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## Gullak Journal continues ...

Dear Friends,

With this issue, I am restarting the Gullak Journal from Issue No. 100 onwards. It is a monthly issue from July 2023 onwards. All the issues are free and in PDF format. These are uploaded on website ([www.CoinStars.co.in](http://www.CoinStars.co.in)); published on social media and distributed in various WhatsApp Groups.

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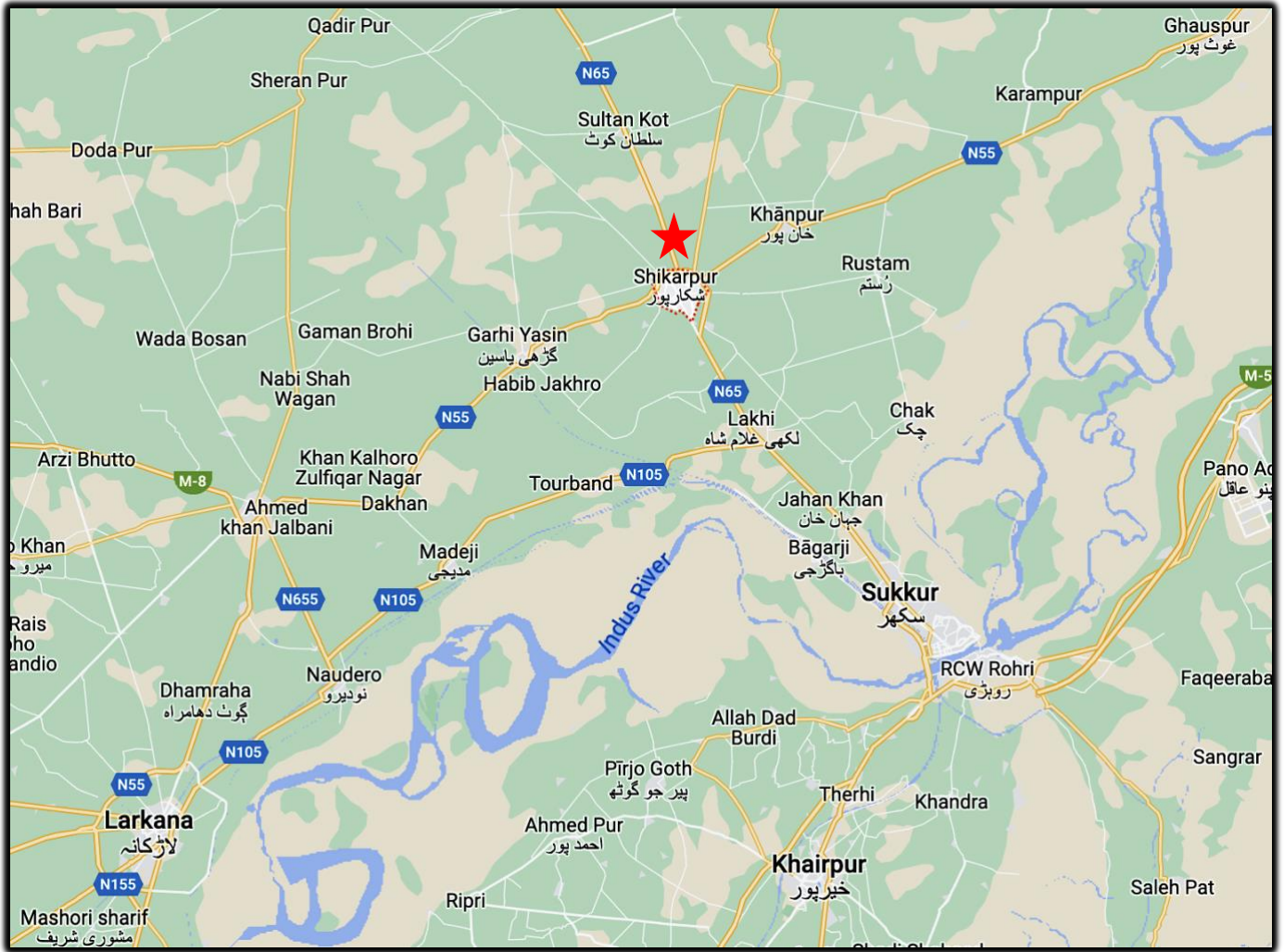
## The Untold History of Shikarpur in Pakistan through its Coinage

*By Muhammad Sarwar Khan (Jabalpur)*



<b>Authority</b>	: Joint Issue of Talpur Mirs of Hyderabad & Khairpur
<b>Metal</b>	: Copper
<b>Weight</b>	: 9.60 gram
<b>Denomination</b>	: Falus
<b>Obv</b>	: <i>Julus Sanah 1255</i>
<b>Rev</b>	: <i>Zarb Shikarpur</i>
<b>Year</b>	: AH 1255 (= AD 1839)
<b>Rarity</b>	: Rare





**Shikarpur** (Śīkārpūr شکارپور) is city and capital of the District Shikarpur of Sindh province in Pakistan. It is situated about 29 km west of the right bank of the River Indus. It has a railway station, 37 km north-west of Sukkur. According to the 2017 census of Pakistan, it is the 42<sup>nd</sup> largest city of Pakistan by population. Shikarpur has always been an important city commanding the trade-route through the Bolan Pass, and its merchants had dealings with many towns in Central Asia. It had a large market and manufactured carpets, cotton cloth and pottery.

Shikarpur was a hunting ground of *Daud Putra*. In the year 1617, Mahrans, the rulers of Lakhi, were defeated by Daud putra (a son of Daud, a clan of Bahawalpur ruling family), who built Shikarpur in remembrance of their Victory. The city was constructed inside a Fort. During the rule of Kalhoras, Ahmed Shah Durrani took control of Shikarpur after defeating Miya Noor Mohammadd Kalhoro (Abbasi) and affixed it to his territory. It is also claimed that Amir Bahadur Khan II Abbasi, Amir of Shikarpur, son of Firuz Khan Abbasi founded Shikarpur in 1690. Since those days, Caravans from Afghanistan started visiting Shikarpur and many Hindus and Muslims started visiting the city. Many Shikarpuris are from Arorvanshi family.

However, many do not think so. They point out that Shikarpur was admittedly there before the *shikar*-loving Talpurs arrived on the scene; for some others, Shikarpur has always been a trading centre, and never a hunting lodge. Also, the Muslims named their cities as "*Abad*" and never "*Nagar*" or "*Pur*". These experts think that Shikarpur is really *Shakaripur* the "town founded by the vanquisher of the "Shakas", the Scythians. In this connection they pointed out that "Quetta" is known in Persian records as "Shakari Kot" "the (border) fort built by the vanquisher of the "Shakas". Later, on the Indian side, it came to be known simply as "Kot" or "Koita", which the British corrupted into "Quetta".

Talpur was a Sindhi Baloch tribe which was settled in Sindh and Punjab provinces of Pakistan. They were descendants of Mir Tala Khan who arrived in Sindh during the invasion of Nadir Shah. The Talpurs settled in northern Sindh, spoke Sindhi language very soon. Their descendants and allies formed a confederacy against the Kalhora dynasty. Later, however, they enjoyed good relations with the Kalhoras and were invited by them to help organize unruly Baloch tribes living in Sindh. Although most of the Talpurs were basically Shia who were founders of Sindhi unity. When Kalhora became weak in Sindh, the Talpur Mirs defeated the Kalhora Dynasty in the Battle of Halani in 1783 and took control of Sindh.

After victory over the Kalhora dynasty, the Talpurs also captured Karachi and Umarkot; the first, which had been alienated to Mian Nasir Mahmood, the Governor of Kalat, was taken in 1792, and Umerkot, which had been in the possession of Jodhpur; was recovered in 1813. The Mirs had in 1824, obtained possession of the town of Shikarpur and was the last spot in Sindh retained by the Afghans.

The Revenue of Shikarpur on its annexation was divided into seven shares: The Mirs of Hyderabad received 4/7<sup>th</sup>; & the Mirs of Khairpur received 3/7<sup>th</sup> of the revenue. Shikarpur was a part of the Talpur Mirs' joint confederacy

Due to internal strife among the Talpurs, the Khairpur chiefs requested the British to seize Karachi from Hyderabad chiefs. The British conquered Karachi in 1839, and with the support of Khojas and Hindus, were able to quickly advance on Hyderabad, forcing the Talpurs to pay tribute. Seth Naumal, a Hindu merchant, was held responsible for encouraging non-Baloch tribes in lower Sindh to defect the Talpur and aid the British. He was later granted the title **Sitara-e-Hind** by the British for his service to them against the Talpurs. In 1843 Talpur Mirs were overthrown by the British East India Company led by General Charles James Napier.

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# The Evolution of Scripts in World

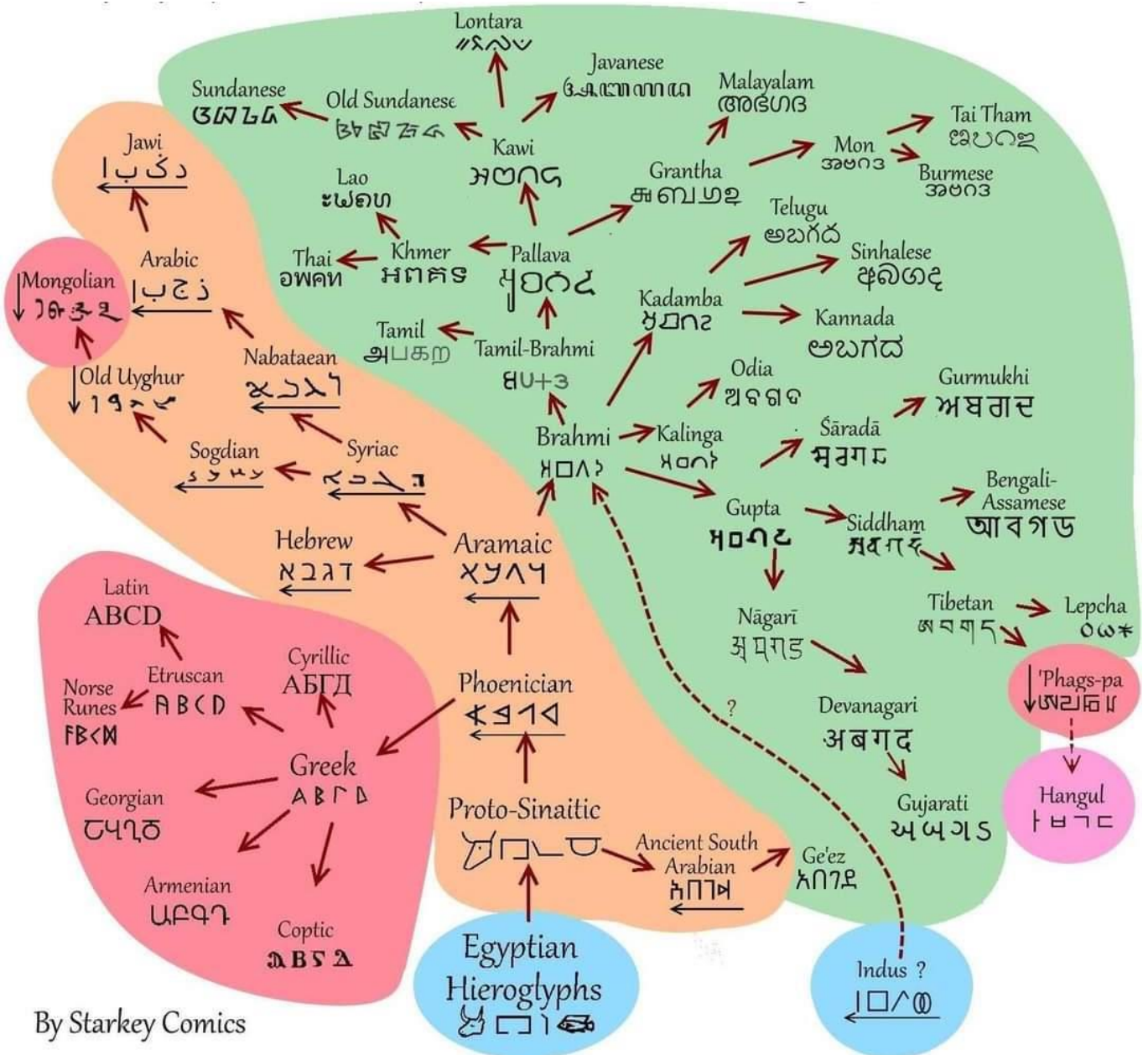
By Starkey Comics

This infographic shows how 57 different scripts are descended from ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs. Logograms The colours show the type of script, and the red arrows show how the scripts are related. For scripts which are not read from left to right, the black arrows show the direction of writing.

Where possible, letters corresponding to the A, B, C, and D symbols in the Latin alphabet are shown. In nearly every script, these letters correspond to sounds similar to the /a/, /b/, /g/ or /k/, and /d/ sounds.

## The ABCD Family Tree

- True Alphabets
- Featural Alphabets
- Abjads
- Abugidas
- Logograms



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# New & Upcoming UNC & Proof Sets in 2022-2023-2024

By Prem Pues Kumar (YouTube Channel: Hobby Encyclopaedia)

## Released and Issued

- 2023: Shri Ram Chandra Ji: Booking Issued
- 2023: 75 years of Raising of NCC: Booking Issued
- 2023: International Year of Millets 2023: Released
- 2023: Central Bureau of Investigation: Released
- 2023: 50 Years of Project Tiger: Booking Issued
- 2023: 100th Episode of Mann Ki Baat: Booking Issued
- 2023: National Technology Day: Booking Issued
- 2023: Raja Ram Mohan Roy: Booking Issued
- 2023: New Parliament Complex: Released

## Pending for Booking:

- 2023: Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

## Gazette Notified

- 2023: N.T. Rama Rao Birth Centenary
- 2023: Jawarlal Darda Birth Centenary

## Upcoming Gazette Notification

- 2023: G20 Summit

## Possible Release:

- 2023: 150th Birth Anniversary of Vithalbhai Patel
- 2023: 75 Years of Hyderabad State Liberation
- 2023: Ayodhya Ram Mandir
- 2023: Birth Centenary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 2023: Birth Centenary of Kailashpati Mishra
- 2023: Cricket World Cup 2023

## Early 2024

- 2024: Dayanand Sarasvati
- 2024: 75th Year of Republic of India





## New Souvenir Coins from India Government Mints in 2023

*By Prem Pues Kumar (YouTube Channel: Hobby Encyclopaedia)*



8 gram, Gold, 999 Fine

50 gram, Silver, 999 Fine

## Meeting of Indore Numismatic Society

*by Shivam Chaturvedi (Indore)*

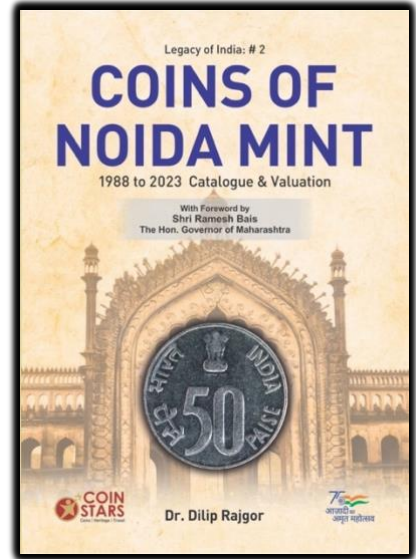
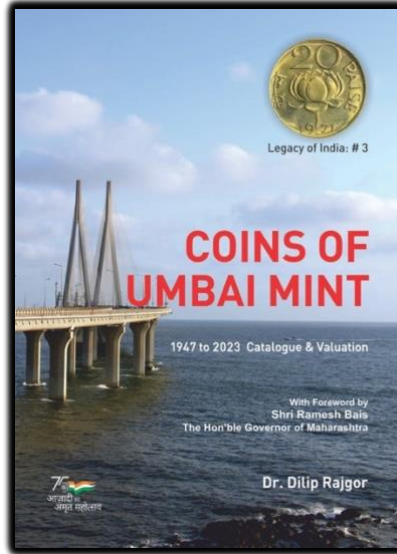
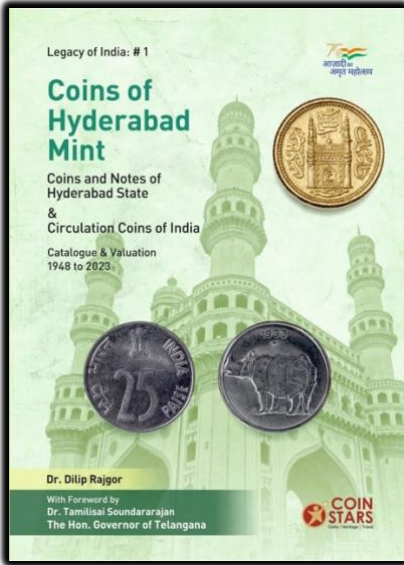


On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Indore Numismatic Society organized a monthly meeting at Indian Coffee House, Indore. In the session's first speaker, **Prof. Shivam Chaturvedi** discussed about coin cleaning and preservation to fellow Numismatics colleagues. Later in the second session, **Mr. Girish Sharma** discussed the economic condition of Indore State through its Coinage.

In all, 22 members were present in the meeting including **Dr. Major Gupta**, **Rajesh Parekh**, **Surendra Mule** and **Nishant Parekh**. The Society was formed just 3 months ago at Indore.

The program started with welcome address by **Mr. Suresh Bhagchandani**. In the end, votes of thanks was given by the famous Philatelist & Historian, **Dr. Ravindra Pahalwan**.

## New Books



## Events

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July 2023	1 to 7	Nashik	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Course on Introduction to Epigraphy &amp; Brahmi Script</b> at Indian Numismatic, Historical & Cultural Research Foundation, Trimbakeshwar-Nashik Road 422213
July	7-8-9	Bangalore	<b>Nanya Darshini 2023 Exhibition</b> At Shikshak Sadan, Opp. Kaveri Bhavan, KG Road By Karnataka Numismatic Society
July	10 to 16	Nashik	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Course on Decoding Epigraphs of Medieval India</b> at the Indian Numismatic, Historical and Cultural Research Foundation, Trimbakeshwar-Nashik Road 422213
July	21-22-23	Kolkata	<b>Kolkata Coin Fest 2023</b> At Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge 700019 (by Numismatic Society of Calcutta)
July	29-30	Kota	<b>Kota Coin Fest 2023</b> at Hotel 7W, in front of Seven Wonders
August	4-5-6	Mysore	<b>Coin Show India 2023</b> at Kanyaka Mahal, Ashoka Road
August	18-19-20	Ahmedabad	<b>Ahmedabad Coins &amp; Currency Fair 2023</b> at Hotel President, CG Road, Navarangpura (by Classical Numismatic Gallery)
September	1-2-3	New Delhi	<b>Delhi Mudra Utsav 2023</b> At Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, Behind RBI, Near Central Secretariat Metro Station & Patel Chowk Metro Station; Sansad Marg
September	15-16-17	Bhopal	<b>Bhopal Mudra Utsav</b> At Kwaliti's Motel Shiraz, Hoshangabad Road, 7, Service Road, Board Office Square, No. 6 Locality, Shivaji Nagar
September	22-23-24	Coimbatore	<b>Sonica 2023</b> at Kamalam Doraiswamy Hall, 225, Sastri Road, Ramnagar, Near Central Bus Stand
Sept - Oct.	29-30 & 1	Lucknow	<b>Awadh Mudra Utsav 2023</b> At the Regnant Hotel, A-35, Nirala Nagar (by Awadh Numismatic Society)
October	6-7-8	Mumbai	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual Coin Exhibition 2023</b> At World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade (by Mumbai Coin Society)
October	13-14-15	Rajkot	<b>Rajkot Coin Fair 2023</b> At the EverGrand Palace, Limda Chowk 360001 (by Utsav Selarka & Sunil Vaya)
October	27-28-29	Kota	<b>Kota Mudra Utsav 2023</b> At Rotary Club Kota, Binani Sabhaghar, Shopping Center (by Kota Philately & Numismatic Society)
December	22-23-24	Kolkata	<b>Kolkata Mudra Utsav 2023</b> At Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge 700019 (by Numismatic Society of Calcutta)
December	22-23-24	Pune	<b>Pune Coinex 2023</b> at Sonal Hall, Karve Road (by International Collector's Society of Rare Items)
Feb. 2024	23-24-25	Bangalore	<b>15<sup>th</sup> National Numismatic Exhibition (NNE)</b> At Shikshak Sadan, Opp. Kaveri Bhavan, KG Road (by Marudhar Arts)