

COVER STORY

Our lustrous past

On his head he wore a rich turban with a plume of heron tops not many, but long; on one side hung a ruby unset, as big as a walnut; on the other side a diamond as great; in the middle an emerald like a heart, only much bigger. His sash was wreathed about with a chain of great pearls, rubies and diamonds drilled; about his neck he carried a chain of most excellent pearls three double, so great I never saw; on his elbows, armlets set with diamonds, on his wrist three rows of several sorts. His hands bare, but almost on every finger there was a ring.

— Sir Thomas Roe, British Diplomat, while narrating Emperor Jahangir's jewels

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