

n today's world getting connected with hobbies is an uphill task especially when most part is flooded with electronic media.

However, ICCG believes that everyone should have at least one hobby – one passion in life to make it interesting and worthwhile. Keeping this in view, ICCG organized a Numismatic Exhibition under the title theme 'Meri Dariohar' and introduced the art of Numismatics hundreds of visitors and school children. The three day exhibition which got under way at the Raghuleela Mall in Kandivali was put up especially for the students but was open to all.

Apart from introducing the hobby, the children and their parents got a look and feel of the ancient coins- some of which they had only read or seen about in their text books. On display were some rare coins dating back to the Mughal era and earlier.

More than two thousand visitors from various parts of Mumbai visited this Numismatic Exhibition.

The collection of coins was displayed in five categories – Coins from Sultanate and Mughal Period, Pre-Independence India, Post Independence India (definitive, commemorative & Proof /UNC sets), International & error coins. With many unique and rare coins

On display, the visitors got a chance to see the pattern and progress of minting technology in India, apart from getting the rare opportunity to touch, feel and hold oddly shaped, handmade, rare coins, handed down through centuries. Similarly, currency notes from the British India, rare demonetized notes from Republic India and many international notes were also on display. Volunteers were present to explain every bit of the information and clear any doubts that students or teachers had. Cont on Page 3rd..

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INPEX 2019

umbai: Philately is not something that everybody is aware of or necessarily focuses on. Philately which is the collection and study of postage stamps is something that is extremely underrated and often goes unnoticed. In order to promote Philately as an educative hobby and in lieu of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, the Philatelic Congress of India recently organised INPEX 2019, a national stamp show in Mumbai.

The exhibition which had been organised in association with department of posts, other member philatelic societies and India Post, exhibited over a 1000 frames each encapsulating the importance and significance of stamps in our country. With both competitive and non-competitive categories, the exhibition included stamps pertaining to several eras in Indian history including the pre and post-independence era, and stamps from the rest of the world. Thematic presentations of stamps were also be exhibited. Themes such as nature, culture and technology were represented through stamps. In order to celebrate 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi the exhibition also placed special focus on the life of the Mahatma through stamps. Besides the exhibition the show also hosted interactive activities, sale booths and philatelic auctions.

Besides promotion of philately as an educative hobby, the exhibition also aims at opening avenues for Indian philatelists in the international sphere. INPEX 2019 was held at the World Trade Centre from December 18 to 22 and was a house of over a thousand exhibit frames.







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To facilitate more insight into the history around the coins and to share about the art of Numismatics, the renowned numismatist Mr. Siddharth Shah interacted with the visitors and shared his experiences of over a period of 20 years. He also gave some valuable tips to the visitors to develop the hobby of numismatics. "However sustaining the interest of young minds is not easy," Mr. Shah believes. "There always was the fear that the great collectibles might become obsolete and the legacy may get lost in the course of time. So we would always love to engage with school and college students to help them curate their collection" added Mr. Shah.

The organizers were also up with surprise gifts for visitors. The exhibition was not just about rare collectible, it was also a place to learn about reading the collectible, handling it and managing the hobby. Lots of information on coin anatomy, mint marks and commemorative coins of India and other countries were shared with visitors. Students also made good use of various informative charts that were on display and took notes of them as well.





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Stamps on Gandhi Displayed at Kerapex 2019

arious stamps on Gandhi have been arranged at Kerapex, the 14th State-level philatelic exhibition that got under way at Bhagyamala and Olympia auditoriums at Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium here on 26th November 2019.

State Police Chief Loknath Behera inaugurated the exhibition. Sayeed Rashid, Director, Postal Services, Kerala Circle, and Chief Postmaster General Sharda Sampath were present. Mr. Behera shared his childhood experiences of collecting stamps.

Special cover

A satin special cover of Kerapex was released by Ms. Sampath by handing it over to Mr. Behera. The release of permanent pictorial cancellation (images related to the commemoration of an event) of Kerala was done by Jitendra Gupta, Postmaster General, Northern region, Kerala circle.

A competition was also organised on Mahatma Gandhi in connection with his 150th birth anniversary. This time, youth philatelists and students were taking part in the 14th Kerala philately competition.

On 27th November, release of special cover pack on Gandhi's visit to Kerala was held. The cover pack was accepted by Gandhian P. Gopinathan Nair. It included special covers on Gandhi's speech on the Kozhikode beach, his meetings with Narayana Guru and Ayyankali, visit to a Khadi ashram in Thrissur, and on Kaumudi teacher donating her ornaments to Gandhi. The special cover on the Khadi ashram visit was made of khadi.





On 29th November, a carried special cover on Gandhi's visit to the Kowdiar Palace was released.



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ICCG News Paper of India A Division of :- INDIAN COINS & CURRENCY GROUP Nagaland philatelist wins 'Large Silver Award' at Inpex 2019

imapur: Dr. Andrew Ahoto Sema, the Chairman of Livingstone Foundation International and an avid philatelist from Nagaland, has won the 'Large Silver Award' at the Inpex 2019 which is the National Stamp Show and Philatelic Exhibition organized by the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI). The exhibition is held with active support of the Department of Posts and other member philatelic societies for furtherance and promotion of philately as an educative hobby. This event is held once in four years and this year's exhibition was held at the World Trade Centre, Mumbai from December 18 to 22.

Dr. Andrew, who is also a Gold Patron of Inpex 2019, won the award among 214 exhibitors from all over India. He was awarded with the Large Silver Award on December 22 during the awards ceremony for his open class philatelic exhibition entitled 'World War-II Vignettes' which provides a visual walkthrough of the World War-II, arguably the most significant event of the 20th Century, by way of Philatelic and Open-Philatelic material.



The goal of his exhibit was to introduce selected categories of Postal and Open-Philatelic memorabilia as well as tell the story of the war using interesting visual elements. The structure of the exhibit follows a chronological order. It progresses from the rise of Hitler's Third Reich, onto the key invasions and conquests that caused an Allied Force to come to War, and then to the culmination with American and Japanese action. Towards the end it also showcases some commemorative items that remember key events of the War at milestone dates.

As part of the event, the winners and participants, including Dr. Andrew Ahoto will also be participating in a Heritage Walk across the historic district of Bombay on December 23. The Heritage Walk is sponsored by PK. Khaitan, renowned businessman and philanthropist belonging to the Brij Mohan Khaitan Group which currently runs the Assam Valley School, Tezpur.

The main aim of this walk is to appreciate the rich heritage of Bombay including its Neo-Classical and Gothic architecture which is second only to London in its richness and variety. The walk will start from Capitol Cinema and will pass through numerous classical buildings and localities of Bombay including the BMC Headquarters, the CST Station, Bhatia Garden GPO, Mint Street, New RBI Building, Bombay Fort, St. Thomas Church, etc.



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Rare Coins on Display at Jamcoin

amshedpur: The 25th edition of Jamcoin, a three-day exhibition by the Coin Collectors Club at Tulsi Bhawan was a big hit. Hundreds of rare coins, a few dating back to the old centuries, displayed at a coin exhibition here, turned out to be a big draw for numismatists from different parts of the country.

The members of the club and students from various schools exhibited their coin collections, which included ancient to modern coins. The coins included ancient Indian gold coins of the Gupta age and those from the times of the Mughal.

The collection also included coins from different princely States in pre-Independent India. "Collection of coins is not only a great hobby but it is also an investment. The coins are priceless for their historical value," said official of the club.

The coins issued by various kingdoms that ruled India in the past, foreign stamps, coins and currency notes issued on diverse themes and subjects were all put for display here.

To motivate school students Sit & Draw Competition (on Numismatic) in two groups (Std I to VI) for junior and (Std VII to X) for senior was conducted on 8th of December. All the participants displayed their talent and made drawings on

different coins. Quiz Competition on Coins was organised on 9th December.

On the sidelines of the exhibition, a Philatelic exhibition was also organized with its theme being Coins/Currencies and Cleanliness.

Coins and stamps on JN Tata were also exhibited for which separate corner has been set up. The exhibition was open for all citizens of Jamshedpur, school students, coin lovers, scholars and those who would like to develop their interest in coins/currencies.

Shukla Day Coin, Stamps, Bank Notes Fair 2020

Venue: Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, India.





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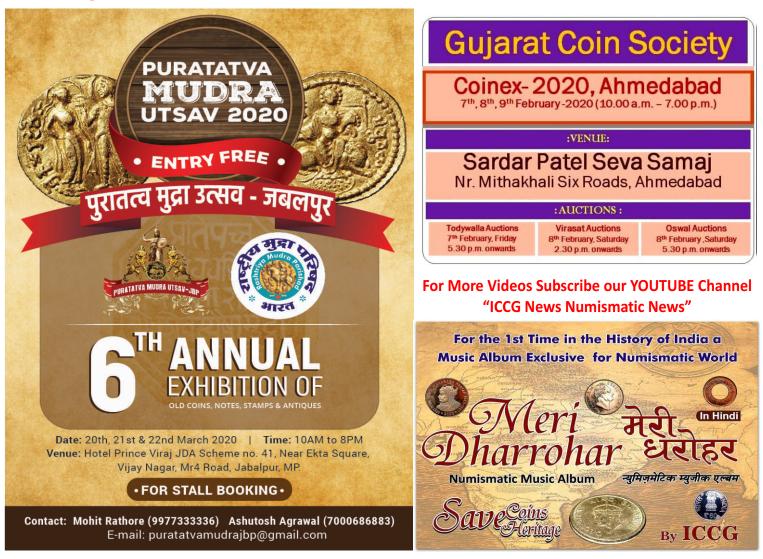
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International News

Belarus' Central Bank Issues Day of Angel Commemorative Coin

INSK, 27 December - The National Bank of the Republic of Belarus has released new commemorative coins The Day of Angel, BelTA has learned from the Information and PR Department of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus. The gold coin is a limited edition of 399, and costs Br50, the silver coin - 2,999 and Br20, the copper-nickel coin - 4,999 and Br1 respectively. The reverse of the gold coin features the stylized image of the Angel hugging a newborn in the center. The coins have been minted by Mint of Poland.



On 27 December the National Bank released the commemorative coins Reserve Zvanets from the Nature Reserves series, Greater Spotted Eagle from the Bird of the Year series and the Stanislaw Moniuszko. 200 years coin. The coins have been minted by Kazakhstan. The coins are a legal tender in the Republic of Belarus and are accepted at face value in all types of payments without any restrictions.

Gold and Silver Commemorative Coins Issued to Mark Seychelles' 250th Anniversary

wo new commemorative coins issued by the Central Bank of Seychelles (CBS) to mark the 250th anniversary next year since the first settlers inhabited the island nation are now available. The Governor of the Central Bank, Caroline Abel, presented the two coins -- one gold and one silver -- to the chief executive of the Seychelles Tourism Board, Sherin Francis, who is also in charge of the national preparatory committee.

"The coins are one of the commemorative items that will be on sale as a keepsake for the celebration. We have the chance to all be here for this celebration and we encourage the public to make good use of it," Francis told reporters.

The commemorative gold and silver coins which were manufactured by B H Mayer Mint based in Germany cost SCR900 (\$66) and SCR850 (\$62) respectively.

The coins depict the Coat of Arms of Seychelles, an archipelago in the western Indian Ocean, and the inscription of the value on one side. The other side is a boat representing 'Telemaque', the ship that disembarked the first 28 settlers in 1770 to start a community on the island of Ste Anne.

The words '250 YEARS' and the years '1770 – 2020' are also framed inside a series of 50 individual coco-de-mer. The



silver commemorative coin weighs 31.1g with a diameter of 38.61 mm while the gold coin weighs 0.5g with a diameter of 11 mm.

The idea for the commemorative coins came from the national preparatory committee for the 250th Anniversary of Seychelles, which is scheduled for August 2020. The project was inspired by a painting done by Francesca Alexandra Azais – the ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta based in Seychelles. The coins were designed by Derick Baccus. The overall maximum production for worldwide sale will be limited to 2,500 pieces for each coin. Only 250 pieces of each have been made available for sale at the Central Bank.

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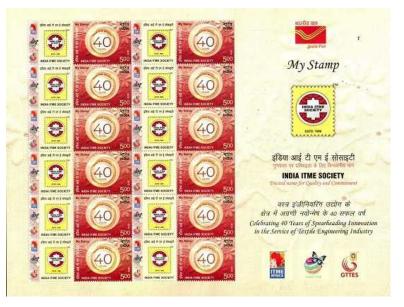
India ITME Society Launches Commemorative Postal Stamp

umbai: India ITME Society on 24th December 2019 announced its 40th year of service to the Indian & International Textile Machinery & Textile Technology industry. To celebrate their undeterred and excellent service for over four decades, India ITME Society launched a commemorative postal stamp as a mark of pride and humble gratitude to a great nation.

India ITME Society took a bold step towards projecting India as a friendly & feasible sourcing destination for African SMEs, Designers & Entrepreneurs. This aided in opening up new customers for the Indian Textile Industry. During this memorable event, it organized a B2B meeting with women Entrepreneurs from 4 African nations viz. Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda & Kenya and aimed to empower women all across the world and introduced 'Women Entrepreneur Initiative', one of the many value added services for the benefit of the industry and the nation.

Mr Hari Shankar – Chairman of India ITME Society said, "India ITME Society acknowledges the importance of industry associations by supporting trade and investment for its members not only domestically, but also globally. The society is encouraging dialogue between industry associations, developing better business connects between countries and expanding customer connect & market access globally through associations as part of their 'Global Connect Initiative'.

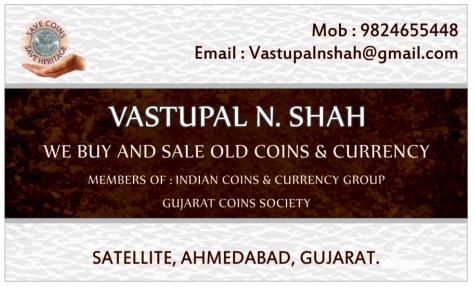




India ITME Society has evolved into a global phenomenon embracing internationalism and reaching out to emerging economies. India witnessed its first exhibition in 1980 & since then the legacy has been successfully carried forward. Its exhibitions series namely India ITME Series & GTTES along with several supporting initiatives have heralded a new era in the Textile Engineering Industry. Furthering the objective of promoting trade and investments, creating a friendly

environment and forging a vibrant private sector partnership with the Government, Business Community, Development Partners and other Stakeholders.

Today's event began, with lighting of lamp by Chief guest Justice Shri P. Sathasivam – Former Chief Justice of India, Former Governor of Kerala; Guest of honour H.E. Ms Dorothy Tembo – Deputy Executive Director, International Trade Centre, UN and Special Guest Ms. Swati Pandey – Postmaster General (Mumbai Region), India Post (Govt. of India) followed by cocktail dinner.



Article

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

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.

1993 – Bio Diversity (World Food Day) Issue

Man is a part of nature. He thrives on nature's gifts. So he should learn to live in harmony with the natural things like plants, the birds, the mammals and also the environment, composed of land air, water and other natural resources. The activities of man, which causes pollution of air, water, land and environment, need to be controlled. To generate greater awareness, about ecological and environmental problems, among people, this 2 rupees coin was issued for general circulation on 16th October, 1993–the World Food Day.

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 central design consisting of a patch of cloud, The F.A.O. emblem, a bird, a mountain, the sun, a tree, a tortoise, a fish swimming in water and a cluster of moss – in short, a replica of the diversities of life. '1993' – the year of issue is shown below the central design. The legend 'Jaivik Vividhata Biswa Khadya Divas' in Hindi appear on the left half and ' BIO DIVERSITY WORLD FOOD DAY' in English appear on the right half of the periphery.

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.	

FM Releases Stamp to Commemorate DRI's Role

ew Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 26th December 2019 released a postage stamp to commemorate distinguished service and glorious contribution of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in protecting the nation. After releasing the stamp, Sitharaman stressed on the critical need for training officers of DRI in using technology and data analytics to be able to inspire confidence of citizens and deter smugglers, the finance ministry said.

She remarked that DRI continues to play an immense role in countering smuggling as well as in preserving the cultural heritage and environment of the country.

The challenges faced by the organisation continue to grow with the adoption of innovative modes of smuggling, she said and called for increasing the concerted efforts of DRI, the statement said.

DRI was formed on December 4, 1957 to function as an apex intelligence agency of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs to counter the menace of smuggling.

DRI has established itself as the premier intelligence agency commanding the trust of international and national agencies with its intelligence inputs on myriad

subjects inter alia ranging from fake Indian currency note, narcotics, gold, arms & ammunitions, wildlife, cultural heritage and commercial fraud, it added.

Stamps and Coin Exhibition in Guntur

stamps, coins and currency notes exhibition — Amaravathi Stamps and Coins Festival — was held at Balaji Mandapam in Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple here during December 14-15. The exhibition was organized by the Guntur Numismatic and Philatelic Society. The highlights of the festival included, inter-school competitive exhibition of stamps, coins and currency notes, exhibition of rare stamps, coins and currency notes, inter-school quiz, letter writing, drawing and elocution competitions. A special philatelic first day cover on Mahatma Gandhi was released on that

day and a special cover on noted physician Kasaraneni Sadasiva Rao was also released.

Secretary M.V.S. Prasad said that coins and stamps exhibition was inaugurated by Union Bank of India Assistant General Manager M. Srinivasa Rao.

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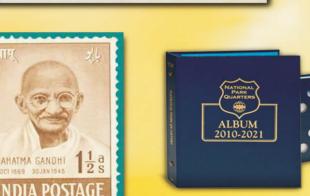
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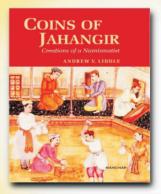
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