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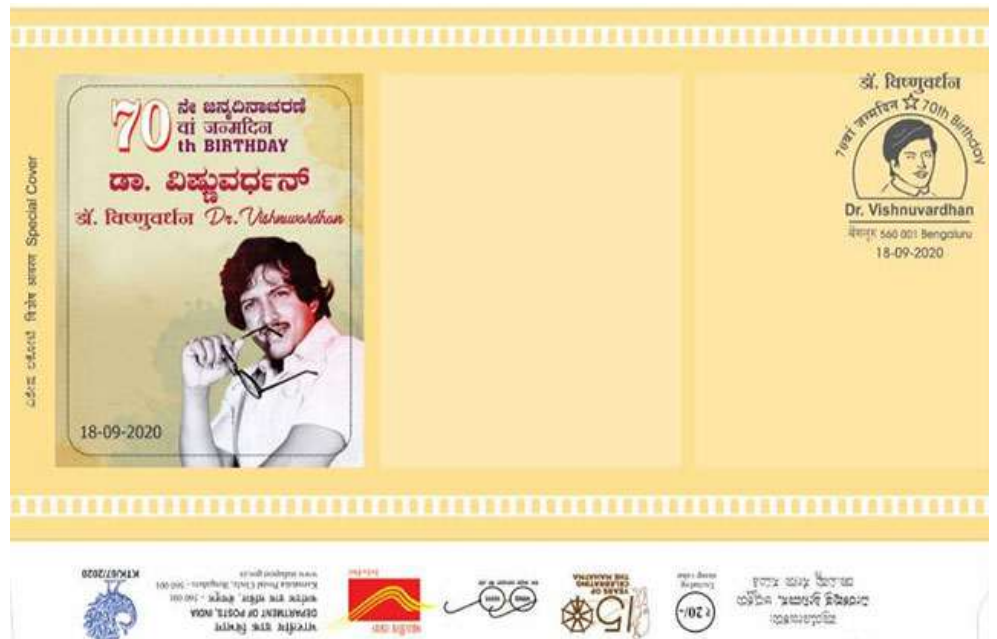
## Kannada Actor Vishnuvardhan Honored with Special Postal Cover

**B**engaluru: The Indian postal department recently honoured legendary Kannada film actor Vishnuvardhan with a special cover on his 70th birthday in this tech hub.

“In recognition of Vishnuvardhan’s yeoman contribution to the Indian film industry, especially Kannada, which is also known as Sandalwood, we have released a special cover to commemorate his 70th birthday, an official said. Though Vishnuvardhan’s widow and South Indian actress Bharathi could not participate in the function at the general post office in the city centre, as she was away at Mysuru, Kannada film industry director Sri Prem released the colourful special postal cover.

Vishnu Sena Smithi President Veerakaputra Sreenivas and South Karnataka region postmaster general D.S.V.R. Murthy were present on the

occasion. Sreenivas sponsored the special cover as a tribute to the official recalled. The special cover will be available for sale at philatelic



veteran actor. “A commemorative postage stamp on Vishnuvardhan was released in 2013 when the Indian cinema centenary was celebrated,a

bureaus of the main post offices in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Mysuru and Belagavi in the southern state and at e-post office.

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## MoS Muraleedharan Inaugurates Philately Exhibition on 'India and the UN: A Postal History'

**N**ew Delhi: On the occasion of the 75th United Nations Day, Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan inaugurated a philately exhibition on 'India and the UN: A Postal History' on 24th October 2020.

Muraleedharan, who was the chief guest, highlighted India's multifaceted contribution to the work of United Nations over the last

seven decades, according to an official release. Reaffirming India's commitment to the United Nations, he underlined that India looks forward to working with all other nations to reform and revitalise the United Nations during its term at the UN Security Council from 2021-22.



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## When did Mahatma Gandhi First Appear on Currency Note?

New Delhi: It was about half a century ago when the image of Mahatma Gandhi first appeared on the commemorative currency note of rupees 100 on the occasion birth centenary of the father of the nation.

Although after the Independence in 1947, it was felt that the British King's portrait ought to be replaced by a picture of Mahatma Gandhi, it took quite some time for the government of the day to reach a consensus on the issue.

In the meantime, King's portrait was replaced by Lion Capital at Sarnath in lieu of the Gandhi Portrait. The Reserve Bank in 1969 came out with a commemorative note of Rs 100 showing Mahatma Gandhi seated in the backdrop of the Sevagram Ashram. But the portrait of the father of the nation made its regular appearance on currency notes only in 1987 when the series of rupee 500 currency notes showing a smiling Gandhi was launched in October that year. Since then Mahatma Gandhi's

portrait has been used regularly on currency notes of different denominations. Before Gandhi's portrait, many designs and images were used in on currency notes. In 1949 the then government brought out the new design Re 1 note with Ashoka Pillar. In 1953, Hindi was displayed prominently on new notes. The debate regarding the Hindi plural of Rupaya was settled in favour of Rupiye. High denomination notes (Rs 1,000, Rs 5,000, Rs 10,000) were reintroduced in 1954. The Rs 1000 currency note displayed the motif of Tanjore Temple, Rs 5000 Gateway of India and Rs 10,000 Lion Capital, Ashoka Pillar.

These high denomination currency notes were, however, demonetised in 1978. The 1980s saw a completely new set of notes. The motifs on these



notes marked a departure from the earlier ones. The emphasis was on symbols of Science & Technology (Aryabhatta on the Rs 2 note), Progress (the Oil Rig on Re 1 and Farm Mechanisation on Rs 5) and a change in orientation to Indian Art forms on the Rs 20 and the Rs 10 notes (Konark Wheel, Peacock). With the advancement of reprographic techniques, traditional security features were deemed inadequate. The RBI came out with additional features and a new 'Mahatma Gandhi Series' was introduced in 1996.

These included changed watermark, windowed security thread, latent image and intaglio features for the visually handicapped.

## Plea to Issue Stamp to Highlight Rape

Odisha-based philatelist Anil Dhir has urged the Centre to issue a postal stamp highlighting the rising incidents of rape on National Philately Day, which was observed on 13th October.

In his letter to the minister for communications, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Dhir has said that philately is a channel for the government to educate the populace and create social awareness.

Postage stamps have always been used in educating citizens about social causes. The effectiveness of philatelic materials for educating the population and raising social awareness is established. India Post has issued stamps, special covers and

slogan cancellations (a postal marking to prevent re-use of stamps) on Swachh Bharat, eye donation, environment, women's emancipation, childcare and immunisation, among others.

Dhir has requested the minister to include the topic of rape in the commemorative stamp issue programme this year. "Since Independence, India Post has

represented women and children on many of its stamps. It is about time that this national shame too is represented on Indian stamps," Dhir said.

He said that India Post should also undertake writing slogans on prevention of rape on its pass books, stationery and postal items and introduce slogan cancellations too.

The rising number of rapes in the nation has become a matter of grave concern. Repeated rape cases have angered many. New laws have been formulated with stringent punishments, including the death penalty. But rapes still happen and only two out of 10 such crimes are reported, he said.





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Vishnuvardhan (September 18, 1950-December 30, 2009) acted in about 200 films in Kannada, Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam spanning 3 decades. Though born as Sampath Kumar at Mysuru, he was more known as Vishnuvardhan since his debut in a supporting role in "Vamsha Vriksha" Kannada film in 1972. Vishnuvardhan's lead role in "Naagarahaavu" of Puttanna Kanagal's film made him known as the young man of Kannada cinema though he played a variety of roles in different genres. As part of the original Kannada sandalwood trio with thespian Rajkumar and M.H. Ambaresh from 1970s to 1990s, Vishnuvardhan a popular star in the Sandalwood celluloid industry. He was also a singer and sang in some of his Kannada movies.

A 14.5-km road from Banashankari temple in Bengaluru South to Kengeri on the city's southwest outskirts has been named after Vishnuvardhan. It

is the longest road in Asia to be named after a cine celebrity. Vishnuvardhan was also known as a martial artist. In recognition of his outstanding career, the Karnataka

southwest of Bengaluru in the southern state. Bharathi plans to set up the South Indian branch of the Film and Television Institute in the name of Vishnuvardhan as a tribute



government has recently sanctioned Rs 11 crore for setting up a Vishnuvardhan Memorial at Mysuru, which is the cultural capital of the state. Mysuru is about 150km

to him at the memorial, which will have a 6-foot statute of the actor, a photo gallery, a fountain and an auditorium.

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The virtual event was organised by the United Nations in India.

On 23rd October 2020, the government released a commemorative postage stamp on the 75th anniversary of the United

Nations. External Affairs S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister was the chief guest at the event on 23rd October.

"As a founding member of the United Nations, India has invested to United

Nations ideals with heart and soul -- right from the crafting of the principles of the UN charter to being in the forefront of keeping peace," he said at the release of the commemorative postage stamp.



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## Chandigarh Philatelist Depicts Gandhi's Journey through Stamps on His Birth Anniversary

In post-Independence India, Mahatma Gandhi is the individual personality/theme on which the country's postal department has issued maximum number of stamps. Such stamps depict the important events associated with Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi — from his days in South Africa to his return to India and from his 'Dandi March' to India's freedom.

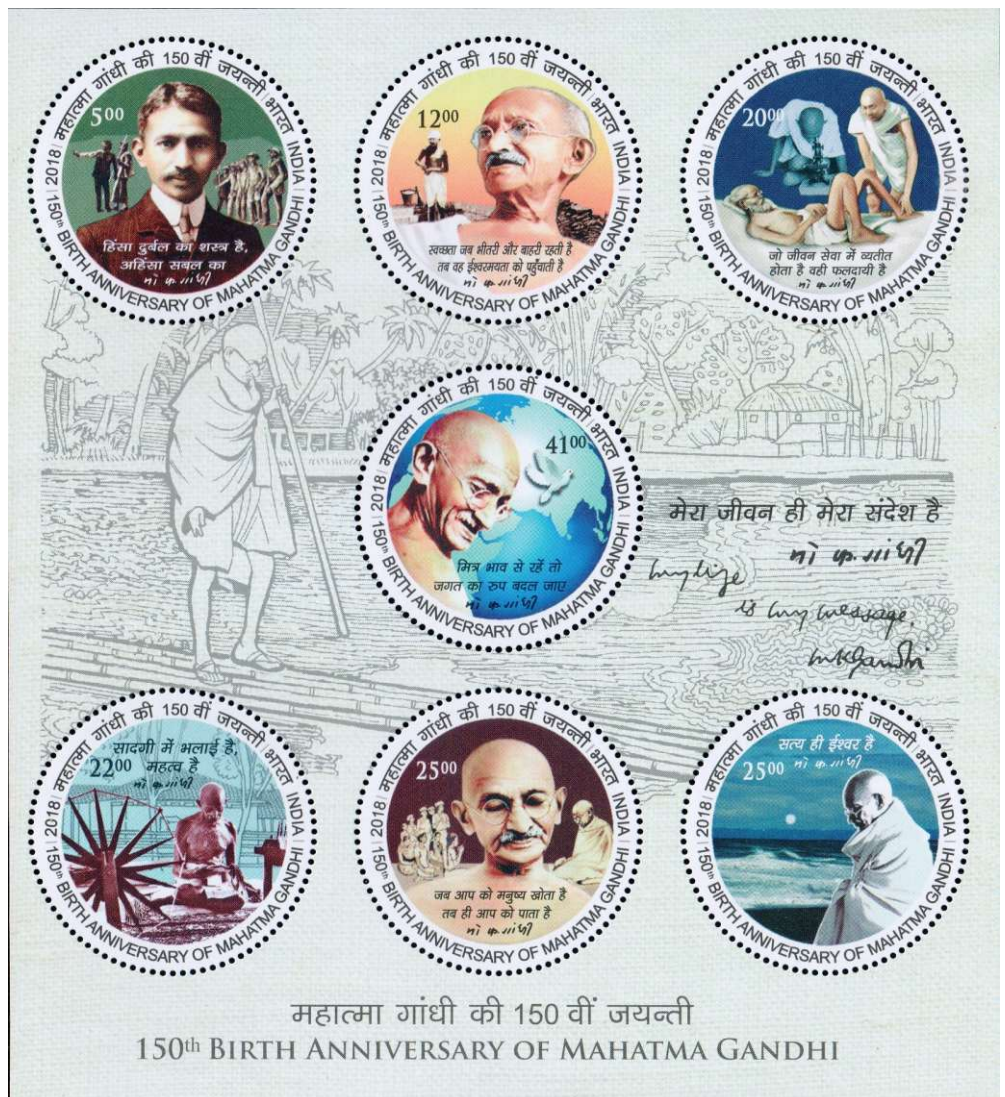
Taking a route of philately, the collection and study of stamps, Chandigarh-based stamp collectors are trying to educate people, especially the younger generation, about the contribution of Mahatma Gandhi in the country's freedom struggle. "Philately has a great potential to reach out to the people on any subject. Stamps and post cards are not only facilitators of communication, but they also carry a message and there always are stories and history associated with them. I am using Gandhi's stamps to reach out to the students to make them aware of his contribution during the pre-independence era," says one such philatelist Rakesh Wallia, 64, who has been exhibiting Gandhi's theme since 1986. He has, over years, touched all government schools of Chandigarh several times while promoting philately through Gandhi.

Another stamp collector, Vipan Kumar Thakur, 56, who is an inspector in the income tax department, Chandigarh, showcased his collection on Gandhi during a function to mark Gandhi's birth anniversary at Gandhi Smarak Bhawan. "I have been into stamp collection since my childhood, but

my interest in Gandhi grew a decade ago only. I am exhibiting Gandhi's collection for the last five years," says Thakur.

"In philately, one frame on a topic requires an exhibit of a minimum 16 A4 size sheet. Through stamps, postcards and first-day covers, I have tried to touch all important aspects of Gandhi's involvement in the country's freedom movement. People, especially students, get attracted as they find it a different way of storytelling. Supported mainly by visuals and a little text, it has more recall value," adds Thakur.

"Our focus was to touch Gandhi's life through as many mediums as possible. On October 2, we were having a number of events, including a lecture, an artist's work on Gandhi through salt and Gandhi's life journey through philately exhibition," said Devraj Tyagi, director, Gandhi Smarak Bhawan. "The importance of Gandhi and his work can be gauged from the fact that over 87 countries across the world and United Nations Postal Administration have issued stamps on one of the greatest leader," says Manoj Kumar, senior superintendent of post offices, Chandigarh division.



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## Charles Dickens Celebrated With a Commemorative Stamp Set by the Isle of Man Post Office

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of Charles Dickens, one of the world's most famous and loved writers. To celebrate, the Isle of Man Post Office working closely with the Charles Dickens Museum, London, published on the 14th October 2020, a set of six carefully curated stamps featuring five engravings from his most famous book A Christmas Carol and a miniature portrait of the author from the same period as the book was written.

Even today 'A Christmas Carol' remains in print and a year does not go by without another adaption of the story on stage or screen. At over 175 years since its first publication, Dickens is inseparably connected to our ideas of the modern Christmas because of the enduring storytelling and characters of A Christmas Carol having continued relevance.

The highest value stamp features the 'lost portrait' of Charles Dickens, depicting the literary star at the age of 31. The painting was lost for over 130 years, and recently, miraculously, turned up in a box of trinkets in South Africa. Art dealers Philip Mould & Company formally re-identified the portrait and it now resides in the Charles Dickens Museum, London. Cindy Sughrue, Director of the Charles Dickens Museum: "This has been a wonderful collaboration to

mark the 150th anniversary and to highlight the Museum and its extraordinary collection. Considering that Margaret Gillies' portrait of Dickens was lost for over 130 years, it's quite something to see it presented so beautifully on a stamp. We're absolutely delighted with this commemorative set and its celebration of the timeless qualities

the 'eagle-eyed' portrait of Dickens, which captures him when he was in the midst of creating them." Maxine Cannon, General Manager Isle of Man Stamps & Coins, said: "It is with immense pride that we commemorate Britain's Greatest Writer and his work 'A Christmas Carol' which is inextricably linked to Christmas. We would like to thank



of A Christmas Carol." Actor Simon Callow, Patron of the Charles Dickens Museum, said, "I am really very happy to be returning to the Charles Dickens Museum, one of my absolute favourite places on earth, to support the launch of this splendid suite of stamps. John Leech's sketches were the very first illustrations of characters that had only just formed in the imagination of Charles Dickens and would soon become fixed in the hearts and minds of his readers. It's a particularly nice touch that they're joined in this set by

the Charles Dickens Museum for their guidance and permissions and Simon Callow for his support in bringing this wonderful collection to life. We are delighted to be able to offer our support to the Charles Dickens Museum to help them continue their incredible work in keeping such a prominent influence in the public eye."

The 'Charles Dickens - 150' collection is available as a Set and Sheet Set, Presentation Pack and First Day Cover and a limited edition of First Day Covers signed by Simon Callow.

## Fiji Launches Banknotes, Coins to Commemorate 50th Year of Independence

The Reserve Bank of Fiji has launched a commemorative \$50 banknote and 50 cent coin to commemorate Fiji's 50th year of independence. The commemorative currency was officially unveiled by the Honourable Prime Minister, Rear Admiral (Retired) Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama on October 7, 2020 at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Work on the commemorative banknote and coin was initiated in November 2017 which included extensive collaboration between the Reserve Bank of Fiji and appointed banknote printer De La Rue, and the Royal Canadian Mint.

The Governor of the Reserve Bank of Fiji, Mr. Ariff Ali remarked that "preliminary deliberations considered various options such as sports and the evolution of the domestic economy to feature on the commemorative special issues. As we aim to truly portray the significance of reaching our country's golden jubilee, we finally settled on a theme that showcased Fiji's diversity as an independent nation and emphasized on elements from its past and future."

In unveiling the commemorative banknote and coin, the Honourable



Prime Minister stated that "the new \$50 banknote and 50 cent coin both symbolize our rich history and our renewed ambition for a brighter, more prosperous and more inclusive Fijian future." To ensure our children embrace the pride and joy of this historic milestone event, the Reserve Bank of Fiji in coordination with the Ministry of Education will provide to all school children in Fiji, a commemorative coin as a memento of Fiji's golden jubilee.

In support of the government's ongoing climate change initiatives, the Reserve Bank of Fiji in collaboration with De La Rue, has also pledged to offset carbon emissions from the

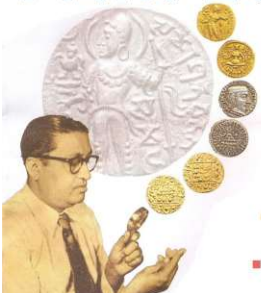
production of the commemorative banknote, to assist in the construction of a seawall in one of the villages earmarked by government. Governor Ali also highlighted that only a limited number of the commemorative banknote and coin have been produced, and were issued into circulation as of October 8, 2020, as legal tender. Given its special commemorative nature and the limited number produced, it is expected to be of value as collectors' items both locally and abroad. Special numismatic collector sets are now also available through the Reserve Bank.

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## New Silver Proof Coin Celebrates Now-postponed Expo 2020 Hosted in Dubai

**D**ubai: The Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates has released new silver Proof quality coins on the occasion of the Emirate hosting Expo 2020 in their capital city of Dubai. Originally scheduled to open on the 20th October 2020, and to end on the 10th April 2021, the worldwide exposition has now been rescheduled. Due to the ongoing pandemic of the Wuhan strain of COVID-19 coronavirus, it has been postponed to 2021, and the rescheduled new date calls for an opening on the 1st October 2021, closing on the 31st March 2022. Despite being held in 2021, organisers will keep the name Expo 2020 for marketing and branding purposes, marking the first time that the World Exposition has been postponed rather than cancelled. The event is expected to attract nearly 25 million visitors from its official opening in October until the event concludes in March. The Bureau International des Expositions general assembly in Paris awarded Dubai as the host city on the

27th November 2013, the UAE's bid beat out candidate cities of Yekaterinburg in Russia, Izmir in Turkey and Sao Paulo in Brasil. As such, Expo 2020 will represent the first a Middle Eastern destination will be hosting the event. A total of 192 nations, states, and territories have confirmed their participation and will include, for the

Dubai 2020 has been organised as a 438-hectare area (1,083-acre) site located between the cities of Dubai and Abu Dhabi, near Dubai's southern border with Abu Dhabi. The silver Proof quality coins are produced by the New Zealand Mint at their facilities in Auckland and on behalf of the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates. The obverse side includes the official logo for the Expo 2020 international exposition. Below the logo is text both in English and Arabic that is part of the actual logo which reads EXPO 2020, along with UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Below the primary motif and along the lower edge is the text also

written in both English and Arabic is 40 GRAMS 999 FINE SILVER. The reverse side includes the denomination of the coin "50 DIRHAMS" in Arabic along with the issuing authority along the upper and lower edges. The coins are encapsulated and presented in a custom case and are accompanied by a numbered certificate of authority.



first time, the Palestinian Authority whose pavilion will be located between the Saudi Arabian and UAE pavilion, occupying 1,250 square metres. The organisers of the UAE Expo chose as their theme "Connecting Minds, Creating the Future," with sub-themes being "Sustainability, Mobility, and Opportunity." The main site of Expo

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### Commemorative Coin sets

## NGC Expands ASF Special Label to Innovation Dollars

In 2019, Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) partnered with the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation (ASF) to create a special NGC certification label featuring the ASF logo and an astronaut. Designed to enhance the presentation of Apollo 11 50th Anniversary commemorative coins, one of the most successful U.S. Mint releases of the last decade, the label also supports the work of the ASF, which provides more than 50 scholarships to outstanding college students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics each year.

Now, NGC is expanding the availability of the ASF special label to Innovation dollars. The Mint's American Innovation \$1 Coin Program is a multi-year series honoring innovations and innovators from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the five U.S. territories. As a celebration of exploration and discovery, the coins are a perfect fit for the ASF special label.

For example, the 2020-S Maryland Innovation dollar features the Hubble Space Telescope, which was developed by NASA and has

dramatically changed our understanding of the universe. The 2019-S New Jersey Innovation dollar showcases the light bulb, undoubtedly one of America's most groundbreaking inventions.

"The ASF special label underscores the Innovation \$1 Coin Program's mission to celebrate America's long history of scientific aspirations and advancements," explained Mark Salzberg, NGC chairman and grading

finalizer. "NGC is proud to offer the ASF label for Innovation dollars to further support the ASF and, in turn, the innovators of the future."

The Innovation dollar program began in 2018 and is scheduled to run through 2032, with four new coins being released each year. All of the coins feature the same obverse design of the Statue of Liberty. A royalty will be paid to the ASF by NGC for each label used.



## Bangladesh Releases Postal Stamp Commemorating Hasina's 73rd Birthday

Posts and Telecommunications Minister Mustafa Jabbar unveiled the commemorative stamp worth Tk 10 during a programme organised by the ministry on 26th September 2020. The Department of Posts and Telecommunications said that a commemorative envelope worth Tk 10 and a data card worth Tk 5 along with a special seal were also released to mark the occasion.

The stamps and envelopes will be on sale from September 28 at the Philatelic Bureau of Dhaka GPO.

These will later be sold at all the main post offices and GPOs across the country.

"Digital infrastructure is a big tool of Sheikh Hasina's struggle to establish a digital Bangladesh," said Jabbar. Describing the 'Digital Bangladesh' initiative as a milestone in the country's progress, he added, "As a worthy successor to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Sheikh

Hasina has left an indelible mark of honesty, self-sacrifice, foresight and patriotism - this is her greatest achievement."





## Singapore Sets Record for its Widest Postage Stamp

Sometimes something as simple as a huge stamp can bring a smile to a collector. This happened with a stamp issued October 15, 2020 by Singapore Post Ltd. (SingPost). Measuring 163.2 millimeters (approximately 6.4 inches), it is the widest postage stamp issue in Singapore's history. It will be interesting to find an example of it used on cover.

This \$2 stamp showing the Marina Bay Central Business District is one of a set of two. The other stamp, a \$1.40

denomination, depicts a residential estate area called the Housing and Development Board flats.

The stamp truly captures the magical skyline. Visible in the skyline scene is the Fullerton Hotel, a 1928 landmark that once housed the main general post office. In September Singapore Post opened its second philatelic store in the basement level of the hotel. While this new stamp is Singapore's widest, it isn't the world record holder.

It's believed that a 170mm-wide

(almost 6.7 inches) stamp issued by Thailand in 2017 (Scott 2946) holds that record. The stamp is so large that the Scott catalog editors pictured it vertically to better show the detail. This 9-baht stamp marks the 70th anniversary of the accession to the throne of King Bhumibol Adulyadej (1927-2016).

It is possible, though, that one may have missed a wider stamp issue from somewhere else in the world, and may have welcome any update collectors might have.



## Special Stamp Released to Mark 40th Anniversary of Oman-China Ties

Muscat: The Foreign Ministry has launched a postal stamp to mark the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Sultanate and the People's Republic of China, documenting the historic journey of Sinbad from Sohar Port to the Chinese city of Guangzhou.

"The Foreign Ministry officially inaugurates the postal stamp issued

by Oman Post on the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Sultanate and the People's Republic of China," according to Oman News Agency.

"The stamp highlights the Great Wall of China, one of the famous historical monuments in China, and one of the Omani forts, as well as documentation of the historic

journey of Sindbad from Sohar Port to Guangzhou," ONA added.



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## Stack's Bowers Opens Flagship Gallery in NYC

Stack's Bowers Galleries recently opened its new flagship gallery at 470 Park Avenue in Midtown Manhattan, the company announced in an Oct. 20 press release. Located just down the block from their historic West 57th Street storefront, this new gallery at 470 Park Avenue will serve as an East Coast numismatic destination for a new generation of collectors.

With modern, spacious, and secure facilities, this new gallery will offer the firm's entire range of services covering all manner of numismatics, appraisals, gold and silver bullion and retail sales, and auction expertise. Collectors will be able to browse an extensive selection of coins and paper money available for direct purchase, as well as view upcoming auction highlights that will be on display throughout the gallery. The

location also features meeting spaces for private consultations and will host public lot viewing for the firm's auction sales, beginning with their November 2020 Showcase Auction. Located at street-level along one of New York's most iconic avenues, the new space at 470 Park between 57th and 58th streets is now open and inviting all collectors. Appointments are recommended, though walk-in consultations will be accommodated pursuant to local COVID-19 guidelines.

Established in 1933 by brothers Joseph and Morton Stack, Stack's Rare Coins first opened for business in New York City at 690 Sixth Avenue near the Flatiron Building. Stack's moved uptown in 1939 to 32 West 46th Street and in 1953 relocated to their historic 123 West 57th Street location, where the firm would

operate for the next 67 years. Morton's son Harvey G. Stack joined the staff full time in 1947 and continues to guide the firm to this day, working alongside his own son, Lawrence R. Stack. Stack's Rare Coins merged with American Numismatic Rarities in 2006, and then with Bowers and Merena in 2011. The firm's recent acquisition of Carter Numismatics in the summer of 2020 continues this trend.

Contact the Stack's Bowers Galleries New York team at 800-566-2580 or NYC@StacksBowers.com to setup an appointment and experience the new gallery at 470 Park Avenue for yourself. Located just a few blocks from Central Park between E. 57th and E. 58th streets, the gallery is easily accessible by subway and bus, and convenient parking solutions are available nearby.





## Commemorative Coins of Modern India: Year wise & mint wise journey with ICCG News

### आधुनिक भारत के स्मारणीय सिक्के: वर्षवार, टक्साल्वर यात्रा ICCG चूज 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.

### 1998 – Sri Aurobindo Commemorative

Sri Aurobindo was born in Calcutta on 15th August 1872. He was an Indian nationalist, freedom fighter, philosopher, yogi, and poet. He was arrested in May 1908 in connection with the Alipore Bomb Case. After he was acquitted in the ensuing trial, he moved to Pondicherry, where he spent the rest of his life. He established an ashram there popularly known as 'Aurabindo Ashram' and completely dedicated himself to his spiritual and philosophical pursuits. Later Sri Maa joined him. He breathed his last on 5

December 1950.

This 2 rupees coin was issued in his commemoration for general circulation. The other 3 coins were issued, in the denomination of 10 rupees, 50 rupees and the 100 rupees, 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 effigy of SRI AUROBINDO, at the center with the legend 'SRI AUROBINDO' in both Hindi and English, in upper half of the periphery. The slogan

'Sampurna Jiwan Yoga Hai' in Hindi and 'ALL LIFE IS YOGA' in English and '1998', -- the year of issue, appear at the lower half of the periphery.

#### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1998

**Weight:** 8 grams

**Metal composition:**

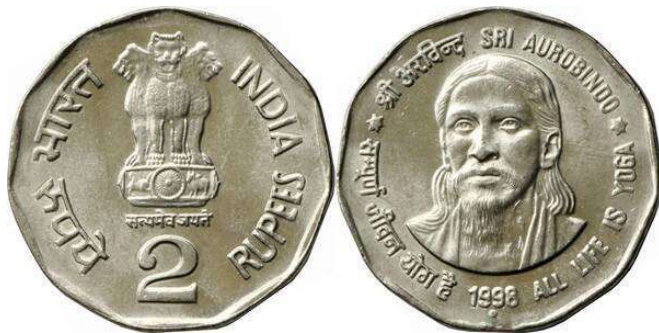
Cupro Nickel Alloy (75% Copper & 25% Nickel)

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 28 mm

**Edge:** Security

**Mint:** Kolkata, Mumbai & Noida



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Since November 1948, when the Indian postal department issued a set of four stamps on Gandhi for the first time, till last year when the world celebrated Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary, India has issued 94 stamps on the great leader. Out of those 94 stamps, Thakur has around 70 stamps in his collection. "I have got the first set of four stamps issued on Gandhi in 1948 and also have a stamp made of khadi. Apart from that, I have a collection on Rabindranath Tagore," says Thakur.

Walia has a complete set on Gandhi's India theme, except for a rs 10 service stamp, which is a rare on Gandhi theme and has approximately 20 stamps in circulation. In 2017, four sets of Gandhi's service stamps were auctioned for rs 4.7 crore in England. They were bought by an Australian.

"In my Gandhi's exhibit, I used 67 stamps and other philately material. It was arranged in sequence as his life's journey moved on," says Walia. Chandigarh's general post office opened its philately bureau on October 2 to felicitate the stamp lovers.



## Beware of Frauds Posing as Coin Dealers

We, SNS Coins hereby bring to the notice of the public at large as well as all concerned that some unscrupulous and fraudulent persons are using our shop images and also with few fake accounts of well known numismatists and auction services like with misleading information and for cheating purpose. We hereby clearly state that if any person receives any such communication offering to buy your old coins, currency notes, any collectible in our name against payment of any money or otherwise, we strongly advise not to respond to the same.

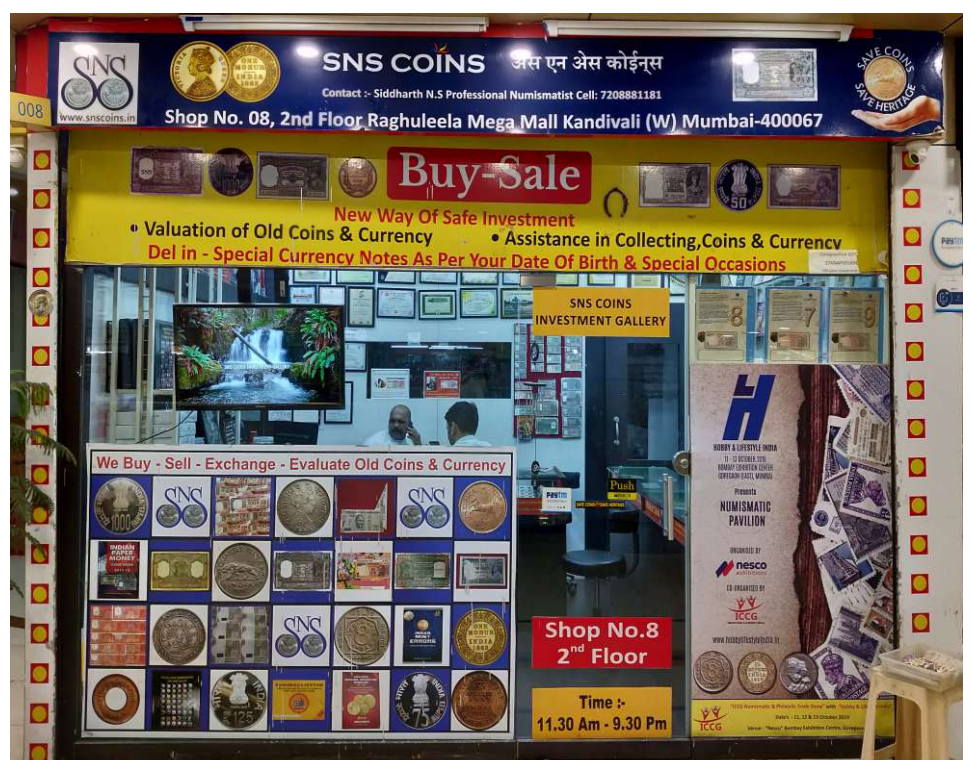
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