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## No provision to stop selling of (circulatory) currency notes:

### RBI's reply to High Court notice after eight months

**A**fter the Madhya Pradesh high court issued notices on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 on taking serious note of a PIL, to Union ministry of finance & Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in regards of alleged trading of Indian currency having 'unique' numbers, the RBI finally stated that there is no provision to stop the selling of circulatory currency notes which are being sold for their fancy serial numbers. Further to make any policy in this regards, is not within their workspace. Thus, the petition may be dismissed. Though it took more than eight months for RBI to come up with the reply. Finance Ministry's reply to the petition is still awaited.

Mixed reactions were seen among collectors and dealers after the reply filed by the RBI. Most dealers were happy as crores of rupees are involved in trading of fancy number notes and 'Birthday' notes. Even collectors who had purchased huge number of fancy notes and added to their collections were in lot of joy.



### Money on Sale

Earlier when the petition was filed (in July last year), almost every trading forum on the popular social media facebook and whatsapp, changed its name to knowledge sharing forum and temporarily discontinued every trading activity, though all the activities continued through private messaging for a few weeks.

However, there are few others who feel the need of strict laws to stop this trade of selling currency notes. "Currency of India could only be transferred, exchanged but should not be sold", a young coin collector Mr. Kirti Mishra from Mumbai expressed to the ICCG News. He added, "Currency of India regulates economy of the country and if such kind of activities continue, it would surely effect and hamper the economy of India, and encourage people to indulge in blocking huge amounts and cause financial damages." He further said, "New laws should also be made to stop currency notes being showered on bar dancers and during wedding ceremonies as such activities hurts the patriotic sentiments as every currency bears the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and Ashoka Emblem which gets disrespected".

Amendments and new laws may take time, but at present many a collectors are again seen excited shopping for all their sets of Fancy number currency notes, be that from auction sites or through some local dealers or through any online shopping portal. Money is on sale, just everywhere.

## History comes to life: The Modern Hobby of Ancient Coins – with Girish Sharmaji

**C**ollecting rare coins, the once-named "hobby of kings" has grown to become the "king of hobbies", with people from all walks of life getting into the game. And as it comes to ancient coins: "any old coin is a piece of history", feels Shri Girish Sharma who is one of the biggest collector of Ancient Indian coins. The collection which itself speaks about all the efforts and passion put behind it. But further the thoughts shared by Mr Sharma were a lot motivating.... Excerpts from the interview:

**Where are you from and what do you collect?**

I am from Indore, MP and collect Indian ancient coins. I have a huge collection of Indo-Greek, Roman, Sassanian, Parthian, Kushana, Guptas, City States, Janpada & Medieval Coins.

**From how long are you collecting these and from which coins did you start?**

I am collecting from 1980, almost 35 years now and I started from ancient Ujjain coins.

**What inspired you for this?**

Our golden past and culture is in itself the greatest source of inspiration which teaches us to prevent our heritage.

**Do you share your collection with family, friends or do you take part in exhibiting your collection?**

Yes, I always do. And many a times I have been awarded for my presentations.



Shri Girish Sharma

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### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Shukla Day Coin & Philately Fair

Shri S. M. Shukla Memorial Coin Day' aka 'Shukla Day', regarded as the country's largest numismatic fair. The first Shukla Day was held in April of 1991, organized by Mr. Farokh S. Todywalla, to commemorate the memory of the legendary Shri S. M. Shukla's life and his contribution to the world of Indian numismatics. From humble beginnings of just 7 dealer stalls, the event has grown to an 100+ dealer stall event, with invitee class exhibits, lectures and auctions during the fair. Shuklaji was instrumental in inspiring generations of collectors and scholars and this show is our humble effort to perpetuate his memory and spread awareness, for our rich monetary history and heritage.



Late Shri S.m. Shukla

### Release of special cover designed by Mr. Jigar Desai on 25th Shukla Day Coin & Philately Fair

On the occasion of 25<sup>th</sup> Shukla Day coin fair, Mr. Jigar Desai has designed a unique special cover which would be inaugurated by Shri Farokh Todywalla on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2016. After its release the cover would be available on sale counter



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### Part of History Preserved in Currency Notes and a Lady with Passion: Rajni Tulsian

**O**ne may start up with any hobby simply because it's a fun thing to do. But with time it grows into a lot of passion. Mrs. Rajni Tulsian is one person who goes the extra mile for her hobby. Not only does she loves spending time with her collectibles, she loves to share her joy with other collectors as well. "A hobby gives purpose, and own collection is like own baby" is how Mrs. Tulsian believes and shares with ICCG News. Excerpts from the interview:

#### What do you collect?

My collection includes antique and unique banknotes from India, Nepal & Tibet.

#### And from how many years are you collecting these?

I have been collecting and dealing in currency since 1995.

#### How did you start your collections?

My family hails from Nepal and my father is a "Philatelist". He dealt in Tibet stamps and documents. As a teen, I used to get amused looking at his collection. Sometimes I used to help him out in his business and slowly I started developing an interest in notes from Tibet. That was how it all begun. Notes from Tibet were my first collectibles.

#### Starting with Tibet notes, how did you get attracted towards Indian notes?

This field is very different from other businesses. Initially I started with Tibet banknotes. In 2001 I met a collector who wanted to buy Indian notes. Until then I absolutely had no clue about Indian banknotes. Eventually to help the collector I started researching about Indian banknotes and started dealing in Indian notes.

The more I explored the more I fell in love with them. I started grabbing more information about our beautifully calligraphic notes.

#### Which are your areas of interest?

My collection mostly consists of British India banknotes. I have one of each of British India period and my primary focus is on the condition of the bank notes. I usually collect PMG High Grade notes.

#### Please tell us a little bit about how you developed interest in numismatics. Was there someone or something of significance that played a role?

Initially, I was a full time dealer, but once I saw a Rs 50 KGV note and wanted to own one. It took me almost 6 to 7 years to own one Rs 50 KGV of high grade.

Mr Kishore Jhunjhunwala is not only my Mentor and role model but he is like a father figure to me. I give total credit of my career to Mr Jhunjhunwala who is the biggest author and collector of Indian banknotes. He has played a very vital role in my life. I have learnt a lot from him.

#### Being abroad, do you face any issues with your collection?

After marriage I moved to the United States. The physical distance between India and USA was a little bit of problem as it was difficult to add notes to my collection. Sometimes the Notes were lost in mail. I visited exhibitions held in USA and got a chance to get some nice pieces from here but I still feel if I were in India I could have collected more rare and unique notes.

#### Which are your most valuable collections?

Although I don't have a very big collection but there are few in my collection that I really cherish every day.

One of my collectibles is a rupees 50 uniface note with fancy serial no of 100000 with Lahore & h denning combination. It's real hard to find anything similar to this.

Another one is Rs. 50 KGV and a Rs 2.5 note. Few booklets show that these are uncommon in today's times and many more such notes.

#### What does your collection mean to you?

My collection is like my baby! I would never give up my work for anything in the world... Currently I'm collecting Indian Banknotes and each & every day I come across new Stuff. It's a very unique and interesting field. I just love my work...

#### What has been your most momentous experience in your numismatic career?

February 27th 2016 has been one of my most memorable experience in my career. My collection was selected in the top 5 collections and being awarded by Mr Rezwan Razack, author of Indian paper money was a moment of great Honor for me. How do you see Indian Numismatics growing in coming years?

I have seen tremendous growth in the Numismatics collection hobby over the last decade and the future definitely looks positive. More and more collectors are joining the league. And definitely more international interest and investments are expected.

#### Your views on Polymer notes:

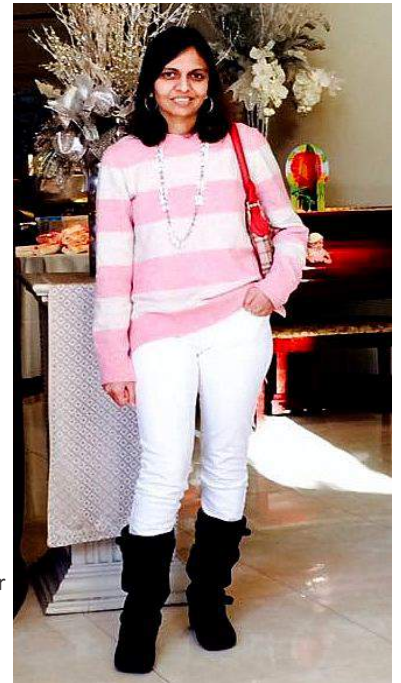
Polymer notes are definitely a good idea, as they are long lasting and they look beautiful as well. Moreover, they would attract young collectors.

#### How do you think, we could encourage more kids & young collectors to get involved with this hobby?

I surely feel, more kids should be encouraged towards this interesting hobby. We must take them to various numismatic exhibitions, which would help them in getting more knowledge and meet other collectors people associated with this hobby.

#### Do you think collections can be any kind?

Definitely, collections could be of any kind.... My friends tell me all the time that they had never heard of a collection of antique currency or something like this even existed...



Rajni Tulsian



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## ICCG Planner 2016-2017

With the tremendous response in 2015 -2016 and your kind support we are soon coming up with the year planner 2016-2017.

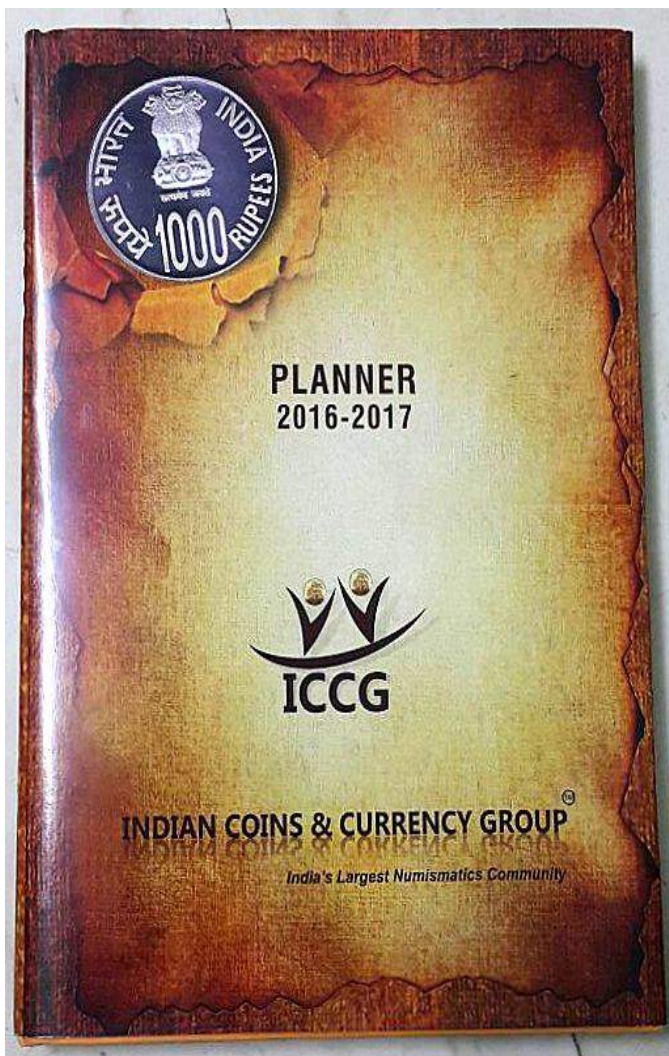
This one-year planner would help many a ways, like creating a purposeful content plan for business, ideal reader survey, monthly theme planning, and standard monthly calendar. The planner also contains lots of amazing facts to amaze you each day. It also includes many interesting numismatic articles by renowned numismatists like -

**Mr. Rezwan Razack, Mr. Kedar Nayak, Mr. Percy Siganporia, Mr. K G Subramanya, Mr. Murali Thantry, Mr. Tejas Shah, Mr. Tanay Desai, Mr. Satpal Singh Sahni, Mr. Ashish Parui.**

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### Remembering Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary and his contribution to Indian Constitution



(April 14, 1891 — December 6, 1956), also known as Babasaheb, was an Indian nationalist, jurist, Dalit political leader and a Buddhist revivalist. He was also the chief architect of the Indian Constitution. Born into a poor Untouchable family, Ambedkar spent his whole life fighting against social discrimination, the system of Chaturvarna - the Hindu categorization of human society into four varnas and the Indian caste system. He is also credited with having sparked the Dalit Buddhist movement. Ambedkar has been honoured with the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award.

Overcoming numerous social and financial obstacles, Ambedkar became one of the first "untouchables" to obtain a college education in India. Eventually earning law degrees and multiple doctorates for his study and research in law, economics and political science from Columbia University and the London School of Economics,

#### Rs.125 Commemorating Coin Honoring Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.



Ambedkar returned home a famous scholar and practiced law for a few years before publishing journals advocating political rights and social freedom for India's untouchables. Late last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released two commemorative coins of Rs 125 and Rs 10 denomination as part of the 125th birth anniversary year celebrations of BR Ambedkar. The coins were issued on his death anniversary December 6<sup>th</sup>, which is being observed as "Mahaparinirvan Divas of Babasaheb Ambedkar". Addressing a gathering at his residence, the Prime Minister said that there were only a few individuals who remain alive in public consciousness, even 60 years after their death. He said the more one recalls Ambedkar's thoughts, in the context of issues currently faced by India, "the more we come to respect his vision and his approach to inclusiveness".

The Prime Minister said that while his contributions towards social justice have been recognized, his economic thoughts and vision are still not fully understood, and these need to be appreciated.

Modi said, Ambedkar and the Constitution of India should always be discussed and talked about in this country, and the observance of Constitution Day on November 26, was a step in that direction.

He appreciated Ambedkar's vision on subjects such as women empowerment, India's federal structure, finance and education, a press release issued by Prime Minister's Office said. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Thawar Chand Gehlot were present on the occasion. Earlier in the day, Modi paid floral tribute at the Dalit mascot's statue in Parliament House lawns. "Remembering Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar on his Punya Tithi,"

#### Cont of 3rd Page. Rajni Tulsyan

##### How can collections help one person?

Collection of banknotes is one of the best kind of investment in today's time. A hobby gives a purpose. People can build new relationships with other collectors and get an opportunity to learn and share more about banknotes.

##### How can collector grow in life?

In my opinion I think to grow in life as a collector one should focus on one type of collection. As it is difficult to try and collect all sought of things. For example if one is collecting notes, they should not get into coins and vice versa.

##### Any message to the new collectors?

I would like to tell the new collectors to collect higher grade notes. It is always better to have one higher grade note instead of having many low grade notes.

##### Your thoughts on ICCG NEWS?

I think ICCG is doing a commendable job by getting the Numismatic world closer. It helps collectors and dealers all around the world to stay at the same platform by sharing news and information.



So after clicking few snaps of the collection, which could only be valued in a lots of efforts and immense passion for more than 20 years, the ICCG News thanked Mrs. Rajni Tulsyan for her time and thoughts which she shared with us and also wished her a lots of success with her collection.

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**Which coins would you term the most valued from your collectibles?**

The coins of 600 BC and Gupta era are surely the most valued ones.

**How can these collections help a person and how can a coin collector grow in life?**

Any coin collection always helps as its an investment for the future and to keep growing as a better collector, one should always feel excited for some good coins.

**Please tell us a little bit about how you developed interest in Numismatics. Was there someone or something of significance that played a role?**

Our family belongs to Royal Rajpurohit of Jodhpur state so we have many old coins in our Lakshmi poojan. That was where I got inspired towards my hobby. Today, I have a collection which is the greatest one in Indian ancient category. I have 100000 best coins in my collection and winner of many national coin exhibitions. Great rarity and best condition coins are in my huge collection.

**Any one incident where you faced problem while doing your Collections?**

Once police ceased my total collection without any reason, I fought legal proceedings and recovered my collection back.

**What has been your most momentous experience in your numismatic career?**

I was invited by British Museum, London to deliver lecture on my discovery of a unique silver coin of Chandra Gupta II (300-400 AD).

**Do you feel any change to the numismatic industry in the past 10 Years?**

Yes, I feel that research and study of numismatics is avoided and a trend of easy money is occupying this royal hobby. Prices are gone higher and a nexus is ruling through cheatings/fake coins.

There isn't any central organizing committee to control exhibitions and auctions. These exhibitions are only for earning money.

**How do you see Indian Numismatics evolving over the next 10 years? More international interest?**

Future of Indian numismatics is bright but we must take care of fake items.

**Do you think that there aren't more young kids involved with the hobby? What do you think can be done to get more kids to become involved with numismatics?**

We must go to educational institutes to grow interest among students.

**Do you have any advice for young numismatists looking to prosper in the industry?**

I would advice, not run for high priced coins in the start.

**Do you think by seeing the British coins young generation will be interested to do the collections?**

I don't think so, because prices of BI coins are too higher and not affordable for young generation.

**Any message for ICCG NEWS?**

ICCG News is doing best for numismatics but they should also do something for ancient coinage of our nation. There are uncouted ancient kingdoms, Janapada, Mahajanapada, city -states in early India.



**Finally, we wished Mr. Girish Sharma all the very best and thanked him for his valuable time and thoughts shared.**

## Numismatists exhibits unique collectibles & antiques in Patiala.

Promise Numismatics Society of Patiala organized an Exhibition at Panchayat Bhawan on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Exhibition had a great display of old portraits, paintings, furniture, cutlery, silver and copper coins and other antiques. The exhibition also witnessed lots of collectors and dealers of antiques and of numismatic interests.





U.S. auction firm Stephen Album Rare Coins and the British auction firm Wilkes & Curtis Ltd are proud to announce the launch of a new joint venture, "Horizon Auction". The first sale will take place on October 2, 2016. These sales will combine the vast knowledge and experience of the two companies and will focus on their key areas of expertise: Islamic and Indian coins. Their combined expertise will create a catalog of specialized numismatic offerings expected to be second to none. The first sale will take place at the highly prestigious Grosvenor House (Hotel), 86-90 Park Lane, in London. This will be the first auction held outside of the United States by Stephen Album Rare Coins and will be Wilkes & Curtis' first live auction.

Joe Lang from Stephen Album Rare Coins said "we are excited to be holding a live auction in London as we feel London is a prime location in the international world of numismatics and a great place for business. When the opportunity came along to hold a joint auction with Wilkes & Curtis we were pleased to get involved, as their strong business ethics and top level customer services are a perfect match with ours."

Matt Curtis from Wilkes & Curtis was very positive about the joint venture as well, saying "As a growing company it is a great privilege for us to be working closely with an established and highly respected company like Stephen Album Rare Coins. We have successfully shown during our first two years of trading that we are a significant presence in the world of coin collecting and are happy to help our friends and colleagues conduct an event in our home town."

There is still time to consign to this special event and each company can be contacted through their usual methods including [info@stevealbum.com](mailto:info@stevealbum.com) and [mail@wilkesandcurtis.com](mailto:mail@wilkesandcurtis.com). Consignments are being accepted through July 15, 2016.

More information is available on their joint dedicated website [www.horizon.auction](http://www.horizon.auction)

## Coin of the month

### 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote

Denomination: 1 Dollar  
 Year: 2016 Country: Canada.  
 Alloy: Three-Ply Brass Plated Steel Weight: 6.27 g  
 Diameter: 26.50 mm  
 Obverse side: The right-facing profile of the portrait of Queen Elizabeth II is surrounded by the words ELIZABETH II



Reverse side: The reverse of this 11-sided circulation coin depicts a woman casting a ballot while her young daughter looks on. The inscriptions "WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE", "DROIT DE VOTE DES FEMMES" and "1916-2016" also appear in the top portion of the coin.

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### Prince of Wales Museum Mumbai

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS), formerly Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, is the main museum in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was founded in the early years of the 20th century by prominent citizens of Mumbai, with the help of the government, to commemorate the visit of the then Prince of Wales. It is located in the heart of South Mumbai near the Gateway of India. The museum was renamed in the 1990s or early 2000s after Shivaji, the founder of Maratha Empire. Prior to this, Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum, formerly the Victoria and Albert Museum, was established in 1855, just opposite Byculla Railway Station, Mumbai. This museum is located inside the Victoria Garden, now called Jijamata Udyaan. This Gothic architecture building was revived a few years ago by the Mumbai municipal corporation authorities.



The building is built in the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture, incorporating elements of other styles of architecture like the Mughal, Maratha and Jain. The museum building is surrounded by a garden of palm trees and formal flower beds. The museum houses approximately 50,000 exhibits of ancient Indian history as well as objects from foreign lands, categorized primarily into three sections: Art, Archaeology and Natural History. The museum houses Indus Valley Civilization artefacts, and other relics from ancient India from the time of the Guptas, Mauryas, Chalukyas and Rashtrakuta.

The foundation stone was laid by the Prince of Wales on the 11 November 1905 and the museum was formally named "Prince of Wales Museum of Western India". On 1 March 1907, the government of the Bombay Presidency granted the museum committee a piece of land called the "Crescent Site", where the museum now stands. Following an open design competition, in 1909 the architect George Wittet was commissioned to design the Museum building. Wittet had already worked on the design of the General Post Office and in 1911 would design one of Mumbai's most famous landmarks, the Gateway of India.

The museum was funded by the Royal Visit (1905) Memorial Funds. Additionally, the Government and the Municipality granted Rs. 300,000 and Rs. 250,000 respectively. Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim (first Baronet) donated another Rs. 300,000 and Sir Cowasji Jehangir gave Rs. 50,000. The Museum was established under Bombay Act No. III of 1909. The museum is now maintained by annual grants from the Government and the Bombay Municipal Corporation. The latter pays for these grants from the interest accruing on the funds at the disposal of the Trust of the Museum.

The museum building was completed in 1915, but was used as a Children's Welfare Centre and a Military Hospital during the First World War, before being handed over to the committee in 1920. The Prince of Wales Museum was inaugurated on January 10, 1922, by Lady Lloyd, the wife of George Lloyd, Governor of Bombay.

The museum building is a Grade I Heritage Building of the city and was awarded first prize (Urban Heritage Award) by the Bombay Chapter of the Indian Heritage Society for heritage building maintenance in 1990. In 1998 the Museum was renamed Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya after the warrior king and founder of the Maratha Empire, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The museum was renamed after the renaming of the city in 1995, when the colonial name "Bombay" was replaced by the native "Mumbai"

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## Country with nine currencies

**At a time when managing money in one currency is tricky enough for most people.**

**Imagine having to keep track of nine.**

Harare, Zimbabwe: That's a hard fact of life for many of Zimbabwe's businesses, who have been forced into the role of foreign exchange dealers after the country's dollar collapsed and was withdrawn from circulation.

They trade in the U.S. dollar, Australian dollar, South African rand, Botswana pula, euro, British pound, Japanese yen, Chinese yuan and Indian rupee.



Most currencies are for trading purposes. As per the Reserve Bank Governor John Mangudya. "50 percent of our trade is with China and South Africa so we need to allow trading in many currencies."

The U.S. dollar is Zimbabwe's official "reserve currency." Mangudya says the country has no intention of ditching it for the Yuan, or the Rand.

On the streets of the capital Harare, the U.S. dollar is preferred but traders accept a variety of currencies. Near the borders with South Africa and Botswana, the Rand, Pula and the Euro are popular.

Zimbabwe's currency crisis started in 2000 when the government implemented aggressive land reform. A combination of sanctions and a loss of confidence in the economy saw the Zimbabwean dollar crash.

The last official measure of inflation was 230 million percent in early 2009, the year when the U.S. dollar became legal tender. Mangudya says the central bank "printing presses were on all day."

The price of goods changed by the minute, and Zimbabwe became known for its one hundred trillion dollar note.

Shingi Munyeza, chairman of Vinal Investments, says he would "pay for coffee before it was made because by the time you sat down to drink it, the price would have increased."

Zimbabwe is still years away from reintroducing its own currency. In 2014, it started minting small denominations coins for purchases worth less than \$1.

**"We didn't have U.S. dollar coins so change was given in sweets or pens," Mangudya said.**

SILVER COINS RUPEE RATE		MUMBAI ZAVERI BAZAR		BUY	SELL
Queen (Rani) 91.60%				700	800
Edward . George V (Raja) 91.60%				630	710
George VI (Raja) 51.60%				240	300
Estimated Rate		Thanks To Zaveri Bazar			

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## Commemorative Coins Of Modern India: Year Wise & Mint Wise Journey With Iccg News

Commemorative coins of India are usually issued to celebrate some special occasion or to mark a special event. They also have been issued as a mark of respect towards some distinguished individuals or monument. Indian commemorative coins were issued from the 1964 onwards. Such coins have a distinct design with reference to the occasion on which they were issued. Few coins of this category serve as collector's items only, although most commemorative coins are issued for regular circulation. Modern and Commemorative Indian Coins are very interesting to discuss as they cover various topics like Indian Independence Struggle, War, Peace, Wildlife, Vegetation, Great Personalities, Various Events and Organizations. The highest valued coin is INR 1000 that was issued on the occasion of 1000 years of Brihadeeswarar Temple. In 1 set, there may be 2 to 9 coins of different denominations.

**MINTS:** Commemorative coins are made at various mints across India including the ones at (Bombay) Mumbai, Noida, (Calcutta) Kolkata & Hyderabad.



### Specifications:

Issued Year : 1973

Denomination: 50 paise

Weight: 5 gm

Mints: Bombay (Mumbai) Calcutta (Kolkata)

Shape: Circular

### 1973 Grow More Food

The India Govt Mint, issued another Food Series Coin Set in 1973 – Grow More Food

**Date of Issue** 15th August, 1973

**Obverse:** Ashoka Lion Capital, denomination below

**Reverse:** Grain Stalks on both sides, date below. Legend Grow More Food.



Recently, a theft has been reported in 'International Coin Shop', Mumbai. Lots of high grade coins and paper money has been stolen.

Its advised to be cautious while making purchases or dealings.

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It is unfortunate that alert like this have to be written, but where there is money trading hands, there will always be fakes, frauds, and counterfeits.

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