





**A large 19th-century Indian silver bowl ornamented using repousse, chasing and engraving depicting scenes of Naraka (Hell)
£18,000.00**

A large 19th-century Indian silver bowl ornamented using repousse, chasing and engraving depicting scenes of Naraka (Hell). This fascinating object is ornamented with a series of dramatic and gruesome scenes which illustrates various torments that are to be found in the Hindu Hell, Naraka, which is also to be found in Jainism and Buddhism. Also known as Yamaloka, Naraka is the abode of Yama, the god of Death, and is described as located in the south of the Universe and beneath the Earth. Below a plain rim and a band of stylised foliage, the main body of the bowl consists of a continuous frieze of gruesome scenes punctuated with stylised trees and foliage to give the impression of a dense jungle. The tormented souls are subjected to the various torments associated