The focus of the exhibition is the highly cosmopolitan world of the Deccani Sultanates, fostered through trade links. A continuous narrative weaves through these seemingly unrelated art objects, giving the viewers an opportunity to witness Deccani cosmopolitanism at its best. It showcases the multifarious art and culture at the Deccani kingdoms that thrived in the high plateau of peninsular India.
Prince Sniffing a Rose

Golconda, c. 1700
Opaque watercolour and gold on paper,
Size: 31x 20 cm
Accession number : 58.39-5
Figurative *Huqqa* Base with Scenes from the *Padmavat*

Hyderabad, Late 17th / Early 18th century
Bidriware: alloy of zinc & copper with silver inlay
Size: Ht. 18.4; Cir. 48.5 cm
Accession number: 56.160/6
Sword

Hyderabad, Late 17th century
Steel, Wood, Velvet
Size: Length: 91.5 cm, Width: 19.1 cm
Accession number: 57.92/57
Farji, Choga-style over-garment

Aurangabad, 19th century
Silk, cotton, zari: couching work
Size: Lt. 119.0; Wd. (from sleeve to sleeve) 153.0 cm
Accession number: 59.164
Inscribed *Hawan-Dasta* or Mortar and Pestle

Deccan; 17\textsuperscript{th} century,
Jade, carved and engraved
Size: 4.5 x 11.5 x 6.5 cm
Accession number: 59.236 (a-b)
Ladies playing ‘Phugari’

Hyderabad, Deccan, 1750-60
Opaque watercolour and gold on paper,
Size: 29.6 x 21 cm
Accession number : 64.1434
Personal Armour of Aurangzeb

Mughal, North India
Steel with cotton wool padding, satin lining
C.1700
Size: Length 42.5, Circumference: 120 cm
Accession number: 62.2883/2 & 3
**Tuzuk – i - Asafiya**

Hyderabad, 18th century  
Ink and opaque watercolour with gold on paper,  
Size: 16.5 x 10 inch  
Language: Persian; Script: Nasta’liq  
Accession number: 59.138  
Folios: 191, Illustration: 78
Ragaputra, perhaps Gambhira

*Ragamala* series
Northern Deccan, 18th century
Opaque watercolour on paper,
Size: 16 x 24 cm

Collection of the National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi
Accession number: 1316
Khanjar, Dagger of Aurangzeb

Mughal, Delhi, Late 17th century
Steel, Wood, cloth
Length: 25.0 cm
Accession number: 59.437/54
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