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# An Important Dhal (shield)

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This particular example is of a very high quality Indian circular Rhino hide Dhal (shield), measuring 19 inch in diameter. The Dhal decorated with four gold washed bosses, which are further engraved with a floral pattern -typical of Kutch and Rajput style Arms and Armour. At the centre of the Dhal is Surya, the Indian Sun God, adorned with jewels. Websters Biographical Dictionary (1957, p1368) states that the figure may also be a representation of Shiva Ji - founder of the Maratha power in India. The central figure head of Surya is seen as the insignia of the Mewar royal court. The rim is painted to represent a floral decor and the colours still hold a nice grading given its age and really bring this Dhal to life and show its age. Given the craft and form of the shield, it is clear that it was intended for ceremonial purposes such as Shastar Puja or utilised as a gift. Origin: Kutch or Rajasthan

## Dimensions

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Diameter: 48cm  
(18.90 inches)

Provenance: Originally From the residence of Major C.F. Bruere - Lucknow - 1850s

Origin: India, Origin: Rajasthan, Circa 1750

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