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Antique Indian Handmade Silver Plated Pandan Box, c. 19th century.

Price

GBP 600

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Item Reference: SA1095949

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

This is an antique, handcrafted, footed ornate Indian silver-plated Paan Daan or Pandan box, traditionally used for storing betel leaves, nuts, and related items. It is a beautiful example of traditional 19th-century Indian craftsmanship. The piece is round in shape with a graceful domed lid, typical of Pandan boxes. Intricate hand-carved motifs decorate the exterior, displaying floral patterns and figures of deities.

The box is adorned with figures of Indian deities who have been worshipped for over 2,000 years—Krishna and Radha. They represent the combined form of the Hindu god Krishna and his chief consort and shakti, Radha. In Krishnaism, it is believed that while Krishna enchants the world, Radha enchants even him. Therefore, she is considered the supreme goddess, and together they are called Radha-Krishna. The artist has embossed their figures among floral designs. On the bottom are engraved leaves that look like betel. Every detail is so expressive that you could gaze at them endlessly. Historically, Pandans were used by everyone, from commoners to ki...

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