

## TRAVANCORE COINS

The Travancore Fanam was a type of money that was issued by the State of [Travancore](#), now mainly a part of [Kerala](#) in [South India](#). The Fanams (also spelt *Fanoms*) and **Chuckrams** (or *Chakrams*) were known to be some of the smallest coins in the world. The word Fanam appears to be an Anglo-Germanic sound shift from the word *Panam*, which means money in Dravidian languages. Historically, the Fanam and Chuckram coins were the regular unit of currency in medieval Travancore and appear to have been extensively used for trading in the region of South India. The words Fanam and *Panam* literally mean money and are still used as a synonym for wealth in Kerala in the native language of [Malayalam](#).