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Mumbai Coin Exhibition: A Treat for Collectors

A unique exhibition of old coins, paper currency, stamps, paintings and other artifacts is nothing short of a great history lesson. For anyone interested in history, the natural starting point of the learning curve would be books. But for some people, that process alone doesn't do it. Meet the numismatics experts, people who believe in the evidence of objects and in particular currency as a way of tracing history. Coin collectors, as they are known in laymen's terms, are usually seen as hobbyists, even fanatics. They collect all sorts of objects from stamps to coins,



jewellery, diaries, even tokens sold in canteens. But there is an entire world operating on history, heritage and intrigue. Mumbai Coin Society recently hosted a three-day exhibition from 16th to

18th September 2022 at the Expo Centre, World Trade Centre displaying Indian coins and currency dating back to more than 2,500 years.

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Andhra Pradesh: Students Learn History Through Vintage Coins

Tirupati: A visit to the numismatics exhibition organised by GITAM High School here on 22nd September 2022 was a learning experience for students as they got an opportunity to see some vintage coins.

Coins of 195 countries painstakingly gathered by coin collectors Thimmapuram Suresh Reddy and G.V. Simhadri were on a display, along with their location on maps at the exhibition. People from all walks of life went round the exhibition.

The organisers said the exhibition was aimed at explaining a country's economic condition through the coins in circulation at a particular period of time. "The use of gold, silver, copper, brass and nickel coins



showed the opulence of countries," said school principal Kinnera Sridevi. In today's society, it appears as if several kids are preoccupied with films, music, internet, video games, etc and most parents are hunting for

exciting, protected, and educational activities or hobbies that their kids can get pleasure from. The hobby of collecting coins is a serious endeavor – probably

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Hobby of the Kings: Philately is for Everyone

In the world of fast speed internet, the post mail or snail mail is not dying a slow death. On the contrary, philatelists are making the most of the technology to reach out to the world and build their stamp collections while also researching about stamps. In Goa itself, the Goa Philatelic and Numismatic Society (GPNS) which was formed in 1975, has been reviving this passion and energizing it by involving young school students. While it brings in a different joy when you see a postman delivering mail these days, it becomes even more special when you receive a new stamp to add to YOUR existing collection. The world of stamps is huge. The first postal stamp that was engraved and printed in Goa was 'Natives of India' in 1871. Rolando de Melo, a retired Science teacher, who taught at the Assumpta Convent High School, Sarzora, is the Secretary of the Goa Philatelic and Numismatic Society (GPNS). He has a huge collection of stamps, post cards, aerograms and stationary but his prized possession is the Portuguese India themed

collection. "Goa has a vast postal history. Prior to Goa's liberation, the postal service existed in Goa but the first stamp that was created in Goa was 'Natives of India (Goa),' in 1871. The stamp was designed by Portugal's Jose Frederico d'Assa Castel- Branco and engraved by Gouvindo Zo, a Goan artist. I have also won gold and silver medals for my Portuguese India collection and this subject is being studied not only by Goans but people from different parts of the world. Stamps open up the world of education as they deal with history, geography and different interesting subjects," says Rolando, who has also written and published a catalogue on Goan Philatelic material post Liberation till 2021, a useful handbook for the Goa-centric



philatelist. World Post Day is celebrated on October 9, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. The Post is the world's largest logistics network. The purpose of World Post Day is to create awareness of the role of the postal sector in people's and businesses' everyday lives and its contribution to the social and economic development of countries. GPNS is trying to revive the hobby of stamp collection which can later on lead to philately in a child's life. With the aim to start young, they have been organizing exhibitions and workshops in various schools.

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Close to 80 stalls offered a mixed bag of coins, paper currency, stamps, paintings and other objects that are not just artifacts but historical rarities.

The auction of coins, banknotes, and medals saw people from different parts of the country displaying their collection to the public. The display helps the old collectors to make good money. While the monetary value of these coins and banknotes are less, their quality of being rare is an investment factor and helps to earn good money while selling them.

Awards that have put one among the stars, been badges of honours and taken pride of place in the minds and hearts of countrymen were also on display for two days. Bharat Ranta, country's highest civilian award along

with the Padmas (Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri) were displayed.

The Mumbai Coin Society, a registered numismatic society, displayed the top civilian awards along with medals that are rarely in public view. Besides the top civilian awards, a total of 13 other medals were also on display along with coins, notes and even smart cards.

"The Bharat Ratna and other Padma awards, which are minted in Kolkata, arrived only on Saturday. We were to get the awards on Friday but they could not come on time due to the monsoon. There is a protocol that is to be followed for them. They can be seen tomorrow (Saturday)," said Kaizad Todywalla, secretary, The

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Mumbai Coin Society.

The organisers had put a Padma Shri on display which was awarded to someone and has his name on it. "The ones that will be coming will not be bearing anyone's name. We also have some rare medals that never come in public domain like those given for distinguished services for intelligence gathering. They are not exactly like medals that people can wear.

They too will be on display," said Todywalla. The Asadharan Aasuchna Kushalta Padak for intelligence gathering, coast guard medal, pravasi bhartiya medal, coins from Gupta period, notes by Portuguese were among others. Auctions were held for some of the notes and coins.

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even the most serious among all collecting hobbies and moreover it's extremely popular with people of all ages. For children, coin collecting can be both fun and educational as every coin has a history and a story to tell.

Organizers also exhibited various ancient coins (and notes) from the East India Company, British India and Republic India. Students also got to know a lot and got familiar with the old aluminum coins, annas, paise series and the old big sized notes (of various denominations like 5, 10 and

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100 Rupees) that were discontinued years back. Not only the old coins and notes but also every current republic commemorative and definitive coins were on display which added on the excitement as they are very much available and easy to collect. Knowledge about current coins commemorating various personalities and leaders like Gandhiji, Nehruji, Shivaji, Tilakji, Shastriji, Mother Teresa and many more and also various FAO (food & agriculture organization) themes

commemorated like Mother's health, healthy child, food for all, rain harvesting, farmers etc., were also displayed and these are also so simple to collect from general circulation as a good start.

"The exhibition was a nice platform for budding collectors to learn about the hobby. Collection of coins and stamps as a hobby is dwindling. There is a need for schools to encourage children for philately and numismatics," said Mr. Suresh Reddy and Mr. Simhadri.

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“Stamp collection is very much alive and in the past three years, especially during the lockdown, there has been quite a lot that has been happening. GPNS is the oldest Philatelic Society in Goa and will be turning 45 years old. We have been approaching schools to start stamp clubs in their schools and few have responded well. More youngsters are showing interest as we are constantly organising exhibitions, workshops and competitions. We have junior members who are below the age of 18 years and senior members too,” says Ashlesh Kamat from Margao, the Vice President of GPNS. As artists, he and his wife Siya Nadkarni, have also designed covers and postcards for the Goa Division. There is a difference between stamp collection and philatelists, stamp collectors simply collect or buy highly-desirable stamps and don't necessarily study them while philatelists study collections and stamps. There are

various noted theme based collections in Goa by philatelists. President of GPNS, Dr Bernard Rodrigues, Senior Professor of Botany at Goa University, has a collection of 'Mushroom' stamps, former president of GPNS, R Ramesh Kumar, has a collection on dragonflies, Dr Rameshwar Naik has a vast collection on Hindu Mythology and Abhay Mudolkar has a collection on owls. Joao Paul Cotta who is now based in UK, has the largest Portuguese India collection.

“Stamp collection had a different charm in the 1960s and 70s when it was our main hobby. We are now ourselves making an effort to rediscover the hobby with school children. The teachers can use stamps as a teaching tool while students can use it for self study. Stamps can tell a lot about the era and history of what was going on in the world at that time of the year. In India, it can even tell which

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government was ruling during the release of the stamps,” says Rolando. Ashlesh says that former senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Goa Division, Dr Sudhir Jakhere, was instrumental in giving philately a boost during his tenure. He also released the Special Cover and Special Cancellation '150 Years of Servico Postal' in 2021. “The internet is really helpful in reaching out to more people. With online tools like 'Post Crossing' there is a lot of scope for stamp and postcard collection. I have received over 500 postcards from 50 countries since 2014,” says Ashlesh.

Philately has been called the hobby of kings, as it consumes time and meticulous planning and proper preservation but it can also make a person feel like a king as they see their collection grow not just in quantity but in value too.

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Exhibition of Defaced Money to Include Harry and Meghan Banknotes

An exhibition of defaced money “mutilated as cries of anger, injustice or despair” is to go on display, including a banknote featuring the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

Cambridge’s Fitzwilliam Museum will host the exhibition called Defaced Money.

It has been billed by the museum as the “first major exhibition to present a world history of protest through currencies that have been mutilated as cries of anger, injustice or despair from the last 250 years”.

Harry and Meghan appear in a 2019 work by Boo Whorlow called Harry of England/Ten Megs, a reworking of Banksy’s Di-Faced Tenner which featured Diana, Princess of Wales.

In the work, the duke replaces the Queen and Meghan appears on the reverse with the message “Trust No Press”.

Other pieces include a fake 20 US dollar bill with slavery abolitionist Harriet Tubman on it, and a coin commemorating the Peterloo Massacre of 1819, when 15 people were killed at a protest meeting in Manchester as the working class fought for political representation.



Artist Sean Kushner created a satire featuring Donald Trump on a colourful one dollar banknote saying “Maybe bae will buy me a wall”, with a smaller illustration of Russian President Vladimir Putin next to him, hinting at the alleged links between the two.

The Fitzwilliam Museum said: “Money is the perfect medium to highlight issues of wealth distribution, including the chasm between those at the top and the bottom, and the effects on those

living in poverty.

“It has been used by artists to draw attention to the links between government policy and the financial and banking systems.

“Against the backdrop of our current cost-of-living crisis, times of inflation, spiralling costs and debt, the exhibition’s themes in which currency has been, and continues to be, created and defaced in protest remain urgently relevant.”

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Opening the evening, Kazakhstan’s Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Adil Tursunov said that the conference has come a long way since its establishment overcoming the challenges that emerged in the most densely populated continent.

“Today, we can say with confidence that CICA has approached its main goal set out in the declaration of the principles guiding relations between CICA member states of 1999 and the Almaty Act of 2002. CICA has become a broad and inclusive international platform, ensuring regular dialogue and consultations, and is ready to launch the transformation process into a full-fledged organization,” he said. During a meeting with the press, Kairat Sarybay, executive director of CICA, said that member states have agreed on a broad agenda for the upcoming sixth summit that will take place in Astana on Oct. 12-13. “I expect this summit to be somewhat historic. I do not want to make any direct predictions, but I expect we can break some records and create unprecedented situations in a positive sense,” he said. The book “Tales of Asia” presented during the event features selected tales from 18 member states that will unveil the vast geography and rich traditions of diverse Asia. By publishing the book, CICA aims to strengthen cultural and humanitarian ties among the people of its member states, especially the younger generation.



On the pages of the “Ecotourism Guidebook of the CICA region,” one will discover unique places of 20 CICA member states in an initiative to promote tourism in numerous destinations of the region. It covers cultural, historical, religious, and wildlife tourism, including alpine and extreme tourism.

Both books will be published in 1,000 copies in English and Russian languages. “Tales of Asia” will be

distributed to school libraries and other children’s institutions.

Thirty years ago, at the 47th Session of the United Nations General Assembly First President Nursultan Nazarbayev proposed the idea of creating a conference on peace in Asia. Since then, CICA has become the largest regional intergovernmental forum in Asia with 27 member states, along with nine countries and five international organizations having observer status.

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From Cents to Thousands: 1925 Stamps Auctioned

A couple of cents worth of postage stamps from the 1925 New Zealand and South Seas International Exhibition, which was held in Dunedin, were auctioned in Wellington this week. They had an estimated value of \$3800.

They were among lots worth \$1.2 million which went under the hammer at Mowbray International's September stamp and coin auctions on 23rd and 24th September 2022. Mowbray coins, medals and banknotes director David Galt said three stamps — a halfpenny, a penny and a four-penny — were issued in 1925, showcasing the exhibition.

"The exhibition was a highly successful World Fair with 3.2 million visitors — more than double New Zealand's population at the time." He said they were important Otago stamps and expected them to be popular with bidders. Interest in stamps and coins picked up during New Zealand's Covid-19 lockdowns and had stayed strong since then, Mr Galt said.

But in the past week, there had been a "surge" of interest in coins and stamps featuring Queen Elizabeth II, as the public looked for items that celebrated her life.

In particular, New Zealand's Crown coins of 1953 had increased in value over the past week.

He said the coin auction would feature many coins with the Queen's portrait, including the 17 gold and 18 silver New Zealand decimal coins lots.

A British three-coin gold set of 1989 — celebrating the 500th year of the gold sovereign coin showing Queen



Elizabeth II enthroned in the same style as her ancestor Henry VII — has an estimated value of \$4000.

Older coins featured monarchs

such as Queen Victoria in a Great Britain 1887 set of gold and silver coins that were also up for auction, estimated at \$7000.

"Queen Victoria also features in a rare British Penny Black mint stamp from the 1840s — the world's first postage stamp, estimated at \$12,000.

"Other important lots included a rare Adelaide pound of 1852, estimated at \$16,000, [which was] struck unofficially by South Australian authorities when gold flowed in from the goldfields and cash was scarce," Mr Galt said.

He said Adelaide pound coins were rare because at the time,

their gold value was 10% over the face value, which meant most of the gold coins did not survive the melting pot.



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QCB to Issue World Cup Commemorative Currencies

Doha: The Qatar Central Bank (QCB) will soon issue commemorative currencies for the upcoming FIFA World Cup 2022. This is being done in coordination with the official authorities organizing the tournament, the QCB said in a tweet. "The QCB is pleased to announce the imminent issuance of the official commemorative currencies for the World Cup," the central bank said. FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, taking place from November 21 to December 18, is a first for the Middle East. Qatar at present has currencies of denominations QR1, QR5, QR10, QR50, QR100, QR200 and QR500. The QR200 was introduced in the fifth issue in 2020 when the currencies underwent complete change in design. Rubbing reports in social media that it has already issued commemorative currencies; the QCB said it has not issued any currencies so far. "What is

being circulated is not approved by the official authorities organising the tournament and has no connection with the bank, and has no legal status, either in terms of nominal value or legal terms," it said.

Accordingly, legal action will be taken against the issuers or promoters of that currency, the QCB tweet said.

In May this year, the QCB had announced the issuance of the official host country coin programme in collaboration with MDM

Deutsche Muenzhandels-gesellschaft, Germany, FIFA's official license holder for coins.

The programme features a total of 24 commemorative legal tender coins,

issued in two series. Qatar Post had signed a license pact with FIFA, the international governing body of football, to be the provider of Qatar stamp issues for the FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar.

The stamps are designed to celebrate each stage of the preparation leading up to the FIFA World Cup in 2022, in addition to recognizing the rich history of football in Qatar.

The issues will also include VIP folders, first day covers as well as commemorative stamp sets,

bringing to life Qatar Post's innovative designs using state-of-the-art augmented reality technology for the enjoyment of customers.



United Kingdom: New Commemorative Coins Remember Centenary Anniversary of the British Broadcasting Corporation

The Royal Mint has released new collector coins which recognize one of the country's — and world's — most identifiable symbols of communication and broadcasting. For a century, the British Broadcasting Corporation, familiarly known globally as the "BBC," has informed, educated, and entertained viewers and listeners in the United Kingdom and around the world. Founded on the 18th October 1922, it has continuously fostered a culture of innovation, creativity, information, and entertainment that gives it an unrivalled and distinctive reputation not only within the United Kingdom, but internationally.

Designed by artist Henry Gray, the seven-sided 50-pence coins depict on the reverse a broadcasting mast emerging from the Earth, slightly

tilted on its axis. The inscriptions INFORM, EDUCATE, ENTERTAIN, and 100 YEARS OF OUR BBC, along with the commemorative years 1922 – 2022, form part of the design and are placed around the globe as if the messages are being carried in radio waves.

As the coins were produced before the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II in September, the coins include her effigy created by Jody Clark on the obverse. The denomination of FIFTY PENCE and year of release 2022 is also shown on the obverse as part of the legend placed around the Queen's likeness.

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nickel coin versions are housed in a blister-pak type folder with informative text and illustrations. Both versions of the sterling silver Proof coins are presented in a custom black vinyl case, and the gold Proof coins are presented in a polished hardwood case. All are accompanied by a numbered certificate of authenticity.

ASI Finds Mughal Era Coins in MP

Bhopal: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has found ancient caves, remains of Buddhist structures, temples, mural inscriptions bearing names of cities like Mathura and Koshambi and Mughal era coins during exploration in Bandhavgarh forest reserve area located in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa district.

During exploration from May 20 to June 27, an ASI team, led by Superintending Archaeologist of Jabalpur circle Shivakant Bajpayee, has found 26 temples or remains of temples, 26 caves, two monasteries, two votive stupas as well as 24 inscriptions along with 46 sculptures and around 20 water structures.

The ASI has also found coins belonging to Sharqi dynasty of Jaunpur Sultanat.

"Twenty-six temples or remains of temples discovered during the fresh

round of exploration works belongs to the Kalchuri period - 9th to 11th century CE, while 26 caves dating to 2nd century B.C. to 5th century A.C. period," as per ASI's claim.

The exploration of nearly 170 sq km of core forest area that was not accessible to the public for around a month also led to the discovery of the remains of Buddhist structures predating the Hindu rulers of the region.

Notably, this exploration project has been restarted after a gap of 85 years. Earlier, the exploration in Bandhavgarh forest area was carried out in 1938.

The exploration project will be carried out further also and the ASI team is expecting to identify 100 more caves in the forest reserve area of Bandhavgarh.

According to Bajpayee, the first



phase of exploration work was carried out in Tala range of Bandhavgarh. Notably, Tala is a town located in outer circle under Rewa district.

In the next phases of exploration, the ASI team will cover the remaining area of Bandhavgarh forest from Khitauli to Magadhi range.

India Post Launches Special Cover on Mahatma Gandhi's Family Home

India Post launched a special cover on Kaba Gandhi No Delo—the family home of Mahatma Gandhi—on the occasion of 153rd birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation in Rajkot on 02nd October 2022.

Union Minister of State for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan launched the special cover at an event organised in Atal Bihari Vajpayee Auditorium in the presence of Rajkot mayor Pradip Dav, MPs Mohan Kundariya and Rambhai Mokariya, Gujarat's Minister of State for Transport and other officials. Kaba Gandhi No Delo is the Gandhi family home where Mahatma Gandhi lived during his childhood.

Chauhan also inaugurated Rajkot Marketing sub-post office and



virtually launched Dak Ghar Niryat Kendra in Bhavnagar head post office. Dak Ghar Niryat Kendra will offer parcels services to foreign

countries at reasonable rates, an official release said, adding it will help exporters of the Bhavnagar region.

Durga Puja 2022: Commemorative Coins Decorate this South Kolkata Puja Pandal Celebrating 75 Years of Independence

With Durga Puja around the corner, like every year the city is all set to welcome some new and innovative themes of idols and puja pandals this festive season. One such pandal in South Kolkata has been made using numerous commemorative coins since Independence.

The Babubagan Sarbojanin Durgotsav Puja pandal at the Dhakuria in South Kolkata has come with this unique theme of "Maa Tujhe Salaam." The pandal's theme is in the spirit of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

This is the 61 st year of the Babubagan Sarbojanin Durgotsav Samiti Durga Puja Pandal which is celebrating 75 years of the country's independence through its theme.

The pandal also honours the great heroes of India's freedom struggle. The park where the pandal is to be set up will also have landmarks of the pillars of our country that have helped them stand on their feet. Prof Sujata Gupta, Concept Maker and Puja Committee Treasurer told ANI, "Maa Tujhe Salaam is the theme of the pandal. Maa means 'Durga Maa' and it also means 'Bharat Mata'. We are celebrating 75 of years of India's independence."

"The pandal is made of thousands of commemorative coins issued since independence. From 1947 till date, a number of commemorative coins have been released on important occasions. We have collected such coins and adorned the pandal with them. While some of the coins are original, the rest are replicas," she said.

Gupta said it took nearly two months to complete the pandal. Nearly Rs



Subhas Chandra Bose, and Swami Vivekananda have been replicated on the coins.

Gupta further said that around 150 coins have been used in the pandal. "It is my hobby to collect coins and this is my concept.

My husband also used to collect coins. We had all these old coins which are not in use today. So we thought of giving a message to the next generation with this pandal and senior citizens will feel nostalgic as they are not able to see old coins. This will work as a feel-good factor," she said.

Gupta said it took nearly two months to complete the pandal. Nearly Rs

30-40 lakh have been spent in the budget. The Puja Committee further thanked UNESCO for declaring Durga Puja as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.



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Commemorative coins of India are usually issued to celebrate some special occasion or to mark a special event. They also have been issued as a mark of respect towards some distinguished individuals or monument. Indian commemorative coins were issued from the 1964 onwards. Such coins have a distinct design with reference to the occasion on which they were

issued. Few coins of this category serve as collector's items only, although most commemorative coins are issued for regular circulation. Modern and Commemorative Indian Coins are very interesting to discuss as they cover various topics like Indian Independence Struggle, War, Peace, Wildlife, Vegetation, Great Personalities, Various Events and Organizations. The highest valued coin

is INR 1000 that was issued on the occasion of 1000 years of Brihadeeswarar Temple. In 1 set, there may be 2 to 9 coins of different denominations.

MINTS: Commemorative coins are made at various mints across India including the ones at (Bombay) Mumbai, Noida, (Calcutta) Kolkata & Hyderabad.

2006 – Mahatma Basaveshwara Commemoration

Basaveshwara (also known as Guru Basavanna) was born in 1134 A.D. in the small town of Bagewadi of northern Karnataka. He was Prime Minister to king Bijjala who ruled from 1157 to 1167 over Kalyana. Basava was a philosopher, religious teacher and a social reformer. He fought against the caste system, strove hard to bring about reformation in Hinduism into which social evils had crept in and worked to establish a classless and casteless society. Guru Basavanna's path later gave birth to a new religion called Lingavanta Dharma. He took nirvana at Kudala Sangama, on 30.7.1196 A.D.

In commemoration of Basaveshwara, India issued this 5 rupees coin, on

23rd June, 2006, 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 portrait of "MAHATMA BASAVESHWARA", with the inscription "MAHATMA BASAVESHWARA" in Hindi on the left upper periphery and in English on the right upper periphery. The words "Bhakti-Kayaka-Dashoha-

Samata" in Hindi, is shown below the portrait.

Specifications:

Year of issue: 2006

Weight: 9 grams (cu-ni)

Weight: 6 grams (FSS)

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

2.) Ferritic Stainless Steel Alloy (17% Chromium & 83 % Iron)

Shape: Circular

Diameter: 23 mm

Edge: Security

Mint: Mumbai

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SGPC Releases Commemorative Coins on Saka Sri Panja Sahib, Urdu Booklets

Amritsar: Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Harjinder Singh Dhami released commemorative coins and religious booklets in Urdu dedicated to the centenary of Shaheedi Saka Sri Panja Sahib and Morcha Guru Ka Bagh.

After the meeting of the Dharma Prachar Committee held at Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee office, Dhami said, the first centenary of the Saka Sri Panja Sahib is being observed according to the Khalsa traditions, for which preparations are on. Before this, the centenary celebrations of Morcha Guru Ka Bagh have been completed the last month.

He said on the occasion of the



centenary of Saka Sri Panja Sahib, events will be held in India as well as in Pakistan, regarding which booklets pertaining to the event and Sikh history have been published in Urdu language. These booklets will be distributed to the sangat during the

functions at Gurdwara Sri Panja Sahib in Pakistan.

About the commemorative coin, he said the picture of Gurdwara Guru Ka Bagh is engraved on one side of this copper coin and the image of Saka Sri Panja Sahib is on the other side.

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