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Glimpse of History - Coinex Jaipur

Jaipur: With more than thousands of coins, banknotes, medals, autographs, stamps and over hundreds of philately and numismatic enthusiasts from all over India could be seen showcasing wide range of collectibles at the Coinex Jaipur, which was held during the most awaited coin exhibition in Rajasthan between 25th to 27th March, 2022 It was organized by

Coinex Associates in association with Philatelic Society of Rajasthan and Numismatic Society of Rajasthan at Swarn Mahal Banquet Hall, Marudhar Vihar, Jaipur.



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ICCG 2022 – Certificate of Appreciation To Mr. Dharmesh Darji

Young numismatist Mr. Dhamesh Darji was recently awarded with the ICCG's 2022 certificate of appreciation in recognition of his valuable contribution, dedication and effort in the field of Numismatics. The certificate was awarded to Mr. Darji by Mr. Siddharth Shah Founder and editor of ICCG News. Mr. Darji's collections include republic India

Definitive, Commemorative and error coins. Mr. Darji has been actively involved with numismatics for more than 10 years as a collector and ICCG wished him lots of success in future.



Pramod Vejani : A name Indian Numismatics would always remember

Recently, Indian numismatics suffered a great loss due to the sudden demise of one of the most loving and senior numismatist Shri Pramod Vejani. Shri. Vejani had a lot of passion and love towards coins and for more than 50 years he had been actively involved with numismatics for many years as a collector, as an educator and a mentor. His demise has clearly left a big gap within the Indian numismatics which can never be

filled. In October 2019, ICCG News felicitated Shri. Pramod Vejani with the Lifetime Achievement Award during the ICCG Numismatic and Philately Trade Show in association with HLI at NESCO Grounds Mumbai. ICCG News on behalf of entire numismatic community, conveys deepest of respects towards our most



loved numismatist. Rest in peace Vejani sir!

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India Post's Special Cover on TPS College Released

Patna: Former Union HRD minister and JD(U) national parliamentary board chairman Upendra Kushwaha on 26th March 2022 called upon the teachers to shape the careers of the youth in such a manner that they become worthy citizens of the country.

Releasing the special cover brought out by the India Post on T P S College, a constituent unit of Patliputra University (PPU), Kushwaha said the country would develop only when the youth contributed to the socio-economic development of the society and teachers have certainly

an important role in moulding the youths towards social reconstruction.

He lauded the recent achievement of the college in academics and expressed the hope that the institution would attain such standards in academics that a postal stamp would be released in its recognition. He also released a magazine of the college on the occasion.

PPU vice-chancellor R K Singh announced that postgraduate teaching in some new subjects would be started in the college soon.



College principal Upendra Prasad welcomed the guests. Urdu department teacher Abu Bakar Rizwi conducted the programme and philosophy teacher Shyamal Kishore proposed a vote of thanks.

Gold Rush in Bihar Village after Woman finds Coins

Patna: Bihar deployed police to guard a piece of farmland after a scramble among local villagers to dig out that particular space following recovery of several gold coins. The news has been communicated to the Archaeological Department as the gold coins belonged to ancient times and officials believe several precious antiquities might be lying beneath the land. According to reports, Bihasi Devi was busy digging out the land in Giridhar-Baraon village in Buxur district for farm work on 20th March 2022 when she noticed a shining yellow metal and picked it up. She was not sure if it was gold but kept on digging the land with the help of a gardening trowel and she found two more. One of the coins was later sold for Rs 28,000 in the local market Unable to hide her curiosity, she

reported the matter to the villagers and also informed how she fetched handsome money after its sale. Within no time, the villagers armed with hoes, digging sticks, spades, trowels and other tools rushed to the spot and began digging the land in search of gold. Saroj Pal was another lucky villager who was able to lay his hand on a gold coin. In the meanwhile, someone informed the police who rushed to the spot and fenced the entire area apart from deploying a force to ensure peace.

“We have recovered three gold coins from the local villagers and the matter has been communicated to the Archaeological Department,” local sub-divisional official Kumar Pankaj told the media on 23rd March. According to him, the Archeological Department has been requested to make an inspection of the spot and



excavate the land. Reports said two more coins were reportedly found by the villagers but the officials are still to recover them. According to historians, the area was ruled by the Kharwar dynasty.

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There were more than 70 dealer stalls from all over India. "Interacting with dealers and seeing various exhibits at these shows has helped me to understand the importance of coins, stamps and postal history and their vital role in human life. I have learned geography, various flora, fauna and cultures all around the globe through stamps and coins. This hobby has indeed helped me academically too. Stamp and Coins shows have returned after two years of COVID-19. I have always loved attending shows where I get the opportunity to learn things that are

not fully taught in the classrooms. Such exhibitions are so very important for the study of history, especially ancient history" says 14 year old Master Mukul Goswami from Bengaluru who was visiting the fair with his father. Apart of the display of coins, banknotes and stamps the exhibition also provided academic sessions on numismatics, philately and notaphily. The fair also saw over 1,000s of coins, banknotes



and medals being auctioned over the three days during two live auctions by Marudhar Arts and Oswal Antiques.

A Postal Cover in Honour of the Vanishing Cholanaikkan Tribe

Cholanaikkans living deep inside the forests of Nilambur was recently honored Indian postal cover. The Postal department honoured the primitive tribe by releasing a special cover in association with the Forest and Wildlife department on 18th March 2022.

When the world celebrated the International Forest Day on 18th March, it also was a unique recognition for a few dozen remaining families of Cholanaikkans still living in squalid conditions inside the forests in Karulai and Chungathararanges.

Postmaster General (north zone) T. Nirmala Devi released the special cover at Nilambur Post Office on 18th March morning. She handed over the first cover to Forest Divisional Officer (Nilambur South) Praveen P. Karimpuzha Mathan, the Cholanaikkan tribesman who stole the news headlines about two decades ago when he attended the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on a special invitation of the President, was also honoured posthumously by the Postal department. Mathan, 70, had met his tragic end when he failed

to run away from a charging elephant near Panappuzha two months ago. Mathan's death had virtually shaken the depleting Cholanaikkan tribe.

Cholanaikkan tribe, which remained aloof from other tribes, is one of the last remaining hunter-gatherer tribes living in the State's forests. Although the tribespeople mixed with other Naikkan tribes of late, especially the Kattunaikkan, the customs and lifestyle of Cholanaikkan people continue to be unique.

Until 1960s, the Cholanaikkan tribespeople led a totally secluded life deep inside the forests of Nilambur. They maintained little contact with the outside world, leading their traditional lifestyle. They used to live in rock caves in the jungle. Although their lifestyle changed considerably with the tribe achieving nearly 20% literacy, most Cholanaikkan families continue to



live in pitiable conditions inside the forest. Following reports of a malnutrition death in the Cholanaikkan tribe a few weeks ago, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) secretary and Sub-Judge Noushadali K. had visited them. The tribes people living in the hamlets of Kuppumala, Chempukallu, Nagamala, Varganmala and Mathilmala had unbundled their woes in front of the judge. "We are not getting any help from them (government officials). Nobody cares for us," they told the judge.

Belgium Issues €2 Commemorative Coin to Thank Healthcare Sector

Belgium is going to issue a commemorative €2 coin to thank the healthcare sector for its efforts during the coronavirus pandemic, according to a Royal Decree published in the Belgian Official Journal on 23rd March 2022. The coin will be made "in appreciation of the exceptional efforts of the healthcare sector during the Covid-19 pandemic,"

according to Finance Minister Vincent Van Peteghem's Royal Decree. On the coin, pictograms of a cross, a stethoscope, a heart, a syringe, a wheelchair and a chemical mixture will be present, all referring



to the healthcare. The text "danke – merci – dank u" will be added.

The coin, which was designed by Belgian coin designer Luc Luycx, will be issued this spring. Last year, Italy already issued a special €2 coin as a symbol of gratitude for the efforts of care workers during the coronavirus crisis.

BSP Launches '125-Piso' Commemorative Coin in Honor of Jose Rizal's Martyrdom



Manila: The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas on 11th March 2022 said it has released a limited edition "125-Piso" commemorative coin to honor the 125th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal.

The coin showcases Rizal as a "global Filipino hero," the central bank said in a Facebook post. "His life and legacy serve as inspiration for people from all walks of life," the BSP said. The 34-mm commemorative coin, made of nordic gold, features the portrait and signature of Rizal. It

weighs 15 grams and has a gold-plated finish, the BSP said.

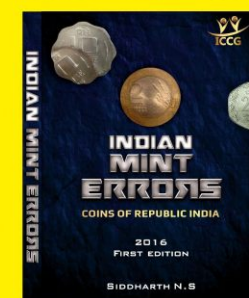
Inscriptions 125 years and Martyrdom of Jose Rizal are on the obverse side while the Rizal Monument, the BSP logo, 125 Piso and Republika ng Pilipinas are on the reverse side, the BSP said. The coin is available in limited quantity for P1,000, the BSP said. Orders can be placed on the central bank's official website. Rizal's novels "Noli me Tangere" and "El Filibusterismo" "were viewed as the guiding force for other patriots to rally for the

country's cause," in the 1896 revolution against Spanish colonial rule, according to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Rizal was executed on Dec. 30, 1896 by a firing squad on Bagumbayan Field (now Rizal Park) on orders of Spanish authorities. The Philippines commemorated his 125th death anniversary last December. In 2021, the BSP launched a commemorative P5,000 banknote and medal in honor of the 500th anniversary of Lapu-Lapu's victory in the Battle of Mactan.

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Coin Honoring Sally Ride, First US Woman in Space, Enters Circulation

The United States' first woman to fly into space has lifted off a new mission, this time to orbit the nation in the form of a new circulating coin.

The U.S. Mint on 21st March 2022 began shipping the Dr. Sally Ride quarter, the second coin in its American Women Quarters program. Struck at the Mint's facilities in Philadelphia and Denver, the 25-cent pieces — each displaying an engraving depicting the late astronaut — should begin showing up at banks and in the change tendered at stores over the next three to four weeks. "Dr. Sally Ride captured the nation's imagination as a symbol of the ability of women to shatter barriers. Heralding her accomplishments via this beautiful quarter provides the Mint with yet another opportunity to connect America through coins," Ventris Gibson, deputy director of the U.S. Mint, said in a statement. The release marks the second U.S. coin to depict a female astronaut and the first to honor Ride. A physicist and later a leading advocate for science education, Ride joined NASA in 1978 as a member of the first group of astronaut candidates to include women and minorities.

Five years later, she lifted off on space shuttle Challenger as an STS-7 mission specialist and entered history books as the first American and third woman worldwide to orbit Earth. At 32 years old, she was also the youngest American to fly into space, a record she held for 38 years. Together with her second mission in 1984, Ride logged a total of two weeks in space. The quarter depicts Ride as she appeared during her first shuttle mission, floating next to a window

aboard the space shuttle's flight deck. The pose was inspired by something Ride once said: "But when I wasn't working, I was usually at a window looking down at Earth." The coin was designed by artist Elana Hagler, a member of the U.S. Mint's Artistic Infusion Program, and was sculpted by Phebe Hemphill. The artwork also includes the inscription "E Pluribus



Unum," Latin for "Out of Many, One," which positioned over Earth, next to the United States, represents that Ride was the first American woman in space.

"Sally would be so moved by this great honor," Tam O'Shaughnessy, Ride's life partner and co-founder and executive director of Sally Ride Science at University of California, San Diego, said. "This tribute reflects Sally's legacy not only as a trailblazing astronaut but also as a champion of diversity and inclusion in STEM [science, technology, engineering and math] fields." In addition to the coins entering circulation, the U.S. Mint has produced and is offering for sale several numismatic products featuring the Dr. Sally Ride quarter. Advance demand has already claimed the 100 coin-bags and three-roll sets, but two-roll and proof sets, as well as a decorative ornament featuring the Ride quarter are still expected to be

available when they go on sale beginning Tuesday through the end of the month and later this fall, respectively. The U.S. Mint's American Women Quarters program includes five new coins each year through 2025, each featuring designs emblematic of the accomplishments and contributions of trailblazing American women. As authorized by Congress and signed into law in 2021, the coin preceding Ride's depicted poet and social activist Maya Angelou.

The additional honorees in 2022 include Wilma Mankiller, the first female principal chief of the Cherokee Nation; Nina Otero-Warren, a leader in New Mexico's suffrage movement; and Anna May Wong, the first Chinese American film star in Hollywood. Future years' subjects will draw from a wide range of accomplishments and fields, including suffrage, civil rights, abolition, government, humanities, science, space and the arts.

The obverse (or heads side) for all of the American Women quarters depicts a portrait of George Washington originally composed and sculpted by Laura Gardin Fraser to mark George Washington's 200th birthday. The Sally Ride quarter is the second circulating U.S. coin to depict an astronaut after the 2002 Ohio State Quarter, which featured an engraving of an Apollo moonwalker. The U.S. Mint has also issued commemorative coins and medallions depicting John Glenn, the first American in orbit and the Apollo 11 crew (2009 New Frontier Bronze Medal); a Native American astronaut (2019 American Indians in the Space Program \$1 coin); and Christa McAuliffe, the first "Teacher in Space" (2021 silver dollar).

Inspired by Disney, The Royal Mint Unveils New Eeyore 50p Coin

Inspired by Disney, The Royal Mint has launched a new 50p coin in the beloved Winnie the Pooh and Friends collection. The new Eeyore 50p coin is available now and will be joined by Kanga and Roo and a final gathering of Pooh and his closest friends from Hundred Acre Wood represented on a 50p, concluding the popular nine-coin collection.

In collaboration with Disney, the childhood character coin designs have been inspired by the original illustrations of E. H. Shepard from A. A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh stories that were published in 1926. The classic watercolour effect of the original 1926 manuscript has been remastered with colour printing across the special-edition silver and BU coins. The new characters follow the existing Winnie the Pooh, Owl, Tigger, Christopher Robin and Piglet, who have each been miniaturised on a 50p since the Winnie the Pooh and Friends coins first launched in 2020. The timeless characters have been designed by The Royal Mint designer Daniel Thorne who has brought them to life in miniature on gold, silver and colour editions. Adding an original twist, Thorne's signature bee motif continues to feature alongside the classic design across the 2022 coins, as well as the entire Winnie the Pooh and Friends range.

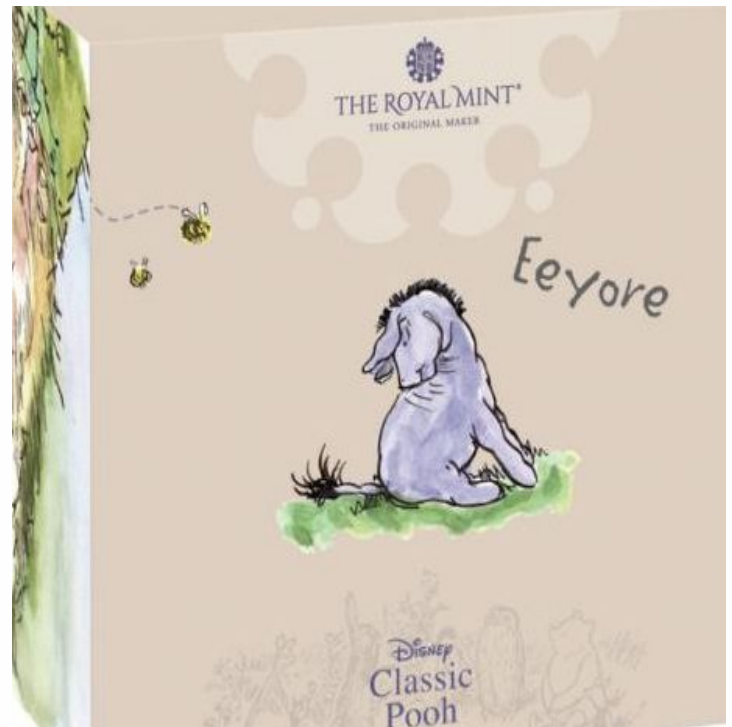
Clare Maclennan, Director of Commemorative Coin at The Royal Mint, said: "The Winnie the Pooh and Friends collection, inspired by Disney, has proved popular with coin collectors of all ages, and continues to appeal to new and younger collectors wanting to celebrate their favourite characters with a collectable 50p. "In the latest instalment of the timeless Winnie the Pooh range, we are delighted to reveal that Eeyore will be joining the

fun in 2022.

"Inspired by the original illustrations from the classic A. A. Milne Winnie-the-Pooh publication, the new Eeyore design showcases the creativity, craftsmanship and innovation of The Royal Mint's design team – with the added charm of the special-colour-edition coins, which capture the original watercolour illustrations of E. H. Shepard, in a fitting tribute to the much-loved adventures." The Royal Mint's designer Dan Thorne said: "Using inspiration from the original decorations of E.H. Shepard has been a fantastic experience but one that has also tested me as a designer.

"With each design, so much care and attention has been given to remastering the iconic decorations for the canvas of a coin while staying true to the texts people know and love.

"I also wanted to add something extra special for collectors, with the bee motif. Inspired by the original decorations the buzzy bee from the



storybooks features on each of the nine coins in the collection. I hope collectors can appreciate the beauty in each design in the range and enjoy the special colour editions."

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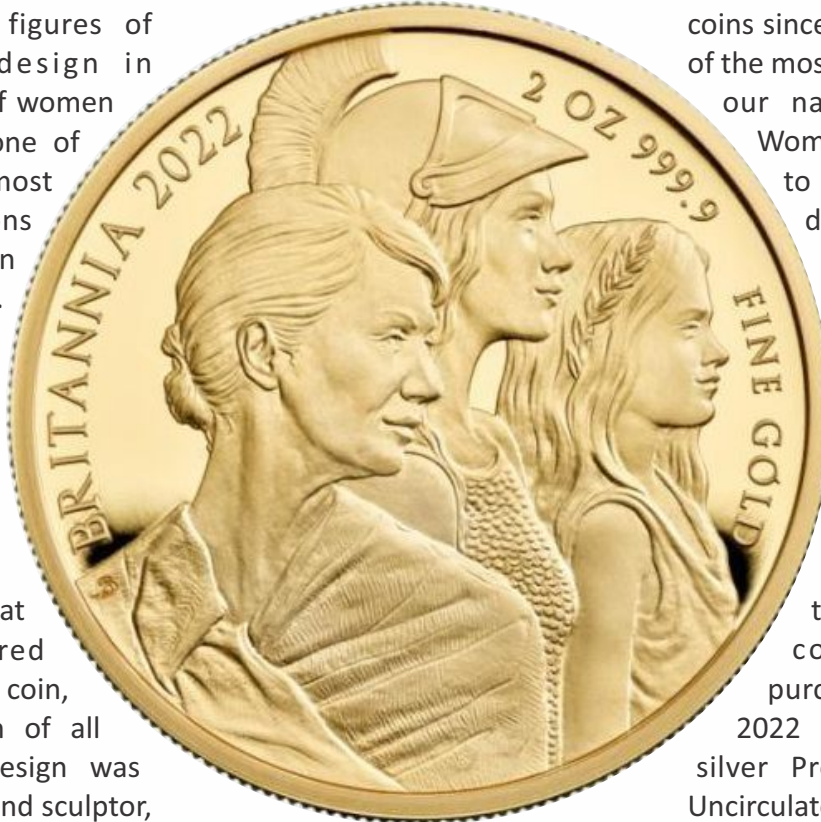
International Women's Day: Royal Mint launches new Britannia coin

The Royal Mint has launched a new Britannia coin to celebrate International Women's Day.

The coin, released on 8th March 2022, features three figures of Britannia on one design in celebration of all ages of women as equal. Britannia is one of Britain's oldest and most enduring feminine icons and will be depicted on the collectable UK coin. The new design is inspired by Gustav Klimt's classic 1905 painting 'The Three ages of Woman' and features Britannia moving from girlhood to maturity. It is the first time that Britannia has appeared three times on one UK coin, and champions women of all ages as equal. The design was created by Italian artist and sculptor, Sandra Deiana and updates a classic theme for modern collectors. Ms Deiana said: "I particularly love the Britannia theme – it is the most difficult concept I have faced so far and I will always remain connected to it. No one had harmonised three

female representations together.

"I had to find a way to represent the Britannia icon in three different eras, through the three ages of woman."



Britannia first appeared on UK coins around 2,000 years ago under the rule of Emperor Hadrian. The Romans depicted Britannia as a strong female – a symbol that has endured and continues to grace

the nation's coins today on the circulating £2 and commemorative designs. Claire Maclennan, Director of Commemorative Coin at The Royal Mint said: "Britannia has graced Britain's coins since Roman times, and is one of the most enduring female icons of our nation. "On International Women's Day we are delighted to unveil an original new design which champions women of all ages as equal.

"This beautiful new design reflects The Royal Mint's own commitment to diversity and equality, ensuring women can prosper in all areas of our business and see themselves on the nation's coins." Collectors can purchase The Royal Mint's 2022 Britannia in gold Proof, silver Proof and silver Brilliant Uncirculated editions from The Royal Mint.



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Joliet Now has Commemorative Coins

City manager modeled them after challenge coins used in the military

United States: Joliet now has a city coin – three of them.

City Manager James Capparelli had the commemorative coins created to be handed out for awards and recognition. When the Joliet Catholic Academy football and wrestling teams came to a City Council meeting last week to be recognized for its state championship seasons, Councilman Pat Mudron handed out a batch of them for team members. “We have a new tradition that our city manager has brought with a coin that has our logo on one side and the bridges, which we always don’t like here, but the bridges on the other side,” Mudron said as he presented the coins and couldn’t help

remarking on the often non-functioning although picturesque downtown drawbridges that have been used before as a symbol for Joliet.

The city seal depicting Joliet as the crossroads of Mid-America was on the coins handed out by Mudron. There are two others – one with police department seal and the other with the fire department seal – to be used for recognition of police officers and firefighters. Capparelli, an Army veteran who achieved the rank of

colonel in the Reserves, said the coins are intended for a similar purpose as challenge coins used in the military.

“It’s for achievements and excellence,” Capparelli said. “As opposed to a certificate or a piece of paper, you get this commemorative challenge coin.”

The coins may create a lasting impression for recipients of city recognition, he said.

“They’re very nice, and I think it will have a cachet about it,” Capparelli said. “I want them to have value.”



New Commemorative Coin Honours Frontline Workers

A new \$2 coin was released into circulation on 24th March 2022 by the Royal Australian Mint, featuring an illustration of 12 frontline workers who have worked diligently throughout the pandemic.

This is the first commemorative coin released by the Mint that acknowledges the two years of a global health crisis. Leigh Gordon, CEO of the Royal Australian Mint, said that it was only fitting that Australia’s newest circulating coin honours our “sometimes unseen heroes”.

“Every time someone receives this coin in their change, they will be reminded of the perseverance and service of Australia’s frontline workers,” said Mr Gordon. The workers featured on the coin include those on hospital frontlines, represented by a doctor, a nurse, and a paramedic. Other critical workers who are illustrated include a teacher,

a cleaner, a retail worker and a contact tracer. They are joined by representations of a soldier, firefighter, childcare worker, police officer, and scientist. The designer of the coloured coin is long-time Mint designer Adam Ball.

“Our frontline workers have supported and protected Australians over the last two years, showing incredible resilience and exemplifying the Australian spirit,” said Mr Gordon. The Mint has a proud history of commemorating significant events and people who have made an impact in Australia. The new frontline workers coin adds to this history. “This coin is for the thousands of workers who put their

own health and safety at risk to fulfil their roles and keep Australians healthy, safe, clean, fed and informed,” he said.

For those wondering why the frontline workers are shown to be holding hands with today’s

implications of close contact, a spokesperson from the Mint confirmed that, if you look closely, they are not actually touching one another. However, the illustration was intended to represent the connectiveness of the

Australian community during tough times. Two million of the \$2 frontline workers coins will be released into circulation across Australia over the coming weeks.



Postal Department Releases Special Postal Cover, Postcard to Mark CYSD's 40th Foundation Day



Bhubaneswar: The Department of Posts issued commemorative postal covers and postcards to mark the 40th foundation day of the Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD), a Bhubaneswar-based non-profit. Odisha Governor Prof Ganeshi Lal revealed the special envelopes and postcards at a function organised in Raj Bhavan here on 23rd March 2022.

Prof. Ganeshi Lal lauded the efforts of the CYSD that has been working for transformation of lives and livelihoods of people, especially women, of the backward and inaccessible tribal pockets of the state. Featuring CYSD in postal covers and postcards by the Department of Posts is recognition of the noble deed of the CYSD, he added.

Jagadananda expressed his gratitude to the Department of Posts for recognising the contribution of the CYSD for the society.

The women self help group movement has its roots in the "Mahila Sanchaya Samiti" (women savings cooperative) that was initiated by the CYSD along with

other NGOs in the 1980s has now been recognized throughout the country," pointed out Jagadananda while explaining the organisation's commitment towards empowerment of women and making them economically independent.

The Social and water conservation programme initiated in the 80's is now a big watershed programme Watershed programme and has brought revolution in the field of agriculture. "This apart, it is an honour for the organisation that not only the state, but the country is following it's "community-based disaster preparedness model" which was initiated after the 1999 Super Cyclone, he added further.

These apart, the organisation is working for conservation of forest and natural resources and creation of new forests to

slow down climate change and mitigate its impacts. Among others, CYSD's Chief operating officer Harish Singh, co-founder Prafulla Kumar Sahoo, authorities of the Postal department and staff of Raj Bhawan were present at the function.

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Postal Cover on Punganur Cow Brings Cheer to Officials & Farmers

The release of a special cover on Punganur cow by the Postal department on 17th February 2022 has brought cheer to the officials of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary departments, and hundreds of dairy farmers in the district. In recognition of the importance of this rare breed of bovine, the special cover has the image of the cow with an impressive design. The Punganur cow breed is considered "divine" not only by the officials but the farmers across the district. While veterinary scientists are busy working on a research project to preserve the breed, and to expand its presence through artificial insemination, the special cover is expected to bolster its image and help its popularity go places.

According to information, the cattle breed has a mention in the inscriptions of Bana and Chola dynasties dating back to the early 5th century AD. The scientists working on the research project maintain that the breed must have been originally living in the wild, and later brought into domestication centuries ago. Officials say that Punganur cows are very docile,

resilient, farmer-friendly, and highly productive. "During homams and devotional services at temples and royal palaces of the yore, the presence of Punganur cows used to be a must. That's why it is called divine in the parlance of veterinarians. These qualities make Punganur cow a mystery to veterinary scientists," says a senior researcher at SV Veterinary University. Assistant Director (Animal Husbandry) P. Manohar, currently working on the research project at Punganur, says despite efforts to rejuvenate the breed, the number of the original breed cattle does not exceed 400 all over India. Superior qualities A Punganur cow's height does not go beyond 90 centimetres and weighs 120-200 kg. "It consumes five kg fodder daily as against 25 kg by any other hybrid cow or other native breeds and its fat percentage is more than 8% as against 3 or 3.5% in case of the regular breeds. Research proved that the milk of a Punganur cow has Omega fatty acids," says Dr. Manohar. The official says that researchers hope

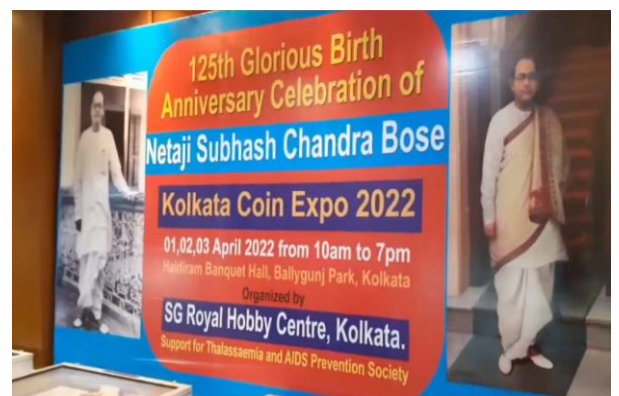


to propagate the importance of the Punganur breed far and wide, as it is the only breed that could even be raised in residential apartments. "Families can keep these cows right in their houses just like any other pet animal. Our artificial insemination methods are giving good results in increasing their population, though with slight variations compared to the original breed," he explains. Several farmers in Punganur who own the cows say the rare breed is considered "the daughter of Punganur soil". "We are proud of our cows and thankful to the postal department and our local leaders who played a crucial role in getting the special cover released on it," says Murali, a young farmer who owns two cows.

History Comes to Life at Kolkata Coin Expo

A numismatic exhibition that showcased not only some of the oldest coins and currency of India but also the world was recently organized by S G Royal Hobby Center. This numismatic exhibition was at Haldiram Banquet Hall, Kolkata from 01st to 03rd April 2022 showcased some of the rarest collectibles. This exhibition was dedicated to 125th Glorious birth anniversary celebration of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The coins stand as a mirror of the hoary past, describing vital information. Some coins throw a surprise given their small size. They were neatly

packed and kept for display. A collection of commemorative coins was also another major attraction for visitors. Coin collection which earlier used to be a hobby of schoolchildren has been recreated as an alternative insurance avenue designed to endure economic crisis. People are so keenly interested in such exhibitions, said Miss Nehal Parmar from Gujarat who was attending this exhibition with her father. A big alert was displayed at the entrance of the



exhibition hall for the visitors against the 'Youtube video' frauds which has been on a massive rise in the past few months. There was also a live auction from Classical Numismatic Gallery.

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

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

2001 – Bhagwan Mahavir: 2600th Janm Kalyanak Commemoration

Jainism is an Indian religion. It prescribes a path of non-violence towards all living beings. Bhagwan Mahavir was 24th, and the last Tirthankar ("spiritual teacher") in Jainism. He was born in 599 B. C. at Kshatriyakunda (Bihar) to King Siddhartha and Queen Trishala. Though he was a prince, he left his home at the age of 30 to become an ascetic. He performed a severe penance for twelve and a half years and then in 558 B.C., he attained absolute enlightenment (a state of understanding ultimate truth). After this, he preached his first message for the attainment of self purification and self perfection. The same path shown by him is followed today. In the year 527 B.C. Bhagwan Mahavir attained Nirvana.

On the occasion of 2600th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Mahavir, this 5 rupees coin was issued on the on 25th

April, 2002. On this occasion another coin in the denomination of 100 rupees, was issued as proof / uncirculated specimen.

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 an eight sided polygon, symbolizing the "Structure of Universe" On the top end of this universe structure, a crescent with a dot inside and 3 dots below, symbolizes the "Siddha Shila", an abode of infinite Siddhas (meaning one who has achieved perfection) is shown. Below the "Siddha Shila" the holiest "Swastika" symbol is shown. At the bottom a hand, with a wheel (Dharma Chakra) on the palm, with the word "Ahimsa" (meaning non-violence) in Devnagari is shown. The words "BHAGWAN MAHAVIR : 2600 TH JANM KALYANAK" in English on the right half and in Hindi on the left half of the periphery, are inscribed. The

words "Parasparopagraho Jivanam" in Sanskrit (meaning All life is bound together by mutual support and interdependence) are shown below the central design and "2001" – the year of minting at the bottom.

Specifications:

Year of issue: 2001

Weight: 9 grams

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

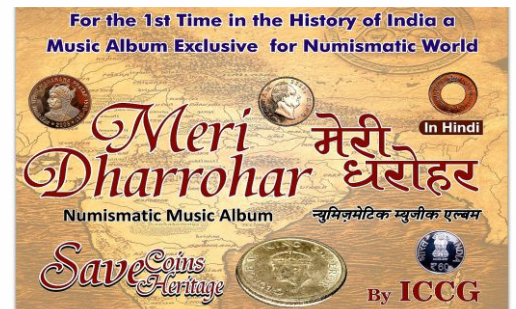
Shape: Circular

Diameter: 23 mm

Edge: Security

Mint: Mumbai & Noida

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Special Postal Cover on Doyen of Urology Late Prof H S Bhat Released

Mangaluru: Mangaluru postal division senior postal superintendent Harsha released a special postal cover to commemorate the Doyen of Urology, Late Prof H S Bhat on the occasion of decennial of Department of Urology, Kasturba Medical College, Mangaluru on 01st March 2022 at TMA Pai Hall here, under the aegis of the Department of Posts, Mangaluru Division.

Speaking on the occasion, Harsha said, "Special cover is a format to recognise prominent personalities in any profession who have made enormous contributions to the society. Late H S Bhat had made such contributions in the field of Urology that I am delighted to be associated in the special cover part in his recognition. If there are such eminent personalities, proposals can be sent to us. If the proposals justify the contributions, then we will take a step towards creating special postal

cover on them. Former chief postmaster general, Karnataka circle, and member, Postal Service Board, Charles Lobo unveiled a collage of special covers in connection with

the various observances of the MAHE institutions. Dr Bhat is regarded as the Father of Indian Urology. The teaching department founded by him at the Christian Medical College, Vellore way back in 1965, reckoned as the first of its kind, led to the formation of second and third generations of teaching units all over the country. The Department of Urology, Kasturba Medical College here is one such unit and is the sponsor of this special cover.

Pro vice chancellor, MAHE,



Mangaluru campus, Dr Dilip Nayak, medical superintendent, KMC Mangaluru, Dr Anand Venugopal, Dean, KMC Mangaluru, Dr Unnikrishnana B, founder chairman, Urology, KMC Manipal, Prof P Venugopal and honorary secretary USI and director INU Bengaluru, Dr R Keshavamurthy were present.

Head of the department of Urology Dr G G Laxman Prabhu welcomed the gathering, Siddalinga proposed a vote of thanks and Akshata Mallya compered the event.

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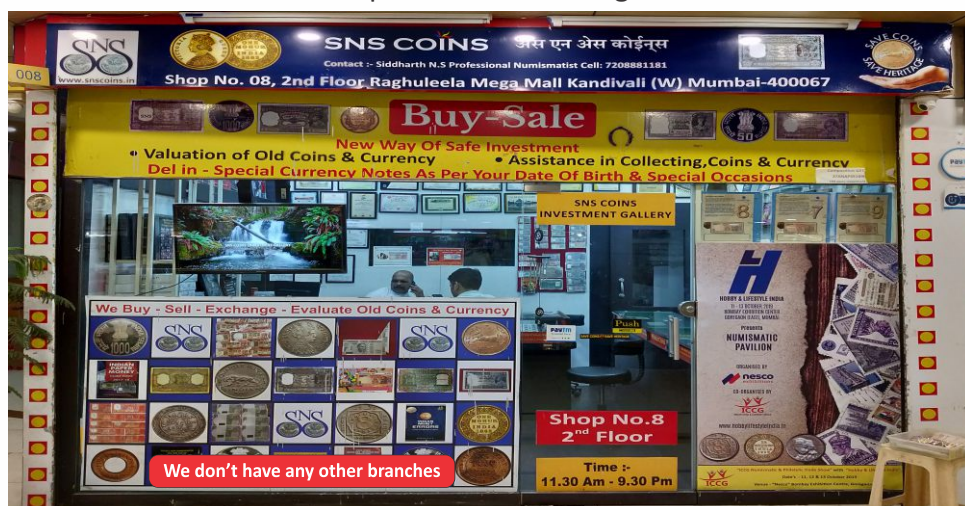
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