



## Return of Nizam's Sword

### Why in News?

A 14<sup>th</sup> century ceremonial sword that was sold in **Hyderabad to a British General** in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century **is set to return to India**.

- The sword is among the **seven objects being repatriated by Glasgow Life**, which manages Glasgow's museums.



### What do we Need to Know about the Sword?

- **History of Sword:**
  - The sword was **exhibited by Mahbub Ali Khan, Asaf Jah VI, Nizam of Hyderabad (1896-1911)** at the **1903 Delhi or Imperial Durbar**, a ceremonial reception held to **commemorate the coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra** as Emperor and Empress of India.
  - The tulwar (sword) was **purchased in 1905** by **General Sir Archibald Hunter**, Commander-in-Chief, Bombay Command (1903-1907), from **Maharaja Sir Kishen Pershad Bahadur Yamin us-Sultanat**, the Prime Minister of Hyderabad.
    - Kishen Pershad hailed from the **family of Maharaja Chandoo Lal**, who was the **prime minister for Nizam Sikander Jah twice**.
    - Kishen Pershad was known for his munificence where he was known to **throw out coins to people chasing his motorcar**.
  - The tulwar was **donated by Sir Hunter's nephew**, Mr. Archibald Hunter Service, to **Glasgow Life museums' collections in 1978**.
- **Features:**

- The sword, shaped like a snake, has **serrated edges and a damascene pattern, with gold etchings of an elephant and tigers.**
- **Other Indian Objects at Glasgow:**
  - Six of the items include several **14<sup>th</sup> Century carvings and 11<sup>th</sup> Century stone door jams.** They **were stolen from shrines and temples in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.**

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