

Murshīdābād Mint – Hammered Coinages – Gold, Shāh 'Ālam II – 1765 to 1768

The first gold coins issued from the Murshīdābād mint, under the authority of the British, were minted in 1765 in an attempt to fill the gap left by the scarcity of silver coins (see Calcutta). Some of the Calcutta coins are reputed to be those marked with the letter C, but the identity of the Murshīdābād coins is not known.

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | Denomination | AH | RY | Provenance | Comments | Rarity |
|------------|---------|--------------|----|----|------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 5.1 | - | Mohur | - | | | Fractions may also have been struck | NR |

Murshīdābād Mint – Hammered Coinages – Silver, Shāh 'Ālam II – 1765 to 1777

The silver coins issued from the Murshīdābād mint, under the authority of the British from 1765 to 1777, seem to be indistinguishable from coins minted at Calcutta (see Calcutta).

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | Denomination | AH | RY | Provenance | Comments | Rarity |
|---------------------|---------|--------------|----|----|------------|----------|--------|
| See Calcutta | - | Rupee | - | | | | NR |

Murshīdābād Mint – Hammered Coinages – Silver, Shāh 'Ālam II – Arkot Type

Arkot rupees were issued from the mint at Murshīdābād but cannot be distinguished from those struck at Calcutta (see Calcutta).

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Denomination | AH | RY | Comments | Rarity |
|--------------|--------------|----|----|----------|--------|
| 2.196 | Rupee | - | | | NR |

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur and Half Mohur – 1794 – Wide Border

A very small number of gold coins were issued from the Murshīdābād mint in 1794. They are identified from the secret marks shown below.



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).

محمد
الرحامی دین شاه
فصل شاه عالم باد
زوبیر نفیہ لکھنؤ



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

مہمانداری
سنہ چہولہن
مرشد آباد

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Official Weight (g) | 12.36 |
| Actual Weight (g) | 12.28 |
| Actual Diameter (mm) | 26.7-26.8 |
| Composition | Gold |
| Edge | Grained Right |

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | Denomination | Comments | Rarity |
|-------------|---------|--------------|--|--------|
| 5.2C | | Mohur | Wider rim. Dot in centre circle hard to see. | RRR |

Privy Marks

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

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Mohur and Half Mohur – 1794 – Narrow Border



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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فصل شنا عالم باد
ساره سنه ۱۲۰۲
نور بره نفوس كشور



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

مبمنند
سنه ۱۷۹۴
مرشد آباد

| | Mohur | Half Mohur |
|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| Official Weight (g) | 12.36 | 6.18 |
| Actual Weight (g) | 12.29 | ? |
| Actual Diameter (mm) | 26.0-27.4 | ~22 |
| Composition | Gold | |
| Edge | Grained Right | |

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | Denomination | Comments | Rarity |
|------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| 5.2 | 71 | Mohur | Dot in centre circle on obverse. | RR |
| 5.3 | 72 | Half Mohur | | RRR |

See also Calcutta, Patna and Dakka mints

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Gold Quarter Mohur – 1794



عالم علم
بادشاه

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



ضرب
مرشدآباد

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

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Official Weight (g) | 3.09 |
| Actual Weight (g) | 3.09-3.11 |
| Actual Diameter (mm) | 16.3-17.8 |
| Composition | Gold |
| Edge | Grained Right |

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | Comments | Rarity |
|---------|---------|---|--------|
| 5.4 | 73 | No dot in groups of dots on reverse. May occur with only 2 groups of dots on reverse. | R |

See also Calcutta, Patna and Dakka mints

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee – Wide Border

The first milled silver rupees issued from the Murshīdābād mint have the date AH 1202 on obverse.



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ساسة
زور برهت 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).



مہمانت مانوس
سنہ جلوس
ضرب
مرشدآباد

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

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Official Weight (g) | 11.64 |
| Actual Weight (g) | 11.64 |
| Actual Diameter (mm) | 29.7-29.9 |
| Composition | Silver |
| Edge | Grained Right |

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | AH date | Comments | Rarity |
|---------|---------|---------|---|--------|
| 5.4A | 156 | 1202 | Dot in centre circle on obverse. Wide Border. First reported by Randy Weir. | RRR |

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee 1793 – Narrow Border

The first milled silver rupees issued from the Murshīdābād mint have the date AH 1202 on obverse.



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فصل شناعالمرباد
سائمه
زوبیر بنفعلشور

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).



میمنسن
سنه جلوس
مرشد آباد

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

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Official Weight (g) | 11.64 |
| Actual Weight (g) | 11.64-11.68 |
| Actual Diameter (mm) | 29.4-30.1 |
| Composition | Silver |
| Edge | Grained Right |

Catalogue

| Cat No. | Pr. No. | AH date | Comments | Rarity |
|---------|---------|---------|---|--------|
| 5.5 | 156 | 1202 | Dot in centre circle on obverse. Narrow border. | RR |

See also Calcutta and Patna Mints

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Rupee et infra – 1794 to 1795

No AH date.



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زوبیر بنفعلشور

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).



میمنسن
سنه جلوس
مرشد آباد

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 | Comments | Rarity |
|---------|---------|--------------|--|--------|
| 5.6 | 166 | Rupee | Dot in centre circle on obverse. | N |
| 5.7 | 167 | Half Rupee | Not seen by Pridmore. See Falcke G., (1997), ONSNL 151, p.14. Also Baldwin (2006), sale 47 (Stiller), lot 829. | RR |

See also Calcutta, Patna & Dakka mints

Murshīdābād Mint – Milled Coinages – Silver Quarter Rupee – 1794 to 1795



شاه
عالم علم
بادشاه

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



مرشدآباد

ḡarb 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. | AH date | Comments | Rarity |
|------------|---------|---------|--|--------|
| 5.8 | 168 | 1204 | Baldwin (2001), sale 25 (Wiggins), lot 639. No dot in any of the groups on the reverse | RR |

See also Calcutta, Patna & Dakka mints