

Numismatics of Eastern Province: Symbols in Two Ancient Coins

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The symbols of two ancient coins found and published in the *Ceylon Coins & Currency* – (HW Codrington Supplement Chapter III) will be the focus of this paper. They will be compared with symbols on similar coins found in other historical sites such as Anuradapura, Ruhuna, Vallipuram, Iranamadu and Mullativu. The appearance of these symbols on other ancient Sri Lankan coins and contemporary coins of the various Kingdoms of India shall be discussed.

The appearance of these symbols in other ancient works of art and on ancient inscriptions in Sri Lanka will also be presented. The interpretation of these auspicious symbols in various articles published by D.P.E. Hettiaratchi and also by T.B. Karunaratne in many RAS Journals shall also be discussed.

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