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ICCG Wishes all a Happy Numismatic New Year With Numismatic EXPO - ICCG 2017

It looks like 2017 will be an exciting year for numismatists as rare Exhibits of Coins / Notes, Book Launch, Auctions, Rarest Collectibles and many more reasons in one Mega Numismatic Event.

A lesson in Indian history, a tour around the world — all this and more are on offer as all hobby lovers are in for a numismatic treat, with the arrival of this year's first 'Numismatic EXPO - ICCG 2017'. Spanning across three days (January 20th to 22nd), this exhibition-cum-sale-cum-auction of rare coins and notes is a party for those trading in them. The event, organized by the Indian Coins & Currency Group, Mumbai, will see exhibition of coins under the theme of Maratha Kingdom at the EXPO Center, World Trade Center, Cuff Parade, Mumbai. The exhibition will also see senior Mathematician and Numismatist, Shri Balakru.

The numismatic event will have participants from Pune, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Nagpur, Indore, Kolkata and Nashik based on different themes such as wildlife, medieval, Maratha, Sultanate, modern coinage and others, and The Mumbai Mint will also be participating during the three day mega exhibition.



Apart of individual collections which will be displayed, enthusiasts will also get to see the rare exhibits of coins that will also include the rarest coin (Hoan) of the Maratha Kingdom from the collection of **Shri Girish Veera**. These historical gold coins, called Gold Hoans were showered on the crown of Shivaji Maharaj during his coronation ceremony. Also for the first time on display will be **Shri Hitesh Tahilramani's** collection of specimen notes and rare Indian notes. It would be a treat to view the notes of five thousand rupees and ten thousand rupees denomination.

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Passion to Live, Walk, Dream & Sleep with Coins

Like so many other numismatists, he actually got his start as a kid when accidentally

he got some old coins at home which gave him those first fascinating collectibles. And now, after 2 decades Shri Sudhir Lunawat is one of the most respected names in the Indian Numismatic industry.

Recently Mr. Lunawat shared his views on his collectibles and more....

Excerpts from the interview:

Please tell us something about your collection and how did you start with it?

I found some old Indian coins at home which fancied my imagination to make coin collection my hobby.

I have coins of British India, Republic India, coins of the Mughal dynasty and those of ancient times. In my latest collections, I have all the VIP sets which were issued in last 4-5 years

How did you fell in love with coins?

The jingling metallic coins attracted my magnetic personality and I wanted to gather all types of coins.

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Shri Sudhir Lunawat

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Calcutta-based numismatist **Mr. Ravi Shankar Sharma** will showcase how coins were minted in various eras. Four main techniques of minting would be demonstrated over the three days of the exhibition. Mr. Sharma will show four basic techniques - punch marking, casting and die-stretch - evolved and used over centuries.

Above all, ICCG is also coming up with the launch of its First Book on **Indian Mint Errors**. "This book was always a dream project for me and with this book Shri Siddharth Shah has provided me with the best of an opportunity" Says Mr. Tanay Desai, the co-author of the book. "We have covered almost every basic error with its technical malfunctioning in the most simple language we could", added Mr. Desai.

The event will also include auctions by **Classical Numismatic Gallery** and **Imperial Auctions** which would be open for dealers, exhibitors and the general public. Besides this, there are also booths set up by more than 60 coin and paper money dealers from Mumbai, Vadodara, Surat, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Delhi, Kolkata and Bengaluru among others.



Mr. Ravi Shankar Sharma



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2016 Ends Leaving Indian Numismatists with a Reason to Smile Huge Relief for Collectors of 500 and 1000 Rupee (Banned) Notes

As Indian numismatists bid 'Good Bye - 2016', the government has approved an ordinance on demonetization making it illegal to hold banned 500 and 1000 rupee notes but shown a great amount of concern towards Indian Numismatics and given a big relief to many hobby enthusiastic collectors, who have collected fancy number notes, error notes and collectors who have put in lots of efforts collecting notes with signature of various Governors or prefix and inset wise collection.



Under the ordinance, hoarding of more than 10 notes, receiving or transferring banned Rs 500, 1000 notes after March 31, 2017 will invite a fine up to 10,000 rupees. But numismatists / collectors can have a maximum of 25 old notes for numismatic reasons.

Through this decision, the government has shown their complete support and positive attitude towards the numismatic field and rightly so it did beget a lot of smiles to all the collectors who were otherwise left with doubts over their prized possessions.

ICCG News hereby heartily welcomes the decision and thanks the government for their concern towards the numismatic industry and wish for the same support in future as well.

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How long have you been collecting coins and is it everything related to coins or do you collect something else as well?

Since 20 years coin collection has been my hobby. Apart from coin collection I collect bank notes and autographs of eminent personalities.

How was the support from your elders in earlier days?

Earlier they made fun of me. Later, whenever they found any special /different coin they shared with me.

How it feels to you see your collectibles today as this hobby has been a part of your life?

Wonderful. I walk, live, dream, sleep with coins.

Anything particular or any particular coin that has been more close to you among your collections?

One coin which pertains to Strait settlement of George V king of 1 cent which I found at home is priceless possession in my collection.

.I was instrumental in issuing the commemorative coins on the birth centenary of Acharya Tulsi. This is one of the most significant achievement in my life.

What kind of coins should one start with? Should one start with a particular theme?

One should start with Republic India coins then commemorative coins and British India coins which are easily available and not expensive. There is a great deal and history and knowledge behind every coin. Every coin has its own story.

How can one grow with his hobby?

It can start anytime in life - a little time and attention needs to be devoted. There are a lot of online sources available.

Have you displayed your collection in any exhibition?

No. But it is my ardent desire .

Do you display your collectibles to your friends and relatives, what reactions do you often get?

Yes very often I display my collections to friends and relatives and get an overwhelming response and appreciation.

What would you advice to young coin collectors?

One should collect every national coin minted in the country and preserve it as heritage.

Any message for ICCG News?

ICCG is doing a commendable job and I salute them for their efforts and hard work. ICCG News letter has indeed brought a new revolution in the numismatics world.



Shri Sudhir Lunawat with his Collection

ICCG News team thanked Shri Sudhir Lunawat for sparing time and sharing his thoughts with us and wished him all the very best for future.

ICCG 2017 - Lifetime Achievement Award Honoring Shri Balakrushna Kar

Longtime numismatist Shri Balakrushna Kar will be honored with the ICCG's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award at the ICCG EXPO, World Trade Center, Mumbai.

This award is presented to an individual, family or organization that has made outstanding contributions to organized numismatics.

Mr. Kar has been actively involved with numismatics for more than five decades as a collector, as an educator, as a mentor and as a dedicated forward thinking leader. He created the oldest blog on Indian Error Coins which has already been a great learning guide for many coin collectors and continues with every update in the simplest language.

A teacher by profession in Secondary schools in Orissa for 38 years, Kar sir retired in 2007. His works include writing article on different coin websites and books on various topics. Few books written by Kar sir include: C programming for beginners, Graphics programming with C, Common snakes of Orissa, A dictionary of Geometrical constructions, A guide book for teachers-How to teach Geometry to secondary students & The science of Apiculture. Presently, he is giving free coaching in Mathematics and Science.



Shri Balakrushna Kar

Ex-banker's Display of currency collection for culture awareness

VADODARA: Citizens battling demonetization woes got an opportunity to witness currency notes and coins of 193 countries along with Rs 1,000 that were invalidated by the government in 1978 at a bank in Manjalpur on Sunday.

Sanjay Joshi, a retired bank manager from Mumbai, displayed his collection for people to know about currencies and culture of different countries. Joshi has held more than 80 such exhibitions in his life.

"Today, people know countries that play cricket or where people go for holidays. There are 193 countries in all and people do not know about all of them. Through my exhibitions, I want people to know about other countries too," he said. Joshi's collection includes polymer currency notes of 33 countries, bi-metallic coins, colored coins of Canada, vertically printed notes among others.

Joshi has also collected a commemorative coin of American president John Kennedy issued by Liberian government. "The speciality of this coin is that when one presses its button, Kennedy's speech for 30 seconds is heard," he said.

Along with coins and currency notes, Joshi also has a huge collection of stamps of all 193 countries. Many stamps of faraway countries such as Guyana and Cambodia have images of Lord Krishna playing Holi and also of Gautam Buddha



Six Arrested for Turning Gold Medals into Biscuits

In December issue ICCG News reported that 1,400 gold-plated medals had been stolen from the railways office at Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus, the police have arrested two porters and four jewellers who were fencing the spoils after melting the metal into bullion.

The silver medals dipped in gold, valued at Rs 14.6 lakh, weighed 27.5 kilograms, and so far over 21 kilos has been recovered. The valedictorian medals — given to railway employees on the day they retire along with a felicitation certificate — were kept locked inside a cupboard at the CST Annexe building. They were first reported missing by office superintendent Deepak Parab on September 30, after which a complaint was lodged with the Railway Protection Force at CST on November 11.

The RPF made extensive inquiries from the office staff and learned that the two porters, Sunilkumar Pardesi, 28, and Rakesh Shivdas, 31, had easy access to the drawer where Parab kept the keys to the cupboard.

The cops began keeping a close watch on the duo, and on the night of December 1, caught them red-handed while they were pawning off a few medals at Sheetal Jewellers in Byculla.

After arresting the two, cops procured a search warrant for Sheetal Jewellers and found some of the stolen gold there — in medals and freshly baked gold biscuits. They promptly arrested the store owner, Sureshkumar Bafna, after seized 1.2 kg bullion from him.

Interrogating Pardesi and Shivdas revealed that they flicked the medals in batches every chance they got over the months of August and September, took a sample to several jewellers and promised to come back with more for a good price.

The stores they approached are Rishabh Jewellers in Byculla, whose owner Kumar Pal Jain has been arrested; and Arihant Jewellers and SK Jewellers in Khar, from where 9.6 kg and 1.26 kg of gold bars and silver biscuits have been recovered. Shailesh Jain from SK and Gandhilal Jain from Arihant have been arrested.

Another jeweller, Bharat Jain, from whom 8.5 kg of the metal was seized, has also been nabbed.



A Postal Stamp to Honor Vikramaditya

Lucknow: Legendary king Vikramaditya, who started the Vikrami Samvat (the traditional Hindu calendar), is now seen on postal stamps. On December 22, 2016 a postal stamp on the king was released at Lucknow's Raj Bhavan.

The campaign for such a postal stamp had been run by Nav Varsha Chetna Samiti (Bharat) - a Lucknow-based organization.

King Vikramaditya started the traditional Hindu calendar. In order to pay a tribute to him, it was proposed that a postal stamp in his honor be released. Bharat Singh 'Puredarbar', the convenor of the Mahapurish Smriti Samiti, Lucknow, while lauding the move said, "The Vikram Samvat calendar is 56.7 years ahead (in count) of the solar Gregorian calendar. For example, the year 2073 Vikram Samvat began in 2016 and will end in 2017."

The New Year begins with the first day of Baishakh month, which usually falls in April - May in the Gregorian calendar.



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India to get plastic currency notes soon: procurement of material started

Government on December 9th informed Parliament that a decision has been taken to print plastic currency notes and procurement of material has started. "It has been decided to print banknotes based on plastic or polymer substrate. The process of procurement has been initiated," Minister of State for Finance Arjun Ram Meghwal said in a written reply in Lok Sabha to a query whether RBI proposes to print plastic currency notes in place of paper ones. The Reserve Bank for long has been planning to launch plastic currency note after field trials.

In February 2014, the government had informed Parliament that one billion plastic notes of Rs 10 denomination would be introduced in a field trial in five cities selected for their geographical and climatic diversity. The selected cities were Kochi, Mysore, Jaipur, Shimla and Bhubaneswar.

Plastic notes have an average life span of about five years and are difficult to imitate. Also, currency notes made of plastic are cleaner than paper ones. Such notes were first introduced in Australia to safeguard against counterfeiting.

Replying to another question, Meghwal said it was informed by RBI in December 2015 that they have received some banknotes of Rs 1,000 without having security thread which were printed at Currency Note Press (CNP), Nashik, on paper supplied by Security Paper Mill (SPM), Hoshangabad. An enquiry has been initiated by Security Printing and Minting Corporation (SPMCIL) and the units involved (SPM and CNP).

New Rs 500, Rs 2,000 currency notes: Radioactive ink rumor goes viral, citizens baffled

After rumors of GPS chip embedded in the new currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 2,000 went viral, now a new angle has emerged about radioactive ink being used in these notes. The latest rumor doing the rounds on internet and WhatsApp is about the presence of radioactive ink in the new currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 2000.

It is said that P32 is a radioactive isotope of phosphorus consisting of 15 protons and 17 neutrons which are used in the radioactive ink in minimum quantity. It is used like a radioactive warning tape. So according to it, whenever a huge lot of currency is amassed at a suspected place, the radioactive indicator in the currency indicates it.

As the Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have not deemed it fit to clarify anything as such officially, it can safely be assumed that this is merely speculation.

For those who don't know, when these notes were introduced initially, there was much talk about the notes and that they were leaking color. But then later the government confirmed that the new currency notes, just as the old ones, will lose color if rubbed with a piece of wet cloth or when immersed in water because that's the nature of the dye used.



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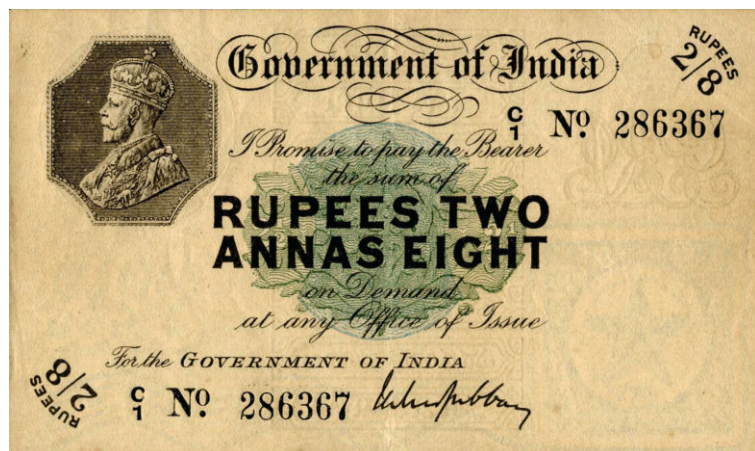
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Note of the month



Burmese two rupee eight anna banknote.

The two rupee eight anna banknote was issued by British Burma in 1918 and used until 1926.

It had a value equal to 2.5 rupees.

Denomination: Rupees Two Annas Eight

Year: 1918.

Signature: M M S Gubbay.

Condition: Used.

Rarity: Ex-rare.

Obverse: George V

Reverse: Crowned monogram of George V

Philately: No Longer Just A Hobby

Philately originated in 1864 when Georges Herpin realized the need to have a better name for 'Stamp Collection' as a hobby which was earlier named as 'Timbromanie' and was not considered as a very impressive name. Herpin derived this name from two Greek words 'Philo' which means 'attraction for a thing' and 'Ateleia' which means 'exempt from Taxes and Duties' and hence the name 'Philatelie' originated because before this all recipients had to pay for any postal charges which ceased after the introduction of postage stamps which any sender of the letter would need to pay for and fix it with the letter and hence recipients were free from paying any charges. The earlier names slowly faded out and the new name was greatly accepted since then.

Philately delves into the study of stamps holistically and also to detect the fakes from the original ones and earlier did not involve stamp collection. The technical attributes from the production of stamps up till its identification was the traditional study of Philately. It includes the design process; the paper used for the stamps; printing method to be used; the glue to be used; separation or perforation method to be used; overprints and under-prints to be used and finally the study of philatelic forgeries and fake stamps. Other branches of philately is 'Aero Philately', which is the study of airmail and 'Thematic Philately' which is the study of the pictures printed on the stamps such as sports, animals, birds maps and many other themes like these ones. 'Revenue Philately' is the study of stamps used in legal documents relating to courts, tobacco, alcohol, playing cards, newspapers, medicines and hunting licenses that attract heavy taxes while 'Maximaphily' involves the study of Picture Postcards fixed with Postage stamps. 'Postal Stationery Philately' involves the study of Stationery stamps like postcards and envelopes etc.

All types of philately focuses on the study of the various aspects of stamps used on a mail and the entire gamut of its procedure beginning from selection of postmarks, post-office, authorities, rates, taxes, how to carry the mail from the sender to the receiver which includes the study of using the easiest and fastest route and conveyance method to deliver mails.

Karnataka: ED seizes Rs 93 lakh in new currency notes, Seven arrested

Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials on December 13th seized Rs 93 lakh in new currency notes from seven middlemen in Karnataka. According to a report by ANI, the ED officials presented themselves as customers to the middlemen and managed to lure them into a trap. This new seizure by ED adds to the series of similar confiscations been made recently throughout the country, revealing an illegal money currency exchange mechanism between black money holders and senior bank employees.

The reports also suggest that the middlemen had links with bank managers and they were allegedly taking 15 to 35 per cent commission for exchange of notes. Further investigation is being carried out to identify those to whom the money belonged and the bank officials involved in this.

More than Rs 250 crore in newly introduced currency notes after demonetisation has reportedly been confiscated in multiple raids carried out in different parts of the country in past one month. The Home Ministry has also taken cognizance of the matter and conveyed to the banks that is closely monitoring the situation.

The present dispensation led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has drawn a lot of flak from Opposition parties for their alleged lack of preparation ahead of the demonetisation move, which has caused long queues outside banks and ATM kiosks.

The beauty of Error Coins:

Error coins result when something goes wrong during the minting process, whether during the creation of the alloy, the production and processing of blanks and planchets, or the striking process itself. Errors can be as minor as a grease filled die piece to as spectacular as a folded over coin or a mated pair.

All are collectible to one degree or another — some carry no premium while some of the wildest and rarest errors can sell for six-figure prices.

ICCG's first book on Indian Mint Errors covers most of the basic terminology out of the way first.

At its most basic level, an error coin is one that is different from the standard due to a mishap in the minting process.

We have traditionally classified them in few broad categories —

Planchet errors: Those created due to a mishap during the production, processing or selection of the planchet.

Die errors: Those pieces that reflect an error involving the die itself.

Error due to feeder finger malfunction: Those pieces that result due to the malfunction of the feeder finger which delivers the planchet into the striking chamber and also ejects it post striking.

Use of wrong blanks or planchets: Those pieces which gets minted on smaller size planchet or different metals.

Striking errors: Those pieces that result from a mishap during the actual striking of the coin.

Ejection malfunction: Those pieces that fail to eject properly and return to the minting chamber.

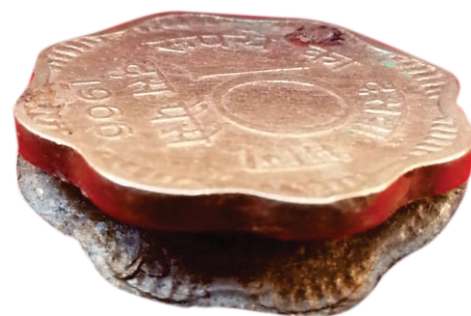
Error due to collar malfunction: Those pieces which reflect an error involving the collar.

Why do some collectors gravitate toward error coins and not the normal pieces most collectors collect?

These mint mistakes create a wonderful collecting opportunity, much to the delight and fascination of collectors. For past one year ICCG News has come across more questions about errors than any of the other coins and paper money. We receive questions about suspected error coins every month. Visually, error coins like off-center, brockage error coins and double-struck coins draw the eyes of even non collectors in ways "normal" coins might not.



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While this edition of our book cannot be all inclusive, but it covers most of the basic and favorite error types.

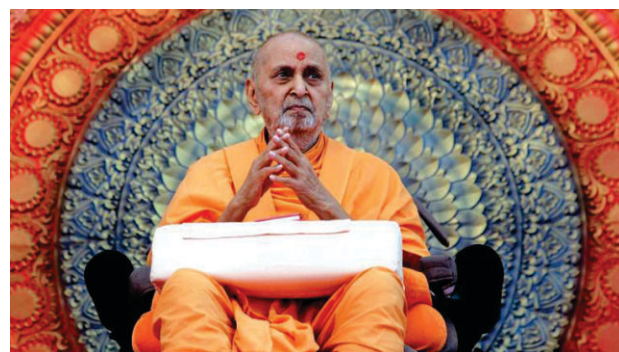
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January	5, 6, 7, 8	Tanapex (Chennai)	Amma Arangam Community Hall, Shenoy Nagar, Chennai.
January	6, 7, 8.	Rare Fair 2017	Chopda Lawns, Opp Indraprastha Hall, Old Gangapur Naka, Nashik (Maharashtra).
January	6, 7, 8.	Harpex - Stamp Expo	S.D. College, Jagadhari Road, Ambala Cantt, Haryana.
January	20, 21, 22	ICCG Numismatic Expo	Expo Center, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai.
January	27, 28, 29	Nagmoney	Ramgopal Maheshwari Sanskrutik Sabhagraha, Mor Bhavan, Sitabuldi, Nagpur.
February	4 & 5	Tulunadpex	Dr. T M A Pai Hall, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, Karnataka.
February	10, 11, 12.	8th Gujarat Coin Society Fair	Sardar Patel Seva Samaj Hall, Navrangpura, C.G Road, Ahmedabad.
February	24, 25, 26	8th National Numismatic Exhibition	The Bell Hotel, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Majestic, Bangalore.
March	10, 11, 12.	4th Coinex	Sunderbhai Hall, Behind Income Tax, Churchgate, Mumbai.
April	1 & 2	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair - 2017	The President Hotel, Opp. Municipal Market, Off C. G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.
April	21, 22, 23	Shukla day Coin Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai.

Two Stamps Launched on Pramukh Swami's Birth Anniversary

Ahmedabad: Two postal stamps were released on 07th December, 2016 to mark the 96th birth anniversary of late Pramukh Swami Maharaj, leader of Swaminarayan sect. The postal tickets were dedicated to Pramukh Swami and Akshardham Temple in Gandhinagar.

BJP national president Amit Shah and Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani were present on this occasion. The two BJP leaders were guests at the culmination programme of the 11-day birth anniversary celebrations of the Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) leader.



The sect, which has a huge following among the Patidars, saw lakhs of people from different parts of Surat and the state congregate on Dandi village road in Rander area. Addressing the public gathering, Mr. Shah said, "His (Pramukh Swami's) true life and extraordinary works for humanity is an example to people and we all have to learn a lot from his life."

Rupani in his speech said, "Even though Pramukh Swami has passed away, it feels that he is present among us... We have worked in BJP and know closely how an organization works, but to know how a well-developed organization works, we have to learn from BAPS."

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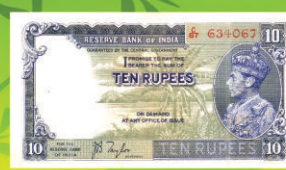
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21st January	Imperial Auctions	Expo Center, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra.	11.00 Am Onwards	Online & Floor Bidding
21st January	Classical Numismatic Gallery Auction No. 26	Expo Center, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra.	5.00 Pm Onwards	Online & Floor Bidding
10th February	Oswal Auctions	Sardar Patel Seva Samaj Hall, Navrangpura, C.G Road, Ahmedabad		Online & Floor Bidding
11th February	Todywalla Auction	Sardar Patel Seva Samaj Hall, Navrangpura, C.G Road, Ahmedabad		Online & Floor Bidding
24th February	Marudhar Arts Auction	The Bell Hotel, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Majestic, Bangalore.		Online & Floor Bidding
1st April	Classical Numismatic Gallery Auction No. 27	The President Hotel, off C.G.Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad.		Online & Floor Bidding
21st April	Oswal Auctions	Expo Center, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra..		Online & Floor Bidding
22nd April	Todywalla Auction	Expo Center, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra..		Online & Floor Bidding

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Centenary Commemorative Coins of the University of Mysore Released

Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah released the centenary commemorative coins of the University of Mysore on 23rd December 2016. The coins in Rs. 100 and Rs. 5 denominations, were minted at the India Government Mint, Mumbai.

On the occasion, Mr. Siddaramaiah also released a coffee-table book — One Hundred Years-University of Mysore 1916-2016 — that chronicles the journey of the university, and Karnataka Encyclopedia: English Volume I, besides a volume on the speeches delivered during the year-long centenary celebrations of the university.



In his welcome address, Vice-Chancellor K.S. Rangappa thanked the State government for its support for the centenary celebrations. He urged the government to retain the Kannada Classical Language Centre in Mysuru and offered land in Manasagangotri for establishing a permanent centre. Only the Rs. 5 commemorative coins will be made available for circulation in the market, said varsity authorities.



1st National Numismatic Conference

On the occasion of 15th Punyatithi of Late Dr. P L. Gupta (1914 – 2001), Center for History, Archeology, Epigraphy & Numismatics (CHAEN) announced the 1st National Numismatic Conference which was held on 24th & 25th December 2016 in association with Sathaye College Mumbai.

The NAT NUM CONF 2016 could have been possible only with the efforts of Dr. Mahesh Kalra, CHAEN & Imperial Auctions.

Inauguration of the New Department of Ancient Indian Culture at Sathaye College & Coin Exhibition was done by Dr. Arvind Jamkhedkar, Dr. Sanjay Garg, Principal Madam Dr. K. Rege, Sunit Gupta ji, Dr. Dilip Balsekar and other dignitaries.

Coins from Ancient, early Medieval and modern coins were displayed along with lectures from independent researchers, coin collectors and numismatists.



Commemorative Coins of Modern India: Year wise & mint wise journey with ICCG News

आधुनिक भारत के स्मरणीय सिक्के: वर्षवार, टक्साल्वार यात्रा ICCG न्यूज़ के साथ

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.

In 1981, the Government of India released a commemorative coin to mark the 'World Food Day'. The Commemorative Coin Set was issued through the India Government mints, Bombay / Mumbai & Calcutta / Kolkata.

1981 - World Food Day

Circulation coin: 10 Paise & 25 Paise

Obverse: Ashoka Lion Capital. Value 10 paise & 25 Paise below.

Reverse: Man carrying sheaf of corn and woman carrying basket of fruits. Date below. Legend World Food Day.

Proof Sets : 10 paise, 25 paise, 10 Rupees & 100 Rupees, 2 coin set of 10 rupees & 100 rupees

UNC Coins : 2 Coin Set – 10 Rupees & 100 Rupees, Single Coin – 100 Rupees, Single Coin – 10 Rupees



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