

Sati stone (memorial plaque of a widow)

India / South Asia Collection

Accession Nr.: 2025 

Type: stone carving

Date of production: 17th-18th c.

Place of production: India

Materials: slate

Techniques: carved

Dimensions: height: 61 cm
width: 40 cm
depth: 7 cm

Acquisition: donation of Imre Schwaiger

Memorial plaque of a widow who voluntarily entered a bonfire. Columnar frame, divided into two floors. Top ceiling closure. Above this the Sun and the Moon are depicted on the two sides. In the upper niche to the left the deceased husband is depicted, to the left stands the widow. They both hold their hands in namaskara-mudra. In the lower case is an ornate carriage with a mounted horse and a coachman sitting on the pole. On either side of the lower niche in the columns symbols are visible. The left is worn down, the right is a known sign of sati-self-sacrifice, a woman's hand.

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