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Mumbai Mint Launches Shree Ganesh Chaturthi Silver Souvenir Coin

The souvenir coin is by the mint engraver has Lord Ganesh in all his majesty with his devotees on the obverse side and the SPMCIL logo with the purity of silver and the year mentioned on the reverse side

Mumbai: The India Government Mint, Mumbai (a unit of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd.) launched the Ganesh Chaturthi Silver Souvenir Coin 40 gram (999 fineness) on September 3, 2019. Ajay Kumar Srivastav, Director Technical (SPMCIL) and S. Pradhan (General Manager) IGM, Mumbai were present during the launch. The souvenir coin is a painstaking and laborious effort by the mint engraver with Lord Ganesh in all his majesty with his devotees on the obverse side and the SPMCIL logo with the purity of silver and the year mentioned on the reverse side. The coin weighs around 40 gms on a 44 mm size blank. The mint has also produced the much-acclaimed Shahi Snaan coin which sold in large numbers at the recently concluded Kumbh Mela.



Other notable products include the recently minted new series of coins - 12 sided coin which is also known as a polygon-shaped coin with braille letters. Today, the mint recorded a sale of 900 sets which is an indicator of big sales. The packing is sturdy and functional with the coin placed in a plastic capsule. Several numismatic and coin collectors were also present at the event.



Ashok Shahani, a lawyer and coin collector who was present at the event stated, "this religious offering from the Mumbai Mint is a curtain-raiser for many as a good indicator for the Numismatic scene. We shall also be seeing our country's first colored coin soon. The coins from Mumbai Mint can stand out in their own way and are considered world-class and a numismatic delight. Many more souvenir coins are around the corner." **Cont on Page 7th..**

ICCG 2019 - Lifetime Achievement Award



Shri. Pramod Vejani



Shri. Ashok P Kumar Singh



Shri. Anish Mehta

Honoring Senior Professional Numismatist Shri. Pramod Vejani, Shri. Ashok Kumar Singh and Shri. Anish Mehta
 Longtime numismatists will be honored with the ICCG's 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award on 11th October during the ICCG Numismatic & Philatelic Trade Show in association with Hobby Lifestyle India (HLI) at NESCO Goregaon, Mumbai
 This award is presented to an individual, family or organization that has made outstanding contributions to organized numismatics.

Rare Coins on Display Legends Honored in Mumbai Numismatic Show

Mumbai: The three-day long numismatic show kicked off from 20th to 22nd September 2019 at World Trade Centre in Mumbai where over 100 stalls had exhibited rare collection of coins, demonetized currency, stamps and antique pieces. During the three-day show, Mumbaiers could take their coins and notes to the show for a free appraisal at various numismatic counters like Todywalla Auctions, Bombay Auctions, ICCG and others.

The exhibition provided a platform for numismatists to exhibit their collections and exchange their thoughts with experts and other collectors. History from different parts of the world and from different periods could be experienced under one roof. Thousands of visitors were seen visiting the fair in these three days, from all over the country.

Indian coinage is replete with motifs of Gods and Goddesses such as Laxmi, Shiv, Tirupathi Balaji and Swastika symbol. Also represented are Nandi, Garuda, Ardhanareshwar etc. Seen in the coin expo were 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.

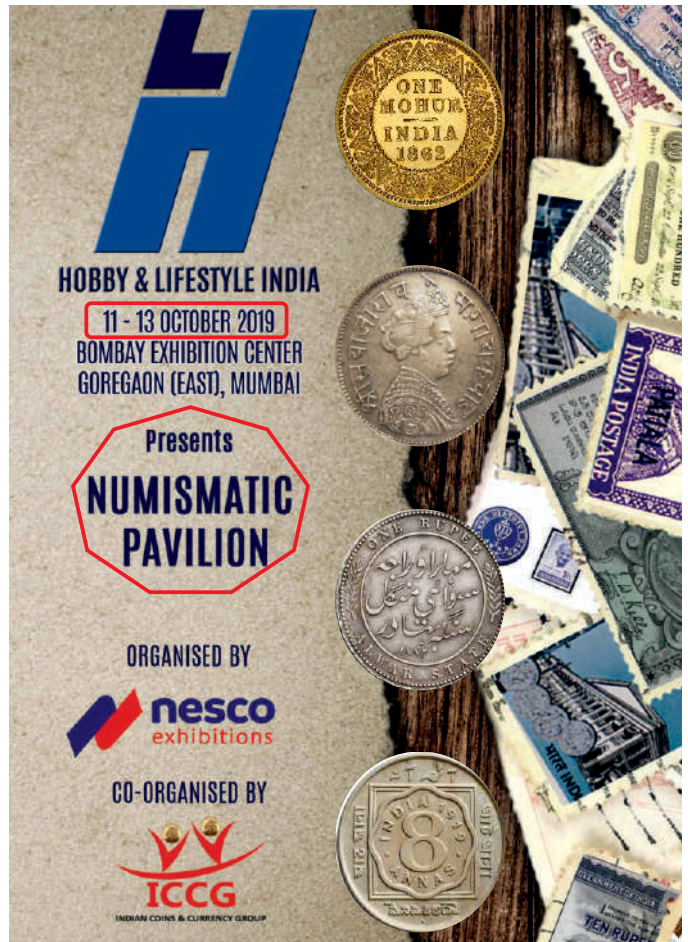
Honoring the Legends

Longtime numismatists and philatelists Shri. Bastimal Solanki, Shri. Ganesh Nene and Shri. Suhas Kadam were awarded with the Lifetime Achievement Award for their contribution towards Indian numismatics and philately.

Shri. Bastimal Solanki from Pune has a collection of more than hundred types of different rare items. He started Indian Collectors Society of rare items and also started Coinex Pune Exhibition in 2001 and is also the editor of Pune Coinex Souvenir. Shri. Solanki also runs an Eye Clinic with free medical check-ups and medicines and was awarded by the Mayor of Pune recently for his excellent work in medical field. Member of several numismatic societies and having displayed his collections all over India Shri. Solanki has also won a Gold medal and two Silver medals for his collections.

Shri. Suhas Kadam is a senior numismatist and a well known face of the Mumbai Coin Society.

Shri. Ganesh Nene is a graduate in science faculty. He started collecting coins in 1999. He began with Princely State, Ancient Maratha and south Indian Gold etc. In 2003 his book got published on Maratha Coins of Peshwa Region. And first article in INNRS Journal Anjaneri on Maratha Copper Coin in 2003 Ahmadabad mint. Shri. Nene has written several articles on different Maratha Coins. He gives free advice on Maratha Coins to new collectors. He is also a founder member of Mumbai coin society. At present he is writing book on Maratha Coinage - a guide for Maratha coin collector which will be published next year.



Hyperinflation occurs when a country experiences an accelerated rate of inflation, which rapidly erodes the real value of the local currency

Article: Shri. Anish Mehta

Hyperinflation is not a common phenomenon but has occurred in several countries such as Germany, Romania, Hungary, Zimbabwe and many others.

Inflation of 50% a month for at least one month is the threshold at which a conventional inflation becomes a hyperinflation, judged economist Phillip Cagan in his 1956 study, "The Monetary Dynamics of Hyperinflation."

Typically, the government during these periods of hyperinflation the country increases the money supply by printing more bank notes to pay for its spending needs. This increased money supply leads to the devaluation of the bank notes complemented by the increased money velocity.

Since wealth isn't created by printing money, it is only represented by it. When you print more money without increasing the wealth it represents, then each banknote represents a smaller slice of the pie because you've just divided it into more slices. This reckless action of the government causes inflation and thus eventually, hyperinflation. Finally, the government starts printing of larger denominations of banknotes, as smaller denomination notes become worthless.

The crisis of hyperinflation normally ends with the issue of a new national currency with smaller denomination replacing the high denomination bank notes or adopting a foreign currency. This leaves the hyperinflation bank notes to become obsolete. In many cases the common man loses his entire life savings. For example, some Hungarians did not care to exchange smaller quantities of pengo into its smaller quantities of Forints (their new currency). Eventually obsolete pengo banknotes were swept into the gutter.

Anish Mehta is a businessman with an insatiable entrepreneurial spirit. He has a passion for collecting since childhood, things like stamps, toy cars etc! Now into more serious collections, he has taken to collecting currency and banknotes. His collection grows as he travels for business and keeps an eye out for the treasures he has now in his possession.

He started his journey of collecting bank notes from 2013 and naturally, he started his collection with Indian bank notes. Slowly this became a growing passion. As his collection grew, Anish forayed into collecting foreign currency as well as his business travels made him frequently have to change currency.

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Numbers and math have always held a special place in Anish's growing interest in currency collection. In 2015 he came across Hyperinflation Notes of Zimbabwe and it captured his imagination.

He further studied the phenomenon of Hyperinflation notes and began his search for more. "It was wonderful to see so many ZEROS on the bank notes," which prompted him to commence the Hyperinflation Collection. The collection is based on high denomination bank notes from around the world with a criteria that the bank note should have a minimum denomination of 50,000.

At the beginning of the collection, he presumed there would be around 100 odd bank notes to complete this collection but the "tunnel" was never ending. He has now crossed a quantity of 2,000 bank notes from 51 countries in this collection last month.

He has also authored a book on this subject last year.

During the last two years he has exhibited his collection at selected exhibitions for other collectors to view and learn from. He has also has given presentation on this subject.

A get together of several collectors and dealers was arranged by Anish at Andheri West on September 14, 2019 to acknowledge this milestone of collecting his 2000th bank note in his Hyperinflation collection.

Anish has some other themes of bank note collection which includes Overprint, Pre 1900 period, Uncut sheets, unusual material and odd denominations.



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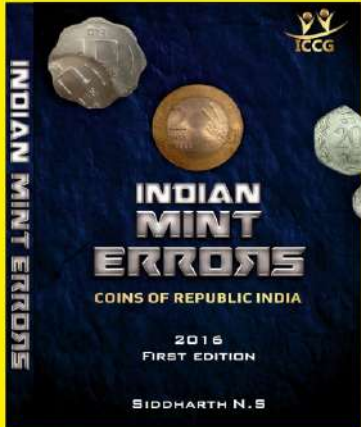
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Hobby Enthusiastics Excited for a Change

ICCG's upcoming Mega Numismatic and Philatelic trade show gets an overwhelming response from hobby enthusiasts as most collectors and dealers were seen excited for a change and be a part of the upcoming Mega Event.



Celebrating Indian Women of History on Postal Stamps

Women's history has a facet we must celebrate. Women have been part of Indian stamps for decades. The First Stamp of Independent India was issued on 21 November 1947. The first Indian woman on postage was Mirabai, issued on October 1, 1952 and was for 2 annas. Since then hundreds of Indian women stamps were issued and they commemorated women from history to film actors. Here is a list of stamps issued with women on it and their significance.



Mirabai (1952) The famous devotee of Krishna, Mirabai was the first Indian woman to be on a postal stamp in 1952. Her Bhajans, dedicated to Krishna and her love and devotion to him made her an icon. She was one of the key saints of Bhakti Movement. Her devotion to Krishna was a labour of love, which meant she gave up her royal privileges and paid little attention to duties as a queen.

Kalidasa's Shankuntala (1960) In Hinduism, Shakuntala is the wife of Dushyanta and the mother of Emperor Bharata. A stamp was launched in 1960 to celebrate her story. Her most famous story is told Kalidasa's play Abhijñānaśakuntalā. Shakuntala was the first Indian drama to be translated into a Western language, by Sir William Jones in 1789. In the next 100 years, there were at least 46 translations in twelve European languages.

Annie Besant (1963) Annie Besant was the second President of The Theosophical Society, one that was headquartered in Chennai. Most major cities in India have roads named after her. She was a women's rights activist, a thinker, educationist and orator. Besant was a member of the National Secular Society, which preached 'free thought'.

Kasturba Gandhi (1964) A political activist during the freedom struggle, she was the wife of Mahatma Gandhi who was passionate about freedom movements across India. Documents on her suggest though she was always in the shadows of her husband, she was a leader who was empowered and used the time away from her husband to hone her leadership skills. For someone who wasn't taught to read or write, she was capable and contributed to the Independence movement significantly. She was an active presence in the Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience movements and despite her age, led the masses into a non-violent agitation against the colonial masters.

Sarojini Naidu (1964) She a feminist, political activist, poet, and the first Indian woman president of the Indian National Congress. She was the daughter of Aghorenath Chattopadhyaya, a Bengali Brahmin who was the principal of Nizam's College in Hyderabad. Her mother was herself a great poet and used to write poems in Bengali. Having a well-educated backdrop, Sarojini went to study early in 1895 at King's college, London, and later at Girton College Cambridge.

Sister Nivedita (1968) She was an Irish teacher, social activist, school founder, author of Kali and the disciple of Swami Vivekananda. She was a philanthropist who has contributed immensely in times of calamity like plague outbreak in Calcutta (1899) and East Bengal famine of 1966.

Kittur Rani Chennamma (1977) Rani Chennamma was in some ways the first female activist of Bharat. Long before the independence struggle began, she made her mark in fighting oppression. She stood all alone with a vibrant fiery eye against the British Empire. Rani Chennamma did not succeed in driving them away, but she did provoke many women to rise against the British rule. She was Chennamma Queen of the princely state Kittur in Karnataka.

Kamala Nehru Kamala Nehru, a staunch follower of Mahatma Gandhi, and the wife of Jawaharlal Nehru, was amongst the first freedom fighters who raised their voices for women empowerment. She was born into a Kashmiri Pandit family, and married Nehru at the age of 17. She was homeschooled and couldn't speak in English.

She gave birth to a girl child, Indira Priyadarshini, who later went on to become the Prime Minister of India.

Durgabai Deshmukh A brave and gutsy social worker, Durgabai stood up for women's rights from an early age. She was a child bride, married off at 8 to a wealthy zamindar (landlord). Although her parents married her off, she called it their only mistake and remained inspired by them. Her father was a social worker. The next few years she was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and his efforts. When Gandhi visited Kakinada to address a town hall gathering in 1921, the then 12 year old girl met him along with a group local Devadasi and Muslim women. After meeting him, not only her, but her entire family gave up all forms of Western wear and decided to wear only Khadi. She later decided to quit school as a protest against the English language taught there. Durgabai left her husband at 15 and joined the independence movement in full earnest. She led the Salt Satyagraha movement in Madras after another freedom fighter T Prakasam was arrested by the British. **Cont on Page 9th..**

Exhibition Held on Rare Coins and Currency Notes in Vijaywada

Vijaywada: An exhibition of International and domestic coins was organized by Vijaywada Numismatic and Philatelic Association here from 06th to 8th September 2019. The association kicked off its three days long International Coin Expo 2019.

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of state Culture and Creativity Commission, Laxmi Kumari inaugurated the exhibition of International and domestic coins. As per the reports with ICCG News Laxmi Kumari told, "It is a very rare opportunity for the people. The exhibition has ancient coins and notes. The products are all collected by the people as their hobby and I really appreciate their effort. There is an option for the people to buy the products if they wish to."



It had stalls of coins, currency notes and postal stamps of different countries. Coins made up of Gold, Silver, Copper and different metals were put up on display.

"I have been collecting coins for last 44 years and I left my job a few years back so that I collect more currencies from different countries. This association is conducting its fourth International Coin Expo," a numismatist, Kesavarao present at the exhibition said. People from Andhra Pradesh and students from different schools visited the exhibition with great enthusiasm.


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The Mint is also conducting a joint issue with the Department of Posts and the Union Ministry of Culture on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary on 2nd October. Mumbai mint established in the year 1829 and is a heritage structure. In 1918, the Mumbai Mint had also minted the Gold British Sovereign coin with the "I" mark in the section now known as Mint house. The coin minted is rare and highly prized by collectors.

Mumbai Mint is a wholly-owned entity of Ministry of Finance, Government of India, a public utility institution. It is engaged in the manufacturing of circulation coins, medals and commemorative coins, assay and refining of precious metals. The organization is engaged in sovereign functions of Minting Coins for the nation, manufacturing standard weights & measures for various State Governments/U. T's, Gold refining, Manufacturing gold coins, medals to various prestigious.



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Dominican Republic Releases Postal Stamp for Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary

Santo Domingo: The Dominican Republic launched a stamp commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at the Foreign Ministry here.

"Thank Miguel Vargas for this tremendous gesture honoring the father of the Nation of India. Thanks to the efforts of his close friend Mr. C.F. Andrews, Mahatma Gandhi and his concept of non-violence were equally influential in the Caribbean as elsewhere.

"We recently had the official visit of MoS External Affairs V Muraleedharan to the Dominican Republic, where he met not only with the Foreign Minister to further strengthen the present commercial and diplomatic relations between the two countries but also to thank the cooperation we have given India during our tenure at the UN non-permanent Security Council," the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to India, Frank Hans Dannenberg Castellanos, said.

"During this visit, he also met with the Minister of Energy and Mines, the minister of commerce, of the economy and had important meetings with Dominican businessmen and the Indian diaspora.

After his departure, the Ambassador of India in Cuba concurrently accredited to the Dominican Republic was in an event held at the Foreign Ministry together with the Director of the Dominican Postal Board where we released a new stamp in commemoration of the 150th year of Gandhi," he added.

"The stamp was then printed as a Dominican Republic stamp and the official inauguration was done yesterday night at the foreign ministry of the Dominican Republic together with the FM, the Director of the Postal Services, myself as the Ambassador to India and the Indian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic concurrently accredited from Cuba," Castellanos stated.

The government of India has decided to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the 'Father of the Nation', at a national and international level to propagate his message.

A National Committee (NC) headed by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind has been constituted for this purpose. An Executive Committee (EC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with 19 members has also been constituted for the celebrations.

First Ever Silver Coin to Mark Gandhi's 150th Anniversary

As per the sources with ICCG, the Mumbai mint will also be soon coming up with its first pure silver coin to mark Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary. This would be a 999 pure silver coin.



Uzbekistan Honors Mahatma Gandhi by Issuing Postage Stamp

New Delhi: Uzbekistan Post Association "O'zbekiston Pochtasi" in a unique move in partnership with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications will put into circulation from October 2 a postage stamp on the occasion of 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The stamp depicts a portrait of Mahatma Gandhi with an inscription in Uzbek and English languages "150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi". The stamp has been issued under the series of "outstanding Leaders".

There will be several other events taking place in Uzbekistan dedicated to 150th anniversary of Gandhi-ji whose image, ideas and philosophy are quite popular among Uzbeks. Several avenues and streets in Uzbekistan carry the name of Mahatma Gandhi.

Last year Mahatma Gandhi's book "Story of my life" was published in Uzbek language. During the Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's State visit to India last year he presented the Uzbek translation of Gandhi's book to the President and Prime Minister.



Coin of the month

Brockage Commemorative Fifty Paise

Error: This is really an EXCEPTIONALLY unusual error coin.

Description: Brockages are specimens of coins, those are found with normal design on one side same design in full, incused (mirror image) on the other side also. These are also called as "Lakhi" coins. A Full Brockage will have the same picture and wording on both sides of the coin, but one of those sides would be with complete mirror image of the other side. Also, everything is 'set in' to the coin surface, instead of raised.

Occurrence: This happens when the coin last struck in the chain gets lodged in the die and then another blank comes into position and is struck. The new blank gets the normal impression on one side. The coin, still stuck in the die, acts as a die and the other side of the blank receives an incused impression from the face of the previous lodged coin.

USE: Circulation

Metal: Pure Nickel **Shape:** Circular **Weight:** 5 gms **Diameter:** 24 mm **Year:** 1973

Edge: Milled **Mint:** Kolkata

Obverse side: The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion and the value '50' on the center. In English "INDIA" and "PAISE" appear on the right side periphery and in Hindi "Bharat" and "Paise" appear on the left side.

Reverse side: The reverse of this coin shows the legend "Adhik Anna Ugao" in Hindi and "GROW MORE FOOD" in English on a vertical tablet encircled by two ears of corn. '1973' – the year of issue is inscribed under the tablet.



This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of Mr. Apurba Chatterji's collection.

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Indira Gandhi (1984) She was an astute politician, stateswoman and the compass of the Indian National Congress. She is the second longest serving Prime Minister of India. Watch a video on her on our series Sepia Stories here

Begum Hazrat Mahal (1984) She is among the forgotten independent women of India. Begum Hazrat Mahal rebelled against the British East India Company during the Indian Rebellion of 1857. Also known as Begum of Awadh, was the first wife of Nawab Wajid Ali Shah. After her husband had been exiled to Calcutta, she took charge of the affairs in the state of Awadh and seized control of Lucknow. Watch a video on her on our series Sepia Stories

Rukmini Devi (1987) One of India's renowned Bharatnatyam dancers, she was born in Madurai to a South Indian family. Her interest in dance was kindled by her meeting with a Russian ballerina. She is a receipt of Padma Bhushan, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar. In 1936, she led the setting up of the Kalakshetra in Chennai which has since produced many eminent dancers. Her contribution goes beyond dance. She invite Maria Montessori to come up and set up teaching courses and that led to the Montessori style of education to begin in India.

Rani Durgawati (1988) Rani Durgawati was a ruling Queen of Gondwana from 1550 until 1564. She was born in the family of Chandel king Keerat Rai. She was born at the fort of Kalinjar. Rani Durgawati's achievements further enhanced the glory of her ancestral tradition of courage and patronage. She distinguished herself as a warrior and fought with unvarying success against Baz Bahadur, the Sultan of Malwa. She was valiant, beautiful and brave and also a great leader with administrative skills. Her self-respect forced her to fight till death rather than surrender herself to her enemy. She chose to kill herself rather than surrendering before the Mughal army.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur (1989) As the first health minister of India, she was on the stamp in 1989. Known as freedom fighter and a social activist, is known for setting up the Tuberculosis Association of India, the Central Leprosy and Research Institute and several other health centres across the country.

Ahilyabai Holkar (1996) Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar was the Holkar Queen of the Maratha Malwa kingdom. Rajmata Ahilyabai was born in the village of Chondi in Jamkhed, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. She moved the capital to Maheshwar south of Indore on the Narmada River.



The Supreme Court of India

The Supreme Court of India is the highest judicial forum and final court of appeal under the Constitution of India, the highest constitutional court, with the power of constitutional review. Consisting of the Chief Justice of India and 30 other judges, it has extensive powers in the form of original, appellate and advisory jurisdictions.

As the final court of appeal of the country, it takes up appeals primarily against verdicts of the High Courts of various states of the Union and other courts and tribunals. It safeguards fundamental rights of citizens and settles disputes between various governments in the country. As an advisory court, it hears matters which may specifically be referred to it under the Constitution by the President of India. It also may take cognisance of matters on its own (or 'suo moto'), without anyone drawing its attention to them. The law declared by the Supreme Court becomes binding on all courts within India.

History:

In 1861 the Indian High Courts Act 1861 was enacted to create High Courts for various provinces and abolished Supreme Courts at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay and also the Sadar Adalats in Presidency towns which had acted as the highest court in their respective regions. These new High Courts had the distinction of being the highest Courts for all cases till the creation of Federal Court of India under the Government of India Act 1935. The Federal Court had jurisdiction to solve disputes between provinces and federal states and hear appeal against judgements of the High Courts.

The Supreme Court of India came into being on 26 January 1950. It replaced both the Federal Court of India and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council which were then at the apex of the Indian court system.

Supreme Court initially had its seat at Chamber of Princes in the Parliament building where the previous Federal Court of India sat from 1937 to 1950. The first Chief Justice of India was Sir H J Kania. In 1958, the Supreme Court moved to its present premises. Originally, Constitution of India envisaged a Supreme Court with a Chief Justice and seven Judges; leaving it to Parliament to increase this number. In formative years, the Supreme Court met from 10 to 12 in the morning and then 2 to 4 in the afternoon for 28 days in a year.

The building is shaped to symbolise scales of justice with its centre-beam being the Central Wing of the building comprising the Chief Justice's court, the largest of the courtrooms, with two court halls on either side. The Right Wing of the structure has the bar - room, the offices of the Attorney General of India and other law officers and the library of the court. The Left Wing has the offices of the court. In all there are 15 court rooms in the various wings of the building.

The foundation stone of the supreme court's building was laid on 29 October 1954 by Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India. The main block of the building has been built on a triangular plot of 17 acres and has been designed in an Indo-British style by the chief architect Ganesh Bhikaji Deolalikar, the first Indian to head the Central Public Works Department. The Court moved into the building in 1958. In 1979, two new wings - the East Wing and the West Wing - were added to the complex. 1994 saw the last extension.

Coin Commemorated:

The Golden Jubilee celebration of its establishment was observed in the year 2000. On this occasion this 2 rupees coin was issued in November 2000, for general circulation. Another 50 rupees coin, was issued as uncirculated / proof specimen.

Incidentally, this is the only coin of Republic India which bears the image of Ashoka Emblem on both faces (the obverse and also the reverse).



Event's Time 10.00 Am - 7.00 Pm

Month	Dates	Events Name	Venue
September	6, 7, & 8	'Hypex' Banknote & Philately Fair	Federation House, FAPCCI Marg, Red Hills, Hyderabad, Telangana.
September	20, 21, & 22	MCS Coin, Banknote & Philately Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
October	11, 12, & 13	"ICCG Numismatic & Philatelic Trade Show" Hobby & Lifestyle India	Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon East, Western express Highway, Mumbai.
October	18, 19, & 20	"Oudh Coin Ex 2019"	The Hotel Golden Tulip Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
November	15, 16 & 17	Coinex Pune	Sonal Hall, Karve Road, Pune, Maharashtra.
Nov - Dec	29, 30 & 1	RNS "Delhi Coins & Notes Exhibition"	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
December		7th Mumbai Coinex	Shree Sunderbhai Hall, Behind Income Tax, Churchgate, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
December	20, 21, & 22	Mudra Utsav (Kolkata)	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, WestBengal.

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Emirates Post in Dubai launches commemorative stamps to mark 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The postage stamps are available at the Emirates Post Central Happiness Centre in Dubai

Dubai: Commemorative stamps to mark the 150th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October, have been issued in the UAE by the Emirates Post in Dubai. The stamps highlight the life and times of India's most influential leader, says a statement by the Emirates Post recently.

Commonly referred to as the 'Father of India', Gandhi is revered by many for his efforts to unite people, regardless of race or religion. Emirates Post is issuing 6,000 commemorative stamps, which are available at Emirates Post Central Happiness Centre in Dubai.

Recently, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and His Highness Shikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, had also released postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary. The postage stamps were issued at the Presidential Palace in Abu Dhabi during Prime Minister Modi's two-day-visit. Commenting on the special issuance, Abdulla M. Alashram, Acting Group CEO of Emirates Post Group, said: "As we approach the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, Emirates Post is issuing a stamp as a celebration of the values Gandhi embodied and upheld during his lifetime."

"The stamp serves as a reminder of his significant contribution to human development, and his teachings of tolerance and respect is one of universal relevance. Seventy years after his passing, Mahatma Gandhi's legacy can still be felt the world over and his impact on humanity still lives on.

"The stamp, designed to celebrate an inspirational historical figure, also demonstrates the strong ties the UAE has with India and the contributions Indians have and will play in the development of our communities here in the UAE", he added.

India is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi whose values of peace, tolerance and sustainability continue to be relevant and guide the world, an official statement by the Indian government during the visit of PM Modi.

In December last year, a digital interactive museum showcasing the life, works and philosophy of Gandhi and the father of UAE Shaikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan was jointly inaugurated by the then External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and her counterpart Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.



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