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Q. Highlight the central Asian & Greco-Bactrian elements in Gandhara Art. (150 words).

Gandhara was earlier a Mahajanapada & was such a strategic area which paved the way to Indian land. Many invaders invaded through the region & it went under the influence of their trade, art, culture etc. And still finds the mentions in present books of Indian Ancient history as 'Gandhara art'. Also it was prosperous

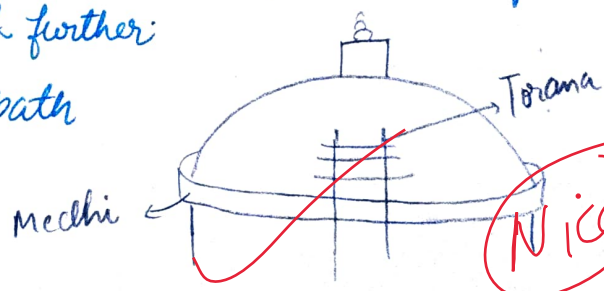
Some highlights of Central Asian, Greek, Bactrian elements in Gandhara art is as follows:

I) Greek Influence -

1. The depiction of Buddha as man god - had wavy hair and drapery was extensive
2. Both Hercules & Vajrapani were seen as 'protector of Buddha' as former resembled Greek god.
3. Half closed eyes, with large forehead & long ears of Buddha

II) Bactrian or Persian influence -

1. The Medhi & Torana structure which formed as the part of Ashokan Stupa's & further:  
Here Medhi is the circular path



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### iii) Central Asian Influence-

The practise of fire altars, the use of phyllite - the grey blue mica schist, the most famous Bamiyan buddha statue in Afghan - which made by cutting the large stone or rock giving the shape with lime plaster - the standing buddha.

Other than these foreign influence there was one more influence in art by Romans. which displayed the vine scroll designs & child angels carrying the garland known as cherubs. These foreign influence on Gandhara art enriched it, made attractive, beautiful, brought out new form of design & thought.

Very Good  
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