



An exhibition on

Hoard of Chinese Porcelain

(A rare discovery from Firozshah Kotla)



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India and China had active trade links and cultural contacts since early centuries of Common Era. Findings of porcelain from a large number of archaeological sites in India is one of the evidences of strong relations between these two civilisations.



Like many other important chance finds, an extraordinary hoard of Chinese porcelain, datable to 14th century CE, was discovered at Firozshah Kotla in Delhi, half-a-century back. The hoard had plate and bowls of different shapes and sizes which were discovered in fragmented condition. Although, the pieces were found broken but are having elegant decorations and designs. It suggests that the hoard of porcelain was one of the most loved items in the kitchen of Tughlaq kings.

This exhibition will provide glimpses of an accidental hoard of Chinese porcelain datable to Yuan period (14th century CE) revealed at Firozshah Kotla. Other two royal collections of similar nature and period are housed at Topkapi Saray in Istanbul and Ardebil Shrine in Iran. The porcelain found at Firozshah Kotla complex is noteworthy in terms of India-China connections. This is the only hoard in Asia which revealed some finest pieces of 14th century Chinese porcelain.