

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur & Half Mohur – Shāh ‘Ālam II– 1819

See earlier section for gold coins struck between 1800 and 1818. In 1819, the fineness of the coins was reduced and the weight increased so that the coins contained the same amount of gold. The edges are straight-grained.



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فصل شتا عالم باد
زاد برینفرد علشور

sikka zad bar haft kishwar sāya fazl ilāh hāmī dīn muḥammad shāh ‘ālam bādshāh 1202 (= Defender of the religion of Muḥammad, Shāh ‘Alma Emperor, Shadow of the divine favour, put his stamp on the seven climes, 1202).



میرمنش
سنه جلوس
مرشد آباد

ḡarb murshīdābād sanah 19 julūs maimanat mātūs (= Struck at Murshīdābād in the 19th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

	Mohur	Half Mohur
Official Weight (g)	13.36	6.63
Actual Weight (g)	13.28	6.64
Actual Diameter (mm)	28.3-28.8	23.2-23.4
Composition	Gold (91.7%)	
Edge	Straight Grained	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Status	Comments	Rarity
6.1	77	Mohur	Currency		S
6.2	78	"	Proof		RR
6.3	79	Half Mohur	Currency		S
6.4	80	"	Proof		RR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Quarter Mohur – Shāh ‘Ālam II – 1819

عالم باد
شاه

1204 sikka shāh ‘ālam bādshāh ghāzī (= 1204, coin of Shāh ‘Ālam the victorious Emperor).



مرشد آباد
سنه

ḡarb murshīdābād sanah 19 (= Struck at Murshīdābād in year 19).

Official Weight (g)	3.31
Actual Weight (g)	3.31
Actual Diameter (mm)	18.0-18.1
Composition	Gold (91.7%)
Edge	Straight Grained

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Status	Comments	Rarity
6.5	81	Quarter Mohur	Currency		S
6.6	82	"	Proof		RR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur – Shāh ‘Ālam – 1825 to 1835

In 1825, the fineness of the gold coins was increased to that of the coins issued before 1818. The weight was accordingly reduced and the coins given an edge grained-left.



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Official Weight (g)	12.36
Actual Weight (g)	12.37
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.6-26.8
Composition	Gold (99.2%)
Edge	Grained Left

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Status	Comments	Rarity
6.7	83	Currency	See Todywala (2010), sale 49, lot 214. Wt = 12.32g for a silver trial? Not sure of the authenticity. See photos.	S
6.8	-	Copper Trial?	Copper trial striking. Possibly for new steam-driven machinery? Ref: Baldwin (2010), sale 68, lot 4263. Wt = 6.33g.	RR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Pattern Rupee 1818

A pattern probably prepared in 1818 as an example of a coin bearing European style emblems.



Arms of the Company within a plain circle, Surrounded by the legend. AUSPICIO . REGIS . ET . SENATUS . ANGLIAE: * (Under the auspices of the King and parliament of England). All within a raised, toothed border.



The legend in English and Persian: *zārb kalkata* (= Struck at Calcutta):

CALCUTTA
RUPEE

ضرب کلکتہ

All within an open wreath of palm branches. All surrounded by a raised, toothed rim.

Official Weight (g)	11.65
Actual Weight (g)	28.7
Pridmore Diameter (mm)	28.7
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
6.9	361		RRR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver, Initial Issue of 1819 – Mint Name Murshidābād

In 1819, new silver coins of lower standard and higher weight were issued. They have straight-grained edges. The early issues lack the star below *bād* of *bādshāh* at centre left on the obverse and have a larger diameter.



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مرشد آباد

zārb murshidābād sanah 19 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Murshidābād in the 19th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

Official Weight (g)	12.43
Actual Weight (g)	12.40
Actual Diameter (mm)	28.4-28.9
Composition	Silver (91.7%)
Edge	Straight Grained

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
6.10	-		R

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee & Half Rupee 1819 – Mint Name: Murshidābād

Star below *bad* at left on obverse.



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zārb murshidābād sanah 19 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Murshidābād in the 19th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

	Rupee	Half Rupee
Official Weight (g)	12.43	6.21
Actual Weight (g)	12.27-12.44	6.09-6.20
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.5-26.8	23.8-24.0
Composition	Silver	
Edge	Straight Grained	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
6.11	172	Rupee	No letter S on reverse. See photos.	N
6.12	-	Trial Striking?	Overstruck on an Ottoman Maḥmūd II silver 5-Qurush. Ref: HK/Singapore (1995), Sale 25, Lot 673.	RRR
6.13	176	Rupee	Tiny letter S on top left of reverse, one with lion countermarks. See photos.	S
-	-	"	Unusual, crude style. Probably a contemporary forgery. Edge grained left. Baldwin (2001), sale 25 (Wiggins), lot 645.	S
6.15	173	Half Rupee	No star below <i>bād</i>	N

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Quarter Rupee 1819 – Mint Name: Murshīdābād



شاه
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بادشاه

1204 sikka shāh 'ālam bādshāh ghāzī (= 1204, coin of Shāh 'Ālam the victorious Emperor).



مرشدآباد

zarb murshīdābād sanah 19 (= Struck at Murshīdābād in year 19).

Official Weight (g)	3.11
Actual Weight (g)	3.11-3.13
Actual Diameter (mm)	18.7-19.1
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Edge	Comments	Rarity
6.16	174	Quarter Rupee	SG	Dot in second group of dots. Pr. sale lot 617.	RR
6.17	175	"	SG	No dot privy mark. See Photos. Comes with tall and short date (R. Weir).	N
-	-	Forgery?"	SG	Dated 1402 & low weight (2.78g). Forgery. Ref: Wiggins, ONSNL No. 161, 1999, p. 20.	NR
-	-	Forgery	P	Plain edge. Ref: Mitchiner, M1910. Not sure of status. Could be a forgery?	NR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Copper Weight for Rupee 1819 to 1833



**Min. wt.
new Cal. Rup.
straight-milled
and plain edged**

An oval circle containing the legend. The weight above and the weight units below. NB star at bottom



Blank

Official Weight (g)	12.31 (190 grains)
Actual Weight (g)	12.26
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.5
Composition	Copper
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
6.20	-		S

**Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee 1817 to 1819 – Mint Name:
Farrukhābād**

Struck at the mints of Farrukhābād and Calcutta. The mints are identified by tiny privy marks.



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zarb farruckābād sanah 45 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Farrukhābād in the 45th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

No photo found. The photo above is a Farrukhābād mint rupee. The Calcutta mint coin would have an inverted v at the lower right of the obverse

Official Weight (g)	11.21
Actual Weight (g)	~11.2
Actual Diameter (mm)	~25.5
Composition	Silver
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
6.21	317		RR

See also Farrukhābād mint

Privy Marks



Inverted V for Calcutta Mint



Bead for Farrukhābād Mint

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee & Half Rupee 1820 to 1831 – Mint Name: Farrukhābād

This issue differs from previous one because of the edge and slightly increased weight. Struck at Farrukhābād, Calcutta, Banāras and Saugor.



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سلسلہ سید احمد
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سینہ جلوس
زر فروغ ابابو

zarb farruckābād sanah 45 julūs maimanat mānūs (= Struck at Farrukhābād in the 45th year of his reign of tranquil prosperity).

	Rupee	Half Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.68	5.84
Actual Weight (g)	11.41-11.57	5.78
Actual Diameter (mm)	25.4-26.3	21
Composition	Silver	
Edge	Straight Grained	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
6.22	320	Rupee		C
6.23	321	Half Rupee		S

See also Farrukhābād, Banāras and Saugor mints.

Privy Marks



Calcutta Rupee and Half, Obverse. Inverted V



Calcutta Rupee and Half, Reverse. No Dot in Circle

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Quarter Rupee 1820 to 1831 – Mint Name: Farrukhābād

This issue differs from previous one because of the increased weight. Struck at Farrukhābād, Calcutta, Banāras and Saugor.



شاه
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بادشاه

1204 sikka shāh 'ālam bādshāh ghāzī (= 1204, coin of Shāh 'Ālam the victorious Emperor).



بسم
محمد
صالح
اباؤ

zarb farrukhābād sanah 45 (= Struck at Murshīdābād in year 45).

Official Weight (g)	2.92
Actual Weight (g)	2.91
Actual Diameter (mm)	15.6-16.9
Composition	Silver
Edge	Straight Grained

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	√ Comments	Rarity
6.24	322		C

See also Farrukhābād, Banāras and Saugor mints.

Privy Marks



Calcutta Quarter Rupee.
Obverse. Inverted V

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Copper Pice et infra 1800 to 1831

For mintage figures see text



شاه
عالم بادشاه
حلوس ۳۷

sanah julūs 37 shāh ‘ālam bādshāh (= in the 37th year of the Emperor Shāh ‘Ālam).



এক পাই
সিককা
یک پای سکه
एक पई
शका

The value in three languages:
Bengali: *ek pai sikka*. Persian: *yek pai sikka*.
Hindi: *ek pai sikka*. (Translation of all languages =
One pai sikka). All within a plain, raised rim.

Official Weight (g)	Varies. See below
Actual Weight (g)	"
Actual Diameter (mm)	"
Composition	Copper
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Date Issued	Status	Official wt (g)	Actual wt (g)	Actual Diam (mm)	Comments	Rarity
6.26	205	1809	"	6.54	6.57	25.8-25.9		C
6.27	206	1817	"	6.47	6.06	27.2-27.5	Round flans	S
6.28	207	1829	"	"	6.10-6.43	25.9-26.3	Very neat flans. See below for an example in pewter.	C
6.29	208		Proof	"				RRR



Example in pewter. Photo from Barbara Mears. Could this be genuine or concocted for collectors?

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Copper, Square Pattern/Trial Pice 1807

The legend on these coins is not known but probably the same as that on the round copper pice but struck on a square flan. See comments for further information

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Date Issued	Status	Comments	Rarity
6.30	-	1807	Pattern or Trial	None known to exist.	NR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages Tola Weights



	Tola	Half Tola	Quarter Tola
Actual Weight (g)	11.51	5.81	2.79-2.91
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.5	22.9	16.3-16.6
Composition	Copper		
Edge	Plain		

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Axis	Comments	Rarity
	-	Tola			S
	-	Half Tola			
	-	Quarter Tola	↑↑		
	-	Quarter Tola	↑↓		