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## Finance Minister Releases Special Commemorative Coin of Paramahansa Yogananda

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on 27th October 2020 released a special commemorative coin to mark 125th birth anniversary of Paramahansa Yogananda, known as the Father of Yoga in the West. Paramahansa Yogananda, founder of two organisations Yogoda Satsanga Society of India and Self-Realisation Fellowship, belongs to the line of gurus whose message is universal transcending nations and religions, an official statement said. "Here was a yogi who took the message which was universal

message not based one particular school of thought or religion and made it so acceptable for the whole world. India feels strongly about this great son of the universe who brought in harmony to all our hearts and minds," Sitharaman said while speaking on the occasion. The event was also attended by Minister of State

for Finance Anurag Thakur, Culture Secretary Arun Goel, and Swami Vishwananda Giri.



## Dr Rajkumar Gold and Silver Coins to be out on Karnataka Rajyotsava

Collectible Mint, a front-running privately-owned minting company that offers finely-crafted gold and silver collectible coins featuring remarkable celebrities, is launching a priceless collection honoring iconic Kannada actor Dr. Rajkumar. The legendary artist and 'Karnataka's Guardian of Conscience' is widely celebrated as the greatest actor in the history of Kannada cinema and is loved by millions of fans even after his passing. He has worked in over 200 films and was one of the first winners of the coveted Dada Saheb Phalke Award. As a tribute to his star-studded legacy, Collectible Mint is set to launch its collection in Dr.

Rajkumar's memory on November 1st 2020, which also marks the significant occasion of Karnataka Rajyotsava. The obverse of the coin features Dr. Rajkumar while the

reverse side features the Gandaberunda from the Karnataka state emblem as a reminder of where he comes from and his undying love for his sweetheart state.



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## The Koyikkal Palace

The Koyikkal Palace in Thiruvananthapuram has great historical significance. The palace, situated away from the hustle and bustle of the city, was actually built for Umayamma Rani of the Venad Royal Family, who ruled between 1677 and 1684. This double-storeyed Nalukettu houses two museums — a Folklore Museum and Numismatics Museum set up by the Department of Archaeology. One could see some old musical instruments, occupational implements, household utensils and folk art models in the Folklore Museum started in 1992. The exhibits throw light on the rich history and lifestyle of Kerala. Things like Thaliyola (old manuscripts), Chilambu (a kind of anklet) used by Umayamma Rani and Maravuri (a dress material made of bark of trees) are preserved here. Oorakkudukku, a device for intellectual exercise, and Gajalekshmi, a lamp representing prosperity, are also exhibited here.

The Numismatics Museum is said to be the only one of its kind in Kerala. Coins from different parts of the world and periods can be found here. Some of the oldest coins of Kerala such as Ottaputhen, Erattaputhen, Kaliyugarayan Panam, a Venetian coin named Amaida, which is believed to have been presented to Jesus Christ, are also seen there. Among the Indian coins, the most valuable one is Karsha, which is 2,500

years old. One could also see Rasi, the world's smallest coins; Sreekrishna Rasi, one of the Rasis issued by the local rulers in the 10th century; Anantharayan Panam, the first modern gold coin of Travancore; Kochi Puthen, one of the coins of the Kochi kingdom; Lekshmi Varaham, the silver coins and Rasi Palaka, the wooden board used to count small coins here.



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The coin has been designed along with Dr. Rajkumar's family for a personal touch and to pay respect to his loved ones. Collectible Mint has made available limited coins that are available for pre-order now. The Dr. Rajkumar collection consists of 33g

silver proof coins, 10g, 15g, and 25g gold proof coins that come as standard. Fans will also have the chance to purchase limited-edition First Strike proof coins, some of the most exclusive coins in the collection. Further lending to its exclusivity, each

First Strike coin will represent its mintage number. To boost the sentimental value, fans can also purchase limited-edition 10g Proof gold coin that is hand-signed by esteemed Kannada actor and son of Dr. Rajkumar, Puneeth Rajkumar.

## India Post Mumbai Launch Stamped Mask on Philately Day

**M**umbai: 13th October is the Philately Day. India Post, Mumbai which has commenced celebration of the National Postal Week from 9th October has come out with unique philately merchandise –a 'Stamped Mask'. These are the masks, with images of postage stamps imprinted on them. This initiative of India Post, Mumbai is an attempt to make masks attractive and also drive home the importance of the role played by Masks during the current Covid situation.

India Post, Mumbai, like other government departments has been in the forefront in creating awareness about Covid 19 and joined the Covid Appropriate Jan Andolan campaign

launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8th October. Wearing of Masks is one of the three key messages of this campaign.

As part of the National Postal Week celebration, the department has planned various activities. Each day of the week is dedicated to a particular postal service offered by the Department, like the Banking Day, Postal Life Insurance Day etc.

In a bid to create awareness about the role and importance of postal sector in socio-economic development and the impact 'post' leaves on the lives of people, India Post has decided to launch the 'Know Your Beat Postman' initiative.

Post Master General, Mumbai Swati Pandey says "a virtual card containing

the name, beat number, area of service, contact number and photo of the postman / postwoman, would be circulated to customers, which will help them to know their postmen better and contact them directly in case of any emergency." There are 1,549 postmen in Mumbai City and the Suburban district.

"It may be mentioned here that the postal staff played an extremely crucial role during Covid 19 lockdown, when the courier services were not working. "The tireless service of postmen towards humanity by delivering medical and PPE kits, old age pensions, parcels etc, undoubtedly deserves highest appreciation" adds Ms. Pandey.

## "Stamped Mask" & Virtual i-card



## Two PCGS 2020 Quarter Quest Winners Split \$2,000 Prize

The PCGS 2020 Quarter Quest continues at Professional Coin Grading Service with the release of the 2020-W U.S. Virgin Islands Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve quarter, which was released by the United States Mint on June 1, the firm said in an Aug. 7 press release. The 2020-W U.S. Virgins Islands Salt River Bay quarter is the 53rd coin issued in the long-running American The Beautiful quarter series that began in 2010 and ends next year.

For the 2020-W U.S. Virgin Islands Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve quarter, PCGS received two quarters qualifying for the cash prize and the coveted PCGS First Discovery pedigree. PCGS is splitting the 2020 Quarter Quest \$2,000 prize for this coin between two winners, both of whose 2020-W quarters received a grade of MS-64.

Anthony F. of Nevada says these 2020-W quarters has been the find of his lifetime. "I've been collecting coins since 1967 when my grandfather brought home rolls of pennies from the bank for

me to look through." The five-year PCGS Collectors Club member says he began looking for W quarters since their release in 2019 but had come up dry until a fortuitous stop at a filtered water dispenser. "My wife and I were going to make a pot of coffee and needed some

'good' water," says Anthony.

He drove to the nearest filtered water machine but was initially dismayed to find a short line of people there ahead of him. "Now, I'm an impatient person normally, but I decided to wait in my car and was the third person in line. I go up, order a jug of water for 35 cents, put a dollar in, and get 65 cents back in change – two quarters, a dime, and nickel." Both quarters appeared really "shiny" to Anthony, causing him to inspect them closer. "Sure enough, one was a 'W.' I was floored. I went online to see what they were selling for and went to the PCGS site and found out more about The PCGS Quarter Quest there."

He says he was a little surprised that the bounty was still out for the Salt River Bay Quarter, which had been released in June. So, he and his wife sent their 2020-W Quarter to PCGS with the hopes of being the first to submit one of that design. Anthony was thrilled when he learned that his quarter was tied among first place. "I want to put the coin up in a special frame on the mantle with a wreath around it," he laughs. "This is the coin

I've

been waiting my whole life to find."

Adds Anthony, "It goes to show you don't always have to search rolls to find good coins – you can still find them in ordinary circulation."

While Anthony is correct – that you can find scarce and valuable coins in otherwise common pocket change – there are also many amazing finds to be made through roll searching. And that's how Kenny R. of Arkansas found his 2020-W Salt River Bay Quarter. But finding a 2020-W Quarter that qualified for the grand prize and a PCGS First Discovery pedigree didn't necessarily come easily for him.

The longtime coin artist had ventured into coin collecting over the past year or two. "I became a silver hunter," he says, looking through bankrolls of dimes, quarters, and half dollars for any made from silver. "I go to the bank and get a couple grand in rolls at a time." Over the past year, he has landed many rolls worth of W-Mint Quarters, each worth \$15 to \$20 or more due to their scarcity.

"Then last week I found the 2020-W [Salt River Bay] Quarter and started looking up information to see what the coin was worth," he remarks.

"My 18-year-old son then told me to send the coin in for the PCGS Quarter Quest, saying 'Dad, you gotta do it.'" So, he did, becoming a PCGS Collectors Club member at the same time. And, sure enough, he was glad he did. Kenny exclaims, "It was definitely worth it!"





## 2020-W American Eagle Coins Carry 'V75' Privy Mark for End of WWII

The United States Mint will begin selling 2020-W Proof American Eagle Gold and Silver Coins celebrating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II from 05th November 2020. Available at noon EST, both are issued in very limited mintages and both feature a symbolic "V75" privy mark.

The proof American Gold Eagle is restricted to just 1,945 units. The corresponding proof American Silver Eagle, meanwhile, is capped at a mintage of 75,000.

The coins carry the same obverse (heads side) and reverse (tails side) designs as their traditional counterparts. For the Gold Eagle, this includes Augustus Saint-Gaudens' full-length figure of Liberty on the obverse and Miley Busiek's depiction

of a family of eagles on the reverse. On the Silver Eagle, we find Adolph A. Weinman's "Walking Liberty" on the obverse and John Mercanti's heraldic eagle with shield design on



the reverse. The V75 privy mark appears on coin obverses.

Both coins were struck at the U.S. Mint's facility in West Point.

Ordering and Prices

Upon their release, the 2020-W End of World War II 75th Anniversary American Eagle Coins may be ordered directly from the Mint's online catalog for American Eagle products.

The proof Gold Eagle is \$2,600 and the proof Silver Eagle is \$83.00. In addition to their mintage limits, each has a household order limit of one coin.

The two coins launch a few days before another couple of related U.S. Mint products — a 2020 End of World War II 75th Anniversary 24-Karat Gold Coin and an associated 2020 End of World War II 75th Anniversary Silver Medal.

These two products are scheduled to debut Nov. 9 and will feature nearly identical imagery.

## Britain's Christmas Stamps Capture the Beauty of Stained Glass Windows

Great Britain's Royal Mail is celebrating Christmas with eight new stamps featuring Nativity scenes in stained glass.

The stamps were issued November 03, 2020. In announcing them, Royal Mail said that the designs were "inspired by the artistry of stained-glass windows in Anglican churches the length and breadth of the country, focusing on the Nativity scene and the depiction of the Virgin Mary with the newly born Jesus Christ."

The Christmas set includes four nondenominated stamps: second-class for standard mail (currently 65

pence), second-class for large mail (88p), first-class for standard mail (76p) and first-class for large mail (£1.15).

Royal Mail defines standard-size mail as letters not exceeding 24 centimeters in length, 16.5 centimeters in width and 0.5 centimeters in thickness, with a weight limit of 100 grams. Large letters can be up to 35.3 centimeters in length, 25 centimeters in width and 2.5 centimeters thick, with a weight limit of 750 grams.

The other four stamps in the set are denominated: £1.45 (letters to Europe up to 20 grams and

worldwide up to 10 grams), £1.70 (international letters up to 20 grams and letters to Europe up to 100 grams), £2.50 (international letters to zones 1 and 3 up to 100 grams), and £2.55 (international letters to zone 2 up to 100 grams). The two second-class stamps feature details from the 19th-century stained-glass window at St. Andrew's Church, East Lexham, Norfolk. In an article in a local newspaper Dereham Times, the Rev Canon Heather Butcher (the church's rector) said, "The east window is full of colour and conveys so much of the Christian message with the triumphant 'He is Risen'"

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at the apex. It is wonderful to have the window in this lovely little church illuminating the Christmas stamps this year."

Featured on the two first-class stamps is the scene of Mary cradling Jesus from the east window of St. Andrew's Church, Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire. Additional details from the two windows are shown on the two non-denominated stamps for large mail. For example, on the second-class stamp for large mail, Joseph is pictured on the right, and the Magi (also known as the three kings or the three wise men) can be seen adoring the new-born Jesus.

The other stamps feature windows from the Church of St. James, Hollowell, Northamptonshire (£1.45); All Saints' Church, Otley, West Yorkshire (£1.70); St. Columba's Church, Topcliffe, North Yorkshire (£2.50); and Christ Church, Coalville, Leicestershire (£2.55).

Royal Mail Group Ltd. and the design firm Up designed the stamps, using photographs from different sources. Royal Mail described these designs as reflecting the "extraordinary detail and craftsmanship of this highly specialised decorative art, covering a range of eras, styles and techniques." International Security Printers printed these self-adhesive stamps

by gravure in sheets of 50 (sold in panes of 25 at most postal outlets). The first-class and second-class stamps for standard-size mail also were issued in booklets of 12.

The two stamps for large mail measure 34 millimeters by 28mm each, and the other stamps are each 24mm by 28mm. The stamps have die-cut perforations that gauge 14.5 by 15.

A souvenir sheet includes the eight Christmas stamps with traditional stamp gum displayed against a background showing light reflecting from a stained-glass window of St. Grada and Holy Cross Church in Cornwall. The sheet, which is 179mm by 74mm, was printed by lithography

by International Security Printers.

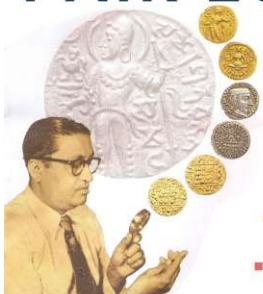
Other products offered with this Christmas set include FDCs; a set of nine postcards reproducing the designs of the stamps and the souvenir sheet; a presentation pack with all eight stamps, plus illustrations and text about the windows; and a pane of 20 stamps that Royal Mail calls a "collector's sheet."

The collector's sheet includes eight each of the second-class and first-class stamps and one each of the denominated stamps. Shown in the selvage are the illuminated stained-glass windows of St. Mary's Church in Norfolk depicting the Nativity.



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## COVID 19 Pandemic Impacts Top Stamp Stories of 2020

As 2020 comes to a close, we pause to take a look at some of the major stories that made headlines throughout the year. The COVID-19 global pandemic dominated headlines and affected so many different facets of the stamp world and beyond.

Shipping disruptions were one of the early noticeable impacts with flight cancellations around the world. The United States Postal Service has emailed 113 international mail service updates related to COVID-19 since March 16.

Next, stamp shows started canceling en masse. Virtual stamp shows replaced the in-person experience for two large shows: the Great American Stamp Show in the United States and Stampex in the United Kingdom.

Early in the year, a few World Series of Philately stamp shows in the United States took place, with the last being Ohio's March Party stamp show March 6-8. After that point, the only World Series of Philately show held in person was the St. Louis Stamp Expo. Originally planned for late March, it was delayed until August.

Among the events in other countries, the Royal Philatelic Society of London held a "Gems of Asian Philately" exhibit Feb. 29. (Originally planned for Hong Kong it was moved to the United Kingdom.)

Stamp clubs and societies quickly adapted to technology, with many of them holding digital meetings via online platforms such as Zoom and GoToMeeting.

New stamps related to COVID-19 also started in March. Iran was the first, and since then numerous postal administrations have issued stamps reflecting some aspect of the pandemic. Austria's stamp printed on toilet paper probably received the

most attention in the general media. That stamp was issued Oct. 30 in a souvenir sheet of one.

The U.S. Postal Service continued to make headlines throughout the year. Megan Brennan retired as postmaster general in January, and Louis DeJoy became the 75th postmaster general in June. Worker overtime, logistics and voting by mail were among the topics covered in news stories.

June also brought an abrupt end to

increases in listings and sales, too.

Some notable items were sold in 2020, including Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries' sale of William H. Gross's Rush cover to France, which brought \$612,000, and H.R. Harmer's sale of the unique Lockport provisional stamp, which brought \$118,000.

This year, large collection lots seem to be greatly exceeding expectations. For example, in an early December sale conducted by Daniel F. Kelleher



the U.S. personalized postage stamp program after 15 years of operation. The Postal Regulatory Commission cited risks to the Postal Service's brand and decreased revenues for shutting it down.

With many stay-at-home orders in place in 2020, many collectors turned to the internet and stamp auctions to add items to their collections.

Multiple auction houses reported to Linn's higher results throughout the year, Online auction websites such as eBay, Hipstamp and Delcampe all saw

Auctions, a holding of Mongolia 1951-2005 stamps soared past an estimate of \$2,000 to \$2,500 and closed at \$96,000. Other Mongolia lots in the same sale had similar results.

David Coogle, Kelleher co-chairman, attributed the high results to the Mongolia market being "underserved." He said material is scarce and demand is high, adding that Mongolia "may be the new China." Iceland brought its stamp program to a close in October.

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The country will continue to sell and use postage stamps but does not intend to print any new issues. Lastly, it was a light year for new stamp errors turning up, but a few

interesting ones did — one 100 years after it was issued, a foldover color-missing George Washington stamp (Scott 527). More recent errors include 2017 Flag stamps with

horizontal die-cut slits omitted (5158), and no-die-cut coil rolls of the 2019 Flag stamp (5343).

## EID MAR Brutus Aureus Sells for Nearly \$4.2 Million

**A**uthenticated, encapsulated and graded MSH 5/5 – 3/5, Fine Style by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) and sold by Roma Numismatics Limited in their celebratory Auction XX, this is only the third known example in gold of this post-assassination design. The other two examples are currently with institutions; one on long-term loan to the British Museum and the other in the Deutsche Bundesbank collection. Final bid was 2.7 million pounds sterling or about 3.5 million dollars. With the juice added in, this extremely rare and desirable Roman coin carried a cost to the buyer of just about \$4.2 million.



As the Roma Numismatics Limited lot description notes, “Nothing resonates so deeply with those knowledgeable in ancient Roman coinage as the dramatic EID MAR type struck by Brutus in 42 BC, nor indeed is any type more sought after by connoisseurs. Herbert A. Cahn’s 1989 study entitled *Eidibus Martiis* noted 56 examples in silver and 2 in gold.” However, today it is thought

that as many as double that figure may exist of the silver strike, while the gold remains almost as elusive as ever. Striking a coin to commemorate a murder is truly as bold and brutal as the act itself, carried out by a large group of Roman Senators conspiring to end Caesar’s drive towards uncontrolled dictatorship. The elements of the coin’s design tell the full tale from the view of Brutus and Cassius. The two daggers are those of Brutus and Cassius. The pileus between them is a cap of liberty and emancipation. The legend EID MAR is an abbreviation of EIDIBVS MARTIIS or the Ides of March.

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## Four Students with Special Needs Design Stamps for Charity

**F**our Singapore students with special needs have designed a set of four stamps that went on sale, with all proceeds donated to charity. Done to coincide with World Kindness Day, the effort was launched by Singapore Post (SingPost) at Minds Fernvale Gardens School. President Halimah Yacob was the guest of honour.

SingPost is producing 70,000 stamps, which can be bought in a set of four different designs at \$1.20, or individually at 30 cents. SingPost will match dollar-for-dollar the sale proceeds, helping to raise up to \$168,000 for charity. The money will go to the Community Chest, in support of Minds, which helps those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The stamps can be bought at all SingPost post offices and philatelic stores.

The President said she hoped the initiative would raise awareness and change public perception of people with special needs. "I am glad that SingPost has provided this useful platform for students with special needs to showcase their talents and creative potential through original artworks. With the support of corporate partners and wider community, it will shape a broader culture of inclusivity," she added.

The designs were created by Minds students in a contest in July. Each of the four Minds schools was given a theme to follow: My Family, My School, My Dream and My Hobbies. Judges from SingPost, Community Chest, Minds, Singapore Philatelic Museum and the Stamp Advisory Committee picked the winning designs from 16 entries.

The four designers, who have intellectual disabilities, are Tan Zhe Kai, 16, Nurul Liyana Mohd Arshad, 15, Leong Shuyi, 14, and Diman



Mamat, 14. Each received a \$1,000 cash prize from SingPost. The stamps will be affixed on the envelopes of all Season's Greetings cards mailed from

the President's Office during the year-end festive period. Minds chief executive Kelvin Koh said: "SingPost not only gave our students a canvas to express what matters most to them - their hobbies, school, family and dreams - but more importantly, they honoured our students' talents."

Teenager Diman's drawing, based on My Hobbies, shows him and his friends playing in a park. He said: "I'm very happy my stamp was selected. My

hobby is that I like to play with my friends, riding bicycles, running and playing on the scooter in the park near my house."

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## Postage Stamp Dedicated to Florence Nightingale

In a particularly significant year for nurses as we acknowledge their vital role during the pandemic, a stamp celebrates the profession and one particularly well-known nurse, Florence Nightingale, to mark her bicentenary as well as the 2020 International Year of the Nurse, as proclaimed by the World Health Organisation.

The item is a rare instance of an Italian postal stamp being dedicated to a foreign citizen, although Florence Nightingale was actually born in Italy in 1820, returning in 1837-38 and 1847-48, cementing her link to the city where she developed her social and scientific knowledge. Released on October 29, the stamp is based on a sketch by Claudia Giusto and belongs to the thematic series titled "The Civic Sense". Against the background of the Ponte Vecchio, we see Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, alongside the "Diagram of the Causes of Mortality in the Eastern Army", created by

Nightingale during the Crimean War. Above her, you can see the logo of the Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini delle Professioni Infermieristiche (FNOPI), the nursing association behind the initiative.

Students, nurses and British citizens, including the director of The British Institute, Simon Gammell, placed flowers in the front of the recently restored monument to Florence Nightingale at the Basilica of Santa Croce.

President of the Opera di Santa Croce, Irene Sanesi emphasised that "Florence is an icon... This stamp seals her role as a courageous woman, a forerunner of the times and founder of modern nursing science."

The Florence Nightingale Museum in London has been granted the rights to reproduce the image and welcomed its release. Museum director David Green commented that he was "really grateful for all the work that has been done in Italy to

help us remember Florence in this very special year, especially for all nurses".

An exhibition featuring all stamps issued globally in memory of Florence Nightingale will be on display at Florence's Spazio Filatelia, via Pellicceria 3, from October 29 until December 8. The show will later travel to other cities.



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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.

### 1999 – Chatrapati Shivaji Commemorative

Shivaji Bhosle (February 19, 1630–April 3, 1680), popularly known as Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, was a maratha warrior who lead a resistance to free the marathas from the Sultanate of Bijapur and frequently raided and defended themselves from Mughal Empire. He created an independent Maratha Kingdom with Raigad as its capital and became the crowned king 'Chatrapati' of the Maratha Kingdom in 1674. He is today remembered in Maharashtra as a hero and a great King who stood for freedom and for

the right of Maratha independence. This 2 rupees coin was issued in his commemoration for general circulation. The other 2 coins were issued, in the denomination of 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 Chhatrapati Shivaji, at the center with the

legend 'CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI' both in English and Hindi, and with 1999 – the year of issue around the periphery.

#### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1999

**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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## India Post Release a Special Cover on Cleanliness And Recycling

**M**umbai: India Post, Mumbai Region released a unique special cover embracing the theme of cleanliness & recycling in the conference hall of office of the Postmaster General, Mumbai Region, Mumbai GPO on 25th November, 2020. Along with that, the event also marked the release of a set of picture postcards, made from the illustrations of the winners of the drawing competition organized by India Post, Mumbai Region during National Postal Week (October 9 – 15, 2020), where more than 450 entries were received from across the country. The Special cover & picture postcard

*The importance of cleanliness and hygiene for a healthy life & a set of Picture Postcards saluting the Corona Warriors of India Post.*



set were released by Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra & Goa Circle, Shri Harish Chandra Agarwal and Postmaster General, India Post – Mumbai Region, Ms Swati Pandey. The special cover released is an exceptional one, since it is made out

of recycled paper and aims to spread awareness of the “Swacch Bharat” campaign launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The special cover and set of picture postcards are also meant to encourage the young talents of the country, recognize their artistry and make them realize the relevance of cleanliness and hygiene.

Besides, it also emphasizes the importance of philately even in today’s digital world.

All winners were present in the event. Those from Mumbai were present physically, whereas those from other parts of the country joined virtually.

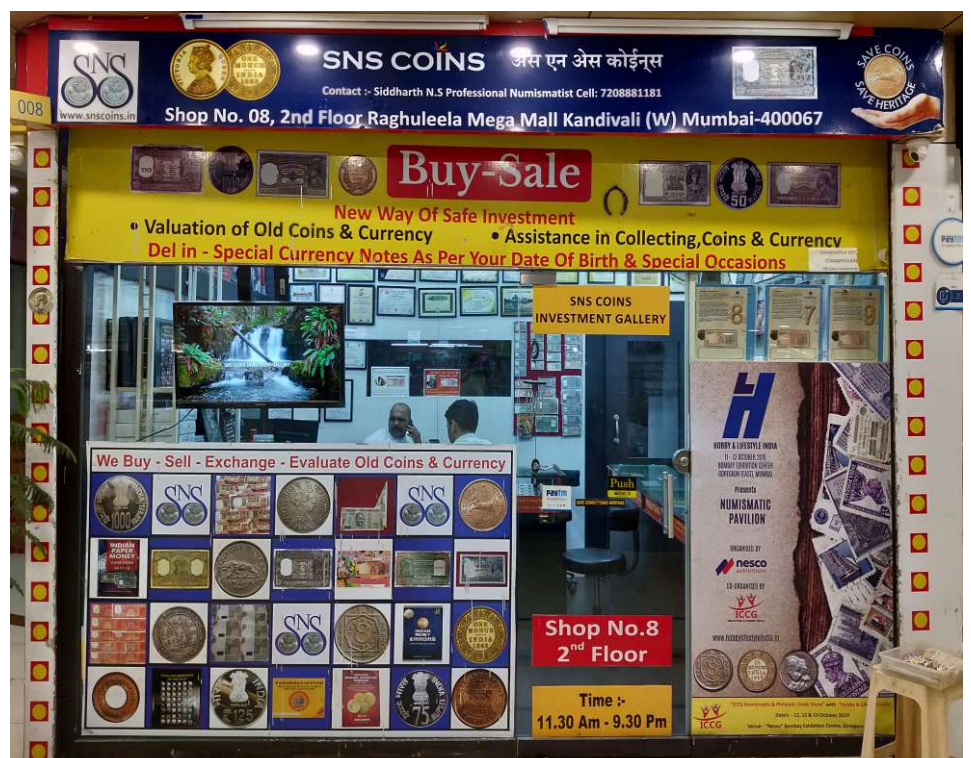
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