

# Inspector Rex's History Snippet #42

## Names of Indian cities ending with 'abad':

Allahabad, Adilabad, Ahmedabad, Aurangabad,  
Faizabad, Faridabad, Farrukhabad, Fatehabad, Firozabad,  
Ghaziabad,  
Hoshangabad, Hyderabad,  
Jehanabad,  
Moradabad, Murshidabad,  
Nizamabad,  
Osmanabad.

**-abad** is a [suffix](#) that forms part of many west, central and south Asian [city names](#) originally derived from the [Persian language](#) term [ābād](#) (آباد), meaning "cultivated place" (village, city, region), and [commonly attached to the name of the city's founder or patron](#).

In the [Indian subcontinent](#), *-abads* are the legacies of [Persianized Muslim rulers](#) such as the [Mughals](#). (Not always –see below.)

Abbottabad was founded and named after [Major James Abbott](#) in January 1853 as the headquarters of [Hazara District](#) during the [British Raj](#) after the annexation of [Punjab](#). He remained the first Deputy Commissioner of the Hazara district from 1845 until April 1853. Major Abbott is noted for having written a poem titled "[Abbottabad](#)", before his return to Britain, in which he wrote of his fondness for the town and his sadness at having to leave it.

On 2 May 2011, Abbottabad gained worldwide attention when U.S. President [Barack Obama](#) announced that [Osama bin Laden had been killed](#) in his [compound in the city](#).

### Comments by Inspector Rex

The **Treaty of Allahabad** was signed on 12 August 1765, between the [Mughal Emperor Shah Alam II](#), son of the late Emperor [Alamgir II](#), and [Robert Clive](#), of the [East India Company](#), in the aftermath of the [Battle of Buxar](#) of 23 October 1764.

The Treaty marked the political and constitutional involvement and the beginning of British rule in India. Based on the terms of the agreement, Alam granted the East India Company *Diwani rights*, or the right to collect taxes on behalf of the Emperor from the eastern province of Bengal-Bihar-Orissa. These rights allowed the company to collect revenue directly from the people of [Bengal](#), Bihar, and [Orissa](#).

Hyderabad is a city in what was the State of Hyderabad, now called Telangana. The ruler was called the Nizam of Hyderabad.

I have been to Aurangabad (and flew kites there – a great Indian pastime!)