

ACQUISITION OF KOH-I-NOOR (1814)

Ranjit Singh right from his boyhood had an ambition to acquire the most precious diamond Koh-i-noor. It was at that time in possession of Shah Shuja, the Durrani monarch.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh, in royal dress, is seen sitting on a decorative chair at the centre of a palace hall. Fakir Azizuddin, Jamadar Khushhal Singh and Bhai Gurbaksh Singh are standing very close to Maharaja. Shah Shuja in bright royal cloth is offering the uncut Koh-i-noor on a velvet cushion to the Maharaja.



MODERNIZATION OF ARMY (1830)

Maharaja Ranjit Singh was a great visionary who wanted to modernize his army after seeing the superiority of British troops. He inducted several Europeans to facilitate this. J. F. Allard and J. B. Ventura, the two French officers, who were inducted by Maharaja Ranjit Singh for modernizing his army had served Napoleon in his campaigns. They are seen inspecting organized infantry on one side and cavalry on the other. All personnel are in tight army outfit. Many of them are carrying long arm guns.