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## One Rupee – One Hundred Years 1917 – 2017 by Rezwan Razack Awarded Book of the Year by IBNS

The world's largest collector of Indian Paper Money Rezwan Razack's new book 'One Rupee – One Hundred Years 1917 – 2017' awarded 'Book of the Year' by the International Bank Note Society (IBNS).

The IBNS Book of the Year is awarded annually to an outstanding publication related to paper money. Books considered for the award are brought to the attention of the Awards Committee by various members of the IBNS.

Rezwan Razack, joint managing director of Bengaluru-based real-estate company Prestige Group has spent the past 45 years putting together an enormous collection of Indian currency notes and documenting the rich history of paper currency on the subcontinent.

Mr. Razack, an avid collector of Indian banknotes and paper money, has found such lesser known facts and documented them in his book One Rupee One Hundred Years. The story of the one rupee—expanded into a book that was published on Nov. 30 this year, exactly 100 years after the one-rupee note was first issued by the colonial government in India.

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## Error Coins: Passion to Collect, Deal, Live & Dream



Mr. Manish Agarwal

One may start up with any hobby simply because it's a fun thing to do. But with time it grows into a lot of passion. Mr. Manish Agarwal is one person who not only does love spending time with his collectibles, he loves to share his joy with other collectors and dealers as well. Although a collector and dealer of numerous curios and oddities, he specializes in collecting 'Error Notes & Coins'. "A hobby gives you purpose. Young people need hobbies every bit as much as older people do" is how Mr. Agarwal believes and shares with ICCG News.

Excerpts from the interview:

Please let us know something about yourself:

I am basically from Kolkata and I like collecting both coins and banknotes. But though I collect and deal in all types of Indian notes & coins but I specialize in post Republic Indian coins and error coins and notes.

From when have you been collecting erratum in notes and coins?

I have been collecting them for some 11 years now. My father N D Agarwal was also a Numismatist and a Notaphilist. He had a great study on the prefix of notes. I got inspired from him and still continue with my passion.



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## The Votes Are In: Mumbai Coin Society 2018

**V**oting members of the **Mumbai Coin Society (MCS)** have chosen thirteen candidates during the 2018 election to the executive committee for three years term.

The election was conducted by **Mumbai Coin Society** at the World Trade Center, Mumbai on 04th August, 2018. Overall, 186 MCS members out of 739 members voted for 32 candidates who participated in the elections.

As its website suggests, the Mumbai Coin Society was started in 2003, by a dedicated group of numismatists with a view to promote the cause of Indian Numismatics. The MCS got registered in 2007 and it was only this year that the MCS held its second AGM & First Elections in August, 2018.



  
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#### How did you start with your collection?

At first, I used to collect just about everything but slowly as the interest developed I also started learning on the subject. Today there are lots of fake and tooled coins which are on offer with a label of error coins and for being a good collector and genuine dealer, a good study and knowledge on the subject is a must. And slowly with my passion I took a good piece of study of the subject and started to add the right coins to my collection.

#### Please let us know bit more of your collection?

I started hunting mint errors from lakhs of coins that I used to filter from my money changer friends. I used to spend three to four hours a day and get coins with errors like die axis rotation, laminations, planchet errors, cuds, cracks, die doubling, indents, uniface, blanks and die varieties.

#### What makes error coin collectible different from other collectible coins?

Unlike any other collectible coins, error coins helps to learn a lot about the minting process – its lot fun and educational. Its believed that minting mistakes are very rare to be found in circulation, but I can assure that if you search them, then you would surely find them.

#### Today, do you feel satisfied with your collection?

I believe one can never ever be satisfied with his collection. It always keeps growing and every step forward increases a certain amount of passion within you to explore more and more.

#### What difficulties do you face or one may face to while collecting these coins or notes?

It asks for a lot of efforts. Few error coins are very costly and it becomes difficult to block huge amount for just one coin. Moreover searching it in circulation also seldom gets fruitful. Indeed lots of patience and efforts are required, but surely the good old exchange policy always works fine.

#### Have you ever shared your collection with anyone?

Yes, I often share my collectibles with my family and friends and they too have always been quite supportive.

As you also deal in error coins and notes so your field permits you to view and/or handle some of the rarest coins in existence. Is it possible to choose your favorite piece?

Not any in particular really – As there are hundreds of coins that are my favorite, it is not possible to choose any one or few pieces.

#### Do you feel any change to the numismatic industry in the past 10 years?

Yes, I feel there are many changes in the Numismatic Industry, today collectors have learnt to concentrate on a particular subject and to collect the coins in good quality. Only good quality-high grade quality coins can give the best result.

How do you see Indian Numismatics evolving over the next 10 years? More international interest?

Indian Numismatic will very much boom in next 10 years around world. Even now the Indian coin market is booming in the world. People buy coins around the world and are selling in India.

### Collection of Mr. Manish Agarwal



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**Do you think that there aren't more young kids involved with the hobby? If yes, what do you think can be done to get more kids to become involved with numismatics?**

Yes I feel there aren't more kids involved with this hobby yet. I think we should arrange the exhibitions in schools and colleges and also invite them in our exhibitions. We can also arrange lectures in schools and colleges to promote the hobby in them so that they may start with the hobby from their childhood.

**What kind of efforts may one would make to reach here?**

Seriously, this asks for a lot of efforts. One really needs to be focused all the time and the passion of collecting should be from the heart. I have also done a lot of research and study of every bit of my collectibles as any collection is just few pieces of coins or notes without its study.

**What was the most important thing that you got to learn being a part of Indian Hobby World?**

In this Indian Hobby World I got to learn that one could collect anything provided it is right from the heart. The hobby is important and not as to what the hobby is about. Because its only our hobby that releases us from every pressure and stress. The collection could be of just anything and not necessarily error coins or notes, it could be a collection of stamps, books, stickers, bottles, erasers or anything. Every collection is equally respected. But the most important lesson that I got to learn is that one should always be honest with his passion and efforts put towards his collection. In our numismatic world I have also seen few people who did never put in any effort. They simply purchase a full album of collectibles as they had money. But that is not the right way, because money will only earn you the collection but not the knowledge of those collectibles neither would that collection provide any satisfaction to the person owning it.

We could see the shine in the eyes of Mr. Manish as he was sharing his views on his collectibles - after a pause, he continued:

When I look at my collection, I find myself equally passionate as I was a decade ago. My collection is not yet complete, in fact no collection ever gets completed. I am still collecting and the collection would even continue after me.

**You have been in a hobby for more than a decade, so how would you advise a young collector?**

I would always advise any collector that: whatever be your collection, always be proud of it and respect it. Always be equally passionate about it, stay positive and have a lot of patience. At times, any collection may ask a lot of effort and time but its sure to grow and it also helps in knowledge building.

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

Social media can help in many terms. It can be so helpful in spreading awareness, passing information and above all staying connected with likeminded collectors globally. Rumors and Hoaxes though should be avoided.

**How do you see the role of ICCG towards Indian numismatics?**

I believe ICCG is doing an invaluable service to our numismatic collectors and also its efforts bring out more interest and knowledge to old and new collectors. It is indeed doing a very good work in the field of Indian Numismatics by giving the information of new issue of Coins & Paper Money, Exhibitions, lectures etc. and many more information to the collectors. Keep it up.

**So after clicking few snaps of the collection, which could only be valued in a lots of efforts and immense passion for more than 10 years, the ICCG News team thanked Mr. Manish Agarwal for his time and thoughts which he shared with us and also wished him a lots of success with his collection.**

### Collection of Mr. Manish Agarwal



## An exhibition of coins and stamps

From the silver bent bars of the Gandhara Janapada region, India's first known coins, to the gold and silver coins issued during the reign of the Mughals, the three-day Pondy Stamp, Coin and Banknote Fair 2018 provides a glimpse into the annals of history. The event was hosted by the Indo-French Philatelic and Numismatic Association.

The basic idea of the exhibition is to create awareness of the hobbies of philately and numismatics and to get more people, especially young minds interested in these timeless hobbies. Dealers from across the country are participating in the fair. Exhibits of classic and rare coins, ancient and modern, Indian and foreign, coins, currency, and stamps of India and various other countries are on display.

The numismatic section had put on display notes and coins from different eras. Visitors got to know how coins evolved from stones to glass and metals.

Soham A. Ramteke, a numismatist from Nagpur had displayed exhibits offering insight into the rich history of India. His collection included Indian coins from the 6th century B.C. to those issued during the nearly 25-year-long reign of the Mughal emperors starting from Zahir-ud-din Muhammad Babur.

Mr. Jeyachandran said that the French during their rule in Puducherry had a lot of concern for the people and most of the coins had Tamil inscriptions.

The Bank of Indo-China in Puducherry had issued several currency notes under the French regime till October 31, 1954, which carried the photos of French and Tamil personalities on the obverse and reverse sides.

Collections and contests

Stamp collections featuring birds, medicinal plants, events, flowers, political leaders, butterflies, railways of various countries and periods were also on display in the exhibition.

Also part of the event was the 'Dear Pondy' letter writing contest, where participants wrote a letter/postcard about what makes the city special to them. This was an effort to revive the practice of handwritten letters, organizers said. The stamp, coin and banknote school quiz finals featured 12 schools, which cleared the preliminary round conducted in July. At India Post's MyStamp counter, people could print a stamp with their image.



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### Akella Achyuta Ramam Special Postal Stamp Released

**S**ecunderabad: In perhaps what is a first and unique achievement amongst the Railway officers' fraternity, the Department of Post, Government of India released a special commemorative postal cover recently, honoring the literary genius Akella Achyuta Ramam, an officer of the Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS), 1948 batch.

During his career in the Indian Railways of 32 years, he worked in various capacities in the Finance and Accounts Department of East Indian Railway (Howrah, Danapur), North East Frontier Railway (Guwahati), North Eastern Railway (Muzaffarpur, Gorakhpur), Northern Railway (Delhi), Southern Railway (Madras), D B K Railway Project (Visakhapatnam), South Eastern Railway (Bilaspur, Calcutta) and Railway Board (New Delhi). He was deputed to BHEL, Hyderabad as FA&CAO and after absorption in the PSU, he headed its Management Development Institute (MDI) as its founder Director.

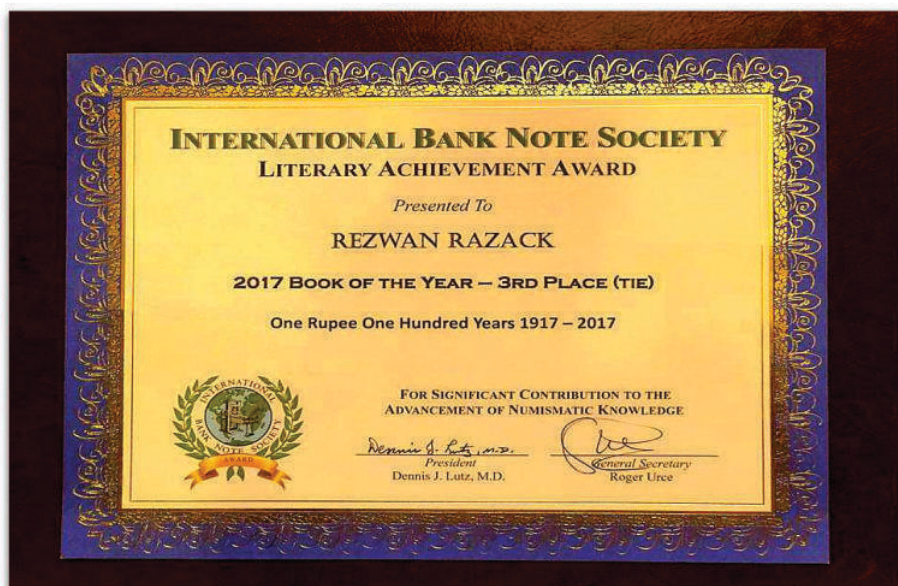


After completing MSc (Physics) at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, Ramam worked as lecturer in Hindu College, Masulipatnam and All India Radio as Technical Assistant, Mumbai before joining the Indian Railways Accounts Service (IRAS) through the Civil Services Exam conducted by UPSC.

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The book was awarded for its quality presentation and the most important factor was the knowledge the book brought to the note-collecting community.

The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) was founded in 1961. It operates as a non-profit educational organization and in furtherance of such purpose, its objectives are to promote, stimulate, and advance the study and knowledge of worldwide banknotes and paper currencies and all matters related thereto along educational, scientific and historical lines. Currently the IBNS has over 2,000 members in more than 90 countries.



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## Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair: 2018

**W**ith 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 11th Annual Ahmedabad coin & currency fair, which was held between 10th to 12th August, 2018.

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



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**23, 24 & 25  
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## International Tiger Day: Now, see the big cat on postal covers

**C**hamarajanagar: To mark International Tiger Day and create awareness among people on conservation of the big cat, a special postal cover on tigers will be brought out by India Post attached to the department of posts in association with the state forest department. The special cover will be released in Bandipur Tiger Reserve on 28th of July on the occasion of International Tiger Day-2018. The special cover will also be displayed at philately expos in the country to sent out a message on tiger conservation. As many as 6,500 special covers will be printed and the forest department will keep about 5,500 with them for use in official communication. Some will be sent to Philately account holders while others will be on sale for the public with each special cover costing Rs 25.



Bandipur was chosen for the release because the officials concerned wanted a special cover on tigers to be released in a forest and Bandipur with the highest number of tigers, was the automatic choice. It was India Post Public Relation Officer Madhu Kiran who took the initiative to bring out the special cover and coordinated with the KFD to make it happen, said sources.

The release function of the special cover will also have a talk on tiger conservation which will be attended by school children from the vicinity of Bandipur Tiger Reserve and local elected representatives. The special cover will be released by Chief Postmaster General, Karnataka Circle, Charles Lobo and the function will be attended by Punati Sridhar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests among others.

## Special Cover on Father John Moore

**R**anchi: Postal Department of India released special first day cover and Postal Stamps world-wide in the memory of Father John Moore, the founder principal of prestigious ST.Xavier's School in a programme on 6th August. Hazaribagh Old Xavierian's Association (HOXA) with support of school management celebrating birth centenary year of Father Moore since 5th August 2017.

HOXA spokesperson Vijay Jain said Hoxa has been celebrating the birth centenary year of Father John Moore throughout the year. He said the centenary celebration started with a blood donation camp on 5th August 2017, in memory of Father John Moore. Total 62 units of blood collected. Again on January.29, 2018 HOXA organized blood donation camp and managed to collect 37 units of blood. On January.28th this year, a peaceful rally was organized to mark 60th year of HOXA.

Jain said HOXA regularly organizes free medical aid camp for the needy. Therefore, as part of the closing ceremony of the yearlong celebration, HOXA has managed to convince the Postal Department of India and get Special First Day Cover's and Postal Stamps released, world-wide, in the memory of Father John Moore, he added.

As per the program schedule released by the school, former students who were invited for the two days grand show, asked to get themselves registered at school on 5th August by making payment of Rs.1200. Program started with visit of Father Moore's grave in Sitagarha, some 10-kms away from town. All participants had dinner at school. Next morning program started with breakfast and then release of special cover and stamps at Magis auditorium of the school.

After the release, students presented a play on the life of Father Moore.

Jain said centenary program came to an end on 6th August but Hoxa organized a blood donation camp again on 10th August.

About Father Moore, school authorities said he was born in Victoria of Australia and established St.Xavier's Hazaribag in 1952 and Xavier Bokaro in 1966. They said it was not easy to forget the contribution of Father Moore who died in 1988.

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Governor signature: Manmohan Singh.

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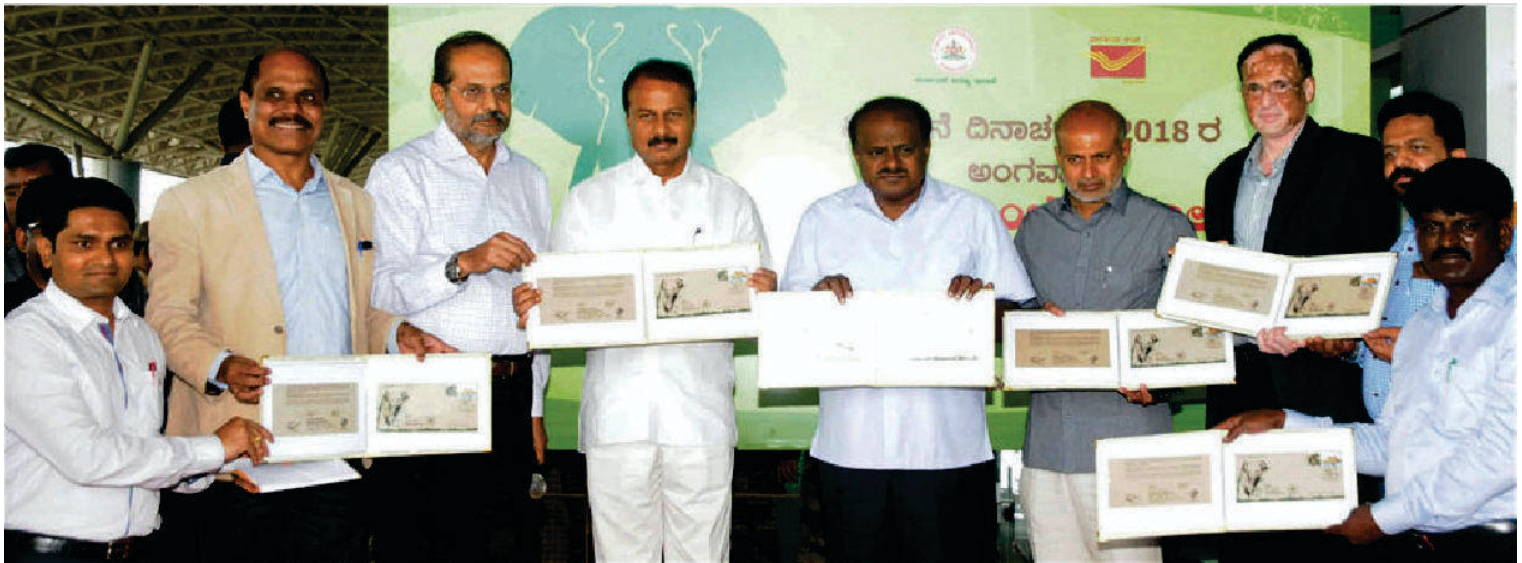
**Condition:** UNC condition.

**Rarity:** Ex-rare.



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

## India Post Releases Envelope to Mark World Elephant Day



**C**hief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on 12th August released a special postal cover to mark World Elephant Day. Brought out by India Post, the envelope is eco-friendly, being made of elephant dung.

Officials said the paper to print the envelopes was procured from Kerala. In all, 5,000 such envelopes have been printed. Meanwhile, a Forest Department release said the State harboured the highest number of elephants — around 6,000. Senior Superintendent of Posts Sandesh Mahadevappa said the special cover would be available to the public at all the main post offices from 13th August. The front portion of the cover has an image of an elephant, and the words 'World Elephant Day' are printed beside it in English, Hindi and Kannada. India Post had released a postal cover at Bandipur to mark Global Tiger Day last month.

Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan and officials from the Forest Department were present at the cover release.

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

Month	Dates	Events Name	Venue
August	10, 11 & 12	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair	The President Hotel, Opp Municipal Market, C.G. Road, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
August	24, 25 & 26	Coimbatore Coin Stampex	Dr.T.V sivananda Memorial Hall, No.7, Near Chennai Silks Gandhipuram, Coimbatore
August - Sept	Aug 31, 1 & 2 Sept	MCS Coins & Philately Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra
August - Sept	30, 31 & 1 Sept	101 Conference of Numismatic Society of India	South Lounge, Ground Floor, Center 1 - Building World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai
September	21, 22, & 23	9th Coin Expo (Salem Coin Society)	Vasavi Vasantham Mandapam First Agraharam, Salem, Tamil Nadu
October	5, 6 & 7	Chennai Coin Show	Hotel Abu Sarovar, Portico, P.H. Road Chennai
November	16, 17, & 18	Mudra Ustav Patiala	Hotel Flyover Near Gurudwara Dukhniwaran Sahib, Patiala Punjab
November	23, 24 & 25	6th Mumbai Coinex	Shree Sunderbhai Hall, Behind Income Tax, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra
November	23 to 29	Delhi Coins & Notes Exhibition	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi
December	14, 15 & 16	Coinex Pune	Sonal Hall, Karve Road, Pune, Maharashtra
December	21, 22, & 23	Mudra Utsav (Kolkata)	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, West Bengal
Jan-19	4, 5 & 6	Coinex - Ahmedabad	Sardar patel seva samaj hall, Mithakali 6 Road, C.G. Road, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

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

### आधुनिक भारत के स्मरणीय सक्के: 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.

#### 1992 – Food & Nutrition (12th World Food Day) Issue

In commemoration of the 12th World Food Day in 1992, India issued a 1 rupee commemorative coin on 16th October, 1992 with the theme "Food & Nutrition". It highlights the importance of nourishing food for the health and well being of people.

**Obverse:** The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion and the value '1' in International numerals on the center. In English "INDIA" and "RUPEE" appear on the right periphery and in Hindi "Bharat" and "Rupaya" appear on the left. "Satyameva Jayate" in Hindi is shown just below the Ashokan Lion.

**Reverse:** The reverse of this coin shows a sheaf of paddy, a fish, a glass of milk, some fruits and vegetables. It also shows the FAO emblem, "1992" – the year of issue, the legend "Food & Nutrition", "World Food Day" in English and "Khadya Ebam Poshakata", "Viswa Khadya Diwas" in Hindi.



Food & Nutrition

#### Specifications:

Year of issue: 1992

Weight: 6 grams

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

Shape: Circular

Diameter: 26 mm

Edge: milled

Mints: Kolkata

## Iconic PMB Railway Station Features on Commemorative Stamp

Pietermaritzburg iconic railway station features as the background on a stamp celebrating diplomatic ties between India and SA

Pietermaritzburg iconic railway station features as the background on a stamp celebrating diplomatic ties between India and SA. The commemorative stamp was launched on July 26, during the 10th BRICS Summit in Sandton, Johannesburg by president Cyril Ramaphosa and India, Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Stamp albums with the stamps of India and South Africa will be presented to Ramaphosa and Modi.

The stamp features illustrations of Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi. The artwork of the Mandela is by Thea Clemons, and the artwork of Gandhi is by Alan Ainslie. Thea Clemons of the South African Post Office: Philatelic Services designed the miniature sheet.

Nobuhle Njapha, from the communication division at the SA Post Office said, the building in the background of the stamp is the Railway Station in Pietermaritzburg, the capital city of KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa.”

125 years ago in May 1893, while Gandhi was on his way to Pretoria, a white man objected to Gandhi's presence in a first-class carriage, and he was ordered to move to the van compartment at the end of the train.

Gandhi, who had a first-class ticket, refused, and was thrown off the train in Pietermaritzburg. During the winter night on the station, Gandhi decided to stay on in South Africa and fight the racial discrimination against Indians.

Out of that struggle emerged his unique version of non-violent resistance, Satyagraha. Today, a bronze statue of Gandhi stands in Church Street, in the city centre of Pietermaritzburg. The stamps are available from major post office branches and can be ordered from [sa.stamps@postoffice.co.za](mailto:sa.stamps@postoffice.co.za).

In his comments on Twitter Modi said he had an excellent meeting with President Ramphosa. “We held extensive discussions on enhancing economic as well as cultural relations between India and South Africa. We also released stamps commemorating two stalwarts who inspire humanity, Mahatma Gandhi and Madiba. In addition to progress and prosperity, India and Africa are united in their commitment towards peace. Several Indian peacekeepers have served in Africa. Some of them lost their own lives so that Africa's children lead a life of peace. I am proud of all Indian peacekeepers.”



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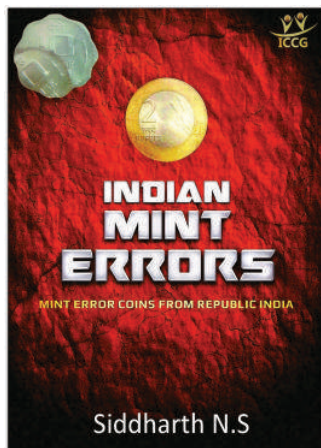
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