

4th Public Lecture

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A Feast of Gems

Highlights of the Nizam Collection

by

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“This is the story of a way of life based on traditions which outsiders may find difficult to understand. It is a tale of grandeur beyond reality, akin to an oriental fable.”

The Nizam jewels are one of the most outstanding collections of jewellery in the world. Set with a dazzle of precious gems—Golconda diamonds, emeralds from Colombia, rubies, spinels and lustrous pearls—the jewels are testimony to the legendary wealth of India. With special emphasis on masterpieces in the collection, the lecture will reveal the breathtaking world of imperial grandeur of the most powerful rulers of the Deccan

Usha R Balakrishnan is the pre-eminent art-historian of Indian jewellery globally. Dr. Balakrishnan documented and studied the Nizam collection for the Government of India, and has authored several books, most notably, *Jewels of the Nizam*, *Treasures of the Deccan: Jewels of the Nizams*, *India: Jewels that Enchanted the World*, *Alamkara: The Beauty of Ornament*, and *Dance of the Peacock: Jewellery Traditions of India*.