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William 1 Mohur Mule - A New Discovery

By R. Vaidyanadhan



Of the Indian gold coins, the first gold mohur issued in 1835 is still the darling of the collectors.

We all know the one mohur particularly comes in three types, viz, F, R.S. and without any incuse.

However, a piece acquired last year turned out to be unique. Though it was mentioned "Mule" no one made any serious attempt to know how this had happened.

As an emergency measure, William obverse was paired with the 1840 reverse of Victoria rupee and the mint officially released mule rupees.

Another incidence is Victoria one mohur with the reverse die of William one mohur (Pr 24).

My surmise is the William mule with F incuse, grained edge, also should have been occurred at the same time when the 1840 rupee and Queen mule mohur were struck.

Another notable feature of the William Mule one mohur which was graded "Restrike PR 63", has a rotated die - 11 O'Clock.

Normally rotated die mistakes do not happen on restrike coins. I have a few examples of Patterns that show various degrees of rotated dies.

Rotated die coins usually occur in two different ways, the first being the mint employee installs the die incorrectly so the obverse and reverse do not line up properly when the coin is struck and the second is when the die becomes loose and then moves a little bit as each new coin is struck.

Fewer restrikes provided time to time have no chance to come out with such callous mistakes from mint staff who was preparing the coins on order. Therefore, my inference is not this coin could be a result of a huge order, but to support this fact we do not have any mint figures.

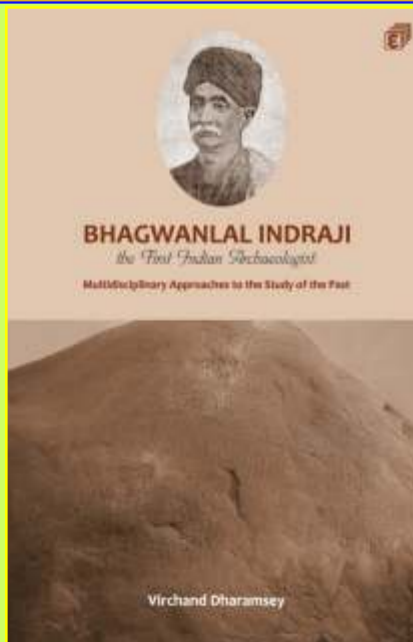
US-based Dr David L Fore, senior British India collector, says : " KM does list an 1835c mohur with an F incuse as KM 451.3 in PL which could be this coin. KM is not always aware of these die combinations on the restrikes. As you know when the restrikes were being made in the 1960's they just picked out dies that seemed to be the best and may not have chosen 1835 dies for the reverse. The rotation also is interesting. Thanks for the information."

In this regard, the expert on the British India coins and the scholar who revised the Pridmore work and created a website on the British India coins <http://baldwin.co.uk/coins-of-india>, Dr. Paul Stevens says: "Thanks for that. Very interesting coin. I presume that it is a proof restrike and has a grained edge."

New Book Released: Bhagwanlal Indraji by Virchand Dharamsey



The dignitaries after the Book Release function on 10th Feb 2012 at New Delhi: (from left) Prof. Mrs. Marcella Trautmann, Prof. Thomas Trautmann, Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Mr. Hasmukh Shah, Mr. Virchand Dharamsey and Dr. Gautam Sengupta (D.G., ASI).



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Fake Silver and Gold Flood Global Markets !!

By Sandeep Shah

Today whether it's pirated software, poison-infused baby formula, cancer-causing drywall, luxury purses, or fake medicines, if you need a knock-off, China has traditionally been the go-to country, with a counterfeiter always willing to oblige.

Now, with precious metals prices on the biggest price explosion in centuries, fake gold and silver products are becoming a booming industry say Global Piracy & Counterfeiting Consultants. Gold and silver remain one of the few alternative investment methods to preserve wealth during crisis scenarios like inflation or government instability, but taking extra precautions now is absolutely essential to ensuring your wealth is protected when it comes time to sell.

We read about a Chinese counterfeiter openly bragging about producing 100,000 fake U.S Silver Dollars per year, and that's just one counterfeiter. At this point, we are telling all investors of gold, or silver coins, and or any type of precious metal bar to only buy from a reputable Indian dealer, that has an established track record, and a money back guarantee. We fear this Chinese counterfeit gold, or silver coins, or bars, could be a multi billion dollar a year business, and we greatly fear many innocent investors could be duped.

Based on research some of the Chinese counterfeit coins, are of such high quality, it is not uncommon for even experts to be deceived. We think its smart for every investor to have gold, or silver, but our big worry is pretty simple, what if they invest 10%, or 20% of their net worth in what are counterfeit precious metal coins, that are basically worthless? One would call this a disaster for the investor, and out big fear is there are probably tens of thousands of investors in the World, who have/can been/be duped.

"The world needs to come to grips with the largest counterfeiter in the world, the fact that 10% of China's GDP is a direct result of counterfeiting. If it's not knock off pharmaceuticals, that can kill people, it's high tech smart phones, or electronics. Our new worry is pretty obvious related to Chinese counterfeiters bankrupting innocent precious metal, or coin investors, with what could be their life savings.

Don't assume that the dealer you are working with is legitimate, and even if they are, it is possible that they themselves have been duped by a counterfeit.

Those of our readers investing in gold and silver assets, especially if you are committing a large percentage of your net worth, should consider some safeguards.

Work with multiple dealers, who have been in business for several years. Like any investment strategy, diversifying your eggs into multiple baskets, it will protect you if one of them happens to fall. In this case, buying different products from multiple dealers, all with solid reputations, will prevent you from losing your entire investment in the event one of the dealers was duped by counterfeiters. While not exactly ideal, it's better to lose just a portion of your investment than all of it.

(1) Trust but verify:-

Buy from one dealer and get your investment appraised by another. If you've invested 500000/. into precious metals coins, paying an additional 10000/. to have another dealer (most will take a look for free) verify the quality of the assets you purchased is not a bad idea. If you were sold a fake, you can then take immediate action against the offending dealer (as opposed to waiting five years only to find out you're holding a worthless metal).

(2) Understand dimensions and weight:-

One of the best ways to determine if your asset is legitimate is to know what dimensions it should have (circumference, thickness, weight). Every government issued coin, and even privately issued rounds or bars, should have manufacturer dimensions available either online or by simply giving them a call (otherwise go with a different product). Get a digital scale and a caliper and take measurements. Even though fakes can come close to the real thing, the density of gold and silver are unique, so if a particular bar or coin shows an inaccurate weight or dimension, you're likely looking at a fake. It may cost you a couple hundred rupees to acquire the appropriate tools, but if you're investing multiple thousands of rupees

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into these investment then we'd consider the cost of doing business. Take the time to learn about your investments (it won't take long) and you can save headache and heartache down the road.

(3) Gold and Silver Acid Tests:-

Gold and silver have unique properties when mixed with certain chemicals. While not exactly ideal, because you'll have to 'damage' a tiny portion of a particular bar or coin, an acid test can be one of the best tests to perform in order to ensure you have a legitimate precious metals product. You don't necessarily have to go through and test every single one, but testing a few coins out of each batch wouldn't hurt. While Chinese counterfeiters may be producing silver eagles, bars and other mints in mass quantities, they will likely shy away from US coin products for a couple of reasons:

1) why mint a fake quarter when you can mint a fake silver eagles worth significantly more?

2) minting fake US coins is a Federal crime, and while the Chinese may not be worried to much about being investigated by Secret Service, pressure from the US may force China to act against counterfeiting, something the Chinese knock-off artists would like to avoid. Pre-1965 silver coins, in our opinion, are the only option for those making purchases on auction sites. Counterfeits will always be a concern when you're dealing with assets worth as much as \$2000 an ounce, but you can take steps to protect yourself. Don't let the fact that counterfeits are out there dissuade you from making a good investment decision. Just do your due diligence and don't let emotion overcome logic.

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Mumbai Traders Mint Coins to beat Shortage

By Nikhil S Dixit (DNA)



Fed up by the constant shortage and increasing black-marketing of coins, wholesale traders in South Mumbai have minted their own coins and are using them as currency. So far 50,000 coins of Re. 1 and Rs. 2 denominations have been minted and are being distributed in the

wholesale markets in Bhendi Bazaar and Masjid Bunder.

The coins, made by the Mandvi-Koliwad Association, were put in circulation in the first week of January. "A metal cast was made for 1 Rupee and 2 Rupee coins. Coins worth Rs. 50,000 have been made in the first batch; more will be made depending on the response," said Dinesh Shah, a grocery store owner and member of the association.

"We had no other option. For the past one year, shortage of coins has troubled us. Earlier, coins were easily available through the Reserve Bank of India outlet, but that too has stopped now." Rampant black-marketing, because of the shortage, is another troubling aspect. "The situation is so bad that we have to pay a heavy premium on the coins," said Abdul Sattar, a bakery owner.

For one rupee coins worth Rs. 100 one has to pay Rs. 114, while for two rupee coins worth Rs. 100 one has to pay Rs. 115. For five rupee coins worth Rs. 100 one has to pay Rs. 118. "These rates keep changing. During festivals, the premium goes as high as Rs. 125 for coins worth Rs. 100," said a trader.

So far, the coins have been put into circulation in the wholesale market area of Masjid Bunder and Bhendi Bazaar. "Right now, only regular traders are using the coins so that the circulation remains within the market," said another trader.

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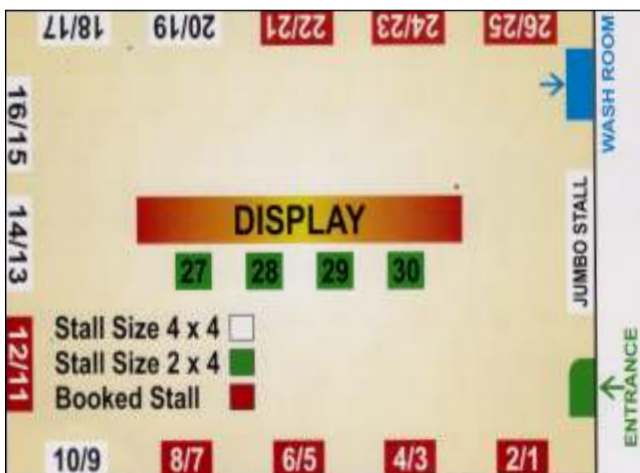
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RBI destroyed notes worth 1.8L cr in '10-11

By Hemali Chhopia & Partha Sinha TNN



Ever wondered where all the torn, tattered, battered notes we try to get rid of eventually land up? Not in the taxi driver's pocket or the bhajiwala's purse. They are brutally destroyed, shredded to waste-an environmentally responsible shift from the earlier times when the Reserve Bank of India burned sullied notes. This is not some petty change we are referring to, not even some cupboards-full; the number of notes that are shredded each year in India could fill large rooms, feed a thousand stomachs or educate lakhs of children.

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Data procured by RTI activist Manoranjan Roy shows that between 2001 and now, 11,661 crore notes lost their usable value and were shredded to bits, to be later balled or gummed together, and be reborn as coasters, pen stands, paper-weights or key-chains that hold keys to chests with more money. In 2010-11 alone, 1,385 crore notes valued at Rs 1,78,830 crore were destroyed. Roy, who filed the RTI said, “While the RBI has scrapped so many notes, they must ensure that notes that have lower denominations must be widely available.”

The RBI public relations officer said that 26 offices across the country are equipped with machinery to destroy notes. “The small denomination notes have a life of about six months as they are constantly circulated and they change a lot of hands. In fact from that came the idea of coining Rs 10,” said Alpana Killawala, chief general manager, department of communication. **1,000 notes live the longest, say experts**

Mumbai: Although the share of small denomination notes in the total circulation is very high, in terms of value they constitute a very small percentage, say experts. The average life of these bank notes is less than a year. “The cost of printing and servicing these bank notes is thus not commensurate with their life. Printing of these bank notes is discontinued over time and these denominations are coined.” At the other end, Rs 1,000 bills live longer, for many are not even used and they remain ensconced in wallets and safes for months. Those who study spending psychology said that several people fold up a couple of Rs 1,000 notes and place them in a secret purse pocket for a rainy day. Some others don’t spend it because of the sentimental value attached to it, as also because new notes of higher denomination are considered to be more auspicious. So despite the fact that the 1,000-rupee bill came into being in November 2000, very few notes have had to be scrapped, despite the uniform paper quality of all notes. After freshly minted crisp bills journey around, and finally make it to the soiled notes drop box, they are checked for their genuineness, before they are shredded. Yes, there is a thing as no-one’s money.

ONCE UPON A NOTE			
Denomination	Notes Destroyed (million pieces)		
	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Rs 1,000	39	78	179
Rs 5,000	735	1,247	1,864
Rs 100	3,690	4,307	5,227
Rs 50	2,403	2,400	2,095
Rs 20	1,003	2008-09	664
Rs 10	3,700	790	3,657
Up to Rs	392	3,832	166
Total	11,962	418	13,852
Source RBI			

KEEPING COUNT

Year	Number of notes destroyed (in crore)
2001-02	1,060
2003-03	1,560
2004-04	1,245
2004-05	1,175
2005-06	930
2006-07	733
2007-08	1,070
2008-09	1,196
2009-10	1,307
2010-11	1,385
Total	11,661

(Source RBI)

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A1	1949	K R K Menon	A	B	C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	
A2	1949	K G Ambegaonkar	-	-	C.	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.13	
A3	1951	K G Ambegaonkar	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
A4	1951	K G Ambegaonkar	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.	
A5	1951	H M Patel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P.	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	.11	
A6	1951	H M Patel - A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.	
A7	1957	H M Patel - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	G.	H	J	K	L.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.5.	
A8	1957	H M Patel - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L.	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	14.	
A9	1957	A K Roy - B	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	-	-	22	
A10	1957	L K Jha - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Y	-	1	
A11	1957	L K Jha - C	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	23	
A12	1957	L K Jha - D	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	23	
A13	1963	L K Jha - A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	23	
A14	1964	S Bhoothalingam- B	A29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	
A15	1965	S Bhoothalingam - B	A30	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.10	
A16	1966	S Bhoothalingam	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	23	
A17	1967	S Jagannathan - A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V59	-	-	-	-	20.	
A18	1968	S Jagannathan - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V60	W	X	Y	-	.4
A19	1968	I G Patel - B	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T.	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.	
A20	1969	I G Patel - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T.	U	V	W	X	Y	-	.6	
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A24	1971	I G Patel - C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	T.	U	V	W	X	Y	-	.6	
A25	1971	I G Patel - D	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
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A27	1972	I G Patel - E	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
A28	1973	M G Kaul - E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	13	
A29	1973	M G Kaul - F	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.	
A30	1974	M G Kaul - F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J.	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	.15	
A31	1974	M G Kaul - G	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
A32	1975	M G Kaul - G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	14	
A33	1975	M G Kaul - H	A	B	C	D	E	F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.	
A34	1976	M G Kaul - H	-	-	-	-	-	F.	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	-	.18	
A35	1976	M G Kaul - I	A	B	C	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
A36	1976	Manmohan Singh	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	-	K	L	M	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	
A37	1977	Manmohan Singh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	-	-	-	8	
A38	1978	Manmohan Singh	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	-	K	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
A39	1979	Manmohan Singh - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	N	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
A40	1980	Manmohan Singh - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	Q	R	S	T	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
A41	1980	R N Malhotra - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	U	V	W	-	-	-	3	
A42	1980	R N Malhotra - B	A	B	C	D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
A43	1981	R N Malhotra	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
A44	1981	M. Narasimham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	K	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
A45	1983	Pratap Kishan Kaul	A	B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
A46	1984	Pratap Kishan Kaul	-	-	C	D	E	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
A47	1985	Pratap Kishan Kaul	-	-	-	-	-	-	G	H	-	K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
A48	1985	S Venkitaramanan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	-	-	-	11	
A49	1986	S Venkitaramanan	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	-	K	L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	
A50	1987	S Venkitaramanan - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	N	P	Q	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
A51	1988	S Venkitaramanan - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R	S	T	U	V.	-	-	-	-	5.	
A52	1989	S Venkitaramanan - A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V.	W	-	-	.2	
A53	1989	Gopi K Arora - B	A	B	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
A54	1990	Bimal Jalan - B	-	-	-	D	E	F	G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	
A55	1991	S P Shukla - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	
A56	1991	M S Ahluwalia - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	K	L	M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.4.	
A57	1992	M S Ahluwalia - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	M.	N 1-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.2..	
A58	1993	M S Ahluwalia - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N28-40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1.	
A59	1994	M S Ahluwalia - B	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N41-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.1	
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ONS Meeting at the British Museum - 26th December 2011

By ujjwal saha



The ONS meeting held in the memory of Mr. Nicholas Rhodes was organized at The British Museum London on 26th of November 2011 at the seminar hall of the Department of Coins and Medals of the said institution. A seminar on Oriental Coinage keeping to the interest of Late Mr. Rhodes was participated by luminaries of Numismatic Studies like , Dr. Michael Mitchener, Joe Cribb, Stan Goran, Paul Stevens, Jan Lingen, Robert Bracey, DrShailendraBhandare and many more. Amongst the invitees from the India were UjjwalSaha ,Akshay Jain and Suresh Kawle.

The seminar started with a note of welcome address by Mr. Cribb to the participants followed by a memorial talk by the former on Mr. Rhodes's life and work in the field of numismatics. Memorial talks by Mr. S. K. Bose and Dr. sushmitaBasuMazumder sent to Mr. Cribb was read out but himself.

The lecture session started with a presentation from Mr. UjjwalSaha, on a new Hoard of Gupta coins from Bhopal which was elaborately classified and demonstrated in details with scanned photos of all the coins . A good publication was of Hoard was suggested by DrShailendraBhandare and the group from the British Museum with back up from the later. Then ujjwalsaha after introduction of his co-author of the next paper, Mr.Akshay Jain, a PHD cadet Meerut University,briefed about their joint research work, on some new varieties and features on Gupta coinage. A brief detail of the same is as follows:

- 1) Archer type ofsamudragupta featuring with a different legend-Apraratha , with goddess Lakshmi in a different seated posture on the throne.
- 2) Reverse of Chandragupta 2nd 's archer type depicting a miniature human skull in Lakshmi;s right hand; with interpretation of Lakshmi from puranas with her varied forms.
- 3) & 4)The most captured coin was as named in agreement with the learned group- Lion Stabber type : A new class addition to the Lion Slayer type of Chandragupta II. where King is closely shown, encountering the Lion with more confidence by attempting to stab the later with a dagger held by right hand and grasping the lion's neck with the left hand. Similar coin in a reverse posture depiction was also captured.
- 4) Katch Gupta with a crescent symbol on the top of head gear which was previously not noted on any other coin of this type.
- 5) Reverse of a unique archer type depicting Goddess Lakshmi holding a water pitcher in right hand and pouring water from the same. Occurrence of two fish symbol below the pitcher.Interpretation from puranas.
- 6) A spectacular coin with a new legend on the obverse of the Horseman type of Kumara Gupta 1st - ParamBhagavata maharaja dhirajashriKumaragupta-the legend completely new to this variety. Interpretation of the Sanskrit legend was well agreed by the group.
- 7) Unexplained feature on the reverse of the Kumara Gupta archer type . Goddess Lakshmi holding a the lotus in right hand instead of left hand unlike the reverse of archer types of any other coin. Absence of the monogram in the upper left field at 10 o'clock.

- 8) A new variety of Chandragupta Archer type with Lakshmi on throne reverse previously recorded only with lotus reverse- Lucknow museum piece Allan Plate VI coin no. 10 Difference in interpretation with the quiver below the right hand of the King as the later is more likely sacrificing on an altar.
- 9) Unique Archer type of Chandragupta II with Dagger tucked at waist which is previously not noted on any other specimen. Coin from the Bhopal Hoard
- 10) The most acknowledged specimen was a Lion Slayer type presumably issued by Skandagupta Going by a few compelling evidences like
 - 1). Similar resemblance of the legends Kramaditya when compared with the same on different coins of the skandaguptaKramaditya
 - 2) Weight- suvarna Standard
 - 3) Similarity of the king's facial motif.
 This coin also receives equal contribution of thought by Dr. ShailendraBhandare with whom the interpretation was shared earlier and well established with all the logical data put forward with complete clarity of thoughts.
- 11) King on a broad pedestal with both the feet facing in the same direction. Previously not noted on any archer coins of any ruler where the feet if's placed in opposite direction.

Few other specimens with minor variations were also discussed.

The next presentation was from the Scholarly collector Paul Stevens, who presented on the coinage of Kashmir from different period, from ancient Kidarites to the Princely state issues. The specimens presented were from the erstwhile collection of Mr .Nicholas Rhodes and now in the collection of Mr. Stevens. Following Mr. Stevens presentation, Lunch was served at the restaurant of the Museum.

Post lunch, the next paper was presented by Mr. Joe Cribb on Coins of Hunnic dynasties in Kashmir, with an interpretation of icon of Jesus Christ with a motif on Hun coins and issues from the Karkota and Utpala dynasty. Very interesting applications of photographic demonstrations connecting with the motif iconization captured much attention of the audience.

The next paper was by Mr. NirajAgarwal from Kolkata on a unique coin of Viranarayana from Coochbehar. The rupee denomination of the mentioned ruler read on its obverse, " KrishnaCharanaPada" instead of the usual occurring legend " Shiva CharanaPada" . This paper was read out by Mr. Robert Bracey in the author's absence who could attend the meeting due to sad demise of one of his family member.

The last presentation of the day was again by Mr. Ujjwal B Saha and Mr. Akshay Jain on the discovery of a die of Kacha from the Gupta dynasty. Various photographic images along with the original specimen was displayed before the target audience. Two gold coins of Kacha along identical with the die impressions substantiated the genuineness of the later.

The session concluded with with a vote of thanks by Joe Cribb to the participants of the meeting and was enjoyed over coffee and snacks.

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March	2-4	Ahmedabad	Coinex 2012	Sushilaben Ratilal Hall, SDVP, Swastika Char Rasta, Opp. Choice Hotel, C G Road, Navarangpura (Gujarat Coin Society)
March	23-25	New Delhi	Bharatiya Mudra Utsav 2012	Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Veer Singh Marg, Gol Market, New Delhi 110011. (contact Goga Jain)
April	20-22	Mumbai	Shukla Day	World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade (Farokh Todywalla)
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By Ravi Shankar Sharma

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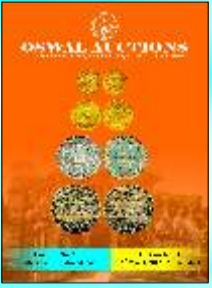
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