

# Coins and Kingdoms

National Museum holds a variety of ancient Indian coins in its collection, which not only spans centuries but also gives an insight into a fascinating journey from coins to credit cards.

Well, the rupee in your pocket has an interesting journey too! The ancient Indians were one of the earliest issuers of coins in the world.

Indian Coinage begins from punched mark coins known as Pana, minted in the 6th century (which is around 1500 years ago) by the Mahajanapadas (Republic Kingdoms) of Ancient India.

Can you name the dynasties that minted the following coins? Find your answers in the puzzle.



Rajendra Chola



Krishnadeva Raya



Eukratides



Shah Jahan



Kanishka

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Ghiyas-ud-din Balban



Shri Rajendra Narayan Bhupa Raja



Satkarni I



Samudragupta



Alaud-Din Khilji