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Union Govt Launches Rs 175 Coin to Mark the Foundation of IIT Roorkee

New Delhi: The Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla released the ₹175 commemorative coin, postage stamp and coffee table book as part of the 175th year foundation day ceremony of IIT Roorkee at Lal Bahadur Shastri Stadium, Roorkee. Vice-Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, Shri Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Secretary of India Post, Shri Vineet Pandey, Chairperson of 175 years committee, Prof.

Arun Kumar and other dignitaries were also present at the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Shri Om Birla said "I congratulate IIT Roorkee as it continues to be in the forefront of the pursuit of research and has contributed to the nation and the



region. This institute has unwaveringly aimed at attaining global levels of excellence in education and creating a sustainable and equitable society through innovative research". The

commemorative coin becomes the first with ₹175 denomination minted by India Government Mint in the history of Republic India coinage.

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Coinex Mumbai : Journey Through Time and Rare Coins

Coins, say historians, are the best repositories of the bygone days as they have over the years helped frame Indian history. If unknown facts from the pages of history are what one longs for, then any coin exhibition is the best of the places and the Coinex Mumbai just proved that right.

The 8th Coinex Mumbai 2022 (Coin Festival) was organized from 02nd December till 04th December 2022 at the Sunderbai Hall, Churchgate. Here, the coins that were on display were from ancient to modern. Sultans of Bengal, Mughals, British era and independent India. There were more than 65 stalls from



collectors all over the country and thousands of visitors in these three days, from all over. Numismatics, which earlier used to be a hobby of

schoolchildren, has been recreated as an alternative insurance avenue designed to endure economic crisis.

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Retd IFS Officer MadirajuLokeswara Rao Releases Book on Himalayan Bird Stamps

Where can you find India's vibrant Monal Pheasant, Nepal's Great Himalayan Barbet or Bhutan's Satyr Tragopan in one place? On postal stamps of course!

Since 1954, the Indian postal service has issued stamps with birds; some were symbolic such as the 1966 Children's Day stamp which depicted a pigeon as the sign of peace, while some were bird species such as the Brown-fronted woodpecker or the Red-billed Blue Magpie of the late 1960s.

Weaving together the tales of Himalayan birds and various philatelic products, MadirajuLokeswara Rao, a retired IFS officer from the batch of 1983, has compiled a book titled Himalayan Birds on Stamps, that narrates the story of different species of Himalayan birds. It was released on December 9 by the Chief Postmaster General, S. Rajendra Kumar.

The Himalayas are a biodiversity hotspot with some of the world's highest peaks hosting a range of diverse flora and fauna found nowhere else. Often dubbed as the Third Pole, the young mountain range regulates climate and is the source of major river systems in Asia. However, climate change and human activity have jeopardised the rich ecosystems, including bird populations that thrive here.

"Construction work in the northern Himalayan regions has caused deforestation. Coupled with climatic events such as cloud bursts, the region has faced landslides and flooding causing major destruction and damage," MadirajuLokeswara Rao said, adding. "It has severely affected avian populations — an



important marker for a healthy ecosystem — and they need protection."

Stamps and philatelic products have been a tool for conservation in India since 1975. The Western Tragopan, the state bird of Himachal Pradesh and an endangered bird holding 'Vulnerable' status in the International Union for Conservation of Nature list, was the first to be featured on Indian stamps.

Rao's book gives a comprehensive view of philatelic material such as stamps, stamp blocks, first-day covers, postcards, miniature sheets and maxim cards that features Himalayan birds from different countries. It explains the different type of stamps released by the Himalayan countries of Nepal and Bhutan, their conservation status and the efforts made to conserve them. Stamps from India, China and Pakistan, where only a portion of the area falls in the Himalayan region have also been released.

"Stamps are a powerful advocacy tool in conservation as they pass

through multiple hands in the postal system. The bright colours and appealing designs attract far more attention than other stamps. It can be used as a channel to educate and rouse interest in the public, especially through children and philatelic groups," says Rao.

No stranger to hands-on conservation efforts, Rao during his tenure as the principal chief conservator of forests and head of forest force in Nagaland, was instrumental in ending the hunting of Amur Falcons, a migratory raptor that travels over 20,000 km from Mongolia to East Africa, stopping in the Doyang region for two months. He was also part of the breeding programme for the Himalayan tragopan in Nagaland.

"The aim of writing this book is to create awareness and instil a sense of individual social responsibility about the environment among the public. I urge the government to devote at least 10% of upcoming stamps to being nature- and conservation-themed," he adds.

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Union Govt Launches Rs 175 Coin to Mark the Foundation of IIT Roorkee

The coin is made of silver (50%), copper (40%), nickel (5%), and zinc (5%). The James Thomason Structure, the institute's primary administrative building, is etched on one side of the coin. The upper periphery of the coin reads "Bharatiya Praud yogikee Sansthaan" in Devanagari, while the bottom periphery read "Indian Institute of Technology." The obverse side of the coin has India's national emblem, the

Lion Capital of Ashoka, in the center and "rs 175" engraved on the bottom edge. AK Chaturvedi, IIT Roorkee director said, "We are delighted that the Government of India accepted our proposal, and accordingly issued a gazette notification for a special commemorative coin of Rs 175 denomination". In 1847, IIT Roorkee was established as the British Empire's first engineering institution. It was known as the Roorkee College

back then. Its name was later changed to Thomason College of Civil Engineering in 1854. Following independence, the institute was raised to the status of free India's first engineering university, and in 2001, the central government designated it as an IIT. Currently, the country has 23 IITs that provide both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes.

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Coinex Mumbai : Journey Through Time and Rare Coins

People are so keenly interested in such exhibitions.

Mr. Raja Shekhar, a roadside food-stall vendor with a daily income of Rs 400 who sold his currency notes in the exhibition told ICCG News that I was passionate about currency and notes since childhood but I had never thought that my passion will become

a business someday. "Today, large number of sellers and buyers are getting attracted towards rare coins, whose worth multiplies with each passing year" He added.


For twelve-year-old Niraj, the 'Coinex Mumbai' had been an eye-opener. The student of Class VII realized the value of his rare coin collection only


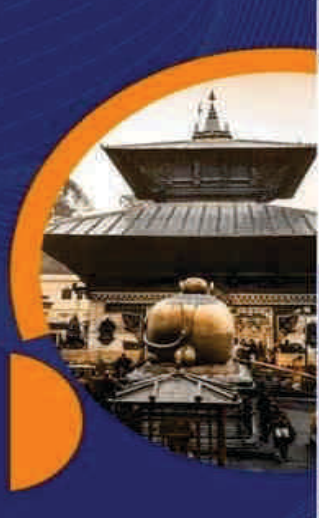
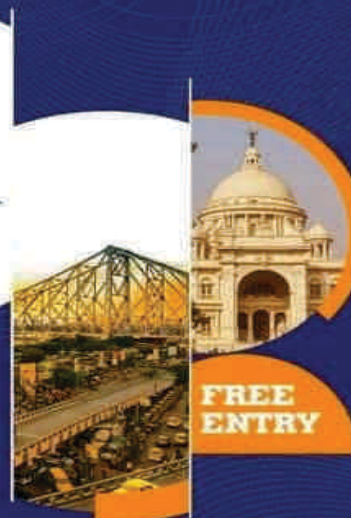
when he inquired about the prices of the coins that were on display at the three-day exhibition. "It was a delight to see many more students who visited the exhibition, and its indeed a good idea to keep students engaged in such activities" said Shri Pramod Vaidya, a teacher from a local school and a coin collector.

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News 129 British Era Silver Coins Unearthed in Lucknow House

Lucknow: An earthen pot containing 129 British-era silver coins was found during digging in a house in Bhim Nagar area in Lucknow's Yahyaganj on 10th November 2022. The police reported the matter to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) so that the value of the coins could be ascertained, said officials.

"We told police to either hand them over to the state archaeology department or give them to the state museum for display in the coin gallery section," says ASI official

"Earlier, our team inspected 129 silver coins dating back to the British era. We told the police to either hand them over to the state archaeology

department or give them to the state museum for display in the coin gallery section," said Aftab Hussain, superintending archaeologist, ASI.

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Singh, a resident of Yahiyaganj in Bhim Nagar, was getting construction work done in the house. Workers engaged in digging came across a pot buried in the soil. After unearthing the pot, they found silver coins in it, said cops. The ADCP said these coins will be deposited in the state treasury after



verification."As the coins were recovered during the digging of the ground, they are state property under the Indian Treasure- Trove Act, 1878. They were sealed in the presence of the plot owner and a videography of the entire sequence of events was done," he added.

News PM Modis Tributes to Sri Aurobindo Releases Commemorative Coin Postage Stamp

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 13th December, 2022 released a commemorative postal stamp and commemorative coin on the 150th birth anniversary of freedom fighter and philosopher Sri Aurobindo.

While addressing a gathering via video conferencing, Modi said the philosopher's life symbolised the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" concept. "Life of Sri Aurobindo is a reflection of Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat. While he was born in West Bengal, he also lived in Gujarat and Puducherry and left his impressions wherever he went," Modi said.

The prime minister further said Sri Aurobindo was a prominent freedom fighter and a philosopher whose ideals have inspired generations. He recalled many great personalities who not only contributed to the freedom struggle but also gave fresh life to the soul of the nation. Among them, three personalities, Sri Aurobindo, Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi



PM Modi releases commemorative coin & stamp on occasion of **150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo**

had many great events in their lives at the same point in time.

He said Sri Aurobindo was among the earliest freedom fighters who had given the call for 'Purna Swaraj' (full independence).

"He took an active part in our freedom struggle. He was one of our earliest freedom fighters who openly gave the call for 'Purna Swaraj' (full independence). He had said if we want to rebuild our country, we have to stop grovelling before the British

Parliament," Modi said.

Sri Aurobindo, born on August 15, 1872, was a visionary who made lasting contributions to India's freedom struggle. Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - an endeavour to celebrate the glorious history of India's people, culture and achievements on the occasion of 75 years of independence - is commemorating Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary by organising year-long activities and programmes across the country.

Azerbaijan Central Bank Issues New Commemorative Coin to Circulation

Azerbaijan's Central Bank has issued to circulation a silver commemorative coin with a face value of AZN5 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the National Olympic Committee of Azerbaijan, which made a great contribution to sports development and modern youth formation in the country, Azernews reports.

The commemorative coin was made based on the president's decree dated March 28, 2022 "on the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan" and the issue limit of 200 coins was determined by the order of the National Olympic Committee. The sale of the coins to the National Olympic Committee has been ensured. The commemorative note



weighs one troy ounce – 31.1 grams with a diameter of 38.61 millimeters. The coin was minted by the German Bavarian Mint using proof technology meeting international standards. The face of the commemorative coin depicts the inscriptions "National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan", "30", "1992-2022",

the image of the Olympic torch and other sports symbols, while the back depicts the words "Republic of Azerbaijan", the Coat of Arms of Azerbaijan and the number of the denomination. The commemorative coin is a legal tender in the territory of the country at its face value.

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CBUAE Issues Commemorative Coin On The Occasion Of The 50th Anniversary Of Zayed Port And The 10th Anniversary Of Khalifa Port

Abu Dhabi: Celebrating His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE’s inauguration of Khalifa Port’s expansion, the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE), in cooperation with Abu Dhabi Ports, issued 1,000 commemorative silver coins.

The issuance of these commemorative coins comes in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Zayed Port and the 10th anniversary of Khalifa Port. It highlights the successes achieved by the ports of Abu Dhabi and their role in the emirate’s maritime sector in the past decades. It also highlights the significance of those ports in the developmental journey, especially Khalifa Port, which is one of the fastest growing ports globally, with a strategic location on one of the busiest and most important trade routes in the world.

Each coin weighs 60 grams. The front

side includes a drawing of the Abu Dhabi Ports Group logo with the name “Central Bank of the UAE” written in both Arabic and English languages. As for the back side of the coin, it includes a drawing of the port, and the name “AD Ports Group” in Arabic and English on the top, in addition to the “Zayed Port 50th anniversary” and “Khalifa Port

appreciation of their efforts and great contribution to transforming Abu Dhabi’s maritime infrastructure, and position the Emirate as a leading regional and global hub. We are also pleased to work and cooperate with the Abu Dhabi Ports Group, and we look forward to more achievements”. His Excellency Falah Mohammed Al Ahbabi, Chairman of AD Ports Group, said: “The

issuance by the Central Bank of the UAE of commemorative coins bearing both ports’ names, affirms their contribution and vital role in fostering economic development. It also

reflects the Group’s success in continuing to develop and modernise our maritime infrastructure to play a vital role as a gateway for the emirate to the world, in line with the vision of our wise leadership to establish Abu Dhabi as a global commercial, industrial and logistics hub”.

10th anniversary” on the upper and lower sides in Arabic and English, and the nominal value of 50 dirhams.

His Excellency Khaled Mohamed Balama, Governor of the CBUAE said: “The celebration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Zayed Port and the 10th anniversary of Khalifa Port through the issuance of commemorative coins comes in



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Ecuador mints commemorative coin to mark World Cup participation

The Central Bank of Ecuador (CBE) has minted a commemorative coin to mark the South American country's participation in the World Cup in Qatar.

As a tribute to the Ecuador national team's fourth appearance in the World Cup finals, about 1,500 units of the special coin will be available in the cities of Quito, Guayaquil and Cuenca from 25th November 2022.

"I wish every success to our beloved Tricolor, made up of players who represent the resilience and spirit of Ecuador," the country's bank manager, Guillermo Avellan, told reporters that the coin's design has been approved by FIFA.

The retail value will be 63 dollars each. The coins made out of silver have a ball and the Ecuadorean coat of arms. They are also engraved with the word "un Sucre", Ecuador's currency before officially using the




dollar in its economy in 2000. The reverse side features the Qatar World Cup logo, symbolising the unity of the 32 teams taking part in the global tournament. Ecuador play in the World Cup's

opening match against hosts Qatar on Sunday.

They will also face Senegal and the Netherlands in Group A.

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Pakistani Gets Medal at Monaco Phil 2022 for his Stamps Collection

Karachi: Muhammad ArifBalgamwala — a former MC member, former chairman of the Diplomatic Sub-Committee of KCCI, and former chairman of the Pakistan Chemicals and Dyes Merchants Association — has been honoured as the first Pakistani to present his collection at the international stamp exhibition “Monaco Phil 2022”.

This was the first time in the last 25 years that a Pakistani was invited to participate in the Monaco exhibition, where ArifBalgamwala made the country proud by exhibiting rare covers of British Indian Airmail 1911-1936,

which were highly appreciated. He was awarded a medal and a certificate of appreciation.

The exhibition was inaugurated by the Head of the State, Prince Albert II. The exhibition Monaco Phil 2022 took place at Club De Monte Carlo. In this exhibition, 100 top stamp icons of the world participated. ArifBalgamwala also has the unique honour of winning 3 gold medals in the worldwide stamp exhibitions held in the year 2022. He has made Pakistan famous all over the world by winning 3



consecutive gold medals in Dubai Expo 22, London 2022 and Helvetia 2022 Stamp exhibition held in Lugano Switzerland. KCCI also honouring title “Father of Philately” in Pakistan, while PCDMA honouring “Living legend of Philately” in Pakistan.

UAE: Central Bank issues commemorative coins to mark American University of Sharjah's silver jubilee

The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE), in collaboration with American University of Sharjah (AUS), issued 1,000 commemorative silver coins to celebrate the silver jubilee of the establishment.

The AUS was established in 1997, in fulfilment of the vision of its founder, His Highness Dr. Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, and President of American University of Sharjah. The university has become a place where students are inspired to excel academically, thrive socially, celebrate their cultural diversity, and positively influence their communities, embodying the legacy of AUS. Each coin weighs 40 grams. The front side includes a drawing of AUS with the year of its establishment, surrounded by the name of the university in Arabic and English. The reverse side of the coin includes a logo, specially designed to celebrate the 25th anniversary, in addition to the nominal value (Dh25),

with the name of the Central Bank of the UAE written in both Arabic and English languages. All issued coins have been handed over to AUS and will not be available for sale at the CBUAE headquarters and its branches.

On this occasion, Khaled Mohamed Balama, Governor of CBUAE, said, “The commemorative coins issued for

collaboration, which reflects the Central Bank's interest in commemorating important events in various fields.”

Dr. Susan Mumm, Chancellor of AUS, stated, “The AUS silver jubilee is a significant milestone for our community. We are very proud of the reputation of excellence the university

has built throughout the past years,

and we look forward to more accomplishments as we

continue to carry the vision of our founder, H.H. Dr.

Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al Qasimi. Our

collaboration with the Central Bank stems from our

desire to celebrate this momentous occasion while at the

same time carrying our mission in supporting talented students in

reaching their full potential. The commemorative coins will be available

to the AUS alumni, and the proceeds will aim to provide 25 scholarships for

the students in celebration of AUS 25th anniversary”.



the American University of Sharjah on the occasion of its silver jubilee embody the university's continuous successes, which we are pleased to highlight in appreciation of their tireless efforts, and to remind future generations of the importance of these achievements. We are proud of this

Mizoram: Rare King George V Stamps, First-Day Covers on Gandhi on Display in Aizawl

Aizawl: Rare British-era stamps with King George V's images and first-day covers on events associated with Mahatma Gandhi and the golden jubilee of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay's ascent of Mount Everest are part of an ongoing philatelic exhibition in Aizawl.

First-day covers (FDCs) on the birth bicentenary of Louis Braille, stamps on the British royal family, including the longest reigning British monarch Queen Elizabeth II, and on famous Indian cinema icons and others have also been displayed. The district-level philatelic exhibition — Mizopex 2022 — was being hosted by India Post at the R B McCabe Hall of the historic Aijal Club in the heart of the capital city of Mizoram from November 17th to 19th 2022.

A large number of stamps, FDCs and other postal materials have been displayed, including those that

commemorate jubilees of various landmark achievements of mankind in the last 200 years or so. November 19 also marks the beginning of World Heritage Week and stamps on various heritage buildings under India Post such as grand post offices in Mumbai, Lucknow and Shimla are part of this three-day philatelic attraction in the city. The event is happening parallelly with the International Tourism Mart (ITM) for the Northeast region being hosted by the Ministry of Tourism in Aizawl from November 17-19. Many of the delegates who have come from different parts of the country have



visited the exhibition.

“Our Aijal Club is very old and we let out our halls for such public events too. The philately exhibition has some very rare stuff on display. We urge all to come and see it before it closes,” said Manunga, a staff at the reception desk.

Rajhans Philex 2022

New Delhi: Army Postal Service Wing, Brigade of The Guards Regimental Centre organized Philately Exhibition “Rajhans Philex-2022” at Anand Auditorium on 16 Dec 2022 under the aegis of “APS Base Circle” Philately activity. Maj Gen MK Khan, Addl DG APS inaugurated the event. Various renowned philatelists from across the country participated in the event. Special Cover on Raghava Parade Ground was also released by Maj Gen MK Khan in the event. Shobha Krishanarao Madhale, Postmaster General, Vidarbha Region, Nagpur also witnessed the function.

During the exhibition, students from various schools from Kamptee and Nagpur were invited. A stamp

drawing competition was organized for school children to create awareness about philately and inculcate the habit of stamp collection. Prizes were distributed to the children for securing the first/second/third position and consolation prize to all the participants. All Stn Units were also invited to attend the exhibition. The exhibition concluded on 17 Dec 2022. The upcoming AMRITPEX 2023



will be organising in the memory of celebrating 75 year of National Independence “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, the National Philately Exhibition aims to be a platform to introduce a whole new generation about philately and its delightful charms. In the same theme Rajhans Philex – 2022 was initiated.

Special Postal Cover on Rashtriya Military School Platinum Jubilee

Belgaum :Rashtriya Military School, Belgaum, celebrated its platinum jubilee here on December 23rd and 24th 2022.

It was presided over by Deputy Chief of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. Ravin Khosla. Several senior Army officers and eminent Old Boys of the school, including Lt. Gen. K.H. Gawas, Commandant, MCTE, Brig. Joydip Mukherjee, Commandant, MLIRC, and Chairman of the School's Local Board of Administration, and others were present.

A commemorative special cover by India Post was released by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. They also released a coffee table book that tells the inspiring saga of the school right from its inception to the present time and presents a roadmap for future. The platinum jubilee trophy instituted by the Old Boys Association, was received by Lt. Col. Satveer Singh, Principal, and Arun Kumar Dharwal, MIE. Shahid Capt Sajjan Singh Malik Memorial Trophy was given away to cadet Abhay Singh for being the academic topper of Class IX, cadet Roshan for exhibiting best leadership qualities, and the Champion House

Trophy to Pratap House. Lt. Gen. Khosla expressed satisfaction that the school had remained steadfast to sound military ethos and secular and progressive values on which it was founded and committed to pursue the goal of all-round excellence with professionalism. He admired the contribution the Old Boys of the School had made to nation building and national security.

Lt. Gen. Khosla unveiled the newly erected bust of late Captain Sajjan Singh Malik, school's former student who was martyred while neutralising terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir. Mrs Ravin Khosla inaugurated the Science and Philately exhibition.

Lt. Gen. Kulbhushan Gawas, Commandant, MCTE, Mhow, and an



alumnus of the school inaugurated the festivities on the second day. A march past was led by the School Captain and members of the Old Boys Association. Activities like aerobics, karate display, pyramid formation and hula hoops gymnastics were performed. Old boys and their families participated in sports activities, according to a release.



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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 – State Bank of India Bicentennial Year Commemoration Issue

State Bank of India traces its ancestry, to the founding of the Bank of Calcutta, on 2nd June 1806. The Bank of Calcutta, was later renamed as the Bank of Bengal. On 27th January 1921, the three Presidency banks (Bank of Madras, Bank of Calcutta and Bank of Bombay) amalgamated to form the Imperial Bank of India, The Government of India nationalized the Imperial Bank of India on 30th April 1955, and renamed it the State Bank of India. The State Bank Group has over 16,000 branches in India and 131 overseas offices spread over 32 countries. The logo of State Bank of India is a Circle (not a Key hole) and a small man at the centre of the Circle. Circle depicts perfection and the common man being the centre of the bank's business.

In commemoration of the

Bicentennial Year of the State Bank Of India., India issued this 5 rupees coin in 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 logo of the "STATE BANK OF INDIA" in the centre flanked on the left side with the year "1806" and on the right side with the year "2006". The left and right upper periphery is flanked by some design works on leaves. The words "Bharatiya State Bank" in Hindi are written on the top of the coin above the logo and the words "STATE BANK OF INDIA" in English is written on the bottom side of the coin below the logo of State Bank of India.

Note: This coin was issued both in Cupro-Nickel and FSS. The Cupro-Nickel coin was only issued in UNC and Proof sets and the FSS coin was issued for general circulation.

Specifications:

Year of issue: 2006

Weight: 9 grams (cu-ni)

Weight: 6 grams (FSS)

Metal composition: 1.) Ferritic Stainless Steel Alloy (17% Chromium & 83 % Iron)

Shape: Circular

Diameter: 23 mm

Edge: Security

Mint: Kolkata & Hyderabad

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Rare Collections at the State Level Philately Exhibition in Visakhapatnam

A walk through the State-level philatelic exhibition APPEX-2022 organised by India Post in Visakhapatnam was an experience of taking a deep dive into the history and culture of India and significant moments around the world. From memories of legendary artistes of the India cinema in the form of attractive commemorative stamps to the inspiring journey of former President APJ Abdul Kalam, the eternal journey of the railways and the story of India's freedom struggle, the exhibition was a place of discovery for anyone who visited it. As many as 109 philatelists from different parts of Andhra Pradesh had displayed their collections, while philatelists from other States exhibited under the invitee class.

Passionate collectors form a significant part of the stamp market. Some of them even spent a bomb on their collection. "Stamp collection is a wealth. We learn some deep insights of our history. I am happy to see my daughter take this hobby to another level," says J Jayachandra Raju, a retired government officer, who has come all the way from Kashmir to participate in the exhibition with his collection of the stamps on former Presidents and former Prime Ministers, who had received the Bharat



Ratna award. His daughter J. Vaishnavi has displayed her collection of 160 sheets on 75 years of Independence. The exhibits had been systematically displayed with neatly presented facts and background information connected to the stamps. The exhibition also shared the glimpses of innovation in 21st Century Indian Postal Service. It also featured a section on world heritage sites in India. Devu S Narasimha Rao from Vijayawada had displayed 39 exhibits with a focus on the aviation sector and highlighting Indian women in aviation.

Gadu Satyanarayana, who has been collecting birth place and significant place covers since 1973, said he was a student when he first became a life member of the Narsaraopeta National

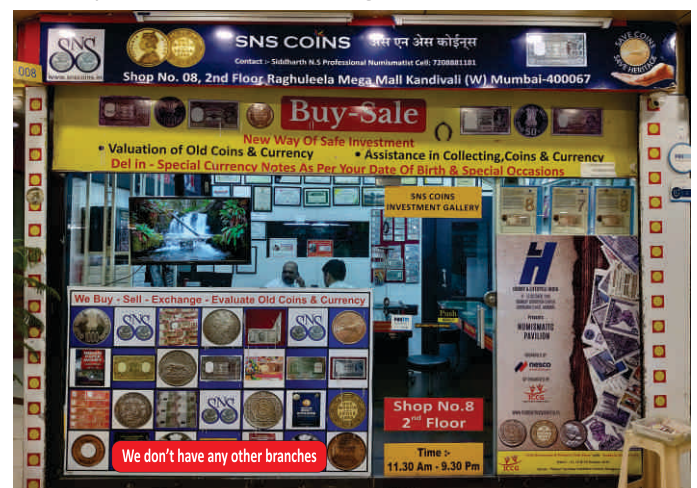
Philatelic Society. "Back then I didn't have the money to pay for the membership. The then secretary of the society MRK Murthy helped me to get the life membership by making a payment on an installment basis. I am ever grateful to him for that," he says. Satyanarayana says that he gradually picked up the hobby of collecting stamps systematically by getting 'cancellation' of First Day Covers of prominent personalities at the place of their birth and important events at the place of their occurrence. To collect the birthplace cancellation of Alluri Seetha Rama Raju, he travelled to Mogallu in West Godavari district. His collection of 150 covers also included Fleet Review Cancellations.

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