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## Happy Diwali & Prosperous New Year Vikram Samvat 2072

### Diwali getting a numismatic touch : Festival of worshipping knowledge and wealth



There is a tradition of buying and gifting gold and silver coins on Diwali as it is believed that in this way people bring Goddess Lakshmi which means wealth in their house. And with time, numismatic collectibles have become more popular choices during the festival.

India is a nation of many festivals and these festival ceremonies often demonstrates non-monetary uses of money within a culture. The practice of praying to business related items, gambling on Diwali, worshipping coins, and the story of Goddess of wealth (Laxhmi)

### Fake collectibles on sale – The eBay community



There are many fake and altered coins reported in almost every city or street dealers. Be it British India coins or republic India coins. Be it moderate quality or fakes with real good quality. Sadly, the quantity of such counterfeit coins could not be estimated which makes the situation for any coin collector, quite alarming.

ICCG News has been receiving many complaints of sellers selling fake coins, currency notes and other collectibles on one of the most popular selling portal -eBay. Fake products do get reported to the e-bay team regularly, but only when victim expressly

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### Royal Canadian Mint releases Coin Celebrating Diwali, The Festival Of Lights



As more and more Canadians join in the celebration of Asian cultural festivals, the Royal Canadian Mint has launched a pair of finely crafted pure gold coins in its first-ever tribute to Diwali, the Indian Festival of Lights. Artist Sarindar Dhaliwal has creatively combined Canadian and Hindu symbols on two gold coins to create unique keepsakes for both culture lovers and observers of this ancient religious festival.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

Breathtaking in 99.99% pure gold to capture the shimmering essence of the Festival of Lights. Expertly crafted with multiple finishes that bring exceptional detail, dimension and shine to this unique design.

An elaborate and ornate design that echoes beauty and symbolism coming together, mirroring the multicultural fabric of Canada. A stunning keepsake that will become a cherished family heirloom to enrich Diwali celebrations for generations to come.

A unique and upscale collectible that will make an outstanding gift during the most cherished of Indian celebrations. With over a million Indo-Canadians now living in Canada, Diwali is celebrated in communities from coast to coast, enriching the multi-cultural experience of their residents and shining a bright light on Canada as a place of hope and freedom to share one's customs and beliefs.

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### Remembering Shri Barun Kumar Roychowdhary: Serious collector with pleasant personality

On 11th October, Indian numismatics suffered a great loss due to the sudden demise of one of the most loving and senior numismatist Shri Barun Kumar Roychowdhary. Mr. Roychowdhary had a lot of passion and love towards stamps and coins and for more than 20 years he had been collecting stamps and North-East coins.



Born and brought up in Kolkata, Barun Kumar sir shifted to Jamshedpur in 1980. A very soft spoken person, Mr Roychowdhary was also a life member of NSI and Coin Collectors Club, Jamshedpur. A person more known for his pleasant nature and the most serious coin collector of Jamshedpur Tata nagar, also had the best study and collection of Tripura coins. His demise has clearly left a big gap within the Indian numismatics which can never be filled.

ICCG News on behalf of entire Indian numismatic community, conveys deepest of respects towards our most loved numismatist. Rest in peace Barun Kumar sir!

### Remembering great numismatist Shri Kalyan Guha.

Founder member of Jamshedpur coin collectors club and one of the greatest Indian numismatist Shri Kalyan Guha passed away on the 23rd of October at Tata Main Hospital following a brain hemorrhage. From a theatre personality to a computer professional to a collector of rare coins, Kalyan Guha had not only slipped into many roles with ease, but also reached the pinnacle of success in every field that he chose. Born and brought up in Jamshedpur, Shri Guha tried his luck on stage after college. He did a bit of acting but destiny had something else in store for him. An art lover, his life changed when his mother-in-law gifted him a rare 1840 AD one rupee silver Victorian coin. That one coin worked magic. Shri Guha went on to become one of the most respected numismatists of India also with a magnificent collection of coins.



Gifted Jharkhand its first ever coin museum: In 1994 Shri Guha with the help of Dr JJ Irani, opened Jharkhand's first coin museum which was donated by Tata Steel.

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### India gets its First 500 INR coin.

### Rupees 500 denomination coins commemorate the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe and African Union Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma released two commemorative coins of Rs. 500 and Rs.10 to mark the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit, at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, on October 29, 2015 in New Delhi.

**OBVERSE:** Lion Capitol of Ashoka Pillar in the centre with the legend "Satyamev Jayate" in Hindi inscribed below, flanked on the left periphery with the word "Bharat" in Hindi. On the right periphery flanked with the word "INDIA" in English, the Rupee symbol and denominational value "500" in international numerals below the Lion Capitol.

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informs about it, does the e-bay team takes action in blacklisting the seller. But with one id closed, the same seller returns with a couple of other fake ids and the process of selling fakes continues. Does e-bay ever check the originality of these items? Often, the item description put up by the seller does not inform anything on this. More than 500 lots of fake coins can be seen for sale on e-bay which is not a very healthy situation for Indian numismatics. Today commemorative counterfeit coins and others such as the counterfeit British coins can sell for hundreds to thousands of rupees. Other counterfeits such as of the scarce or rare definitive coins are also fetching good prices. Earlier such coins were being sold only on streets of few metro cities, but now they are much easy a grab than any normal collectible as few online selling portals like e-bay have become a much easy platform for fake coin sellers. ICCG News would from now monitor fake numismatic collectibles on e-bay and expose every fake seller with their IDs as a small step to keep the hobby clean. Further ICCG News is always ready with any type of assistance that the e-bay team would like us to share for keeping the platform clean from fakes.

**FAKE SELLERS E-BAY:-**

- 13shivamdwwedi
- ancientcollectibles 007 •atha\_9
- bhat.jayde • bina\_in
- coinwala.com\_4 •dev\_ana
- fancynotes.com 2
- jayjaydeep,kap6970-7aaxgbwh
- midhasorbh •mystiqueworld1
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- sammy15109\_2
- sanjaynagpal84nagpal
- sudhaagrahari2014
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**Kota Mudra Utsav : Numismatic Exhibition with honoring Numismatists**



A rare Philatelic and Numismatic Exhibition was organized at Rotary Club North, Kota from 02nd to 4th October, 2015. Shri Sandeep Sharma, MLA of Kota inaugurated the exhibition. On the occasion, the club felicitated seven numismatists from five states with lifetime achievement awards. Eighteen more numismatists were awarded with 'Virasat Ke Sanrakshak' awards. A special award was honored to Dr. Dilip Rajgor for supporting the society. Exhibition was visited by collectors and students in large numbers. Closing ceremony was held by Chief Guest Shri Rajesh Krishna Birla, chairman of Kota Nagrik Sahkari Bank LTD.

- List of Lifetime achievement awardees :** •Shri Ashwani Chaudhary • Shri Girish Sharma  
 •Dr Vikas Jain •Shri Ran Vijay Singh •Shri Umesh Bahri •Shri Prem Ratan Maru  
 •Shri Mahendra Raj Bhandari

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**DESIGN 200 Dollar**

East and West come together in this stunning design by Canadian artist Sarindar Dhaliwal that celebrates Diwali with elaborate patterns that typify Indian textiles, ornamentation and mandalas. A diya (clay lamp) at the coin's centre reflects the essence of the Festival of Lights while symbols from the Hindu, Sikh and Jain faiths form a series of rings around it.

The outermost ring is inspired by an inlay from the Taj Mahal but consists of Canadian symbols. Trilliums and Pacific dogwood blossoms represent the cities of Toronto (Ontario) and Vancouver (British Columbia) where the nation's largest populations of Indo-Canadians reside. Canada's national symbol, the maple leaf, is also present. Maple trees deliver one of the most brilliant displays in autumn, which is a novel delight for many new immigrants to Canada. The maple's changing colour announces the coming dark days of winter, and in its own way, symbolizes the interplay between light and dark that is the essence of Diwali.

**SPECIFICATION**

Composition:	99.99% Pure Gold
Mintage:	275
Weight:	31.16 g
Diameter:	30 mm
Finish:	Proof
Edge:	Serrated

**DESIGN 25 Cents**

The reverse design by Canadian artist Sarindar Dhaliwal brings together East and West in this uplifting design inspired by the Ashoka Chakra (wheel of the law) that appears on the national flag of India. A maple leaf and diya (clay lamp) are key central elements that illustrate the blending of multiple cultures as Canada has become a home for Diwali celebrations. The flame at the centre of the design reflects the essence of the Festival of Lights, its light radiating outwards like spokes on a wheel that are framed by a ring of maple leaves.

**SPECIFICATION**

Composition:	99.99% Pure Gold
Mintage:	10,000
Weight:	11 g
Diameter:	0.5 mm
Finish:	Proof
Edge:	Serrated


**NIA Nabs Fake Currency Kingpin in Dhanbad**

Jharkhand: The National Investigation Agency has arrested a Fake Indian Currency Note (FICN) kingpin and operative from Jharkhand, who used to run the illegal racket after allegedly procuring these from Bangladesh.




The accused has been identified as Uttam Kumar Sinha and was arrested on 18th October in Dhanbad and NIA said that an aggregate of five cell telephones and 13 sim cards were recouped from him, as per reports gathered by ICCG News.


An occupant of town Saluipahari in region Bankura of West Bengal, Sinha, is said to be instrumental in purportedly dispatching fake money to the tune of more than Rs 4 crore to distinctive parts of the province in the most recent couple of years. The office said that Sinha's name had sprung up a few times amid cross examination of other captured individuals from the system blamed for carrying fake coin. The coin has likewise been alluded as 'cash jihad'. It said the modus operandi of the gang was to send couriers in the guise of labourers and mason to states like Gujarat, Maharashtra and Jharkhand and the payment was allegedly received by Sinha through cash deposits in bank various accounts "maintained" by him. NIA had claimed that the fake currency is brought into India from Bangladesh in order to fund the activities of outfits like the Indian Mujahideen (IM) and Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). Sinha's arrest has further pointed out towards the strong bases maintained by the fake currency network in neighboring countries as the accused is said to have been maintaining contacts there for almost a decade.



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### Thousands of coins, plenty of records and a man with passion: Rahul G Keshwani

Even as a ten year old boy, he earned the passion from his numismatic father, and taking forward his father's passion earned him a place in many a record books including the Guinness book of world records.

Mr Rahul G Keshwani is an inspiration for many young collectors today. ICCG News shared few moments with him recently. Excerpts from the interview:

**What got you attracted towards the hobby and how did you start with it?**

It all started 20 years back when I was ten years old. My father Shri Gaurishankar Keshwani was also a numismatist, and had a descent collection of coins and stamps. He gifted his collection to me when I was quite young, but those coins, stamps and first-day covers were really enough to excite me and motivate me to continue further. My father asked me to continue the gaps in his collectibles and I was just determined to do so. But with time, my father could see growth in collection and my knowledge as well.

**But its known that you have a little more than just coins, notes and stamps that you collect. Isn't it?**

Yes, besides coins, notes, and stamps, I have a collected first day covers, tokens, medals, bus tickets, train tickets, old documents and few other collectible items.

**Let us know a little more about your collection.**

My collection includes a complete collection of coins from British India period (East India Company) 1835 to 1947, Coins of 1 Rupee from 1835 till 2013, India got independence in year 1947, he have collection of all the currency notes (year wise) form 1 Rupee to 1000 Rupees issued till date in India, with signature of all the governors. I also have collection of fancy number notes, misprint currency notes and error coins.

**Now that was really a great effort already, but there was a little more to be added..... as Mr Rahul continues.....**

I also have a special respect and interest in collecting any note or bill with the holy-number 786. I have a complete set of INR 10 Rupees currency notes with number 786. Also bus tickets, train tickets, few bills and receipts having serial number 786. Further, I also have year & mint wise collection from 5 Paise to 10 Rupees of commemorative coins of Republic India which includes coins with image of Mahatma Gandhi, Jawharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose, Indira Gandhi, Lokmanya Tilak and many other respected and famous personalities

**Mr Rahul Keshwani is from Kutchi Rajgor community and his native place is Kutch, a district in Gujarat. And so, to no surprise he also has a good collection of coins from his native place Kutch. Coins from the King and Emperor period, which includes coins like ½ Kori, 1 Kori, 2½ Koris, 5 Koris (of silver) Trambhiyo, Dhinglo, Dhabu, Paylo, Adhiyo, Dokodo, 1½ Dokodo and 3 Dokodo (of copper).**

**What kind of efforts may one would make to reach here?**

Seriously, this asks for a lot of efforts. One really needs to be focused all the time and the passion of collecting should be from the heart. I have also done a lot of research and study of every bit of my collectibles as any collection is just few pieces of coins or notes without its study. One may purchase any collection with money, but without its knowledge that collection may be of no worth for him. Study of the subject is the basic requirement to start any type of collection

**Those were really nice thoughts shared. But even after all these collectibles Mr Rahul is more known for his other super effort which even got his name to few record books and even in the 'Guinness Book of World Records'. Please tell us something about that.**

I have made that record in collecting most number of coins (25 paise) of the same year. I have a huge collection of 25 Paise coins of Republic India which is very commonly known as Char Anna or Chavanni in India. I have been collecting 25 Paise since his school days form year 1995. Today He have collection of more than 25,000 Pcs. (Twenty Five Thousand) of 25 Paise coins which includes collection of 11,111 (Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Eleven Only) from the same year ie. year 1989.

My 25 Paise coins collection earned me an entry in "Limca Book Of Records - 2013". I was very happy and excited when I received the certificate from "Limca Book Of Records".



But, I did not stop here and kept on moving ahead and I applied for various other records. Slowly, I also became the holder of many other national and international records like "India Book of Records" (3 times), "Asia Book of Records", "Record Setter World Record (USA)", "Everest World Record (Nepal)", "World Record Association (Hong Kong)", "Record Holder Republic (UK/Ind.)", "World Amazing Records/ World Records India", "Miracles World Records (2 times) and "Golden World Records (USA). But even here I could not stop and I decided to apply for "Guinness World Records" I started searching details that how to apply and for what category he can apply for "Guinness World Records" he registered his on the website and started doing the correspondence from December 2012. But I was suggested that I could apply for having "Largest Collection of Coins From The Same Year" and the minimum quantity should be 10,000 from that day I started concentrating and focusing on collection of coins of the same year, I started checking the coins in my collection I found around 4500 (four thousand five hundred) 25 Paise coins of 1989, that day I decided to collect the coins only of year 1989. It was very difficult to collect more than 10,000 coins of 25 Paise of

1989, as 25 Paise were no more a legal tender and were not in circulation as it had been withdrawn by RBI in June 2011. I started to collect coins and exchange his coins against 25 Paise of 1989, I also started visiting antique stores, coin market on streets to search and collect 25 Paise of 1989. I purchased many coins from the local coin dealers and form the coin exhibitions. I also purchased many coins online form the websites who deal with antique coins, and by 1st week of July 2013 I had collected around 11,000 (Eleven Thousand) coins, then I decided to collect few more coins and today I have a Collection of 11,111 25 Paise coins of 1989. I applied for the Guinness World Records in the month of July 2013 and after that I received the confirmation about my record and the certificate in December 2013.

**Today, Mr Rahul is working with a private company in Mumbai, and he does not get much time for his hobby but still he somehow manages time for it. He a member of "Mumbai Coin Society", "Indian Coins and Currency Group" and is also a member of "Mumbai GPO Philatelic Bureau", he always visits coins and currency exhibitions and other such events which are held in Mumbai.**

**As Mr Rahul Says .....** "Hobby is for Happiness, Its an activity you enjoy to do, it is something of your choice, something unique you like to do, As physical exercise is important for the fitness of body, Hobby is necessary for relaxation of the mind and feel the difference in your energy level."



ICCG News wishes him all the very best for his collections and thank him for all his inspirational thoughts, time and collectibles shared.

### Container carrying rupee planchets spill on Dhule National Highway



An inter-state highway between Maharashtra and Gujarat witnessed a different kind of change yesterday. The back of a truck carrying 40 drums of planchets (coin blanks) to a minting facility in Noida, split open and caused six drums of loose change to spill all over the road. The incident happened on National Highway 6, near Nardana village in Maharashtra

While the coins were spilling out of storage drums on the truck, its driver was blissfully oblivious to all the damage that was being caused. He realized what had happened after another truck driver informed him.

He was about 18 kilometers from the spot where the spill had begun. The driver drove back to the spot and started collecting the coins, salvaging what he could. He picked up coin after coin for four and a half hours; still not managing to retrieve everything that had fallen from the truck.

Realizing that he would have to provide the difference amount of all the coins that he was not able to recover, the driver later approached a local police station to file a complaint. The police observed that none of the side of the coins had no imprints, and became suspicious of the driver transporting counterfeit currency. However, the driver was let off once the police

### Money trouble: Currency notes are laced with infections

**LUCKNOW:** Money can buy everything. But what it gives for free is surely no one wants. A study conducted by microbiology department of King George's Medical University suggests that currency notes and coins could be a source of infections.

Researchers gathered currency notes and coins from different sources like auto-rickshaw pullers, medical stores, vendors etc. and found them laced with bacteria and viruses. However, this source of infections is not addressed well in disease prevention protocols.

"Our results showed that currency is contaminated with microbes and this contamination may play a role in transmission of antibiotic resistant or potentially harmful organisms," said study's principal author Dr Sunita Singh from KGMU's microbiology department as per the reports gathered by the ICCG News. The researchers, including experts in microbiology and pulmonary medicine, aimed to determine presence, type and nature of bacterial contamination on paper currency and coins in circulation.

The researchers randomly collected 96 paper currency and 48 coins of different denominations from butcher shops, vegetables vendors, auto-rickshaw drivers, rickshaw pullers, chemist stores, tuberculosis chest outpatient department (OPD) and general OPD from different parts of Lucknow.

On conducting a microbial isolation test of the samples collected, they found that almost all of them were contaminated with bacteria, fungus and parasite. Also, majority of the currency was laced with

### The book Ancient coins of India released by Maharashtra Governor Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao

Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao at a Conference on Ancient Coins of India – The Lance Dane Bequest organized by the Hinduja Foundation in Mumbai on October 15, 2015. The collection of Ancient Coins of India originated with a bequest from late Mr. Lance Dane, a British Army officer which comprised of over 35,000 coins, artifacts and antiquities. Maharashtra Governor Chennamaneni Vidyasagar Rao stated at conference that coins are not just pieces of neatly carved and engraved metals but they represent a part of history and culture in the physical form.

The Trustees of Hinduja Foundation Ashok Hinduja and Harsha Hinduja, Vice Chancellor of University of Mumbai Dr Sanjay Deshmukh, Dr Shailendra Bhandare of Ashmolean Museum of Oxford University, Director of Indian Institute of Numismatic Research Dr Amiteshwar Jha and Executive Vice President of Hinduja Foundation Brig H Chukerbuti were present at the occasion. This is to note that while living Mr. Dane agreed to give his coin collection to the Hinduja Foundation in Mumbai as per the reports gathered by ICCG News.

### Hinduja Group

The Hinduja Group is a global conglomerate corporation based in London, United Kingdom. Hinduja Group was founded in the year 1914 by Parmanand Deepchand Hinduja. Initially, he started the operations in Mumbai, India. The Hinduja Group's first international operation was set up in Iran in the year 1919. Later headquarter of Hinduja Group was moved to Iran which was again shifted to Europe after 1979. In the year 2015, Hinduja brothers were awarded with the Business Leader of the Year Award by the Asian Awards.



FAKE COIN

### FAKE COIN ALERT



ORIGINAL COIN

Recently a FAKE coin of one of the most rare and sought after coin of republic India, '2nd International Corp Science' is found to be on offer, specially on online selling portals like ebay.

The coin has already been a subject of discussion among few numismatists for the past one week after ICCG reported this on a social networking site 'facebook', and most of the numismatists were seen agreed to the point that the design of the reverse of this coin has been copied with a much professional touch when compared to the previous counterfeit coins, thus feeling the situation quite alarming.

Money trouble: Currency notes are laced with infections

ICCG News would like to suggest every collector to be extra alert while purchasing any collectible and please do file a report with legal authorities against any dealer or coin shop selling any fake coin or fake currency note.

Cont..of 1<sup>st</sup>Page The museum has been maintained by Shri Guha's club since. Shri Guha was a true inspiration for many young and senior numismatists and collectors. Entire numismatist community was saddened by this big loss and mourned his sudden demise.

Cont..of 1<sup>st</sup>Page demonstrates the different ways money is looked at in Hinduism. The idea of praying to Goddesses Laxhmi and Saraswati in Diwali is balanced by the idea that without knowledge the wealth is meaningless. While the money is necessary to live, knowledge is necessary to sustain life.

Representing an age-old culture and celebrated throughout India, with reasons to collect and worship money traditionally, is Diwali, the Hindu New Year. Diwali as we all know is the festival of lights which marks the memory of Prince Ram's return to his kingdom after defeating the demon King Raavana. But another reason for putting lights around the house on Diwali is to light the way for Laxhmi, the Goddess of wealth. There are different rituals and traditions associated with Diwali, depending upon which region one is from. But coins (money) has always kept an important place in Hinduism and also in many other religions.

In many parts of north India, there are five days of Diwali which starts from Dhanteras, which is the busiest day for the merchant community. This is the day when people buy an idol of Goddess Laxhmi to worship. People also buy gold and silver coins on this day and more recently, many hobby lovers have been buying proof sets and other numismatic collectibles on the occasion.

An unusual custom, that characterizes Diwali, is gambling, especially in north India. It is believed that on this night, Goddess Parvati played dice with her husband and enjoyed it so much that she decreed that whoever gambled on Diwali night would prosper throughout the coming year.

The festival is also known as 'Laxhmipujan', which translates to 'the worship of Goddess Laxhmi'. Silver coins are worshipped on this occasion.

### Non-Monetary Uses of Money – An Addendum:

There are several other traditions where money has played a very important part within the religion. In conclusion non-monetary uses of money are far reaching and can provide a sense of community and foster relationships between different families and individuals and numismatics has been playing a major part here for long.

## Launching Ceremony

### Numismatic anthem 'Meri Dharrohar' launched.

#### ICCG launches India's first numismatic anthem 'Meri Dharrohar' at World Trade Center Mumbai.

ICCG's much awaited Indian numismatic anthem was released during the Mumbai coin exhibition on 16th October at World Trade Center, Mumbai. The album titled 'Meri Dharrohar' was released amid great response with choreographer Jeet Singh as a chief guest and few other senior numismatists as guests of honor being present with many words of encouragement and support.

Guests of honor included Shri Sanjay Gosalia, Shri Kaizad Todywalla, Shri Abdul R Shaikh, Dr Dilip Rajgor, Shri Girish J Veera, Shri Sudeep Kheria and Shri Shatrughan Saravagi. The release function was further honored with the presence of few children from a NGO, who are fighting cancer but were full of lively smiles and excitement.

Short speeches from the guests followed after the lamp lighting ceremony and also a two minutes silence was observed in the memory of Mumbai coin society's Hon Secretary and senior numismatist Late Shri Dineh Hegde who passed away recently.

After the release of the album, choreographer Jeet Singh performed for the children from the NGO.

Hobby is always a part of education and the ICCG anthem 'Meri Dharrohar' is a step to show respect towards every single collectible of every hobby lover. ICCG believes the anthem would further encourage and bring pride to all the numismatists and collectors as it shares anything and everything related to collecting of Indian coins and currency notes and thus restoring the rich heritage.

ICCG team would like to thank everyone for their presence and support in making the release function so successful.

With a tag line 'SAVE COINS, SAVE HERITAGE', ICCG welcomes everyone to the world of coins and currency collection.



*“Dreams Don't Work unless you do”*

## FAQ

### Frequently Asked Question

**1. what are star notes ?**

**Ans -** From 2006, the Reserve Bank of India issued notes with a \* (Star) after the first three characters or prefix followed by the six digit serial number. These are used as replacement notes for errors in printing. These were issued initially in denominations of 10, 20, 50. From 2009 star or replacement notes are issued for Rs.100. The star series notes are identical to the existing banknotes in every respect except in the serial number where a \* star) is added in between the prefix and the serial number. For example 9AA\*034801. The prefix in the star notes are unique to the star notes only and these prefix are not combined with the regular issues. When issued in a packet, it has a wrapper stating "contains non-serially numbered notes with \* in the number panel".

**2. who mints coins in india ?**

**Ans -** Coins are minted at the four India Government Mints at Mumbai, Alipore(Kolkata), Saifabad(Hyderabad), Cherlapally (Hyderabad) and NOIDA (UP). The coins are issued for circulation only through the Reserve Bank in terms of the RBI Act.

**3. What is a Banknote (Bank Note)?**

**Ans -** The technical definition is a promissory note on bank of issue promising to pay its face value to bearer on demand. A more common definition would be paper (or polymer plastic) money issued with the intent to use as legal tender in a particular country or region.

**4. What types of banknotes should I collect ?**

**Ans-** Many collectors choose to collect one note from as many countries as possible, while others may choose to specialize in a particular country or region. You could even collect a particular theme or topic, such as banknotes with ships, trains, birds, fishes, boats or even nudes depicted. More advanced collectors start collecting error notes, misprints, notes with fancy serial numbers such as: 111111 or 000001.

**5. What does the term numismatist mean?**

**Ans -** A numismatist is one who studies money in any of its forms. Numismatists often specialize in certain areas of numismatics such as coins, medals and tokens, or paper currency. There are no prerequisites to becoming a numismatist, other than a yearning for knowledge of anything to do with money in any form.

### Here We Learn About 2rs Obverse Lion Varieties:



- type a** :15mm tall lion ,5 fur rows on right lion.no lion whiskers
- type a(ii)** :15mm tall lion,with larger numerical 2
- type b** : 14 mm lion,3 furs on the right lion.5 lion whiskers
- type c** : 13 mm lion,4 furs on the right lion.
- type c (ii)** :13mm lion ,with larger numerical 2
- type d** :13 mm lion,4 furs on the right lion. recut/re-engraved chest hair on the central lion
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**REVERSE:** The face of Lion in the centre and overlapping outline maps of India and South Africa over the face, with inscription "Teesra Bharat-Africa Manch Shikhar Sammelan". The inscription "3RD INDIA – AFRICA FORUM SUMMIT" in English in the lower periphery. And the year "2015" in numerical.

Details of coins:

Mint	:	India Government Mint, Kolkata
Denomination	:	Rs. 500
Metal	:	Quaternary Alloy (Silver 50 %, Copper 40 %, Nickel 5 % & Zinc 5 %)
Weight	:	35 gms Diameter: 44mm
Shape	:	Circular Edge :Milled (200 Serration)
Denomination	:	Rs. 10
Metal	:	Bi-Metallic Copper-nickel center in Aluminium-bronze ring
Weight	:	7.71gm
Diameter	:	27mm
Shape	:	Circular
Edge	:	plain



## QUIZ & KNOWLEDGE

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Narendra Panchal  
Virar





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1. From when did India start issuing Proof and UNC sets?

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the different between UNC & Proof Sets?

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

3. In which year 'Small Farmers' set issued?

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

4. In which year 'Subhas Chandra Bose Centenary' sets issued?

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

5. In which year 'Happy Child - Nation's Pride' sets issued?

Ans: \_\_\_\_\_

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Winner will be selected by  
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## CROSSWORD :-Find out the RBI Governor's Name's 1943 onward.

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### Coin of the month



#### 10-Bhat coin with image of Lord Ganesha

Denomination: 10-Bhat Year: 2012 Country: Thailand.  
**Metal:** Bi-metallic **Weight:** 8.5 g **Edge:** Reeded **Diameter:** 26 mm  
**Metal Composition:** Outer ring - Cupronickel. Center - Aluminium Bronze.  
**Obverse side:** Portrait of the King Bhumibol Adulyadej.  
**Reverse side:** Lord Ganesha seated in the centre with four hands holding various Ayudhas and denomination value around.  
**Message:** Commemorating hundred years of Department of fine arts. Thai Era 2554 (2012). Ganesha is both the emblem of this

### Exposing students to glory of history via numismatics



**Triuchi:** A day-long numismatic exhibition organized under the joint auspices of Heber Heritage Club and Notaphily Club of Tiruchi at the Bishop Heber Higher Secondary School in Teppakulam on 16th of October 2015, provided an opportunity to students of various schools to understand the history of ancient civilizations and the heritage of various countries throughout the world.

In all, coins and currency of 254 countries were on display and it included the coins brought out by the East India Company, King George V, and currencies from France, Russia, China, and Zimbabwe. To attract students, the coins of the Raja Raja Chola era, the Pudukottai samasthanam period, and the Pandya regime were displayed along with details of the period, name of the ruler, and other relevant historical information as known by the ICCG News.

"Every coin and currency is a piece of information for students. The old currency in the denomination of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500 which are fairly bigger in size, puzzled the visitors," said Y. Roosevelt, History teacher of the school.

It has been planned to organize a quiz contest for students in a few months when a similar exhibition would be organized. As per the reports gathered by the ICCG News, G. Anne Kalavathy, headmistress of the school, said the exhibition marked the 253rd anniversary of the foundation of the school. Although history facilitated students understand the ancient culture, exhibition of this kind would provide a practical exposure to them.

S. Rajavelu, Assistant Headmaster noted: "Every coin and currency is a piece of information for students. The old currency in the denomination of Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 500, puzzled the visitors".

### Weapon collectibles : A piece of history in each of them

Weapons have always been used for hunting but Shri Bobin Mannalal hunts weapons for collection.

Antique weapon collectors come in all ages, genders and types. Men and women who collect antique firearms are often history enthusiasts, and many are interested in historic re-enactment. Surprisingly, many collectors are not hunters, nor do they believe in any form of violence but enjoy collecting them for the joy they get from owning and displaying them.

Regardless of motivation, different levels of involvement and expertise exist in weapon collecting just as they do in any hobby.



Very recently ICCG News had a thrilling time learning the views of Shri Bobin J. Mannalal who has a real good collection of antique weapons.

#### Excerpts from the interview:

"I am from Kerala and had been working in Israel, and have been passionate towards my hobby for past eight years" Says Mr Mannalal.

#### Did all your collection start from weapons?

No, I started collecting gold coins as I could feel the part of history in my hands.

#### And how did you like to continue with that?

Well, I actually did not continue with that. I faced few problems in collecting those antique gold coins as there were a lot of fake coins on offer by dealers with high price tags. This was where I got passionate towards weapons.

#### Any reason for collecting weapons, in particular?

Its not about weapons in particular, its all about collecting a part of history. I just get motivated with whatever that's a part of history or which relates with it.

#### What was the first ever weapon that you collected?

My first collectible weapon was the sword that had a beautiful dragon on it.

#### And how many weapons have you added to your collectibles?

There are almost fifty antique collectible weapons with me, which consists of swords, draggers, spearheads, arrowheads, boomerangs etc.

#### How old are these weapons?

These are all very old ones, from the 16th century and 17th century. For me its just like restoring the past into the present.

#### Have you ever displayed your collectibles?

I always wish to. Many of my friends have seen my collection.

#### Today, do you feel satisfied with your collection?



A collector can never be satisfied with his collection. Every collection keeps growing with passion. The more you collect - the more passionate you become.

#### Would you like to suggest some tips for starters who would also like to collect weapons like you?

Yes. For starters, always first look into your country and state laws regarding weapon ownership. Each state is different and would have varying laws on whether or not you need a license to own weapons, how to legally transport them, weapons that are illegal to own, etc. Obviously, one would want to be in compliance with the law at all times because a weapon crime can spoil the fun pretty quickly and make it difficult if not impossible to own additional weapons further down the road.

#### And for collection, what kind of weapons should one look for?

Depends. Why is someone collecting? Is he collecting because he really likes a particular weapon or is he collecting because he finds them fascinating, beautiful and historical and further he may also make money out of them. Both the reasons are fine, but study on the subject is a must. Its very necessary to have complete knowledge on any collectible that one would like to collect.

Finally, we wished Mr Bobin Mannalal all the very best and thanked him for his valuable time and thoughts shared.





## Mcs Honors Three Numismatists From Mumbai With Lifetime Achievement Awards



In A Recent Coin Exhibition In Mumbai, The Mumbai Coin Society Honored Three Pioneers Of Indian Numismatics With Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The Awardees: Posthumous To Late Mr Dinesh Hegde, The Hon Secretary Of The Mcs Who Passed Away Recently (the Award Was Received By His Sister-in-law And Niece). Second Award Was Awarded To Shri Bazil Shaikh For His Contribution In Setting Up The Rbi Museum. Third Award Was Awarded To Shri Vinayak Nijasure For His Effort In Conducting Numismatic Exhibitions In Rural Maharashtra For More Than 20 Years.

### TRINITY 2016

## Freshers Party of D J Sanghvi College of Engineering



The organising committee of Trinity 2016, the annual college fest of DJ Sanghvi College of Engineering organised a freshers party for their freshers on 9th Oct, 2015. A little funky music, chink of ice, resounding laughter and it was party-time. Students dressed in their best attires filled the JRM grounds by 6pm. The party kick started with preliminary rounds for Mr and Ms Freshers' where students showcased their talent in front of their peers displaying their flair as they stood out from the rest.

A whimsical banter ensued as the Roast event of the evening commenced. Being an Interdepartmental event, students from various departments stepped up and delivered witty punch lines as they made sport of their fellow batch mates from other departments. The event was judged by Mr. Shounak Kulkarni, a stand up comedian with appearances at various comedy clubs, the pajama festival and popularly known for his blog, the mucchiwala. The final round for the Mr and Ms Freshers' concluded with Yash Kukadia and Jahnavi Chheda taking away the title of Mr and Ms Freshers' respectively. Prizes were also doled out to Bhavin Shah and Charmi Gandhi as the best dressed and Dharmesh Chauhan as the best dancer. The party endured till late evening as the spiffy youngsters danced their hearts out to the beats of the DJ making it a night to remember.

## Know your coin

**What is a coin:** A coin is a piece of hard material used primarily as a medium of exchange or legal tender. They are standardized in weight, and produced in large

quantities at a mint in order to facilitate trade. They are most often issued by a government.

**How to read the coin:** Knowing the coin anatomy terms are the basics while looking for a coin. Certain terms such as the portrait, date, mint mark and denomination are located differently on different coins. Study of the coin edge, rim, weight and metal is also necessary.

**Coin Rarity:** Rarity of a coin depends on its mintage. If the mintage of a coin is low or very low then the coin is termed as rare or ex-rare.

**Coin Handling:** While handling a collectible coin, we should know how to hold and move the coin. Its suggested to use a pair of soft cotton gloves when holding a collectible coin. Also one should always hold the coin around the edges and not on the face of the coin especially with naked hands as the dirt and oil from the skin can be destructive to the coin. A nice pair of coin tongs could be useful if one may not wish to touch the coin. Also a padded tray is nice to have while sorting out coins or while laying out a collection to show someone or else.

**Do not Clean Coins:** Simple word on cleaning coins, don't! Attempting to clean a collectible coin will many times do more damage than good, especially if it is uncirculated. Cleaning coins even with just soap and a small cloth can cause micro abrasions and strip the coin of its tone and luster ultimately lowering the technical grade.

**Coin Storing:** Coin holders are probably the most abundant item one would need as a safe place to keep the coins from being damaged. For storage, one may use albums, folders, coin binders, coin flips, display boxes, coin tube as well as coin slabs.

## Rbi Pumps In Coins To Address Shortage

Ramanathapuram: The Reserve Bank Of India Has Pumped In 73 Crore Pieces Of Coins For A Value Of Rs. 141 Crore In Tamil Nadu During The Last Seven Months To Improve The Coin Distribution System, J. Sathakathullah, Rbi Regional Director, Chennai, Has Said.

"we Pumped In The Coins In The Denominations Of Re 1, Rs. 2, 5 And 10 Through The Currency Chest Mechanism During The Last Seven Months Since April To Improve The Coin Distribution System," He Told As Per The Reports Received By The Iccg News.

As A Result, Every Individual In The State Should Have At Least Ten Coins, He Said And Exhorted The Public To Bring Out The Coins For Circulation To Address The Problem Of Coin Shortage.

The Rbi Was Also Launching Coin And Soil Note Exchange Melas In The Districts, He Said, Adding That The Rbi Had Distributed Coins And Notes For A Total Value Of Rs. 75 Crore In The Melas Conducted In 22 Districts So Far.

"we Proposed To Cover The Remaining Districts In The State By March Next Year," He Said. The Rbi Has Also Been Making Available Coins By Opening Coin Vending Machines (cvms) In The State And The Practice Of Shop Keepers Handing Over Chocolates For Want Of Coins Has Been Drastically Reduced. Banks Have Installed 395 Cvms In The State With The Help Of Rbi To Cater To The General Public And Merchants, He Said. Referring To Rbi Opening A Stall In The Book Fair Here, He Said The Rbi Opened Stalls At All The Fairs Where It Distributed Coins And Exchanged Soiled Notes.

## Numismatic Anthem

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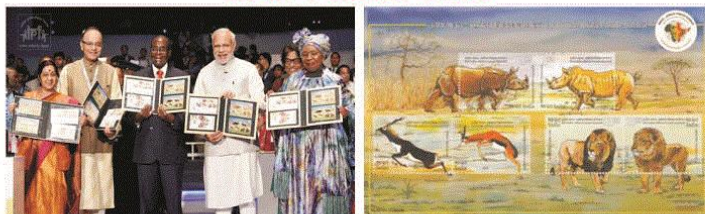
Error notes have occurred since money was created and collecting legitimate error notes is a fascinating subspecialty for numismatists world-wide. Error notes have captivated even the most novice collector because finding and examining misprinted paper money is both educational and historical. A legitimate error note is any misprinted note that somehow mysteriously escaped both human and mechanical inspections.

That is why error notes are extremely collectible, and in most cases hold exceptional value.



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## Stamps to Commemorate Third India-Africa Forum Summit (AIFS-III) 29th October 2015



India hosted the Third Africa-India Forum Summit (AIFS-III) at Indira Gandhi National Stadium Complex, New Delhi from 26th to 29th October 2015. India and Africa have a historic relationship and this has grown into a sustainable partnership. To commemorate the Summit, Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, President of Zimbabwe and AU Chairperson, Rober Mugabe and other dignitaries released a Set of Six commemorative stamps and Miniature Sheets on Third Africa-India Forum Summit (AIFS-III) at New Delhi on 29th October, 2015.

Two Miniature Sheets having same design but one with stamps embossed in Golden and Silver colors called innovative Miniature Sheet priced at Rs. 300 with presentation pack and another with normal printing priced at Rs. 70 have been issued. Four stamps are in denomination of Rs. 5 and two stamps are in denomination of Rs. 25 each. Stamps depict Indian and African Rhinoceros, Black Buck, Thomson's gazelle, Indian Lion and African Lion.

Miniature Sheet on 3rd India – Africa Forum Summit with innovative technologies is having Hot-Foil stamping and embossing. The Indian Rhino, African Rhino and Black Buck are Hot-foil stamped with Gun metal foil, the two Lions are Gold



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