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Title Gem-Set Gold Necklace with Floral Spray Motifs and Enamelled (Kundun) Floral Ornamentation on Reverse

Date 19th - 20th century

Medium Enameled gold, seed pearls, rubies, diamonds, red glass beads, silk and metal-thread cord

Description This necklace is known as a champakali, because its bud-shaped beads are said to represent the buds of the Michelia champaca flower. These red glass beads are inlaid with diamonds in the shape of flowers with attached clusters of seed pearls and rubies. The reverse is decorated with polychrome enamel with a red floral design on a white ground. The necklace is secured with a silk and metal-thread cord.

Dimensions Overall (length with cord): 1 1/4 x 37 in. (3.2 x 94cm) Other (necklace without cord): 8 1/2 in. (21.6cm)