



## Dokra Art of Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

During his visit to Bangkok, the [Prime Minister of India](#) presented **traditional Indian handicrafts** to **Thai Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin** and his spouse.

- Among the gifts was a **Dokra Brass Peacock Boat with a Tribal Rider**—a fine example of [tribal metal artistry](#) from Chhattisgarh, reflecting India's rich cultural heritage and craftsmanship.



### Key Points

- **About Dokra Art:**
  - Dokra is a **form of ancient bell metal craft** practiced by the **Ojha metalsmiths** living in states like **Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal and Telangana**.
    - The style and also the workmanship of this artisan community varies in different states.
  - Crafted using the **age-old lost-wax casting method**, the sculpture showcases the intricate tribal artistry of Chhattisgarh. Every piece is unique and meticulously handcrafted.
  - The dancing girl of [Mohenjo-Daro \(Harappan Civilization\)](#) is one of the earliest dokra artefacts that is now known.
  - **Symbolism and Aesthetic Appeal:**
    - The peacock-shaped boat, embellished with **intricate designs and vivid lacquer inlays**, embodies elegance, creativity, and **cultural depth**.

- The tribal figure gently rowing the vessel captures the essence of **human-nature harmony**—a central motif in Dokra art.
  - Crafted from brass, the sculpture naturally acquires a rich patina over time, enhancing its **vintage charm and historical appeal**.
- More than just a decorative piece, it honours **India's tribal heritage**, reflecting a fusion of simplicity, artistic expression, and a profound connection to nature.
- **Gold-Plated Tiger Motif Cufflinks:**
  - The Prime Minister of India gifted the spouse of the Thai Prime Minister a pair of **gold-plated cufflinks** featuring an **intricate tiger motif adorned with pearls**.
    - The striking tiger face symbolises power, authority, and regal charm.
  - Delicate **Meenakari** detailing—a **traditional enamel craft from Rajasthan and Gujarat**—adds vibrant colour and artistry to the design.
- **India's Active Role at the BIMSTEC Summit:**
  - The Prime Minister of India took part in **the BIMSTEC Summit held in Bangkok**, where he lauded the adoption of **the BIMSTEC Bangkok Vision 2030** and **the BIMSTEC Maritime Transport Agreement**.
  - He reiterated India's strong commitment to **deepening collaboration** across key areas such as **regional connectivity, trade, technological innovation, and disaster management** in the **Bay of Bengal region**.



