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**Demonetized Notes  
Being Sold Online**

**Thieves Steal Coins  
Leave Bank Notes**

**Special Cover to Honor  
Veena Maestro Doreswami Iyengar**

**Mumbai Coin Exhibition**

### One Year of Demonetization:

#### Nation Bid Goodbye to Two Currency Notes and Welcome Four

**Rs. 500 & Rs. 1,000 notes were withdrawn on November 9 last year, and within 12 months RBI has introduced Rs. 50, Rs. 200, Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000**

Currency notes and denominations have been a topic of key interest in the year since the government decided to do away with the Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 notes in circulation. Since the old notes were withdrawn on November 9 last year, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced four new currency notes — Rs. 50, Rs. 200, Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000.

Two days after Prime Minister Modi announced the demonetization on November 8, 2016, the new Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000 notes came into circulation. Even as the new notes arrived in banks and recalibrated ATMs, a number of rumors did the rounds.

One rumor that did the rounds was that the new notes had an electronic Nano-GPS chip installed in them that would track the transactions and prevent counterfeiting. As it turned out, the rumors circulated faster than the currency. ICCG News reported

in its November 2016 issue about all the controversies and rumors those were connected with the new notes. Later, the RBI issued a statement clarifying that the security features of the Rs. 2,000 note included no GPS tracker.

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### Life Full of Coins – Journey Full of Contributions

#### Exhibitions & Auctions, Catalogues & Guidance: He got us all



**Shri. Jagdish Agarwal**

Shri. Jagdish Agarwal, a pioneer in the field, is very much a prominent part of the global Indian numismatic scenario and is actively involved with many national associations. Having contributed to Indian Numismatics for more than Five Decades; Shri. Agarwal has introduced many novelties like organizing First ever Numismatic Exhibition and also the First ever Numismatic Auction in India in 1967. He has also contributed in more than 100 numismatic articles and has also hosted Annual Conference of the Numismatic Society of India in 1974 and 2003. Founder of Calcutta Coin Society (1967) & Numismatic Society of Calcutta (1986), Mr. Agarwal has also published a Numismatic Magazine 'Mudra'. He has received numerous awards for his work, including Lifetime Achievement Award and Jeevan Gaurav Award. Recently ICCG News got to hear and learn from the legend himself. Excerpts of the same:

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In August, the central bank introduced new Rs. 50 and Rs. 200 notes. While the Rs. 50 denomination already existed, Rs. 200 was a new addition. The latest inclusion of the bright yellow Rs. 200 notes was introduced to make it easier to get change for a higher value transaction.

The four new notes contain designs that aim to showcase the nation's rich and diverse culture and apart from the bright and colorful — fluorescent blue, stone grey, base-yellow and magenta — currencies, the new notes differ from the existing old notes in design, security features, dimensions, fonts in Devanagari script and the Swachh Bharat symbol.

The never-seen-before notes of Rs. 200 and Rs. 2,000 have motifs of Sanchi Stupa and the Mangalyaan moon mission, respectively. The new Rs. 50 note has a Hampi chariot motif while the Rs. 500 note contains an image of the Red Fort in Delhi.



## Demonetized Rs. 1,000 & Rs. 500 Notes Being Sold on Auction Site Online

A year after Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 bank notes were declared invalid tender, the notes are selling on ebay.in at prices ranging from Rs. 301 to Rs. 21,999. The price of the note is determined by its uniqueness. Marked by factors like the serial number of the note and the year it was printed. A Rs. 1,000 note being sold for Rs. 21,999 was printed in 2013, and has the signature of the former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Duvvuri Subbarao with an error in the serial number. Whereas, another Rs. 1,000 note being sold for Rs. 301 has the signature of former RBI governor Bimal Jalan. After demonetization, the Centre passed an ordinance, banning any individual from keeping more than 10 scrapped notes. Demonetized notes of 1970 fetch a premium today because they were burnt and thrashed.

However, that's not the case with these notes. Here some people online are trying to make extra money by selling their excess notes or notes which have unique serial numbers as they become collectibles even when they are in circulation. One could sell a demonetized note because now it is not a legal tender, hence the value of that note is zero. The Rs. 10,000 note which was demonetized in 1970s, now fetches Rs. 25-30 lakhs.



## Mrs. Amrita Fadnavis inaugurates a numismatic website Eternalarts.in

Recently a new numismatic website eternalarts.in was inaugurated during the Mumbai Coin Exhibition at Sunderbai Hall, Churchgate at the hands of Mrs. Amritaji Fadnavis w/o Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri. Devendra Fadnavis.

Reading only a couple of books or relying only on internet sources may not provide sufficient knowledge to do well as a coin treasure hunter. And while there are other few helpful, educational numismatic websites to assist collectors, eternalarts.in is the new website as a collector's go-to sources to start everything about collecting money in the right direction.

Numismatics is the study of currency and the website talks of all types. Old coins, new coins, ancient coins and rare coins. This website is gifted to us by the legendary Shri Prashant Kulkarni who himself is a very senior numismatist.



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#### How did you start your journey in numismatics?

It all started in 1960, when I was in class X. We were in the business of exporting of Indian Handicrafts and Musical instruments. In 1962, I passed Higher Secondary and joined my family business in day and also continued my study in the morning college. I started my hobby by collecting stamps and coins. One of my father's clients, Mr. Paul Telco of India Craft Limited, London had seven departmental stores of Indian handicraft in the U.K., and one each in France, Germany and Italy. Each store had stamps and coin stalls. Since I was collecting stamps and coins from my school days, my father gave me free-hand to export stamps and coins to Mr. Telco.

#### What made you so passionate towards coin collection at that young age? Who inspired you the most?

It was Mr. Paul himself who guided me and became my first teacher in Numismatics. He once asked me about my hobby, to which I replied 'Movies'. He asked me as to how much I spend on movies in a month. I said that I spend 10 Rs a month on movies. Mr. Paul said, "You spend Rs. 10 a month and get back nothing in return. I gift coins to my son every year on his birthday since last 10 years. He used to spend his pocket money on useless things. But by getting coins his interest to study them started. He began to buy coins from his pocket money. He began to study of coins – Country, Commemoration, Metal, Denomination, History etc. No matter how much he spent on coins in last 10 years is safe. He can get his money back with good profit. Plus Knowledge is free." I was quite impressed and that was my first step towards my hobby in real serious manner. My father used to visit abroad, and he used to give me foreign coins, which he saved for me. This further created my interest in coins.

#### So what had been your source of knowledge towards your subject then?

Like every student my source of knowledge was also books. Well, in 1964 our company received a big order to supply British India Coins and native State coins to UK. As it was a new subject for us, we had no idea about it. So to guide us the London Company sent us books on coins, catalogs and guided me from where to get good condition coin etc.

#### And how did you continue from there on?

After going through the literatures, I got quite excited, curious and began to visit bullion market to get coins. At that time coins were available in large quantity and at almost metal price. Shopkeepers used to buy one Tola silver coins at Rs. 3.50 and sell at Rs. 4.00. So I was purchasing those coins at Rs. 4 and selling at Rs. 5 to collectors.

#### So you surely would have got to interact with a lot of collectors of those days.

Yes. Soon I met some people who were coin collectors. They also used to buy for their collection. But their buying was in a very small quantity, one coin of each type. Soon we developed friendship. I showed them my literature and used to meet regularly. I found there were approximately 40 collectors in Kolkata. Some of them did not visit bullion market and just purchased coins from the Jewellers. Some of them, used to buy from K. R. Coachman & S. M. Shukla from Mumbai. I started local dealing also and by supplying coins became 1st Coin Dealer of Kolkata.

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Famous Bengali Film Star Vasant Choudhary watching the 1974 Exhibition



Mr. Jagadish Agarwal being honoured by former Union Minister of State for Finance Mr. Shantaram Potdukhe.

#### Honoured by Chandrapur Mudra Parisad



#### Honoured by union Minister (State) Shri Hansraj Ahir



#### 1967 Coin Auction time A Group Photograph



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### So were there so many coin collectors in Calcutta (Kolkata) in 1960s?

In those days, there were 40-50 collectors in Calcutta. Collectors like the late H.P. Poddar, Narendra Singhee, Bijoy Singh Nahar and N.S. Duggar were collecting coins since 1945 and had rich collection but hardly had any numismatic knowledge. Some collectors like Mr. G.S. Beed, Parimal Roy, Bani Bhusan Chakravorty, Robin Choudhury and Vasant Choudhry started their coins collection in 1960 and had built good collection with also a deep knowledge on the subject.

### So did you limit it till Calcutta or you also start visiting places?

In 1965, I visited Bombay (Mumbai) and met Mr. Coachman and Shuklaji. Both the gentlemen were very gentle, humble and had a great numismatic knowledge. Shuklaji's house was the meeting place for coin collectors where I met many collectors and added them in my customer's list as well.

### How was the Calcutta Coin Society formed?

With the help of local collectors/dealers and scholars, the Calcutta Coin Society was formed. It had no subscription for members as the aim of the Society was to popularize the hobby of coin collecting. In 1974, the Asiatic Society was going to host the 62nd session of the Numismatic Society of India. Prof. B. N. Mukherjee, Secretary of the Asiatic Society (who regularly visited our monthly meeting) invited our Society to join them in hosting the NSI Conference. There we decided to organize first-ever coin exhibition of the country.

### So how did you organize the first ever coin exhibition?

For the conference, I made 14 plastic coin sheets (of 3x3 feet) with coins pocket. Each sheet had different pockets as per the need of exhibitors. Each sheet was given to exhibitors to carry home. They filled the pockets with coins, wrote detail and history and each pocket was sealed. They brought the sheet on exhibition day at the venue. These were hung in the exhibition hall like door curtain with unbreakable glasses on both the sides. Through this a visitor could view the coins from both sides easily without any difficulty. Details of each frame and each coin, including what was written on obverse and reverse was printed in the souvenir of the exhibition.

### And you also started the auctions of coins, isn't it?

Yes, on 3rd June 1967, the first coin auction of India was conducted by me at Kolkata. Nearly 56 coins were auctioned and approximately Rs. 4,000 was realized. It was attended by 35 collectors. The 2nd auction was conducted by me in November 1970. After a gap of 20 years, Mr. Farokh Todywalla conducted his first auction at Nagpur on 29th January 1990. In all, 59 coins were auctioned, out of them 5 items were unsold and Rs. 38,725 were realized. Now days, 8 to 10 auctions are being held in a year. Though I am not against auctions, but I feel too much exposure is not very good for trade.

### In all these years, what change do you see in Numismatic Industry?

Coin exhibitions and Auctions are increasing every year. Remember Coin exhibitions are like maternity home, where new collectors are born. But due to wrong guidance (medicine), they die at young age. The societies should also organize seminars, exhibition of Coins, beside the trade fair. Many dealers have no ethics and often they also lack knowledge. They sell collectibles at high price to innocent buyers. No doubt collectors are increasing due to these exhibitions but there should be relation of good friendship and understanding between collector and dealers. I am lucky to have such relation with my collectors since last 40-50 years.



A part of Shri. Jagdish Agarwal's Collection

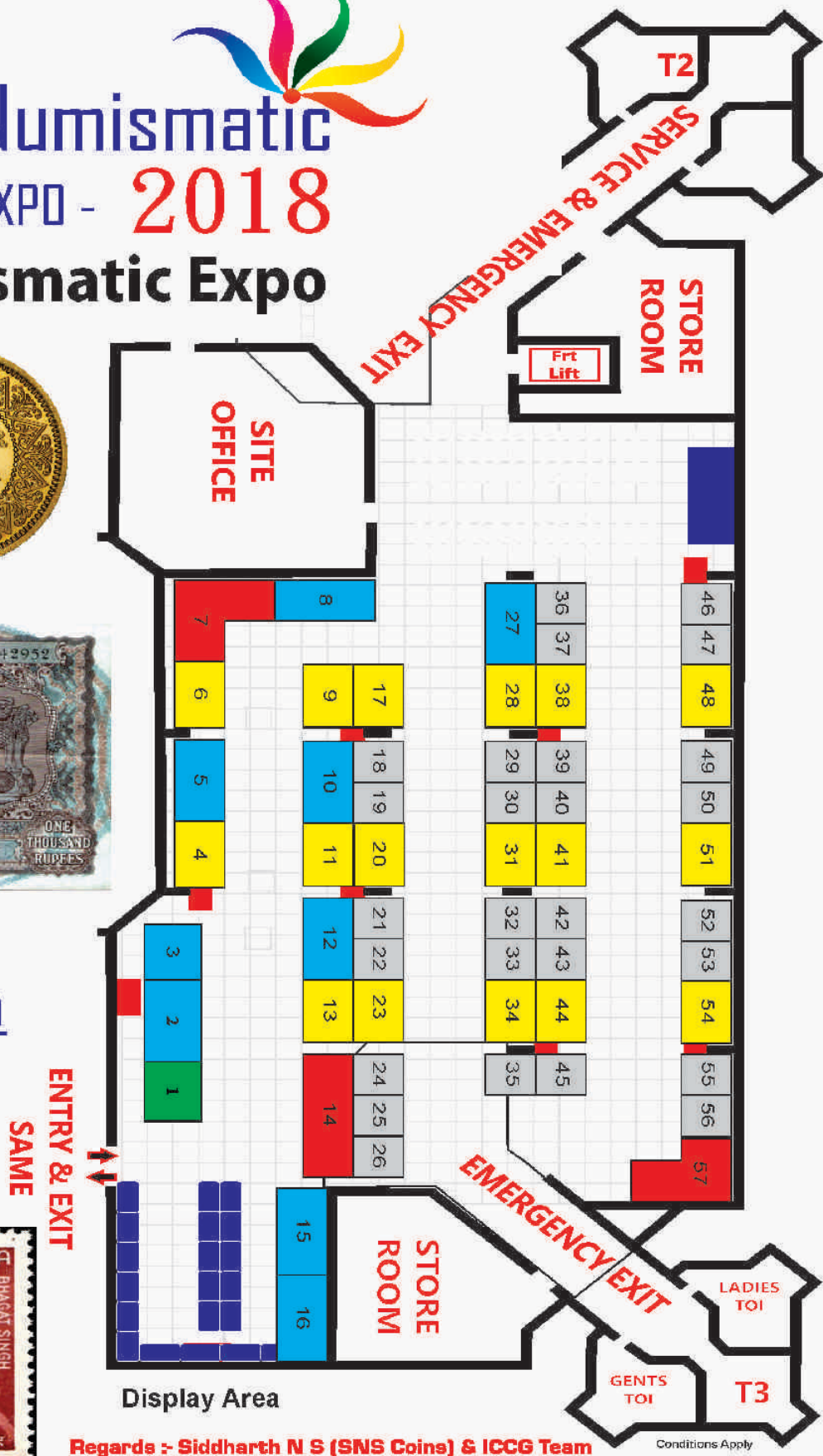
**ICCG thanked Shri. Jagdish Agarwal and further salutes him for his commendable work in popularizing Indian Numismatics among collectors and students.**



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## India stamp to mark birth centenary of ANC leader Tambo

India will issue a special stamp to commemorate the birth centenary of South African ANC leader Oliver Reginald Tambo.



Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh had shared this with the South African government during his visit to the country in October, Indian High Commissioner to South Africa Ruchira Kamboj said.

An official launch of the stamp is planned early next year.

A host of events on the 27th of October marked the 100th birthday of Tambo, who led the African National Congress (ANC) in exile after his lifelong friend and South Africa's anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela was jailed for 27 years before being released to become the country's first democratically-elected president in 1994.

A life-size statue has been put up at the international airport in Johannesburg named after Tambo, while huge housing and other social developments have been opened in the rural area of Bizana, where he was born. Tambo returned to South Africa with his family in 1990 when the ANC was not banned, but refused to take up any official position as the ANC prepared to govern the country. He had a state funeral after he died on April 24, 1993 of cardiac arrest.

During a visit to India in 1980 to accept the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding on behalf of Mandela, who was still in prison, Tambo lauded the country for its support in the anti-apartheid struggle.

## Demonetization and GST Script Kanpur Coin Crisis

**K**anpur: Soon after the announcement of demonetization, banks were cash-strapped and there was a dearth of notes and banks even resorted to handing over coins to people to get over the currency crisis. This solution hit 22 traders from Kanpur. Initially, they were happy to receive the coins. These traders faced problems only after the implementation of GST when larger payments were required to be made through real time gross settlement (RTGS). Now, these traders have been crushed between two poles – demonetization and GST. The traders were looking for ways to seek help from the government, but now find themselves booked.



### **Ikhlaq Mirza (37), wholesale dealer in small plastic items**

Mirza who has coins worth Rupees 1.4 lakh. While speaking on customers and other people refusing to accept Rs 10 coins, he said, "Bharat ki currency Bharat mein hi nahin chal rahi hai (India's currency is defunct in India itself)."

### **Nikhil Gupta (40), wholesale supplier of confectionary**

Gupta has coins worth Rupees 1.5 lakh. Gupta is aware of the number of denominations he holds – Rs. 60,000 in Re 1 and Rs 2 coins, and the rest in bigger denominations and says that in his 20 years of doing business he has never found himself in such distress.

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# Goa Coin Festival 2017

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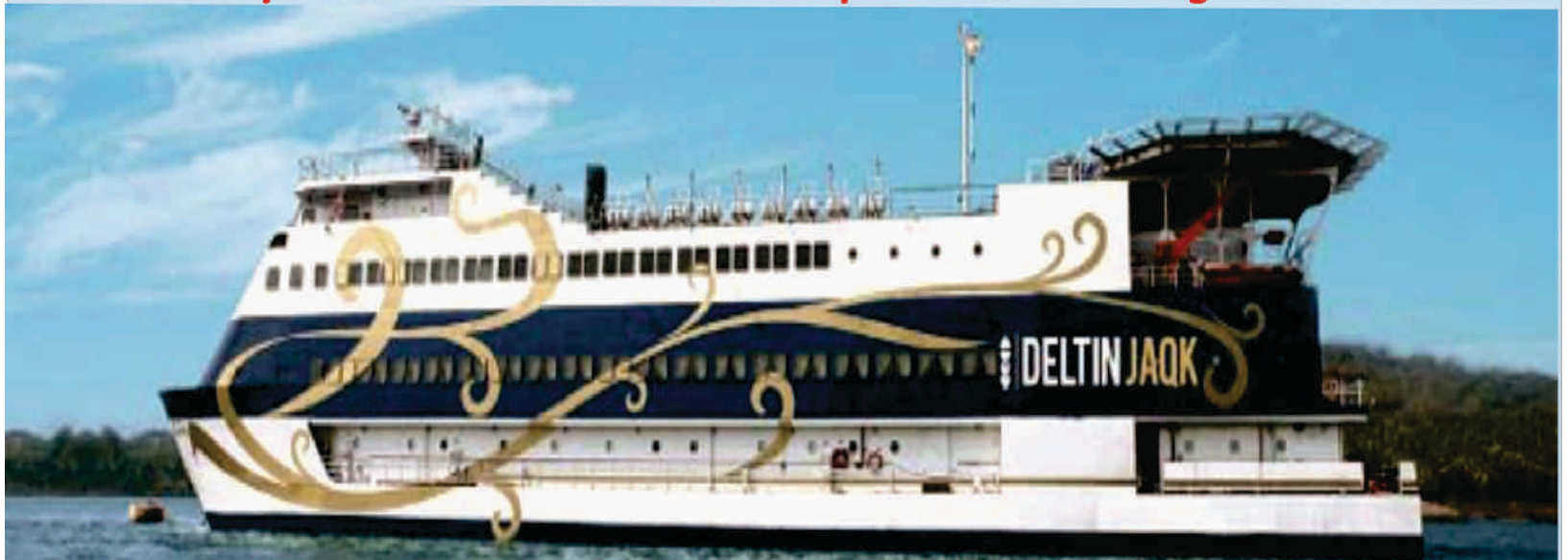
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*With kind regards,*

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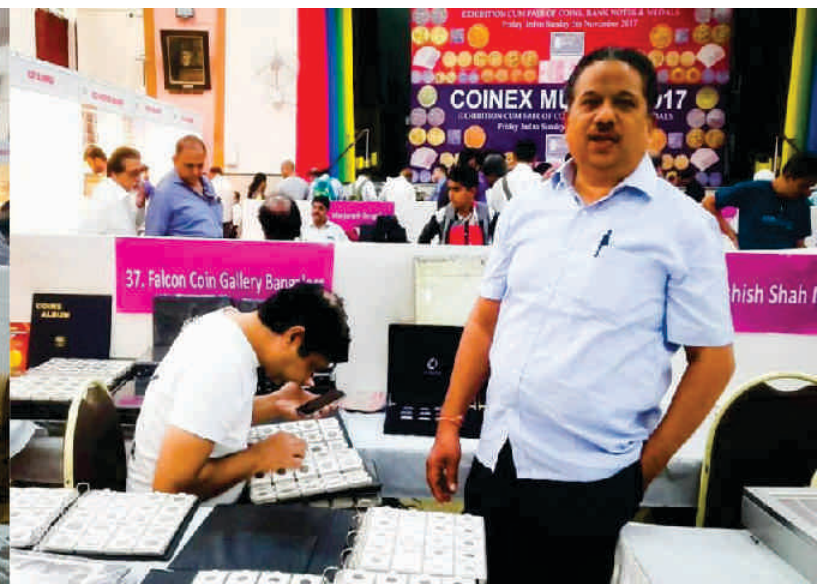
**We invite you to attend and participate in the academic session of the Centenary Conference of the Society and make it a grand success.**





## Numismatic Auction & Exhibition in Mumbai Celebrates India's Coining History

**M**umbai: Local residents and numismatic enthusiasts in Mumbai gathered recently at an exhibition of rare coins which was held between 3rd to 5th November at Sunderbai Hall, Chrchgate. The recent numismatic show had put on display antique Indian coins and banknotes besides stamps for collectors and hobbyists. One got to look forward to seeing the earliest coins struck in Mumbai and used in the city and neighboring areas. More than 50 dealer stalls from across India were exhibiting and selling their wares at the show. The three-day show also witnessed an auction of coins and banknotes. Coin collection, which earlier used to be a hobby of school children has been recreated as an alternative insurance avenue designed to endure economic crisis. People are so keenly interested in such exhibitions.



## 2nd Vijaywada Coin EXPO 2017

**V**ijaywada Numismatic and Philatelic Association organized a coin, stamp and currency exhibition on 28th and 29th October 2017. The event was held from 9 am to 7 pm at Sreedhar's CCE Seminar Hall, opposite to ENT Hospital, Suryaraopeta, Vijayawada-02, Andra Pradesh.

There were coins, stamps, and currency on display and the entry was absolutely free. Many hobbyists were seen observing and expanding their knowledge by looking at these tiny beauties. It was indeed the right time and place for people to gather with common interest and knowledge in this field.



### New Die Varieties in Queen Victoria Coins

Article by -Leitton Rezaul

In British Indian Coinage we can see many Obverse varieties in Victoria Queen's period (1862 to 1876). For example A, B, C, D, but in Empress Period (1877 to 1901) we can see only two Obverse A and C. However both A and C Obverse has some sub variety. For example A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 etc. The interesting thing is, those sub variety has few more variety with little changes in Obverse design. For example, C2 (i), C2 (ii), C2 (iii) etc.



Here I would like to describe an unpublished variety which can be considered as a NEW variety. In Empress period of British Indian coinage C3 bust used by Calcutta mint (except some mule), mostly it's identify with the number of pearls of queen's necklace in second loop and two extended hair at the nape of queen's neck. C3 bust first introduced in 1887, and Calcutta mint was used this bust from 1887 to 1890. But in 1890 Calcutta mint introduced a new C3 bust with slight changes on Queen's blouse design and birth a new C3 bust variety which we can call as C3 (a) or C3 (i), below images is marked those changes in blouse design.

C3 image is struck from 1887 to 1890 and right image is C3 (a) or C3 (i). In 1890 Calcutta mint used both C3 and C3 (a) or C3 (i) dia for struck rupee coin, most probably mint authority used this new variety as trial basis in this year and that's why we can see few specimen of C3 (a) or C3 (i) exist in 1890 rupee coin. In 1891 Calcutta mint stopped to use the old C3 dia and start using the new dia C3 (a) or C3 (i) till 1901 except some mule. Below images are both varieties in same Calcutta mint of 1890. Both the variety is in my personal collection.



### Thieves Steal Only Coins and Leave Back Bank Notes in Bank Robbery

Delhi: It almost sounds like something out of a Bollywood movie. Thieves break into a bank after hours. They leave all the high-denomination bank notes behind, but they take all the low-denomination coins they can carry.

That is exactly what happened at the Syndicate Bank branch in Mukherjee Nagar, North Delhi. Three burglars broke into the bank, taking 230,000 rupees (2.3 lakh) value in 5 and 10 rupee coins. The perpetrators spent about two hours inside the bank. Police later recovered the coins in 46 polythene sacks.

According to several reports, the three men broke the grill on a window to gain entry. The broken window was noticed by a bank employee the following morning.

The three admitted to hiding some of the coins on the roof of an abandoned building. Police reported, "They were unable to carry all the packets containing the heavy coins. So, they hid most of the coins under an empty white sack and carried along only five packets which contained roughly 10,000 rupees."

The big question is why the three men stole bulky metal coins but left behind much easier to carry paper-composition bank notes. A single nickel-brass composition 5-rupee coin has a weight of 6 grams. A single ringed bimetal 10-rupee coin has a weight of 5.62 grams. Assuming identical values of the two denominations were taken, this would suggest the total weight of the coins stolen is more than 200 kilograms.

According to police, "They said stealing bank notes, especially the 2,000-rupee notes, was not their plan at all as they believed that notes could be tracked through chips or GPS after demonetization. So, they decided to steal all the coins instead."

No mention was made by police or the press that there are traceable serial numbers on bank notes. It is well known that some shopkeepers will no longer accept 10-rupee coins. Rumors circulated beginning in July 2016 that the current coins were fakes since they lacked the rupee symbol appearing on earlier issues.

As for the bank robbers, "They told the police that they had arranged the theft in the wake of watching wrongdoing spine chillers and heist films.



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### Coin of the month Proof Coin Error

**Error:** This is indeed an EXCEPTIONALLY unusual error coin. Proof coins are produced, examined, and packaged using extreme quality control. It is very unusual to find proof errors. Proof errors are aggressively sought after by many error collectors.

#### Description:

**Die Axis Rotation:** While minting a coin, both the dies are kept in such a position, that the top most design of the obverse and reverse coin exactly facing each other. This type of error occurs, when one of the dies is rotated with respect to the other die. In this type of error, the Obverse / Reverse Die may get rotated clockwise or counterclockwise. The given specimen is found with 270 degrees (9 o'clock) die axis rotation.



#### USE: Proof

**Metal:** Aluminum Magnesium Alloy (96% Aluminum + 4% Magnesium)

**Weight:** 1.5 grams

**Mint:** Bombay

**Diameter:** 22 mm across corners and 19 mm across flats

**Shape:** Square with rounded corners

**Edge:** Plain

**Year:** 1971

**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 in International numerals at the center, 'Paanch paise' in Hindi just below it and the year of issue at the bottom with 'B' mint mark from the Bombay mint. The fractional relation of the coin to the rupee (Rupaye ka Biswan Bhag) was indicated in Hindi around the top half of the periphery.

**This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of Mr. Amit Sompura's collection.**

### Postal Department Dedicates Special Cover in Honor of Veena Maestro Doreswamy Iyengar

**K**arnataka: In one of the rare honors, the Postal department brought out a special envelope dedicated to the legendary Veena Maestro Mysore V Doreswamy Iyengar here on 28th October.

The special envelope which aptly credits the maestro as 'The Gentle Knight of Music' is not just a cover. But it pays a rich tribute to the artiste.

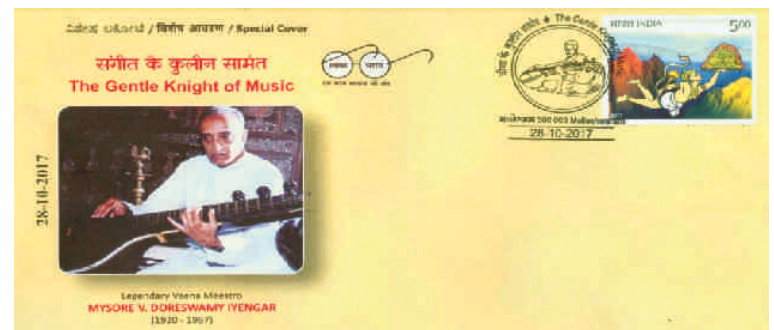
On the back of the cover, one can find all about the great artiste like the child prodigy that he was, his performance before then Mysore ruler Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and many. The Maharaja was so spellbound with his talent that he honored Doreswamy as the court musician. Doreswamy was just 13, then. These rare information and many, coupled with some of the unseen photos of the maestro, the envelope is a treat for music lovers.

The envelope was jointly brought out by Veena Doreswamy Iyengar Memorial Trust and Karnataka Postal Circle at Seva Sadan in Malleswaram. Bengaluru regional post master general Col Arvind Verma launched the envelopes.

Paying rich tributes to the legendary artiste, Col Verma said Veena was the cultural identity of the India. However, when British invaded India, like many other cultures, playing The Veena became rare. However, it was legendary V Doreswamy Iyengar who gave a new lease of life to the dying art and today, the country is indebted to his contribution.

Former bureaucrat Chiranjeev Singh appealed to the postal department to bring out a special stamp dedicating for the Veena maestro. He also urged Col Verma to consider a proposal to bring out a stamp on another noted vocalist RK Srikantan.

Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan Director HN Sathish and V Doreswamy Iyengar's son and Trust Managing trustee D Balakrishna were present.



### Event's Time 10.00 Am - 7.00 Pm

Month	Dates	Events Name	Venue
November	10, 11, 12	KUMARIPEX 2017	Valanar Marriage Hall, Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu
November	17, 18, 19	24th National Level Coins & Stamps Expo 2017	SRT Hall, 2nd Cross, Thillai Nagar, Main Road, Trichy, Tamil Nadu
November	17 - 23	Royal Numismatic Expo 2017	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi
November	25, 26, 27	The Centenary Conference of NSI	Brangaza hall, Panjim, Opp Vidyut Bahvan, Goa
Nov & December	30 & 1, 2, 3, 4	The National Philatelic Exhibition, INPEX 2017	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
December	1, 2, 3	National Level 8th Coin Expo 2017	Vasavi Mahaal Mandapam, 1st Agraharam - 1, Salem, Tamil Nadu
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	5, 6, 7	Rare Fare 2018	Indraprastha Hall, Near Old Gangapur Naka, Gangapur, Nashik, Maharashtra
January '2018	5, 6, 7	Sonica Coin & Currency Fair	24, Ganesh Nagar, Peelamedu, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
January '2018	12, 13, 14	2nd ICCG Numismatic Expo 2018	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
January '2018	20, 21, 22	Mahapex - 2018, Maharashtra State Philatelic Exhibition	Ganesh Kala Krida Manch, Pune, Maharashtra
January '2018	26, 27, 28	Nagmoney Coins & Currency Notes Exhibition	Ramgopal Maheshwari Sabhagruha, Jhansi Rani Square, Sitabuldi, Nagpur, Maharashtra
February '2018	2, 3, 4	Hyderabad Expo 2018	Federation House, 11-6-841 Near Lakdi Ka Pul, Red Hills Hyderabad, T.S
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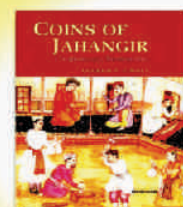


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## Case Against Shopkeeper for Not Accepting Rs. 10 Coins

### The shopkeeper refused to accept the coins and may face up to six month Jail

**A** case has been registered against a shopkeeper at Joura town in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh for allegedly refusing to accept Rs 10 coins. "We registered a case on the complaint filed by a buyer who had offered two coins of Rs 10 to buy a handkerchief. The shopkeeper refused to accept the coins," said Joura police station in-charge Praveen Tripathi.

The incident took place on 6th October, 2017. A charge under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) was pressed against the shopkeeper.

The punishment under the section can extend up to six months in prison. Following the reports that shopkeepers were refusing to accept Rs 10 coins, the district collector had recently issued a circular, stating that such a refusal would be considered disrespect to the Indian currency, Tripathi said.

## 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

**C**ommemorative 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.

### 1989 – Jawaharlal Nehru Centenary Commemoration Issue

**Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru** was the first Prime minister of India from 1947 to 1964. To pay homage to the dynamic leader on the centenary of his birth, a 1 rupee coin was issued on 14th November 1988, to mark the beginning of the centenary year. Another coin issued for general circulation, was in the denomination of 5 rupees. The other coins issued in the denomination of 20 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 effigy of Pandit Nehru with a "Gandhi Cap" on his head and the legend "JAWAHARLAL NEHRU", "CENTENARY" and "1989", the centenary year in English and "Jawaharlal Nehru", "Janmashati" in Hindi on the reverse.

### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1989

**Weight:** 6 grams

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

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 26 mm

**Edge:** Security

**Mints:** Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad & Noida



**Jawaharlal Nehru**

## Students Enthralled at Philatelic Expo

**T**amil Nadu: With the National Postal Week celebrations under way in Vellore, a philatelic exhibition was organized at the Head Post Office recently to throw light on philately for schoolchildren.

According to K. Vijaya, Superintendent of Posts, Vellore Division, the National Postal Week celebrations began with the World Post Day followed by Savings Bank Day. Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Life Insurance Day was also observed.

Philatelist C. Tamilvanan put up an exhibition on the occasion and among the exhibits were a number of post cards of different dates. "I had displayed the country's first post card issued by the East India Company in 1897. I had also kept on display British India post card and posts cards of princely States such as Jaipur and Cochin," he said.



A total of 39 permanent pictorial cancellations released in Tamil Nadu had also been displayed. "The first permanent pictorial cancellation on Mahabalipuram issued in 1964 to the latest one on Vellore Fort had been displayed," he added. Competition cards and unique date cancellations had also been put up. He had also displayed miniature sheets of fauna found across the globe.

**A quiz competition was organized for the postal department staff.**



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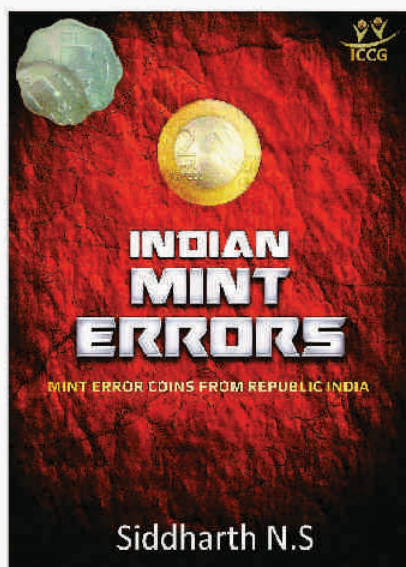
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