

STEVEN BATTELLE

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India, Chitaldrug, ca 1565-1779, AV Durgi Pagoda

B079437/U00944 3.4 Gm 13 mm

Obv: Durga seated Rev: Kanarese legend Mitchner 937. Extremely Fine/Very Fine

The goddess Durga is a major deity in Hinduism. She is worshipped as the principal aspect of the mother goddess Devi and is one of the most widely revered among Indian divinities. She is associated with protection, strength, motherhood. Embodying their collective energy (shakti) she is both fully derivative from the male divinities and the true source of their inner power.

The Nayakas of Chitradurga were Vijayanagar feudatories who started to exercise their independence in the 16th century as Vijayanagar started to weaken. Their pagodas imitate the Balakrishna pagodas of Krishna Devaraya.

