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### Mumbai Coin Fair 2022: Treat for Coin, Stamp Collectors

**T**ime is money but some particular currency is timeless. Coin collection or numismatics is fascinating and mindboggling, and those interested, did pay a visit to the three-day Shukla Day Fair from 22nd to 24th April 2022 where Mumbaiites did get to see some of the most ancient coins. On display were some of the rarest coins and currency of India. Shukla Day Fair, a numismatic exhibition showcased some of the

oldest coins and currency, stamps, watches and collectibles not only of India but the world. Organized by Todywalla Auctions, the All India Numismatic Exhibition which was held at The World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade showcased some of the rarest collectibles. Notes



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### Bengalureans too Lost Lakhs to Coin Frauds in Online Deals

**B**engaluru: The Chikkaballapur incident in which the owner of a Re 1 coin was cheated of Rs 26 lakh by online fraudsters is not an isolated case. Bengaluru city police have registered at least three such cases in the last four months and the accused remain untraced. Like Aravind who walked into a trap, the other victims too had got carried away by the massive amounts offered by scamsters for old coins.

In some cases, scamsters post advertisements on online platforms seeking old coins, especially those with images of gods and famous personalities, by offering up to Rs 50 lakh for the same. Once a victim gets in touch with them, the fraudsters present themselves as genuine coin collectors and continue the conversation by explaining the processes of the transaction.



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### Businessman Loses Rs 26 Lakh to Coin Fraud in Karnataka, Kills Himself

**B**engaluru: Duped by an online fraudster who promised to pay Rs 56 lakh for a Re 1 coin minted six decades ago, a 46-year-old businessman here died by suicide after setting himself ablaze on an isolated road. Aravind, the owner of a gift shop in Chikkaballapura (60km from Bengaluru), lost Rs 26 lakh he had

raised from his friends and by pledging his wife's jewellery without her consent to fraudsters who convinced him it's for a processing fee. He left a suicide note explaining what drove him to take the extreme step late 03rd May 2022 night. Businessman pledged wife's gold without her knowledge



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## News Rs 100 Coin to Commemorate DUs Centenary Year

The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance on 22nd April 2022 issued a gazette notification announcing the minting of a 100 rupee commemorative coin on the occasion of Delhi University's centenary year.

"The coin of one hundred Rupees denomination shall only be coined at the mint for issue under the authority of the central government on the occasion of, "CENTENARY YEAR OF UNIVERSITY OF DELHI"," Manisha Sinha, Joint Secretary (Coin and Currency). As per the notification, the coin will be a circular 44-millimetre coin with 200 serrations. It will be made of an alloy consisting of 50% silver, 40% copper, and 5% each zinc and nickel, weighing 35 grams.

On what will be inscribed on the front of the coin, the notification said, "This face of the coin shall bear the Lion Capital of Ashoka Pillar in the centre with the legend "satyamev jayate" inscribed below, flanked on the left periphery with the word "Bharat" in Devanagari script and on the right periphery with the word "INDIA" in English. It shall also bear the Rupee symbol "₹" and denominational value "100" in the international numerals below the Lion Capital."

"This face of the coin shall bear the logo of the University of Delhi in the centre of the coin. The inscription



"Dilli vishwavidyalaya ka shatabdi varsh" shall be written in Devanagari script on the upper periphery and the inscription "CENTENARY YEAR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DELHI" in English is depicted on the lower periphery of the coin. The year "2022" in international numerals shall be written below the logo of the University of Delhi," the notification said about the back of the coin.

DU Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh had in March said that as part of the centenary year celebrations which begin on May 1, a commemorative stamp and a coffee table book will also be launched. "There shall be the adoption of a centenary village with achievable and tangible social welfare-oriented goals, health awareness checkups and blood

donation camps, among others. Plantation of simultaneous 100 trees at 100 locations on the University's campuses has also been planned," Singh had said.

"The year shall also see the organisation and creation of some documentaries on the University, its history through light and sound show, the launch of DU Studio, Litfests, book melas, the exhibition of rare books and manuscripts, organisation of various seminars, conferences, workshops and lecture series on the international level, signing of MoUs and international exchange programmes, Research & Development, innovative practices and other similar activities," he had said.

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printed by India for UAE and Pakistan, the first currency note of India, round holed coins of all countries and more such were also displayed for visitors. India is one of the countries in the world with rich tradition of numismatics.

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"Since most of the coin owners are first-timers wanting to make quick money, they are most vulnerable. They believe all the rubbish that these fraudsters sell without realising that it is a con game," a police officer said and added: "The miscreants go off the radar after they get the money." In January 2021, a 38-year-old teacher lost Rs 1 lakh to cybercrooks while trying to sell an old Re 1 coin, minted in 1947, through an online marketing platform.

Victim Shantha told police that her minor daughter read a news report online about the possibility of

**Mumbai Coin Fair 2022: Treat for Coin, Stamp Collectors**

Thanks to its interesting mix of coins minted by ancient kingdoms, princely states, sultanates and foreign rulers including English, Portuguese, French and Danish and finally independent India. Whether one is a Numismatist or any hobby

enthusiastic, such exhibition is perfect for him as the three-day national level annual numismatics exhibition had provided a great opportunity to witness coins, notes and currency as old as 2000 years.

**Bengalureans too Lost Lakhs to Coin Frauds in Online Deals**

earning lakhs of rupees by selling old coins. The girl knew her mother had a Re 1 coin from 1947. She told Shantha about it and uploaded an advertisement on an online marketing platform on June 15, 2020, offering to sell the coin for Rs 10 lakh. Later, the miscreants asked her to pay money in the name of various charges. In another case, a 36-year-old homemaker from Byatarayanapura lost Rs 45,000 in August 2021 to a similar fraud. West CEN Crime police registered a case based on a complaint filed by the victim, Savithri Poojar. She told police

that the miscreants offered Rs 60 lakh for a coin that was with her.

In the third case, a 26-year-old man, working in a private firm, lost Rs 8.2 lakh to a similar gang in December 2021. The victim, Sandeep Bera, filed a complaint against unknown persons with Central CEN Crime police on April 4, 2022. Bera alleged that the gang promised they would purchase an antique coin from him for Rs 85 lakh and later fraudulently got him to transfer money in the name of various charges.

Source: The Times of India

**Cont from Page 1st..****Businessman Loses Rs 26 Lakh to Coin Fraud in Karnataka, Kills Himself**

Police said Aravind was tricked by scamsters after he tried to sell the coin minted in 1957. He learnt he could get a huge sum money by selling it and searched for a buyer on an online platform by posting an advertisement. A scamster contacted him over phone and said he was keen on purchasing it.

The miscreant asked Aravind to send photos of the coin and said he'd pay Rs 56 lakh for it. They asked Aravind to pay Rs 2,000 as processing fee. Aravind transferred the amount to the account number provided by the miscreant who later asked for more money, ostensibly for various charges, including SWIFT code charge, RBI charge and income tax, among others, to close the deal.

Aravind started transferring money in multiple transactions. In all, he transferred over Rs 26 lakh to

accounts provided by the fraudster. Police said Aravind pledged his wife's gold without her knowledge and took loans from friends and relatives. "He realised he had been taken for a ride when there was no response from the con man," said an investigating officer "Aravind decided to end his life and went to an isolated place on Gauribidanur road 03rd May evening. He parked his scooter near a temple, poured petrol on himself and set himself ablaze," said police.

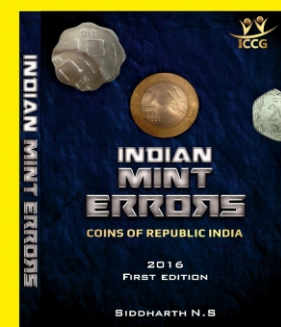
Chikkaballapur police said Aravind had sent a WhatsApp message to his friend around 3.47pm about his decision to kill himself. His friend read the message only at 9pm as he was busy with some work. He immediately informed V K Vasudeva, deputy superintendent of police

(Chikkaballapura sub-division). Police found Aravind's phone was still on and was ringing when calls were made to him.

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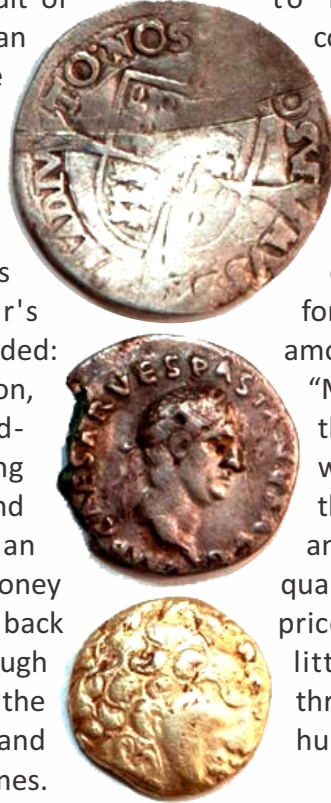
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## 2,000 Year Old Coin Found in Lincolnshire Sold for Hundreds of Pounds at Auction

A 2,000-year-old coin unearthed in Lincolnshire has been sold at auction for £310. The coin was found by a metal detectorist in the village of Swinhope in the Lincolnshire Wolds. Collectors from across the UK gathered to see the historic coin go under the hammer on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. The coin is the size of a shirt button and weighs a tenth of an ounce of precious metal, according to Scunthorpe-based auctioneers Eddisons CJM. The firm also reports it was a quarter 'stater', minted on the continent in 125-100 BC. Paul Cooper of Eddisons CJM said: "Statens were amongst the first coins ever to be seen in this country. "The British did not even mint coinage at the time. This quarter stater was made by the Ambiani, one of the Celtic Tribes living over the

Channel in Gaul." "It would likely end up in Lincolnshire as a result of trade." Grimsby businessman Ron Fletcher, who found the coin, has gained a large collection of antique coins after searching as a hobby for nearly 50 years. The entire auction was devoted to Mr Fletcher's collection. Mr. Cooper added: "Other coin lots in the auction, many unearthed at mid-Lincolnshire sites including Market Rasen, Binbrook and Tealby, covered the Roman period and then English money from the medieval age, as far back as the reign of Richard I, through the Tudors and Stuarts, on to the 18th and 19th centuries and indeed right up to modern times. "Exciting as detecting discoveries

undoubtedly are, coins tend not to be in the finest condition after a few hundred years buried in the ground. That clearly affects saleroom values and very old coins can often be acquired for surprisingly modest amounts. "Most of the coinage in the Fletcher collection was sold in lots of three to eight coins and, excluding the gold quarter stater, hammer prices ranged from as little as ten pounds through to a couple of hundred pounds."

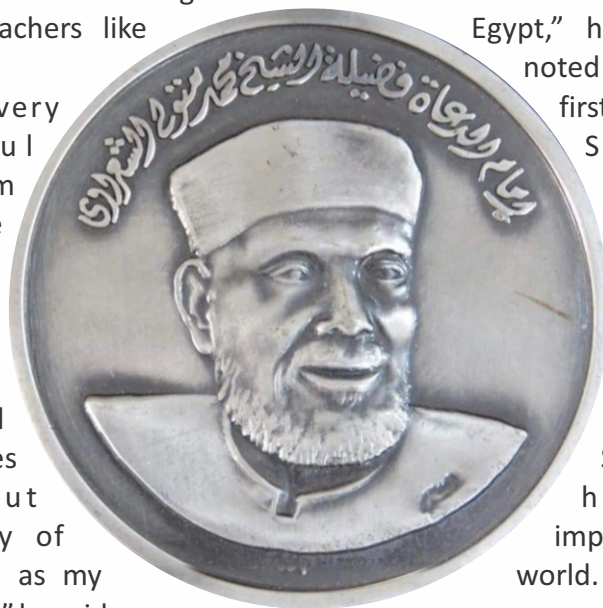


## Finance Ministry Issues Commemorative Coin for Sheikh Mohamed Shaarawy

The Ministry of Finance announced the launch of a commemorative coin bearing the image of renowned Islamic preacher Sheikh Mohamed Metwally al-Shaarawy, under the "Fingers of Gold" project. Speaking of the project, the ministry said that "It embodies creative innovations in which ancient civilizations blends with the present's rich historical achievements." The family of the late Islamic preacher expressed happiness at the Ministry of Finance's gesture and his grandson, Samy al-Shaarawy, told Al-Watan newspaper that the commemorative coin was a beautiful surprise. Samy expressed his

happiness at the Egyptian government's interest in great Islamic preachers like Shaarawy. "It is a very beautiful gesture from the Egyptian government, reflecting its interest in influential personalities throughout the history of Egypt, such as my grandfather," he said. "Introducing this coin is a reminder to

citizens of one of the pillars of almost the entire Islamic world, not just Egypt," he added. Samy noted this is not the first time Sheikh al-Shaarawy has received a coin in his honor, and these gestures teach the new generations of Muslim preachers like Shaarawy who had a strong impact on the Islamic world.





## A Couple Found \$10 Million in Gold Coins Mysteriously Buried in Their Back Garden - but there's an Incredible Twist.

The Northern California couple - who don't want to be identified - were out walking their dog when they spotted a decaying canister poking out of an old tree and decided to take it back home. What the husband and wife thought was piece antique rubbish turned out to be one of the biggest hoard of gold coins ever unearthed in the US.

There were 1,427 gold coins dating from 1847 and 1894 and all up, they equalled \$27k but some of them are so rare they could fetch \$1m apiece. "I don't like to say once-in-a-lifetime for anything, but you don't get an opportunity to handle this kind of material, a treasure like this, ever," said veteran antique coin collector Don Kagin, who represented the finders. "It's like they found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." He said the middle-aged couple, who want to remain anonymous to avoid a renewed gold rush on their property, had no idea who put them there. The couple made the incredible find on their Gold Country estate and dug it

out using a stick. At first, they thought it may have been a discs covered in dirt from holes rotted through the can. Instead, they were perfectly preserved \$20 gold coins with liberty head designs on the front.

The couple ran back to the spot and dug up another seven cans. In total, there were 1,373 \$20 coins, 50 \$10 coins and four \$5 coins and most were minted in San Francisco. "It was a very surreal moment. It was very hard to believe at first," the man said in an interview. "I thought any second an old miner with a mule was going to appear." It's being dubbed the Saddle Ridge Hoard, after the spot on the couple's property where it was found. "You hear all those Wild West stories of buried treasure, and you think they're fantasies - well here, this one really did happen," Kagin said. "And



what is almost unbelievable about this collection is what pristine condition so many of them are in." The first thing the family did following the find was rebury the cans in a cooler under their woodpile while they thought about what to do.

About 90 percent of the coins were posted on Amazon.com's Collectibles site while the rest were privately told to avid collectors. The oddest of the bunch was an 1866 \$20 coin without the words "In God We Trust" on the back - which weren't added to those coins until later that year.

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## From Jan Van Riebeeck to Nelson Mandela, South Africa has had a Hundred Years of Banknotes

This year, the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) marks its hundredth anniversary since it first started issuing banknotes.

Its first notes came into circulation in 1922, almost a year after the SARB was established in June 1921. Before the SARB's formation, South Africa had no monetary authority, and it was the responsibility of commercial banks to bring notes into circulation. Over the century, they have gone through redesigns and facelifts, and their security features have been enhanced to protect against counterfeit crimes. Although the SARB started issuing banknotes 100 years ago, South Africa's history with paper money began in Cape Town, when Dutch settler Jan van Riebeeck set up a trading station for the Dutch East India Company. The Dutch guilder became the first currency used, brought by different traders and mariners who would pass through Cape Town. In 1782, the first paper money was brought to Cape Town when the rix dollar and the stiver were the paper currency in that province. The very first notes were handwritten and had a government fiscal handstamp that printed the date of issue and the note's value.

Then Great Britain took over the colony and introduced a new currency after the Dutch East India Company went bankrupt, and the region was declared a British Colony in 1806. In 1961, the rand was introduced, replacing the pound, just months before South Africa left the Commonwealth to become a republic. Between 1961 to 1991, the banknotes' front face had the face of Jan van Riebeeck, with the first issues carrying just his face. The later issues had various additional symbols

accompanying his face, such as the protea, Cape Dutch Architecture, vines, the Voortrekker Monument, the Great Trek, Union Buildings, and the springbok. The reverse sides had imagery depicting Jan van Riebeeck's sailing ship, the Johannesburg city centre, farming, agriculture, mining, and fauna and flora. The SARB's first banknote collection comprised four values: the R1 note, R2, R10, and R20. The second issue added a R5 note, while the third issue added an R50 note.

From 1992 to date, South Africa has had five banknotes with four editions. Between 1992 to 2011, the first three had the country's big five animals on their faces, with the different economic sectors on the reverse. In 1994, the notes were written in African languages for the

first time. They were previously limited to English and Afrikaans. In 2012, the SARB brought in new banknotes commemorating South Africa's first democratic President Nelson Mandela. The notes were also released 28 years after his release from prison. The note face front featured the former President, and unlike in the editions directly before, the big five animals were placed on the reverse side of the notes. The SARB later released commemorative notes in 2018, celebrating the 100th year since the birth of Mandela. They are also an ode to his life and his role during the apartheid struggle. They feature his face on the front and depict places of significance in his life, such as his capture at Howick, his place of birth, and Robben Island.





## Hoard of 161 Roman coins found beneath campsite in Wiltshire

Three metal detector fans have discovered a Roman hoard worth tens of thousands of pounds while spending the weekend camping in south-west England.

The group were staying in a field near the ancient village of Pewsey, in Wiltshire, when they found the treasure trove a mere six paces from where they had pitched their tent. Robert Abbott, 53, switched on his device after breakfast one morning and very quickly found something.

At first the computer shop owner from Essex, near London, uncovered only discarded metal tent pegs. But he dug a little deeper and hidden below was a valuable silver Roman coin called a siliqua. It is thought to be about 1,600 years old. His friends David Allen, 59, a carpenter, and Mick Rae, 63, who works in the dairy industry, sprang into action dug up dozens more of the coins. By the end of the weekend, they had found 161 piece of silver, including siliqua and miliarensis coins dating from 340 to 402 AD. They stored the loot in their camping washing-up bowl.

"Having finished breakfast first, I turned on my machine – a Minelab Equinox 800 – and having walked around six paces from the tent, I found several tent pegs and, just under the surface, a late Roman silver siliqua in pristine condition," said Mr Abbott. "A few moments later, beside it, I found another one.

"Ironically, we had been camping there two weeks previous for a week-long detecting outing. What we hadn't realised is we'd actually

camped right on top of the area where the coins were found." The 142 coins are believed to have been buried during the last years of the Roman Empire by people trying to protect their valuables from Saxon raids.




They will go under the hammer at Noonans auction house in Mayfair, London, on May 17, having been discovered in September 2020, after the end of England's first Covid-19 lockdown. The hoard is expected to sell for between £30,000 (\$37,700) and £40,000. "Virtually all of the coins are in mint condition and have not even needed to be cleaned since their discovery," said Nigel Mills, an antiquities expert at Noonans.

"The hoard was buried at a time when Roman rule in Britain under the Emperor Honorius was no longer viable with the army being recalled to protect other provinces. "In AD 410 Britain was

told to protect itself by Honorius. "As a result, Britain has become a treasure island of late 4th century and early 5th century gold and silver Roman coin and jewellery hoards as the local population buried their valuables and then fell victim to Saxon raids." The friends will keep some of their find coins they found and the British Museum, which has studied the coins, will add two of them to its collection.

In recent years, metal detector enthusiasts have made major discoveries in Thetford and Hoxne, in the southern English counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, respectively.





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## Iron Age Coins Found in 1990s Declared Treasure Trove A hoard of 17 Iron Age coins has been declared treasure trove by a coroner.

The coins were unearthed over a period of years between 1993 and 1995 in the Dursley area of Gloucestershire. Experts have dated them between 50BC and 10AD, and they have been associated with the tribe known as the Dobunni, the coroner said.

The coins, 16 silver and one gold, were discovered by local man Michael Jones and are currently being held at Bristol Museum. The silver coins have been identified as Western British Iron Age units of the 'Cotswolds Eagle' type (50 to 20BC). The single gold coin, known as a 'Stater' is inscribed 'Corio' and was produced between 20BC and 10.

'Treasure trove' refers to valuable items, often gold or silver, found hidden and of unknown ownership. Legally the hoard is the property of the Crown. Gloucestershire deputy

coroner, Roland Wooderson said: "It was only after the finder was recently going over his collection of past finds that he realised these coins could be a scattered hoard." "At least two of the coins have been struck from the same die."

'Deliberately hidden' "Because of the period when the finds were made they do not come under the 1996 Treasure Act but instead the old law of 'Treasure Trove," he added. It is believed likely that the coins were deliberately hidden, deposited by the owner with the intention of recovering them at a later date. Kurt Adams, Finds Liaison Officer for Gloucestershire and Avon, said: "These coins were produced in the area of the modern counties of



Gloucestershire, Avon and western Oxfordshire and parts of Herefordshire, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Berkshire, Wiltshire and Somerset.

Dr Denise Wilding, the Treasure Registrar of the British Museum, said the coins "appear to qualify as treasure in terms of both their age and their precious metal content." The Museum in the Park in Stroud has expressed an interest in acquiring the coins.

## Platinum Jubilee Coins: Royal Mint's Commemorative Coins to Honour the Queen

This year marks an important milestone for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, celebrating and commemorating her 70-year reign on the British throne.

To mark the historic Platinum Jubilee, the Royal Mint has released a series of commemorative coins that will make wonderful souvenirs and gifts for the nation to remember this occasion.

The range includes a commemorative 50p and a traditional £5 crown, with a unique engraving on both sides of the coins. Each of the coins feature a new design of the Queen on horseback that is struck on the "heads" side, and was created by artist John Bergdahl.

The artwork represents the Queen's "fondness for nature" and has been

personally approved by Her Majesty. The Royal Mint's divisional director of commemorative coin, Clare Maclennan said: "Designed by esteemed artists and made with original craftsmanship, Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee coins are enduring pieces of art that will be collected, cherished and passed down for generations."

The collectable 50p, which features the number 70 along with The Queen's cypher on the opposite side, is available from £7 at The Royal Mint. While the £5 crown, which features a crowned depiction of the Royal Arms on the reverse, is selling for £10.

The collection also includes historic coin sets and a limited

number of Celebration Sovereigns struck on 6 February 2022, the actual date of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In a rare departure from the St George and the dragon design, these Sovereigns will bear a Royal Arms design by the heraldic artist Timothy Noad.





## Mumbai's Winter Visitors: Special Postal Cover on Flamingos Released

**N**ew Delhi: Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra Circle, Veena R Srinivas released a special cover on 'Flamingos - Mumbai's flagship winter visitors', on the occasion of International Day of Forests on 23rd March 2022.

Chief Postmaster General released the special cover in the presence of Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangrove Cell, Mumbai, Virendra Tiwari.

More than one lakh, 'Lesser and Greater Flamingos' migrate to Mumbai during winters. The Greater Flamingo is around 5 feet tall and whitish-pink in colour while the Lesser Flamingo is around 3 feet tall and rose-pinkish in colour.

Also a special pack of 10 Picture Postcards on 'Avian Diversity in Maharashtra and Goa', another pack



of five Picture Postcards on Leopard with Special Cancellations and AV reality were released on the occasion. These are available for sale at the Philatelic bureaux of Mumbai General Post Office (GPO), Panaji HO (Goa), Nashik HO, Aurangabad HO, Pune HO and Nagpur GPO.

Postmaster General, Mumbai region, Swati Pandey, Deputy Conservator of



Forests, Mumbai Mangrove Conservation Unit, Adarsh Reddy and Director SGNP Mallikarjun, were present on the occasion.

## Postal Cover on Idu-Mishmi Released

**I**tanagar: NPP Legislator Mutchu Mithi along with Planning & Investment Commissioner Prashant Lokhande, on 03rd March 2022 released a special postal cover on 'Idu-Mishmi textile' at the head post office here.

The programme was organized by the Arunachal Pradesh postal division.

The 'Idu-Mishmi textile' having FI No 625 is registered under GI Registry of the Centre.

Addressing the occasion, Mithi said that Arunachal Pradesh has many tribes with distinctive art, cultures and identity. However, it is a proud moment for the Idu-Mishmi community as its textile is being focused in the Indian postal cover.

He said, Idu-Mishmi textile is famous among people not only in the state but in the country. It is also the



responsibility of the community to create more approaches to make it illustrious, thereby making a livelihood with growing demands. "Handicrafts and textiles are an important part of our lives and they should be promoted by every means. Though the state government is encouraging handicrafts, we also hope it is further promoted in places like railways, bus stations and airports, across India," he added.

Lokhande also appreciated the state postal division for the idea of postal cover which would highlight the art of the Idu-Mishmi tribe of the state across the county.

Meanwhile, Superintendent of Post Subrata Das informed that the use of special cover was not confined within the state rather it would be used across the country in every single post office.

## Special Cover and Corporate My Stamp of Dr. Ramaiah Released

India Post on 22nd April 2022 released a special cover and Corporate My Stamp of educationist, philanthropist and industrialist Dr. M.S. Ramaiah. The special cover will be available for sale at Philatelic Bureaus of Bengaluru GPO, Mangaluru HO, Mysuru HO and

Belagavi HO, and also at e-Post Office, stated a press release.

The late Dr. Ramaiah's son M.R. Seetharam, vice-chairman of Gokula Education Foundation, said "I thank the postal department for this special honour. He is



always an inspiration to our family and many others." Dr. M.R. Jayaram, Chairman of Gokula Education Foundation and Mr. L.K. Dash, Post Master General BG-HQ Region, were present on the occasion.

## Special Cover on Karukurichi Arunachalam Released



Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu on 25th April 2022 said the government would resolve the issues related to distributing bus passes to students studying in government music schools in various districts.

"As a Minister who is also in-charge of art and culture, I will look into the issue and set right the practical difficulties. Students studying in music schools and colleges are not inferior to students enrolled in regular schools and colleges," he said while receiving the special postal cover issued on nagaswaram player Karukurichi P. Arunachalam on the

occasion of his birth centenary. G. Natarajan, Postmaster General, Chennai City Region, released the special cover at a function organised by Parivadhina, an organisation promoting music, particularly nagaswaram music. Nagaswaram player Mambalam Natarajan also received a copy. Recalling what he had learnt from his leader M. Karunanidhi, Mr. Thennarasu said "respect matters more to artistes than remuneration." He said Karukurichiyar exemplified Tiruvalluvar's dictum that "a great man is known by what he had left behind" and "his contribution to the

music world explains his greatness as an artiste."

"There are requests for setting up a music school in his name and installing a statue for him. They are under consideration of the government and I will take it to the notice of the Chief Minister, who met the grandson of Karukurichiyar during his visit to Dubai," he said.

Mr. Natarajan said the special cover would be displayed in the philatelic exhibitions and its presence would explain the greatness of Arunachalam.

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## 2003 – Ddabhai Naoroji Commemoration

Dadabhai Naoroji (4th September 1825 - 30th June 1917), known as the Grand Old Man of India, was a parsi intellectual, educator, cotton trader and an early Indian political leader. He was a Member of Parliament in the British House of Commons between 1892 and 1895, and the first Asian to be a British M.P. He is credited with the founding of the Indian National Congress along with A.O.Hume. Naoroji was a mentor to both Gopala Krishna Gokhale and Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. He was the paternal uncle of famous industrialist J.R.D. Tata.

In commemoration of Dadabhai Naoroji, India issued this 5 rupees commemorative coin on 2nd October, 2003, for general circulation.

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 the image of "Dadabhai Naoroji" at the centre with the inscription "DADABHAI NAOROJI" both in Hindi and English around the periphery and "1825-1917" – his year of birth and death at the bottom.

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### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 2003

**Weight:** 9 grams

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

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 23 mm

**Edge:** Security

**Mint:** Mumbai, Kolkata & Hyderabad



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## Centre to Issue Commemorative Coin to Mark Jawaharlal Darda's Birth Centenary

New Delhi: The government will soon issue a commemorative coin of Rs 100 denomination to mark the birth centenary of Jawaharlal Darda, a former Congress leader and founder of the Lokmat group of newspapers.

According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Finance on 28th April 2022, the reverse face of the quaternary alloy coin shall bear Darda's image in the centre. The coin will carry the inscription 'Birth Centenary of Shri Jawaharlal Darda' in Hindi and English on the upper and lower periphery. "A year '1923' and



**Jawaharlal Darda**  
1923-1997  
FREEDOM FIGHTER,  
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### BIRTH CENTENARY OF SHRI JAWAHARLAL DARDA



'2023' in international numerals shall be flanked respectively on the right and left middle periphery of the coin," the notification said. Born in 1923, Darda rose to prominence from humble beginnings and went on to become a

successful businessman and later a minister in the Maharashtra government for several terms from 1978 to 1995.

Darda passed away on November 25, 1997.

## Special Postal Cover on Udupi Saree Released

The Udupi postal department has brought out a special postal cover on the famed Udupi sarees which has a GI tag. Postal Superintendent Naveen Chandar after releasing the special postal cover said to introduce the prominence of the Udupi saree, the postal cover has been released. Several families in the district were engaged in

weaving sarees. Now, the number of weavers have declined drastically. Only a few are continuing the tradition of weaving. There is a need to revive weaving and thereby give prominence to the Udupi saree, he said. Senior weaver Manjunath Shettigar and senior philatelist M K Krishnaiah were felicitated.



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