



# Raja Ram Singh smoking a hookah

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**Not on display**

**Title/Description:** Raja Ram Singh smoking a hookah

**Born:** 1860 c.

**Object Type:** Painting

**Materials:** Gold, Paper, Silver, Watercolour

**Measurements:** Unframed: (h. 436 x w. 291 x d. 1 mm) Framed: (h. 622 x w. 461 x d. 18 mm)

**Accession Number:** 578

**Historic Period:** 19th century

**Production Place:** Asia, India, Rajasthan (east)

**School/Style:** Indian Miniatures

**Credit Line:** Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1978

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Ram Sing is shown relaxing on a *charpoi* smoking his *huqqa* with his attendants nearby. The servant behind his head has a money bag, and the one nearest him carries a huge *katar* dagger and a sword. The servant with the fan has a curved Muslim dagger. The Raja is wearing a red turban common in Rajasthan; here, it seems to cover hair drawn into a topknot, which is a style more usual amongst Sikhs. His luxuriant beard, parted centrally, appears to be swept neatly up in a net, also usual amongst Sikhs.

Description taken from the 'Art From The Indian Sub-Continent In The Sainsbury Centre' catalogue by Margaret A. Willey (Sainsbury Centre, UEA, 1995).

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