

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur – Shāh ‘Ālam II – 1790

First issued at the end of August 1790, see comments. Differs from the next type in not having the extra tiny dot in the top line of the obverse.



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سايه فاضل
زود برينفرد... كشور

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



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

Official Weight (g)	12.36
Actual Weight (g)	12.29
Actual Diameter (mm)	25.5-26.2
Composition	Gold
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
4.1	61		N
4.2	-	Copper trial pieces. No specimens discovered	NR



No extra dot in top line



Extra dot in top line

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur & Half Mohur – Shāh ‘Ālam II – 1793

Distinguished from the previous type by the presence of a dot in the top line of the obverse.



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	Mohur	Half Mohur
Official Weight (g)	12.36	6.18
Actual Weight (g)	12.34	6.15
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.5-26.9	21.6-21.8
Composition	Gold	
Edge	Grained Right	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Status	Comments	Rarity
4.3	62	Mohur	Currency		S
4.4	65	"	Proof		RR
4.5	63	Half Mohur	Currency		S
4.6	66	"	Proof		RR

See also Dakka, Murshīdābād and Patna mints

Privy marks on Gold and silver coins Mohur, Half Mohur, Rupee & Half Rupee



No dot – Calcutta



Dot in right-hand circle – Patna



*Dot in centre circle
– Murshīdābād*



*Dot in left-hand
circle – Dacca*

Quarter Mohur and Quarter Rupee



*Calcutta – dot in centre
group*



Patna – dot in left group



*Dacca – dot in right
group*



Murshidabad – no dot



Order: Calcutta, Calcutta, Dacca, Calcutta, Dacca



Dacca definitely seems to have cruder edge markings 3rd and 5th from top

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Quarter Mohur – Shāh ‘Ālam II – 1793-1818



شاه
عالم علم
مادشناه

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



ضرب
مرشدآباد

zarb murshidābād sanah 19 (= Struck at Murshidābād in year 19).

Official Weight (g)	3.09
Actual Weight (g)	3.09
Actual Diameter (mm)	16.7-17.0
Composition	Gold
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Status	Comments	Rarity
4.7	64	Quarter Mohur	Currency	Dot in middle group on reverse	S
4.8	67	"	Proof		RR

See also Dakka, Murshidābād and Patna mints

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee – 1792, Wide Border

Pridmore assigned this type with wide border and AH dates to trials in 1790. However, see comments for reasons for assigning it to a later date.



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زو برینفست لشنور

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



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سنه جلوس
مرشدآباد

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

Official Weight (g)	11.64
Actual Weight (g)	11.63
Actual Diameter (mm)	29.5-29.8
Composition	Silver
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Status	Comments	Rarity
4.9	153	Currency	Ref: Baldwin (2000), sale 22 (Wheeler), lot 161. Could this just be a well-struck piece?	RR
4.10	-	Proof		RRR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee – 1793 to 1794, Narrow Border

The earliest milled rupee, issued for circulation, has the date AH 1202 on the obverse.



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سنه جلوس
مرشدآباد

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

Official Weight (g)	11.64
Actual Weight (g)	11.63
Actual Diameter (mm)	28.8-29.4
Composition	Silver
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Comments	Rarity
4.11	154	With AH date and no dots in circles on obverse.	S

See also Patna and Murshīdābād mints

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Pattern Rupee & Half Rupee – 1793 to 1818.

Patterns for silver coins issued from 1794 to 1818 (although they could also have been patterns for the gold coins). The date when they were struck is not known. The designs are the same as the currency issues, but without any of the round dots. The straight-edged dots appear on the reverse of the single and half size pieces.



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All the diacritical marks are missing

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



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سنه جلوس
مرشدآباد

Many of the diacritical marks are missing

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

	Rupee	Half Rupee
Actual Weight (g)	12.45	6.23
Actual Diameter (mm)	Varies. See table below	
Composition	Silver	
Edge	Varies. See table below	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Diameter	Edge	Comments	Rarity
4.12	355	Rupee	27.0	P		RRR
4.13	358	"	25.0	GL		RRR
4.14	356	Half Rupee	24.3	P		RRR
4.15	359	"	21.4	GL		RRR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Pattern Quarter Rupee – 1793 to 1818.



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1204 sikka shāh 'ālam bādshāh (= AH 1204 Coin of Shāh 'Ālam Emperor).



مرشدآباد

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ẓarb murshīdābād sanah 19 (= Struck at Murshīdābād in the 19th year).

Actual Weight (g)	3.07
Actual Diameter (mm)	Varies. See table below
Composition	Silver
Edge	Varies. See table below

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Diameter	Edge	Comments	Rarity
4.16	357	Quarter Rupee	17.7	P		RRR
4.17	360	"	16.3	GL		

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee and Half Rupee – 1793 to 1818.

Mint Name: Murshīdābād

No AH date on the obverse of the rupee and half. The quarter rupee has the fixed AH date 1204 (see next type).



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ميسمنه
سنه جلوبس
مرشدآباد

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

	Rupee	Half Rupee
Official Weight (g)	11.64	5.82
Actual Weight (g)	11.61-11.64	5.74-5.82
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.6-26.9	21.8-22.2
Composition	Silver	
Edge	Grained Right	

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Status	Comments	Rarity
4.18	157	Rupee	Currency		C
4.19	160	"	Proof		RR
4.20	158	Half Rupee	Currency	Occurs with differing sized numeral 19 on reverse. See photos for one with extra dots above crescent.	C
4.21	161	"	Proof		RR

See also Murshīdābād, Patna and Dakka mints

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Quarter Rupee – 1793 to 1818. Mint Name: Murshīdābād



شاه
عالم
بادشاه

1204 sikka shāh 'ālam bādshāh (= AH 1204 Coin of Shāh 'Ālam Emperor).



زر
مشراباد

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

Official Weight (g)	2.91
Actual Weight (g)	2.88-2.91
Actual Diameter (mm)	16.8-17.1
Composition	Silver
Edge	Grained Right

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Status	Comments	Rarity
4.22	159	Currency	Dot in centre group on reverse. Occurs with large and small dates.	C
4.24	162	Proof		RR

See also Murshīdābād, Patna and Dakka mints

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages –Copper Weight for Rupee 1793 to 1818



179
Min. weight
Old Cal. Rup
oblique milled
grs

An oval circle containing the legend. The weight above and the weight units below. Star Countermark next to weight numerals.



Blank.

Official Weight (g)	11.59 (179 grains)
Actual Weight (g)	11.49
Actual Diameter (mm)	26.5
Composition	Copper
Edge	Plain

Catalogue

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

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Copper Patterns for Quarter & Eighth Annas

Patterns shown to the Calcutta Council in November 1795 when it was agreed that the inscriptions should be changed. No examples of these patterns have been discovered and their weight and size is not known, although they probably weighed the same as the 1795 coins issued for circulation (11.64g & 5.85g).

A Persian inscription: *ek pau anna*
(= quarter of an anna)

A Persian inscription: *nīm pau anna*
(= half a quarter of an anna)

Quarter anna

Eighth anna

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Comments	Rarity
4.26	-	Pice	None known	NR
4.27	-	Half Pice	None known	NR

Calcutta Mint – Milled Coinages – Copper Pice *et infra* 1795/96



شاه
عالم بادشاه
حلوس ۳۷ سنه

The value in three languages:
Bengali: *ek pai sikka*. Persian: *yek pai sikka*.
Hindi: *ek pai sikka*. (Translation of all languages = One pai sikka).



এক পাই
মিককা
یک پایی سکه
۳۷ سنه
۱۷۸۱

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

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

Catalogue

Cat No.	Pr. No.	Denomination	Date Issued	Official wt (g)	Actual wt (g)	Actual diam (mm)	Comments	Rarity
4.28	203	Pice	1795	11.64	11.66			RR
4.29	204	"	1796	8.73	8.06-8.91	29.1-30.1		C
4.30	211	Half Pice	1795	5.82	5.83	25.2-25.4	Obverse legend: Half Pie Sicca in three languages.	RR
4.31	212	"	1796	4.36	4.14-4.8	23.1-23.5	Ref: Kaslove, 4.8g; Johnston.	S