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## Man to Sell Rare Coins for PM's Fund

**A** 27-year-old numismatist in Bhubaneswar with over 8 lakh old coins dating back to the time of emperors Ashoka and Chandragupta Maurya and Maratha king Shivaji is planning to auction at least 2 lakh of them., the proceeds of which he plans to donate to the state and central funds in their fight against coronavirus.

**Debiprasad Mangaraj** is quite well-known in Odisha for his massive collection of coins and had started collecting them for over 20 years now. He said the contribution to PMCare's fund as well as CM Relief Fund of Odisha government was his attempt to help the governments in mounting a fight against the pandemic. "Everyday I see in newspapers and TV channels the surging deaths in India and countries outside due to Covid-19. This is the biggest crisis that humanity is encountering right now. So I decided to do something on my own," said Mangaraj, who recently completed his B. Tech degree. [Cont on Page 3rd..](#)



**Mr. Debiprasad Mangaraj**

## Growing with the Hobby

**M**any coin collectors gift their children with coins. In the beginning they may not appreciate the coins, but telling them stories about the coin and how it was made can spark their interest. The importance of providing your children the knowledge and ability to understand collecting can start will grow and so will their interest and accomplished numismatists. We connected with their various got to share thoughts of a young started his hobby at the age of 11 lockdown.

**How did you start with your coin**

I naturally had access to lots of coins in collector himself. That was just a fancy involved with this hobby until I saw few massive values for coins. During watching few videos on collectible Indian of few commemorative coins. Later I learnt purpose of misleading new collectors and honestly, these videos well encouraged me to search my money bank and tried to save



**Master Jay Shah**

The collection kept growing though slowly.

**collection?**

circulation as my father is a coin but I never felt that I would ever get 'youtube' videos which suggested lockdown due to covid-19, I started coins and was surprised to see the value that most videos were made with a most information shared was not true. But into making my own collection. I started as many coins possible and started to

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## Indian Collectors Share Their Best Error Coins on a Competition Facebook Forum Gets Flooded by Massive Error Coins Winners to be announced in next issue

**A**mid the COVID-19 lockdown, in the time of social distancing ICCG along with a facebook forum hosted its Second Error Coin Competition in March – April 2020. Coin collectors from all over India participated in the competition to share their best error coins.

In total, more than 100 collectors participated in the competition. We'd like to thank everyone who took part by sharing their mint error coins which were displayed in various themes. It's proven to us that there are many unique error coins to be found in any destination.

**Winners of this competition would be announced in our next issue.**

The competition was organized on a 'facebook' forum 'Error Coins of India (Knowledge Sharing)' by Shri. Ashish Parui and the admin team of the forum in association with **Indian Coins & currency Group - ICCG**.

Winners of this error coin competition would be awarded with trophies during the **ICCG Coin Show Event in association with Hobby & Lifestyle India** at NESCO Grounds Bombay Exhibition Center Goregaon Mumbai India in October 2020.

Venue - Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai

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## Odisha Philatelists Conduct Auction for Raising Funds for Lockdown Distressed

**B**hubaneswar: The Eastern India Philatelic Association today held an online charity auction of stamps and postal materials as a fundraiser for helping the distressed during the COVID-19 lockdown crisis.

Members of the philately group contributed articles that were put on auction and the amount realised was put in a fund that will be used to provide rations for day wagers who are severely affected by the lockdown.

The Secretary of EIPA, Shanti Swarup Rath said that Philately is a gentlemen's hobby. The sense of camaraderie, mutual trust, and faith that philatelists share with each other and society, in general, are not found in any other hobby.

Anil Dhir said that the proceeds from the auction far exceed what was expected. Valuable postal materials, many relating to Odisha were put up for auction by various members from all over the State. A set of Ten Pigeon Post Covers flown by the Orissa Pigeon Service was sold for more than Rs 4000/-. Many members also made online cash donations.

EIPA is one of the most prominent philatelic societies in the country with representation in the Philatelic Congress of India. It was established in 1998 in Bhubaneswar with Shri Bijoyshree Routray appointed as the first President. Since then EIPA has grown to be a premier institution for philately and philatelists in India. The Society had a strong publishing record with many seminal works being written by its members. Its members are among the foremost stamp collectors in the country and have exhibited their exhibits both in the country and internationally. It will soon be celebrating its 25th Year Silver Jubilee and is among the oldest running societies. The membership base extends all over the state and country with more than 250 registered life members. Philatelists from Balangir, Sambalpur, Keonjhar, Berhampur, Katak, and other places participated in the auction.



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Mangaraj said some people in Mumbai, where he is now staying with his filmmaker sister, had approached him for selling his coins and offered him several crore for his collection. "The thought of selling the coins never occurred to me. Rather I was collecting and buying coins all these years. But now I want to auction it for helping people," he said. The auction, to be held offline in Bhubaneswar, is scheduled sometime next month. The numismatist's collection is indeed a treasure- starting from coins from the period of emperors Ashoka and Chandragupta Maurya, the Gupta dynasty and the Maratha king Shivaji. Among British coins, he has several coins issued during the reigns of King George V, King George VI and Queen Victoria. Some of the coins are not even metals as they are made of baked earth. The youth has collected metal and paper currencies of US, the UK, Hong Kong, Belgium, France, Australia, Italy and Nepal.



"I even have some coins that date back to the time when the barter system was used. There are also coins from around 20 different countries and coins made of plastic, gold and other precious metals," he said.

The decision of the numismatist to hold auction to help the government fight the pandemic has come at a time when everyone is coming forward to donate money to the relief funds of Centre and the state. Earlier this month, a 9-year-old boy of Bhubaneswar broke his piggybank and donated the entire amount of Rs 2020 to the PM CARES Fund and Odisha CM's Relief Fund. A 10-year-old boy in Soro block of Balasore district donated his entire pocket money to Chief Minister's Relief Fund putting his plans of buying a bicycle on hold.

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### What are your areas of interest in coins?

I wish to have a collection of definitive and commemorative coins and as I mentioned, I have already got a decent start though with a lot of gaps, but I love the gaps as they keep developing my hunting skills (he says with a smile). After a pause... he continues hobby is for happiness, it is something of your choice, something unique you like to do. I remember a few years back your coin group ICCG came up with a numismatic exhibition in our school 'Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School' and many students from our school got attracted towards this hobby but then this hobby did not attract me and today during the lockdown when I got to like the coins I am left with very limited options. I have seen children exhibiting their coins in school exhibitions and even some students displayed their collectible coins in our school exhibition. I wish I too would be a part of such exhibit sometime in future.



**ICCG News team thanked young Jay Shah for his time and collectibles shared and wished him good luck and would provide all the support in learning the hobby.**

## RUSSIA -

### Fictitious Peter's Post - Miniature sheets

**M**ILANOFIL 2020 (March 2020)

The sheetlet (perforated and imperforated) with two stamps for the unrealized (postponed) philatelic fair and exhibition MILANOFIL 2020 with the theme of the Last Supper by Leonardo da Vinci with apparently speculative "pirated" edition of fictitious post with semi-imprints "QUARANTINED / ITALY" and "COVID-2019".



## VE - ASY MONEY Royal Mint Release VE Day

### Commemorative £2 Coin to Mark the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe

**T**he Royal Mint has unveiled a commemorative £2 coin to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

It features smiling faces and the word "Victory" and comes in a range of colours. Royal Mint plans to release the new coin into circulation if there is enough demand.

The coin, which was made in association with Imperial War Museum, was designed to "capture the spirit and stoicism of the wartime generation and the gratitude of those that followed".

The designer Dominique Evans said: "Iconic images of VE Day serve to remind us of the magnitude of events.

"Millions came together in the streets to celebrate the end of the war in Europe, inspiring me to put people at the very heart of this coin.

"The rays evoke search lights, a familiar sight in the skies during wartime, except here they represent rays of hope.

"VE Day is still a piece of living history. I hope the coin enables people to capture the poignancy of this landmark anniversary, one remembered by those who were there and celebrated by the generations that followed."

Royal Mint's divisional director of commemorative coins Clare Maclennan said she was hopeful that the new coin would unite Britain during the coronavirus pandemic.



## New Rs 20 Coin in India: All you need to know

**A**lmost a decade after the issuance of Rs 10 coin, a new coin of Rs 20 denomination has been minted and will be soon in circulation for the general public. Almost a decade after the issuance of Rs 10 coin, a new coin of Rs 20 denomination has been minted and will be soon in circulation for the general public. The new Rs 20 coins are ready in the four Indian government mints-- in Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Noida. The Mumbai mint has given a consignment of coins to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The coins from the Reserve Bank of India will be sent to the banks through regional offices. The new Rs 20 coin was supposed to come into circulation in April itself, but due to the nationwide lockdown, it could not be circulated. Therefore, as soon as the lockdown opens, the new Rs 20 coin will be available in the market for the general public.

### How will the coin look like?

The Finance Ministry in its notification earlier revealed that the new Rs 20 coin will be made in Copper, Zinc and Nickel. The roundness of the Rs 20 coin with twelve corners is 27 millimetres. The total weight of the coin prepared in two discs is 8.54 grams.

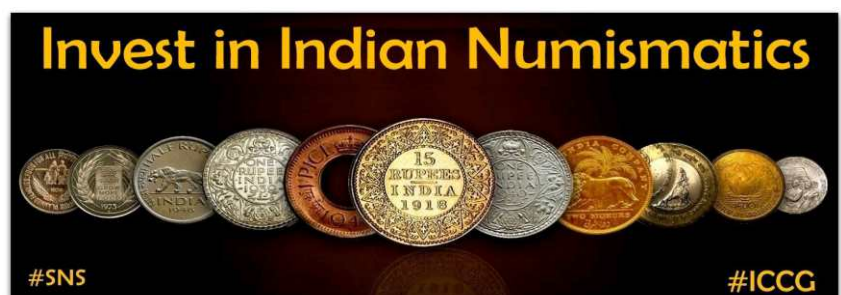
The outer disc of the coin is made up of 65% copper, 15% zinc and 20% nickel alloy. The coin is light golden in colour. It will have the Lion Capitol symbol of Ashoka Pillar with the legend "Satyamev Jayate" is inscribed on its obverse face. The words "Bharat" in Hindi and "INDIA" in English are on the right and left-hand side of the symbol respectively.

On the reverse face, the coin is inscribed with the denominational value "20" having the rupee symbol beside it. Above the denominational value, the design of grains is inscribed showing the agrarian spirit of the country.

### Visually Handicapped Disabled Friendship Series

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi had unveiled the coins made under the Visually Handicapped Disabled Friendship Series last year, which included 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 rupees coins.

All the coins in this series are of the same design. Of these, coins of 2, 5 and 10 rupees are currently in circulation. A coin of 20 rupees is being introduced which is expected to be circulated while a coin of one rupee is not ready yet.



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## Tribute to First Line Warriors - Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic and Philately

The sad period of the worldwide corona virus COVID-19 pandemic remains unnoticed even in philately. India along with several postal administrations have decided to issue postage stamps to commemorate this tragic event, respectively as a tribute to those who fight dangerous contagion in the front lines: doctors, nurses, medical staff, scientists, firefighters, police, soldiers, and so on.

Another reason for issuing these postage stamps is the efforts of the issuing countries to raise public awareness, which, together with effective personal hygiene and protection measures, is the most effective means of combating this insidious disease.

### Commemorative cancellation - Respect Social Distancing

Commemorative cancellation calling for respecting social distancing among people the fight against the pandemic of corona virus COVID-19 with text: "Respect Social Distancing" and depicting a pictogram of a man with outstretched arms and legs in the shape of arrows.

Also Four commemorative postcards issued by the India Post without pre-printed (embossed) stamp calling for saluting corona warriors in the fight against the pandemic of corona virus COVID-19 with text: "We Salute the Corona Warriors" and depicting many professions and their activities in the fight against the coronavirus (police officers, soldiers, doctors, nurses, medical staff, firefighters, postmen, cleaners).



## Coronavirus Pandemic !

### India Post Releases Special Postal Cover for Migrant Workers

India Post on May 13 paid a tribute to migrant workers by releasing a special postal cover dedicated to them in Mumbai, a press release by the Press Information Bureau has said.

Migrant workers from across India have been making their way back to their home states by opting for any mode of transport available after the announcement and extension of national lockdown by the government. Reports suggest that a number of workers, devoid of any transport, have also taken to walking hundreds of kilometres to reach their hometowns. According to the government, five migrant workers from different sectors were called to release the postal cover.

Chief Postmaster General Harish Chandra Agrawal said India Post wanted to acknowledge the contribution of migrant workers in the building of Mumbai.

"They are an integral part of the cityscape, and what better time to recognise their effort than the present," Agrawal said.

"These migrant workers belonging to remotest parts of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar or West Bengal, have been immensely contributing to building the city of Mumbai, by making the lives of Mumbaikars smooth and seamless. The Special Cover is an attempt to keep their struggles and contributions recorded in the history of India,' Postmaster General, Mumbai Region, Swati Pandey said.



## Special Cover Pays Tribute to 'Corona Warriors'

The country's first philately material to honor the 'Corona warriors' has been brought out by the Kerala circle of the Department of Posts.

A special cover released on 21st April 2020, pays tribute to the thousands of 'Corona warriors' who have risked their lives in a mammoth effort to keep people safe from the virus.

The special cover shows activities in force to fight the pandemic. It depicts health care personnel, police personnel, postal workers, and services such as ATMs, petrol pumps, and trains that keep the country running despite the COVID-19 threat.

### Selfless service

On the back of the cover is a note on the pandemic, its impact on the people, and India Post's salute for their selfless service. The design of the cover has been decided by the Kerala postal circle.

The special cover is the first philately material on COVID-19 released by India Post. No stamp or other postal stationery has been released by any other postal circle in the country till date. Earlier, China was the first country to bring out a stamp on the Corona warriors, say philatelists.

The cover also has a 5-stamp of the Medical Council of India.

The cover was released by Governor Arif Mohammed Khan at Raj Bhavan by handing it over to Minister for Health K.K. Shylaja. Sharda Sampath, Chief Postmaster General, Kerala Postal Circle, and other officials of the Department of Posts attended the release, which followed the COVID-19 containment norms.

The Kerala circle will print 3,000 covers of the special cover, which will be available from philately bureaus in the State. There will be no reprinting of the special cover.



## Moroccan Post Issues New Morocco United Against COVID-19 Stamp

Rabat - The Moroccan Post service (Barid al-Maghrib) announced the release of a new postage stamp yesterday under the theme "Morocco united against COVID-19."

The new stamp pays tribute to the nationwide effort in fighting the spread of COVID-19. The stamp illustrates the representatives of each institution involved in the battle, including doctors, medical staff, police officers, civil protection agents, and janitors.

The national postal service praised authorities for demonstrating "responsibility and discipline in the implementation of strict but necessary measures" in a press release.

"This postage stamp highlights the commitment of the Moroccan nation with all its components for the implementation of the strategy initiated by King Mohammed VI to fight against the pandemic," declared Barid al-Maghrib.

Postal services started selling the new product yesterday across their local offices and online, at MAD 5.00. The office will donate the revenue from the sale of stamps to the Special Fund for the Management and Response to COVID-19.

Barid al-Maghrib emphasized the new postage stamp enriches the Moroccan philatelic heritage, highlighting previous special releases it issued to raise awareness, including "The world united against malaria" in 1962, "Moroccan league for the fight against cardiovascular diseases" in 1980, "World AIDS Day" in 1991 and in 2006, "AIDS campaign" in 2011 and "First National Cancer Day" in 2008.

As of April 24, Minister of Economy and Finance Mohamed Benchaaboun declared that the Special Fund has received MAD 32 billion (\$3.2 billion) in total.

Meanwhile, the fund's expenses amounted to MAD 6.2 billion (\$620 million). The government allocated MAD 2 billion (\$200 million) to the health sector in order to purchase essential medical equipment.

The fund's resources totalled MAD 10 billion (\$1 billion) at its inception. Since March 15, public and private sector institutions, as well as individuals, have made significant contributions.



## Bank of Mexico Releases 20-peso Coin Celebrating Founding of Veracruz

**A** new 20-peso coin that commemorates the 500th anniversary of the founding of the port city of Veracruz is now in circulation, the Bank of México said on 22nd April 2020.

Made out of nickel, silver, bronze and aluminum, the coin is dodecagonal - that is, it has 12 sides. The coin is slightly smaller, thinner and lighter than previously-minted, completely round 20-peso coins.

It has a diameter of 30 millimeters, a thickness of 2.4mm and weighs just under 12.7 grams whereas 20-peso coins that have been put into circulation over the last 27 years measure 32mm from side to side, are 2.75mm thick and tip the scales at almost 16 grams.

The reverse side of the coin features images of the original Veracruz town hall (still in use as the municipal palace) and a 16th-century ship reminiscent of the one on which Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés sailed to the Gulf coast in 1519. The words "500 years of the foundation of the city and port of Veracruz" encircle the coin's perimeter.

Like all of Mexico's coins, the obverse side of the new one features Mexico's coat of arms - an eagle perched on a prickly pear cactus devouring a rattle snake. Mexico's official name, Estados Unidos Mexicanos, or the United Mexican States, is embossed on the top half of the coin's obverse side perimeter.

The new coin has security features that its predecessors of the same denomination don't have including a "micro-inscription" of "500 VERACRUZ" and a "latent image" of the number 20 that can only be seen if the coin is tilted.

For the time being, the new 20-peso coin and the 20-peso banknote will exist side by side but the central bank plans to phase out the latter.

The Bank of México's announcement that the new coin had entered circulation comes just days after it confirmed that the release of the new 100-peso note will go ahead as planned in the second half of the year.

The bank announced in 2018 that it intended to release a new family of bills that pay homage to Mexico's historical identity and natural heritage.

A new 500-peso note was released in August 2018 and a new 200-peso bill was put into circulation last September. A new 50-peso note is scheduled for release in 2022.



## The BNB Releases into Circulation a Partially Gold-Plated Silver Commemorative Coin '100 Years of University of National and World Economy'

**F**rom 11 May 2020 the Bulgarian National Bank released into circulation a partially gold-plated silver commemorative coin '100 Years of University of National and World Economy', BNB reported.

It's to be sold for BGN 72 (seventy two leva). The coin can be purchased in the BNB Cash Centre, 10, Mihail Tenev St., and in offices and branches of DSK Bank EAD, First Investment Bank AD, Raiffeisen bank (Bulgaria) AD, and Texim Bank AD.

From 11th through 13th May 2020, each client (a natural person or legal entity) could buy up to 2 coins at the Bulgarian National Bank, and after that period the '100 Years of University of National and World Economy' coin was sold without any restrictions.

A list of bank offices and branches where the new commemorative coin '100 Years of University of National and World Economy', issue 2020, was sold.





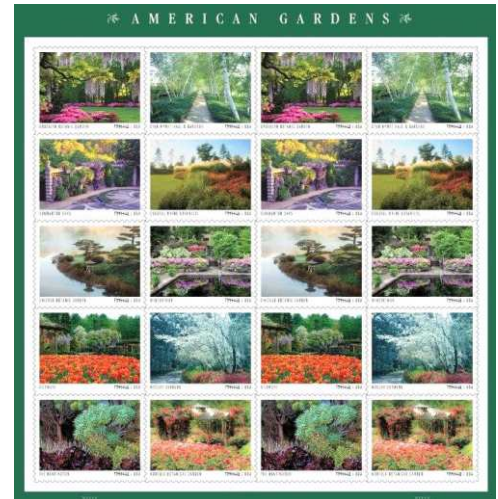
### American Gardens Stamps Available Nationwide

Washington: The natural beauty of American gardens is being celebrated by the U.S. Postal Service by issuing stamps that feature gardens ranging from botanical to country estate and municipal gardens. All the gardens featured on the 10 stamps are open to the public. The American Gardens Forever stamps are available for purchase nationwide from 13th May 2020.

The first-day-of-issue ceremony has been cancelled due to social distancing guidance. However, on May 14 the American Public Gardens Association will be celebrating the issuance of the stamps as part of National Public Gardens Week with a webinar that includes a virtual reveal of the stamps along with pre-recorded remarks from Pat Mendonca, Postal Service Senior Director, Office of the Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer. There will also be short video vignettes of the gardens featured on the stamps.

This pane of 20 stamps features 10 different photographs taken between 1996 and 2014. The gardens include: Biltmore Estate Gardens (North Carolina); Brooklyn Botanic Garden (New York); Chicago Botanic Garden (Illinois); Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (Maine); Dumbarton Oaks Garden (District of Columbia); The Huntington Botanical Gardens (California); Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park (Florida); Norfolk Botanical Garden (Virginia); Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens (Ohio); and Winterthur Garden (Delaware). The gardens were photographed by Allen Rokach. Ethel Kessler was the art director and designer.

The love of gardening stretches back to the earliest years of our country, inspiring George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and other Founding Fathers to plant some of America's most iconic colonial-era gardens. From the 19th century to today, landscape designers have continued that tradition. Conceived for many reasons—for food or pleasure, as places of education and scientific study, as an expression of the owners' artistic sensibilities, as spaces for the public to commune with nature, or simply for the love of gardening—American gardens capture our imagination and satisfy a yearning for beauty and order. Every year, millions of Americans visit gardens, public and private. Many public gardens are open year-round; in addition to the plants and trees on display, classes, exhibits, and other events encourage visitors to experiment and create their own gardens. During the spring and summer, planned tours and open garden days allow visitors to step into private enclaves and see how homeowners have enhanced and designed their spaces, be they large estates, small suburban yards, or rooftop aeries.



### Fact Check: No, White House is Not Selling Commemorative Coronavirus Coins

The White House has come under attack on social media for allegedly capitalising on the Covid-19 pandemic by selling commemorative coins for \$100. Netizens have accused the iconic residence and office of the United States President of profiting through these coins sold via the "White House gift shop". Sharing pictures of the commemorative coins on Facebook and Twitter, social media users claim, "WOULD you believe, the White House gift shop is selling a commemorative Covid-19 coin for 100 dollars? Typical 45, anything for a buck even if it cost 60,000+ lives". India Today Anti Fake News War Room (AFWA) has found the claim to be misleading. The White House has not released any commemorative coronavirus coin. A private company called "White House Gift Shop" is selling the coins and these are not sanctioned by the office of the US President. Several Facebook users have shared similar posts accusing the White House. These articles have clearly mentioned that the "White House Gift Shop" is a private company. But people on social media have misunderstood and concluded that the US government is selling commemorative coronavirus coins. Although the website had an early connection with the White House during the Truman administration, but now it is not affiliated with the US President or the government or the White House.

Official commemorative coins are produced by the United States Mint. As per its official website, there is no such plan by the US government to release any commemorative coin for coronavirus victims.

Therefore, it is clear that the White House Gift Shop, which is selling commemorative coronavirus coins, is a private company and has no relation with the White House or the US government.



## An Inclusive Design Study on the “Visually Impaired Friendly” Coins Launched by the Reserve Bank of India

**M**oney, a very important commodity everyone needs in order to survive and to grow and, a reward every one works extremely hard for to earn. Would it still be a reward if one can't access it easily either digitally or physically?

Even though the world is shifting towards cashless transactions, dealing with tangible money is still a very day to day business for many of us. And for many of us dealing with something as simple as money, is unfortunately inaccessible and difficult.

**Challenges of demonetisation** India has a population of almost more than 1.3 billion people with, almost 62 million of its population being visually impaired, it is extremely important for Indians to have accessible notes and coins. The demonetisation of old notes and introduction of fresh new series in 2016 has brought along its own challenges for the visually impaired users while the continuous changes in the design of coins has been tough for these users. The visually impaired group of people along with the elderly (in terms of diminishing eyesight) face a lot of difficulty in dealing with money.

But right now, let's talk about coins.

In order to ease this challenge, in 2016 a petition was filed by the **National Association of the Blind (NAB)** stating the need to consider including special features in order to make currency identification and differentiation, easier for its visually impaired users.

**The Reserve Bank of India** finally launched its new series called the 'visually impaired friendly' coins in 2019. These coins of the denomination of rupee 1, rupees 2, rupees 5, rupees 10 and rupees 20 are to come into circulation in 2020.

The features of these coins include changes in weight and size of increasing order of their denomination and textured edges to some coins. A new 12-sided coin of rupees 20 will be launched in India for the first time through this series.

We being **BarrierBreak**, a company supporting as well as encouraging accessibility and inclusive design, got our hands on these new rupees 2, rupees 5 and rupees 10 coins and tested out their design with our accessibility testers (coins of Rupee 1 and Rupees 20 were yet to come into circulation when this user test was conducted).

**Details of the BarrierBreak study** A group of 10 users on the spectrum of low vision to blind were presented with these new coins and were asked to differentiate these coins in different situations. The findings and results of these activities were interesting and were documented. The 'Inclusive Design Approach – Visually Impaired Friendly Coins Report' talks about the new coins, the approach we followed, the current situation of how the visually impaired users deal with coins and whether the new coins actually stand up to their name of being 'visually impaired friendly' coins.



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

आधुनिक भारत के स्मरणीय सक्किे: वर्षवार, टक्साल्वार यात्रा ICCG न्यूज 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.

### 1995 – Agri Expo 1995 Issue

With an aim of promoting the export of agricultural produce of the country, the third National Level Agricultural Exhibition, named "Agri Expo - 95", was held at New Delhi from 3rd to 13th March, 1995. In commemoration of this exhibition this 2 rupees coin was issued on 3rd March, 1995 for general circulation.



**Obverse:** The obverse of this coin shows the Ashoka lion, 'Satyameva Jayate' in Hindi and the value '2' in International numerals under it. In English "INDIA" and "RUPEES" appear on the right periphery and in Hindi "Bharat" and "Rupaye" appear on the left.

**Reverse:** The reverse of this coin shows a cattle head with a plough and a hoe on either side of it, all enclosed by two olive twigs. The caption 'AGRI EXPO 95' in Hindi appear on the top of the central design and in English at the bottom and '1995'-- the year of issue below it. The inscription 'GLOBALIZING INDIAN AGRICULTURE' in English appear around the periphery on the left and 'Bharatiya Krushi Ka Biswabyapikarana' in Hindi on the right.

### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1995

**Weight:** 8 grams

**Edge:** Security

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 28 mm

**Mint:** Kolkata & Mumbai

**Metal composition:** Cupro Nickel Alloy

(75% Copper & 25% Nickel)

### MONACO - Postage Stamp

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Commemorative postage stamp (1,16 €) calling for the fight against the pandemic of corona virus COVID-19 with text: "ENSEMBLE FACE AU COVID-19" (= All facing COVID-19); the stamp depicts the face of Prince Albert II with his hands holding a transparent globe, and words extracted from his message: "Patience" (= Patience), "Confiance" (= Trust), "Courage" (= Courage), "Solidarité" (= Solidarity) and his signature.



## The NHS Coin Now Worth 60 Times its Face Value

**P**lenty of items have increased in price and become scarcer since the coronavirus pandemic hit Britain in March.

Dried pasta, hand sanitizer, toilet roll, flour and dog food are all examples of goods that have surged in popularity, and at times, hard to get hold of.

But the latest in-demand item might be a bit more surprising: 10p coins and one in particular. A coin featuring N for NHS are now the most in-demand of their kind, it has been revealed.

Change Checker's latest scarcity index revealed the most sought-after 10p coin from the Royal Mint's 2018 Great British coin hunt, which released 26 10p coins featuring an A-Z of what makes Britain great, and there is a new one at the top of the table.

Change Checker's latest index found the coin, which displays a stethoscope and the letter N, has been the most sought-after over the last three months. And a check on auction site eBay has found over the last two months, since Britain went into lockdown at the end of March, there has been increased interest in the N coin, and it has sold for more than the other 25 coins.

In fact, some listings show that uncirculated coins struck by the Mint in 2018, when the 26 designs were released, have actually risen in price between the start of March and now, with sellers cashing in on the interest.

There are around 280,000 of each design in circulation, meaning they could be especially valuable, seeing as one of the rarest coins around, the fabled Kew Gardens 50p minted just 210,000 times, can sell for close to £100.

But it is hard to track those circulated coins down meaning many collectors after an NHS 10p will simply settle for an uncirculated version.

But these are still selling for up to 60 times their face value, with 2018 10p coins selling on eBay for £5.99, more than twice what other A-Z coins have gone for.

One 2019 coin has been listed for £6.35, 63.5 times the face value of 10p and more than three times the Mint's sale price, but no one has paid that much for one yet.

Most coins have sold for closer to £4 however. 2019 uncirculated versions, the second batch put on sale by the Mint which can still be bought as part of a set of 26 for £52, or £2 for each coin, sold for £2.99 on 23 April but this has jumped to £3.99 from 24 April onwards.



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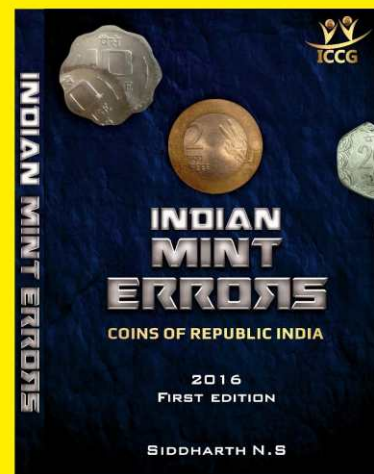
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