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## 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations: Physical Copy of India-UAE Joint Commemorative Stamp launched

**C**elebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations, Indian Ambassador to UAE Sunjay Sudhir and CEO of Emirates Post, postal operator for the United Arab Emirates, launched a physical copy of India-UAE Joint Commemorative Stamp.

Taking to Twitter, Indian Embassy in UAE wrote, "Amb @sunjaysudhir and @EmiratesPostUAECEO launched the physical copy of the India-UAE Joint Commemorative Stamp, celebrating 75 Years of India's

independence, UAE Year of the 50th and 50 Years of India-UAE diplomatic relations."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan released the Joint Commemorative Stamp on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's independence and marking the 50th



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## Gol Released Commemorative Postage Stamp to Honour Tricolour Designer P Venkayya

**T**he government of India released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the 146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of India's national flag. The stamp was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an event "Tiranga Utsav" organised by the Ministry of Culture at Indira Gandhi Stadium, in New Delhi.

The event also displayed the original design of the national flag made by Pingali Venkayya. The current flag is the modified version of the first design of the flag. The Tiranga Utsav also witnessed the grand launch of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" anthem and video. Venkayya, born on August 02, 1876, near Machilipatnam town in Andhra Pradesh, was a freedom

fighter and a follower of Gandhian principles.

**Who was Pingali Venkayya?**

Born near Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh) on August 2, 1876, Pingali had designed many models of the national flag. In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi approved a design during the Indian National Congress meeting in Vijayawada. The national flag that we see today was based upon his design. Venkayya was a fervent freedom fighter and the designer of the Indian national flag who went on to become synonymous with the spirit of free and independent India. He was a farmer, a geologist, a lecturer at the



Andhra National College in Machilipatnam, and fluent in Japanese. He became instantly famous as 'Japan Venkayya'. In 1916, he published a booklet titled 'A National Flag for India'. It not only surveyed the flags of other nations, but also offered 30-odd designs of what could develop into the Indian flag.

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## Indian Museum Kolkata

The ninth oldest museum of the world and largest in India, the Indian Museum is located in the city of joy - Kolkata. The foundation stone of the Indian Museum was laid down in the year 1814 and has been a centre of multidisciplinary activities ever since. Popularly known as 'Jadughar', it has the finest collection of contemporary paintings, sacred relics of Buddha, Egyptian mummies and ancient sculptures. In addition to these, the Indian Museum boasts of some of the most exquisite collections of ornaments, fossils, skeletons, antiques, armours, and stunning Mughal paintings.

Presently, the museum has 35 galleries which have been divided into six categories namely Art, Archaeology, Anthropology, Geology, Zoology and Economic Botany. For those inquisitive about history, there is also a library and bookshop present within the museum premises. Indian Museum recently celebrated its bicentennial anniversary with great fervour in February 2014. With its splendid collection, the museum takes you back in time to witness our fascinating past.

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for and displayed. The objective began to look achievable in 1808 when the Society was offered suitable accommodation by the Government of India in the Chowringhee-Park Street area.

On February 2, 1814, Nathaniel Wallich, a Danish botanist, who had been captured in the siege of Serampore but later released, wrote to the council of the Asiatic Society for the formation of a museum out of his own collection and that of the Asiatic Society in Calcutta, volunteering his service as a Curator wherein he proposed five sections—an archaeological, ethnological, a technical section and a geological and zoological one. The council readily agreed and the Museum was created, with Wallich named the Honorary Curator and then Superintendent of the Oriental Museum of the Asiatic Society. Wallich also donated a number of botanical specimens to the museum from his personal collection. In 1815, Mr William Lloyd Gibbons, Asst Secretary and Librarian, was appointed Joint Secretary of the Museum.

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After the resignation of Wallich, curators were paid salaries by the Asiatic Society ranging from Rs 50 to Rs 200 a month. However, in 1836, when the bankers of the Asiatic Society (Palmer and Company) became insolvent, the Government began to pay the salary of the Curator from its public funds since a large part of the collection was that of the surveyors of Survey of India.

A temporary grant of Rs 200 per month was sanctioned for maintenance of the museum and library, and J. T. Pearson of the Bengal Medical Service was appointed curator, followed shortly by John McClelland and, after the former's resignation, by Edward Blyth.

In 1840, the Government took a keen interest in geology and mineral resources, and this led to an additional grant of Rs 250 per month for the geological section alone. In 1851 when the Geological Survey of India came into being with the advent of Sir Thomas Oldham, a rented building at 1, Hastings Road now K N Roy Road, the present site of the New Secretariat became its office. The geological collection of the Government of India 'Museum of Economic Geology' at the Asiatic Society, were then transferred to this site in 1856. The Asiatic Society geological collection were however held back with the condition that it would be handed over to the GSI once a Museum for all its collection came into being. It was way back in 1837 that Sir James Prinsep, then-Secretary of the Asiatic Society, had written to the Government asking for a Museum paid for by the state. A movement for a full-fledged Museum was thereafter keenly pursued over a decade, and later, with Sir Thomas Oldham, then Superintendent of the Geological

Survey of India, at the helm, it gained momentum.

The thrust for a full-fledged Museum was held up due to the intervention of the revolt of the sepoys of the East India Company. The matter was pursued again, once things settled down after India came under the Crown.

Thereafter the First Indian Museum Act was passed in 1866 and the foundation of the Indian Museum at its present site laid in 1867. In 1875 the present building on Chowringee Road, presently Jawaharlal Nehru Road, designed by W L Granville in consultation with Sir Thomas Holland, on Chowringee was completed. In 1877 after the retirement of Sir Thomas Oldham in 1876 the Geological Survey of India including the Museum of Economic Geology shifted here from its rented accommodation on 1 Hastings Road. This building had been designated as the site for not just the Asiatic Societies, Oriental Museum's collection and the Economic Geology collection of the Geological Survey of India but also to hold the offices of both. The Asiatic Society however

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relinquished its rights preferring to maintain its autonomy from the government. The Geological Survey of India is till date headquartered at the buildings of the Indian Museum Complex and holds exclusive rights over the Geological galleries of the Indian Museum.

The building parallel to Sudder Street commenced in 1888 and occupied in 1891. The next building block at right angle to Sudder Street was erected in 1894. Half of this building was consigned to the Geological Survey of India but by 1912 it was wholly transferred to it.

The Zoological and Anthropological sections of the museum gave rise to the Zoological Survey of India in 1916, which in turn gave rise to the Anthropological Survey of India in 1945.

The Scottish anatomist and zoologist John Anderson took up the position of curator in 1865, and catalogued the mammal and archaeology collections. The English zoologist James Wood-Mason worked at the museum from 1869 and succeeded Anderson as curator in 1887.



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year of UAE's foundation. India and UAE issued a joint vision statement after a joint summit between the two leaders.

The Prime Minister and the Crown Prince issued a Joint Vision Statement "Advancing the India and UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: New Frontiers, New Milestone". The Statement establishes a roadmap for a future-oriented partnership between India and UAE and identifies focus areas and outcomes. The shared objective is to promote new trade, investment and innovation dynamic in diverse sectors, including economy, energy, climate action, emerging technologies, skills and education, food security, healthcare and defence and security.

A major highlight of the Virtual

## News 50 Years of Diplomatic Relations UAE India Joint Stamp

Summit was the signing and exchange of the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Minister of Economy of UAE, Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri in the virtual presence of the two Leaders.

The Prime Minister thanked the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi for taking care of the Indian community during Covid-19 pandemic. He also invited him to pay an early visit to India.

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) established diplomatic relations in 1972. While the UAE opened its Embassy in India in 1972, Indian Embassy in UAE was opened in 1973.

The traditionally strong bilateral relations enjoyed by India & UAE

have received impetus with regular exchange of high-level bilateral visits from time to time.

India and UAE have shared trade links through the centuries. The trade, which was dominated by traditional items such as dates, pearl and fishes, underwent a sharp change after the discovery of oil in UAE (oil exports begun from Abu Dhabi in 1962). With the emergence of UAE as a unified entity in 1971, exports from India started growing gradually over the years.

Growing India-UAE economic and commercial relations contribute to the stability and strength of a rapidly diversifying and deepening bilateral relationship between the two countries. Both sides are striving to further strengthen these ties for mutual benefits.



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## Israel Post Releases New Stamps in July to Honor Life



**N**ew York: Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation (IGPC) has announced that Israel Post, the official postal service for the State of Israel, issued a new set of postage stamps in July 2022 celebrating the beauty and sanctity of life. The special stamp issue was inspired by the extraordinary events in the United States surrounding abortion rights and human rights. The Supreme Court *Rowe vs. Wade* ruling is drastically changing the political and cultural landscape. While plans for the stamps have been underway for more than a year, their release comes at this pivotal time in history. The stamps feature quotes from respected religious and historical

leaders: Maimonides, the medieval Jewish philosopher and scholar; the sainted Mother Teresa; and U.S. Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. The four different sheets contain either nine or 12 pairs of stamps. One of each pair depicts the blue Star of David from the Israeli flag and the inscription "ISRAEL," and artwork representing the life stages of an unborn child. Elhanan Shapira, Director of Philatelic Services for Israel Post, said, "We are delighted to once again work with the world's largest philatelic agency, IGPC, to help promote the hobby of stamp collecting to the masses. This special stamp issue brings to the forefront a matter of public interest that affects

all humanity. We are pleased to be part of this global concern." "Stamps have the unique ability to bridge the divides and bring people together," said Sam Malamud, President of IGPC. "These special sheets convey the simple message that life is precious, an issue that appeals equally to stamp collectors across all social, political and racial lines." IGPC's team and a world recognized philatelist Mark Morrow, President/Owner of Mark Morrow Stamps, Inc. from Denver, Colorado, suggested a stamp to honor life. Morrow, a wholesale seller to dealers, will donate proceeds from his company's sales of these stamps to the Denver-based Alternatives Pregnancy Center.

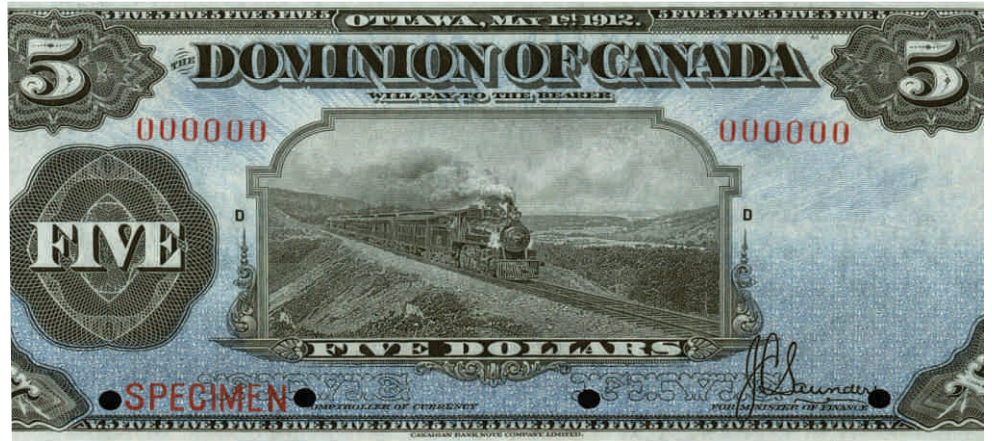
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## Overlooked Notes Bring Bargains

The weekly Heritage auctions have been featuring a lot of Encased Postage examples lately. They are scarce and interesting numismatic pieces from the Civil War period. In August of 1862, John Gault received a patent for his encasement of postage stamps in a copper shell with a mica window so you could see the value of the postage stamps inside. All this was going on because the war scared people into hoarding their silver change, making retail commerce very difficult. Of course, along with the stamp came advertising on the reverse of the copper shell. Several businesses along the East Coast and the Midwest bought into the idea. The values ranged from one cent to ninety cents and the stamps were from the 1861 U.S. Postage series. This wasn't the only method used as a substitute for small change. Stationer stores on the East Coast started printing tiny envelopes with values on the outside. Merchants put stamps to equal the printed price inside and gave them out as change. It is estimated that less than 500 of these envelopes survive from 200 issuers. Even more treasures for numismatics are Confederate States of America notes and the many Southern issues of local paper currency. A later factor affected how much coinage the U.S. Mint had to issue, as after the war all the hoarded silver change came flooding back into the economy, lessening the need for large mintages into the 1870s. The Civil War had a great impact on our country, and this included all the numismatic treasures we pursue today. Speaking of today, we continue to see big increases in the value of Federal Reserve Notes of \$500 and \$1,000 denominations. Their counter parts in the \$5 to \$100 denominations

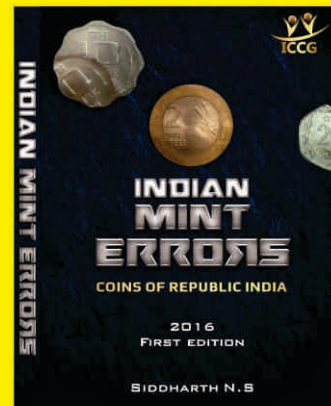


seem more subdued. If you follow the smaller auctions, you might be able to find overlooked scarce notes in these denominations. Small and Large Gold notes remain strong, especially in the higher values. Small Size Red Seal U.S. notes seem weaker, especially in circulated conditions. Nationals continue to be streaky in value. If there is competition between deep pockets, collector's prices can really soar. If you want to collect National Bank Note type, use this to your advantage and buy notes from states that are currently a bit dormant. Large Size notes are quite popular and there aren't enough to go around, so we are seeing stronger prices for Very Good, Fine and lower numbered Very Fine notes being pursued by economy collectors. Foreign notes continue in popularity. I personally enjoy collecting Canadian notes. They, like our notes, come in Large and Small Size and they have bank notes parallel to our National Bank Notes. Explore Canadian auction houses. They take credit cards, and you will be paying in

Canadian funds, and perhaps see lower net prices than in the U.S. Also notes graded by Canadian graders give you more for your money as they are tough graders. To check things out get Canadian catalogues for info. Two of my favorite Canadian notes are the \$5 1912 Dominion of Canada Blue Train vignette of Passenger Ocean Limited traveling through a valley in Nova Scotia; and The Canadian Battleship HMS Bellerophon which fought in the Battle of Jutland in WWI.

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## Royal Mint Reveals Final Coin in Series

The Royal Mint has completed its popular Winnie the Pooh and Friends coin collection, inspired by Disney, with the launch of a collectible 50 pence featuring Pooh and some of his closest friends.

The final coin in the treasured nine-coin collection, the new 50p features a woodland scene with the lovable bear and his Hundred Acre Wood friends Tiger, Eeyore, and Piglet. The design is inspired by the original illustrations of E. H. Shepard and has been brought to life using British craftsmanship and innovative color printing technology at The Royal Mint.

The Royal Mint's designer Daniel Thorne worked with Shepard's timeless illustrations for the collection, which also sees Winnie the Pooh, Owl, Tigger, Christopher Robin, Piglet, Eeyore and Kanga and Roo miniaturized on the reverse side of the coin. Adding an original twist, Thorne included a signature bee

motif to the classic designs, uniting each of the coins in the Winnie the Pooh and Friends collection.

Collectors can purchase the new 50p



design individually and as part of the Winnie the Pooh and Friends collection in gold, silver, base

metal, and special color edition, from today at The Royal Mint website.

"Coin collecting is a popular hobby, and the Winnie the Pooh and Friends 50p collection is one which unites generations of coin collectors to share their enjoyment.

Based on the original illustrations of E H Shepard, the designs evoke childhood memories for people of all ages, and we are absolutely thrilled with the final design which combines Pooh and his pals as they embark on their final adventure on official UK coin," said Rebecca Morgan, Director of Collector Services

Prices start from £10 (about \$12 USD) for brilliant uncirculated and £20 (about \$24 USD) for brilliant uncirculated color edition.

## Year of the Tiger: UK's Royal Mint Releases 8 kg Gold Proof Coin to Mark the Chinese New Year

For eight years now, the UK's Royal Mint has been making commemorative coins to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. This year an eight kg gold coin is added to the collection to mark the year of tiger.

Stephanie Morris, head of commemorative coin sales at the Royal Mint said: "We were inspired by the Chinese culture that number eight is one of the luckiest numbers." "We also knew that the number eight was linked to wealth and prosperity. So given that it's an eight kilogram gold coin, it's a piece of art," she told CGTN.

This gold coin is a perfect combination of British coin-making

craftsmanship that's steeped in history - the Royal Mint alone has been minting British coins for over 1000 years.

Hundreds of hours has gone into the making of the coin, including more than 100 hours of handwork by the Royal Mint's Master Toolmakers, who hand-polished the coin to make sure the design is smooth and



elevated. David Lawrance, the designer of the tiger coin, worked closely with the Chinese community in the UK to make sure the image of the tiger will be in line with Chinese tradition.

In the final design, the tiger's forehead features a pattern which is said to be the inspiration for the Chinese character for King (王, pronounced as 'Wang').

The Royal Mint expects their 8 kg gold disc will fetch 6 figures from potential buyers. But for those who can't afford that amount, different editions in the series are available.

## Zimbabwe Turns to Gold Coins

Zimbabwe has tried just about everything in its power to slow the runaway inflation that for years has decimated its economy. The beleaguered African nation is now considering something out of the numismatic Middle Ages—circulating gold coins.

Could gold coins circulate successfully in this day and age? Specie may not be entirely dead. The smallest current U.S. gold coin that could be argued is a business strike is the tenth ounce Gold American Eagle. The face value on this coin may only be \$5, but its intrinsic value is about \$185, making it a challenge to use for over-the-counter purchases.

An interesting alternative is offered for use in New Hampshire, Nevada, and Utah by the privately owned company Goldback Inc. Goldback issues “24 karat” gold certificates in five denominations starting with 1/1000th of an ounce of real gold. This denomination had an intrinsic value of about \$1.80 at the time this article was being written.

According to the company web site GoldBack.com, “The designs are printed on a sheet of polymer that is then bombarded with the correct amount of atomized gold particles in a vacuum chamber. This gold is then sealed inside by a second protective barrier of polymer, thus creating a beautiful negative image. Valaurum has been developing the process for nearly two decades and it has never been counterfeited.”

Merchants in three states can accept the gold certificates on a voluntary basis. According to the web site, “Members of our team have been working in the precious metals industry since our general counsel, Lawrence Hilton, authored and

championed the passage of the Utah Legal Tender Act in 2011. The Utah Precious Metals Association formed in 2012 from the ‘Citizens for Sound Money’ and began offering legal tender gold accounts that same year. We have been innovating in the space ever since. Goldback Inc. was founded as a new company in 2019.”

Valaurum Inc. released gold 1-cedi notes in the name of Ghana in 2020.

Like the GoldBack notes, these



are legal tender, however they are seldom if ever seen inside Ghana.

The gold coins will be minted by Fidelity Gold Refineries (Private) Limited and will be sold to the public through normal banking channels,” continuing, “The committee noted that the increase in inflation was undermining consumer demand and confidence and that, if not controlled, it would reverse the significant economic gains achieved over the past two years.”

Fidelity Printers and Refinery is a security printing and gold refining company wholly owned by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe. The company operates a

coinage mint in Bulawayo. Other FPR products include bank notes, Commercial Bank checks, passports, traveler’s checks, as well as both gold and silver bullion.

Mangudya explained, “In order to enhance the circulation of foreign currency in the economy, as well as to support the willing-buyer willing-seller foreign exchange market, the MPC resolved to maintain the current export retention thresholds across the various sectors of the economy and that 25 percent of the unutilized export receipts shall be liquidated at the willing-buyer willing-seller exchange rate after 120 days from the date of receipt of the export proceeds.”

Not everyone is excited about the new coin. On July 22 economist Prosper Chitambara told Agence France-Presse, “The coin is not going to have a significant effect in terms of stabilizing the macro economy,” noting that most Zimbabweans are too poor to purchase the coin.



## Workers Found a Buried Gold Treasure in Madhya Pradesh Took it Home

**B**hopal: Eight construction workers engaged to excavate a plot of land in Madhya Pradesh to build a house found a gold treasure and took it home earlier this month, police said after the arrest of the eight. Police said the treasure was in a metallic utensil that the workers found during the excavation process in the 2,600sq feet plot of land in Dhar on August 19 and 21. Inside, they found 84 gold coins and gold jewellery. Not far from the spot where they stumbled upon the gold, they also found two gold pieces. The eight decided to split the gold. And they did.

Police said they learnt of the treasure only on Sunday after word got out. It turned out that one of the eight, who sold one gold coin to clear his Rs 56,000 debt, decided to celebrate, had one too many, and spoke about his fortune.

Police said they had been able to recover 83 gold coins and the two gold pieces and reported the discovery to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Indore, which rushed a team. Ashutosh Mahashabde, who heads ASI's Indore office, said the gold coins appeared to be 200 years old and may have been issued by the princely state of Jodhpur.



Mahashabde, however, underlined that they have requisitioned the services of experts to read the inscription on the coins. ASI has also started carrying out an excavation to look for any other treasure that it may find in the plot.

Tehsildar Vinod Rathod and additional superintendent of police Devendra Patidar have been deputed to lead the search for one coin that is yet to be recovered. Shivnarayan Rathod, the owner of the dilapidated house that was demolished to build a new one, told the police that his family had been living in

the house for the past 100 years and were not about the hidden treasure.

According to the Indian Treasure Trove Act 1878, anyone who finds any treasure has to inform the district administration about the discovery. The finder is also required to deposit the find either with the district revenue officials or undertake to produce it before authorities when required. The government retains the right to acquire the treasure on payment of its value and a 20% premium.

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## India Post Commemorates 75 Years of ICAR-CPCRI

India Post has released a special postal cover and my stamp to commemorate 75 years of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI), Regional Station, Kayamkulam.

Sheuli Burman, Chief Post Master General, Kerala Circle, released the postal cover of ICAR-CPCRI, Regional Station, Kayamkulam, and my stamp depicting Kalpa Sankara-the first coconut hybrid released for root (wilt) disease tract by handing over them to Agriculture Minister P. Prasad.

A philately exhibition showcasing stamps on coconut, GI tagged crops, biodiversity, luminaries in different



fields, and so on was organised on the occasion. It was attended by more than 2,000 students. The foundation stone of the ICAR-CPCRI, Regional Station, Kayamkulam, mandated to conduct research on coconut, was laid by Sree Uthradom Thirunal Marthanda Varma, former

head of the royal family of erstwhile Travancore, on April 24, 1947.

U. Prathibha, MLA, presided. Anitha Karun, director, ICAR-CPCRI, Kasaragod, P. Anithakumari, head, ICAR-CPCRI, Regional Station, Kayamkulam, and others

## Government Renews its Hunt for World's Biggest Gold Coin

Hyderabad: After an almost four-decade futile search for the missing "12kg gold coin", touted as the world's biggest coin ever minted, the Centre has renewed its hunt for the priceless artefact.

It was last seen in the possession of the titular Nizam VIII of Hyderabad, Mukarram Jah, who purportedly tried to auction the coin at a Swiss bank, but India's CBI failed to locate the coin that was passed on to Jah through his grandfather and last Nizam of Hyderabad, Mir Osman Ali Khan. The last Nizam had inherited the coin minted by emperor Jahangir. Eminent historian Salma Ahmed Farooqui of HK Sherwani Centre for Deccan Studies, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, who conducted research on the history and inheritance of the world's biggest gold coin, said it is priceless and Hyderabad's pride. Now, renewed efforts to locate the coin have begun after 35 years.

"In 1987, when Indian officials in Europe alerted the central government about the world-famous auctioneer Habsburg Feldman SA auctioning the 11,935.8gm gold coin in Geneva at Hotel Moga on November 9, through Paris-based



**The 12 kg gold coin was minted by Emperor Jahangir**

Indosuez Bank's Geneva branch, CBI came into the picture. Investigations started and much information was unearthed," Farooqui told. She said CBI officials donned the role of historians, building up on the history of the coin. Many CBI officials, who were part of the probes are not in office anymore, so the search remained inconclusive.

Former joint director of CBI, Shantonu Sen, in his book said that CBI officials found that Jahangir had minted two such coins; while one was presented to

Yadgar Ali, ambassador of the Shah of Iran, the other had become the property of the Nizams of Hyderabad.

Salma said CBI special investigation unit XI headed by a superintendent-rank officer in 1987 registered an FIR under the Antique and Art Treasures Act, 1972. "Further investigations revealed that Mukarram Jah was trying to auction two gold mohurs in 1987 at the Swiss auction, one of which was supposedly the 1,000 tola coin. It was valued at \$16million in 1987," she said.

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

### आधुनिक भारत के स्मारणीय सिक्के: वर्षवार, टक्साल्वर यात्रा घण्ट 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.

## 2005 – 75 Years of Dandi March Commemoration Issue

The 1882 "Salt Act" gave the British a monopoly on the collection and manufacture of salt, limiting its handling to government salt depots and levying a salt tax. The "Salt Satyagraha" was a campaign of nonviolent protest against the British salt tax in colonial India, and it began with the "Dandi March" on March 12, 1930, and it was an important part of the Indian independence movement which triggered the wider "Civil Disobedience Movement". This was the most significant organized challenge to British authority since the "Non-cooperation movement" of 1920-22, and directly followed the "Purna Swaraj" (complete independence) declaration of by the Indian National Congress on January 26, 1930.

"Mahatma Gandhi" led the Dandi march from "Sabarmati Ashram" near Ahmedabad, to the sea coast near the village of "Dandi". As he continued on this 24 day, 240 mile (390 km) march to

produce salt without paying the tax, growing numbers of Indians joined him along the way. At the conclusion of the march on April 6, 1930, when Gandhi broke the salt laws in Dandi, it sparked large scale acts of civil disobedience against the British Raj salt laws by millions of Indians. Over 80,000 Indians were jailed as a result of the Salt Satyagraha In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Dandi March, India issued this 5 rupees commemorative coin on 2nd October, 2005, for general circulation. Another coin was issued in the denomination of 100 rupees, 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 portrait of "Mahatma Gandhi marching with his followers" with inscription "Dandi Yatra Ke 75 Varsha" in Hindi on the left upper periphery and "75 YEARS OF DANDI

MARCH" in English on the right upper periphery. '1930-2005' – the span of 75 years, is shown below the central design.

### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 2005

**Weight:** 9 grams (cu-ni)

**Weight:** 6 grams (FSS)

**Metal composition: 1.)** Cupro – Nickel alloy (75% Copper + 25% Nickel)

**Metal composition: 2.)** Ferritic Stainless Steel Alloy (17% Chromium & 83 % Iron)

**Shape:** Circular

**Diameter:** 23 mm

**Edge:** Security

**Mint:** Mumbai, Hyderabad

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## Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi Releases Postal Stamp on Freedom Fighter Ondiveeran

**C**ommemorative postal stamp on freedom fighter Ondiveeran, the commander-in-chief of Poolithevan's army, the first to rebel against the British rule, was released in Tirunelveli on 20th August 2022 by Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi. Paying rich tributes to Ondiveeran, the Governor said freedom fighters like him continued to live in the hearts and minds of the people and in our history. "He did not belong just to the Arunthathiyar community but to the whole country. Entire India is proud of him," Ravi said and claimed that the British rulers effaced the names of the freedom fighters and wrote India's history that was antithetical.

"The British rulers have done much to destroy us, our history and our society. They manipulated our history and wrote false versions and removed the true history," the Governor said.

The then rulers commissioned people including James Mill to write India's history. "But ultimately, they could not remove them from our memory, from our hearts," he said and added Prime Minister Narendra Modi ensured that the sacrifices of our freedom fighters were recalled during India's 75th



Independence.

The Governor called for a deeper study on India's history from the Indian perspective.

Telangana Governor and Lt Governor of Puducherry Tamilisai Soundarajan who received the first copy of the commemorative stamp at the function held to observe the 251st death anniversary of Ondiveeran, recalled the immense sacrifice and contribution of this Indian commander-in-chief of Poolithevan's army. Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying L Murugan, former deputy

Speaker of Tamil Nadu Assembly V P Duraisamy, BJP legislator Nainar Nagendran and Ondiveeran's descendent Arumugam were among those who participated.

Many leaders besides Governors: Ravi and Soundararajan, and State Ministers paid floral tributes to Ondiveeran at his memorial in Palayamkottai in Tirunelveli district. Paying rich tributes to the freedom fighter, Chief Minister M K Stalin recalled that the previous DMK regime was instrumental in establishing a memorial for Ondiveeran.

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