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## Visitors Rush to Kolkata Coin Show to Sell Common Coins for Fortune

**K**olkata: Dealers at Mudra Utsav, an exhibition of coins and other collectibles underway at Haldiram Banquet in south Kolkata's Ballygunge, recently faced a new headache — not surprisingly visitors came to sell commonplace commemorative coins and expecting astronomical prices. This, they said, is the result of a fraud that is gaining currency through YouTube videos that promise such prices. "These videos show coins in circulation like the Rs 5 Indira Gandhi or Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board commemorative and claim they would fetch a lakh or more each.



People are getting so lured that when the tricksters seek Rs 2,000 or so as registration fee along with their Aadhaar and PAN numbers, they

promptly oblige. The money, the videos promise, would reach their bank account directly.

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## Preserving Your Collectible Currency Note: Do It the Right Way

**K**nowing how to store and preserve paper money is paramount for any collector. If you are a paper money enthusiast and would like to hold on to your banknotes for a long time, it is imperative that you learn how to store them properly.

Very recently, a senior notaphilist Mr. Chandrashekhar Puri (name changed on request from the collector) visited for the valuation of his three old collectible currency notes. Unfortunately, he did not get good value for his collectibles as the condition of those old notes were not very good, though those currency notes were uncirculated. The only reason for this was that those old



notes were not preserved in the correct way it should otherwise had been. Very disappointed Mr. Puri

noted that his collectibles could have fetched much more value had it been preserved correctly over the years.

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## Terumo India Releases Special Postal Cover and My Stamp to Commemorate 100 years of Terumo Corporation

**N**ew Delhi: Terumo India, the Indian arm of Terumo Corporation (TSE: 4543), a global leader in medical technology, celebrated the centenary anniversary of its founding day through an official release of Special Postal Cover and commemorative My Stamp by Department of Posts at a glittering event recently.

His Excellency Satoshi Suzuki, Ambassador of Japan to India was the Chief Guest and participated in the event virtually. In his congratulatory message to the Terumo Group, Ambassador Satoshi Suzuki said, "It is a great honor and pleasure to be with you to attend the 100th anniversary celebrations of Terumo Corporation. I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to Terumo on its successful business achievements and humanitarian efforts." He also said, "I hope that Terumo will continue to tackle with challenges in this field. We, the Embassy of Japan, are determined to support their efforts."

The Special Postal Cover and commemorative My Stamp was released by the Postmaster General (Operations), Delhi Circle, Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of India, New Delhi, in the presence of Yasuyuki Murahasi, Chief Director General, JETRO India and Kenji Sugino, Secretary General, JCCII and members of the leadership team of Terumo India. The phygital event was live streamed to a global audience comprising associates, partners and customers of Terumo Corporation. Speaking on the occasion, Ashok Kumar, Postmaster General, said, "Department of Posts is delighted to partner with Terumo India in releasing this Special Postal Cover and commemorative Corporate My Stamp. It is a befitting tribute to a 100-year-old organization that has a rich legacy of contributions to society." Guided by its



starting point and unchanging corporate mission of 'Contributing to Society through Healthcare', Terumo has made great progress over the last 100 years. Founded in 1921, Terumo's first product was the domestically produced, safe, high-quality thermometer. The company has since supported the healthcare ecosystem worldwide with its innovative products, superior quality and collaborative engagement with medical professionals to deliver to patients the gift of better health. Speaking on the occasion, MD of Terumo India, Shishir Agarwal, said, "I feel honored to be the custodian of Terumo India's relatively short, yet exciting journey in carrying forward

the company's mission. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders – patients, healthcare professionals, customers, distributors, industry &

government bodies, and above all, Terumo associates for being a part of our journey and supporting us in so many ways." The centenary theme of 'Stride Ahead' signifies the company's commitment to continue challenging the limits of technology for enabling better patient care in the next 100 years. Elaborating on the centenary theme, Shishir Agarwal added, "We at Terumo are excited about our future and stay committed to the company's mission, values and ethos. We will further deepen our presence in India and expand our contribution to the healthcare ecosystem through high quality products and innovations in medical technology."



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Preserving paper money isn't too difficult of a feat, and when done right, you will have these precious collectibles for years to come. Where you save your money is as important as what material you will use to preserve the money. Smudges on banknotes result from handling them with your bare hands. You might think that your palms are not moist, but in reality, they have water and oil, which actually transfers to the notes and lower the quality. Same applies to plastic covers and sheets for preserving collectible notes or autographs or any other valuable paper collectible. If you thought that plastic is safe and have put your

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Once they pay the fee, the buyer's phone number cannot be reached anymore. This is harming our trade," said Ravi Shankar Sharma, secretary, Numismatic Society of Calcutta, which is organising the exhibition. The dealers' association has tried tracing the numbers. "We found them registered in the names of people who have no clue that such a phone number exists in their name. It seems the Aadhaar numbers of the targets are being used to register SIM cards," he said. The fraud has become so rampant that the society has issued a notice alerting people. But that is not stopping the flow of hopefuls.

Basant Kumar Rethi, a prominent dealer, turned away "at least 30 such people" on the first day of the show. "One said he had already paid the registration fee but was unable to contact the 'buyer' now. I told him not to keep his hopes up," he said.

Worse is the harassment faced by Sharma, whose mobile number was posted in the event announcement in social media.

"My WhatsApp chatbox is flooded with messages of pictures of ordinary coins, asking how many lakhs we'd

antique currency notes into just any plastic holder, it's time to wake up. Not all plastics are good for your currency. Purchase the necessary storage materials. Normal household stationery made of plastic won't do. Most plastic varieties commonly are acid washed, which can leach out into the currency notes and damage them.

Banknotes are vulnerable to many things, even with the best banknote holders. You have to be too careful. If you want to preserve your paper

pay if they visit the fair. I am getting over 200 calls daily," Sharma said. One such call came from Nepal while he was speaking to Metro. A family of 15 from Assam had turned up at the venue in the morning with bags full of coins. "They must have thought they'd make enough from the sale to make the journey worthwhile. Imagine their distress when we told them it's a scam," Sharma said.

To prevent any disruption, the organisers had hired six bouncers. While lots of interesting collectibles, from foreign currency notes to old Indian coins to stamps made of unusual materials, were on sale, there was a special show on coins, tokens, medals and banknotes put up by individual collectors to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. COVID norms violation results in affecting dealers. The mask strapped across the chin, leaving the mouth and nose uncovered, was just the new normal during the coin exhibition. On the one hand, livelihoods of many remain impacted amid fears of the novel corona dieses (COVID-19) pandemic and the state government extending




money, it's best to take it to a professional restorer. Remember, banknotes that have been treated in any way will have a lower rating. So if you want your notes to receive a high rating, be careful in how you preserve the currency.

partial lockdowns. On the other hand there was a visible failure in pandemic appropriate public discipline in terms of wearing masks properly and maintaining social distancing during the coin fair and as a result many dealers got affected and later reported COVID Positive which only saw them through tough days ahead. ICCG News hereby requests all visitors and dealers to strictly adhere to Covid protocols in view of rising cases in the country.

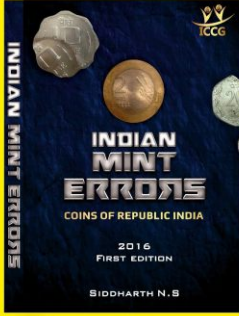
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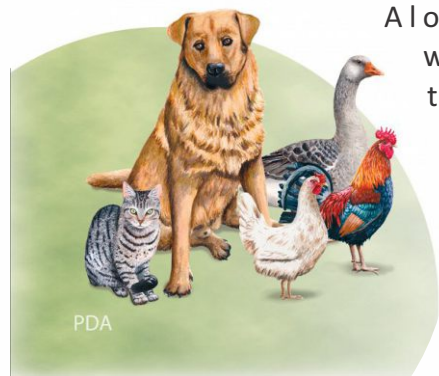
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## Adopt a Pet Stamp from Latvian Post

Latvian Postal Service begun 2022, with a new series of stamps "Domestic animals", the first of which were issued on January 14.

The new series replaced the series of regional emblems and of flowers.

The first postage stamps have been issued with images of a cat, dog, chick, hen, and goose.



new postage stamps, a special envelope has been issued in 800 copies.

Along with the author of the design is Ģirts Grīva.

Each of the postage stamps shall have a different nominal value, with the cat coming cheapest and the goose having the highest value.

The postage stamps of the domestic



animals series will initially be able to be purchased in Riga's 10th mail department, Elizabetes Street 14/43, Riga 50th department in Origo, Stacijas Square 2, the postal center Sakta on Brīvības Boulevard 32, as well as online.

## Poet Maya Angelou Becomes First Black Woman to Appear on US Coin

Poet and activist Maya Angelou has become the first Black woman to appear on the US quarter, in a new version of the coin unveiled by the US Mint on 10th January 2022.

Angelou, author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," will also be the first figure commemorated through the American Women Quarters Program, which was signed into law in January 2021. The US Mint "has begun shipping the first coins" with Angelou's likeness on the American quarter, a 25-cent piece, according to a press release from the

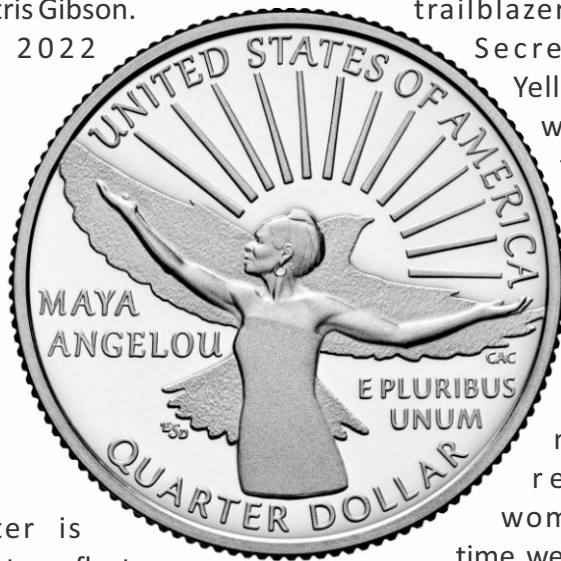
agency. "It is my honor to present our nation's first circulating coins dedicated to celebrating American women and their contributions to American history," said Mint Deputy Director Ventris Gibson.

"Each 2022

series, used words to inspire and uplift." The program directs the US Mint to issue quarters each year between 2022 and 2025 featuring five different female American trailblazers. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said she was "proud that these coins celebrate the contributions of some of America's most remarkable women." "Each time we redesign our

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quarter is designed to reflect

the breadth and depth of accomplishments being celebrated throughout this historic coin program. Maya Angelou, featured on the reverse of this first coin in the

currency, we have the chance to say something about our country -- what we value, and how we've progressed as a society,"

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she said in a statement. For much of the last 90 years, the quarter has depicted the first US president, George Washington, on one side and an eagle on the other.

In 1999, the US launched a series of quarters honoring the 50 states, with a state's design depicted on the coin's reverse. The program was expanded to include US territories and national parks. The new quarters -- which have been minted in Philadelphia and Denver -- show Washington on one side and Angelou on the other. The other figures set to appear on the coin in 2022 are: Sally Ride, the first American woman in space; Wilma Mankiller, first female principal chief of

the Cherokee Nation; Nina Otero-Warren, a suffrage leader; and Anna May Wong, a Chinese-American film star.

### LEGACY HONORED

Born in Missouri in 1928, Angelou was an essayist and poet who worked with civil rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Angelou, who delivered the poem at Bill Clinton's first presidential inauguration, died in 2014. Yellen has also signaled support for recognizing former slave and abolitionist Harriet Tubman on US currency. Former president Barack Obama launched an effort to put Tubman's face on the \$20 bill but it stalled under Donald Trump's

administration.

Putting Tubman, a black woman who escaped slavery and became a leader of the pre-Civil War abolitionist movement, on the bill would be an "honor" but designing banknotes takes time, Yellen said in September.

Many US lawmakers celebrated the release of the Angelou quarters, including congress woman Ayanna Pressley. "Black women have historically done the most for our country while receiving the least recognition," the Massachusetts Democrat tweeted. "Glad to see Maya Angelou, a shero of mine, have her legacy honored."

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## Prince Philip, Queen Feature in Final Stamp Issue for 2021

If you're looking for a special gift for that dedicated philatelist in your life, look no further than the Cayman Islands Postal Service's final stamp issue for 2021, which features Prince Philip and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

The release also features the traditional Cayman Christmas stamp. According to a Postal Service announcement, the latest offering is extra special since printing and shipping delays brought the stamps to Cayman weeks after the target release dates of October and November.

"The Christmas season is always a special time for us at CI Postal Service. So, I am delighted that we have been able to release another Christmas issue and the Royal Family stamp issues are always popular in philatelic circles," Postmaster General Sheena Glasgow said in announcing the new stamps.

"Unfortunately, conditions beyond our control – and indeed of our suppliers as well – delayed the release of these new issues.



Nevertheless, better late than never and we are pleased we could offer them in time for increased Christmas season mail."

The three stamp issues that were set to be published during the last quarter were: celebrating Her Majesty The Queen's 95th birthday, remembering His Royal Highness Prince Philip, and commemorating Christmas 2021. Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh passed away in April at the age of 99.

With the ink now dry on the last stamps for 2021, Glasgow said her

team is already moving on with their 2022 editions.

"Development work on our 2022 stamp issues is already underway so the Postal Service will continue to release stamp issues going into the future, as we have done in the past," she added.

The full set of stamps and First Day Cover for the Prince Philip stamp issue are available for purchase at the Philatelic Bureau located in the Seven Mile Beach Post Office on West Bay Road.

## ICCG 2021 – Certificate of Appreciation To Nirmita Desai

There are countless young hobbyists across the country who are deserving of recognition for starting their hobby and pushing through the ups and downs thrown their way.

ICCG recently appreciated one such young talent in Miss Nirmita Desai.

A certificate of appreciation was awarded to Miss Desai for volunteering her time and effort in

the field of Numismatics and Philately by Mr. Siddharth N.S Founder and editor of Indian Coins & Currency Group - ICCG News.

ICCG News wishes **Miss Nirmita Desai** all the very best for her collection and would like to extend every support she may need through her journey related with her hobby.



## UAE to Host Emirates 2022 World Stamp Exhibition

**D**ubai: The UAE will host 'Emirates 2022 World Stamp Exhibition,' at Expo 2020 Dubai from January 19 to 23, the organisers announced on 10th January 2022.

Emirates Post Group in collaboration with the Emirates Philatelic Association will host the event at the Dubai Exhibition Centre located at the venue of the ongoing world exposition.

The exhibition will mark the beginning of eight international philatelic events being held around the world in 2022. Mega event. The event will feature 174 exhibits from 27 countries from the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Europe, America, and Oceania, as well as participation from postal administrations from GCC and Arab countries, philatelic and numismatic dealers, and philately enthusiasts.

The exhibition, which aims to showcase and promote philately, or the collection and study of postage stamps, also sets its sights on developing cultural exchange and mutually beneficial partnerships that can contribute to enriching philately in the region.

The show, which includes an exhibit, competition, and classes will be divided into 10 categories: traditional

philately, postal history, postal stationery, thematic philately, aerophilately, astrophilately, revenues, philatelic literature, one frame and picture postcards.

Abdulla Mohammed Alashram, group CEO, Emirates Post Group, said: "We are extremely proud and honoured to be organising this first-of-its-kind philatelic event in the region along with the Emirates Philately Association."

"This international exhibition will be a milestone in the ongoing initiatives to promote the culture of philately in the UAE and the region. Furthermore, by bringing together exhibitors, collectors, dealers, and philatelic enthusiasts, we aim to foster beneficial partnerships to maintain cooperation among philatelists and postal administrators."

Alashram added: "As the EWSE is taking place in conjunction with the world expo, we look forward to the participation of visitors from around the world. The event, which will emphasize the historical significance of philately, will also explore important prospects in the field."

**Stamps for students**

The five-day event will also include seminars featuring expert panelists and philatelic and numismatic auctions. In addition, it will have a



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dedicated corner for students to learn about stamps and their importance as well as participate in the send "Postcards to Space" initiative.

Abdulla Mohammed Khoory, president, Emirates Philatelic Association, remarked: "We are honoured and delighted to be a part of this global philatelic event. Organising the 'Emirates 2022 World Stamp Exhibition' is no small feat, which requires the involvement of commissioners and jurors, as well as the immense cooperation of exhibitors, reliable postage and stamp dealers, and sponsors."

The free-to-attend exhibition will draw the attention of visitors from various countries and facilitate positive engagement within the UAE and international philatelic community, the organisers said.

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## U.S. Postal Service Reveals More Stamps for 2022

Washington, 11th January, 2022: The U.S. Postal Service has announced several additions to the 2022 stamp program first announced last fall. All stamp designs are preliminary and subject to change. Palace of Fine Arts

An eye-catching sight in the Marina District of San Francisco, the Palace of Fine Arts has long been a source of pride for residents and an attraction for visitors from around the world. This Priority Mail Express stamp celebrates the iconic architectural landmark.

The stamp features a digital illustration showing the rotunda and part of the colonnades of the Palace of Fine Arts, with a small lagoon in the foreground. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with original art by Dan Cosgrove. This stamp will be released in San Francisco, without a first-day-of-issue ceremony, on Feb. 14.

### Monument Valley

This Priority Mail stamp celebrates Monument Valley, an iconic landscape of the American West. Reminiscent of a vintage travel poster, the stamp art emphasizes the vast stone formations of Monument Valley while highlighting the vivid colors of the sky, the land and the area's distinctive plant life. The digital illustration is based on photographs of Monument Valley, including a view facing northwest at sunrise. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with original art by Dan Cosgrove.

This stamp will be released in Monument Valley, UT, without a first-day-of-issue ceremony, on Feb. 14.

### African Daisy

Send greetings to friends and family overseas with this beautiful stamp featuring the intricate design of a colorful African daisy, photographed from above.

Native to southern Africa and often called the African daisy, plants from the *Osteospermum* genus are widely available in U.S. nurseries. This round, Global stamp can be used to mail a 1-ounce letter to any country to which First-Class Mail International service is available. This Forever stamp will have a

postage value equivalent to the price of the single-piece First-Class Mail International 1-ounce machineable letter in effect at the time of use.

The African Daisy stamp is being issued in self-adhesive panes of 10. Greg Breeding designed the stamp with existing photography by Cindy Dyer. William Gicker was the art director.

This stamp will be released in Kansas City, MO, without a first-day-of-issue ceremony, on March 14.

### Shel Silverstein

The extraordinarily versatile Shel Silverstein (1930–1999) was one of the 20th century's most imaginative authors and illustrators. His picture book "The Giving Tree" and his quirky poetry collections are beloved by children everywhere. The stamp art features a version of the illustration of a boy catching an apple that appears on the cover of "The Giving Tree." Published in 1964, the best-selling tale of selflessness is considered a children's literature classic. Art director Derry Noyes designed the stamp. Flags on Barns

Painted flags can be found on barns in almost every region of the United States. Four colorful pencil and water color illustrations of flags on barns grace the latest issuance of stamps available for bulk-mail users. The barns are set in landscapes inspired by the seasons and different regions of the United States. The stamps will be sold in self-adhesive coils of 3,000 and 10,000. Stephanie Bower designed and illustrated the stamps. Antonio Alcalá was the art director.



### Floral Geometry

The two similarly designed Floral Geometry stamps, denominated at \$2 and \$5, lend an elegant and contemporary appearance to packages, large envelopes and other mailings. The stamp art features a series of overlapping geometric shapes that mimic the symmetry of floral patterns found in nature.

The watercolor backgrounds and the glimmer of the foil-stamped designs and typography create a sophisticated look. The \$2 stamp will be issued in panes of 10. The \$5 stamp will be issued in panes of four. The stamps were designed and created by the firm Spaeth Hill. Antonio Alcalá was the art director.

Mariachi Filled with passion, rhythm and stories of life, love and loss, mariachi music is an integral element of Mexican American culture that has become deeply rooted in the United States and has fans around the world. Each of the five vibrant stamps in this pane of 20 features a musician dressed in a traje de charro, the traditional outfit of mariachi performers, playing one of five iconic mariachi instruments: guitar, guitarrón, vihuela, violin and trumpet. Rafael López designed the stamps and created the art. Derry Noyes was the art director.



## Special Postal Cover Released to Mark Ghantasala Birth Centenary

**V**isakhapatnam: Tourism Minister Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao has said that the name of legendary Telugu playback singer Ghantasala will remain etched in the hearts of the Telugu people forever.

The birth centenary celebrations of Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao were organised, on behalf of the State government, at the VMRDA Children's Arena here on 04th December 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that Ghantasala's rendition of the Bhagavad Gita would cast a spell on listeners and he continued to inspire budding talents. Ghantasala had gone through several trials and tribulations in his life before establishing himself as a playback singer. He had participated in the Quit India Movement.

Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had great respect for art and culture. The honouring of a number of artistes during the last couple of years was an indication of the State government's commitment to the cause of artistes, he said.

Culture and traditions were the



legacy which should be passed on to future generations, he added.

The Minister released a special cover brought out by the postal department to mark the centenary celebrations. He also released two books authored by Ghantasala.

Earlier, the Minister garlanded the statue of Ghantasala on Beach Road and paid tributes to him.

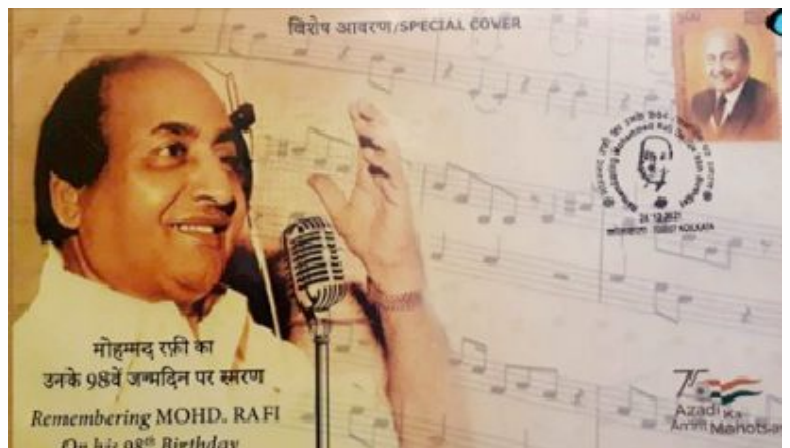
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## Special Cover Released on Mohammed Rafi's 98th Birthday

**T**he India Post Kolkata region in association with the Daffodil Incorporate released a special cover to commemorate the 98th birthday of legendary singer Mohd Rafi on 21st December 2021 at the prestigious Mahajati Sadan. The release had been graced by the august presence of noted guests like Niraj Kumar, PMG Kolkata Region, Rupankar Bagchi, Kalyan Sen Barat, Mallar Ghosh, Rudra Sen and Jhumki Sen. Niraj Kumar said, "It gives me an immense pleasure that I got a chance

to incorporate myself in such an initiative and to release the special cover on such an important day. Mohd Rafi was such a legend who placed Indian music at a

distinct height. It's also a proud moment for us. Postal stamp on the



legendary singer had been launched in the year 2016".

## Special Postal Cover on Palani Panchamirtham Released

The Department of Posts has released a special cover on Geographical Indication (GI)-tagged Palani Panchamirtham. It was released by Senior Superintendent of Post Offices (Dindigul Division) T. Sahayaraju.

The special cover was released under the ambit of Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The special covers are printed with the GI logo and with the tagline 'Invaluable Treasures of Incredible India'. Palani Panchamirtham got the GI status in 2019.

The Southern Region (Madurai) of the Department of Posts has already issued special covers on Nagercoil

temple jewellery, Madurai Sungudisaris, Karaikudi Kandangisaris, Pattamadai mat, Eathamozhi tall coconut, Srivilliputhur palkovai, Kovilpattikadalaimittai, Sirumalai hill banana, Virupakshi hill banana, Dindigullock, Chettinadkottan, Kodaikanal malai poondu, Malabar pepper, Alleppey green



cardamom and Madurai malli, according to a press statement.

## News Special Postal Cover Released to Mark NIT

Kozhikode: On the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the National Institute of Technology-Calicut (NIT-C), the Department of Posts released a special postal cover on 13th December 2021.

Prof. Prasad Krishna, Director, NIT-C, and T. Nirmala Devi, Postmaster General, Northern Region, Kerala, jointly released the special postal cover, a press release said.

Ms. Nirmala lauded the efforts of the NIT-C for moulding the students into

multifaceted personalities.

The Department of Post began a two-day special postal mela at the NIT-C campus on Monday. A counter on "My Stamps" where

the staff and students could print their names and photos on stamps



was also opened. An exhibition of philatelic items, including old stamps, was arranged.

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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.

## 1995 –50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE F.A.O COMMEMORATION ISSUE

The Food and Agriculture Organization (F.A.O.) is a specialized Agency of United Nations Organization (U.N.O.). It was founded on 16th October, 1945 at Quebec (Canada). The objectives of F.A.O. are to improve agricultural productivity and to better the condition of rural poor, thus raising the level of nutrition and standard of living the world over. India is also one of the founding members of the F.A.O.

Since 1981, every year, the 16th October—the foundation day of the F.A.O. is celebrated by member nations throughout the world, as World Food Day. In observance of the

50th Anniversary of the F.A.O., India brought out this 5 rupees coin for general circulation on 16th October, 1995.

**Obverse:** The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion, 'Satyameva Jayate' in Hindi and the value '5' 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 hand holding a bundle of wheat and barley, with the F.A.O. crest stamped on the back of the hand. The inscription that appears around the periphery is – 'Khadya

1995' is shown below the central design.

### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1995

**Weight:** 9 grams

**Metal composition:** Cupro – Nickel alloy (75% Copper + 25% Nickel)

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 23 mm

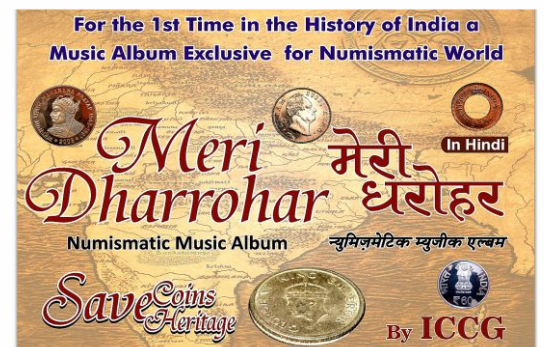
**Edge:** Security

**Mint:** Mumbai, Hyderabad & Noida

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Ebam Krushi Samgathhan' in Hindi in the top half and 'FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION' in English in the bottom half. The 50-year span '1945-



## Virtual Philatelic Expo TN Digipex 2022 Extended

Chennai: Nearly 16,000 people viewed the virtual philatelic exhibition hosted by the Department of Posts, Tamil Nadu Circle, at [www.tndigipex2022.com](http://www.tndigipex2022.com). The department had decided to allow viewers access to the digital exhibition for one month. Tamil Nadu Postal Circle hosted a virtual philately exhibition titled TN Digipex 2022. The exhibition that was earlier going to end on January 10 has the theme - India's rich cultural heritage. This virtual exhibition is supported by South India Philatelists' Association (SIPA), Chennai. B Mahesh Parekh, secretary of SIPA, tells DT Next, "Our aim is to help people know what stamp collecting is all about and its importance in today's world. Through our association, we are also helping people evolve from a collector to philatelist. This virtual exhibition is being hosted to promote the hobby of stamp collecting and

give an opportunity for the philatelists to showcase their collections."

A total of 289 frames are being displayed in this online exhibition. "An e-catalogue with the list of all the participants and their exhibit themes is uploaded on the website. There are two classifications for the exhibits - non-competitive and competitive class. The invitee class has various titles like hand-struck postage stamps of India, early Indian cancellations, British India, British India Queen Victoria postal stationery, holograms, fleeting beauties, Mahatma Gandhi: his life and legacy, underwater angels and more. The titles that come under Indian theme are Bharat Ratna



winners, 100 years of Indian cinema, Indian freedom fighters, gems of Bengal, collection of miniature sheets and fauna."

Special covers with special cancellations will be brought out during the exhibition on different themes. As part of TN Digipex, an online philately workshop was conducted on January 8 by senior philatelist PS Seshadri.

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