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PM Modi Releases Rs 100 Commemorative Coin in Memory of Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday released the commemorative Rs 100 coin in memory of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

The coin was released just a day ahead of late Vajpayee's birth anniversary. His birthday, which falls on December 25, is celebrated as 'Good Governance Day' by the BJP. He was decorated with Bharat Ratna in 2014.

BJP president Amit Shah, Lok Sabha speaker Sumitra Mahajan, senior BJP leader LK Advani, finance minister Arun Jaitley and minister of state for culture, Mahesh Sharma were present at the occasion.

Vajpayee passed away on August 16 at the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) in Delhi following a prolonged illness. He was 93.

"Atal Ji wanted democracy to be supreme. He built the Jana Sangh. But, when the time came to rescue our democracy he and others went to Janata Party. Likewise, when the choice was between remaining in power or comprising on ideology, he left Janata Party and formed the BJP," the Prime Minister said.

He said while for some, power is oxygen and they cannot live without it, Vajpayee spent a long part of his career in the opposition benches raising issues of national interest. [Cont on Page 3rd....](#)



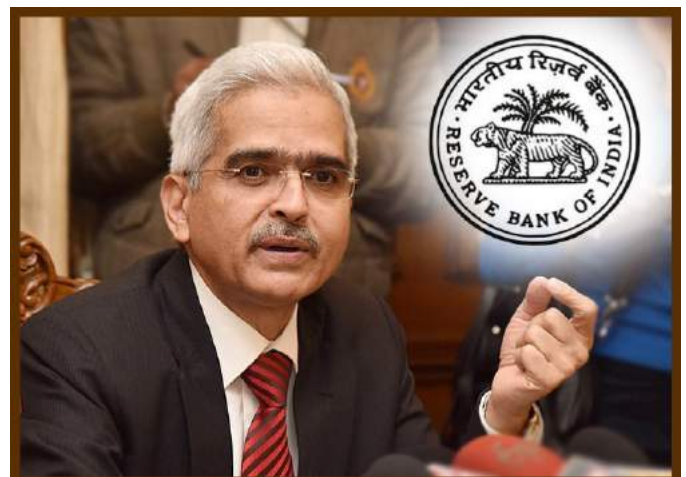
Government appoints Shaktikanta Das as new RBI Governor

The announcement comes after Urjit Patel announced his resignation from the post on December 10.

Shaktikanta Das, member of the 15th Finance Commission and former Economic Affairs Secretary, will take over as the new Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, the government said on December 11, 2018. Das's appointment comes a day after Urjit Patel unexpectedly resigned as the central bank chief, amid festering disagreements between the RBI and the Finance Ministry on several issues.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Shri Shaktikanta Das, former secretary, department of economic affairs, as the Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), for a period of three years," a government statement said.

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Shaktikanta Das

Numismatic Exhibition in Mumbai 2018

Many young and old collectors were seen looking for new one rupee notes among various collectibles that were on offer at the Mumbai coin exhibition which was organized at Sunderbai Hall, Churchgate from 23rd to 25th November 2018.

The coins stand as a mirror of the hoary past, describing vital information. Some coins throw a surprise given their small size. They are neatly packed and kept for display, says Mr. Raju K. Swami who came from Chennai. A collection of commemorative coins is also another major attraction for visitors, added Mr. Swami while speaking to ICCG News.

Coin collection, which earlier used to be a hobby of schoolchildren, has been recreated as an alternative [insurance](#) avenue designed to endure economic crisis. People are so keenly interested in such exhibitions. The exhibition also witnessed lots of collectors and dealers of antiques and of numismatic interests.



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	02:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Oriental Numismatic Society (London) Meet in association with ICSRI Lectures by Dr. Shailendra Bhandare Topic : Rituals of Power - Coinage, court culture and Kingship in Mughal India. Dr. Padmakar Prabhune Topic : Recent discoveries in the coins of Shilaharas. Purnanand Sanket Topic : A Study of the Kalikut silver issues of Tipu Sultan Amol Bankar Topic : Some new numismatic discoveries from Early Medieval Maharashtra
	05:30 pm	Classical Numismatic Auction
	11:00 noon to 07:00 pm	Exhibition
15-12-2018	10:00 am to 07:00 pm	Exhibition
	10:30 am	Imperial Auction
	05:30 pm	Oswal Auction
16-12-2018	10:00 am to 07:00 pm	Exhibition
	10:30 pm onwards	Todywalla Auction

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An exceptional leader

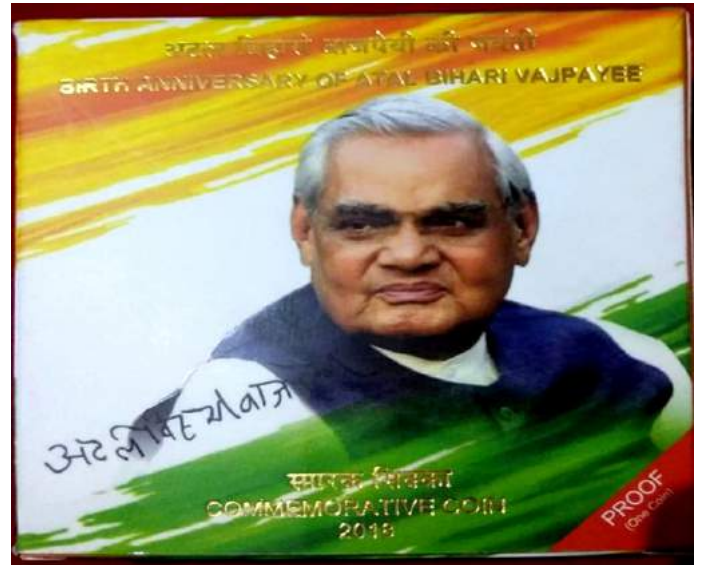
The late prime minister never compromised on the ideology of the party, Modi said.

He said, the party, which "Atalji built brick by brick" has become among the largest political parties.

Prime Minister Modi said Vajpayee as a speaker was unparalleled. "When he spoke, the nation spoke... when he spoke the nation listened," he said.

The mind is not ready to believe that Vajpayee is no longer alive. Though he was away from public glare for nearly a decade due to ill health, the way people gave him a farewell on his demise showed the mark he had created in people's minds, Modi said.

The veteran leader, who led the National Democratic Alliance government from 1998-2004, was the first ever person from the BJP to have become the nation's Prime Minister. Vajpayee served as Prime Minister thrice -- briefly in 1996, and then for two terms between 1998 and 2004.



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Fake Currency worth Rs 96,000 Seized by NIA from 2 Persons in Mumbai

Mumbai: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on 12th October 2018 seized fake currency of face value Rs 96,000 from two persons in Mumbai. According to reports gathered by ICCG News, a case has been registered under section 34, 489D & 489C of the Indian Penal Code (IPC). On 12th October, the Thane Police busted a fake currency racket where notes of over Rs 4 lakh were recovered from a vehicle near Bhiwandi in Thane district of Maharashtra.

Police informed that total of 203 fake notes of Rs 2,000 denomination were recovered from the car and five persons were arrested in connection with the scam. The police busted the fake currency racket based on a tip-off. "Acting on a tip-off that some people carrying fake notes were coming to a pan shop at Wadpe, the police patrol team laid a trap and arrested the accused when they were buying cigarettes using fake notes," a police officer said. Police informed that the five accused were booked under IPC sections 489 (B) (using as genuine, forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes), 489 (C) (possession of forged or counterfeit currency-notes or bank-notes) and 34 (common intention).

Earlier this month, the Yavatmal Police Monday seized fake currencies in new denominations having a face value of over Rs 6.77 lakh from a car and arrested a 27-year-old man. As per the reports by ICCG News, apart from counterfeit currencies in denominations of Rs 200 and Rs 2000, the crime branch officials also seized a car, a printer and other material- collectively worth 8,42,720 rupees.



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FM Arun Jaitley also welcomed Das's appointment as the RBI top boss. "Besides his experience as the Revenue Secretary and Economic Affairs Secretary, he also had the experience in preparing several Budgets as Joint Secretary in charge of

Budget division. Subsequently, he has been a G20 Sherpa on behalf of India. He's been a member of 15th Finance Commission. I think he has the right credentials and has been extremely professional. He has worked under various governments has excelled himself & I am sure he will excel in meeting the challenges before India's economy as a Governor of RBI," he said.

It was not immediately known whether Das was shortlisted and selected through a process of search committee, a practice that was adopted during Patel's appointment.

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71 Years of Dakota: Special Cover on Dakota DC-3 Released in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Indian Air Force (IAF) and Postal department recently launched vintage aircraft Dakota's special cover to commemorate aircraft's role in the first India-Pakistan war. Air Marshal Rakesh Singh Bhadunia, Postmaster General (Karnataka) Dr. Charles Lobo and Air Cmde MK Chandrasekhar, father of Rajya Sabha BJP MP Rajeev Chandrasekhar, released Dakota's special cover in presence of Army, IAF veterans and officers. Special Cover Air Cmde MK Chandrasekhar, the man behind this event, has an emotional attachment with Dakota aircraft. He said, "I joined the IAF in 1954-55. I have flown Dakota's for nearly 6000 hours. I have trained a lot of people on this." Postmaster General Charles Lobo told OneIndia, "The cover shows the Dakota aircraft used and cancellation stamp shows the Airforce emblem. It is a pictorial cancellation, unlike normal cancellations which shows the name post office in Hindi and English, date of booking or delivery. After the usage on 1000 covers after that the seal is destroyed, so not used again. That's why we call it special cover and cancellation."

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UAE Introduces New Dhs100 Currency Note

The new note has been reprinted with added security features

The UAE central bank has recently introduced a new Dhs100 currency note into circulation from November 2018.

The new note has been reprinted with added security features – all on the front side, a statement said.

The changes include –

1. Spark Live: A colour changing security feature printed at the left-hand bottom corner on the front of the currency note. When the note is tilted, the colour will shift from green to blue and show a bar of light moving from top to bottom.

The numeral 100 is also integrated in this feature.

2. Galaxy Thread: The existing colour shifting security thread has been replaced with a Galaxy three dimensional security thread. When the note is tilted, along with the change in colour, a three dimensional movement will also be noticeable within the enhanced circular element.

3. The original silver filigree foil has been removed and replaced with intaglio overprint at the front upper right-hand side of the currency note.

4. The denomination value “100” at the right-hand bottom corner on the front of the currency note has been removed.

5. The overall design and other specifications of the currency note remain the same as the current currency notes in circulation.

The currency note has been put in circulation as legal tender, along with the Dhs100 denomination currency notes currently in circulation, the statement added.

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India Post Releases Stamp on Stroke

Bhubaneswar: The India Post (Odisha Circle) recently released a corporate stamp on stroke, a disease, to mark the World Stroke Day and work towards creating awareness on the health hazard.

Postmaster General of Odisha Santosh Kumar Kamila released the corporate stamp amid presence of doctors specializing on the subject. Kamila said that the stamps would be of Rs 5 denominations and would be available in the city soon.

“Popularizing the preventive measures can help us tackle the disease. This stamp is as good as other commemorative stamps and will help in creating awareness. The whole nation is likely to be benefited from this,” said Kamila.

Kamila told 'Orissa Post' that these stamps are being released in Bangalore office and also at same time at different regions including Bhubaneswar. He explained that as per norms the funding of corporate stamps is done by corporate bodies. The stamp has been funded by the Kalinga Hospital in an attempt to create awareness on the ailment.

Dr Amitabh Rath, Senior Consultant Neurologist, said, “Brain stroke was earlier a thing for the elders but due to lifestyle changes it is also affecting the younger generation. We need awareness among people to ensure that critical health hazards are minimized.”

Dr Alok Lodh, Chief Executive of the BR Kalinga Hospital said, “The launch of the corporate 'my stamp' at Kalinga Hospital is in line with our philosophy to think beyond the horizon by understanding the need of the hour.”

What is stroke?

A stroke refers to a lack of blood supply to parts of the brain, causing brain cells to die or leading to extensive damage to the cells. It can affect mobility and speech, among other aspects. Strokes are responsible for more deaths annually than those attributed to AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined and yet it remains a silent epidemic.

India Post Releases Postal Cover to Mark NSS Camp

Bhubaneswar: For the first time, a special cover was released by India Post to commemorate the organisation of a National Integration Camp (NIC) being held at the SOA (deemed to be university) here on 03rd of November 2018.

The weeklong NIC, being attended by around 250 National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers from 10 states representing 21 universities, was inaugurated on October 29. The postal cover, emblazoned with the design of the famous Shanti Stupa (Peace Pagoda), located on the historic Dhauli hill here and logos of NSS and SOA, was presented by Senior Superintendent of India Post, Bhubaneswar Division, Satyabadi Biswal to NSS Regional Director, R Gokulkrishnan at a function held at the Khandagiri Sub-Post Office.

SOA's Vice-Chancellor, Prof Amit Banerjee and NSS Programme Officers from 10 states participating in the camp and other dignitaries were present on the occasion. Describing it as a 'momentous occasion', Gokulkrishna said it was for the first time that India Post had brought out a postal cover to mark the organisation of a National Integration Camp of NSS in the country. Explaining the significance of the release of the postal cover, eminent philatelist and Secretary of the Eastern India Philatelic Association Shanti Swarup Rath, said that India Post issues a special cover when a commemorative stamp is not released. Such postal covers are treated as a collector's item, which are picked up thematically and are of immense value.

Prof Banerjee said the logo on the postal cover depicted the Shanti Stupa, a prominent landmark of Bhubaneswar, representing peace, the ingrained philosophy of Lord Buddha, and reflected the concept of 'ahimsa'.

“The white colour of the pagoda signifies purity and peace. The cover is being befittingly released on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and 50th anniversary of the NSS as also observance of the Rashtriya Ekta Divas,” he added. Dean (Students' Welfare) of SOA, Dr Jyoti Ranjan Das and SOA's NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr Nachiketa Sharma, also spoke on the occasion.



Coin of the Month

Double Struck 1/4th Rupee (4 Annas)

Error: This is indeed a very rare 'double struck' error coin as error coin in this denomination is EXCEPTIONALLY Rare.

Description: When a coin is struck twice before the coin could leave the coining chamber, a Double Strike coin is created.

Double strikes with the second strike OFF CENTER.

In this type of error coin, both sides of the coin show a normal strike and an off-center double impression.



Occurrence: In this type of error coins, a coin is first struck as a well-centered coin, After being struck, the anvil die moves upward, raising the coin. Now the coin is suppose to exit the coinage press and go to a collecting area. If the coin does not eject properly and falls partially inside the collar, it is struck again. This is how we get Double Struck coins. The second strike is totally at random.

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Reverse side: The center of this coin shows ¼, in international numerals between two ears of corn. The value of this coin in Hindi appears at the top of the periphery and the value in English and the year of issue appear under ¼.

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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.
December	21, 22, & 23	Salem Coin Expo	Agara Mahal, Nethimedu,Salem, Tamil Nadu.
January	18,19, & 20	KANPEX	Jawaharlal Nehru Library Hall, Yogasala Road,Near Old Bus Stand, Kannur, Kerala.
January	25,26, & 27	Nagmoney	Ramgopal Maheshwari Sabhagruha, Mor Bhavan,Jhansi Rani Square, Nagpur,Maharashtra.
February	1, 2 & 3	Socina Coins & Currency Fair	Kalamam Doraisamy Hall,225, Sastri Road, Ramnagar Central Bus Stand, Coimbatore.
February	8, 9, & 10	Ahmedabad Coinex	Sardar Patel Seva Samaj Hall, Mithakali 6 Road,C.G. Road,Navarangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
February	22, 23, & 24	10th National Numismatic Exhibition	Shikshak Sadan, Near Mysore Bank Circle,Bangalore, Karnataka.
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Commemorative Coins of Modern India: Year wise & mint wise journey with ICCG News

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 – 8th World Tamil Conference (Saint Thiruvalluvar)

The International Association of Tamil Research (IATR) was founded in 1964. The IATR has been organizing conferences and seminars of Tamil studies at an interval of 4 years in countries like India, Sri Lanka, France, Maldives, Mauritius and Malaysia which has a sizable Tamil speaking population.

To commemorate the 8th international conference seminar on Tamil studies, held at Thanjuvar (Tamil Nadu) from 1st to 5th January 1995, India issued a 1 rupee commemorative coin in FSS. The other coin issued for general circulation, were in the denomination of 2 rupees and 5 rupees and were in cupro nickel.



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

Reverse: The reverse of this coin shows the saint poet THIRUVALLUVAR seated on a low stool in a writing position with the inscription "1995" -- the year of issue, "8TH WORLD TAMIL CONFERENCE" in English, "SAINT THIRUVALLUVAR" in both English and Hindi, "8 Wi Viswa Tamil Sammelan" in Hindi.

Specifications:

Shape: Circular

Year of issue: 1995

Diameter: 25 mm

Weight: 4.85 grams

Edge: milled or plain

Metal composition: FSS

Mint: Mumbai, Hyderabad & Noida

PM Modi Inaugurates IIT Campus in Odisha; Releases Stamp, 200 RS Coin to Commemorate Paika Rebellion

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the new campus of IIT-Bhubaneswar and launched a slew of projects in the state worth Rs 14,523 crore during his day-long visit to Odisha. He also released a stamp and a 200 RS coin to commemorate the Paika rebellion of 1817.

Inaugurating the projects via video conferencing from the state capital, the prime minister said these would accelerate the state's development and help it become "an engine for transformation of the country into a new India".

"Our focus is on progress of east India in general and Odisha in particular," Modi said during a day-long visit to Odisha, which is his second in three months.

He dedicated to the country the new campus of IIT Bhubaneswar built at a cost of Rs 1,660 crore and also laid foundation stone of the campus of Indian Institute of Science and Education Research (IISER) at Berhampur, which will cost around Rs 1,600 crore.

He also unveiled and laid foundation stone for a host of projects related to higher education, health, road and highways and culture. Stating that the Centre has launched a large number of infrastructure projects in the eastern region and in this state, Modi said these initiatives will act as a catalyst to make the region a gateway for south Asia.



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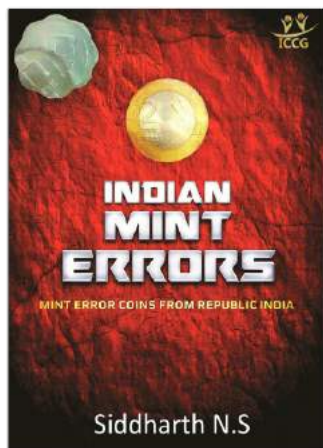
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