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**Auroville Stamp
Released with Spelling Error**

Beware of Fake 100 Rupees Maharana Pratap Coins

ICCG News has reported the sales of 'fake coins' on ebay to legal authorities

One often believes that everything in numismatic has a value to someone – even counterfeit coins and currency notes though this may not always be the case.

Recently, few online shopping portals are found to be selling fake 100 rupee commemorative coins of **Maharana Pratap**. Interestingly these coins are yet to be released by the RBI. Earlier too the 200 rupee centenary coins of Tatyta Tope were being sold on various portals and it was reported in our December 2017 issue.

'ebay' – a popular online selling portal can easily be seen loaded with loads of fake coins and many complaints have been forwarded to their authorities in the past as it still continues with many complaints being forwarded in the present. **Collectors also end up paying GST on purchases of 'fake coins'**. **ICCG News has reported the sales of 'fake coins' on 'ebay' to the legal authorities and any positive measure to stop such activities are awaited.**



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Living with the History through Coins, Notes & Stamps

We have all seen many collectors being connected with their various hobbies, but this time ICCG News got to share thoughts of a retired bank employee **Mr. Yogesh Overseer**, who believes that every coin, currency note or postal stamp has a history behind it for which he has been passionate since his childhood.

It is a far cry from the hand struck coins of the ancient times to the present day plastic money used in transactions - the transition reflects the evolution of money. Numismatics has been generally associated with the students of history who rely on it as a source of information. For Mr. Yogesh Overseer, a retired bank cashier, interest in history developed as a natural outcome of his childhood hobby of collecting coins and stamps. Mr. Overseer has served his bank for more than 40 years and has a great piece of experience and knowledge of the subject which he sees as his hobby.

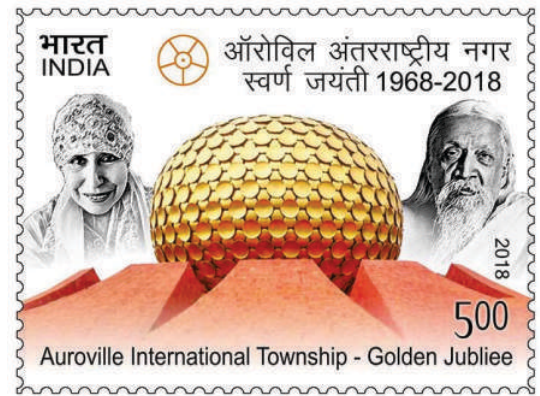
Getting employed as a bank cashier at an early age of 18, it was not very difficult to learn about various Indian currencies and that was just a fancy. The collection kept growing but it was from his childhood days that Mr. Overseer was passionate of coins and stamp collection. His progression from a mere coin and paper money collector to a genuine numismatist who learnt to use his hobby to reconstruct the history of a period is now seen as a source of inspiration for his grand children for whom Mr. Overseer wishes to gift all his collectibles as he believes that it's the duty of this generation to take the hobby forward. [Cont on Page 3rd](#)



Mr. Yogesh Overseer

Misspelled Stamp, Cover to Mark Auroville Golden Jubilee

Puducherry: Typo errors on the first-day covers and special stamps released by the department of posts to mark the 50th anniversary of Auroville have irked the Indo-French philatelic and numismatic association. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had released the first-day cover and commemorative stamp during his visit to Auroville and Puducherry recently. Founder-secretary of Indo-French philatelic and numismatic association A V Jeyachandran said the association, while appreciating the India Post's gesture, is disheartened by the errors that have occurred in this special issue. The word 'jubilee' was misspelt as 'jubliee' in the first-day cover brochure, first-day cancellation and commemorative stamp, he said.



The association was also not happy that the first-day cover and stamp did not mention the actual date of the golden jubilee (February 28, 2018) as they were released three days before (February 25, 2018) the 50th anniversary. Jeyachandran pointed out that India Post had released a special cancellation on the day the foundation stone was laid on February 28, 1968, to mark the occasion.

"The foundation stone of Auroville was laid on February 28, 1968. A special cancellation bearing the same date was issued on the inaugural day to record this landmark event. But the first-day cover recording the milestone of 50 years of Auroville has no indication whatsoever of the actual date of the jubilee (February 28, 2018) owing to its release before the event (February 25, 2018)," he said.

He argued that the first-day cover is a significant way of recording important dates and events. "In this case, 50 years or 100 years later, the golden jubilee of Auroville would be associated with February 25 and not February 28, 2018," he said.

He said the error was not an isolated case as a similar error occurred last year. "There was a spelling error in Hindi on a stamp released by India Post to mark 100 years of coconut research in India under the Indian council of agricultural research. The spelling error was later corrected and a fresh stamp with the amended version was released the next year," he said, asking India Post to correct the error on Auroville commemorative stamp and cover and to release them again.

"Auroville is universally significant to people all over the world, with special resolutions passed by Unesco recognising its value internationally. We need to ensure that Auroville's special milestone is remembered with a commemorative stamp that is not marred by flaws," he said.

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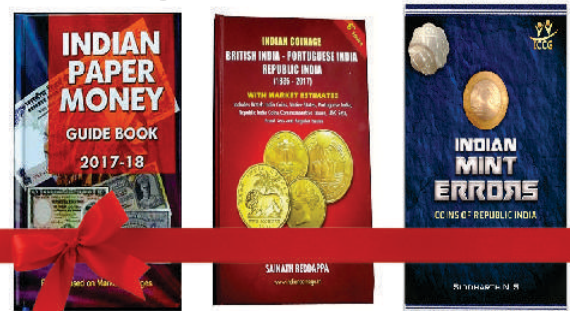
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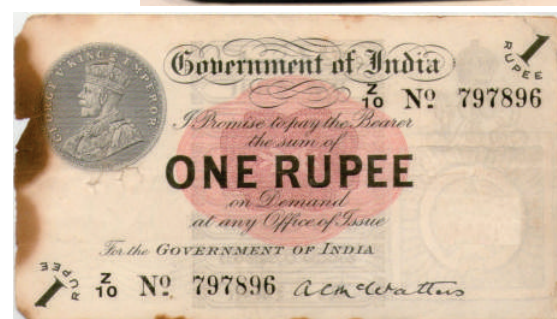
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The basic awareness about stamps came to him in his childhood days. He remembers himself collecting coins and stamps as a 12 year old boy but at that time he used to get very limited pocket money and so it often got difficult to buy coins or stamps of his choice. "But I did make sure to add something to my collection and see it growing with time. Later in 1972 I got employed with the Bank of Baroda as a cash clerk and my job only helped me with my hobby" Says Mr. Overseer.

Today, after 40 years of his service with the bank and almost five decades of his love for his collectibles, he has more than 40 stamp albums and more than 500 First Day Covers of both India and foreign countries. His vast collection also consists of 15000 coins of different countries and also more than 5000 currency notes from India and away.

"People may think collecting coins and stamps is waste of time and money but if you look at those who are lovers of these treasured pieces of world history - You can't miss their passion. In most homes, you may find people sitting on priceless gems for decades, even without having a proper knowing of the same. When you start collecting and caring, it helps you to focus. The level of concentration gets tremendously enhanced as there is a procedure to be followed. I believe stamps and coins are actually increasing in value. But today, you can become a coin collector overnight. All you have to do is to shell out a fortune to buy them from collectors. This upsets me very much. I have collected coins and notes from my childhood taking lots of pains for securing them from different sources. Now, I have to compete with someone who can buy a collection. Such practice will kill the fun of collecting apart from demoralizing genuine collectors." expresses Mr. Overseer when we ask if his collection demanded a lot of attention, time and money.

And how did he continue with his collection over the years: "I started visiting every numismatic and philatelic exhibition in Mumbai from 2004 and that helped me in both, gaining knowledge and filling my collection gaps as well as adding new varieties. Over the years I made many friends from the hobby world and today after retirement I believe my collection always kept me growing in every step forward to increase a certain amount of passion within myself to explore more and more. Hobby is for Happiness, it is something of your choice, something unique you like to do. I feel hobby is necessary for relaxation of the mind" adds Mr. Overseer.

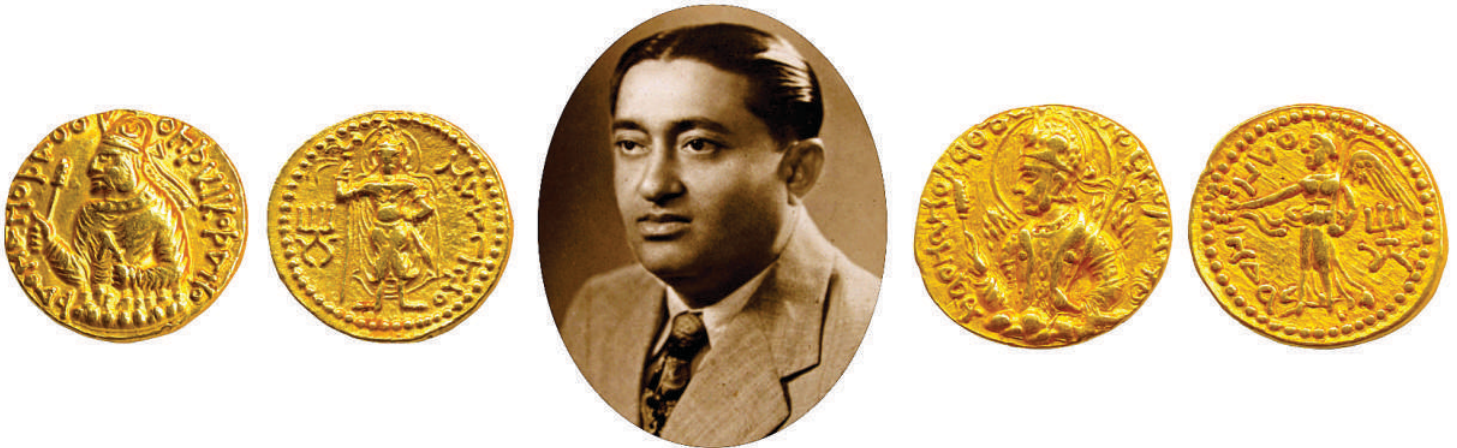


It was just so nice sharing few moments with Mr. Yogesh Overseer. For ICCG News, he added, "I wish ICCG News to continue with their effort in encouraging many more people especially the younger generation to inculcate the passion."



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BRITISH INDIA GEORGE VI QUARTER ANNA VARIETIES

Article on obverse varieties of the British India George VI Quarter Annas of 1938 and 1939.

British India - George VI 1938 and 1939 (Type I) Quarter Anna - Differences in Obverse Type I (Pridmore) - Long Trefoils in Crown

Article : By Arash Ilavia

I had recently purchased a 1938 Calcutta Mint Quarter Anna Proof, which looked different to me. So, I compared it to my Proof Restrike example, and found a remarkable difference and that is what has triggered this research. After going through innumerable examples of Type I Quarter Annas (of 1938 and 1939) for the next 10-months or so, I have come to the conclusion that there is a noteworthy difference between Obverse A (Pridmore Type I) of 1938 Quarter Anna and that of 1939. After going through this article, collectors should be able to easily identify just by looking at the Type I Obverse of a Quarter Anna (of 1938 and 1939) if it is a 1938 or a 1939 as it will become easily distinguishable.



1938 Obverse - Long Trefoils in Crown

Trefoils are reaching outside/over the line below the pearls of the crown and almost touching the pearls above. Let's call this Obverse - Type I (a)

LEFT: 1938 Bombay Quarter Anna Obverse Type I (a) Business Strike
RIGHT: 1938 Calcutta Quarter Anna Obverse Type I (a) Original Proof



1939 Obverse - Long Trefoils in Crown

Trefoils are NOT reaching outside/over the line below the pearls of the crown and therefore not touching the pearls above. Let's call this Obverse - Type I (b)

LEFT: 1939 India Bombay Quarter Anna Obverse Type I (b) Business Strike
RIGHT: 1939 India Bombay Quarter Anna Obverse Type I (b) Original Proof



In my opinion, all 1938 Quarter Annas have Obverse - Type I (a) and 1939 (Type I) Quarter Annas have Obverse - Type I (b). However, business strike examples with intermixed Obverse(s), although not encountered by this author, is a definite possibility, but those should be considered mules and should deservedly attract collectors' attention.

Also to be noted is that there are further minor variances in trefoil thickness/size, tip shape, and font thickness. But these variances, from my standpoint, are rather insignificant and more specific to the individual years. Like for the year 1938 Obverse Type I (a), there are minute differences, and for the 1939 Obverse Type I (b) there are other minute differences, but those are not necessarily present in the 1938 Obverse and vice-versa. Regardless, once the understanding of trefoils "almost touching the pearls" vs "not touching the pearls" becomes clear, then 1938 and Type I 1939 Quarter Anna Obverse(s) can be easily differentiated.

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Singapore International Coin Fair

Singapore International Coin Fair was successfully held from 23rd March to the 25th March 2018 at the Sands Expo & Convention Center in Singapore. This event showcased products like coins and antiques, numismatics to that of collections associated with this field etc. in the Antiques & Philately industry.

67 exhibitors from nearly 30 different countries and regions had gathered at this international fair, including numismatic dealers, auction houses, and grading companies. The diversity had made the fair a true international one.

Mumbai based senior numismatist Mr. Mustafa Arsiwala, who has been studying and collecting coins for past many years also visited the Singapore Coin Fair along with his friends who are equally related to the subject. For anyone interested in history, the natural starting point of the learning curve would be books. But for some people, that process alone doesn't do it. Meet the numismatics experts,

people who believe in the evidence of objects and in particular currency as a way of tracing history. Coin collectors, as they are known in laymen's terms, are usually seen as hobbyists, even fanatics. They collect all sorts of objects from stamps to coins, jewellery, diaries, even tokens sold in canteens. But there is an entire world operating on history, heritage and intrigue and the Singapore numismatic exhibition was a visual delight for many Indians who regularly visit such coin fairs.



Cont of Page 1st .. Beware of Fake 100 Rupees Maharana Pratap Coins

Mr. Prashant Dave, a numismatist said "Earlier, few of the coins that were considered to be genuine were actually discovered to be fakes. Such 'fakes' never deserved to be valued in any terms but times have changed. Today, with improved technology fakes are getting better." Recently many hi quality proof counterfeit coins are reported. We hope that the Indian Government mints may also take a look into this serious issue.

"Today commemorative counterfeit coins can sell for hundreds to thousands of rupees. Other counterfeits such as of the scarce or rare definitive coins are also fetching good price. If this trend continues, we may find other "privately made" coins in the name of re-strikes, die varieties, mules etc." added Mr. Prashant Dave.

The ONLY safe way to avoid fake, is to buy from a trustworthy dealer, who guarantees his coins. If one is buying coins from reputed dealer, then there is nothing to worry about as most of the reputed dealers have studied their inventory and chances of them selling fake coins are almost zero.

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.

The screenshot shows an eBay listing for two Indian coins: a 1000 Rupee 2010 coin and a 500 Rupee coin. The listing is titled "1000 RUPEES 2010 & 500 RUPEES COIN VERY RARE". The price is listed as Rs. 1,899.00. The seller is "indianheritage" with a 93.1% positive feedback rating. The listing includes shipping details, payment options (PaytoPay), and a return policy. There are also social media share buttons and a "Buy It Now" button.

Rs 350 Coin to Mark Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh

NEW DELHI: Government will come out with Rupees 350 commemorative coin to mark 350th birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh, the 10th and last Sikh Guru.

"The Rs 350 coin shall be coined at the Mint for issue under the authority of the Central Government to commemorate the occasion of 350th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji," said the finance ministry in a notification.

The coin with standard weight of 35 gram will have 50 per cent silver, 40 per cent copper and 5 per cent each of nickel and zinc.

The obverse will bear the rupee symbol and denominational value '350' in international numerals below the Lion Capital.

The reverse side will bear the picture of "Takht Shri Harimandir Ji Patna Sahib" in the centre.

The years '1666' and '2016' in international numerals will be on the left and right periphery of the coin.



Hyderabad EXPO 2018

A three-day numismatic exhibition recently took place at Federation House Telangana and Andhra Pradesh of Commerce and Industry, Red Hill, Hyderabad recently.

While the older lot was keen to see the collection of stamps and coins on display at the Interact building of the university, the younger ones showed interest in getting started with the hobby.

Coin collection, which earlier used to be a hobby of schoolchildren, has been recreated as an alternative insurance avenue designed to endure economic crisis. People are so keenly interested in such exhibitions.



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Interestingly enough, all proof examples of 1938 Quarter Anna that have come at auctions since the year 2000 have the Obverse Type I (b) and are classified as later restrike proofs and that is quite logical. Also, another giveaway was that these restrike examples have all been lacquered as that was a general practice of the mint at the time restriking took place[1].

Furthermore, even the most comprehensive collections put together (like Diana, David Fore (took 50 years in assembling), Arielle, and examples offered by Heritage, Stacks, Goldberg, Steve Album) only had the later restrike examples of the 1938 Quarter Anna Proof. One can find this easily by searching the past auction archives. There is not a single 1938 Quarter Anna Proof with the Obverse Type I (a).

On the other hand, the Fore sale had the Original Proofs of 1939 Quarter Anna in both Type I and Type II Obverse. The Type I example had the Obverse Type I (b), which should be the case as all Type I business strikes of 1939 Quarter Anna have the Obverse Type I (b).

Consequently, it would be safe to assume that all 1938 Quarter Anna Original Proofs should have the Obverse Type I (a) - trefoils almost touching the pearls and that should be taken as a significant indicator of a true 1938 striking.

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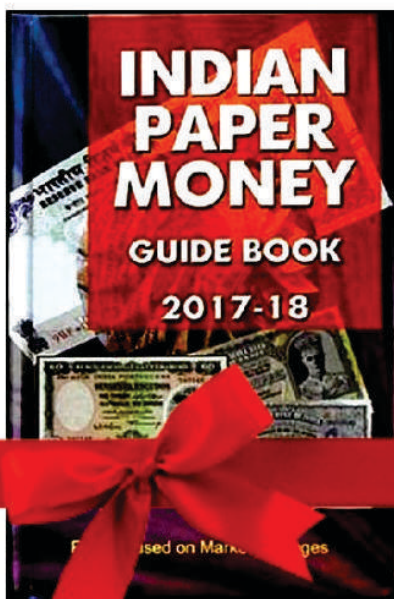


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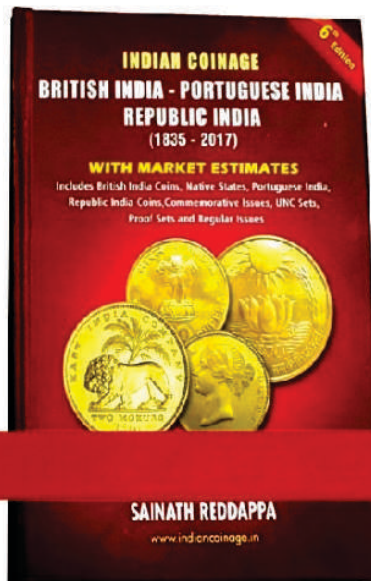
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Coin of the Month

Republic India 2 Rupees Error Coin

Denomination: 2 Rupees **Year:** 2011 – Till Date
Metal: Ferritic Stainless Steel (83% Iron, 17 % Chromium)
Weight: 4.85 g **Shape:** Circular **Diameter:** 25 mm
Off Center Partial Brockage with Subsequent Off Center Double Strike.



This coin first got minted as an off center Partial brockage error coin. The coin blank failed to rest within the collar in a centered position and was partially covered with another minted coin when it got struck. Thus resulting as an off centered strike with partial brockage. Secondly, this coin failed to eject the minting chamber and got a second off center strike (this time in absence of any other coin or planchet).

This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of senior numismatist Mr. Md Tanwer Alam's collection.

Note of the Month

Ten rupees note with super fancy number.

Denomination: 10 rupees **Year:** 1962 -1967.
Prefix: Q 65 **Inset:** B **Number:** 777777
Governor signature: P C Bhattacharya.



Reverse: Sailing Dhow with value in 13 languages in language panel.

Type: Super fancy number in old ten rupee note.

Condition: Used condition.

Rarity: Ex-rare.

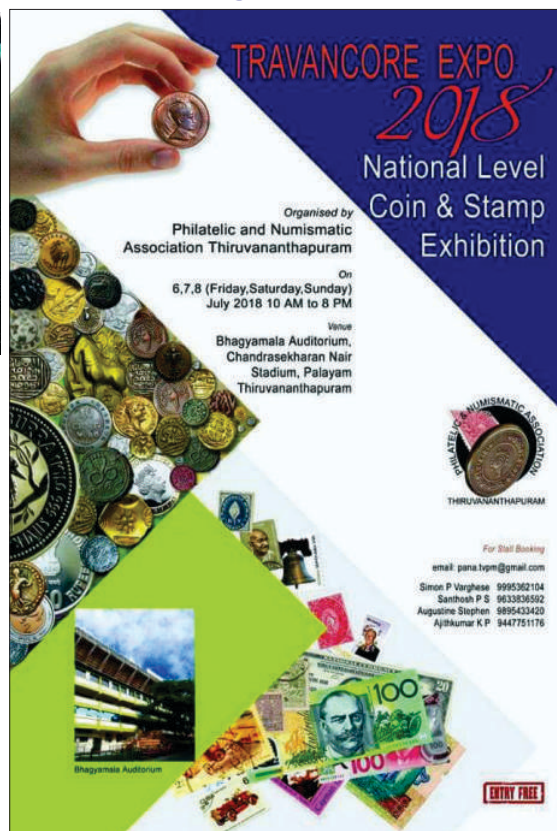
The Note of the month is shared from Shri. Siddharth N Shah's collection.

140 Silver Coins of British Era found at Harinahalli Village in Karnataka

MYSURU: A pot filled with about 140 silver coins belonging to Queen Victoria's era was found while digging a trench to lay foundation for a house at Harinahalli Village in Periyapatna taluk in the district, recently. Apart from the coins, a stone inscription and a tunnel have also been found, triggering curiosity among the villagers.



According to Periyapatna police, they learnt about the coins when the construction workers were trying to sell the same at a pawn broker shop. Acting on a tip-off, police interrogated them, during which they revealed that they found the pot in a site belonging to one Annegowda. The latter had asked the workers to demolish his old mud house and lay foundation to build a new house. The workers had allegedly not informed Annegowda about the coins. The coins, embossed with a picture of Queen Victoria, may belong to 1840 AD.



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2	SUB- UNIT OF RUSSIAN ROUBE (5)
3	PAPAL STATE IN ITALY (7+4)
4	MONETARY UNIT OF JAPAN (3)
5	MONETARY UNIT OF CURACAO (6)
6	SLOVENIAS CAPITAL (4)
7	FORMER MONETARY UNIT OF SPAIN (6)
8	MONETARY UNIT OF SYRIA (5)
9	MONETARY UNIT OF TANNU- TUVA (5)
10	SUB-UNIT OF HUNGARY IN EARLY 20TH CENTUARY (6)
11	SUB-UNIT OF SWITZERLAND FRANC (6)
12	MONETARY UNIT OF SLOVEKIA (6)
13	SHOE SHAPED COUNTRY IN EUROPE (5)
14	NAME OF SOUTH AMERICA COUNTRY & DESI NAME OF GUAUA (4)
15	IN JAPANESE LANGUAGE -JAPAN (6)
16	FORMER CURRENCY OF ITALY (4)
17	SUB- UNIT OF SHEQEL OF ISRAEL (6)
18	FORMER MONETARY SYSTEM OF INDIA :16 _____ = 1RUPEE (4)
19	MONETARY UNIT OF HAITI (6)
20	HELLENIC REPUBLIC (6)
21	BULGARIAN CURRIENCIES (4)
22	NEIGHBOURIN COUNTRY TO LAOS & CAMBODIA (7)
23	NEW EUROPEAN CURRENCY (4)
24	IRELAND IN IRISH LANGUAGE (4)
25	COUNTRY IN UNITED KINGDOM (7)
26	MONETARY UNITS OF MOLDOVA (4)
27	MONETARY UNIT OF MALDIVES (5)
28	MONETARY UNIT OF MALAWI (7)

Find the answer . The words may be horizontally, vertically or diagonally either forward or backward but in straight line,use the ruler to cross them as you find the words

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Solution of the crossword to appear in next issue

Your Money Can Buy You Diseases, FSSAI

Dangerous diseases are cashing in on your filthy banknotes and coins,the country's apex food regulator has pointed out.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) has directed all state food commissioners to create a systematic campaign for generating awareness among all citizens to discourage the simultaneous handling of food and currency notes and coins. The agency has also observed that eateries and vendors should exercise precautions while collecting cash and handing out food.

The ubiquitous currency that you handle on a daily basis from the roadside panipuriwala to the cashier or your sabziwala can be the cause of food poisoning, skin, respiratory and gastro infections. Handling of currency with unclean and soiled hands, use of saliva during counting and storage under unhygienic conditions leads to its contamination with harmful microorganisms, mentioned the FSSAI's advisory.

The agency has said cross-contamination from currency is a risk to human health, leading to many conditions such as food poisoning as well as skin, respiratory and gastrointestinal diseases.

Children, pregnant mothers, the elderly and immunity-compromised people are more vulnerable to such infections. Food vendors, particularly those selling their wares on the streets, often prepare and serve food and collect money from patrons with the same hand. Currency notes and coins are widely circulated everyday by public and these are source of microbiological contamination. This we were examining for a long time, but we cannot punish anyone. Therefore, we have directed all the state food commissioners to launch a strong awareness campaign on hygienically handling of currency notes and coins and this we have to start at a very basic level, Pawan Agarwal, CEO of FSSAI, told Mail Today.

Ideally, handling of food and money should be physically separated. After handling currency, hands should be thoroughly washed before touching food and vice-versa.

FSSAI has directed states to initiate a systematic drive to raise awareness amongst citizens to discourage simultaneous handling of food and currency notes/coins. Now, the Food and Drugs Control Authority (FDCA) in Gujarat has begun developing guidelines and programmes for vendors to ensure that spread of germs, especially bacteria and fungi, through currency is mitigated.



Source: India Today / Ahmedabad Mirror

Hobby: The Art of Living Your Passion – Your Way

Collecting things can be a joyful experience or an educational hobby, a serious endeavor or a playful way to spend some free time. There is always a certain thrill when you add something new to your collection and a great deal of pride when you display it to others. Hobbies are a healthy pastime. It becomes a deep-seated passion to persons without straining their nerves. It combines the joy of discovery with the labor of acquisition. It is gifted with a feeling of achievement. It temporarily diverts their mind from their work which is normally tense and very exacting. Thus hobbies are a healthy thing and contribute a lot to the building of one's 'personality. It ought to be encouraged. These are unhealthy as they adversely affect us. Hobbies encourage the mind and thinking faculty.



There is hardly a person who does not have a hobby. Not only the educated but also the uneducated pursue one hobby or the other. Some of the common hobbies are playing cards, flying of kites, petting of birds and animals, gardening, stamp collecting, coin-gathering, sewing, crafts, embroidery, knitting, cooking, photography, writing letters to editors of newspapers, writing poetry, reading books and magazines, swimming, listening music, watching movies, surfing internet, traveling etc. A creative product may not be of any commercial value. But it gives satisfaction to the artist. If one is dedicated and works hard, he will gain from it. The creative person could become an author, and editor or even an art director.

Hobbies give pleasure but they should be least costly. They should provide creative satisfaction and relaxation. Each one of us should choose a worthwhile hobby that may give us change and joy. At times our hobbies become our profitable vocation. There is a large variety of things that can be collected. They can be stuffed action figures, dolls, toy cars, colorful mugs, comic books, cards, DVDs, etc. Other things that can be collected are stamps, coins, seashells or sports memorabilia, while younger children can collect buttons, stickers, erasers, pencils, bottle caps, etc.

Collecting and studying Coins

Coins of a country can teach us many things about its history, politics, and society. Coin collecting can be fun and educational and it increases one's wealth at the same time. For a good collection, one might have to swap coins with friends or family members or ask relatives from abroad to give him/her loose change or even get some money changed from a bank. We can keep a journal with pencil shading of both sides of the coin and a few facts to enhance our knowledge about a country's currency. You can keep your coin collection in coin-holder books, glass jars or plastic pouches. Coin albums and coin folders provide an easy way for you to store, display and enjoy your coin collection.

Coin collecting is both a popular hobby and an investment. Coins are usually not a short term investment, as some experts recommend a holding period of three to five years, and preferably five to ten. The supply of coins is fixed, since only a given number of coins are minted per year, adding to the potential value of coins.

Whatever your interest is, remember that having a good collection of your favorite items is all about having fun and having a good hobby to keep you busy and entertained. It should not be a cause of worry or financial burden for you or your parents. Be creative and have fun!

Collecting and studying Currency Notes

Notaphily is the study and collection of paper currency, and banknotes. A notaphilist is a collector of banknotes or paper money, particularly as a hobby. It is believed that people have been collecting paper money for as long as it has been in use. A lot of the fun of this hobby is in the hunt. Finding the stuff is fun all by itself. You might want to start out with small size notes. Oh, what's a small size note you say? Small size notes are more readily available, and for the most part, are less costly. So start small. Don't buy it online. Visit a currency exhibition in your city. And before you buy a 'thing' from a dealer on the Internet, get references. This is a fun hobby. But remember, this is a 'hobby', it's not investment banking. And while it is possible that your collection will appreciate over time, don't expect it to. Buy notes because you like them. That way, if the value of your collection plunges 5 years from now, it won't matter to you because YOU ENJOY THE NOTES. And if it quadruples in value, you'll be that much more thrilled.

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Event's Time 10.00 Am - 7.00 Pm

Month	Dates	Events Name	Venue
April	15	COLLECTING HISTORY	Sheila Raheja Hall, 2nd Floor, Rotary Service Center, Juhu Tara Road Santacruz (W) Mumbai
April	20, 21 & 22	Shukla Day Coin & Philately Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
May	14 to 20	Royal Numismatic Society 2nd Coin Exhibition Delhi	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi
July	6, 7, & 8	Travancore Expo	Bhagyamala Auditorium, Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium, Paiyamb, Thiruvananthapuram
July	13, 14, & 15	Global Currency Expo (Trichy)	Sreenivasa Hall, Near Central Bus Stand, Trichy, Tamil Nadu
August	3, 4, & 5	IFPNA Pondy Stamp & Coin Fair (Pondicherry)	Vel Sokkanathan Thirumana Nilayam, 45 Feet Road, Vallalar Salai, Pondicherry
August	10, 11 & 12	Coimbatore Coin Stampex	Dr.T.V sivananda Memorial Hall, No.7, opp to Rexin land, Near Chennai Silks Gandhipuram, Coimbatore
August	10, 11 & 12	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair	The President Hotel, Opp. Municipal Market, Off C.G. Road, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad

RAISE YOUR VOICE AGAINST FAKES, FRAUDS AND COUNTERFEITS.

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



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Postal Cover on Ullal Srinivas Mallya Released

Mangaluru: A special postal cover in memory of late Ullal Srinivas Mallya considered as the architect of undivided Dakshina Kannada has been released. It was released under the auspices of Department of Posts, Mangaluru division in the National Institute of Technology -Karnataka (NITK) post office at Surathkal recently. The cover was released on the occasion of 115th birth anniversary of late Mr. Mallya, a release said. Mr. Mallya born on November 21, 1902 in Mangaluru and died in New Delhi on December 19, 1965. He was a Member of Parliament for 18 years from 1946 to 1965. He was instrumental in Dakshina Kannada getting several development projects. Some of them included New Mangalore Port, Mangaluru airport, Mangaluru station of the All India Radio and the erstwhile Karnataka Regional Engineering College (now NITK).



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

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

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

1991 – Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

The 'Commonwealth Parliamentary Association' was founded in 1911. It is an association of parliaments and provincial legislature of Commonwealth countries and it aims at promoting understanding and co-operation among the Commonwealth parliamentarians. Its meeting is held in alternate years at the capital of one of the member countries.

The 37th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference was held in New Delhi from 23rd to 28th September, 1991. To commemorate this event, India issued a 1 rupee commemorative coin on 21st September, 1991. The other coins issued in this theme, in the denomination of 5 rupees and 10 rupees, were only issued as proof and uncirculated specimens.

Obverse: The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion and the value '1' in International numerals on the center. In English "INDIA" and "RUPEE" appear on the right periphery and in Hindi "Bharat" and "Rupaya" appear on the left. "Satyameva Jayate" in Hindi is shown just below the Ashokan Lion.

Reverse: The reverse of this coin shows the Parliament House in New Delhi with the inscription 'COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE' in English and 'Rajyamandal Sansadiya Sammelan' in Hindi around the periphery. '1991' – the year of issue appear above the Parliament House.



1991 – Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference

Specifications: Year of issue: 1991 Weight: 6 grams

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

Shape: Circular

Diameter: 26 mm **Edge:** milled **Mints:** Mumbai

President Ram Nath Kovind Releases Commemorative Coins on Nabakalebar Festival

Puri: President Ram Nath Kovind on 18th March released commemorative coins in denominations of RS 10 and Rs 1000 on Lord Jagannath's Nabakalebar festival. The President, who is visiting Odisha, released the coins during the centenary celebration of Rastriya Sanskrit Sansthan in Puri. Addressing a function held on the occasion, Mr. Kovind described the pilgrim town of Puri as the 'Vidya Nagri' (education hub) for its connection with knowledge and science since ancient times.

Puri is the integrated place of various thoughts and schools of religion, Mr. Kovind said. Stating that Lord Jagannath temple is the centre for art and culture, the President said the Lord's Rath Yatra has a significant place in the hearts of Indians.

"I am impressed with the tradition of Rath Yatra when Lord Jagannath comes out of temple for devotees. All the devotees, irrespective of caste and religion, witness and participate in the event. This festival strengthens equality, peace, goodwill, progress and values of universal brotherhood. "It also describes the value of labour and significance of creator as Gajapati Maharaja used to sweep the chariots during the festival," he said. While acknowledging the significance of Sanskrit, Mr. Kovind said even Adi Shankaracharya, who belonged to Kerala and whose mother tongue was Malayalam, learned Sanskrit and established four peeths in Uttarakhand, Puri, Dwarka and Rameswaram at four dhams in the country. The President said that his father had visited Puri Temple on October 9, 1947, when he was around 8-9 years old. "I am fortunate to visit here and had darshan of Lord Jagannath in Puri where my father had visited in 1947," he said.

First Lady Savita Kovind, Odisha Governor S.C. Jamir, Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan, Jual Oram, Odisha Higher Education Minister Ananta Das, Puri King Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb and others were present during the ceremony.



Released Commemorative Coins Rs 1000 of Lord Jagannath

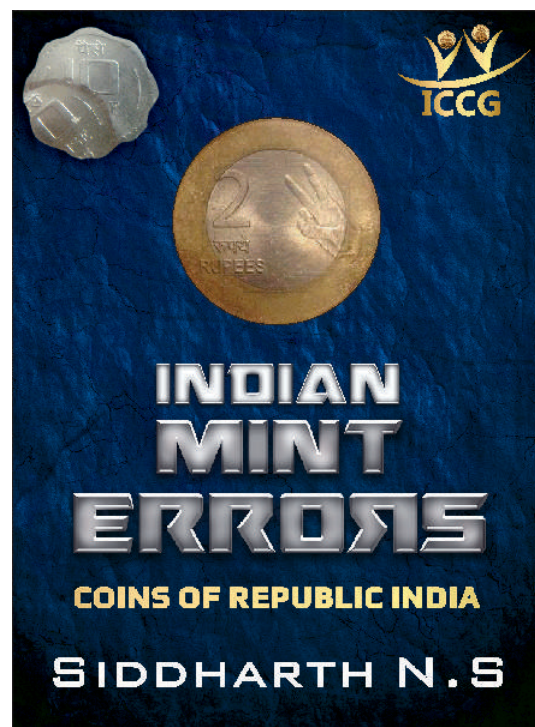
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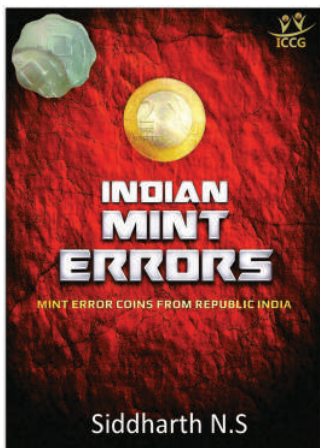
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