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Maratha Coins - Chinchwar Mint Revisited

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The Chinchwar mint rupee with a battle axe in the Sim of Julius is well documented. On most of the specimens, the mint name appears as "Chinchwar". On a few specimens the additional word Ganeshpur has been deciphered making the mint name "Ganeshpur Chinchwar". Here is a Rupee coin containing the additional word "Muhiabad" thereby making the mint name "Muhiabad Ganeshpur Chinchwar" or "Muhiabad urf Ganeshpur Chinchwar"



Fig 1

Obv: Sikka Mubarak Badshah Ghazi Shah Ali Gohar

Rev: San Julus Mainmat Manus Muhiabad Ganeshpur Chinchwar

The aforesaid rupee coin in Fig 1 contains most part of the mint name. The word "Muhi" is present at the top left corner on reverse to the left of "Manus". The bottom field contains the words "...pur Chinchwar" thereby making the mint name as present on the coin "Muhi..."

....pur Chinchwar". To reconstruct, the mint name is "Muhiabad Ganeshpur Chinchwar". The coin also contains an additional countermark "Sri" to the right of Julius.

The word "Muhi" generally appears in the Farsi rupees of Pune mint. This is an uncommon instance wherein a Chinchwar rupee containing this word has come to notice. Though the specimen (T1) in Wiggins-Maheswari contains the word "Muhi" at top left corner of reverse; they have ignored this and read the mint simply as Chinchwar. However, unlike the present specimen, the Wiggins-Maheswari specimen does not contain any trace of Ganeshpur



Fig 2

The mint name on the rupee coin in Fig 2 can be read as Ganeshpur Chinchwar. Though the word "Muhi" is absent and may be off the flan, traces of Ganeshpur is present at the bottom field on reverse. What is interesting is the presence of a downward arrow or small lotus mark above "Ja" of Julius and the Hijri date 1190 on obverse.



Fig 3

The above coin in Fig 3 is a rupee of Chinchwar wherein the mint name is written differently as compared to the previous two coins. Large part of "Cha" and "war" is present on the coin. No part of the words "Muhiabad" or "Ganeshpur" is present on the coin. The fabric and calligraphy is different with well defined inscription like the Pune Farsi rupees. The RY 15 is present on the coin..

The aforesaid coins may suggest that the mint name Chinchwar might not have been used by a singular village near Pune and coins bearing the mint name Chinchwar would have been struck at different mints in the Pune region such as Pimpri, Nigdi, Bhosari, Moshi, Akurdi etc. Or alternately the village Chinchwar might have been called by different names during its life time.

(The coins are from the author's collection)

History of Chinchwar

Chinchwar, about 15 Kms from Pune towards Mumbai is an industrial hub containing many important manufacturing units. The name Chinchwad is derived from the trees Chinch (tamarind) and Wad (banyan). Famous for the shrine of Morya Gosavi, an incarnation of Lord Ganesha, the place gets submerged every year by floods in the river Pavana. The nearby place of Bhosari is a derivative of the ancient town Bhojpuri.

As per Wiggins-Maheswari

".....The mint of Chinchwar is not mentioned by Prinsep. Clunes wrote that the Ankushi Rupee was first coined at Chinchwar

and later at Pune. There is confirmation of this by Khare who mentioned one Maratha document wherein it was recorded the Rupee of Ankushi type was minted at Chinchwar and Pune; but the Government required that there should be some distinction between the two in fabric if not in quality and quantity. The mint master at Pune was therefore asked to have four dots instead of three near the upper curvature of Ankush (elephant goad). Unfortunately this later piece of information does not enable one to identify rupees of the Ankushi type from the Chinchwar mint, which presumably bore the same mint name as the Pune Coins.

According to Ranade, licenses were given to two sonars in 1767 -68 to open a mint at Chinchwar near Pune. The rupee to be coined was directed to be like the Jayanagari or Fallchhari rupee. The year figures were to be altered annually. This rupee may be readily recognized (T1) as it bears the mint name Chinchore or Chinchur and has a mark of battle axe. The term Jayanagari or Fallchhari are inexplicable. A rupee called the Jayanagari is unknown to the authors, Fallchhari may mean the same as Parashu (corrupted for furshi) meaning the battle Axe.

We learn from Khare that the mint at Chinchwar was active at the end of the 18th and at the beginning of the 19th century and was under the management of the Dev of Chinchwar. It was probably run as a partnership between the Peshwa's government and Shri Deva, the pontiff of the Chinchwar monastery. From the reports it was observed that the licensee of the mint never gave either party their due share of the profits and used to coin rupees at a very low rate, which drew customers away from the Government at Pune."

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Kurdistan currency

As Iraq is being split, in the northern oil rich part the Kurds already control a lot of territory and oil wells. they export the oil and are on good terms with Israel. Most of the Kurds being Zoroastrians; they have now printed their own currency with Zoroaster's picture on it.



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<i>Denomination:</i> 8 Annas	<i>Year:</i> 1920



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Lot 30



Estimate: ₹ 40,000-60,000

Rajas of Samatata / Mainamati (Bengal), (7th century AD), Gold, 5.92 gr, Dinar, Lord Rama standing to left and holding bow in his left hand and an arrow in the right hand and looking at the arrow.

Lot 44



Estimate: ₹ 90,000-1,00,000

Nasir ud Din Mahmud Shah, Gold, 10.83 g, Tanka, Firuzabad? Mint, with the Abu al Mujahid type, cruder execution than the listed type B403 of G&G.

Lot 34



Estimate: ₹ 25,000-30,000

Chandellas of Jejakbhukti, Vira Varmadeva (c. AD 1261-1286), Gold, 3.82 g, Dinar, Goddess Lakshmi seated on obv, Nagari legend, Srimad Vira Varmanadeva (Deyell p. 95). *Very Fine+, Extremely Rare.*

Lot 45



Estimate: ₹ 1,00,000-1,25,000

Nasir ud Din Mahmud Shah, Gold, 10.80 g, Tanka, Ab al Muzaffar type, crude calligraphy, without mint name and date on either side and without any borders. The obverse legend is arranged differently, with smaller flan,

Lot 42



Estimate: ₹ 1,00,000-1,25,000

Nasir ud Din Mahmud Shah (AD 1433-1459; AH 837-864), Gold, 10.78 g, Tanka, Abu al Muzaffar type, crude calligraphy, without mint name and date on either side and without any borders (G&G# B404).

Lot 46



Estimate: ₹ 1,00,000-1,50,000

Nasir ud Din Mahmud Shah, Gold, 10.86 g, Tanka, probably 'Arsah Chatgaon mint, Abu al Mujahid type, finer calligraphy, with mint name in the outer margins (G&G# B407). *About Extremely Fine*

Lot 43



Estimate: ₹ 2,00,000-2,25,000

Nasir ud Din Mahmud Shah, Gold, 10.64 g, Tanka, Abu al Mujahid type, with Mehrabi border instead of usual cinq-foil border on obv, legend within a circle and enclosed by a decorative border

Lot 47



Estimate: ₹ 1,75,000-2,00,000

Ala ud Din Hussain Shah (AD 1493-1519; AH 899-925), Gold, 10.69 g, Tanka, Fathabad mint, 4th Victory Coin, with an interesting legend reading through both the sides:

Lot 48



Estimate: ₹ 2,00,000-2,50,000

Ala ud Din Hussain Shah, Gold, 10.59 g, Tanka, Dar ul Zarb mint, 4th Victory Coin, with the Victory legend reading through both the sides:

Lot 54



Estimate: ₹ 1,25,000-1,50,000

Tughlaq Shah, Gold, 11.09 g, Tanka, Mulk-i-Tilang mint, Ghiyas type, AH 724 (Rajgor# 1094; G&G# D303). *About Extremely Fine, Rare.*

Lot 49



Estimate: ₹ 1,50,000-1,75,000

Ala ud Din Hussain Shah, Gold, 10.55 g, Tanka, Khazana mint, 4th Victory Coin, Type 2 with longer title citing name of his father and ending with *Khalda Allah Mulka*hu, the complete legend reading across

Lot 55



Estimate: ₹ 60,000-75,000

Firuz Shah Tughlaq (AD 1351-1388; AH 752-790), Gold, 11.02 g, Tanka, mintless, dateless, usual legend on obv with long and elaborate legend on rev (Rajgor# 1282; G&G# D463). *About Extremely Fine, Rare.*

Lot 50



Estimate: ₹ 1,00,000-1,25,000

Nasir ud Din Nusrat Shah (AD 1519-1531; AH 925-938), Gold, 10.64 g, Tanka, Arsah mint, the elaborate legend reading across both the sides: *al-sultan bin al-sultan nasir ud duniya wa ud din abu al muzaffar nusrat shah*

Lot 56



Estimate: ₹ 1,50,000-1,75,000

Firuz Shah Zafar (AD 1389; AH 791), Gold, 10.96 g, Tanka, Hazrat Delhi mint, name and title of the ruler on obv, Fi Zaman legend on rev, AH 791 (Rajgor# 1344; G&G# D545). *Minor dent on rev, otherwise Extremely Fine.*

Lot 53



Estimate: ₹ 90,000-1,00,000

Tughlaq Shah (AD 1320-1325), Gold, 11.02 g, Tanka, Qila Deogir mint, AH 720 in words in the margin on obv (Rajgor# 1092; G&G# D302). *Deeply struck, Almost UNC, Very Rare.*

Lot 57

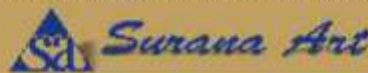


Estimate: ₹ 15,00,000-20,00,000

Sikandar Shah Lodi (AD 1488-1517; AH 894-923), Gold, 11.29 g, Tanka, mintless but minted at the Capital Agra, legend on obv reads *al-mutawakkil ala'l rahman sikandar shah bahlul shah sultan* on obv,

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Lot 58



Estimate: ₹ 1,00,000-1,25,000

Shams ud Din Ibrahmi Shah (AD 1402-1440; AH 804-844), Gold, 11.444 g, Tanka, *as-sultan al-azam shams ud duniya wa ud din abu al muzaffar ibrahmi shah al-sultani khalda allah mamlakatahu* on obv,

Lot 84



Estimate: ₹ 55,000-65,000

Akbar, Gold, 99.96 g, Mohur, Kalima type, Agra Dar us Sultanate mint, mint name at bottom on rev, AH 975. *Very Fine+*, Rare.

Lot 59



Estimate: ₹ 3,00,000-3,50,000

Zain al-Abdin (AD 1420-1470; AH 823-874), Gold, 11.11 g, Dinar, Kashmir Dar us Sultanate mint, *naib amir al-muminin qutb ud-wa duniya wa ud din abu al-mujahid al-adil zain al-abdin al-sultan* on obv; Kalima

Lot 97



Estimate: ₹ 1,85,000-2,00,000

Jahangir, Silver, 10.11 g, Zodiac Rupee, Cancer type, Ahmedabad mint, AH 1027, RY 13. *Very Fine+*, Rare.

Lot 65



Estimate: ₹ 3,50,000-4,00,000

Akbar, Gold, Mohur, Agra mint, Allahu Akbar type, *Allahu / Akbar / Jalejalahu* within borders and decorated fields below on obv, Ilahi 49, Farwardin Month

Lot 101



Estimate: ₹ 2,00,000-2,50,000

Jahangir, Gold, Burhanpur mint, Mohur, Nur ud din type, Ilahi Month Mihr at top AH 1030, RY 22, mint name at centre on rev

Lot 79



Estimate: ₹ 5,00,000-6,00,000

Akbar, Silver, 5.71 g, ½ Rupee, Urdu mint, Allahu Akbar type with *Allahu / Akbar / Jalejalahu* on obv, Ilahi Di month at top and mint name with Ilahi year 44 at bottom on rev.

Lot 118



Estimate: ₹ 2,00,000-2,50,000

Shah Jahan, Gold, Mohur, Burhanpur mint, square area type, complete legend *Khald Allahu Mulkaahu* in the left field on rev, and complete mint name in right margin on rev, AH 1098. *Extremely Fine*,