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“National Dhokra Sculpture Workshop” is going on under the joint aegis of School of Fine Arts and Performing Arts at Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur and State Lalit Kala Akademi Lucknow. In the workshop, under the guidance of Chief Instructor Sandeep Sakre, students are making sculptures based on the idol craft process. Brass and other metals are used in Dhokra art. Clay and wax are also used along with metals.

Clay and husk are used in the making of idols under Dhokra craft. In this process a mixture of wax and resin is applied to the design. After this the mold is made. In this, soil and paddy husk are dried by tying a wire, after which the mold is cooked. After this, the metal is melted and poured into a hot mold, after which the idol is ready. This is a wonderful heritage of India which is not usually seen.

Dhokra art is very popular in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh. Tribal society has been considered proficient in this art. But with the changing times, this art is on the verge of extinction, this workshop is being held in Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University to save it and create awareness.

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