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Happy Diwali & Happy New Year Vikram Savant 2076

PM Modi Releases Commemorative Rs 150 Coins on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary

The limited-edition commemorative coin was launched in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Ahmedabad: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on October 2, released a special Rs 150 coin to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.

The limited-edition commemorative coin was launched during an event in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The prime minister was visiting Gandhi's native state to formally kick-start the 'Swachh Bharat Diwas' programme from the Sabarmati Riverfront. Chief Minister Vijay Rupani was also present at the event.

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ICCG Joins HLI to Promote Indian Numismatics

Hobby, Recreation and Lifestyle Exhibition recently got enthusiasts from around the sub-continent under one roof. The focused segments at the show displayed the new trends across hobby, recreation, health & wellness and lifestyle genres making its way to India.

Visitors were greeted with plenty of exhibitors with their Remote Controlled Models, Remote Controlled Equipment and Drones, Die-Cast (Rod, marine, Aerial, Railway), Plastic models, Accessories and hardware, Crafts, Bonsai, Miniatures, Music Instruments including whistling, Fishing, DIY, 3D printers and scanners, Creative products manufacturers, DIY products (Decor, Education, entertainment), Health and wellness, Health Supplements, Wellness and nutrition products, dies, organic and Super food, Lifestyle, Recreation and Outdoor, Outdoor activities, swimming, running, trekking, Bicycles, Bicycle accessories, tools, Informative literature and also Coins, Currency Notes and Stamps which were a part of ICCG's Numismatic Pavilion.

Indian Coins & Currency Group (ICCG) took pride to join hands with HLI in promoting Indian Numismatics with exhibitions and workshops on numismatics, notaphily & philately.

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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.

Rare collectibles like Error Coins and Misprint Currency Notes were also displayed at the event apart of Hyperinflation Currency Notes. Hyperinflation Notes were a part of Mr. Anish Mehta's collection. Hyperinflation occurs when a country experiences an accelerated rate of inflation, which rapidly erodes the real value of the local currency. Hyperinflation is not a common phenomenon but has occurred in several countries such as Germany, Romania, Hungary, Zimbabwe and many others and Mr. Mehta's collection has many of such notes.

ICCG News felicitated its readers for sharing their most valuable thoughts, collectibles and precious time in its interview section, articles and coins / notes of the month. ICCG also distributed trophies to the winners of an 'Error Coin Competition' which was earlier organized on a 'Facebook' forum. **Further ICCG honored Shri. Pramod Vejani, Shri. Ashok Kumar Singh and Shri. Anish Mehta from the Indian numismatic fraternity with Lifetime Achievement Awards.**



Worshipping Knowledge and Wealth: Diwali with Numismatic Touch

Indians buy gold on Dhanteras, which marks the first day of the festival Diwali. During this time several online, as well as offline stores, lure customers with huge discounts, cashback offers, etc.

India's love for gold is legendary! Indians own over 22,000 tons of gold – the highest in the world. Plus, they are expected to buy another large proportion of which is during occasions like Dhanteras.

Why Dhanteras?

'Dhanteras' is an amalgam of 'Dhan,' or wealth and 'teras,' or the thirteenth day of the Hindu New Year. It is the day when Laxmi, the goddess of prosperity, is believed to shower riches and remove deprivation. Hindus consider Dhanteras to be the most auspicious day for buying prized possessions such as a car, a house or gold. The inextricable relationship between Dhanteras and gold is natural. After all, few things symbolize affluence like gold does.

Gold-based investment products

There has been a gradual shift in gold-buying patterns on Dhanteras in recent years. The shift has been away from gold jewellery and towards gold-based investment products.

Indian households take a sentimental interest in buying gold. India has recently overtaken China in becoming the largest importer of gold on the earth. People consider it auspicious to buy gold on festivals like Makar Sankranti, Dussehra, Navratri, Gudi Parva, Diwali, Akshaya Tritiya and Dhanteras.

Buying gold and silver is considered auspicious on the day of Dhanteras, which marks the beginning of festivities leading up to Diwali. While gold buying is still essential for most households, there are many who now prefer silver jewellery over gold.

India is a nation of many festivals and these festival ceremonies often demonstrates non-monetary uses of money within a culture. The practice of praying to business related items, gambling on Diwali, worshipping coins, and the story of Goddess of wealth (Laxhmi) demonstrates the different ways money is looked at in Hinduism. The idea of praying to Goddesses Laxhmi and Saraswati in Diwali is balanced by the idea that without knowledge the wealth is meaningless. While the money is necessary to live, knowledge is necessary to sustain life.

The festival is also known as 'Laxhmipujan', which translates to 'the worship of Goddess Laxhmi'. Silver coins are worshipped on this occasion.



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12th State Level Philatelic Exhibition 'Karnapex-2019' Held For the FIRST Time in Mangaluru

Mangaluru : The four-day state level philatelic exhibition of the Indian Postal Service “KARNAPEX-2019” was held for the FIRST time in Mangaluru, and was inaugurated on 12 October by Former Lokayukta Justice Santhosh N Hegde at TMA Pai Hall, along with other dignitaries on the dais, namely- Vishva Pavan Pati-Additional DG Dept of Posts-New Delhi; Savio Mascarenhas- Group Art Director, Amar Chitra Katha; Dr Charles Lobo-Chief Post Master General, Karnataka Circle-Bengaluru; and Michael Fernandes-Ex-MLA, Bengaluru.

On the occasion India Post paid tribute to sons of the soil, namely George Fernandes, Anant Pai and Girish Karnad. It also released special covers to commemorate their contribution to the society. Thanking India Post for releasing a cover in memory of his brother Late George Fernandes, speaking on the occasion Michael Fernandes said, “Had George Fernandes been alive, he would have reacted differently to the present situation that India is facing. George's contribution to the setting up of Konkan Railway should be appreciated by us all. People should understand the spirit of George's life, the torture that George and his brother Lawrence endured during emergency”.

Also speaking Savio Mascarenhas said, “India Post has honored the master story-teller in Anant Pai, aka Uncle Pai. It was his flair for story-telling that spawned a culture of story-telling using comics as a medium and using it in turn to pass on information about Indian culture and mythology to the younger generation”. Vishva Pavan Pati praising the efforts put in by Charles Lobo, the CPMG of Karnataka Circle and his team in organizing the 12th edition of Karnapex 2019 to the coastal district, said [philately is regarded as the king of hobbies which has many dimensions. “It depicts socio-cultural aspect of any country, tracing India's tryst with stamps from the time the Penny Black was first released to how postal stamps have narrated the country's history. CBSE has included philately as one of the subjects in Political Science where children can learn about philately. We have taken out six octagonal stamps of Mahatma Gandhi on the eve of his 150th birth anniversary.”

Chief guest former Lokayukta N Santosh Hegde in his inaugural address said, “There is a lot one could learn from the lives of George Fernandes, Girish Karnad and Anant Pai, and incorporate the same in one's personal lives. My meeting with Fernandes during the Emergency has left a lasting impression on him. He was a revolutionary leader and fought for justice. I appreciate the release on special covers on him, and also on Ananth Pai and Girish Karnad by India Post. Anant Pai through his comic books for children kept them happy, and we should praise the efforts of Girish Karnad as a great artiste and writer.

Santhosh N Hegde also released picture post cards, the Divine Heritage of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, and released a book on special covers of Karnataka Volume II. Charles Lobo welcomed the gathering, while S Rajendra Kumar-Post Master General, South Karnataka Region-Bengaluru proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was compered by Gregory of India Post.

During the four-day programme from 12-15 October, various activities were held such as stamp exhibition, special cover release, cultural programmes, seminar, workshops, quiz competition for school children and treasure hunt. As part of the exhibition, on October 13, with theme as Environment Day, special covers on Mattu Gulla, Shankarapura Jasmine etc were released. A book on the introduction of permanent pictorial cancellation Kannada alphabet through stamps was also released. On October 14, the theme was on the Cultural Day. Special covers on National Flag, Siddi tribe, Tulu cinema and Shreemanthi Bai museum was released. The valedictory function was held on October 15.



Stamp of Approval by Indian Stamp Collectors

Colombo: While India's celebration to mark the 150th birth anniversary of its Father of Independence, Mahatma Gandhi was marred by miscreants who defaced his portrait and stole his ashes from a memorial in the Rewa district of the Madhya Pradesh state, Indian stamp collectors flocked to buy stamps issued by Sri Lanka to mark the occasion.

Around 30 Indian stamp collectors had flown to Sri Lanka to buy two stamps issued by the Philatelic Bureau to the value of Rs.45 and Rs.100.

The occasion was graced by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and Indian High Commissioner Tranjith Singh on October 2, 2019 which is also international day of non-violence.

The Philatelic Bureau also launched a national stamp exhibition at the Postal Headquarters in Colombo where around 100,000 Mahatma Gandhi stamps along with the first day cover and miniature sheets were available for sale.

The exhibition was held for a week and concluded on World Postal Day on October 9, 2019.



Postal Department release stamp of Vande Bharat Express

Indian Railways' Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in collaboration with Department of Posts has released a commemorative stamp on Indian Railways' first indigenous semi high speed train set Vande Bharat Express. The price of the stamp is Rs5. In the stamp 'Vande Bharat Express' is written in both Hindi and English languages. The Integral Coach Factory (ICF) is also written at the bottom of the stamp. The Chennai-based Integral Coach Factory, which manufactured these state-of-the-art trains, has also become the largest rail coach-maker in the world with 2,919 coaches being produced in a 12-month period till February this year.

Vande Bharat express, also dubbed as 'Train 18', can run up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph and has travel classes like Shatabdi Train but with better facilities in a bid to provide a totally new travel experience to passengers. The train features include a GPS based audio-visual passenger information system, onboard hotspot Wi-Fi for entertainment purposes, pantry and bio-vacuum toilets, the train has also been equipped with improved seating, a facility for the freezer, hot case and other technical improvements based on passenger feedback. In February this year, PM Narendra Modi had flagged off the train's maiden run from New Delhi to Varanasi. The train is designed and developed by a Chennai-based Railways Production unit, Integral Coach Factory in just 18 months which also includes the in-house design and manufacture, computer modeling and working etc.

Adding up the green footprints, this fully 'Make in India' train has regenerative braking system in the coaches which can save up to 30 % of electrical energy.

The new set of Train 18 is likely to commence operations between Delhi and Katra. The official said the new Vande Bharat Express will leave from Delhi at 6:00 a.m. and reach Katra at 2:00 p.m. And on its return journey on the same day, the train will depart from Katra at 3:00 p.m. and reach the national capital at 11 p.m.

A railway official speaking to IANS said that Railways has decided to run the train at a maximum speed of 130 kmh on the Delhi-Katra route will have three stops en route. The train will stop at Ambala, Ludhiana, and Jammu Tawi before reaching its destination of Katra.



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Cellular Jail

The Cellular Jail was a colonial prison in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India. The prison was used by the British especially to exile political prisoners to the remote archipelago. Many notable dissidents such as Batukeshwar Dutt, Yogendra Shukla and Vinayak Savarkar, among others, were imprisoned here during the struggle for India's independence. Today, the complex serves as a national memorial monument.

Although the prison complex itself was constructed between 1896 and 1906, the British had been using the Andaman Islands as a prison since the days in the immediate aftermath of the Sepoy Mutiny of 1857.

Shortly after the rebellion was suppressed, the British executed many rebels. Those who survived were exiled for life to the Andamans to prevent their re-offending. Two hundred rebels were transported to the islands under the custody of the jailer David Barry and Major James Pattison Walker, a military doctor who had been warden of the prison at Agra. Another 733 from Karachi arrived in April, 1868. In 1863, the Rev. Henry Fisher Corbyn, of the Bengal Ecclesiastical Establishment, was also sent out there and he set up the 'Andamanese Home' there, which was also a repressive institution albeit disguised as a charitable one. Rev. Corbyn was posted in 1866 as Vicar to St. Luke's Church, Abbottabad, and later died there and is buried at the Old Christian Cemetery, Abbottabad. More prisoners arrived from India and Burma as the settlement grew. Anyone who belonged to the Mughal royal family, or who had sent a petition to Bahadur Shah Zafar during the Rebellion was liable to be deported to the islands.

The remote islands were considered to be a suitable place to punish the independence activists. Not only were they isolated from the mainland, the overseas journey (Kala Pani) to the islands also threatened them with loss of caste, resulting in social exclusion. The convicts could also be used in chain gangs to construct prisons, buildings and harbour facilities. Many died in this enterprise. They served to colonise the island for the British.

The construction of the prison started in 1896 and was completed in 1906. The original building was a puce-colored brick building. The bricks used to build the building were brought from Burma.

The building had seven wings, at the centre of which a tower served as the intersection and was used by guards to keep watch on the inmates; this format was based on Jeremy Bentham's idea of the Panopticon. The wings radiated from the tower in straight lines, much like the spokes of a bicycle wheel. A large bell was kept in the tower to raise an alarm.

Each of the seven wings had three stories upon completion. There were no dormitories and a total of 693 cells. Each cell was 4.5 by 2.7 metres (14.8 ft x 8.9 ft) in size with a ventilator located at a height of 3 metres (9.8 ft). The name, "cellular jail", derived from the solitary cells which prevented any prisoner from communicating with any other. Also, the spokes were so designed such that the face of a cell in a spoke saw the back of cells in another spoke. This way, communication between prisoners was impossible. They were all in solitary confinement.

Most prisoners of the Cellular Jail were independence activists. Some famous inmates of the Cellular Jail were Diwan Singh Kalepani, Fazl-e-Haq Khairabadi, Yogendra Shukla, Batukeshwar Dutt, Maulana Ahmadullah, Movli Abdul Rahim Sadiqपुरi, Maulvi Liaquat Ali, Babarao Savarkar, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, Bhai Parmanand, Shadan Chandra Chatterjee, Sohan Singh, Vaman Rao Joshi and Nand Gopal. Several revolutionaries tried in the Alipore Case (1908) such as Barindra Kumar Ghose, Upendra Nath Banerjee, Birendra Chandra Sen. Jatish Chandra Pal, the surviving companion of Bagha Jatin, was transferred to Berhampore Jail in Bengal, before his mysterious death in 1924. Savarkar brothers Babarao and Vinayak didn't know of each other in the same jail but in different cells, for two years.

In March 1868, 238 prisoners tried to escape. By April they were all caught. One committed suicide and of the remainder Superintendent Walker ordered 87 to be hanged.

Hunger strikes by the inmates in May 1933 called attention to the Jail Authorities. 33 prisoners protested the inhuman treatment meted to the prisoners and sat in hunger strike. Among them were Mahavir Singh, an associate of Bhagat Singh (Lahore conspiracy case), Mohan Kishore Namadas (convicted in Arms Act Case) and Mohit Moitra (also convicted in Arms Act Case). These three freedom fighters died due to force-feeding. Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore intervened. The government decided to repatriate the political prisoners from the Cellular Jail in 1937-38.

Another two wings of the jail were demolished after India achieved independence. However, this led to protests from several former prisoners and political leaders who saw it as a way of erasing the tangible evidence of their persecution. The remaining three wings and the central tower were therefore 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.

The centenary of the jail's completion was marked on 10 March 2006. Many erstwhile prisoners were felicitated on this occasion by the Government of India.

Coin Commemorated

In the Year 1997, to commemorate the 100 years of Cellular Jail at Port Blair, a Single Coin proof set and a circulation coin was also issued.



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Pointing that the world was celebrating Gandhi's birth anniversary this year, PM Modi said: "The whole world is celebrating Bapu's birth anniversary. A few days ago, United Nations (UN) released a postal stamp to make this occasion memorable, now commemorative stamps and coins have also been released here."

PM Modi also visited the Sabarmati Ashram to mark the day and wrote in the visitors' book: "I'm satisfied that on the occasion of #GandhiAt150, we're witnessing the fulfillment of his dream of 'Swachh Bharat'. I feel lucky that on this occasion when India has successfully stopped open defecation. (sic)"

In January, PM Modi had released a similar commemorative coin of Rs 350 to celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh. A commemorative Rs 100 coin was released in 2018 to honour former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

World Post Day Highlights Postal Services, Was Mooted By an Indian

New Delhi: World Post Day, also called World Post Office Day, is observed every year on October 9 and marks the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), which was set up in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. World Post Day is observed to create awareness about the role and importance of postal services in the lives of people, and how it contributes to the global development. It was mooted by an Indian, Anand Mohan Narula, in 1969 at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Congress in Tokyo, Japan. Since then, World Post Day has been celebrated all over the world.


Postal services have come a long way. From letters being sent to people on horseback, hand-delivered to evolving into full-fledged post offices and letterboxes spread across cities and towns to get the messages across. By the late 1800s global postal service started. Universal Postal Union, that started in 1874, opened the way for efficient postal services. The Universal Postal Union became an agency of the United Nations in 1948.

How World Post Day Is Celebrated

World Post Day is celebrated every year in more than 150 countries. In some countries, World Post Day is observed as a working holiday. It's a day when new postal products and services are promoted. On World Post Day, employees are also rewarded for good service.

Countries celebrate it by organizing Philatelic exhibitions where new stamps are issued. On World Post Day, posters are also displayed in post offices and other public places. Several conferences, seminars and workshops, cultural, sport and other recreational activities are organized to mark World Post Day. Special souvenirs like T-shirts and badges are also distributed to mark the day that celebrates the postal services.





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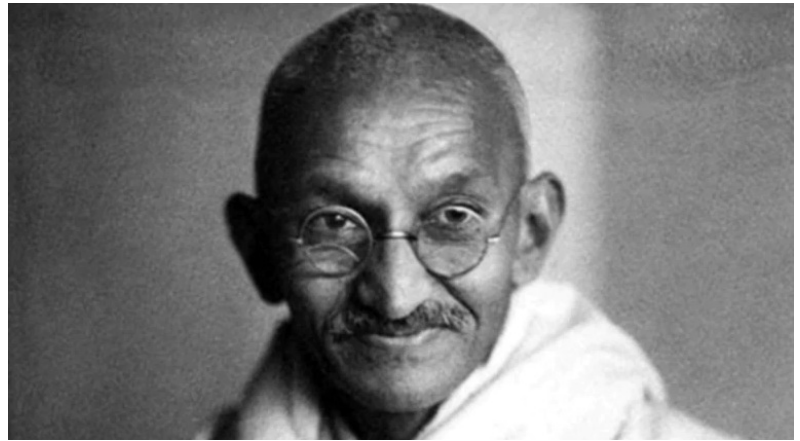
New Delhi: Uzbekistan Post Association "O'zbekiston Pochtasi" in a unique move in partnership with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications will put into circulation from October 2 a postage stamp on the occasion of 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

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.



UK Issue Coin in Honor of Mahatma Gandhi to Mark 150th Birth Anniversary

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sajid Javid revealed plans to release a new UK coin to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi. The plan was released at the GG2 Power list event in London. The Pakistani-origin British finance minister said he had asked the UK's Royal Mint to work on the coin so that the world never forgot what Gandhi taught it.

"Tonight's awards celebrate the 150th birthday of Gandhi - a fitting time to announce that I've asked the Royal Mint of the UK to propose a new commemorative coin in his honour. We should never forget what Gandhi taught the world," said Javid.

"Gandhi taught us that power doesn't just come from wealth or high office. We must always remember the values he lived his life by and that our parents brought with them when they arrived here all those years ago," added Javid, a son of a British Pakistani bus driver who has often spoken of his humble origin.

Sajid Javid who has retained the top spot on the GG2 Power List, the definitive ranking of the UK's 101 most powerful Asians said, "I am honored to be recognised on the GG2 Power List once more and I am proud to live in a Britain where anyone can become Chancellor, whatever their background."

"Each person on this year's Power List has their own story to tell, but the example they set to young Asian women and men is helping to create a better and brighter future for Britain. I commend and congratulate them all," he said.

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Monaco Pays Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, Releases a Commemorative Stamp

In a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi to mark his 150th birth anniversary, Indian Embassy in France announced the release of a postage stamp. Partnering with French postal service company La Poste, the stamp has been released prices at €1.30. They released the stamp on 16th October 2019. The stamp bears a quote by Gandhi - "God is truth".

French Riviera microstate Monaco had announced the release of these postage stamp. Priced at 2.10 euros, 40,000 stamps has been released, at the 'Office des Timbres', the 'Musee des Timbres et des Monnaies'- the post offices and philatelic counters of the principality said. "It will be included, with other values, in the second part of the philatelic programme 2019 and offered to our subscribers and customers," it added. Earlier in August, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary in Abu Dhabi in the presence of Crown Prince Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

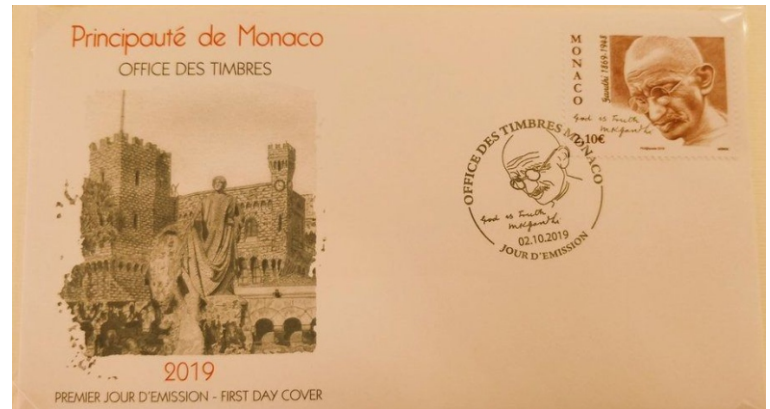
PM Modi pays tribute Mahatma Gandhi


PM Modi on October 2, explained the contributions of Mahatma Gandhi towards building a nation in his video message. He said, "The whole world is celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. His message of truth and non-violence is still relevant in the context of peace, progress, and development in the world. Mahatma Gandhi never tried to create a forceful impact through his life, but his life became the reason of inspiration to all. His commitment to his principles made him denounce seven perversions in life. These seven distortions cited by Mahatma Gandhi are still relevant. The sevens things include wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, business without ethics, science without humanity, religion without sacrifice and politics without principles. Whether its climate change or terrorism, corruption or social life compelled by interest, Gandhi Ji's principles help us in saving humanity. I am sure that this path shown by Gandhi Ji's will help in the development of a better world."

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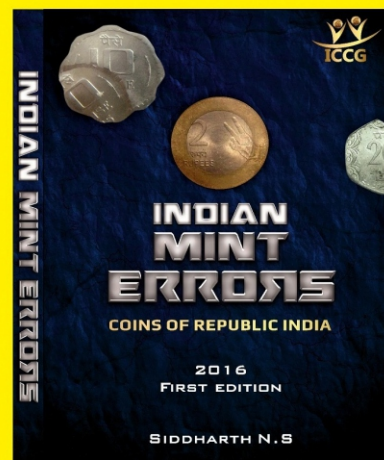
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Commemorative coins of India are usually issued to celebrate some special occasion or to mark a special event. They also have been issued as a mark of respect towards some distinguished individuals or monument. Indian commemorative coins were issued 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.

1982 – National Integration Issue

To stress the need for communal harmony and to aware the people that the different states and its people are the integral part of our country India, a 2 rupees coin with the theme “National Integration” was issued in Dec,1982. Out of the other 3 coins issued on the same theme, the 50 paise coin was issued for general circulation and the 10 rupees and the 100 rupees coins were issued as uncirculated / proof specimens.

Obverse: The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion, 'Satyameva Jayate' in Hindi and the value '2' in International numerals under it . In English "INDIA" and "RUPEES" appear on the right periphery and in Hindi "Bharat" and "Rupaye" appear on the left .



Reverse: The reverse of this coin shows the map of India in relief with the National flag over the map. The slogans “Rastriya Ekata” in Hindi and “NATIONAL INTEGRATION” in English are inscribed on the coin. '1982' -- the year of issue is shown at the bottom.

National Integration

Specifications:

Year of issue: 1982 **Weight:** 8 grams
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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.

Centenarian Philatelist Krishna Kadekodi Passes Away

Belagavi: Centenarian philatelist and coin collector Krishna Gopalkrishna Kadekodi passed away at his residence in Sadashiv Nagar in Belagavi at 2.30 am on 03rd October 2019. He was 102 and is survived by three sons and a daughter. He started his career as a revenue inspector and retired as a special deputy commissioner at the Regional Commissioner's Office in Belagavi. He was the first tahsildar of Panaji after the liberation of Goa from Portuguese occupation.

Kadekodi was popular not only in India, but also abroad for his hobby of collecting stamps, coins and antiques.

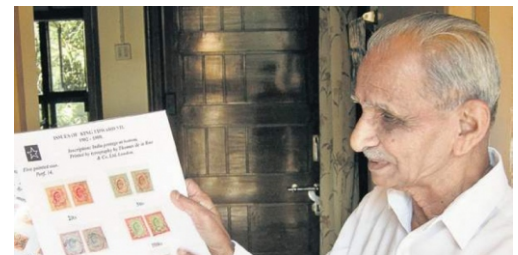
His collection includes a colored stamp of Queen Victoria issued in 1854.

He was also instrumental in the release of stamps on Kittur Rani Channama, N S Hardikar and other freedom fighters. In recognition of his hobby, the United States government released a stamp for 41 cents on his 90th birthday.

Kadekodi has collected all the stamps on Mahatma Gandhi released in 64 countries, including India. The government of India had conferred him with a gold medal.

Kadekodi, who set up a philatelic and coin collectors association in Belagavi in 1975, had served as state advisor for the state philately collectors association. He has been awarded several gold medals at the philatelic exhibition in Bengaluru, Belagavi, Dharwad and other places. Not just stamps, Kadekodi has collected gold, silver and other metal coins from the period of Mughals, Peshwas and notes from the year 1860. His collection includes coins released by the British between 1835 and 1947. The Gold Mohar coin of the East India Company released in 1765 is also part of the collection.

His hobby was not just collect the coins but to preserve the history behind the coins. In addition to this, he had also collected and preserved traditional antique items. The old and traditional utensils used by the people of Malnad to prepare food are also part of his collection.



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Last month ICCG News reported the release of Lord Ganesha Souvenir Silver coins released by the IG Mint on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi. IG Mint is planning to come up with few more souvenir coins in coming future as per the sources known to ICCG News.



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