



Antique Indian Colonial Silver Betel Nut Container - Intricately Embossed Folklo



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Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat

Description

Antique Indian Colonial Silver Betel Nut Container - Intricately Embossed Folkloric Scenes This remarkable antique silver betel nut container exemplifies the detailed craftsmanship characteristic of Indian Colonial silverwork, likely dating to the late 19th or early 20th century. Crafted in a lidded urn form with a stepped pedestal base, the piece features deeply embossed panels depicting lively courtly and folkloric scenes--possibly narrative vignettes from Indian epic literature--encircling the bulbous body in exquisite detail. The domed lid is finely decorated with scalloped petal motifs and a turned finial, adding an air of regal elegance. A discreet spout and hinge indicate its original function, likely for ceremonial or aristocratic use during betel nut rituals. Rich with texture and

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storytelling, the vessel has aged to a deep, warm patina, highlighting the extraordinary repoussé work and cultural symbolism. A rare and collectible example of Indian Colonial silverware, perfect for connoisseurs of South Asian decorative arts or collectors of unusual ceremonial objects. Item

Details: Material: High-grade silver (unmarked, but tests as silver) Design: Lidded urn with repoussé figures, stepped pedestal base, hinged top, and spout Origin: Colonial India, late 19th to early 20th century Condition: Excellent antique condition with age-appropriate surface wear and beautifully aged patina Height: Approx. 11 cm (see photo) Weight: Approx. 174.4 grams An evocative and historically significant piece, ideal for collectors of antique silver, Indian art, or as a unique conversation piece in a curated display.