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Ganesha's Blessings to Numismatic World

On the occasion of Ganesh festival, ICCG News wishes all its readers a very blessed 'Ganesh Chaturthi'

ord Ganesha's image has been connected with numismatics for years and it continues to be the most positive part of it. Ganesha coins have been minted from ancient times, a popular copper coin of which could be termed from the 18th century from the Nayakas of Madurai.

'Coins on Ganesha have always been in a lot of demand and much sought after in India by almost every collector. But since the Indian Mint generally doesn't make coins on religious figures, there is no currency coin or note on Ganesha.



Lord Ganesha on Indonesia Currency

Lord Ganesha on Indonesia Currency? Here's why. Indonesia is a country where 87.5% of the population is Muslim and 3% are Hindus, but you'll find plenty of Hindu motifs everywhere you look. So much so that, when Shri. L.K Advani visited Jakarta in July 2010 to attend the World Sindhi Conference, he was left awestruck by the healthy respect the Muslim majority has for Hindus and their mores and vice versa.

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Passionate Affair with Coins



Mr. G Hemanth Kumar



Madras presidency gold pagoda 1674-1807 weight is 3.4 grams in solid gold. Obverse standing vishnu & Reverse granulated

e got attracted with the hobby since his childhood and his passion for rare collectibles grew quite naturally within for Mr. G Hemanth Kumar with the support of his brother. Today Mr. Kumar's collection itself speaks about all the efforts and passion put behind it. But further his thoughts shared were a lot motivating......

Please let us know something about yourself, where are you from? My Name is G. Hemanth Kumar and I am from Chennai.

Please tell us something about your collection and how did you start with it?

I started my collection with the help of my brother who used to buy lots of coins from Tirupathi Auctions.

How did you fell in love with coins?

There were lots of coins I sold and at one point of time. Slowly I thought of making my own collection. I started visiting more coin fairs and met many coin dealers and collectors which sparked my interest. Seeing coins and meeting so many likeminded people helped me immensely in my journey.

How long have you been collecting coins and is it everything related to coins or do you collect something else as well?

I have been collecting it for last 25 years and I collect only coins.

What does collections means to you?

A great way to pass my time, increase my knowledge about history and meet new friends.

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Amphora Filled with Hundreds of Roman Gold Coinsa Found During Archaeological Dig in Italy

Minister of Cultural Heritage and Activities Alberto Bonisoli said that even though they do not know the complete information in terms of historical details and cultural significance but the area has proven to be a real treasure for the archeology team.

n amphora filled with gold was discovered at the Italian province of Como during an archaeological dig in Italy. The unspecified number of gold coins were found in a theatre basement not very far from where the ancient city of Novum Comum once existed. Hundreds of coins, that were found, date back to the late Roman imperial era.

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Source: the Indian Express

not know the complete information in terms of historical details and cultural significance but the area has proven to be a real treasure for the archaeology team. "We do not yet know in detail the historical and cultural significance of the find but that area is proving to be a real treasure for our archaeology. A discovery that fills me with pride."

According to an inews report, the coins, which were found in a soapstone vessel, are said to be of "inestimable value". Moreover, historians believe that this is the first time a collection in such an excellent state of preservation has been found. "The container is big and had a hole from which you could see the content," Superintendent Luca Rinaldi, the leader of the dig, told Italian paper Qui Como.

He further said that the gold coins are stacked on top of one another and as of now 27 coins have been analysed. However, there is no plan to overturn the content or break the amphora as there is a need to do a 'stratigraphical archaeological examination'.

Three Day Numismatic Show at the World Trade Center

umbai: The three-d a y long numismatic show kicked off on Friday at World Trade Centre in Mumbai where over 100 stalls have exhibited rare collection of coins, demonetized currency, stamps and antique pieces.

Indian coinage is replete with motifs of Gods and Goddesses and one could get to see the coins with images of Laxmi, Shiv, Tirupathi Balaji and





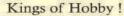
Swastika symbol. Also Nandi, Garuda, Ardhanareshwar etc. could be found and many other silver and gold coins of Emperors Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan ranging from Rs 2,00,000 to as low as Rs 1,000.

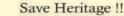
Display of commemorative coins

Mr. Ulhas Chogle from Mumbai displayed his huge collection of commemorative coins of India and also theme collection of coins from United States and UK. The best part of his display was that all his coins were collected through circulation. Mr. Ulhas has been collecting coins for years now and he displays his collection for the sole purpose of promoting the hobby. In today's time when collectors buy coins at high premium, Mr. Ulhas sends a very positive message through his collection. His main source of coins was through circulation, getting loose coins from shopkeepers, bus conductors, vendors etc in day to day handling cash. Similarly all the foreign coins were also from circulation.

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Any collection can be any kind?

Yes, one can collect anything which catches ones fancy. From coins to post cards to Picture Posters to matchboxes, there is something that is waiting to be collected by someone.

How do you feel sharing your collection with friends and family and how has the journey been?

It gives lots of pleasure sharing collection with friends and family and surely its been one fun-filled journey wherein I have received immense support from all the people connected with this field.

How was the support from your elders in earlier days? Initially, it was very hard for me to make them understand but slowly everything got ok.

How it feels to you see your collectibles today as this hobby has been a part of your life?

My entire collection means to me the lifeline. If I have survived so long it is due to my hobby of collecting coins.

Is there any particular coin that has been more close to you among your collections?

There are many to say but the copper coins of South Indian dynasty and coppers of Madras Presidency are my fascinating one.

Collection of Mr. G Hemanth Kumar



Four annas for nothern circars issued in 1807 ad. with denomination in english and persian on one side and tamil and telugu on reverse



Half dudu issued in 1755 with year on obverse and company balemark on reverse CCE

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

I feel that research and study of numismatics is avoided and a trend of easy money is occupying this royal hobby. Prices are gone higher. These exhibitions are only for earning money.

Any particular problem that you face while doing your collections?

Only one thing that I have to wait for long to get my list of coins but that's part and parcel of life.

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

In one way it is good but I will say that these things have now become a big head ache as we used to get lot of coins but now it has come down drastically so I am not happy about it.

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

Yes there has been lot of change. Collectors have now understood what to collect and in which grade it has to be collected. I have seen tremendous growth in the Numismatics collection hobby over the last decade and the future definitely looks positive. More and more collectors are joining the league. And definitely more international interest and investments are expected.

What kind of coins should one start with? Should one start with a particular theme?

Yes, it should be a thematic one for example copper coins with deities, copper coins with script in any language on it. But before starting it I will ask the new comers to study the things for a year and then go ahead and collect it. In this way they will learn many things before collecting.

How can collector grow in life?

In my opinion I think to grow in life as a collector one should focus on one type of collection. As it is difficult to try and collect all sought of things. For example if one is collecting notes, they should not get into coins and vice versa.

Have you displayed your collection in any exhibition?

Yes. I do display my collection and my last display was at Mumbai Coin Exhibition at the WTC.

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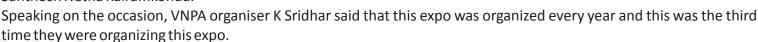
3rd Vijayawada Coin Expo Vows School Children

Lakshmikantham inaugurated the 3rd Vijayawada Coin Expo 2018 organized by Vijayawada Numismatic and Philatelic Association (VNPA) here on 07th of September. The Collector spent around 40 minutes in the expo and he was pleased with the huge collection of coins & currencies. The committee felicitated the collector & presented a memento depicting a currency note of his date of birth.

Nearly 19,000 new Rs.1/- notes and 1000 foreign notes were distributed during the expo & around 5,000 new Rs.100/- notes were exchanged. As an encouragement some of the Numismatists sponsored New Rs.1/- notes: Mr. Mohit Jain 1000 notes, Mr. Parag Shaw 500 notes, Mr. Rajesh Jalan 500 notes, Mr. Rishi Kumar 400 notes, Mr. Sachin Jain 300 notes, Mr. Jahalmchand Tejawat 200 notes, Mr. Sundaresan Thanikachalam 200 notes, Mr. Patel MPK 100 notes. Mr. Ranjit Kumar Bhaji sponsored 1000 foreign notes.

The three-day exhibition had 22 stalls displaying Indian coins and currency dating back to 2,500 years besides coins, paper currency, stamps, paintings and other objects.

The stamp gallery was inaugurated by Senior Superintendent of Post Offices Vijayawada division Santhosh Netha Kairamkonda.



The exhibits of the expo were Rs 1 to Rs 2,000 paper currency, 1 paisa to Rs 1000 coin, currencies and coins of 250 countries across the world.

Gold and silver coins of Satavahana, Iswakha and Pallavas period were included. World's baiggest note printed by Malaysia was also on display, said Sridhar.

He said that the main idea to organize the expo was to take the heritage to the next generations and to create interest on Numismatic and Philatelic to the present generation.

On the first day around 8500 visited the expo, the second day around 7500 & the third around 9500 visited the expo. About 1,000 students various schools and colleges were brought to educate them on Numismatics and Philately.

Rarest of the rare currencies, uncut currency sheets, gold note, silver note besides coins of Rs 20, Rs 25, Rs 50, Rs 75, Rs 100, Rs 200, Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 were on display and which were not in circulation, said Sridhar.









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Do you display your collectibles to your friends and relatives, what reactions do you often get?

I display the coins in trays and they are very happy to see that. Today my family feels so good that at least some one from their family is collecting coins.

How do you see young kids getting involved with this hobby?

To be very frank, I feel that kids are now not interested in coins as they are busy with their life with other many things. Though I strongly feel, more kids should be encouraged towards this interesting hobby. We must take them to various numismatic exhibitions, which would help them in getting more knowledge and meet other collectors people associated with this hobby.

What would you advice to young coin collectors?

For one to grow in his or her hobby, one has to first be serious on what they intend to collect. They should choose a subject which is both interesting to them as well as within their monetary means. Getting proper guidance from fellow collectors and dealers is a must for serious collectors. If collecting coins then start with thematic coins.

Do you feel that numismatics as a subject, should be encouraged among students? Maybe through few numismatic exhibitions and similar activities like vacation camps?

Definitely Yes! We should definitely have interactive sessions in schools and colleges for Numismatics and Philately. It will definitely help a child inculcate this hobby.

Today there are many fake coins (collectible commemoratives, errors and scarce) being seen in the local market, in almost every city. So how can we see an end to this, as just reporting the matter hardly helps. (Your views on Fake coins)

Its very hard to stop this. I have been coming across these fake coins from the very beginning. If you know a

Collection of Mr. G Hemanth Kumar



Quarter pagoda issued in 1808 ad with 7 stars to the either side of the gopuram with value in english and persian



Two annas issued in 1808 for northern circars with value in english and persian in obverse and with value in tamil and telugu in persian



Madras presidency cash dated 1698 ad with sriranga in reverse in telugu

person selling fakes, expose him. Finally, its upon us how to save and invest our hard-earned money.

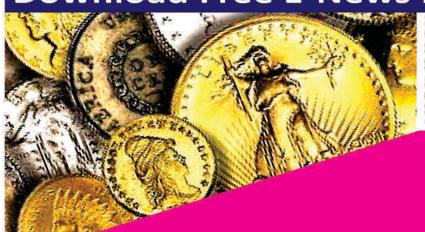
How do you see our news paper contributing to numismatics?

It's Fantastic. I love the articles ranging from knowledge sharing, current coin exhibitions and auctions, interviews, seminars, coin articles, etc. The effort behind this newspaper is immense and credible.

ICCG News thanked Shri. G Hemanth Kumar for his valuable time, thoughts and collectibles shared. We believe his thoughts and collection is sure to inspire the young generation in a very positive way.

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Among various examples of widespread Hindu influence in Indonesia, is the 20,000 rupiah note with an inscription of Lord Ganesha alongside a picture of Ki Hajar Dewantara in the front. The backside of the note has a picture of a classroom with children studying.

It is believed that the Indonesian archipelago was under Hindu influence as far back as the first century and the culture has carried forward to contemporary times with native believers of Hindu deities and practices.

While Lord Ganesha is widely regarded as the God of arts, sciences and intellectual wisdom, Ki Hajar Dewantara was a well known Indonesian independence activist and a pioneer of education for native Indonesians when the country was under Dutch influence.



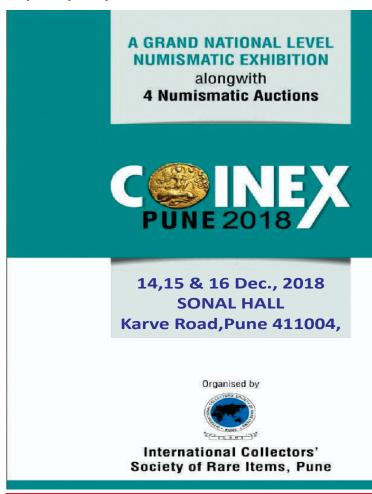
The picture of the classroom at the back supports the theme of the note, that of education.

There are plenty of Hindu motifs present throughout the country, the Ramayana and Mahabharata tales are widely prevalent among the natives, there is a Krishna-Arjuna statue at Jakarta square, the Indonesian military has Hanuman as their mascot and the Bali tourism logo is inspired from Hindu mythology and its symbolism. Bandung Institute of Technology, an esteemed premier educational institution has Ganesha as its logo.

Other theory...

There is another theory to this, according to a Quora user, that Dr. Subramanian Swamy once asked the Indonesian Finance Minister about the image of Ganesha on their currency note. The minister explained that in 1997, the currency of several Asian countries was getting devalued. After all attempts to curb the devaluation failed, somebody suggested that they have an image of Ganesha, bringer of good fortune on the note. Luckily, it worked and the superstition has stuck ever since. Since then, the image has stayed on the currency note and natives have accepted it.

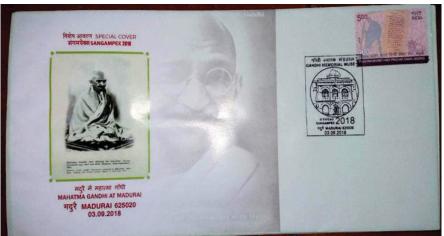
Hopefully, may Lord Ganesha bless the entire numismatic community with his appearance in future as well.





Special Cover on Gandhiji to Mark Madurai Philatelic Expo





adurai: The Department of Posts, Madurai Division, recently conducted 'Sangampex 2018,' a districtlevel philatelic exhibition, at the Maditssia Auditorium on September 3 and 4. It displayed rare and thematic collections by eminent philatelists and students. Philately workshop, quiz and 'Story of Stamp, 'a competition to test the knowledge of partciipants on the event or personality on the stamp, was also held. Special covers emphasizing the themes on culture and heritage of Madurai were also released during the event. Counter for sale of philatelic stamps was open on both the days. On the occasion a special cover on Mahatma Gandhi was also issued by PMG Madurai and received by B. Karthikeyan Secretary and SV. P N Shidambaram Ponnammal Trust, Virudhunagar.



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ASI: Coins at Khirki Mosque from Sher Shah, Lodi Time

Over 250 copper coins were discovered by ASI earlier this week in a clay pot, on the premises of Khirki Mosque during the course of conservation of the monument.

oins found at the Khirki mosque belong to Sher Shah's time and the Lodi dynasty, an official from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) said.

Over 250 copper coins were discovered by ASI in the second week of September in a clay pot, on the premises of Khirki Mosque during the course of conservation of the monument.

ASI (Delhi Circle) had taken up the task of cleaning the mosque during which 254 coins were discovered near its entrance, the Ministry of Culture said in a statement on 12th September, 2018. The mosque lies on the southern periphery of the village Khirki in the capital. It was built by Khan-i-Jahan Junan Shah, the Prime Minister of Firoz Shah Tughluq (1351-88), and is believed to be one of the seven mosques built by him.

"A few coins were cleaned by the ASI experts and on the basis of preliminary observation, the coins are found to be from the reign of Sher Shah Suri (1540-1545) and his successors. Some of them even belong to the Lodi dynasty that ruled the Delhi Sultanate from 1451 to 1526," said NK Pathak, Superintending Archaeologist, ASI (Delhi Circle).



A team of archaeologists, consternation assistant and photographers took possession of the coins. ASI (Delhi Circle) has now started scientific clearance of the area under technical supervision of archaeologists. After cleaning the coins, process to decipher the same will be initiated with the help of experts, said the ASI.

The monument, popularly known as Khirki mosque or fort, is situated in south Delhi's Khirki village. The ASI started

conservation work at the mosque two weeks ago. The restoration work is likely to to continue for another few weeks.

ASI officials said it is likely that some private individual buried their treasure in the mosque compound, or a maulvi put the mosque offerings in a pot and stored them in the complex. Pathak added that this is the first time that a huge cache of coins has been discovered in Delhi. In 2003, as many 63 coins were found on the same premises during cleaning and conservation.



Stamps on Hockey WC, Paika rebellion soon

hubaneswar: Postal services were an essential part of daily life earlier. Sending and receiving letters used to be a common activity. Postal stamps are rarely in use today due to technological innovations. However, the government still releases stamps to celebrate an event, create awareness, honor an achiever etc.

The postal department is going to release two new stamps November 27, 2018. One of these stamps is an attempt to commemorate the 14th edition of Men's Hockey World Cup, which scheduled to be held from 28th November to 16th December in Bhubaneswar. Another stamp would honor the Paika Rebellion, an armed resistance against the British rule in Odisha in 1817.

Orissa POST interacted with a staffer of Philatelic Bureau Nalini Natua in this regard who said that 35 stamps were released this year. These stamps were based on Central Plantation Crop research Institute (ICAR), India-Vietnam Joint Issue, India-ASEAN commemorative summit, Potters Wheel, World Environment Day and different holiday destinations in India among several others.

Moreover, the Indian Post released a special postage stamp on former Chief Minister Biju Patnaik commemorating his 102nd birth anniversary. The stamp was released by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik May 5 this year.

Coin of the Month

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Republic India 10 Rupee Commemorative Error Coin

Denomination: 10 Rupee **Year:** 2015

Mint: Mumbai Metal: Bi-Metallic. International Day of yoga

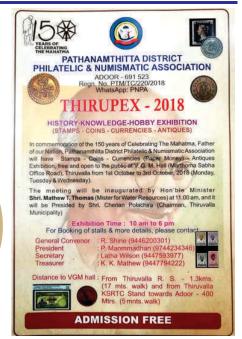
Outer Ring (Aluminium Bronze) (Copper – 92%, Zinc - 6%, Nickel - 2%)

Centre Piece (Cupro Nickel) (Copper-75%,Nickel - 25%

Weight: 7.71 gms

Diameter: 27 mm Shape: Circular Center Disk Punched Off center

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The center hole of this bi metallic coin got punched off center and thus making it a rare error commemorative coin.

This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of senior numismatist Mr. Bittu Shaw's collection.

Do Currency Notes Spread Deadly Diseases? Arun Jaitley Gets Request for Investigation

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) cited studies and media reports to highlight the issue in copies of the letter sent to Health Minister J P Nadda and Minister for Science and Technology Harshvardhan requesting them to take immediate cognisance of the issue.

ew Delhi: Traders body CAIT wrote to Finance Minister Arun Jaitley on Sunday seeking investigation to assess the potential of health hazards allegedly posed by currency notes and urged him to take preventive measures to protect people from diseases due to their contamination.

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) cited studies and media reports to highlight the issue in copies of the letter sent to Health Minister J P Nadda and Minister for Science and Technology Harshvardhan requesting them to take immediate cognisance of the issue.

The traders' body quoted findings from various studies which

claimed the notes were contaminated with disease causing pathogens and warned of their potential to transmit several diseases including urinary and respiratory tract infections, septicaemia, skin infections, recurrent meningitis, toxic shock syndrome and a variety of gastro-intestinal diseases.

CAIT Secretary General Praveen Khandelwal said that although science journals have been publishing these alarming facts almost every year, sadly no cognizance has been taken of this serious public health issue.

He said the trading community is the largest user of currency notes and if the reports are valid, the said currency notes are vulnerable to the health of not only the traders but even the consumers as well.

He said that besides the government, the Medical Council of India and Indian Medical Association should come forward to investigate whether and to what extent notes are contaminated.

Event's Time 10.00 Am - 7.00 Pm

Month	Dates	Events Name	Venue	
September	7,8 & 9	3rd Vijayawada Coin Expo	Sreedha's CCE Seminar Hall, Chiluki Durgaiah Street, Suryarapeta, Vijayawada	
September	14, 15 & 16	Kolkata Hobby Fest	Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) 9 A - Ho Chi Minh Sarani,Kolkata	
September	21, 22, & 23	9th Coin Expo (Salem Coin Society)	Vasavi Vasantham Mandapam First Agraharam, Salem, Tamil Nadu	
October	1,2 & 3	THIRUPEX Coin & Banknote Expo	V. G. M. Hall Thiruvalla, (Marthoma Sabha Office Road) Thiruvalla	
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,Patila Punjab	
November	23, 24 & 25	6th Mumbai Coinex	Shree Sunderbhai Hall, Behind Income Tax, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra	
November	23 to 29	Delhi Coins & Notes Exibhition	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, WestBengal	

UN Postal Agency to Issue Special Diwali Stamp This October

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a New York special event sheet on October 19 to commemorate the Indian festival.

NITED NATIONS: The UN postal agency will issue special stamps here next month to commemorate the festival of Diwali.

The United Nations Postal Administration will issue a New York special event sheet on October 19 to commemorate the Indian festival.

Diwali, also known as Deepawali, is the joyous and popular festival of lights, which is celebrated in India and across the world by followers of many faiths, the UN agency said.

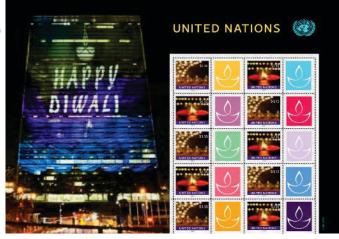
The sheet in the denomination of USD 1.15 contains ten stamps and tabs featuring festive lights and the symbolic lamps known as diyas'.

The background of the sheet features the United Nations Headquarters building illuminated with the message of Happy Diwali to celebrate the spirit of the festival.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin welcomed the announcement with a tweet, Nice Diwali gift from @unstamps coming next month. The United States Postal Service (USPS) had in October 2016 launched a commemorative stamp in honour of the festival of Diwali.

The USPS Diwali stamp became a reality after seven-years long efforts and advocacy by the Indian-American community and several Congressional resolutions by influential American lawmakers such as Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney.







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ommemorative coins of India are usually issued to celebrate some special occasion or to mark a special event. They also have been issued as a mark of respect towards some distinguished individuals or monument. Indian commemorative coins were issued from the 1964 onwards. Such coins have a distinct design with reference to the occasion on which they were issued. Few coins of this category serve as collector's items only, although most commemorative coins are issued for regular circulation. Modern and Commemorative Indian Coins are very interesting to discuss as they cover various topics like Indian Independence Struggle, War, Peace, Wildlife, Vegetation, Great Personalities, Various Events and Organizations. The highest valued coin is INR 1000 that was issued on the occasion of 1000 years of Brihadeeswarar Temple. In 1 set, there may be 2 to 9 coins of different denominations. MINTS: Commemorative coins are made at various mints across India including the ones at (Bombay) Mumbai, Noida, (Calcutta) Kolkata & Hyderabad.

1993 – 89th Inter Parliamentary Union Conference

With the aim of fostering contacts, co-ordination and exchange of experience among Parliaments and Parliamentarians of all countries the IPU was established in the year 1889. The 89th conference of IPU, held at New Delhi from 12th to 17th April 1993. To commemorate this event, a 1 rupee coin was issued on 11th April 1993.

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 features the Parliament House in New Delhi, with the logo of the IPU below it. It also shows "1993" -- the year of issue, the legend "89TH INTER PARLIAMENTARY UNION CONFERENCE" in English and "89 Wan Antar Sansadiya Sangha Sammelan" in Hindi.

Specifications: Year of issue: 1993 Weight: 6 grams Metal composition: Cupro – Nickel alloy (75% Copper + 25% Nickel)

Shape: Circular **Diameter:** 26 mm **Edge:** milled **Mint:** Mumbai



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India, Serbia Agree to Expand Cooperation in Economic & Cultural Fields Release Postal Stamps

ndia and Serbia have agreed to e x p a n d cooperation in the fields of economic and cultural relations. Areas of economic cooperation includes agriculture, food processing, defence manufacturing, science and technology, information technology, infrastructure, tourism and pharmaceuticals.



ice President Venkaiah Naidu & Serbian President Aleksander Vucic in Belgrade

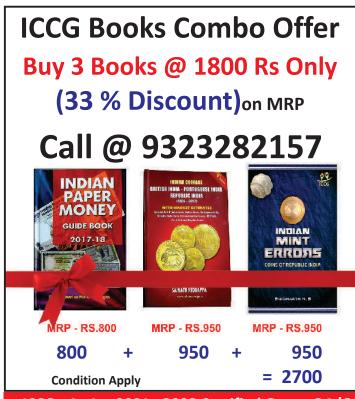
The decision was taken at the delegation level talks between Vice President Venkaiah Naidu and Serbian President Aleksander Vucic in Belgrade today.

Later in a joint statement, Mr. Naidu said that they exchanged views on multilateral issues and agreed to intensify cooperation in the areas of mutual interest. He said that they have resolved to fight the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations at various international fora.

Two agreements have also been signed between the two countries in the presence of both the leaders, on co-operation in plant health and plant quarantine and strengthening air services between the two countries. Serbian President Aleksander Vucic said that signing of MOUs is just a beginning as Serbia wants more and more engagements with India.

He said that Visa waiver for Indians for short duration trips will improve people to people contacts. Mr. Naidu thanked President Vucic for visa waiver for Indians for short visits Vice President also addressed the India -Serbia Business forum where he said that India is poised to become 5 trillion economy by 2025.

The two leaders jointly released the postage stamp of Swami Vivekananda and Nikola Tesla, the great scientist from Serbia to commemorate 70 years of India-Serbia diplomatic relations.







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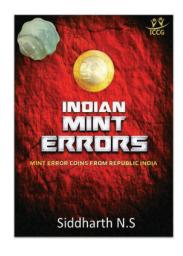








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