

# Modi Calls Kartarpur Corridor Opening Blissful, Commemorates a Coin



rime Minister Narendra Modi, while inaugurating the much-awaited Kartarpur corridor on 09th November 2019, said that he was feeling blessed like any other Sikh devotee on this historic day as they

will now be able to visit the Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur Pakistan which a day earlier had to be viewed using a binocular. Prime Minister Modi also expressed his gratitude to Punjab Chief Minister

Captain Amarinder Singh and the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan besides others who made this possible.

Narendra Modi also released a commemorative coin celebrating 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.

Addressing a large gathering the prime minister said that he feels honoured to dedicate the Kartapur Corridor to the nation at the holy site of Dera Baba Nanak.

The Shiromani Gurudwara Prabhandak Committee (SGPC) earlier felicitated the Prime Minister with the Quami Seva Award.

#### Awadh Numismatic Exhibition

ucknow: If a currency note of Rs 5,000 issued 48 years ago, gold 'mohurs' from the reign of Aurangzeb and gold coins from the third century pique your interest, then that was festival time

for you.

The Awadh Mudra Utsav, an numismatics exhibition in the city was inaugurated on 18th October 2019.

Organised by Awadh Numismatist Society in Lucknow for the first time, rare collections of currency notes and coins were on display.

Hundreds of numismatists and researchers had gathered at the three-day exhibition which also saw an auction. Visitors could buy the collectibles by bidding for them.

Besides currency notes, some of which were demonetised in 1975, gold coins from the Gupta dynasty of the third century, a private promissory Re 1 note circulated in Bengal in early 1900s and coins minted during Mughal emperor Aurangzeb's rule were also on display along with a vast collection of coins from the Nawabi era and medals from British India.

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# **Coins from Akbar to British Imperial India Displayed at Pune Coinex**

Pune: Coinex Pune 2019 by international collectors' society of rare items was inaugurated on 15th November at Sonal hall, Karve road. The exhibition cum sale was on till November 17, 2019.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Arvind Jamkhedkar, archaeologist, professor and chancellor of Deccan College; Pradip Sohoni, chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICSRI) and Basti Solanki, president and founder-member, Indian Council of Historical Research (ICSRI).

Amiteshwar Jha who has contributed immensely in the field of coin science from Nashik, Shohin Daya from Mumbai, Ashok Jayraj Singh Thakur from Chandrapur, Jagdish Agarwal from Kolkata and Manjiri Bhalerao from Pune were awarded with lifetime achievement awards for their collections of rare coins.

The exhibition had rare collections of coins dating back to emperor Akbar to British imperial India and more. The coins were up for sale too and the entry to the exhibition was free of cost. The society also released a special envelope for the Indian Post to celebrate the diamond jubilee. The special envelope was released by Col SFH Rizvi, Post Master General, Pune, and Col KC Mishra, VSM (former chief postmaster General Maharashtra - Goa region).



Solanki said, "Pre-ancient coins at the exhibition, had been put up in 45 frames. Experts in this field did also help visitors analyse the coins of collectors with respect to cost estimate, age of the coins, history, letters on the coins, pictures, impressions, among other details."

The Muhiyabad Poona gold mohur, weighing 11.04 g, was on display in the city for the first time.

The earliest minting activity on behalf of the Peshwas is known to have been undertaken during the short and ill-fated reign of Peshwa Narayan Rao when Dullah Shet Govindji, a banker from Pune, got a licence to operate. The coins he produced were to be rupees and mohurs, known as 'Shet Shahi' coins after his name. The gold 'Shet Shahi' mohurs are exceedingly rare. One was offered in the 'Skanda' collection auction by Spink-Taisei in 1991 and the same was listed earlier by Maheshwari and Wiggins. Since then, no other pieces have turned up on the market for an auction.



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The Rs 5,000 note was issued in 1957 by the government of India but demonetised in 1971. The note was passed on to Archaie Maru, an auctioneer from Bangalore, by his grandfather. Maru said he has had a rich collection of coins from the Gupta period to the Mughal and Nawabi era.

"Awadh region has been ruled by most major dynasties. You can see coins from 6 BC till the time of Independence in this rich belt. Lucknow also witnessed the 'gold dinar' (swordsman) coin from third-century Gupta dynasty for the first time in which Kumaragupta (emperor of Gupta empire) is seen holding a sword in his left hand," said Maru.



Visitors could learn about coins and notes from the catalogues available at the exhibition. Organiser of the event Ranvijay Singh said over 500 numismatists from across the country also joined the exhibition.



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# Heritage Museum Opened at Kondaveedu Fort

G untur: A heritage museum on the foothills of the Kondaveedu Fort was recently inaugurated.

The museum, built by the All India Reddi Welfare Association on a 1.30 acre site, is located 20 km from Guntur on the Guntur-Narasaraopet road. Minister for Panchayat Raj Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, and principal adviser to the Chief Minister, Ajeya Kallam, inaugurated the museum in the mid of October.

"The museum will be a treasure trove of historical remnants found around the fort city that was the citadel of power during the reign of Reddi kings from the 11th to 14th centuries. We have collected the remnants of statues lying scattered around the fort, a replica of the fort measuring 36x24 feet, ancient relics, coins and a



photo exhibition of the fort. In future, we are planning to set up an amphitheatre, a literary and a cultural centre and a library," said Kalli Siva Reddy, convener of Kondaveedu Fort Development Committee.

Mr. Siva Reddy made all the efforts to convert the fort into a major tourist attraction in the region. Proposals to lay a ghat road to the fort were floated in 2010, and it took four years to lay the ghat road. The Tourism Department has renovated the three water ponds and an ancient temple has also been restored. A Hill Festival was held earlier this year which had evoked a good response.

#### Pending work

Even though successive governments tried to develop the fort, a few pending works remain, including completion of an approach road to the fort, construction of 600 steps, strengthening of a 5 km road network, a children's park, view points on the fort and a light and sound show on the fort premises.

The majestic 14th century Kondaveedu Fort is perched on a hilltop which has 21 stupas adorning the fort.



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# Jaipur Watch Company Launches Unique Postage Stamp Watch

f you have a penchant for Indian history and want a statement piece to adorn your wrist in 2020, consider going regal with the Jaipur Watch Company's new launch, Postage Stamp Watch. This festive season, JWC has come up with a limited-edition series gold watch with the dial being a real postal stamp.

Jaipur Watch Company has customized unique and heritage watches using Indian postage stamps dating back to the years 1937-1940 as the dial.



To buy this limited edition luxury, one has to spend Rs 1,40,000 for one piece. The Thickness of the watch is 4.6 mm, length - 32.5 mm, width - 27.5 mm and lug to lug size - 41 mm.

These watches have lotus flower engraving like the reverse side of the One Rupee coin of the same era coupled with a portrait of King George VI. The watch runs on an ultra-slim Swiss-made movement and is serial-numbered to 10 units. It has a sapphire crystal on the top along with a handmade leather strap.

#### The technical details of the stamp are as follows

Stamp Name: King George VI StampIssue Date: 1937-40Face Value - 3 PiesTheme - Portrait, George ViStamp Printed - Security Printing press, NashikDate of Issue: 23rd August 1937, 15th Dec 1937Designer of Stamp: Mr H Archer



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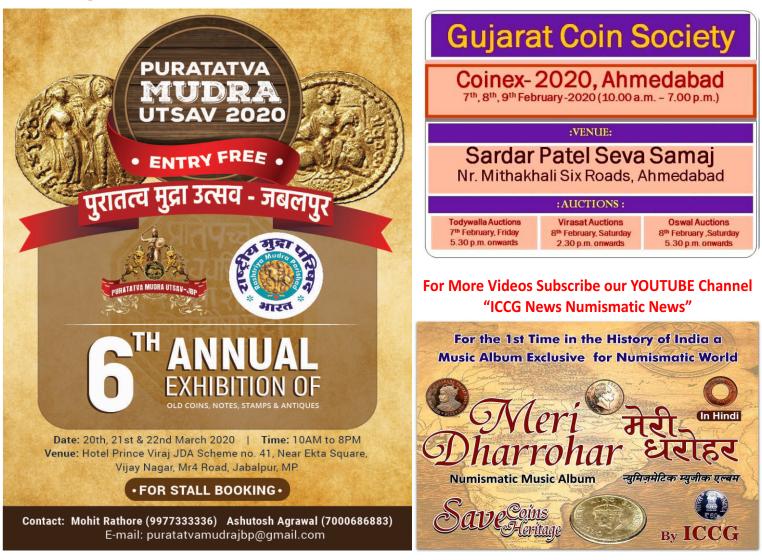
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# Pakistan Issues Coin to Commemorate 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak

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The opening of the Kartarpur Corridor has become a major initiative as it comes amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, following the Centre's decision to revoke Article 370, that granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir.



The coin, worth Pakistan rupee 50, will be available at the Kartarpur Sahib along with a postal stamp worth PKR 8 to the travelling pilgrims, as per the reports with ICCG News.

The commemorative coin will be available for the Sikh pilgrims on the opening day of the Kartarpur Corridor on November 9th 2019, during which, Sikh pilgrims from India will be allowed visa-free entry to perform religious rituals at the holy site.

Kartarpur corridor holds a great significance for the Sikh community, as it is by far the holiest site, located in Narowal district of Pakistan's Punjab province.

Prime Minister Imran Khan will be inaugurating the corridor on 9th November. He also laid the foundation of Baba Guru Nanak University in Nankana Sahib, signifying the importance of the overall initiative and its religious value.





International News

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#### **United States Postal Service Releases New Stamp Benefiting Veterans with PTSD**

he United States Postal Service has unveiled a new stamp that will help raise funds for those living with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. The "Healing PTSD" stamp features a photo by Mark Laita of a plant sprouting from the ground surrounded by dead leaves.

This is meant to "symbolize the PTSD healing process, growth and hope," according to USPS. The semipostal stamps - or stamps that help raise funds - will benefit the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, which oversees the National Center for PTSD.

Each stamp will cost 65 cents and will cover the cost of a piece of

First-Class mail. A portion goes to a cause that has been deemed to be a national public interest, according to USPS. PTSD "cuts across demographic lines," the postal service website said. Tens of millions of Americans will experience PTSD, which can lead to intrusive thoughts, nightmares, depression and other symptoms, according to USPS.

### Federer to have Swiss Coin Minted in his Honor

ennis great Roger Federer became the first living Swiss to have a coin minted in his honour, with a commemorative 20 franc (15.64 pounds) silver

piece bearing his image being issued recently. The 38-year-old 20-time Grand Slam champion is regarded by many as the greatest tennis player ever and is a national hero in Switzerland.

Swissmint confirmed that 55,000 of the coins, featuring Federer delivering a backhand, was produced and was available for pre-order.

"Roger Federer's sporting achievements, his charitable commitments, his easy-going nature and his accessibility to his fans have prompted

Swissmint to dedicate this 20-franc silver coin to him – the first time it has done so with a living person," a Swissmint spokesperson told Reuters.

With demand expected to be high, Swissmint said another 40,000 coins could be issued in May while a 50 franc gold coin, featuring a different design would also be produced next year.

"Thank you Switzerland and Swissmint for this incredible honour and privilege," Federer wrote on Twitter.

This year's commemorative Swiss coins included the 50th anniversary of the moon landings, the Furka Pass and the roe deer. The most recent sports-themed commemorative coin came out in 2015 and celebrated Hornussen - a traditional Swiss sport played by farmers involving a puck and a stick.

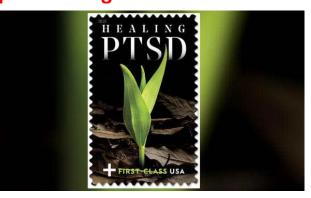
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#### **Indian Monuments: Amer Fort**

The Amer Fort also known as Amber Fort is situated 11 kilometers from Jaipur. It is one of the most famous forts of Rajasthan. Amer, originally, was the capital of the state before Jaipur. It is an old fort, built in 1592 by Raja Man Singh. This fort is also very popularly known as the Amer Palace. The Amer Fort was built in red sandstone and marble and the Maotha Lake adds a certain charm to the entire Fort. Though the fort is quite old and may even look so from the outside, it is beautiful on the inside



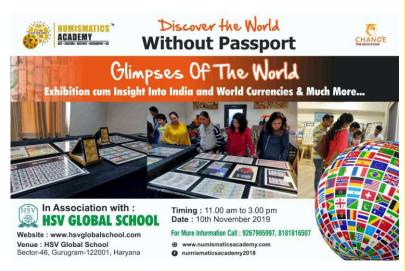
and boasts of various buildings of prominence like the 'Diwan-i-Aam', the 'Sheesh Mahal' and even the 'Sukh Mahal'. The Amer Fort has influences of both Hindu and Muslim architecture. This fort also has the 'Shila Devi' Temple and the 'Ganesh Pol' which is a gate that leads to the private palaces of the kings. The Amer Fort has many pavilions and halls of great interest and other popular attractions.

#### History

Amer was once known as Dhundar and was ruled by the Kachhwahas from the 11th to the 16th century, until the capital was moved from here to Jaipur. Raja Man Singh built this fort in 1592 AD and Raja Jai Sigh I expanded and renovated it later. While many such old structures have been either destroyed or replaced by other things, this fort has stood against all the tests of time and invasions.

#### **Architectural Layout**

The structure has four different parts, each with a separate entrance. The main entry to the fort is through the 'Suraj Pol' or Sun Gate which opens up into the main courtyard. This east-facing gate is also the main entrance to the palace and its position with respect to the rising sun is the source of its name. The 'Jaleb Chowk' is one of the four courtyards of the Amer Palace. The 'Sila Devi' Temple is right at the entrance to the main palace grounds. The second courtyard is famous for its 'Diwan-i-Aam' (Public Audience Hall), the 'Sheesh Mahal' and the 'Sukh Mahal'. A very famous attraction here is the 'Magic Flower', a fresco carved out of marble.



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# Commemorative Coins of Modern India: Year wise & mint wise journey with ICCG News आधुनकि भारत के स्मरणीय सकि्के: वर्षवार, टक्साल्वार) यात्रा ICCG न्यूज़ के साथ

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

MINTS: Commemorative coins are made at various mints across India including the ones at (Bombay) Mumbai, Noida, (Calcutta) Kolkata & Hyderabad.

To highlight the need to control the growth of country's population in order to ensure food supply for all, this 2 rupees coin was issued for general circulation on World Population day - the 11th July, 1993.

**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 a couple with their two children, the boy holding some balloons in his hand. Around the periphery, the slogan 'SMALL FAMILY HAPPY FAMILY' in English appear at the bottom half and 'Chhota Pariwar Khushiyan Apar' in Hindi appear along the top half. '1993' – the year of issue, is shown below the couple.

# Specifications:

Year of issue: 1993Weight: 8 gramsShape: CircularDiameter: 28 mmEdge: SecurityMint: Mumbai & HyderabadMetal composition: Cupro Nickel Alloy (75% Copper & 25% Nickel)

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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.	

# Cost of Rs 2,000 Note Falls 65 paise per Piece in 2018-19 Period

ew Delhi: The cost of a Rs 2,000 currency note fell 65 paise or 18.4 per cent in 2018-19 compared to the year-ago period, according to official data.

Introduced after demonetisation in November 2016, Rs 2,000 notes are printed only by the Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Pvt Ltd (BRBNMPL) -- a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI.

According to data provided by the government to the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, the selling price of Rs 2,000 note from the BRBNMPL was Rs 3.53 apiece in 2018-19. It declined 65 paise from Rs 4.18 apiece in 2017-18.



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The data, provided by minister of state for finance Anurag Thakur in a written reply, showed that the selling price of a Rs 500 note was Rs 2.13 in 2018-19, lower than Rs 2.39 in the same period a year ago. The selling price of Rs 200 note per piece declined to Rs 2.15 in 2018-19 compared to Rs 2.24 in 2017-18.

These figures pertain to the notes printed by the BRBNMPL. The Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL) also prints currency notes. The selling price of a Rs 500 note printed by SPMCIL was Rs 3.375 in 2018-19, unchanged from the year-ago period. As per the data, the selling price of Rs 200 note remained the same at Rs 3.12 in 2018-19 and 2017-18.

The expenditure incurred on printing of currency notes rose to Rs 7,965 crore in 2017-18 (July-June) from Rs 4,912 crore in 2016-17.

# Alert: Rumors surfacing on Social Media on 2000 Rupees Notes

#### CLAIM

A message is being widely circulated on social media that claims the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is taking back all the 2,000 rupee notes and releasing new Rs 1,000 notes.

The viral message reads "Reserve Bank taking back all the Rs.2000/- notes. You can only exchange Rs.50,000/- in 10 days. So, kindly start changing your 2000/- notes immediately. After 10th October 2019 you cannot change your Rs.2000 notes."

#### THE TRUTH:

ICCG News could verify that the message is a hoax and the central bank has no such plans, as mentioned.

To verify the message, ICCG News accessed the official website of RBI but could not find any such notification.

Moreover, an RBI official confirmed the same. "There's no notification from our side. All communications from the RBI appear on our website. Please don't believe in rumors," Yogesh Dayal, CGM, Department of Communication, RBI said as per the sources available with the ICCG News.

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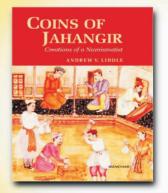


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