

Archaeology Gallery

The gallery is a panorama of Indian sculptural art that celebrates the evolution of sculptural art in South Asia. The exquisite collection of sculptures exhibited in this gallery marks the transition from the Mathura School of the Kushana period to the Sarnath School of the Gupta era, followed by the emergence of medieval sculptures from Eastern and Southern India. A unique collection of South-East Asian sculptures is also exhibited in this gallery.



The Archaeology Gallery at the Indian Museum in Kolkata is one of its prominent sections, showcasing a diverse range of artifacts from different periods of Indian history. Here's a detailed overview:

1. Exhibits:

- **Prehistoric Artifacts:** Includes tools and objects from the Paleolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic periods.
- **Indus Valley Civilization:** Features seals, pottery, and figurines from the ancient Indus Valley civilization.

- **Ancient Indian Art:** Artifacts from various ancient Indian cultures and dynasties, including items from the Maurya, Gupta, and Chola periods.
- **Sculptures and Inscriptions:** Displays a range of sculptures, inscriptions, and other artistic objects from different historical periods.

2. Notable Sections:

- **Ancient Pottery:** Exhibits showcasing pottery from various historical periods, including the Indus Valley and early historic periods.
- **Bronze Age Artifacts:** Items such as bronze sculptures and tools from the Bronze Age.
- **Numismatic Collection:** Coins and currency from different historical eras.

3. Educational Displays:

- **Interactive Exhibits:** Some sections may have interactive displays to engage visitors and provide educational insights into the artifacts.
- **Information Panels:** Detailed descriptions and historical context for each artifact or exhibit.

4. Special Features:

- **Historical Context:** The gallery often provides context on the significance of the artifacts in the broader scope of Indian history.
- **Cultural Significance:** Focus on the cultural and historical impact of the artifacts and their relevance to India's rich heritage.

5. Location and Accessibility:

- **Location:** The Archaeology Gallery is situated within the Indian Museum, which is located at 27 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Kolkata.
- **Accessibility:** The museum is generally accessible by public transport, and there are facilities available for visitors.

6. Visiting Information:

- **Timings:** The museum is typically open from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with certain days off or special hours for maintenance or events.
- **Entry Fee:** There is usually an entry fee, with discounted rates for students and special categories.

For the latest details, including temporary exhibitions or changes in the gallery, it's a good idea to check the official website of the Indian Museum or contact them directly.

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