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Craze among Collectors Evaporate As Numismatic Exhibitions Continue to Rain 2017 to witness twenty plus coin exhibitions: Most in any calendar year.

We witness coin exhibitions throughout the year in most parts of the country. And we also see coin enthusiastic collectors travelling almost every exhibition with lots of passion and returning back full of smiles with some good collectibles and much good bargains. But what results do we get with multiple coin exhibitions in different cities? Decreasing level of interest and lesser crowd! Recently, Bangalore and Mumbai coin exhibitions witnessed very low crowd as compared to previous exhibitions. Upcoming coin Exhibitions may also see the same results. Both collectors and dealers have been quite disappointed as they were looking forward to these major numismatic events.

This year started with ICCG's inaugural numismatic exhibition. As per the statement issued by the ICCG, the event was filled with lots of excitement for all three days. The exhibition which was termed as a 'Mega Event' was filled with lots of surprises and excitement through all three days to keep the event full of craze. But such factor seems missing from other exhibitions as all of the coin fairs bears the same look and moreover few exhibitions are not even announced to general public.



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The Art of Collecting Rare Collectibles

He got attracted with the hobby since his childhood and his passion for rare collectibles grew quite naturally within for Mr. Jigar Zaveri. Today Mr. Zaveri's collection itself speaks about all the efforts and passion put behind it. But further his thoughts shared were a lot motivating.....

Excerpts from the interview:

As a child were you fascinated towards coins or any other collectibles?

As a child, I used to collect/exchange Indian & Foreign Stamps with fellow classmates. The Flora & Fauna, Wildlife & Historic Monuments theme used to attract me a lot. I used to keep any Indian commemorative coins I used to come across from circulation in a separate box since I used to believe that they were hard to find. Whenever someone in my family or my parent's friends used to travel abroad, they used to get me coins and currency of the country they were travelling. I used to keep them in a box but never took coin/currency collection as a serious hobby.

How and when do you start your collection?

In the year 2008 I went to GPO-Kolkata for the first time to the Philately Counter. On the way to it, there is a huge staircase. I saw an old man sitting there with British Legal Documents, Fancy No. Currencies and a small coin album. I went to the gentleman and he was kind enough to explain me the importance of saving our heritage through different types of collectible items. I bought my first coin for my collection from him which was a Science Congress Rs. 5 circulation issue in UNC condition for Rs. 550. Till date, I consider this gentleman as my "GURU". He is none other than Shri N.D. Agarwalji.

Which is your favorite coin that you own currently & why?

One of the best possessions for me is a foreign mint double strike rupee dated 1985. We keep hearing that the precision of minting technologies in foreign countries is excellent. To come up with an Indian error coin struck in a Foreign Mint, that too with a prominent both sided double strike is simply unbelievable and charming for me.

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Mr. Jigar Zaveri

Massive 100kg gold coin worth £2.7MILLION STOLEN from Berlin museum

Thieves broke in to the Bode Museum in Germany's capital in the early hours of the morning and made off with the 100 kilogram "Big Maple Leaf" coin.

The Canadian coin, measuring 53cm in diameter and 3cm thick, is made out of pure gold and bears the image of Queen Elizabeth II on one side and a maple leaf on the other.

Its face value is CA\$1m but its material value is estimated to be about four and a half times higher, making it worth CA\$4.5 (£3.5m).

The museum's website said the coin was issued by the Royal Canadian Mint in 2007 and it was featured in the Guinness Book of Records for its "unmatched" degree of purity.

It was loaned to the Bode Museum in December 2010.

Police said the coin was probably stolen by a group of thieves who entered the museum undetected through a window at about 3.30am on Monday, possibly with the help of a ladder they stole from nearby railway tracks.

A spokesman from the museum said the thieves entered through the window before breaking into a cabinet where the "Big Maple Leaf" was kept, and they escaped with it before police arrived.

Berlin Police spokesman Winfried Wenzel, said: "Based on the information we have so far we believe that the thief, maybe thieves, broke open a window in the back of the museum next to the railway tracks.

"They then managed to enter the building and went to the coin exhibition.

"The coin was secured with bullet-proof glass inside the building. That much I can say.

"Neither I nor the Bode Museum can go into detail regarding personnel inside the building, the alarm system or security installations. The Bode Museum, based on the UNESCO-listed Museum Island, has one of the world's largest coin collections with more than 540,000 items.



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Cont of Page 1 Mr. Jigar Zaveri

Please let us know bit more of your collection? My collection revolves around British & Republic India Business/Circulation Strike coins & Error coins. I am also an avid post-independence Indian Stamp & Miniature Collector.

How was the support from your family? I have been fortunate that I got immense support from my family right from the very beginning since I started collecting. It's easy for us going for out station exhibitions during the weekends, but its only because of the support and trust of our family that we travel. I would like to thank my Wife for all the sacrifices she makes when I travel for exhibitions.

Where do you see the numismatic industry going in the future? Numismatics is a huge industry with an appetite to cater a small range collector to a filthy rich industrialist or a King too. I believe we are entering into the Golden era of Numismatics with more and more awareness through the digital world and constant rise of new collectors.

What makes error coin collectible different from other collectible coins? A mint wise collection has a preset format which one should follow and collect. In Errors, there is no preset standard to refer to. Each error has a different beauty and logical reasoning of occurrence. To understand the different reasoning for the occurrence of an Error coin makes it a distinguishing aspect for me than collecting other coins.

Any particular problem that you face, while doing your collections? In Corporate world, we call it the "Grapevine". In Coin World it's called "Khabar". I used to rely a lot on so called Khabar from my self-created network. However, it didn't help me much. Never ever believe in such so called Khabars. Follow your instincts backed my constant research and practical experience rather than believing in rumors.

Have you ever displayed your collection at any exhibition? Not Yet.

What response do you get from your friends when they see your collectibles? My friends have always encouraged me to display my Republic India Coinage Collection & Error Coins Collection. It's always good that people appraise your collection and I am looking forward to display my Collection in future.

How do you see the role of social media (Facebook, Whatsapp) towards numismatics? Social media is a Revolution. People can connect with each other sitting right at their homes. One can share knowledge just by sharing experiences on Social media like FB/Wats App. One can sell/buy on platforms like Ebay. All Auction houses are doing wonders through Online Auctions. Anyone can dig into a coin's history just by Googling.

Do you feel that numismatics as a subject, should be encouraged among students? Maybe through few numismatic exhibitions and similar activities like vacation camps? Definitely, Yes! I, as a 6 year old kid used to spend an hour daily right opposite my school searching for what the stamp vendor had to offer me. He was my Philately Teacher. We should definitely have interactive sessions in schools and colleges for Numismatics and Philately. It will definitely help a child inculcate this hobby. Finally, it's our heritage and Sanskriti which we should pass on to the next generation.

Today there are many fake coins (collectible commemoratives, errors and scarce) being seen in the local market, in almost every city. So how can we see an end to this (as just reporting the matter hardly helps)? It's like the "Swach Bharat Abhyan". Speak out if you feel something is wrong. It will help everyone in the field. If you know a person selling fakes, expose him in front of everyone so that he does not dare to do that again. Finally, its upon us how to save and invest our hard-earned money.

How do you feel the book on error coins from ICCG would help collectors? I am yet to read the book on error coins from ICCG. However, I am sure it will be of great help for all Error Coin Collectors to start off with and streamline their collection. Many Congratulations to ICCG on the book's successful launch.

How do you see our news paper contributing to numismatics? It's Fantastic. I love the articles ranging from knowledge sharing, current coin exhibitions and auctions, interviews, seminars, coin articles, etc. The effort behind this newspaper is immense and credible. Led by Siddharth.N.S Bhai, ICCG is doing a wonderful work for the Numismatic Society. All the very best!

Some of the Error beauties from Mr. Jigar Zaveri's Collection



ICCG News thanked Shri. Jigar Zaveri for his valuable time, thoughts and collectibles shared. We believe his thoughts and collection is sure to inspire the young generation in a very positive way.

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Fake Coins: North India Mastermind Sweekar Luthra Held in Delhi

One of the two suspected masterminds behind the fake coin racket in north India is arrested by the Delhi Police Special Cell. Sweekar Luthra, 39, is accused of having minted fake coins with face value of crores by setting up units in Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan.

Police said Sweekar had been using a phone number from Thailand to evade arrest. Fake Rs. 5 and Rs 10. coins with a face value of Rs 17,390 were recovered from him.

Sweekar is the younger of two brothers who allegedly set up an extensive fake coin manufacturing business, which pumped Rs 10-12 lakh in the Indian and foreign markets even after the brothers went absconding in October, police said. The elder brother, Upkaar Luthra 44, is still on the run, police said.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (special cell) Sanjeev Yadav said Sweekar was arrested from west Delhi's Uttam Nagar. "He was in a Celerio car when he was caught. He is wanted in several cases related to minting of counterfeit coins" said Yadav.

As per the reports with ICCG News, the sources said the brothers changed their location frequently and sometimes spent the night in the car. They would regularly change cars, and not reveal their hideout to even their associates. The phone number Sweekar was using was procured when he went to Thailand.

"In October, a racket involving counterfeit coins was busted and two racketeers, Gulshan and Sachin, were arrested. The kingpins were identified as brothers Sweekar and Upkaar," said Yadav.

Sweekar, a native of Punjab, told police that in 1997, his elder brother came in contact with one Gulshan Gambhir from Dehradun, who gave him the idea to enter the fake coin business. Upkaar then established a unit in Nangli Sakrawati and started producing fake Rs 5 coins.

In 1999, Upkaar was arrested at Connaught Place, but he did not disclose Sweekar's name. Soon after being released, Upkaar established another unit, before being arrested again.



Dipa Karmakar Honored with Special Postal Stamp for Her Rio Olympic Feat

Dipa Karmakar, 'Indias first Olympian gymnast' would now be seen on postal stamp. The Department of Post, on 21st January, unveiled a special cover on Karmakar at a two-day long district-level philatelic exhibition organized in Agartala. Karmakar and her coach Bishweshwar Nandi were present at the event. Karmakar expressed her gratitude to the Department of Post for releasing the special issue on her. "I express my gratitude to the postal department for choosing me for their special issue. I also express my heartiest regard to my coach and people of Tripura for supporting me in my journey. I will try my best to meet up people's expectation in future," she said.

Vasumitra - CPMG of NE circle, Shillong and chief guest of the inaugural programme, said the department has chosen Karmakar for their special cover so that people are inspired by her Rio Olympics feat, where she had finished fourth. "Stamp collection is one of the ancient hobbies which everybody possesses in any phase of life. We have chosen Dipa in our special cover so that children willing to become sportsperson get inspiration from her," he said.

She had also scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman gymnast to bag a bronze at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

So far, the Department of Post has released 19 special issues related to Tripura. In 1972, it had released a special cover on a Tripura-based volley ball player. Karmakar was the second sportsperson to get a place in the Indian postal stamp, said Krishnanarayan Kundu, a veteran stamp collector.



Mumbai Coinex 2017

Mumbai Coinex 2017 which was earlier scheduled in November 2016 got postponed due to sudden announcement of demonetization was finally organized at Sunderbai Hall, Churugate between 10th to 12th March. With every passing year, these exhibitions are growing further in terms of international outreach among dealers, mints and visitors. But both collectors and dealers seemed to be disappointed as there was quite less crowd as even the date of the exhibition clashed with the much celebrated Hindu Festival of Holi.

The fair also saw over 1,000s of coins, banknotes and medals being auctioned over the three days in 'Oswal Auctions' and 'Bombay Auctions'. Many error coins as well got auctioned in 'Bombay Auctions' as it is felt that more collectors are keen to add error coin collectibles. Its to be noted that recently ICCG had launched a book on 'Indian Mint Errors' and not surprisingly, many new collectors have started with this subject by adding mint defects from either circulation, dealers or auctions. We might very much witness more error coins in forthcoming auctions.



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Moreover, present year is packed with twenty plus Numismatic Exhibitions in various metros. Increasing coin fairs and date clashes directly effects number of visitors, which does not seem to be very good news for dealers and organizers.

Such exhibitions are so very important for the study of history, especially ancient history and its also important to promote philately and numismatics as a hobby among youngsters through these exhibitions. Earlier we used to see overwhelming response from the young and the old alike in these coin fairs but slowly the craze seems to get missing amongst them as these fairs are slowly taking a look of more 'Coin Bazar' and less 'Numismatic exhibition'. Educational exhibits and lectures are slowly disappearing especially in metros, which otherwise should have been encouraged.

With so many 'Numismatic Exhibitions' forthcoming, we hope to see numismatics and philately being promoted to a level where more kids could get encouraged towards this interesting hobby. ICCG News appeals the concerned organizers of these numismatic exhibitions, to also provide a platform which could help young and new collectors in getting more knowledge and meeting other collectors /people associated with this hobby.

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In its recent petition, ICCG has appealed the Government of India to minimize the tax on collectible coins, currencies and numismatic items. This Patronage by the Government would give a major push to this novel hobby and would further provide students the tools to apply numismatics to their studies.

Further ICCG hereby appeals it readers to join the petition by searching ICCG petition at www.change.org, as the subject of Numismatics is extremely important in getting details on periodical changes in history.

The Royal Mint to Commemorate Sapphire Jubilee of The Queen

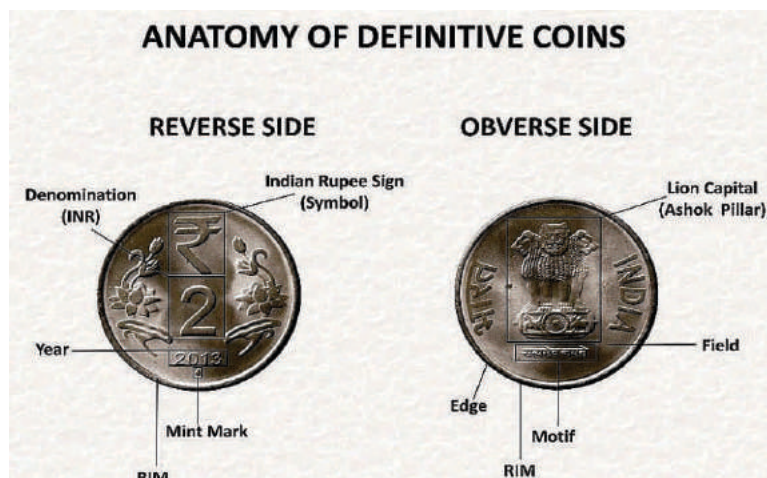
The Royal Mint is to commemorate the Sapphire Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen's accession to the throne with a range of specially designed commemorative coins, continuing the organization's tradition of marking significant Royal occasions in this way.

As per the reports available with ICCG News, the occasion is particularly a special one for the people of Britain, as it is the first time that a British monarch has celebrated a Sapphire Jubilee, or 65 years on the throne. It follows on closely from two other notable Royal occasions - when Britons recognized the Queen as their 'Longest Reigning Monarch' in 2015, and then celebrated her 90th birthday with her in 2016.

Recognized across the world, having travelled more than a million miles and visited around 120 countries during the course of her reign, few can be more aware of the respect and love with which the Queen is greeted than former Royal Correspondent, Jennie Bond, who was present at The Royal Mint to see the Sapphire Jubilee collection being struck.

Commenting on the edge lettering on the precious metal £5 coins, Jennie said: "I particularly love the inscription around this coin. It reads 'shine through the ages' – taken from the Queen's coronation speech. She was talking about how the ancient ceremonies shine through the ages of course, but for us, I think this also reflects how the Queen herself has shone, and continues to shine, throughout her wonderful long reign".

The collection comprises a series of £5 coins with reverses designed by Royal Mint Coin Designer, Glyn Davies, in finishes ranging from the collectable Brilliant Uncirculated £5, through Silver Proof and Gold Proof, whilst Bishop Gregory Cameron has designed reverses for Five-Ounce and Kilo coins in both Silver Proof and Gold Proof editions



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Two Annas 1955

The anna series was adopted for coinage purposes as India became a republic in 1950. 1 rupee consisted of 16 annas. One rupee, half rupee, quarter rupee, two annas, one anna and half anna - all the fractions were consistently minted, with the two anna coins of 1955 coming under the category of very low mintage coins. Thus, this is one of the rarest coin of republic India.



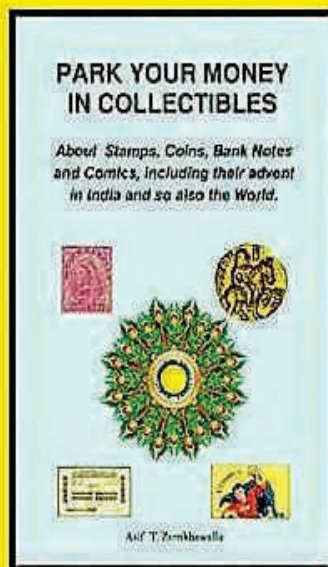
USE: Circulation **Year:** 1955 **Mint:** Bombay / Mumbai
Metal: Cupro-nickel **Shape:** Quadrangular **Weight:** 5.78 gms

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TN Chief Minister Panneerselvam, Sasikala Lead Tributes to MGR, Release Commemorative Stamp

CHENNAI: The birth centenary of former Chief Minister and AIADMK founder MG Ramachandran was celebrated across the State with Chief Minister O Panneerselvam and AIADMK general secretary VK Sasikala participating in a series of programmes to mark the occasion.

The chief minister received the first set of commemorative stamps released by the postal department in a function at the MGR Medical University.

He and his cabinet colleagues paid floral tributes to the late leader's statue at the varsity. Flanked by party cadre, BJP State president Tamilisai Soundararajan and Union Minister Pon Radhakrishnan garlanded the statue of MGR on the arterial Anna Salai. Deepa Jayakumar, niece of former chief minister J Jayalalitha, paid floral tributes at the memorials of MGR and Jayalalitha on the Marina.

TNCC president S Thirunavukkarasar paid floral tributes to MGR at Sathyamoorthi Bhavan while DMDK founder Vijayakant garlanded the portrait of MGR at his party headquarters.

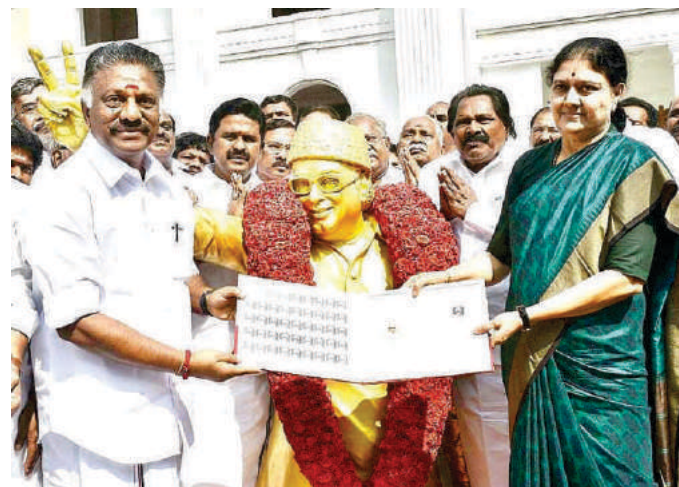
MDMK general secretary Vaiko went to Ramavaram gardens and garlanded MGR statue there after it was unveiled.

At the AIADMK headquarters, Sasikala hoisted the party flag and garlanded the statue of MGR. The chief minister handed over the first set of commemorative stamps on MGR to Sasikala. She also released two volumes of special souvenir and a book titled Vallal Thilagam MGR to mark the occasion. One of long time members of the party P Natarajan, who is reeling under poverty, received an assistance of Rs 50,000 from her. Also, Sridevi, a college student from Tiruchy received Rs 20,000 as assistance towards her studies.

Later, members of 104 families from poor economic background received Rs 1.04 crore as assistance from her.

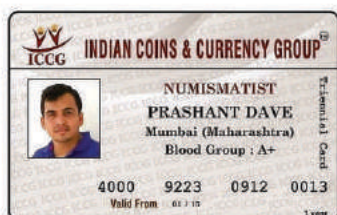
After this, Sasikala visited the residence of MGR at Ramavaram Gardens and hoisted the party flag and unveiled the new statue of the late leader. She also donated Rs 10 lakh to the MGR Home and Higher Secondary School for the Speech and Hearing Impaired functioning in the premises. She also presented hearing aids worth Rs 19 lakh to 165 students of the school and dined with the students.

In the evening, Sasikala inaugurated the year-long celebrations organised by the Tamil film industry. To start with, MGR-Jayalalitha starrer 'Ayirathil Oruvan' was screened at Abirami theatre.



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April	14,15,16	1st Hobby Fest	Nazarul Tirtha, Rajarhat-New Town, Kolkata, WestBengal
April	21, 22, 23	Shukla Day Coin Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
April	28,29,30	Calicut Coin Fest	Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Kandamkulam,Calicut, Kerela
May	5 to 11	Royal Numismatic Expo	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi
May	19,20,21	Hobby Festival	Gujarat University Convention Center, Gate No.3, Ring road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
May	26,27,28	Coinfest Kolkata	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, WestBengal
May	26,27,28	APEX - Ananthapuri Philatelic Exhibition	YMCA Hall,Statue,Thiruvananthapuram,Kerala
July	28,29,30	Nanyadarshini	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka
August	11,12,13	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair	The President Hotel, C. G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
September	15, 16, 17	Mumbai Coin Society Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
October	2,3,4	CG Gandhipex	Gas memorial centre, Jai Stambh Chowk, Modapra, Raipur, Chattisgarh
October	14,15	Patiala Mudra Utsav	Panchayat Bhawan,Near Gurudwara Dukniwaran Sahib,Patiala,Punjab
November	3,4,5	5th Coinex Mumbai	Shree Sunderbhai Hall, Behind Income Tax, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra
November	3, 4, 5	Indore Mudra Utsav	Sajan Prabha, Vijayanagar Square, A. B. road, Indore, MP
December	8, 9, 10	Jam Coin Mela	Jamshedpur Coin Museum, Red Cross Society, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
December	15,16,17	Coinex Pune	Sonal Hall, Karve Road, Pune, Maharashtra
December		Mudra Utsav	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, WestBengal
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4	100 Years of Indian Council of Medical Research - (UNC)	2012	Rs. 100 & NB Rs. 5	3030
5	K Kamraj - Reminted - (Proof)	2012	Rs. 100 & CN Rs. 5	3383
6	K Kamraj - Reminted - (UNC)	2012	Rs. 100 & CN Rs. 5	2936
7	150th Birth Anniversary of Madan Mohan Malaviya (Proof)	2013	Rs. 150 & BM Rs. 5	3979
8	150th Birth Anniversary of Madan Mohan Malaviya (UNC)	2013	Rs. 150 & BM Rs. 5	3542
9	150 Years of Kuka Movement (Proof)	2013	Rs. 100 & NB Rs. 5	3979
10	150 Years of Kuka Movement (UNC)	2013	Rs. 100 & NB Rs. 5	3542
11	60 Years of Coir Board (Proof)	2014	Rs. 60 & NB Rs. 10	3974
12	60 Years of Coir Board (UNC)	2014	Rs. 60 & NB Rs. 10	3387
13	150th Birth Anniversary of Motilal Nehru (UNC)	2014	Rs. 150 & NB Rs. 5	3547
14	150th Birth Anniversary of Motilal Nehru (Proof)	2014	Rs. 150 & NB Rs. 5	4027
15	Acharya Tulsi Birth Centenary (Proof)	2014	Rs. 20 & NB Rs. 5	3548
16	Acharya Tulsi Birth Centenary (UNC)	2014	Rs. 20 & NB Rs. 5	3015
17	International Day of Yoga (Proof)	2015	Rs. 100 & NB Rs. 10	4068
18	125th Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar (Proof)	2015	Rs. 125 & NB Rs. 10	4068
19	Golden Jubilee of 1965 Indo-Pak War (Proof)	2015	Rs. 50 & NB Rs. 5	4068
20	150 Years of Allahabad High Court (Proof)	2016	Rs. 150 & NB Rs. 5	4068

Up Coming Auctions

Date	Name & Auction No.	Venue	Time	Online / Floor Bidding
1st April	Classical Numismatic Gallery Auction No. 27	The President Hotel, C. G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad	4pm onwards	Floor Bidding
8th April	Rajghor Auctions No. 56		3pm onwards	Floor Bidding
21st April	Todywalla Auctions No. 108 (Part - I)	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai		Floor Bidding
22nd April	Todywalla Auctions No. 108 (Part - II)	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai	-	Floor Bidding
22nd April	Oswal Auction No. 67	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai	2.30pm onwards	Floor Bidding
23rd April	Todywalla Auctions No. 109	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai	-	Floor Bidding
23rd April	Bombay Auction No. 12	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai	3pm onwards	Floor Bidding
29th April	Imperial Auction 6th Session 1	INTERNET		Online Bidding
30th April	Imperial Auction 6th Session 2	INTERNET		Online Bidding
April	Rajghor Auctions No. 57			Floor Bidding
May	Rajghor Auctions No. 58			Floor Bidding
28th July	Oswal Auction No. 68	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka	5pm onwards	Floor Bidding
29th July	Imperial Auction	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka	12pm onwards	Floor Bidding
29th July	Todywalla Auctions No. 110	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka	5pm onwards	Floor Bidding
30th July	Bombay Auction No. 13	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka	1.30pm onwards	Floor Bidding
12th August	Classical Numismatic Gallery Auction No. 28	The President Hotel, C. G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad	4pm onwards	Floor Bidding

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DMINA Continues to Stand with Closed Doors for Hundreds of Budding Numismatists

Mumbai: Admissions to Master of Arts in numismatics and archaeology at Dinesh Mody Institute of Numismatics and Archaeology (DMINA) located in the campus of Kalina University, had put been put on hold by the Mumbai University (MU) and the doors continue to remain shut even after three years.

The step that had been initiated following alleged discrepancies in the functioning of the museum attached to the institute. The museum and the strong room, where the coins are kept, have also been locked by the university.

University of Mumbai had been conducting the Masters of Arts in Numismatics and Archaeology course through the DMINA from 2009. Few batches of numismatists have graduated and are out practicing and many other batches wished to benefit through this most important tool in Social Sciences. However, no further wishes could be granted as once the doors of DMINA got closed three years ago, it never opened again.

For past few months, ICCG News has been receiving quite a few requests with appeals of getting the degree course re-started. Hopefully the appeals of young hobby enthusiasts unlock the doors of DMINA once again.



Dinesh Mody Institute of Numismatics and Archaeology

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.

1985 Indira Gandhi (Commemoration)

Indira Priyadarsani Gandhi was the Prime minister of India from 1966--77 and 1980--84. She was assassinated on 31st October, 1984. To pay homage to this dynamic leader, India issued this coin on 19th November, 1985. Out of the other 4 coins issued in her commemoration, the 50 paise & 5 Rupees coin was issued for general circulation and the 20 rupees and the 100 rupees coins were issued as proof specimens.

Obverse: The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion at the center and the denomination just below it. In English "INDIA" and "RUPEES" appear on the right side periphery and in Hindi "भारत" and "रुपिये" appear on the left side.

Reverse: The reverse of this coin shows the effigy of Indira Gandhi and legend "INDIRA GANDHI" in both Hindi and English with "1917-1984" – her year of birth and death.

Specifications: Year of issue: 1985 **Weight:** 12.5 grams

Metal composition: Cupro – Nickel alloy (75% Copper + 25% Nickel)

Shape: Circular **Diameter:** 31 mm **Edge:** Security





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