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35,000 Coins to Twinkle and Jingle Ganpati Bapa in Malad West - Mumbai



Continuing with the legacy of making a creative idol from last few years, this year is no different for Malad West Mumbai. The members of Shree Sai Darshan Mitra Mandal, Malad (W), are this year coming up with an idol made up from more than 35000 coins and have from last many days worked tirelessly making this idol which is still under completion.

In the past they have made Ganesha idols of chocolates, toy cars, erasers, pencils etc. The Mandal has even won Times best Ganesha idol award for their pencil Ganesha. 2011- Chocolate Ganapati, 2012 - Toy car Ganpati, 2013 -Pencil Ganpati (Winner of times of India contest) 2014 - Football eraser Ganpati (Winner of Utsavatla Raja Contest) 2015 - Social media Ganpati (Winner of Utsavatla Raja Contest). Last year this Mandal made Ganpati idol of spices. The Mandal came up with an eco friendly idol made up of pulp paste made from old newspapers and rice water, weighing approximately 190 kgs only with decoration of Indian Spices like clove (9 kgs), cinnamon (20 kgs), chilly (2 kgs), cardamom (6 kgs) & mustard seeds (1 kg). **Cont on Page 6th**



ICCG News Felicitation Ceremony 2017 @ Bangalore



Shri. Prashant Kulkarni & Shri. Girish Veera



Mr.Sandeep Shah & Shri. Prashant Kulkarni

In an event to mark two successful years, on the opening day ICCG felicitated some respectable numismatists to mark two successful years of ICCG News. The felicitation was done by the hands of the **Chief Guest Shri. Prashant Kulkarni** and specially acknowledged the services of Karnataka Numismatic Society who have served Indian Numismatics for four decades. Special memento was presented to **Shri. Kirti Parekh, president of Karnataka Numismatic Society.**

Guests of honors **Shri. Girish Veera, Shri. Sanjay Gosalia** and **Shri. Jagdish Agarwal** were also present. Further ICCG News encouraged all its readers to share any numismatic or philatelic related news and articles with them. **Cont on Page 2nd**

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Shri. Prashant Kulkarni & Shri. Kirti Parekh



Tejas Shah, Sandeep Shah, Ravi Sharma, Shri. Prashant Kulkarni, Prasad Talekar, Siddharth Shah, Jigar Zaveri, Ramesh Saraswat & Darshan Shah



Mr. Tejas Shah & Shri. Prashant Kulkarni



Mr. Jigar Zaveri & Shri. Prashant Kulkarni



Mr. Mainsh Agrawal & Shri. Prashant Kulkarni



Mr. Rahul Keshwani & Shri. Prasad Talekar



Mr. Ravi Sharma & Shri. Prashant Kulkarni



Shri. Jagdish Agrawal & Mr. Siddharth Shah



Shri. Prashant Kulkarni & Mr. Ramesh Saraswat



Mr. Sanjay Gosaila & Mr. Siddharth Shah



Mr. Darshan Shah & Shri. Prashant Kulkarni

Another special moment was presented to Shri. Prasad Talekar. In the International Coin Design Competition in Japan, 91 works from 22 countries were competing for being judged as the best. And it was indeed a moment of pride for Mr. Prasad Talekar, who became the first Indian to win Silver Medal in that competition. Mr. Talekar was representing I G Mint and his designed coin 'Khajuraho – Temple of Love' won the second prize.

Finally, ICCG thanked its readers for sharing their most valuable thoughts, collectibles and precious time in their interview section and specially invited them to acknowledge them by felicitating with personalized mementoes.

Travelling Through Time & Places for Passion

One may start up with any hobby simply because it's a fun thing to do. But with time it grows into a lot of passion. Shri. Ragi Vaikuntachary is one person who has travelled almost every part of India for his passion – for his hobby. Not only does he love spending time with his collectibles but also share his piece of knowledge and experience with other collectors. He started collecting coins since childhood, is how he shares with us:

I have been collecting coins and notes since my childhood. One can know about a country, a dynasty and famous personalities simply by looking at these currencies and so even I got fascinated towards this hobby.

How and when do you start your collection?

It all started when my father gifted me some Coins. But from 1996, I took my hobby more seriously and slowly I got to collect and learn a lot with almost every collectible.

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

I have ten rarest coins in my collection which are also my favorites.

Please let us know bit more of your collection?

I collect all Indian coins. Be it from the British period or republic Indian coins. Year wise, mint wise and commemorative. Just every coin has a different story with it.

How was the support from your family?

There was indeed a lot of support from my father and my wife.

Have you ever displayed your collection at any exhibition or with your family? If yes, how was the response?

I have not displayed my collection in any exhibition but yes, I always find pleasure in sharing my collection with family and friends. It feels nice to see my efforts being appreciated and such positive response helps further to continuing with the hobby.

Where do you see the numismatic industry going in the future?

There has been a tremendous change in the numismatic industry over the years. It's clearly getting global. I feel its heading more towards international interest.

What makes error coin collectible different from other collectible coins?

With millions of coins being produced each year, it is natural that a few mint errors escape inspection and gets released for circulation. Nearly every mis-struck or error coin is unique in some way, and prices may vary from coin to coin. Non-collectors usually view them with lots of curiosity because they look so strange.

Any particular problem that you face, while doing your collections?

No problems were faced in particular. But yes, my passion has made me travel a lot. All these years, I have traveled a lot for filling the gaps or for want of few more collectible coins.

How do you see the role of social media (Facebook, Whatsapp etc) towards numismatics?

Social media has indeed played a great role. It has proved to be the best platform for hundreds of new collectors and budding numismatics. The best place for a good learning experience and also for trading or exchanging.

Do you feel that numismatics as a subject, should be encouraged among students?

Maybe through few numismatic exhibitions and similar activities like vacation camps?

Its indeed a good idea to keep students engaged in such activities. But more awareness is required to get youth attracted towards this subject. More youngsters could be welcomed to the exhibitions, demos and small numismatic workshops could be conducted in schools and colleges.

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.

Every collector needs to be committed towards keeping the hobby clean and should report any such seller or dealer to ASI (Archeological Survey of India) or Cyber Crime Department (if the fraud has been done online).

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Shri. Ragi Vaikuntachary





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Further state wise coin societies should also blacklist such people and declare the names which may be of help to others. But if some dealer may have sold a 'fake' or 'tooled' collectible unknowingly then he could be warned and still if he continues then he surely deserves to be punished.

How do you feel the book on error coins from ICCG would help collectors?

It's the first book on the subject of error coins and hopefully, this book from ICCG may help collectors in getting a thorough knowledge of the subject before collecting these minting defects.

How do you see our news paper contributing to numismatics?

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

ICCG News hereby thank Shri. Ragi Vaikuntachary 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.

Jumping Number Note



Nanyadarshini 2017 History through Coins, Paper Money & Stamps



BENGALURU: Nanyadarshini 2017, an annual exhibition by Karnataka Numismatic Society was a bonanza for philatelists and numismatists. Coins, say historians, are the best repositories of the bygone days as they have over the years helped frame Indian history. If unknown facts from the pages of history are what one longs for, then any coin exhibition is the best of the places and the Bangalore coin exhibition just proved that right. Hundreds of hobby enthusiastic gathered at Shikshak Sadan, KG Road, on first day itself to get a glimpse of the world's smallest set of coins, as claimed by the organizers.

Here, the coins that were on display were from ancient to modern. The three-day exhibition had over 60 stalls and footfall of hundreds on the first day itself. If one is lucky to get through the crowd, he/she can spot a set of water-droplet-like coins made of pure gold which the organizers claim is the smallest coin in the world, comes from the 14th-century Vijaynagara empire. The coins, weighing 0.25-0.75g, were brought to the exhibition by Shri. Rajendra Maru, a collector-cum-dealer.

Coins from post-Mauryan-era towns Suktimati, Tripuri (modern Jabalpur) and Kasi Janapada (Varanasi) were also displayed. The event's highlight was the auction of ten gold coins dating back to the Chandragupta Maurya period which were hammered at Rs 4 lakh each. Apparently, many buyers participated in the auction through online bids.

Auctions for coins and paper money were held by Todywalla, Imperial Auctions and Bombay Auctions. All three auctions were held on 29th and 30th July.

Other unique attractions from the exhibition included a 22-carat The Hobbit stamp from New Zealand, besides embroidered and radium stamps.

There was streaming of videos on giant screen on how some coins and currencies were unearthed during excavations. The event was attended by many luminaries including SK Mukherjee, the chief justice of Karnataka.

For ten-year-old Manish, this exhibition had been an eye-opener. The student of Class V realized the value of his rare coin collection only when he inquired about the prices of the coins that were on display at the three-day exhibition. "It was a delight to see many more students who visited the exhibition, and its indeed a good idea to keep students engaged in such activities" said Shri Mangilal, a coin dealer from Mumbai.

Past, Present & Future Prediction of Commemorative Coin Sets

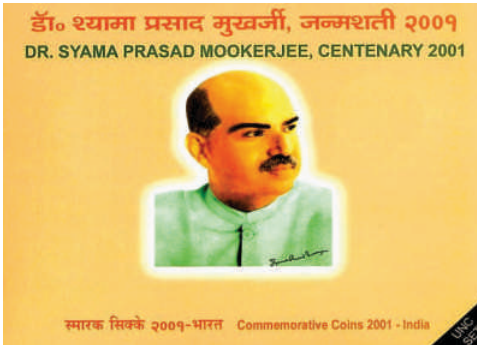
At what rate were the coin sets issued in the past?

What are they worth today?

How would these coin sets be valued in the next 5 years ?

Looking for a place to find past, present & future value of your proof and UNC sets? From this month, ICCG News dedicates a basic coin price section for people who are familiar with coin sets but want to find out about their past, present and possible future values.

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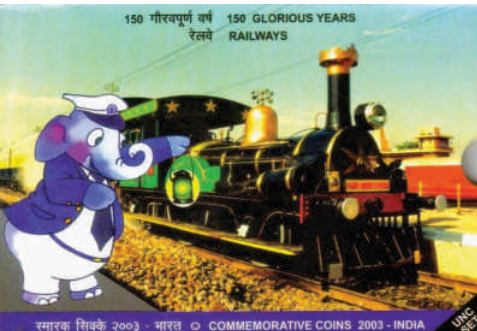
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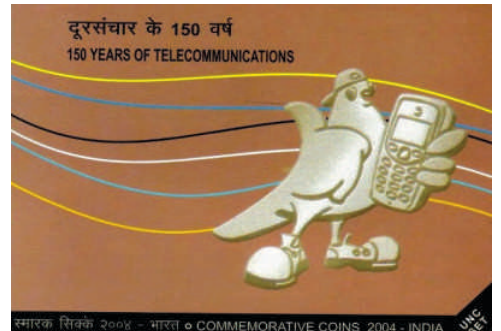
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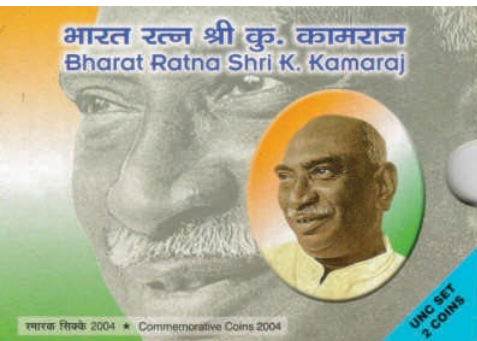
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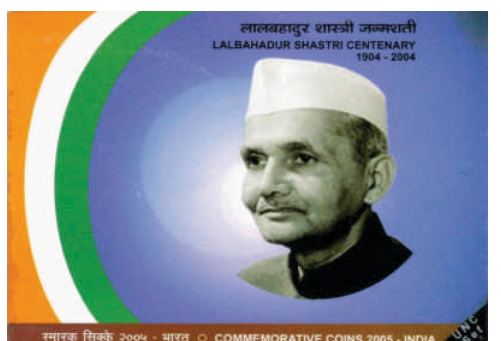
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Ganpati Idol Decorated With Different Themes



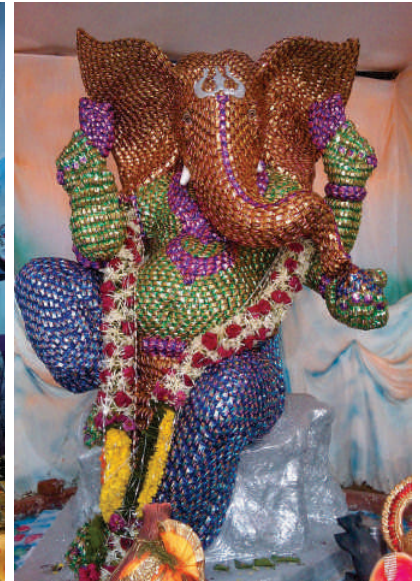
Theme "Wax Social Media"



Theme "Pencil"



Theme "Toy Car"



Theme "Chocolate"

This year, the 11 feet idol would consist of hundreds of 1 paise (old hole) coins, small ten paise steel coins, 20 paise coins of both brass and aluminum. Shree Girish P. Limbachiya from the Shree Sai Darshan Mitra Mandal said "We had some old coins collected from some friends and we decided to make this year's Ganesh idol from old coins. We were some coins short though for which we got a good helping hand from 'SNS Coins Gallery' which belongs to Shree Siddharth Shah and is the part of Indian numismatic fraternity." There would also be a display of old coins which would allow children to come closer to these small pieces of history. "The vision of setting up the exhibition is to bring awareness among the children about coins, which we know are beautiful pieces of history. It's great fascination for a child to search for and gather various ancient and contemporary coins with varied designs, metals, colors and weights but most importantly, children would learn the value of coins with denominations of 1 paise, 5 paise, 10 paise and else" added Shree Limbachiya.

The idol is painstakingly made by the Mandal's members in 40 days working in night after their day's job. In their endeavor the Mandal has always kept their focus on people awareness and education.

Do come for darshan at Shree Sai Darshan Mitra Mandal from 25th August 2017 to 05th September 2017 at, Sainath road, Near Subway, Malad west, Mumbai – 400064.

Special Cover on GST Released

Patna: To commemorate the launch of Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 1st July 2017, the Department of Post, Bihar Postal Circle organized an event and released a Special Cover at Philatelic Bureau of Patna GPO on Saturday.

The Special Cover was released by the Chief Postmaster General Bihar Circle, M.E. Haque in the presence of Postmaster General, Eastern Region, Bihar Anil Kumar and the Director Postal Services (HQ), Bihar Parimal Sinha. On this occasion there was a huge gathering of eminent Philatelists, Stamp lovers and delegates from Print and Electronic media.

The Special cover emphasizes the fact that the Goods and Service Tax Act is the India's biggest tax reforms which will simplify the current system of taxation. After launch of GST the country has been converted into a unified market by replacing all indirect taxes with one tax i.e GST.

The Special cover indicates the benefits of GST and how it will help common man by reducing the cost and price of Goods and Services by removing multiplicity and complication of taxes and taxation system. The GST will be helpful in increasing the GDP of the country. The cover further speaks as how GST will make India Strong economy and will create on nation and one taxation and one market.

The Special Cover depicts the symbol of GST and it's Logo, A Special cancellation was also released on this occasion depicting it's symbol and date of it's being effective from.



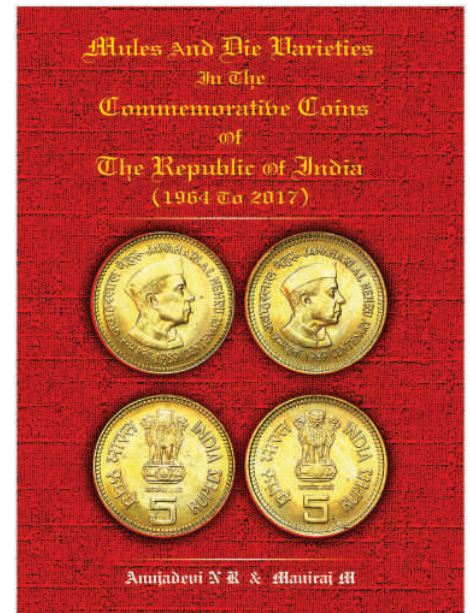
Much awaited book releases on 'Mule and Die Varieties in Commemorative Coins of Republic India'

Even though we live in the Internet age with virtually everything at our fingertips, books are still an important part of any numismatic education. Numismatics is a large and sometimes daunting field. Knowing how to get started can be difficult. And books can prove to be the best help source at most of the times. And one of the most awaited books on Mule and Die Varieties in commemorative coins of republic India was released on 28th July 2017 during the Naynadarshini Numismatic Exhibition at Bangalore. **"Mules and Die Varieties in the Commemorative Coins of the Republic of India (1964 to 2017)"** by Anujadevi N R and Maniraj M is a recent book in numismatics, written with an objective to provide knowledge and information on the mules and die varieties existing among the commemorative coins of India. Earlier, the information on the mules and die varieties, especially in the commemorative coins was scattered and hard to obtain.

This book covers the obverse types used in the various denominations, from 5 paise to 10 rupees where there are different designs used on the obverse of different coins. It also consists of a brief note on the theme of commemoration. The description of the obverse and reverse of the coin has been provided in this book. The metal or the alloy used, shape, weight, dimensions of the coin along with the type of edge have also been mentioned. This book mainly contains a catalogue of the mule coins and the die variety coins.

In this book, the scaled up images of the coins with high definition have been given. The variations in the designs have also been clearly conveyed in an easily identifiable manner. The anatomy of a commemorative coin and also the modern process of minting commemorative coins have been elaborated in this book.

The authors Anujadevi N R and Maniraj M are electrical and mechanical engineers respectively with keen interest in the study and collection of the commemorative coins of the Republic of India. Through this book, they are honored to contribute to the numismatic society.



Chennai Coin Fair 2017: Treat for Coin, Stamp Collectors



CHENNAI: At a recent coin exhibition in Chennai, numerous booths were set up displaying ancient coins, discontinued banknotes, woven stamps and more. Chennai Coin Society's Grand National Level Coin fair was recently held at Chennai AKR Mahal from 21st to 23rd July. Ancient Tamil coins, British India Coins, Rare Foreign Coins, Old Currencies and stamps were for display and sale in there, this was one of the best exhibitions ever held in Chennai. This Coin Exhibition was held for youths of the society to develop the interest in Old Coins of India and know about the Ancient old Coinage and Currency. The event had around 200 participants and when the collectors talked about their prized-possessions, you could see their chests swell with pride.

The Chennai Coin Society website was also launched on July 21st during the CCS Coin Fair 2017 inauguration.

The members of the Chennai Coin Society, who conducted the exhibition, are upbeat that the hobby of currency and stamp collection are on a steady rise. They organize monthly meetings to create awareness on numismatics and educate newbie collectors on the finer aspects of coin collection and its maintenance.



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Commemorative Stamps on Banaras Hindu University Launched

India Post has released a se-tenant stamp set on Banaras Hindu University. The stamps are in denominations of 5 Rs and 15 Rs. Earlier in 1991 a stamp was released on BHU on the occasion of its centenary year.



Banaras Hindu University is an internationally reputed temple of learning, situated in the holy city of Varanasi. This Creative and innovative university was founded by the great nationalist leader, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya, in 1916 with cooperation of great personalities like Dr Annie Besant, who viewed it as the University of India. Banaras Hindu University was created under the Parliamentary legislation – B.H.U. Act 1915. It played a stellar role in the independence movement and has developed into the greatest center of learning in India. It has produced many great freedom fighters and builders of modern India and has immensely contributed to the progress of the nation through a large number of renowned scholars, artists, scientists and technologists who have graced its portals. The area of the main campus of this premiere Central University is 1300 acres, having well maintained roads, extensive greenery, a temple, an air strip and buildings which are an architectural delight. The Air Field of the campus was started for military training for flying during the Second World War. Another campus of the university at Barkachha, in Mirzapur district, covering an area of 2700 acres is coming up. The university comprises 3 Institutes, 14 Faculties 140 Departments, 4 Inter disciplinary Centers a constituent college for women's and 3 Constituents Schools, spanning a vast range of subjects pertaining to all branches of humanities, social science, technology, medicine, science, fine arts and performing arts. It has 6 centers of Advanced Studies, 10 Departments under Special Assistance Programme and a large number of specialized Research Centers. Four Degree Colleges of the city are affiliated to the University. Bharat Kala Bhavan, the reputed museum of the university, is a treasure trove of rare collections. The 927 bed hospital of the University is equipped with all the modern amenities. The university provides a wide range of facilities for sport and hobbies, has large playgrounds, a big auditorium, a flying club and many auxiliary services and units like Printing Press, Publication Cell, Fruit Preservation Center, Subsidized Canteens, Employment and Information Bureau, Security etc. The University family consists of about 15000 students belonging to all streams of life, castes and religions and races, about 1700 teachers, and nearly 8000 non-teaching staff a large number of students from foreign countries like the U.S.A, the countries of Europe, Asia, Middle East, Africa etc., come to study here. The university has taken a leadership role in promoting new ideas, the spirit of integration of the world, and cultivation of intellect and culture. Banaras Hindu University is small virtually the universe in microcosm.

MOS Commutation Mr. Manoj Sinha released a setenent stamp on Bananas Hindu University at 'Swatantrata Bhavan'(BHU campus) on 28.6.2017. Mr.S.K. Rai,DPS Varanasi circle and Mr. Grish Chand Tripathi Vice Chancellor BHU were also present on the occasion.

Special Cover on 22nd Asian Athletics Championships Odisha 2017

Special Cover was released to commemorate the 22nd Asian Athletics Championships on 5th July 2017 at Bhubaneswar.

Odisha is set to host the 22nd edition of the Asian Athletics Championship (AAC), where over 1,200 athletes and officials from 44 countries in Asia will take part in one of the largest sporting Asian athletics events to be in India.

This edition of the tournament will be the biggest event in the competition's history, with the participation of over 800 athletes from 45 countries. It is for the third time that the tournament will be held in India after being first held in 1977. The AAC has been hosted by New Delhi in 1989 and Pune in 2013 earlier.

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Coin of the Month

Counter Brockage Twenty Five Paise

Error: This is really an EXCEPTIONALLY unusual error coin. The mechanics of making a coin that involves a brockage coin to strike on a newly fed planchet.

Description: A 'counter brockage' is an expanded and distorted image (raised and normally-oriented) that is generated when an error coin with a brockage is struck into a planchet.

NOTE: 'Counter brockages' can be in-collar, out-of-collar, centered, or off-center. They can be aligned with or rotated relative to the opposite die-struck



face. The degree of expansion and distortion depends on how many previous planchets were struck and whether one or both participants in the error were confined by the collar.

USE: Circulation

Metal: Cupro-nickel

Shape: Circular

Weight: 2.5 gms **Diameter:** 19 mm

Obverse side: The center bears the Lion capital of Ashoka, with 'INDIA' in English and 'Bharat' in Hindi appearing on either side.

Reverse side: The value of the coin is shown in International numerals at the center and the year of issue just below it. The inscription "Paise" in Hindi and "PAISE" in English is indicated around the top half of the periphery. Two stylized twigs are also shown around the bottom half of the periphery.

This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of Mr. Vaikunta Chary R's collection.

Note of the month

New one rupee note

with massive numbering error.

New one rupee notes with predominantly pink-green on obverse and reverse in combination with other colors were recently put into circulation. Printing of one rupee notes was discontinued in 1994 but was re-launched in 2015. However, the telescopic numbering in these notes is the new feature which got introduced in 2017.



Misplaced Serial Number

The telescopic serial number along with the prefix is printed on upper right instead of lower right.

Denomination: One Rupee **Year:** 2017

Signature: Shaktikant Das

Condition: UNC Condition **Rarity:** Ex-rare

The Note of the month is shared from Shri Hitesh Tahilramani's collection.



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August	4,5,6	2nd Coins Expo 2017	4-1-606, Usman Sahebpet, SPSR Nellore, Andhra Pradesh
August	11,12,13	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair	The President Hotel, C. G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
August	19,20	Tulunadpex 2017	Dr.T M A Pai Hall, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal University, Manipal, Karnataka
September	15, 16, 17	Mumbai Coin Society Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
September	22,23,24	Coin Expo 2017	Town Hall, Ernakulam, Kerela
September	23	Coin Exhibition 2017	Exhibition Centre, New Delhi
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
November	7, 8, 9	Virasat Coin Fair	Kaka Vithika, Padav, Nagar Railway Station, Gwalior, MP
November	17 - 23	Royal Numismatic Expo 2017	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi
November	24 - 26	The Centenary Conference of NSI	Brangaza hall, Panjim, Opp Vidyt Bahvan, Goa
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	22,23,24	Mudra Utsav (Kolkata)	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, WestBengal
January '2018	12, 13, 14	2nd ICCG Numismatic Expo 2018	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra

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Special Cover to mark 94th Year of Khadi Movement

Special cover was released to mark the 94th year of the 'Khadi Movement' at Hudli village in Belgavi district. A nearby place 'Hudali' is the historical place. This was the same place where all leading freedom fighters visited Mahatma Gandhiji and stayed with him for one week.



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

आधुनिकि भारत के स्मरणीय सक्किः 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.

Small Farmers (7th World Food Day) Issue

In commemoration of the 7th World Food Day in 1987, India issued this 1 rupee commemorative coin on 16th October, 1987 with the theme "SMALL FARMERS".

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 a farmer couple engaged in transplanting in a field, the legend "SMALL FARMERS" in English, "Chhote Kishan" in Hindi, the F.A.O. crest and "1987" the year of issue. The other 2 coins on the same theme, were issued in the denomination of 100 rupees and 20 rupees as proof specimens.

Specifications:

Year of issue: 1987 **Weight:** 6 grams

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

Shape: Circular

Diameter: 26 mm **Edge:** Security

Mints: Mumbai, Kolkata & Hyderabad



Small Farmers

Indian Government Mint Coin Bookings

Indian Government Mint has started the sale of coin sets of different themes. One can directly book the coins from Mint. New Coin bookings from

Mumbai mint are open from 26-Jul-2017 to 26-Sep-2017.

The coins available are:

- 100 years of Return of Gandhi from South Africa. (100 & 10 rupees)
- 100 years of Komagata Maru. (100 & 5 rupees)
- The Proof is available at 3225 INR and UNC at 2644 INR.



Hyderabad Mint has started bookings of New Single Coins Sets. The bookings are open from 17-Jul-2017 to 16-Sep-2017.

The coins available are:

- 3rd India Africa Summit - INR 381 (10 rupees Bi-Metallic)
- Mysore University - INR 333 (5 rupees Ni-Brass)
- Dr S Radhakrishnan - INR 381 (10 rupees Bi-Metallic)
- Lala Lajpat Rai - INR 381 (10 rupees Bi-Metallic)



Small Pieces of History Comes Alive for Students of Bangalore

One of the most positive part of the Nanyadarshini Numismatic Exhibition was to see students from schools visiting and getting related with the subject. This exhibition provided an opportunity to students to understand the history of ancient civilizations and the heritage of various countries throughout the world.

A number of students from across the city came and saw the coins made of copper, lead, silver, gold and nickel - some belonging to the erstwhile princely states, East India Company and the British Raj and several others from even abroad. Stamp papers, antique gramophone, gramophone records, old locks, and postcards too were on display. But it was the coins of bygone eras that attracted the students most.



Shri. Kasari H S, founder & principal of the Sharda Shri Public School, South Bangalore told ICCG News that he was visiting such exhibition for the first time but he felt such exhibitions are a must for every school to visit.

"Yesterday one batch of my students had visited this coin fair and told lots of positive notes on this exhibition so today I personally got my 9th and 10th class students as exhibition of this kind would provide a practical exposure to them" said Shri. Kesari. He further said, "it's a very unique exhibition in itself. Here you can find coins that take you back ages..... One can find coins of BC and AD. I also came across a commemorative cover of independence of 1947. So it inspires a lot to children, because they learn lot of history in theory but here they can get lots of practical education as well.

When asked, how important such study trips are, he said "I feel students should be exposed to lots of information. It's an information age and such numismatic fairs are unique way of providing quality information. Every coin and currency is a piece of information for students. Normally students try and gather information from the internet but there they get only the visuals whereas here they can actually thing and the spirit behind. They can actually feel the pieces of history. Here I must also mention ICCG for their news paper and so much of study material that they provide along with so many coins and currency notes. It's a complete learning experience." "Today I also came across a 'STAR' note which I came to know was actually a replacement for a defectively printed note. So such information is even new to me" added Shri. Kesari. Students were taught the basics of numismatics and were gifted old coins and banknotes.

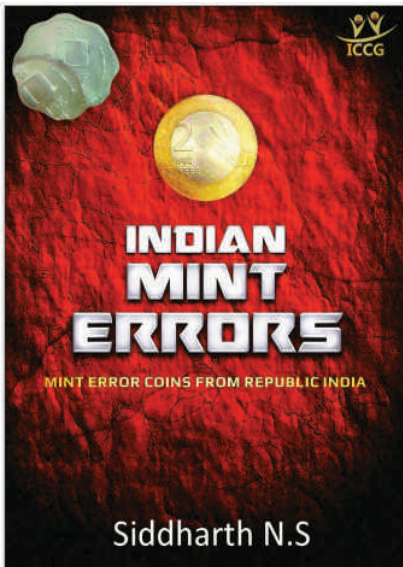
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