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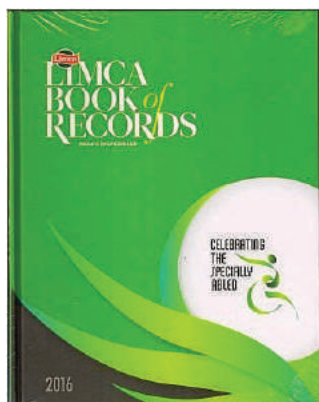
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Man Enters Limca Book with Few of the Most Common Indian Coins

BAREILLY: Indian coins minted in foreign countries seemed to be a record breaking headliner for Limca Book Officials, so much that they certified a man even for his incomplete set of such acoins. Mr.Rajendra Nagpal, 51, an e-rickshaw driver, has made it to the Limca Book of Records last month for having 18 Indian coins from nine foreign mints — the UK, Canada, Slovakia, Mexico, Hungary, Moscow and South Africa — belonging to the period between 1985 and 2000. Mr. Nagpal still misses one coin that is yet to be added.



Mr. Nagpal had applied for the Limca Book of Records in May 2016 and got the certificate in March 2017. But it seems the Limca Book officials did not make any efforts to learn the mintage, scarcity or rarity of the said coins. Little did the officials knew, that all of these 19 coins are common coins used in circulation and easily available with any coin dealer in any quantity on face value.

In mid 80s, to supplement the domestic production of coins, Indian government decided to seek help from mints of foreign countries. So in the years of 1985, 1988, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, they minted and imported regular (definitive) coins from foreign mints across the world to

overcome the shortage of coins. There are 19 coins in total that were minted outside India. But not any of these coins were scarce or rare in any terms and are easily available, either in circulation or with any coin dealer.

There are specific rules and guidelines applicable for entry into Limca Book of Records, and individuals interested in attempting to set or break a record are requested to study these guidelines. But it seems the Limca Book officials somehow managed to skip their piece of homework before certifying the record of the incomplete set of few common Indian circulation coins.



Mr.Rajendra Nagpal

The Timeless Allure of Mint Erratum Collecting



Error Coin collecting has developed as one of the world's most popular hobbies and could be a store of value for the meticulous collector. Mr. Leonardo Landin from Argentina is one such collector who has been studying and collecting these mint errors with endless passion. Recently Mr. Landin shared his collectibles and views with ICCG News. Excerpts from the interview:



Mr. Leonardo Landin

As a child were you fascinated towards coins/notes or any other collectibles? When I was a kid I collected absolutely everything, of course no collection was serious, only grouped objects that were left abandoned, collected miniature cars, postage stamps, rock and roll records, magazines, drink caps, and of course coins among others.

How and when do you start your collection?

Seriously my collection begun at the end of 2010, due to the need to have abundant coins to use in public transport, having a considerable amount of them, I could appreciate the differences between them and those that I caught the attention.. Some of them had a mintage error... and thus my hobby that had been abandoned as a child, was born again

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

I have so many coins as favorites in my collection... usually the ones with the most "dramatic" error , Today I choose this pair of Feeder fingers (25 and 50 Argentinean Cents 2009) , Not only because they are a great curiosity, but also because they are the last pieces added to my collection, or a series that I am completing only with currencies of 10 pesos 1984/85.

Please let us know bit more of your collection?

When I returned to the collection, I quickly realized that I did not feel the same interest for the non-Argentine coins, so I focus only on my country's coins, when I started to complete the same, I started to add variants and some errors, later I discovered that the errors and variants were many more than I imagined and currently occupy the whole of my collection, which also includes false and even fake errors and coins that have been used for other purposes. I further got the opportunity to buy rolls, coin bank bag, some medals and also included coins that had been used for other purposes (spurs).

I forgot to mention that most of my collection consists of coins with very small details, those that are only seen with a magnifying glass and even with a microscope, I love looking for them, classifying them and photographing them, it's a great hobby!

How was the support from your family?

As a child I did not have in my family, except a distant uncle who tried to initiate me in the philately, no one who collected or had a hobby affine. At present, I am married and with a daughter. Today, I receive the support of my wife, who is dedicated to the sale of antiquities and does not lose any opportunity in some auction to get me valuable pieces for my collection, valuable in terms of rarity, I do not speak economically.

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

To the industry I see a great future, since I see a continuous growth in the number of collectors, young enthusiasts interested in acquiring knowledge and new collectibles. I believe that the world of numismatics can only go for better.

What makes error coin collectible different from other collectible coins?

The coin with an error can be a complement to one's collection or a collection in itself. Errors occur and are also studied. Definition of numismatics says: It is the science that studies all aspects of the coins, and I consider that a coin with an error is worthy of being studied because of the same. There are people who say they do not collect coins with error, but when it comes to them, they most often add it because of their rarity or to sell it, in both cases giving value to it.

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

When it started, I had to face difficulty because.. I wanted everything !!, then I read an article by the cataloger par excellence in Argentina, Hector Carlos Janson, who advised: "not to despair, there are coins for everyone, you just have to have patience and constancy", it was true, today I enjoy more, getting rare pieces and enjoy the ones that other collectors discover.

As for practical problems, to which I still don't see a solution, are problems with mail and international shipping, problems are so large that I have given up directly buying or exchanging pieces.

Have you ever displayed your collection at any exhibition?

My collection is public, I have shown everything online. But only on fewer occasions I have displayed the album outside my house, and surely, I have received incredibly favorable comments, which have filled me with lots of pride.

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

In Argentina the role of 'Facebook' in the numismatics has been an explosion, dozens of numismatic groups of the most varied with thousands of followers, groups of study only, always willing to share knowledge, groups dedicated to buying / selling, always connected to promote numismatic events and publications, internationally we are connected as never before.

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

Absolutely!! A resounding yes! I have seen school activities of the type "design your own money" with great enthusiasm on the part of the students. Numismatics would have its perfect place, for example, in History, in Geography it really is not used with the regularity that I would like.

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Feeder fingers



Coins that have been used for other purposes (Spurs)

Cont of Page 2..... Some of the Error beauties of Mr. Leonardo Landin's Collection



Today there are many fake coins (collectible commemoratives, errors and scarce) being seen in the local market, in almost every city. So how do you see an end to this?

In the case of fake errors, knowledge is the best defense, it is very interesting to know the process of coin minting - I recommend it, as well as how black planchets and dies are manufactured. Moreover the data provided by catalogs and the study of errors make it virtually impossible for fakes to win us.

Have you seen the book on error coins from ICCG?

I have not had a chance to see the book on error coins from ICCG, I have been able to read different international books and always add knowledge, I have followed very closely the errors in the republic India coinage. I really wish to read the book on errors by ICCG sometime soon.

How do you see our news paper contributing to numismatics?

Fantastic!! A luxury publication that adds to enrich the numismatic world! Keep in that way!! Hug of a fan of Argentina.

And finally, we thanked Mr. Leonardo Landin 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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With every passing year, these exhibitions are growing further in terms of international outreach among dealers, mints and visitors. Such exhibitions are so very important for the study of history, especially ancient history. The fair also saw over 1,000s of coins, banknotes and medals being auctioned over the two days.

Gupta Dynasty Coins Seized From Gujarat

Tonk police has seized four ancient gold coins from Gujarat on a tip that these coins were being taken to Mumbai market for smuggling out of the country. Seventy-nine coins, which were dug by villagers from the Dabadiya site of Malpura block in Tonk district, were recovered by police within the time span of a month. Preliminary enquiry of these coins confirms that they belong to the Gupta dynasty. The district administration has directed to increase the number of personnel in police stations where these coins are kept.

According to source, police is trailing every single coin that was dug from the site and trying to contact people who have purchased these coins from local villagers, "We got tip that one of the villagers went to Ahmedabad and sold the coin there. We contacted the person and he came to deposit the coin in police station," police said.

Police also recovered coins from Jaipur and got information that some coins were sent to Mumbai, "We are taking help of Mumbai police to verify the purchasers of gold coins," police said. Villagers of Jankipura and Kalamandi are coming out to deposit these coins out of pressure. Initially, these villagers denied possessing any coin with them. Police are expecting that more than 300 coins have been dug out.

Sources stated that a bag of gold coin was found when a bulldozer on Dabadiya site was digging and police got the tip about it. "We are looking to every story coming out to us," added an official source. Meanwhile, additional forces have been provided in police stations for safety of gold coins. The gold rush started in August and lasted till December. District administration took this rush as rumours till they got evidence of villagers getting gold coins from the site on December 5.



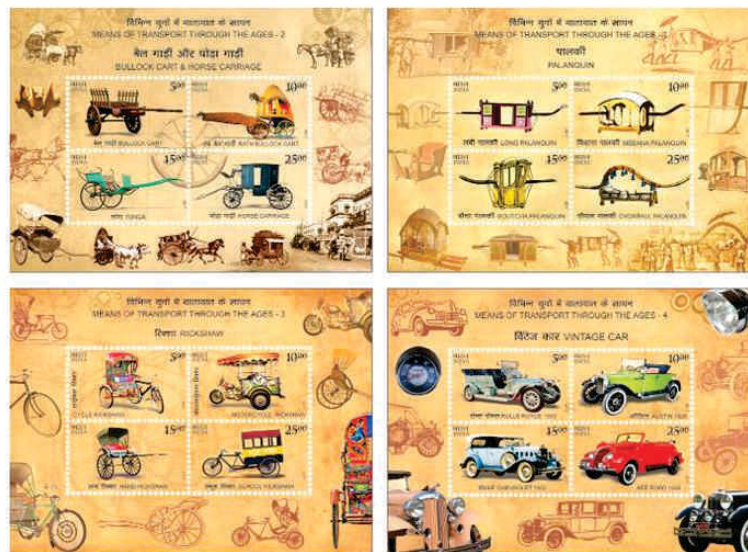
Police imposed section 144 of CRPC and RAC is deputed for safety of the site.

Follow the Story of India's Transport Heritage on these Postage Stamps

With the advent of the wheel (2500-2000 BC) in the Indus Valley Civilization, for the first time man experienced being “driven” rather than walking. A small gesture but a giant leap in bringing communities together, a beginning for what we proudly proclaim the 'shrinking world'!

The coming of the wheel brought communities in closer contact. In its use for transportation the wheel retained its eminence till the beginning of the 19th century. It became the base for the earliest cars, trams, trains and even in some form in planes. From the 20th century dramatic changes from carts and carriages to mechanical modes of transport have taken place.

India's first comprehensive Transport Museum: Heritage Transport Museum recently hosted the presentation ceremony of Commemorative Postage Stamps on “Means of Transport through the Ages” on 25 March, 2017. These stamps were presented by Kalpana Rajsinghot, Postmaster General, Gurgaon Region, Haryana Circle, Department of Posts.



Department of Posts, India has for the first time in its history, issued stamps on modes of transport. These stamps showcase the history of gradual progression in the modes of transportation in our country through 20 beautiful postage stamps in the form of miniature sheets in a prestige booklet issued for the first time and mixed stamp sheetlets.

The series of stamps include a set of four stamps each on palanquins, animal driven carriages and carts, rickshaws, vintage cars and a mixed set of four stamps on public transport depicting buses, tram and metro. The inspiration of these 20 stamps has come from the artwork and are facts displayed at the Heritage Transport Museum and over 15 stamps are directly adapted from the Museum's collection.

Heritage Transport Museum firmly believes that a Museum's role is to provide inspiration to all age groups and spark their creative instinct. The Museum hopes these stamps will act as a catalyst to reconnect people with India's rich history, art, culture and heritage. These special projects reaffirm the Museum's philosophy of providing an enjoyable and engaging visitor experience.

During 2016 the Museum won two prestigious awards — The National Tourism Award for being the most Innovative and Unique tourism project in the country and the 2016 Traveler's Choice Award by TripAdvisor. We continue to challenge the belief that museums in India cannot be fun, inspiring and entertaining; Heritage Transport Museum has now become India's most popular museum and a favorite destination for visitors.

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Heritage Transport Museum is an endeavor to showcase and interpret the multiple narratives of transport movement in India. The vision behind the museum is to share its rich and diverse collection with large number of people and give them a fun filled learning experience. The museum was conceptualized quite literary to transport people to a bygone era.

Opened to public on 7 December 2013 as India's first comprehensive transport museum, the museum brings alive the history and evolution of transport heritage in India through a rich and diverse collection of vehicles and associated memorabilia. The collection is representative of not just the objects directly related to transport but also of the socio-cultural life and art associated with it.

The museum is home to more than 2,500 curated objects on display that weave a tale of India's colorful transportation history. The large and varied collection of this museum has been categorized into various sections: pre-mechanized & heavy mechanized transportation, railways, aviation, maritime, collectible Indian toys on transport, rural & indigenous transportation, two wheelers and popular & tribal art section. The museum is also rich in contemporary art collection displayed at various sections throughout the museum.

Located at Taoru-Gurgaon, the museum is an hour's drive from New Delhi. Built on a 3 acre complex, Heritage Transport Museum is spread over four air conditioned floors that offer over 100,000 square feet of exhibition space, a library and reference centre, a mini auditorium, a museum souvenir shop, seminar rooms and a refreshment area.

Heritage Transport Museum has been built and being run by Heritage Transportation Trust is a registered non-profit Trust, founded on 18 July, 2006 and registered under the Indian Trust Act, 1882. As the first private museum of its scale in India, it is conceived as a space that not only provides a glimpse into the history of travel in India, but also engages with visitors through its carefully designed information ecosystem. The museum sets a benchmark in interpretation, exhibition and in communication. The museum has been designed to be accessible to all and it pledges to treat all its visitors as special. Heritage Transport Museum is dedicated to provide visitors an enjoyable and engaging museum experience.

Source: The Sunday Guardian



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Minimize of GST on Collectible Coins, Currency & Numismatic Items



Join the ICCG's Petition to Minimize GST on Collectible Coins, Paper Money & Numismatic Items

Indian Coins & Currency Group (ICCG) is dedicated to informing and helping the general public about numismatics and promoting all facets of the hobby of coin and currency collecting.

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.

800 ancient copper coins discovered in Budgam

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir State Archaeology Department (SAD) has discovered over 800 ancient copper coins dating back to 11th and 12th century from a village in Budgam district of central Kashmir.

It is said to be the largest numismatic discovery from the district.

"A team of experts, under the supervision of the Director Archives, Archaeology and Museum M S Zahid, recovered over 800 ancient copper coins from a plateau of village Nonar in Khan Sahab area," an SAD spokesperson said.

He said the plateau, apparently rich in archaeological treasures, was under consideration of the department for long time.

During the trial excavation, the coin hoard was recovered.

The hoard consisting of more than 800 coins were later on collected by the team of the state archaeology, the spokesperson said.

Archaeologists of the Archives, Archaeology and Museums Department, who are investigating the findings, in their preliminary report, has dated the coins to 11th to 12th century AD, when Yassakara and Lohora dynasties ruled over Kashmir, he said.

The discovered coins have gathered dust and rust and are being given chemical treatment in the conservation lab of the SPS Museum at Lal Mandi.

"After the coins are cleaned and given necessary chemical treatment, only then these would be properly identified and deciphered by the department experts and research work on these coins will be shared with the heritage lovers and archaeologist of the state.

"It will certainly help us in filling up of the gaps in the numismatic collection of our museums," the spokesperson said.

He, however, said this kind of numismatic discovery from the Budgam district is very rare as it is first time when the department has recovered such largest coin hoard from this area.

Earlier, sultanate period coins were recovered from Chrar-e-Sharif area of Budgam, while the department also recovered a huge hoard of more than 2000 ancient coins from Watnar village of Anantnag district in south Kashmir in the past.

The department under the supervision of Zahid has made 11 discoveries in last 13 years, out of which four such discoveries pretains to numismatic field, the spokesperson added.

He said these discoveries helped to fill the gaps in Archaeological field viz-a-viz numismatics, Sculpture, Art and Archaeological sites of the state's glorious past.

"All the finds are well preserved in the SPS Museum at Lal Mandi here. This museum houses the largest collection of ancient coins in copper, silver and gold, estimating more than 70,000," he said.



Postal Stamp of the Month



Founded in 1774, Department of Posts, India has 154,866 post offices as per 2011 records. India also hosts the world's highest postal office in Hikkim in Himachal Pradesh, located at 15,500 feet. With its amazing vintage stamps and colorful history, the postal service surely has done an extra ordinary work for hundreds of years. ICCG News salutes their work and dedication.

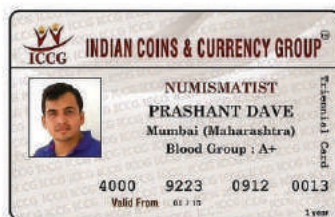
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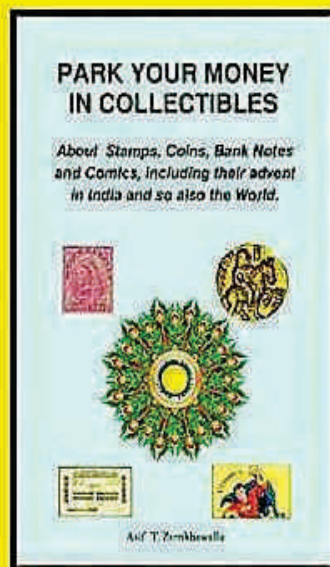
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Thailand's Coin Swallowing Turtle Dies

The turtle swallowed 915 coins that tourists threw into the pond

Thailand: Tourists used to toss coins at a green sea turtle that lived in a pond in eastern Thailand, wishing for luck and longevity. But swallowing the shiny tidbits turned out to be a death sentence for the reptile.

After having nearly a thousand coins removed from its stomach in a four-hour operation two weeks ago, the turtle -nicknamed "Omsin," or "Piggy Bank," - died on 21st March.

Omsin, estimated to be 25 years old, had been rescued by Thai navy personnel who saw her visibly ailing in the seaside town of Sattahip. She was then examined by a veterinarian, who found the coins inside her stomach.

The doctor said when she discovered the cause of the turtle's agony she was furious. "I felt angry that humans, whether or not they meant to do it or if they did it without thinking, had caused harm to this turtle."

At first Bank appeared to be recovering well after the operation, but a checkup revealed problems with its intestines. Doctors performed a second operation but Bank never woke up and died on 21st March.

Bank lived for two decades in a public pond in Chonburi province, about 110 miles (175km) south-east of Bangkok. The turtle swallowed 915 coins that tourists threw into the pond. Eventually, the money formed a mass that cracked Bank's shell.

Vets hope that media coverage of the stricken creature will make people think twice about throwing coins into ponds where animals live.



Modi releases postage stamp on 100 years of Yogoda Satsang Math

New Delhi: India's spirituality is its strength but unfortunately some people link it to religion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on March 7th.

Addressing a function in New Delhi to commemorate the centenary celebrations of the Yogoda Satsanga Society of India, he said Yoga is the first step towards the journey of spirituality. Modi said the world compares India on the basis of its population, GDP or employment rate, but the world has neither known nor recognized India for its spirituality.

"India's spirituality is its strength. But, it is unfortunate that some people link spirituality to religion. But both spirituality and religion are different," he said. The prime minister also hailed Yogi Paramahansa who left the shores of India to spread his message but remained connected to India all the time. The YSS was founded in 1917 by Paramahansa. A special postage stamp to commemorate the occasion was also released by Modi.



Recalling the words of former President APJ Abdul Kalam who felt that India's spiritualness is its strength and this process should continue, he said that the spirituality of the country has been strengthened by India's sages and saints. Modi's remarks come in the backdrop of a debate over the attempts by political parties to polarize society on the lines of religion especially during elections. Talking about Yoga, he said it is the simple entry point to a spiritual world. "Yoga is the entry point to spirituality. Yoga is the entrance point to one's spiritual journey. One should not consider it as the last point, as it is simply the entry gate to the spiritual world," he said. "Once an individual develops an interest in Yoga and starts diligently practicing it, it will always remain a part of his or her life," he added. The prime minister also recalled that the path shown by 'Yogi ji' was not about mukti (salvation) but antaryatra (quest within). He said the Kriya Yoga practised by Paramahansa revitalises the subtle currents of life energy in the body. Remembering the last words of Paramahansa, the prime minister said his teachings are so humane and full of compassion towards all. Modi was later given a memento with the Yogi's last words inscribed on it, which speak about the strength of spirituality of his motherland.

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May	19,20,21	Hobby Festival (Ahmedabad)	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	21,22,23	CCS COIN FAIR (Chennai)	A.K.R Mahal, Kalamman Koil Street, Virugambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
July	28,29,30	Nanyadarshini (Bangalore)	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka
August	4,5,6	Thanjai CoinEx'17	Vijaya Marriage Hall, N.K. Road, Thanjavaur, Tamil Nadu
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	22,23,24	Mudra Utsav (Kolkata)	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, WestBengal
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30th July	Bombay Auction No. 13	Shikshaka Sadan, Cubbonpete, Bangalore, Karnataka	1.30 pm onwards	Floor Bidding
12th August	Classical Numismatic Gallery Auction No. 28	The President Hotel, C. G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad	4.00 pm onwards	Floor Bidding
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1948 Gandhi stamps sold for record Rs 4.14 crore

A set of 1948 stamps picturing Mahatma Gandhi has sold for a record 5,00,000 pound (approximately Rs 4.14 crore, as on 19th April).

The "unique" strip of four ten-rupee stamps is considered the most important and desirable item of post-Indian independence philately, Jersey, UK-based dealer Stanley Gibbons said in a statement on 19th April. The purple-brown stamps are emblazoned with the word 'SERVICE' and were issued to the then governor-general's secretariat for official use. Only single stamps of this kind have previously been recorded to exist in private collections.

The purchase by an Australian investor is the latest in a number of transactions highlighting the strength of the market for rare Indian stamps. Stanley Gibbons sold a single Gandhi ten-rupee stamp to a client in Uruguay last year for 160,000 pounds (approximately Rs 1.32 crore). In March, an Indian stamp where the head of the young Queen Victoria had been inverted in error sold for 110,000 pounds (approx. Rs 91 lakh).

"The market for high-quality Indian rarities is supported by the on-going desire of the wealthy, Indian diaspora and savvy international clients to own these historic assets," the dealer said. Although the firm highlights the strength of the Indian collectibles market, it reported a pretax loss of 29 million pounds last year amid financial restructuring and discovery of errors in its accounting methods. Source: The Times of India



IN DEMAND: The purple-brown stamps were issued to the Governor-General's Secretariat for official use.

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 International Youth Year

To focus an attention to the needs of the young people and the vital role they can play in the creation of a peaceful world, UNO proclaimed the year 1985 as the "INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR". The symbol adopted by UN for this purpose is — A stylized facial profile of 3 youths against a dove in flight, with an olive branch alongside. India issued a 1 rupee commemorative coin on this theme. The other coins issued in this theme, in the denomination of 10 rupees and 100 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 UN symbol and the legend "INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR" in English, "Antarshtriya yuva barsh" in Hindi and "1985" the year of issue.

Specifications: Year of issue: 1985 Weight: 6 grams

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

Diameter: 26 mm Edge: Security Mints: Mumbai, Calcutta & Hyderabad





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