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Discuss the significance of the lion and bull figures in Indian mythology, art and architecture.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · GS I · 15 marks · Indian Heritage and Culture

Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Sarnath lion capital

Ashokan pillar capital that became independent India's State Emblem.

Rampurva bull capital

Mauryan polished bull that pairs with the lion as an imperial animal.

Nandi mandapa

Axial bull pavilion facing the Siva linga in living temple plans.

Narasimha

Man-lion avatara of Vishnu, a core Puranic use of the lion body.

Indus bull seals

Harappan animal seals that show the bull's early emblematic power.

Simhasana

Lion throne as a pan-Indian royal and cult seat.

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