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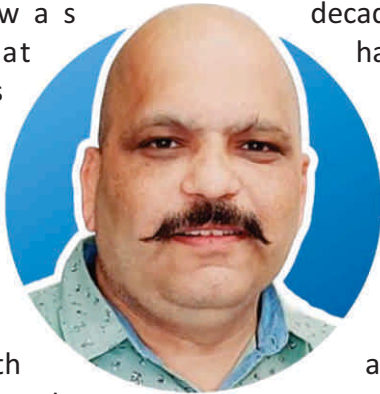
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Editor's Note:

The first edition of ICCG News was inaugurated at the Prince of Wales Museum in 2015. And this month we celebrate our seventh anniversary. What an incredible journey it has been. Hello, I am Siddharth NS, editor of ICCG News. I have been associated with Indian



Numismatics for more than two decades. At ICCG News, we have covered the highs and lows of Indian numismatics for the past few years, from the demonetisation to the pandemic, without missing a single edition. Every anniversary issue of this monthly is often a time for us to reflect. Our previous issues

have looked at the significant events (national and international) of the past years, new coin releases, hobby related articles, interviews and etc. The toughest time though the entire world faced was during the pandemic in the last two years. How grateful I am to put these two years behind us and look toward hope and better tomorrows. I'm guessing the anticipation is probably greater than ever before.

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PM Modi Releases New Series of Coins

Launching Jan Samarth, a portal connecting 13 credit-linked government schemes, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 06th June, 2022 said it is necessary to focus on making domestic banks and currency an important part of the international supply chain and trade. Inaugurating the week-long events by the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit

Mahotsav', from June 6-11, PM Modi also released a special series of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 coins, which will have the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' design but are not commemorative coins and will be part of the circulation. "These new series of coins will remind people of the goal of 'amrit kal' and motivate people to work towards the development of the country," Modi said.

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PM Modi Launches Stamp for 200th Anniversary of Mumbai Samachar

Look Back at History of Asia's Longest-Running Newspaper

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 14th June 2022 released a special postal stamp commemorating the 200th anniversary of Mumbai Samachar, Asia's oldest running newspaper. The prime minister participated in 'Dwishatabdi Mahotsav' of Mumbai Samachar. Speaking at the event, he

hailed the iconic Gujarati daily for giving voice to the freedom movement. "Mumbai Samachar also gave voice to the freedom movement and then also took 75 years of independent India to readers of all ages. The medium of language remained Gujarati, but the concern was national," he said.

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News Maharashtra Governor Releases Postal Departments First Day Cover on 75 Years of Banga Maitri Sansad

Mumbai: The Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari on 09th May 2022 released a first-day cover issued by the Postal Department to commemorate 75 years of Banga Maitri Sansad (BMS). The governor said, "many cultures and sub-cultures in different parts of India and all of them join together to build what we call the Indian culture. It is a matter of pride that both our national anthem and national song were penned in Bengali. Rabindranath Tagore's literary work remains alive." He encouraged the Sansad to continue its cultural enrichment work.

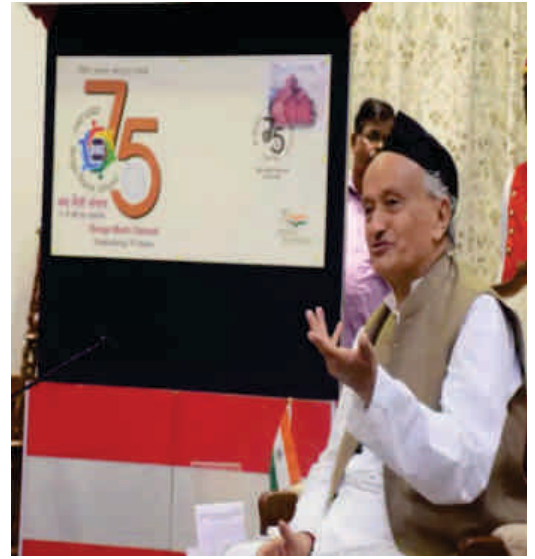
Established in 1947 by prominent members of Mumbai's Bengali community who had migrated from Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal pre-Independence, BMS is one of the oldest citizen-run socio-cultural organisations and a registered charitable trust, said a release issued

after the event held at Raj Bhavan, on 'Rabindra Jayanti' – the Birth Anniversary of the renowned poet, novelist and Nobel laureate.

Bivas Chakraborty, general secretary of BMS said the sansad remains committed towards working for social and economic upliftment of the marginalised and poor. The aim in starting BMS was to celebrate the main festivals of Bengal in Mumbai and also support the growing Bengal community in the financial capital, besides partaking in various charitable activities, added the release.

Its 'North Bombay Sarbajanin Durga Puja' is the oldest and the only Durga Puja in Santacruz East, and in the entire stretch between Bandra East and Andheri East, said BMS.

The unveiling ceremony was also attended Department of Posts officials including Veena Srinivas, chief



postmaster general, Maharashtra Circle; Swati Pandey, postmaster general, Mumbai Region and Shilpa Rane, assistant director of postal services, and BMS patrons V S Parthasarathy, independent director, LIC, solicitor MV Kini and Puspita Chattopadhyay Director at Birla EduTech.

News Special Postal Cover Released on 3rd Century Kodavali Buddhist Stupa in Andhra Pradesh

Kakinada MP Vanga Geetha, Visakhapatnam Post Master General M. Venkateswarlu, and Buddhist monks on 25th May 2002 released a special postal cover on a 3rd century Buddhist stupa at Kodavali in Gollaprolu mandal in Kakinada district. This is the 60th special postal cover released by the Department of Posts on various themes such as arts, culture and heritage, cuisine diversity, personalities, and places of Andhra Pradesh.

The Buddhist stupa, spread over 1.8 acres of land, is facing threat due to proposed laterite mining in the region. Falling in Survey No. 133/1, the stupa is part of Turakula Konda on which the mining proposal was cleared by the Revenue Department in 2021. In late 2021, environmental activists, historians and the Archaeological

Survey of India (ASI) waged a battle against the mining proposal for the protection of the monument. The Kodavali Buddhist stupa is a protected monument under the Archeological Survey of India.

Buddhist circuit

Addressing the gathering, Ms. Geetha said that she has been working on a proposal to develop a Buddhist circuit around Kakinada city with the support of ASI and the State government. "The stupa was explored in 1880. One of the rock-cut cisterns contains an inscription in Brahmi script which mentions the name of Satavahana king Vasistaputra Siri Chandasata who



patronised Buddhism," claims the Department of Posts that printed the description on the special postal cover. Buddhist monk Andhra Analayo and Buddha Dharma Peetham of Undrajavaram spoke on the importance on the site. Kakinada Postal SP D.S.U. Nageswara Reddy, Anakapalli Postal SP J. Prasad Babu, and Kodavali sarpanch Burra Naga Ramachandra were present.

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With vaccines rolling out, this should be the year we wrestle this horrible virus into submission.

And if the pandemic was not worse enough, numismatic frauds has been on a rise in recent times with many 'Fake' coin videos on youtube which are made to cheat people of their hard earned money. Contact details of many genuine coin dealers are shared for frauds. For more than a year 'fraud alert' has been a part of ICCG News monthly requesting everyone to be more alert and not to

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PM Modi said India has developed various financial inclusion platforms and there is a need to create awareness about them for their optimum utilisation. There should be an effort to extend these financial inclusion solutions globally, he said.

"Earlier it was the responsibility of the people to go to the government for availing benefit of the schemes. Now the emphasis is on taking governance to people and free them from the rigamarole of doing rounds of different ministries and

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He said that despite the influence of foreigners, the newspaper did not leave its local connect. "Under the influence of foreigners, when this city became Bombay, even then this newspaper did not leave its local connect, did not break its connection with its roots. It was a normal Mumbai's newspaper even then and it is the same today - Mumbai Samachar." The Prime Minister recalled that when the Mumbai Samachar started, the darkness of slavery was getting deeper. It was not so easy to get a newspaper in an Indian language like Gujarati in that period. Mumbai Samachar expanded linguistic journalism in that era.

pay any amount for such coins or for registration or for any purpose to such sites or such fraudsters.

And as I stated earlier: With ICCG News, I had a dream of becoming a voice of Indian Numismatics, and while I feel that we have had some success, we are still working every month to improve this paper to make it a better experience for you, the reader. Our gratitude goes out to those who have helped us build and maintain the ICCG network: our contributors, advertisers, few

websites...this portal will improve the lives of students, farmers, businessmen and MSME entrepreneurs, and will help them in realising their dreams," he said.

The Jan Samarth portal will be an 'end-to-end delivery platform' and more people will come forward to avail loans because of the ease of compliance, he said.

On the sidelines of the launch event, Bank of India MD A K Das said that this portal will help reduce turnaround time and facilitate faster

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sanction of loans to beneficiaries. More schemes can be onboarded as we go along, Das added.

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The 200-years-old newspaper from Mumbai

The Gujarati newspaper was first published in 1822 as a weekly by Parsi scholar Fardunjee Marzban. According to The Indian Express, Marzban had experimented with various publishing options before finalising this successful print run. Its office is located in an iconic red building at Horniman Circle in Mumbai's Fort area.

Mumbai Samachar's director Hormusji Cama says that 20 years ago the newspaper conducted research and found that it is the oldest surviving publication in India and the fourth oldest in the world. Bombay

Samachar (as it was called then) started primarily to inform the readers about ship movements and commodities, and gradually evolved into a true city newspaper with a focus on trade that it is today.

Marzban started the publication four years after the Bengali newspaper Samachar Darpan was launched, to become the second non-English newspaper published in India. Then named Moombina Samachar, it was a weekly for the first 10 years, then a bi-weekly and has been a daily newspaper since 1855.

The paper exchanged several hands before the Cama family took over in 1933.

2000 Year Old Treasure Found in a Forest of Mures County, Central Romania

A treasure hunter from Mureş County has discovered a hoard of silver coins dating back to the time of the Romans. The more than 300 coins were found in a clay pot, buried in the earth of the forest of Sangeru de Padure, which the man had been scanning with a metal detector.

The 43-year-old treasure hunter, Narcis Cartiş, is an impassioned history lover and enjoys spending his free time searching for archaeological remains. In fact, the discovery he just made is not his first. About a year and a half ago, Mr. Cartiş obtained his detectorist's license, and since then he has made three archeological discoveries. The first time he discovered four tetradrachms, large silver coins originating in Ancient Greece which were the standard coin of the Antiquity. The second discovery was a pot full of coins dating from Antiquity which he found in the Ernei area of Mures county. And now this hoard from the forest of Sangeru de Padure.

"I search exceptionally diligently, and I've covered about 50% of the forest already. These kinds of finds are a matter of luck. You can't have a plan, it's not possible to know where you're going to find something. It's all about having luck and being persistent. When you hear the sound of the detector, you don't know what you've found, because all metal sounds the same, so you don't know what you've got in the ground. You can't go by maps because there aren't any, you just have to be lucky," Narcis Cartiş told the press.

He described the moment of discovery, saying: "I experienced such joy when I saw what I'd found!



It's the third time I've discovered something valuable. The first time I howled with joy. Another reason to be joyous is the fact that detectorists are rewarded if they report their discovery to a museum with 30-40% of the value of the discovered object. After inspecting the pot filled with coins, while making sure not to move it from its current position in the ground, Mr. Cartis contacted the Mures County Museum.

On June 16, the head of the Archaeology Department of the Mures County Museum, Nicoleta Man, went to the discovery site, taking a team of specialists with her. The specialists determined the historical characteristics of the treasure.

Nicoleta Man told the press what she and her team had ascertained: "This discovery is a Roman treasure. It was a common practice in those days to hide one's wealth, which had accumulated over a generation or several generations. The period over which this particular hoard was

collected is something we will determine upon further inspection. According to the typical practice of the time, the wealth was deposited in a pot, in this case, a Roman pot which, according to its shape and the material that was used, was produced in the workshops of Cristesti. Inside there are traces of bronze verdigris, so it could be that in addition to silver coins there are also bronze coins or objects."

According to Mrs. Man, the area of Mureş County is an archeologically fertile one. The Archaeology Department head told the press that multiple discoveries have been made in the past two years, with hoards consisting of coins and jewelry having been found in Dambau, Sighisoara, Dumbravioara, Cristesti, and a huge one in Salasuri.

She also stated that this area is presumed to have contained a Dacian Fortress and a Roman settlement, which would explain the high concentration of treasure left behind.

New Commemorative Coin Celebrates Juneteenth

Juneteenth Unlimited, LLC is excited to introduce the release of a commemorative coin to celebrate a new Federal holiday – Juneteenth – inspired by the African Diaspora, Black American history and the fight for freedom. Made of one troy ounce of .999 fine silver, this inspirational coin is for anyone who wants a valuable keepsake to memorialize this significant new holiday. June 19, 1865, marks the date that the last known African-American slaves were freed. As a result, it's become one of the most important days in African-American history. This commemorative coin will honor and remember the African-American forefathers and mothers who suffered throughout the history of the trans-Atlantic slavery system. What makes it a fascinating coin is the use of a Swahili word – Nahuona: "I see you." Careful thought and consideration were put into the use

of this word. The concept may present one of the best ways to acknowledge empathy and compassion for all humanity. Juneteenth Unlimited is also



delighted to use a West African Kente textile art design. The reverse side has an image of Frederick Douglass, a former slave who became a famed abolitionist. In addition to the holiday marking the last known day slaves were freed, Juneteenth serves to remind people that humans have an incredible

capacity to heal and emerge from their darkest moments with hope and purpose. This coin represents how people had to rise from the ashes and acquire freedom.

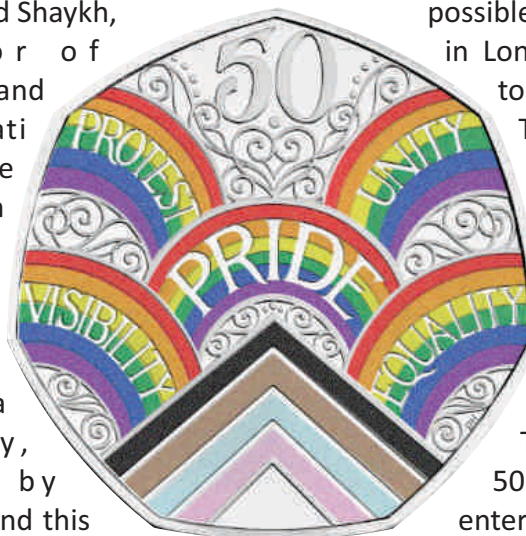
Beverly David Robinson, owner, Juneteenth Unlimited, is also the coin's designer and is committed to honoring the past while creating a brighter future. She hopes that all Americans will acknowledge the significance and power that Juneteenth holds.

"Precious metals have proven to have financial stability throughout history," she says. "This coin will hold its value for present and future generations. It's time to rejoice and celebrate history with one of these cherished coins."

UK Reveals Rainbow 50p Coin to Mark 50th Anniversary of Pride

London: Britain's Royal Mint unveiled a special new commemorative rainbow-coloured 50 pence coin on 18th May 2022 as a tribute to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Pride UK movement. The coin, designed by east London artist and LGBTQ+ activist Dominique Holmes, uses state-of-the-art printing technology to emboss it with the colours of the Pride progress flag. "It humbles me greatly that the words that I coined for the brand - protest, visibility, unity and equality - will be on an actual coin, opposite the

queen," Asad Shaykh, Director of Marketing and Communications at Pride in London said. "This queer brown immigrant has come a long way, powered by hope, love and this city. Nowhere in the world had this been



possible, except the UK. Pride in London feels very proud today."

The coin honours the anniversary of the first official Pride UK event in 1972 and is the first to be dedicated to Britain's LGBTQ+ community.

The commemorative 50p (\$0.62) coin will not enter circulation but will be available to purchase online.

Silver Coin Featuring Famous Viking King Unearthed in Hungary

A metal detectorist has discovered a small silver coin marked with the name of a famous Viking king. However, it was unearthed not in Scandinavia, but in southern Hungary, where it was lost almost 1,000 years ago.

The find has baffled archaeologists, who have struggled to explain how the coin might have ended up there — it's even possible that it arrived with the traveling court of a medieval Hungarian king.

The early Norwegian coin, denominated as a "penning," was not especially valuable at the time, even though it's made from silver, and was worth the equivalent of around \$20 in today's money.

"This penning was equivalent to the denar used in Hungary at the time," Máté Varga, an archaeologist at the Rippl-Rónai Museum in the southern Hungarian city of Kaposvár and a doctoral student at Hungary's University of Szeged, told Live Science in an email. "It was not worth much — perhaps enough to feed a family for a day."

Metal detectorist Zoltán Csikós found the silver coin earlier this year at an archaeological site on the outskirts of the village of Várdomb, and handed it over to archaeologist András Németh at the Wosinsky Mór County Museum in the nearby city of Szekszárd.

The Várdomb site holds the remains of the medieval settlement of Kesztlőc, one of the most important trading towns in the region at that time. Archaeologists have made hundreds of finds there, including dress ornaments and coins, Varga said.

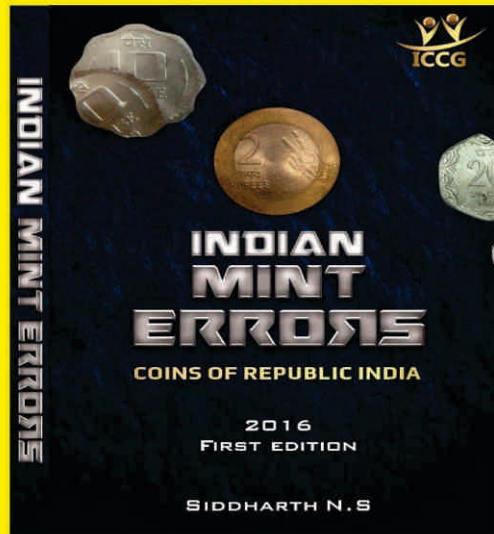
There is considerable evidence of contact between medieval Hungary



and Scandinavia, including found in Scandinavia that could have been brought there by trade or Scandinavian artifacts found in Hungary and Hungarian artifacts traveling craftsmen, Varga said.

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Sri Lanka Central Bank Issues Two New 20 Rupee Commemorative Coins

Colombo: The Central Bank of Sri Lanka on 21st March 2022 issued two circulation standard commemorative coins with a face value of Rs. 20 to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Medical Faculty of the University of Colombo and the first Census of Population and Housing in Sri Lanka.

Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo Prof. Chandrika N. Wijeyaratne and the Director General of the Department of Census and Statistics, P.M.P. Anura Kumara, presented the commemorative coins to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Presidential Secretariat.

The Central Bank issued a circulation standard commemorative coin with a face value of Rs. 20 to mark the 150th Anniversary of Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo in recognition of its contribution to the nation as the first medical faculty in the country. This coin was issued at the request of Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

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circulation standard commemorative coin with a face value of Rs. 20 to mark the 150th Anniversary of Census of Population and Housing (CPH) in Sri Lanka, in recognition of an event that contributes to the socio-economic development of the country. This coin was issued at the request of Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) of Sri Lanka.

The first CPH in Sri Lanka was conducted in 1871 and the year 2021

marks its 150th Anniversary. The 15th CPH was originally planned to be conducted in 2021, concurrently with its anniversary. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic 15th CPH has been postponed till 2022 - 2023.

Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Deputy Governor N. W. G. R. Dhammika Nanayakkara and Superintendent of Currency K.M. Abeykoon were also present on the occasion.

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UAE Central Bank Issues Commemorative Coins for Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

The Central Bank of the UAE issued 1,971 silver commemorative coins for the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre. The special coin is aimed at showcasing Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, named after Sheikh Zayed, the Founding Father, the banking regulator said on Wednesday. Khaled Balama, governor of the Central Bank of the UAE, said the release of the coin coincided with celebrations of the 50th anniversary of the UAE's founding.

“The issuance of these coins embodies the forward-looking vision of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan that led to the creation of Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, one of the world’s splendid landmarks, an international cultural platform and a beacon of cultural exchange that promotes the values of tolerance,” said Mr Balama. Each coin weighs 40 grams. The front side features a portrait of the Sheikh Zayed, along with his famous words: “The union lives in my soul, in my

heart and it is the dearest to my heart.” The coin also has an illustration of Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the words “The Year of the 50th” inscribed.

The coins will be handed over to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre and made available for sale to the public at Souq Al Jami, a shopping centre adjacent to the Grand Mosque, through Etihad Modern Art Gallery, the central bank said.

Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan’s timeless legacy, values and accomplishments that have touched the hearts of citizens and residents, and led the UAE to reach historic milestones and achieve global recognition in various fields,” said Abdul Rahman Al Owais, chairman of the board of trustees of Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, which took 11 years to construct, is one of Abu Dhabi’s most popular attractions. In 2019, it was ranked by travellers in third place in a top 10 list of landmarks in the world, a report by TripAdvisor said. That year, more than 6.6 million people visited the mosque.



They will not be available for purchase at the Central Bank of the UAE headquarters or its branches, the regulator said. “By issuing this commemorative coin, SZGMC [Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Centre] seeks to honour the late

2019, it was ranked by travellers in third place in a top 10 list of landmarks in the world, a report by TripAdvisor said. That year, more than 6.6 million people visited the mosque.

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3 Special Covers, Cancellation on GI Goods Released

Varanasi: The department of Posts released three special covers along with cancellation on Geographical Indications (GI) products of Varanasi - Banarasi Zardozi, Banarasi hand block prints and Banarasi wood carvings by the postmaster general of Varanasi region, Krishna Kumar Yadav with Bhaskar Khulbe, former advisor to the Prime Minister and GI expert Padma Shri Dr Rajni Kanth at the head post office, Varanasi on 23rd May 2022.

Speaking on the occasion, Khulbe appreciated the initiative of the department of Posts for releasing special covers on GI products and said that it would give a new identity to the GI products at national and international level. Varanasi postal department is leading by issuing the maximum number of special covers on GI products across the country. Realizing the concept of 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat', GI products are able to build their branding globally as well as national level and transform the concept from 'Local to Global'. The GI products can be defined as 'Gifts from India' also. He said that GI products are being delivered directly from the producers to the consumers through the postal department. The economy has also benefited greatly from this. The way Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself has taken the initiative to promote GI products, it is getting a new identity from local to global form and also being vocal for local, he added.

Yadav said that the GI products of Varanasi have a unique identity across the world. The Varanasi region has released 11 special covers on GI products related to Varanasi. He said that special cover on six GI products related to Varanasi – Banarasi



Brocade and Sarees, Banarasi Pink Meenakari Craft, Varanasi Soft Stone Jali Work, Varanasi Wooden Lacquerware Toys, Banarasi Metal Repose Craft and Varanasi Glass Beads had already been issued. Since the reach of the department of Posts is universal, the GI products will also reach door-to-door through this.

While GI products are being sent abroad through the International Business Center, now their dispatch is being made smoother by setting up a Parcel Packaging Unit. The GI expert, Dr Rajni Kanth said that Varanasi has the privilege to have 18 GI products out of 34 of Uttar Pradesh, with an annual turnover of about Rs 22,500 crore. Efforts are on to get GI tag for agro products, horticulture products, special rice and sweets in the coming days.

The function was attended by senior superintendent of post

office, Varanasi East Division, Rajan, superintendent of post office, senior post master CS Barua, assistant director Brijesh Sharma, assistant superintendent SK Chaudhary, Pankaj Srivastava, Suresh Chandra, RK Chauhan, Ajay Kumar and others

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Andhra Pradesh: Special Postal Cover on Historic Police Station Attacks Released

Hyderebad: A special postal cover carried an 'archer' by Alluri Sitarama Raju, a tribal rebellion, released to commemorate centenary of Chilli-Post in Rajavommangi of East Godavari district, on 06th May 2022. Alluri Sitarama Raju, a tribal rebellion, was attacked Rajavommangi Police Station on February 24, 1922 and released Muttadam Veerayya Dora, who remained as his close lieutenant of till end of Rampa Revolution.

Special cover being released by the Rampachodavaram YSRCP MLA Nagulapalli Dhanalakshmi and postmaster general, Visakhapatnam postal region M Venkateswarlu, at a programme held at Rajavommangi. This is the sixth special cover released by Department of Posts as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' covering the historic attacks on police stations by Alluri Sitarama Raju, during the



freedom movement. M Venkateswarlu, Postmaster General, Visakhapatnam who designed the special cover said, "this special cover got carried by an archer to Kondapalli village in Rajavommangi Mandalam where Alluri fought his final war with British forces, in which scores of his followers were either got injured or martyred. About 30 of his followers participated in this war against British were caught and sent to Cellular Jail in Andaman." Alluri

attacked Rajavommangi Police Station on 24th February 1922 and released Sri Muttadam Veerayya Dora, who remained as his close lieutenant of till end of Rampa Revolution, said the official.

MLA, Nagulapalli Dhanalakshmi, appreciated an initiative of documenting history of the people in agency area particularly the fight against British by Alluri Sitarama Raju, through the medium of philately.

News Andhra Pradesh Special Postal Cover Released on Godavari Delta Rice Bowl of AP

Visakhapatnam Region Postmaster General M. Venkateswarlu, Amalapuram Member of Parliament Chinta Anuradha and Government Whip and Kothapeta MLA Chirla Jaggireddy on 19th May 2022 released a special postal cover, titled 'Godavari Delta-Rice Bowl of Andhra Pradesh' at Ravulapalem in Konaseema district. The design of the special postal cover is unique as it contains original paddy grains on it. The grains are pasted on the cover to draw the attention of the cover holder. The value of the special cover is INR 50.

On the front, the cover has an image of Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage across the Godavari at Dowleswaram, along with grains pasted on it. On the back,

the process of paddy cultivation is depicted in images with a detailed description.

The Godavari delta is a highly fertile river basin with alluvial soil deposited by the river. It is called the rice bowl of Andhra Pradesh. Around 10 lakh acres are irrigated under Eastern, Western and Central deltas under Sir Arthur Cotton Barrage at Dowleswaram. The length of the barrage across the Godavari is 3.59 km. There are 175 gates and the total length of the network of canals under the barrage is 1,304 km.

Mr. Venkateswarlu said the Department of Posts has recently



released a series of special postal covers to celebrate the beauty and significance of erstwhile East Godavari district in many categories including the freedom struggle, its history, temple architecture and agriculture. Amalapuram Postal SP D.S.U. Nageswara Reddy was present.

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.

2004 – K. Kamaraj Commemoration

Kumarasami Kamaraj, better known as K. Kamaraj (15th July, 1903 – 2nd October, 1975) took active parts in India's struggle for independence and was thrown into jail several times and spent eight years in prison. He was an Indian politician from Tamil Nadu widely acknowledged as the "Kingmaker" in Indian politics during the 1960s. He was the chief minister of Tamil Nadu during 1954-1963 and a Member of Parliament during 1952-1954 and 1969-1975. He became the president of the Congress party in 1964 and his famous "Kamaraj Plan", led to resignation of several Chief Ministers of states and senior Congress ministers in Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet, so that they

could devote their energies to revitalize the party. He was known for his simplicity and integrity. He was awarded India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, posthumously in 1976.

In commemoration of K. Kamaraj, India issued this 5 rupees coin on 27th October, 2004, for general circulation. 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

the image of "Kumarasami Kamaraj", with the inscription "K.KAMARAJ" in Hindi on the top left periphery and in English on the top right periphery. "1903-1975" – his year of birth and his year of death, is shown below his image.

Specifications:

Year of issue: 2004

Weight: 9 grams

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

Shape: Circular

Diameter: 23 mm

Edge: Security

Mint: Mumbai, Kolkata &



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Coin Expo at Mint Museum

Hyderabad: An exhibition showcasing the numismatic history of Hyderabad and the tools used to mint coins began at the Saifabad Mint Museum at Mint Compound behind the old Secretariat building on 08th June 2022. The exhibition was being held as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, P.V. Siva Rama Krishna, deputy bullion officer at the India Government Mint in Hyderabad said, "The sixth Nizam, Mahboob Ali Khan, and the seventh Nizam, Mir Osman Ali Khan are considered to be the fathers of this mint, which was modernised by introducing machinery in 1895. Later in 1903, the entire process of minting in Hyderabad state was overhauled on the lines of European mints and it was moved to Saifabad to start operations in 1903 with the latest machinery available at that time.

Consequent to the Federal Financial Integration of Hyderabad state in 1950, the mint was taken over formally by the Government of India."

Rehan Ahmad, curator, Mint Museum, India Government Mint, Kolkata, said, "The history of coin making started in the thousands of years ago and slowly moved on to other techniques such as die-strike, machine tech and punching tech. The upper side on the face of the coin is called 'obverse' meaning the side of a coin or medal bearing the head or principal design (the constant emblem) and on the reverse side of the coin was changed whenever necessary."

Anuradha Reddy, convener, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Hyderabad Chapter, who visited the exhibition remarked, "As

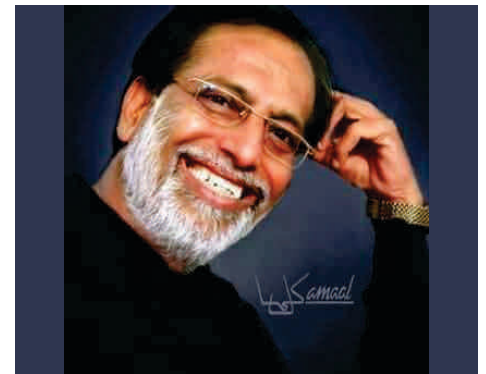


a school girl in the nineteen fifties, I remember my father giving me coins and currency notes of the erstwhile era. I remember my father narrating the process of making coins such as melting, rolling, pickling and polishing, annealing, blanking and security edging, minting, examining and finally weighing and packing. I still have a few coins and notes of that era."

Irappa Paramshetti: 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 Irappa Paramshetti from Belgaum. Mr. Paramshetti had a lot of passion and love towards coins and notes of British India & Republic India for more than five decades. In March 2016, Mr. Paramshetti shared his thoughts and

views as a part of his interview in ICCG News. His demise has clearly left a big gap within the Indian numismatics which can never be filled. ICCG News on behalf of entire Indian numismatic community conveys deepest of respects towards our most loved numismatist. Rest in peace Paramshetti sir!



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