



Kulah Khud (helmet)

India, 18th / 19th century

Steel with gold overlay

45cm high

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The steel helmet is depicted with a band of floral decoration in gold overlay. The surface of the skull is decorated with carved flowers and foliage. On the top of the helmet are two plume holders. The nose guard appears absent from where it would usually rest to the front of the helmet. The chainmail is decorated with riveted links with painted gold overlay. Similar Indian kulah khuds can be found in The Wallace Collection, London, The National Museum, New Delhi, and The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, see Accession Number 3421:1to:4/(IS) (Helmet, Lahore, early 19th century).