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## ICCG Promotes Numismatics at Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane

**H**undreds of coins from various regions and historical value drew hundreds of visitors to the three-day numismatic exhibition that concluded at the Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane between 22nd to 24th September. The 42nd Annual Book Exhibition along with the Numismatic Exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Chandrashekar Pusalkar. Mrs. Mrudula Pusalkar was also guest of honor. Hundreds of parents with their children from the school 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. Currency notes from the British period and world notes too were on display. But it were the error coins and coins of bygone eras that attracted the students most.



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## Celebrating Diwali: Numismatic Way of Worshiping Knowledge & Wealth

**With time, numismatic collectibles have become more popular choices during the festival as there is a tradition of buying and gifting gold and silver coins on Diwali**

**D**iwali is an ancient Hindu five day 'festival of lights'. Celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and some Buddhists around the world, is it considered one of the happiest holidays in India and Nepal. The main theme of the festival is the triumph of light over darkness, goodness over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair.

Are you quite acquainted with the customs and traditions of Diwali? Well this festival is not only about lighting of diyas and oil lamps, it is has lot more things to be done. Many traditions and customs are duly attached with the celebration. Different form of arrangements are needed so as to make this festival worth celebrating. Cont on Page 7th .....



## Quenching the Thirst with Water Bottle Labels

**W**e have all seen many collectors being connected with their various hobbies. Be it coins, stamps, railway tickets, pencils, pens, stickers or any other collectible which may knock the passion door. And similarly ICCG News got to share few words from 13 year old Master Soham Gala from Mumbai, who is an avid collector with a passion of collecting 'Water Bottle Labels'. Excerpts from the interview:

**Please let us know about your collection.**

I collect water bottle labels of various brands and countries.

**What fascinated you the most in collecting water bottle labels?**

Well, it all started during my first international trip to Thailand. There I happened to see many different water bottles of different brands at restaurants, market and hotels. I purchased all of them as they attracted me and soon I came up with a thought that there should be so many in Mumbai as well. That was how I started with my journey of collectibles. Cont on Page 3rd .....



**Master Soham Gala**

### India and Canada jointly release Diwali stamps For the first time, India and Canada jointly launched stamps to mark Diwali, the festival of lights.

India and Canada have unveiled their first joint stamp, as the countries simultaneously issued stamps to celebrate the festival of Diwali.

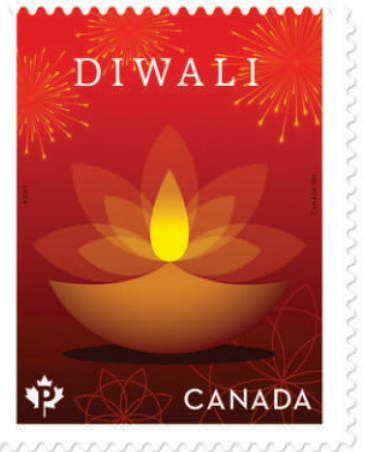
The Canadian event to mark this collaborative release was held in Toronto on 21st September and was attended by Canada Post president and CEO Deepak Chopra, India's high commissioner Vikas Swarup, India's consul general in Toronto Dinesh Bhatia and Toronto mayor John Tory.

The Diwali stamp expresses pride in Canada being a land of diverse faiths, customs and celebrations. It is fitting that this historic first joint issue celebrates the strong relationship between Canada and India.

The official first day cover was cancelled in Toronto. The stamps were designed by Doreen Colonello of Entro Communications and India Post.

A similar event was held in New Delhi and was attended by Canada's envoy Nadir Patel and chief postmaster general (Delhi) LN Sharma.

Both versions of the stamp feature diyas, the traditional Diwali lamps, with fireworks in the background.



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In addition to the coins and currency notes that were displayed, those were the knowledge sharing banners which were the major attraction. It was made easy to learn the coin anatomy and also about the mint marks through various banners and parents – students were seen checking their coins for the mint marks with broad smiles.

Exhibition's highlight apart of error coins was the currency note which consist the names of both nations India and Pakistan on it. There have been instances when the Indian Currencies imprinted with text like 'For use in Pakistan' have been issued. In the initial years, the Government of Pakistan used super inscribed Indian notes as its Paper Money until they were gradually replaced by Pakistani currency by 1949. The notes contained captions like "Government of Pakistan" in English and "Hukumat e Pakistan" in Urdu. Notes of Rs. 1, 2, 5, 10 and 100 were super inscribed in such a manner.

How did they manage to have such a huge collection? "It started as a hobby when I was in school. And over a period of time, I developed a passion for it," expresses Siddharth Shah, who deals in almost every collectible coin and currency note and is himself a coin enthusiastic for years. Few collectibles displayed were also from the part of collection of Shri. Rahul Keshwani, Mustafa Arsiwala and Tejas Shah, who are collecting coins and currency notes for years now. Mr. Siddharth Shah is also the founder president of ICCG.

"The exhibition has provided an opportunity for the residents of the city to understand the country's historical and cultural achievements depicted on the coins and currency notes," explained Smt. Kiran Thakur a parent of fifth class student.

ICCG was formed five years ago and this was their first school exhibition. The exhibition was also intended to offer some other services like numismatic workshop to those interested.

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#### How attractive could be a water bottle to start with a collection?

I have grown up watching my father Shri. Nilesh Gala who himself is a collector and has a wide range of collectibles. So I thought of collecting something different. Water bottle label was indeed a different subject and it also attracted me good.

#### What type of challenges did you face while making your collection?

It was quite challenging as I had to contact people from various places and request them for water bottles. I also put up advertisements to contact people who travelled different parts of the world. Friends and relatives were surely a good support.

#### Does such collection demand a lot of time and attention?

Yes, it asks for a lot of time and attention. It needs to be checked for 100 ml to 20 liters labels of different sizes. And also to arrange them alphabetically. Finally, cutting, sticking and filing also needs a lot of attention. One needs to be very serious in regards of his hobby.

#### Have you ever displayed your collection?

No, not yet. Though I have shared my collection with my friends and relatives but have yet not displayed it at any exhibition. This would be my first interview display..... Smiles

#### Is there any particular water bottle label which is more close to you?

Well, all are very close to me as I have collected them with lots of efforts, but yes, there are a couple of them which I would like to mention. One water bottle is of Air India which is more than 12 years old with date mentioned on it. And the other is a water bottle of 'Hotel Baiyokesky, Thailand' as its bottle and its label are of the same shape as that of the hotel.

#### With all your collection, how much satisfaction do you feel within?

After a pause Master Soham continues, "Yes, it surely fills an amount of satisfaction within after collecting more than 1000 water bottle labels from different parts of the world, but at the same time it further adds a lot of enthusiasm to continue with it. Hobby is a never ending journey which though adds to lot of fun but at the same time teaches you to be more serious, fills you with smiles and through you it becomes an inspiration for others." **Soham is a young boy but his thoughts are already quite motivational....**

"My father inspired me, and today I continue with my own different subject." adds Soham.

For ICCG News, he added, "Incidentally it's my second interview in ICCG News as I still remember that ICCG News published a small bite of my interview during my father Shri. Nilesh Gala's interview in 2015. ICCG News has always encouraged young talent and I wish to get the same support from them in future as well, Such short interviews and appreciation adds up in a great amount of motivation for any young talent"

**We thanked Master Soham Gala for the precious time he spared and hope that he may just continue with his 'Water bottle Labels' and may keep on with all his good work and studies.**



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### History Comes Alive at Ernakulam Numismatic Exhibition

**K**OCHI: There was some great news for coin collection enthusiasts and history buffs. Coins used in the Mughal, Chola, Chera, Nawab and British era in India were exhibited at Ernakulam Town Hall, as part of the three-day 'Coin Expo' organized by Kerala Numismatic Society.

Coins used in the Roman dynasty and old dynasties in China, Taiwan, Korea, Africa and other parts of the world were also part of the exhibition. The copper, lead, silver, gold and nickel coins on display were hundreds of year old and attracted people from all walks of life, especially students.

Besides coins, old currencies, medals, treasure pots, stamps and postal cards were also on display. The expo also gave an opportunity for the public to buy these coins.



Oswal Antiques had put up coins belonging to Travancore and Cochin kingdoms for auction. A 'thulabharam' gold coin from Travancore kingdom was one of the main attractions at the auction.

The Bolboa currency of Panama, one of the rarest currencies in the world, was also on display. The currency was printed only once in 1941 and it was withdrawn within seven days.

Coins which were in use in the Gandhara kingdom in the sixth century BC, Byzantine Empire, Sangam Age and Satavahana dynasty were also part of the exhibition.

Also on display were the collections of R Madhusoodanan, a numismatist, who collects only those coins minted with images of elephants. He has a silver coin minted in Ivory Coast in 2010 and a fossil piece with a picture of a mammoth on it. "There is a small gold coin with the picture of an elephant on it from Kongu Desam which weighs only 8g. We need the support of a lens to see the elephant," he said.



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Diwali puja consists of a combined puja of five deities: Ganesha is worshipped at the beginning of every auspicious act as Vighnaharta; Goddess Lakshmi is worshipped in her three forms Mahalakshmi, the goddess of wealth and money, Mahasaraswati, the goddess of books and learning and Mahakali. People also worship 'Kuber'- the treasurer of the gods.

The festival is also known as 'Laxhmipujan', which translates to 'the worship of Goddess Laxhmi'. Silver coins are worshipped on this occasion.

### Non-Monetary Uses of Money – An Addendum:

There are several other traditions where money has played a very important part within the religion. In conclusion non-monetary uses of money are far reaching and can provide a sense of community and foster relationships between different families and individuals and numismatics has been playing a major part here for long.

### The Perth Mint Australia Commemorates Diwali

Recently, the Perth mint released 1oz Silver coins to commemorate the festival of lights.

**Reverse:** The reverse of the coin features a colored representation of Lakshmi the Hindu goddess of wealth, health, fortune and prosperity, sitting on a lotus flower with gold coins pouring out of her hands, symbolizing material and spiritual wealth. The design includes the inscription 'happy diwali' and The Perth Mint's traditional 'P' mintmark.

**Obverse:** Issued as legal tender under the authority of the Government of Tuvalu, the coin's obverse depicts the Ian Rank-Broadley effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the monetary denomination and the 2017 year-date.

**Limited Mintage:** The Perth Mint will release no more than 5,000 of the Diwali Festival 2017 1oz Silver Coin.

**Presentation Packaging with Numbered Certificate :** The coin is housed in a contemporary, latex case which displays both sides of the coin. The case is packaged within a beautifully illustrated shipper, and is accompanied by a numbered Certificate of Authenticity.



## Workshop on Numismatic Studies by ICCG at Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School Coining Love among Youth for Numismatics

Recently, Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School invited ICCG to conduct a Numismatic Workshop for class 5 students where students were explained how to brush up their geography and keep a date with historical events that had taken in the place they hail from. All of us love to hear their sweet jingling in our pockets and purses. Yet, few people know that coins have a unique connection with history. Numismatics is the science pertaining to the systematic collection, preservation and study of coins, is what the students got to learn during the 1 hour workshop.

In today's society, it appears as if several kids are preoccupied with films, music, internet, video games, etc and most parents are hunting for exciting, protected, and educational activities or hobbies that their kids can get pleasure from. The vision of setting up the workshop was to bring awareness among the children about coins, which we know are not merely sources of history but also objects of art and symbols of our culture and heritage.



Children were seen quite excited to come in contact with various ancient and contemporary coins with varied designs, metals, colors and weights. But most importantly, students related with a skill that cultivates the ability to discover things.

“We exhibited various ancient coins (and notes) from the East India Company, British India and Republic India. Students also got to know a lot and got familiar with the old aluminum coins, annas, paise series and the old big sized notes (of various denominations like 5, 10 and 100 Rupees) that were discontinued years back.” Said Mr. Siddharth Shah, founder president of ICCG. “Not only the old coins and notes but also republic commemorative and definitive coins were displayed which added on the excitement as they are very much available and easy to collect. Knowledge about current coins commemorating various personalities and leaders like Gandhiji, Nehruji, Shivaji, Tilakji, Shastriji, Mother Teresa and many more and also various FAO (food & agriculture organization) themes commemorated like Mother's health, healthy child, food for all, rain harvesting, farmers etc., were also provided that are so simple to collect from general circulation as a good start.” Added Mr. Shah.

## Remembering Mahatma and commemorating him City Mall Exhibition honors Mahatma Gandhi in Raipur

**N**ew Delhi: Gandhi Memorabilia Expo 2017 that was organized at Raipur's City Mall was an effort to honor the magical life of Mahatma Gandhi.

The event was organized by Dr Aaditya Pratap Singh Entertainment and the collection on display was a beautiful endeavor by Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh. He has a mesmerizing collection of coins, postal stamps, key rings and bank notes. A doctor by profession, Dr Bhanu Pratap Singh holds degrees like MBBS, MD, MA, LLB, PhD, D.Lit, and is keen on acquiring knowledge from all sources.



The exhibition was a star studded event which was attended not only by Indian celebrities but also Russian ones. Actress Prachi Desai and 'Mohenjo Daro' fame actor Tufail Khan Rigoo and Martina Thariyan attended the event. Russian actresses Yana and Victoria came all the way from Russia making Gandhi Memorabilia Expo truly memorable.

Republic India has minted many coins to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi in various denominations. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was the overwhelming political and ideological pioneer of India amid the Indian autonomy development. He spearheaded satyagraha, characterized as imperviousness to oppression through mass common defiance, a reasoning solidly established upon ahimsa, or aggregate peacefulness. This idea helped India to pick up autonomy, and motivated developments for social equality and flexibility over the world. He is regularly alluded to as Mahatma Gandhi or 'Extraordinary Soul.' ICCG News wishes that all the numismatic artifacts keep reminding all our citizens, the teachings from the great leader and also we pay homage to Gandhiji as we celebrate his 148th birth anniversary.

## Rare Coins, Stamps Showcased in Manipal

**K**arnataka: The two-day Tulunadpex – 2017, the philately and numismatics exhibition of Manipal University, began on 19th August at the Dr TMA Pai Hall. The exhibition, with a display of rare collections of stamps and coins has attracted a large number of people. A special cover was also released to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Manipal Institute of Technology. Six special covers in all were released.



The exhibition showcased some rare stamps and coins which made the show comparable with the best of exhibitions held elsewhere in the country. Among the eye-catching exhibits were post cards and stamps depicting the life of Jesus Christ. The philatelic exhibition had a whole lot of themes of stamps and post cards of ancient times. There were stamps of unique shapes including hexagon, triangle and polygon, and different sizes too.

The coin collection was an introduction to the monetary world of ancient times from the Satavana Dynasty, Mughal Empire to British India. Also seen were coins of princely states of India like Mysore and Hyderabad. All special issues of coins made in India were also on display. Coins from countries like Russia, Croatia, Cape Verde and Bulgaria among others provided the audience a virtual feast. Students' collections of coins from schools across the region were also on display.

“The creation of the stamp is an art. This glorifies our culture and tells stories in the most minimalistic way possible,” said S Rajendra Kumar, Post Master General.

Dr HS Ballal, Pro Chancellor, Manipal University, spoke of how important these stamp and coin collections were as they told tales of a bygone era. Such collections inspire students and prompt them to go back in time and explore their roots, which is necessary,” Dr Ballal said.



### Mr. Laxmipat Raj Singhvi & Mr. Ravi Shankar Sharma Shine During the Elections of Numismatic Society of Kolkata

The Annual General Meeting of the members of the Numismatic Society of Kolkata was held on 27th August with around 141 members along with President, Secretary and other office bearers.

Mr. Samarjit Ghoshal read the secretarial report for the last three years. It was accepted & appreciated by all the members present.

In the meeting, the treasurer Mr. Anup Manna placed the Audited Income & Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheets of the Society for the year ended 31/3/2015, 31/3/2016 & 31/3/2017. The Society considered accounts for the years ending 31-03-2015, 31-03-2016 & 31-03-2017 and unanimously passed & approved the same. The AGM advised that the same be filed with the Registrar of Society.



Shri Basant Rathi then requested to convene the election procedure for the Presidential post and the post of Secretary. Ballot papers were distributed to every member for voting.

Total 131 valid votes were casted out of which Shri. Laxmipat Raj Singhvi (Babulaji Jain) won the Presidential post with 61 votes whereas Shri. Ravi Shankar Sharma won the Secretarial post with 74 votes for next three years.

ICCG team congratulates both Mr. Singhvi and Sharmaji for winning the trust of the society members and wish them to continue with their service towards numismatics.

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This note of the month are chosen from the collection of Mr. Tusharth Garg.

**PM Narendra Modi Releases Postage Stamp On Lord Ram**

**V**ARANASI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 22nd September released a postage stamp on different aspects of Lord Ram's life at the historic Tulsi Manas Mandir Varanasi, and said he was a source of inspiration for every individual. "There have been many stamps on Lord Ram, but this is the first of its kind stamp, which depicts different aspects of his life. This has not been done in the past. I am happy that I have got the opportunity to do this from the holy soil of Manas," he said.

The Tulsi Manas temple has great historical and cultural importance in Hinduism as it was here that Hindu epic Ramcharitmanas was said to have been originally written by poet-saint Goswami Tulsidas. "The life of Lord Ram is a source of inspiration for every individual. If we look at the life of Mahatma Gandhi, we see Lord Ram became a mantra for him since his childhood. Every aspect of the life of a great man (mahapurush) and chetnapurush (man who awakens consciousness) like him (Lord Ram) motivates us."

The Prime Minister said he could have released the stamp either at New Delhi's Vigyan Bhawan or his own residence, but then a thought came to his mind that it is the auspicious period of Navaratra, and in the life of Lord Ram, Navratra and Vijayadashami hold special significance.

"A place where memories of Tulsidas are still alive.... There cannot be a better place than this Manas Mandir for releasing the postage stamp," he said.

He said postage stamps the world over contained history. A collection of such stamps would show what transformations a country went through, he said.

The prime minister later visited the Durga Mata Mandir.





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

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November	3, 4, 5	5th Coinex Mumbai	Shree Sunderbhai Hall, Behind Income Tax, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra
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	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
February '2018	9, 10, 11	Ahmedabad CoinEx 2018	Shree Sardar Patel Seva Samaj, Nr Mithakhali Six Road, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
February '2018	23, 24, 25	9th NNE - National Numismatic Exhibition Bangalore	Shikshak Sadan, Opp. Kaveri Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore, Karnataka

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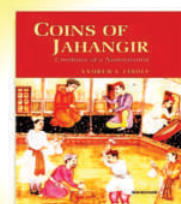


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## Soon Coins to be Launched to Commemorate Birth Centenary of MGR

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K Palaniswami today thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modifor the Centre's decision to release coins in Rs 100 and Rs five denominations in memory of AIADMK founder M G Ramachandran. "I express my whole hearted gratitude on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu and on my personal behalf, for having issued orders to release commemorative coins in the memory of our great leader Puratchi Thalaivar (revolutionary leader) Dr M G Ramachandran," Palaniswami said in a letter to Modi.



The Union government on 12th September announced that it will issue the coins to commemorate the birth centenary of 'Bharat Ratna' awardee and late chief minister M G Ramachandran, fondly called 'MGR' by his followers. Palaniswami said the state government had requested the Centre to release commemorative coins as a tribute to MGR, whose birth centenary is being celebrated this year.

Based on the request, he said, the central government had issued a gazette notification for the issue of the coins. The commemorative coins will bear the portrait of M G Ramachandran at the centre along with the inscription 'DR M G Ramachandran Birth Centenary' on the lower periphery.

## 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.

## 1989 – FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT (9th WORLD FOOD DAY) ISSUE

In commemoration of the 9th World Food Day in 1989, India issued this 1 rupee commemorative coin on 16th October, 1989 with the theme "FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT".

**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 three wheat stalks, with the sun and cloud in the background, the legend "FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT", "WORLD FOOD DAY" in English, "Khadya Ebam Paryabaran", "Biswa Khadya Divas" in Hindi, the F.A.O. crest and "1989" the year of issue.

### 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:** Mumbai, Hyderabad & Noida



### FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT



## Commemorative Coin on M S Subbalakshmi Released

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on 19th September unveiled commemorative coins of Rs 100 and Rs 10 coins on the birth centenary of noted musician M S Subbulakshmi. Naidu released special commemorative coins of Rs 100 and Rs 10 denominations at an exhibition held to mark Subbulakshmi's legacy.

The coins were launched at an event held at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. The Vice-President also tweeted a picture of the coins on his official Twitter handle. A nearly two-week-long exhibition, titled 'Kurai Ondrum Illai', is being held in the honor of Bharat Ratna awardee Subbulakshmi.



Subbulakshmi had many firsts to her credit, from being the first musician to be awarded the Bharat Ratna to winning the Ramon Magsaysay Award, and performing at the UN General Assembly. "She was an unsurpassed phenomenon in the Carnatic music field and perhaps will remain unsurpassed in this generation too. First prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru once told her that he was just an ordinary PM, but she was a 'queen of music,'" Naidu said.

## Mumbai Numismatic and Philatelic Exhibition

With more than thousands of coins, banknotes, medals, stamps and over hundreds of philately and numismatic enthusiastic from all over India could be seen showcasing wide range of collectibles during the 7th Annual Ahmedabad coin & currency fair, which was held between 15th to 17th September, 2017.

With every passing year, these exhibitions are growing further in terms of international outreach among dealers, mints and visitors.



## Sir Jan Lingen Honored

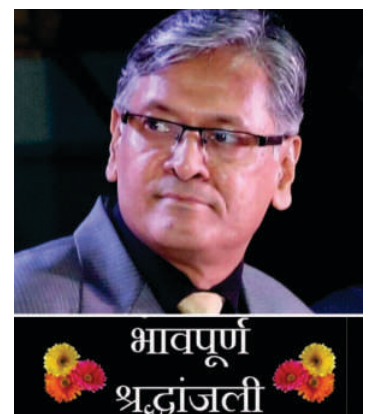
Indian Numismatic Community honored Sir Jan Lingen on his 75th birthday for his extra long innings as a distinguished Numismatist and a scholar of South Asian Numismatics. A Commemorative silver token (Limited 101 pieces) celebrating 75 years of the 'Numismatic Legend' respected Mr. Jan Lingen (Netherlands) was also launched on his birthday on 15th September 2017.

A short function was held to mark the birthday of Sir Lingen during the Mumbai Coin Show.

## Hemant Bafna: A name Indian Philately Would Always Remember

Shri. Hemant Bafna, President Jainism Philately Group passed away on 11th September 2017 night at Pune.

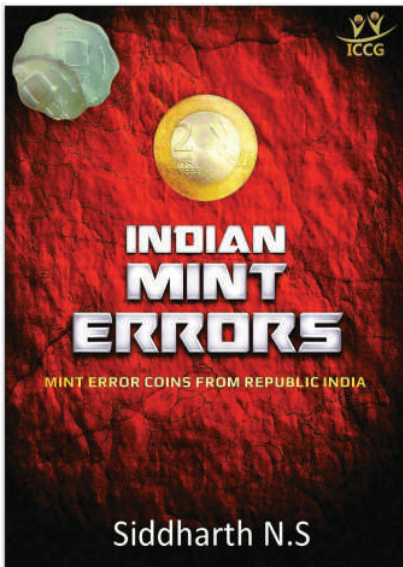
He was very senior Philatelist and organized many solo Philatelic Exhibitions at different places. Born on 4th April 1952, Mr. Bafna was Chartered accountant by profession. ICCG News on behalf of entire Numismatic and Philatelic community conveys deepest of respects towards our most loved Philatelist. Rest in peace Bafna Sir!



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