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Numismatic Trivia- 4 (Coins, Medals and Tokens)

By Manoranjan Mahapatra

The First and only Modern coin on Lord Krishna:

In 1997, under the "Evolution of Mankind" series, Gibraltar issued a 1 crown silver coin in the theme of "Indian Civilisation-Hinduism" featuring Lord Krishna. Krishna is being shown as playing the flute with a temple in the background. The silver coin weighs 31.2 gms:



This 1 crown coin issued in 1997 by Gibraltar has on its obverse, Lord Krishna playing the flute with a temple background. On top is the inscription "Evolution of Mankind" and at the bottom the denomination "1 CROWN". On the exergue "Indian Civilisation - Hinduism" The reverse contains the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II with the legend "QUEEN ELIZABETH II, GIBRALTAR. 1997".

This series contains around 12 coins featuring various world religions such as Islam, Judaism, Confucianism, Buddhism, Christianity, Inca etc. The series also features classical civilisations such as Greece, Roman, Egypt, Native Americans etc. All these coins feature the most dominant personalities from the respective themes. For example, under the Greek civilisation it features Aristotle and Alexander. Under the Roman empire the coin features Julius Caesar and Charlemange etc.

Lord Krishna in Numismatics:

Lord Krishna has been sparingly featured on Indian coins vis a vis other Hindu deities such as Shiva, Parvati, Laxmi, Vishnu and Ganesha. Surprisingly, the Radha Krishna motif, though quite dominant in present day Hinduism does not find favour in numismatics.

Amongst the states and kingdoms that have issued coins on lord Krishna, the Vijayanagar empire was a major issuer of coins featuring lord Krishna. The "Laddu Gopal" gold pagoda and half pagoda issued by Krishna Devaraya featuring Krishna as a baby are plenty; but the half pagoda of Chikadevaraya depicting a dancing Krishna is rare.



Issue of Vijayanagar Empire



Issue of Nayakas of Chitaldurg

In the same theme, the Nayakas of Chitaldurg who were feudatory of the Vijayanagar Kings have issued coins (pagoda and half pagoda) having a crude figure of Balgopal Krishna (many a times referred to as Durgi pagoda) on them.



A scarce sub-variety of the Vijayanagar pagoda in which Krishna's left thigh is rested on the floor



Vijayanagara- Half pagoda of Chikka Devaraya, Obv. Krishna dancing beneath arch, Rev. Nagari legend in 3 lines, 'Sri Chikadevaraja'



Vijayanagar – Kasu of Srirangaraya III (1642-1685 AD), Obv: Krishna playing flute rev: Kannada legend 'Sri Ramgaraya' on reverse

The Nayakas of Madurai had issued a copper Kasu with a dancing Krishna on the obverse and Sri Vira in telugu on reverse. They have also issued another coin in which Krishna plays the flute under a tree on obverse and 'Sri Vira" on reverse.



Copper kasu of Nayakas of Madurai featuring Dancing Krishna and Telugu script "Sri Vira"

The Nayakas of Tanjore have issued copper Kasus featuring a dancing Krishna on one side and Garuda / Seated king on throne on the other during the reign of Raghunatha Nayaka..



Copper kasu of Nayakas of Tanjore featuring Dancing Krishna and Garuda



Copper kasu of Nayakas of Tanjore featuring Dancing Krishna and King seated on Throne.

The princely state of Tripura has issued coins on Krishna with Gopi during the reign of Yasho Manikya (AD 1600-1618) and Ananta Manikya (AD 1564-67)



Krishna with one Gopi



Krishna with two Gopis

Silver rupees of Yaso Manikya, Obv. Krishna standing on lion and playing the flute with one Gopi and two Gopis Rev. Legend with Queen Laxmi Jaya Maya Devi, SE 1522 (AD 1600). On the two Gopis coin, the citation is for queens Gauri and Laxmi.

Tripura has also issued a rupee during the reign of Ananta manikya (AD 1564-67)



Silver rupee of Ananta Manikya, (AD 1564-67) Saka 1486 Obv: Krishna playing flute on dais with female attendants either side holding flowers, date below, rev. in four lines: Śri Śri Yu/ta Ana/nta Mani/kyā deva within rectangle with arabesques around and outer circular floral border.

Conclusion

The aforesaid are some of the coins on Lord Krishna that have graced the numismatic landscape of India. Though it is quite possible that other authorities/kingdoms/states have issued coins on lord Krishna, other coins with a pictorial depiction of Krishna are not known to the author. The Chamundi Pavli coins of Mysore are not included in the aforesaid analysis even though some scholars interpret the deity as Krishna and not Chamundi. Other countries, either in the subcontinent or outside have not issued coins on Krishna.



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Lot 16
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Sold for Rs. 6,000



Lot 101
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Sold for Rs. 5,100

Hello friends,

Continuing with the second part on "Selling your Coin Collections". I want to share an important message by giving you another instance which I came across few days ago.

One generally have some knowledge of the purchase of coins, but not always do they know what the future holds. The collector in his amusement and anxiety sometimes collects/invests his money in a particular/similar series of coins as he is informed or educated by the dealer that this series of coins will become scare/rare in coming future. This leads to a un eventful surprise for the family who thinks that they have inherited a vast Fortune.

I got a Call from a widow, I accompanied by a friend went to her house. We found a table covered with boxes stalked with coins. From the first look, it was one of the most impressive collections that I was going to inspect. All matching boxes, nearly labeled with different states assigned. The family were curious to know what her husband had collected as her husband had been a serious collector for more then three decades, visiting his local jewellery / coin shop every Saturday. He would come home & meticulously prepare his purchases, spending hour upon at the table in his little study.

When I opened the first box, we noticed a neat & orderly presentation cardboard 2x2, nearly stapled, crisp printing of the states, uniformity in describing the coins with year of issue, purchase date & price of purchase. I also couldn't help but notice that 90% of the coins had been purchased for less than 15/- & balance at the rate of 25/-. The collection contained box after box of similar coins of a particular state all impeccably presented but all were essentially "Worthless".

When we inquired Mrs XYZ if she had any idea of the value of the collections, She replied that she know that RARE coins were valuable, and since her late husband had worked

so diligently on his collections for so many years, she was assured that the proceeds would enable her to afford a nice retirement in her native place.

I had to carefully explain her that i couldn't help her with the sale of the coins. Her husband had enjoyed himself thoroughly for all these years, but he had never told her that he was spending more on holders, staplers & boxes than the coins he was purchasing.

The dream of a luxurious retirement diminished, I advised her to contact the dealer & Shop who purchased such coins. Mr XYZ's fault was not in his collecting, but in his failure to inform his wife of the Nature of the Collection which had major similar series of coins which had not appreciated in last 10 to 15 years. The Quality/ Grade was not up to standard, the person was lured to collect as he was not educated and informed about the series of coins he was collecting regularly.

More typically I come across families at the other end of the spectrum. Assuming that the investment done in coins or other Collectibles will appreciate as years to by & all coins invested or bought are RARE.

From this instance I would like my readers to get informed, acknowledged & assured about there coin purchases. Also involve your family with what you buy. Please try to share what you have bought with Seniors, Scholars & Reputed Dealers. Visit Exhibitions, Auctions and different avenues were you can be sure of the price and the genuine quality and grade of the coins.

Friends, as this is an important aspect I will continue with the same subject " Selling your Coin Collections " in my Next Newsletter.

Happy Collecting !!

Did You Know that there was a Prime Minister in the union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli ?

By Ashok Shahani



It is unbelievable but true. A Sindhi IAS officer, Shri K. G. Badlani (1921-1997), of Gujarat cadre, was the Prime Minister of the minuscule Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli (DNH), way back in the year, 1961 for a day. It was a great day on 11th August, 1961 that Shri K G Badlani, as Prime Minister of Dadra and Nagar Haveli signed an agreement with the then Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru to merge that territory with the Union of India. (10th Constitutional Amendment, 1961)

Brief History of Dadra and Nagar Haveli :

These territories were ruled by local Koli kings who in turn were overwhelmed by the Kings of Jawhar and Ramnagar. Later on, the territories were annexed by the Marathas over the years.

The Portuguese were handed over the rights to collect revenue by the then Peshwa ruler, Sawai Bajirao –II over the 79 villages of Dadra and Nagar Haveli in 1779 CE and also as a compensation for the loss of a Portuguese man of war "Santana" which was seized by the Marathas and not returned back to the Portuguese. Later on, the Portuguese rulers purchased the village of Dadra in 1784 CE. It was a part of Daman district of Portuguese India. These two territories though apart were under a Municipal Council with

initially headquarters in Darara and thereafter in Silvassa. It is the present day headquarters of the Administrator of this Union Territory.

This territory is landlocked and is Nagar Haveli is sandwiched between the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra. It lies about 130 kms from Mumbai. About 40 percent of the territory is even today a forest. It is inhabited by the Warli, Dhodia, Koknas, Katkari (Kathodia) and Dubla tribals. They form over 60 percent of the population. The Damanganga River and its three tributaries run through this small territory.

In 1954, this Portuguese enclave was forcibly occupied by the pro- Independence folks of Dadra and Nagar Haveli with the support of like minded Indian organizations and their volunteers.

Role of Shri K. G. Badlani :

Shri K G Badlani, I.A.S. of the then Bombay Cadre, took over the reins of Administrator of DNH from Dr. Furtado w.e.f. 17/10/1960. The Varishta Panchayat of Free Dadra and Nagar Haveli ruled this *de facto* independent state from 1954 to 1961, till the Indian Armed forces headed by Shri Nagarwala, IPS, took over the reins on behalf of the Union Govt. from the fleeing Portuguese administration.

Following joyful scenes, the assembly appointed Shri Badlani as the Prime Minister of Dadra and Nagar Haveli for a day on 11/08/1961 to sign an agreement merging this territory with the Indian Union. **This is the only instance in the history of Independent India that such an event has occurred.**

Shri Badlani opted for the Gujarat Cadre of I.A.S. following the formation of the twin states of Maharashtra and Gujarat. He thereafter retired on 31-12-1977 after a long and blemish free career. He was also sent on deputation to the Govt. of Haryana as Director of Education in the year, 1967. He passed away probably in New Delhi on 1/12/1997. Despite strenuous efforts; I have been unable to procure a photograph of Shri Badlani.

The Government of Portugal ratified the annexation of this Territory following a treaty signed by their Government with India in the year, 1974. Thus, legally, this territory became part of India thereafter as Portugal had raised a

hullabaloo all around the world following the takeover in 1961.

Due to Central subsidy, this Union Territory boasts of a lot of industry with ample power infrastructure. It is also popular tourist destination and due to its peculiar tax structure, liquor, fuel and motor cars amongst other things are available cheaper than the neighboring states.

Shri Ashish Kundra, I.A.S. (1996 –UT cadre) is the administrator of the territory today. It is under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Shri Natubhai Gomanbhai Patel (BJP) is the Lok Sabha M.P.

Note:

I was helped in doing research of this article by my junior, Advocate Shalaka Waghmare, without whose effort it would not have been possible to write this article.

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 Specs: Copper, 8.47 g, 21.19 mm Edge: Plain
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 Specs: Copper, 10.06 g, 24.26 mm



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November	14-16	Pune	Phila-Coinex-Pune 2014	Sonal Hall, Karve Road, Pune.
November	28-30	Coimbatore	93rd Coimbatore Coin Stampex 2014 (C P Exhibition)	Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Gandhipuram Coimbatore - 641 009. (For Stall Booking 94869 23558)
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December	7-10	Goa	Rajgor's Coin Festival - Goa 2014	5.00 pm, Institute Menezes Braganza, Central Library, Next To Police Station, Panaji, Goa - 403 001.
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