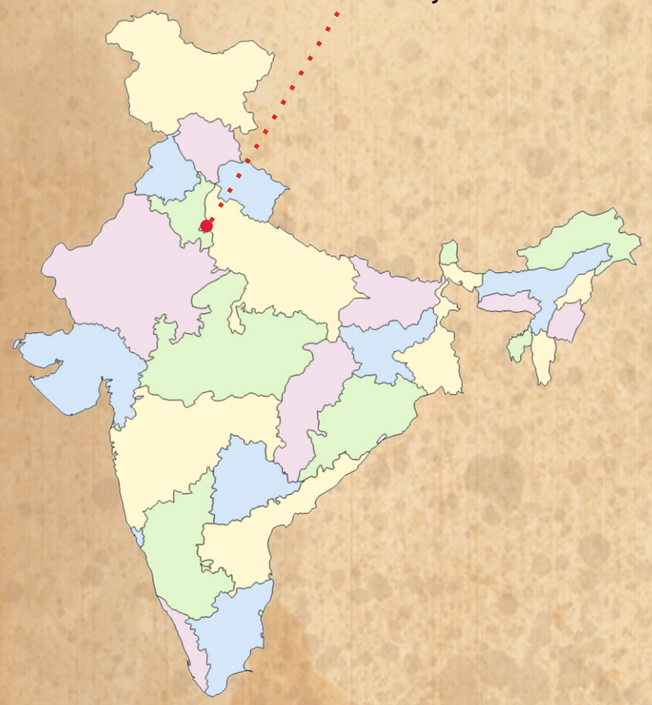
At first glance, a map might look dull and complicated. But have you ever tried to look closer and read a map?

Let us read a map in this section called "Early Encounters". Look for map number 12.

This is a map of Northern India of the 17th century, made by a European William Baffin. He talked to Mughal rulers, traders and travellers, and developed this map based on their verbal accounts.

Somewhere in this map is the MUGHAL TRUNK ROAD, connecting Delhi to Lahore. Can you find this road?

Spot the places that you have visited in Baffin's map and mark them below. We have marked Delhi for you.



The Grand Trunk Road was laid by Sher Shah Suri in the 16th century, and connected many regions of Northern India for military, administrative and commercial purposes. This road continued to be in usage throughout time, and is still in existence!

TONGUE TWISTING TITLES

By now, you have seen many maps – old and new. How about resting for a while, and trying these TONGUE TWISTERS? Try saying these old names. Can you guess their present names?

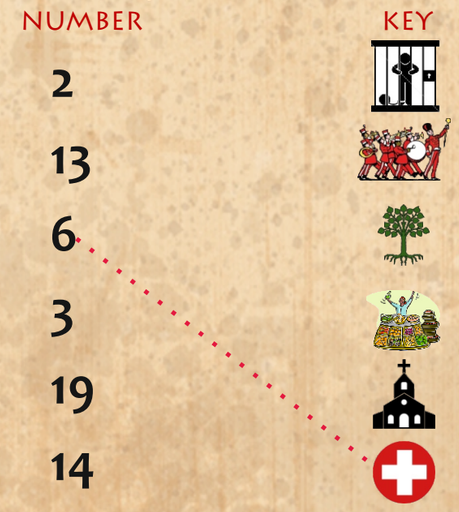
Old Names	Present Names
Guzarate	
Calecut	
Tranocore	
Puduchiera	
Orixa	
Penjab	
Chishmeere	
Adsmeer	

MODERNITY AND MAPS

Now we have entered the last section of this exhibition, which has Modern City Maps. Let us have a closer look at the one with pink blocks. This is the map of Pondicherry drafted in 1741, as it looked under French control. It was one of the finest European-planned cities of India at the time.

How do you think people read these complicated maps? They used numbers, dots, symbols etc. which are called KEYS.

There are many important buildings in this map, marked with NUMBERS. Can you find these in the label near the map and match them? We have helped you with one.



HOMEWORK- BE A CARTOGRAPHER

We have come to the end of this exhibition. Since you have seen so many maps, you are almost an expert, just like this man.

He reads and makes maps and is called a CARTOGRAPHER.

Can you make a planned map of your locality when you go home? Think of all the problems that your locality has, and how those can be fixed. Do we need more parking spaces? Better sewage disposal areas? Why don't you share your map with us at nationalmuseum.events@gmail.com, and you might see it on our website!

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A World of Maps

Ever imagined a world without maps?

What would all those explorers and treasure hunters do without a map?

Why are maps created?

Who makes them?

Who uses them?

In the 'Cosmology to Cartography' exhibition, here at National Museum, we try to answer these questions.

You stand in the mysterious WORLD OF MAPS!

So wear your explorer hats and let us begin this exciting journey back in time!

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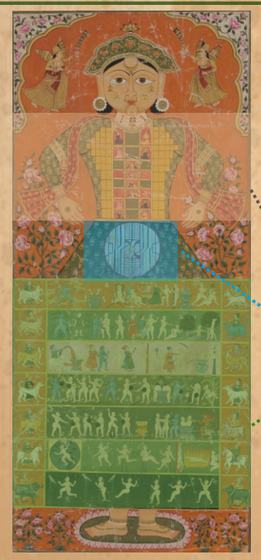
MAP OR MAN? MAN OR MAP?

Let us move to the first section to look at Map number 2
This is called the Lokapurusha – a map made in the form of a man.
But it is not any country or city, this is the WORLD!

MY MAP-MAN

Imagine the world that we live in as a living being. What should be the arms, or the head, or the tummy of this figure?
What can make heaven and hell in this figure?

Draw your map-man (or map-woman or map-child or map-dog or anything else!) here:



People constitute the universe, and inside each person, the universe resides. This is the idea behind the creation of such Lokapurusha images. These maps were made by the Jain community. This Cosmic Map is divided into

Heaven,

Earth and

Hell.

FINDING KRISHNA

Have you ever seen a story telling map? Here in the gallery is a yellow map that tells you a story. Can you find it?

This is the map of VRAJ YATRA – a pilgrimage taken by devout Hindus around the region of Mathura, in Northern India.

Can you find the Blue-God Krishna anywhere?

This map marks many important places and events in the life of Krishna.Can you read about these Krishna stories below and find them on the map?

STORY ONE: When Krishna was born in Mathura, he had to be taken to Gokul in secrecy to foster parents. An evil uncle Kamsa was planning to murder him. In Gokul, he grew up and eventually killed king Kamsa.

Can you find Krishna's father, Vasudeva, carrying the baby on his head crossing the Yamuna in the rain? Draw him here.

Such pilgrimage maps were made for devotees who could not go to these places physically.

STORY TWO: When Krishna was a teenage boy, he loved playing Holi with his cowherd friends and maidens in Vrindavana. Can you find them in the map and draw them here?

Don't worry if you don't know this stories.
Ask your Grand-Maa next time

HOME WORK

Why don't you look around the other maps in this section and find other interesting things.

Did you find words like "ENGRAVING" and "WOODCUT"?

When you go home, find out what these words mean.

THE LOST PRIEST OF PURI

Now let us go to the Temple Maps section and look for a RED map of Jagannath Temple in Puri, Orissa.

In the centre of this map is a room called "SANCTUM SANCTORUM" where the idols are placed.

Here is a task for you.

This is Mr. Purohit, a new recruit as priest of the Jagannatha Temple, who has been given the duty of preparing the idols for morning prayers.But he is a little lost! The Head-Priest forgot to instruct Mr. Purohit about the procedure.

Can you help him to collect all materials needed and reach the Sanctum Sanctorum?