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"katar" Or Djamadhar Dagger Mughal Empire, North India - Late 18th Century



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Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Materials: Wrought iron, steel, koftgari decoration (gold damascening) Dimensions: Overall length: 47 cm - Blade length: 26.5 cm A rare and spectacular Indian dagger of the katar (or djamadhar) type, an emblematic weapon of Mughal India, characterized by its transverse handle allowing for a direct grip for thrusting. The double-edged steel blade has a pronounced central ridge and two deep longitudinal fullers reinforcing rigidity and penetration. The tapered point, known as a "mail-piercer," was designed to pierce metal armor. The construction is entirely forged from a single piece, from the blade to the handle, according to the tradition of high-quality Indian weapons. The handle is formed of two parallel branches connected by two transverse bars, a characteristic structure of the katar. The

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branches are decorated with raised floral motifs arranged in vertical registers and highlighted by a central ridge. The whole is further enhanced by koftgari decoration, a traditional technique consisting of inlaying fine gold leaf or wire into previously grooved iron. The decoration unfolds in stylized floral arabesques and dotted borders. The density and finesse of the gold inlay work attest to a high-quality production intended for a military or aristocratic elite of the Mughal Empire. It is in very good condition, with a beautiful presence of the gold decoration and an old patina on the iron.