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Indian Bronze Sculptures

Introduction

The history of Indian bronze sculptures goes back to the Indus-valley civilisation where the archaeologists found some idols like dancing girl, chariot and a bull. It shows that the Indus valley sculptors were familiar with the science of metallurgy and casting the molten metal in different forms or shapes. Since that period to till date, this process of melting metals and casting it in different forms of idol is in practice. Bronze sculptures and statuettes of Buddha, Hindu and Jain icons have been discovered from different parts of India dating back from second century. The archaeologists have discovered a bronze sculpture at Daimabad, Maharashtra dated 1500 B.C. This is the chariot, the wheels of which are represented in simple circular shapes while the driver or human rider has been elongated, the bulls in the forefront are modelled in sturdy forms.



Dancing Girl from Mohen-jo-daro



Bull from Mohen-jo-daro



Chariot from Daimabad; a site of Indus Valley Civilization (Maharashtra)