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## PM Modi Introduces Commemorative Coin of Rs 350 to Mark Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh: Legacy of these Coins in Indian history

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released today a commemorative coin of Rs. 350 in the national capital to mark the birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh jee. He lauded the lofty ideals and values of the Guru Gobind Singh jee – the selfless service to humanity, devotion, heroism and sacrifice and urged the people to follow his path. The Prime Minister was addressing a select gathering at his residence, 7 Lok Kayan Marg after releasing the commemorative coin to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh jee. Mr. Modi said that Guru Gobind Singh ji was a great warrior, philosopher poet and guru. He fought against oppression and injustice. His teachings to people focused on breaking the barriers of religion and caste. His message of love, peace and sacrifice are equally relevant today.

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## Commemorative Coins Released to Mark MGR Birth Anniversary

Chennai: Two commemorative coins in the denomination of Rs 100 and Rs 5 were released 17th January, 2019 to mark the 102nd birth anniversary of late Tamil Nadu chief minister and ruling AIADMK founder M G Ramachandran which was celebrated across the state.

Chief Minister K Palaniswami and Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam released the coins at a function here while floral tributes were paid to the late matinee idol-turned politician Ramachandran, popularly known as MGR.

As part of birth anniversary celebrations, a 66 feet wide and 52 feet tall "Dr MGR Centenary Arch", constructed across the arterial Kamarajar road, off the famous Marina beach here, was also unveiled.

Palaniswami and Panneerselvam, who are the co-cordinator and coordinator of the AIADMK, along with ministerial colleagues and other senior party leaders garlanded statues of MGR and his protegee J Jayalithaa at the party headquarters in the city where hundreds of party cadres also gathered. Sweets were distributed on the occasion.

The commemorative coins were released at a function in the Tamil Nadu Dr MGR Medical University complex. The coins bear the portrait of Ramachandran at the centre along with the inscription 'DR M G Ramachandran Birth Centenary' on the lower periphery. Accepting a request by the state government, the Centre had last year published the gazette notification for the issue of the coins.

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## Two-Day Exhibition of Rare Coins a Treat for Numismatic Enthusiasts

**M**umbai: Coinages issued in the State from as far back as 2600 BCE right up to 2018 were on display at an exhibition in the city on 23rd and 24th December 2019. The expansive exhibition, 'Multifaced Coinages of Maharashtra', was held on the occasion of the fourth National Numismatic Day, and to commemorate the birth anniversary of P. L. Gupta, the 'Father of Indian Numismatics', at Sathaye College in Vile Parle (East).

The first set of silver coins that was on display belonged to the pre-Mauryan period, during the existence of ancient Janapadas of Vidarbha, Kuntala and Andhras. The next set of coins belonged to the Imperial Mauryan period, and included silver coins known as Karshapanas along with coins of smaller denominations called Mashaka and Kakani.

Several coins of the pre-Satavahana period, belonging to various parts of Maharashtra, followed by Imperial Satavahanas and Shaka-Kshatrapas of Gujarat-Malwa in western Maharashtra were also exhibited. Islamic coinages of the Khalji dynasty and the Mughals were on display, as were those of the Marathas, East India Company, Portuguese and the Maratha princely states.

The exhibition also featured commemorative coinages that were issued by the Republic of India in the memory of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Balgangadhar Tilak and other leaders.

Alongside the exhibition, the Centre for History, Archaeology, Epigraphy and Numismatics (CHAEN) had organised a conference called 'Recent Researches in History, Archaeology, Epigraphy and Numismatics'. The conference is held every year on December 24. Students presented research papers, which were examined by experts in the field from various universities.

The experts included Dr. Manjiri Kamat, professor at the department of history, University of Mumbai; Dr. Amit Upadhyay, department of ancient Indian history, culture and archaeology of the Banaras Hindu University; Dr. G.K. Mane from the State Directorate of Archaeology and Museums; and Dr. Dilip Balsekar, executive editor and secretary of the State Cultural Affairs Department.

The two-day event ended with a farewell speech, while prizes were distributed to presenters of the research papers during the conference.



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In neighboring Puducherry, Welfare Minister M Kandasamy led the Union Territory in paying floral tributes to MGR. Legislators of the ruling Congress also offered tributes.

AIADMK workers led by Puducherry secretary P Purushothaman and party MLAs A Anbalagan, A Baskar and Vayyapuri Manikandan paid floral tributes at a statue of MGR at the party headquarters. The day was as usual marked by portraits of MGR decorated with flowers being kept at street corners and songs from his movies

played at several places in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

MGR broke away from DMK in 1972 following differences with the then party chief late M Karunanidhi and floated the AIADMK. He captured power in 1977 and ruled the state for ten years without a break till his death. Three-time Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, MGR was awarded the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1988.



## Exhibition on Rare coins Provided a Window into Bygone Eras at Pune

The exhibition also has a stall that is selling banned currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 denominations, respectively for Rs 25 and Rs 50 per note.

**P**une: The city's annual exhibition of rare coins was inaugurated by Dr Anand Shroff, an archaeologist and coin collector, at Sonal Hall on Karve Road on 14th December 2018. Coins and currency notes from all over the world, from different eras, were displayed in 35 stalls. Some of the highlights of the exhibition included a coin weighing 2 kg, coins in different shapes like guitar and lion, and a currency called 'Beed', which was in use 3,000 years ago. Visitors could also buy coins from the stalls.

Shroff said that these ancient coins help us understand and study the life of people who lived in those time periods. "Coins are not just currency, they are the mirrors of an era," said Shroff.

After the inauguration, four senior coin collectors, Shrinivas Bhat, Daulat Johri and Veena Sarasan, were felicitated by lifetime achievement awards for their contribution to the field.

The Oriental Numismatic Society, London and International Collectors' Society of Rare Items also organized three lectures. Since 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1, an exhibition showcasing a collection of medals from the 18th century and from World War 1 is on display.

The exhibition also had a stall that was selling banned currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 denominations, respectively for Rs 25 and Rs 50 per note. Hanuman Gaikwad, who is a collector and trader of old coins and currency notes, owns the stall.

"What is the use of them now? They are just a piece of paper. But, there are some people who are buying them just as a hobby. Maybe to tell their children and grandchildren about demonetization. I sold a few. Now I might have one or two notes," he said. The three-day exhibition was held between December 14th to 16th.



## Coins Have Historic Tales to Tell: Governor Purohit

**K Ganesh, Chancellor, Vels University, and R Krishnamurthy, president of South Indian Numismatic Society, and others took part in the said event along with the Governor.**

**C**hennai: "Old coins are usually used to identify the king, dynasty and other historic facts," said Governor Banwarilal Purohit, speaking at the 29th Annual Conference of South India Numismatic Society, that was organized by Vels University here on 06th January 2019. He was the chief guest at the function.

In his address, he said: "Numismatics — the collection and study of coins, has been of interest to people all through history. The reason for that has been the tale that a coin can narrate," he elaborated.

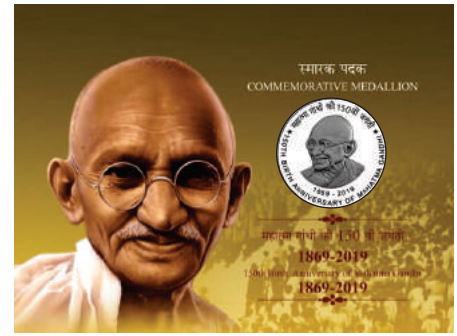
He further added, "The two sides of the coin are usually used to identify the king, dynasty, royal insignia, dates, etc. Many kings have used sun, moon or animals such as elephant, fish, pig, horse etc, along with motifs of plants, flowers, creepers, etc, on the obverse and king's name, date, etc on the reverse side. Thus, these coins help the historian in tracing the dynasty, king, date, etc. In fact, many ancient coins have authenticated the king and dates (of his rule)," he pointed out.

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### 3-day 'Mudra Utsav' by Numismatic Society of Kolkata

**K**olkata: Numismatic Society of Calcutta (NSC) — the apex body of numismatists in the state recently organized the 21st annual conference and exhibition of coins titled 'Mudra Utsav' from December 21-23 at a banquet hall of a leading confectionery chain in Ballygunge. The three-day event had its theme on Mahatma Gandhi as this year marks the 150th birth anniversary of the 'Father of the Nation'. "Special emphasis of exhibition was given on the coins, medals, tokens and paper-money issued in commemoration of the great soul of India — Mahatma Gandhi," said Ravi Shankar Sharma, secretary of the NSC, which is the apex body of numismatists, imparting knowledge in the field of research and collection of coins and its allied subjects since 1985. There were around 70 stalls of numismatists coming from all over the world as well as India. Due to the paucity of space, the exhibition committee has decided that the exhibits would be displayed within 15 cabinets. The exhibits had a wide collection of coins from the Sultanate period, the Janapadas, gold coins of the Gupta and the Kushan and coins of Republic India. It may be mentioned that numismatics is a hobby among many school and college students. In the past, the society organized exhibitions of coins in various schools and colleges both within the state and outside the state. The response of such exhibitions was to give impetus to people collecting coins; the society distributed a free gift to school children those who attended the exhibition. NSC is an organization for collection, preservation and research on coins whose principal activity includes organizing annual exhibition, seminar and lecture, publishing of newsletter and journal at regular intervals. Through its 33 years of journey, the society is functioning as a building block for the young and the new collectors, enriching their knowledge in coins and notes by the experienced scholars of our society, thereby preserving history.



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The Prime Minister said that Guru Gobind Singh Ji , his values and teachings will continue to be the source of inspiration and the guiding spirit for the mankind in years to come. He added that the Commemorative Coin is a small effort on our part to show our respect and reverence to him. He urged the people to make a resolve to walk the talk on the 11-point path shown by Guru Gobind Singh ji Maharaj.

The Prime Minister greeted the nation on Lohri on this occasion.

The Prime Minister earlier urged the people of the country to follow the path of devotion and sacrifice for the nation along the lines of Furu Gobind Singh jee in his monthly radio program, Mann Ki Baat on December 30, 2018. He attended the 350th birth anniversary celebrations of Guru Gobind Singh in Patna on January 5, 2017 and released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the occasion.

Mr. Modi also recalled the ideals and values of Guru Gobind Singh jee's as the core of humanity at the Independence Day Address from the ramparts of Red Fort on 15th August, 2016 and then at the National MSME Awards Ceremony in Ludhiana on 18th October, 2016.



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Currency collector Nikhil Parekh from Mumbai, who claims to have any date in the six digits of a serial number in a banknote among his huge currency collection, was a star attraction at Jamcoin 2018, the 24th annual numismatics and philately exhibition organized by Coin Collectors Club of Jamshedpur recently.

With eight currency and coin dealers, six from Calcutta and one each from Mumbai and Patna, the three-day event was inaugurated by SDO Dhalbhum Prabhat Kumar at Red Cross Bhavan in Sakchi.

Also present were president of Coin Collectors Club, Jusco MD Tarun Daga and a host of Jamshedpur schoolchildren displaying their own coin collections.

Parekh, who is here in Jamshedpur after a gap of three years, said his passion was collecting notes to make dates memorable. "Say, your birthday is on February 5, 1985. You'll write it as 050285. I can give you the tenner with this serial number," he explained, declining with a smile to say how many tenners he had with him.

But he did say that on the first day of Jamcoin, he sold more than 90 Rs 10 notes, each priced at Rs 100.

Though Parekh only bought a stock of Rs 10 currency notes here, one can pre-book one's special serial numbers on notes of various denominations to be delivered at your doorstep via courier.

Young homemaker Nimisha Pal, who bought two notes, one each for her parents, smiled that such notes were special. "It's a unique gift and I know those who get it will understand its sentiment."

Parekh added this was an ideal gift too. "I am happy my passion make others happy," he said. This apart, Jamcoin was a veritable treasure trove of history. Coins on display included the gold fanam, weighing 100mg, issued by the Western Ganga dynasty in Karnataka between 1080 and 1138 AD. The technique used to make it is known as die striking, said its collector Ravi Shankar Sharma from Calcutta, who called it the "smallest coin". He also displayed Padma Tanka (shaped like a lotus), a coin issued by the Yadavas of Devagiri between 1270-1311 AD and punch-marked coins from Gandhara Janapada in the 6th century BC.

The collector added he had the "lightest coins", too, Fuka Dam from Nepal. These gold and silver coins weighed just 40mg. Fuka does mean 'easy to blow', Sharma smiled. Also on display are uniquely shaped knife money from China, boat ones from Malaysia and dolphin ones from Ukraine.



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## 96th Solo Numismatic Exhibition at Bengaluru

The 96th numismatic exhibition was recently held by Shri. H. K. Rama Rao at Gayathri Bhavana, Banashankari under the aegis of Sneha Sandhya Sanskritika Vedike, Uttarahalli in association with Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha on 25th December, 2018. Banashankari is a suburb in south Bengaluru. It derives the name from the oldest temple of Banashankari Amma which was built in 1915.

Sneha Sandhya Sanskritika Vedike, as the name suggests is a social organization established some 20 years ago. It also publishes several weekly and monthly magazines and newspapers which are provided free for reading. Added to this it organizes various events on every National and Festival holidays. The event consists of Music, Bhajans, Sports, Spiritual Pravachanas etc. They also occasionally distribute clothes to Paura Karmikas, handy technicians like Plumbers, Electrician and others of the neighborhood.

Mr. Rama Rao was invited by Shri. Narendra Babu, the energetic founder President of Sneha Sandhya Sanskritika Vedike to organize a coin exhibition. Gayathri Bhavana, a huge Kalyana Mahal was provided to the Vedike by Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha for a Triple event conducted by the Vedhike. From morning 8 am to 4 pm Vishnu Sahasranama was continuously chanted by about 200 ladies in batches 27 times on 27 Nakshtras in one corner of the Hall.

On the other side of the hall about 750/800 books on Vedanta, Adhyatma, Yoga etc was freely distributed. In another corner Mr. Rama Rao conducted the coin exhibition in a silent space.

The function was inaugurated by Sri Sri Sri Madhusudhanandapuri Mahaswami of Omkar Ashrama. Sri Lakshmikanth, Vice President, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha was the Chief Guest.

Mr. Rama Rao's ancient Indian coins were the centre of attraction. Dr. K.P.Puthuraya, former Deputy Director of Medical Education, Karnataka State who visited the coins display expressed his surprise and appreciation for the exhibits. Dr. Muralidhara of Omkarashra spent more than 50 minutes perusing the coins opined the tale of ancient Indian history is being retold through coins.



Article: Shri. H.K. Rama Rao

## Vice President Venkaiah Naidu Releases Stamp on Father Mathias

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**V**IJAYAWADA: Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu released a postal cover and a book on Andhra Loyola College's founder principal Rev Father Theo Mathias on the occasion of his birth centenary of 65th anniversary in Vijayawada on 05th January 2019.

"Father Mathias was a disciplined and dedicated man. He was instrumental in bringing Loyola College to AP from Chennai and named it as Andhra Loyola College," he said.

He further said 65 per cent of the Indian population is below 35 years of age, which shows a clear sign of development. "One can be empowered only through education. I was happy to note that 75 per cent of awardees of this college were girls," he added.

He advised the youngsters to come back to their own country after being abroad either for jobs or education.

After Independence, the demand for higher education greatly increased, and many young men of Vijayawada and the surrounding towns and villages set out for Tamil Nadu in search of quality education. Grieved by their plight, the Catholic Bishops of Andhra Pradesh, in particular, Bishop Ignatius Mummadi of Guntur Diocese, requested the Jesuits, members of the Society of Jesus, who had already made outstanding contributions to education in India, to establish a college in Vijayawada. In response, a committed band of Jesuits, headed by Fr Karnam Deviah, SJ, came to Vijayawada from the then Madurai Jesuit Province in Tamil Nadu. Thanks to the generous financial support of local philanthropists, Andhra Loyola College was established on a 110-acre land in the year 1953 (classes commenced on July 22, 1954) with Rev Fr Theo Mathias, SJ, (who later became a professor at Xavier Labour Relations Institute, Jamshedpur) as its first Principal. The college was affiliated to Andhra University till December 1976 and to Nagarjuna University thereafter. It is now affiliated to Krishna University.

Throughout these 58 years, Andhra Loyola College has unfailingly occupied a premier position in higher education, producing men and women of "competence, conscience, and compassionate commitment", which is the goal of Jesuit education. The alumni of the college occupy high positions in different fields in India and abroad, and they hold fast to this vision.





## Arya Vidya Mandir Society Releases Special Covers

### Department of Postal Services Mumbai released AVM stamp cover

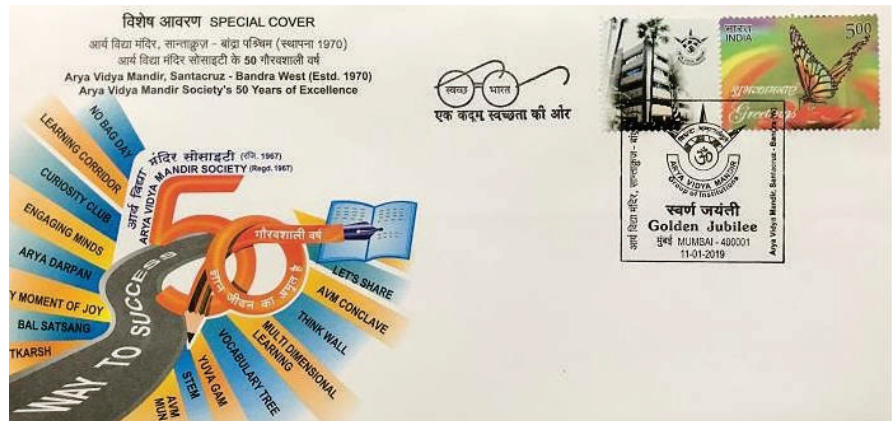
**A**rya Vidya Mandir, one of the most eminent Indian schools based in Mumbai is celebrating its 50th anniversary. To commemorate 50 years of excellence in education since its inception in 1967, the school is collaborating with the Indian postal department to design their very own stamp. The stamp cover will be a memento of half a century of quality education and holistic learning.

In light of this collaboration, the Director of AVM Group of Institutions, Mrs. Jyoti Kumar says, "The release of special covers on the completion of 50 years by the AVM Society is a historic moment for the AVM family. The AVM society has made a noteworthy contribution in enhancing and elevating the level of education of our students in Mumbai in the past 50 years. The job continues, and we are committed to reaching newer heights in our pursuit of making AVM the best ICSE schools in the country."

Honorary General Secretary, AVM Society, Shri. A I Malhotra says, "It is a matter of immense pride for all of us at the AVM Society to witness this monumental milestone of completing 50 years in education. This is a celebration of half a decade of unparalleled service and achievements in the field of school education. All of our 4300 existing students receive modern education steeped in values and principles with an aim to shape them into well-rounded individuals. A fine example of the same is our alumni, who are living in different parts of the globe today holding eminent and responsible positions across many vocations."

Releasing a stamp cover is a special event because it symbolises the identity of a country in a way. It characterises a denomination and highlights a special element related to the country. In AVM's case, the stamp will be a symbol of 50 years of educational excellence and contribution to society. The postal department is very happy to be collaborating with AVM on this glorious occasion. The stamp will be released by Smt. Kaiya Arora, Director Postal Services, Mumbai Region. On the release of the cover, she says, "The Department of Posts has a long history of honoring great personalities, institutions, monuments, etc. through the issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps with First Day Covers & Special Covers with Special Cancellation. The Dept. of Posts is privileged to release these four special covers on Arya Vidya Mandir Schools."

Popularly known as AVM, Arya Vidya Mandir is celebrating a watershed in imparting holistic education, inculcating values, and shaping well-rounded individuals. It has been the alma mater of some internationally-renowned alumni including Aishwarya Rai, Sonam Kapoor, and Arjun Kapoor. The Arya Vidya Mandir Society has left an indelible mark on the impressionable young minds that walk its corridors. The school inspires its students to aim for greatness and their alumni are proof of that. The revealing of this stamp cover will be a major landmark for the school and the education industry as a whole.



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## PM Modi Inaugurates Subhas Chandra Bose Museum, says will Deepen History Connect

**Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose birth anniversary: Remembering Bose on his birth anniversary, Modi called him a "stalwart who committed himself towards ensuring India is free and leads a life of dignity."**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday inaugurated the Subhash Chandra Bose museum at the iconic Red Fort to mark the leader's 122nd birth anniversary.

Modi also inaugurated the Yaad-e-Jallian Museum, (museum on the Jallianwala Bagh and World War I), the Museum on 1857- India's first war of Independence, and Drishyakala-Museum on Indian Art within the Red Fort complex.

The museum on Bose and the Indian National Army showcases various artefacts related to Subhash Chandra Bose and INA. The artefacts include wooden chair and sword used by the leader, medals, badges, uniforms and other artefacts related to the INA.

A documentary on Bose and the INA will help visitors understand the vision of the freedom fighter. Actor Abhishek Bachchan has lent his voice for the documentary.

The Yaad-e-Jallian Museum provides an authentic account of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre that took place on April 13, 1919. A replica of the memorial erected at the Jallianwala Bagh has also been placed at the museum.



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January	25,26, & 27	Nagmoney	Ramgopal Maheshwari Sabhagraha, Mor Bhavan, Jhansi Rani Square, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
February	1, 2 & 3	Socina Coins & Currency Fair	Kalam Doraisamy Hall, 225, Sastri Road, Ramnagar Central Bus Stand, Coimbatore.
February	8, 9, & 10	Ahmedabad Coinex	Sardar Patel Seva Samaj Hall, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
February	22, 23, & 24	10th National Numismatic Exhibition	Shikshak Sadan, Near Mysore Bank Circle, Bangalore, Karnataka.
April	5, 6, & 7	Coinex Jaipur	B.M. Birla Auditorium, Statue Circle, Jaipur,
April	19, 20 & 21	SHUKLA DAY COIN FAIR	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
July	12, 13, & 14	Coin Fest	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, West Bengal.
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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.

### 1997 – Cellular Jail Commemoration

After the first war of independence of 1857 was crushed, many rebels were deported for life to the Andaman Islands by the British. These remote islands were considered to be a suitable place to punish the rebels. As the number of prisoners being sent to the Andaman started growing and the need for a high-security prison was felt, a jail was constructed between 1896 and 1906,

The jail building had seven wings with a central tower. Each of the seven wings had three stories upon completion. There were a total of 698 cells. Each cell was 4.5 meters x 2.7 meters in size with a ventilator located at a height of three meters. The name, "cellular jail" is derived from the solitary cells which prevented any prisoner from communicating with any other.

Two out of the seven wings of the Jail were demolished during the Japanese occupation of the Andaman islands in 1942. Another two wings of the jail were demolished after India achieved its independence. This led to protests from several former prisoners and political leaders. As a result, the remaining three wings and the central tower were converted into a National Memorial in 1969.

The Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital was set up in the premises of the Cellular Jail in 1963. It is now a 500-bed hospital with about 40 doctors serving the local population. On the occasion of India's 50th anniversary of independence in 1997, a 1 rupee commemorative coin on the theme 'CELLULAR JAIL' was issued.



**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 view of Cellulr Jail, "1997" -- the year of issue, and the legend "CELLULAR JAIL" & "PORT BLAIR" both in English and Hindi.

### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1997

**Metal composition:** FSS

**Weight:** 4.85 grams

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 25 mm

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## PM Modi Releases Rs 75 Commemorative Coin to Mark 75th Anniversary of Tricolour Hoisting by Bose

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the NDA Government is working to ensure employment for youth, education for children, medical care for aged and facilities for farmers. Addressing a public function at the Bishop John Richardson stadium in Car Nicobar today, the Prime Minister said, the Government is committed for the development of Car Nicobar.

Mr Modi said, the Central government is making all efforts to make the life of people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands easier.

During his visit to Car Nicobar, the Prime Minister laid wreath at the Tsunami Memorial and visited the Tsunami Memorial

Museum on Sunday morning. He inaugurated the ITI Arong and interacted with Members of Tribal Council.

In Port Blair, the Prime Minister visited the Cellular Jail and laid wreath at the Martyrs' Column in the afternoon. Mr Modi also dedicated the 150 feet high Flag Mast at South Point in Port Blair commemorating the historic event of the hoisting of first Tricolor on Indian soil by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Port Blair on Dec 30, 1943. He paid floral tributes at the statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Mr Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for series of projects for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Addressing a public function at the historic Netaji Stadium this evening, the Prime Minister announced renaming of three islands of Andaman and Nicobar.

The Ross Island was renamed as Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, the Neil Island would now be known as Shaheed Dweep and the Havelock Island as Swaraj Dweep. Mr Modi also released a commemorative stamp, its first-day cover and a 75 rupees coin on this special day. He also announced setting up of a deemed university after Netaji Bose.

The coin of seventy-five rupees denomination shall only be coined at the Mint for issue under the authority of the central government on the occasion of '75th Anniversary of Hoisting of Tricolour' for the first time by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Port Blair.

The commemorative Rs 75 coin will be made out of 50 per cent silver, 40 per cent copper, and 5 per cent each of nickel and zinc, and will weigh 35 grams, a PTI report said. This coin will bear the portrait of 'Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose' saluting the flag on the background of Cellular Jail in Port Blair. A numeral 75th along with inscription "anniversary" will be depicted below the portrait. The coin will carry an inscription saying 'First Flag Hoisting Day' in both Devnagari script and English.



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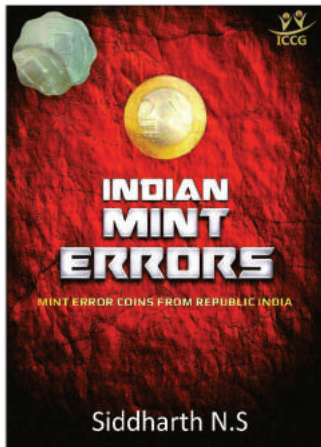
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