

Crowned Buddha

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.: **2372** 

Type: **relief**

Date of production: 10th c.
Pala-Sena period

Place of production: **India**

Materials: **slate**

Techniques: **carved**

Dimensions: height: 61 cm
width: 30.5 cm
depth: 12 cm
37.4 kg

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The Pala-period black slate statue depicts the Buddha during his first teaching after enlightenment. Regarding hand postures (mudra), Buddha-statues belong to five categories. Here the hand posture represents Buddha turning the wheel of teachings (dharma) (dharma-chakra-pravartana-mudra). A characteristic feature of the Buddha statues made in the Pala-period, in addition to their common material, the black slate, is that they depict the Buddha with a ruler's attributes.

The statue was originally a relief adorning a Buddhist stupa.

