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News India's Narendra Modi Releases Postal Stamp to Honour Migrant Workers

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a commemorative postal stamp to honour the hordes of Indian migrant workers around the world. The postal stamp "SurkakshitJaayen, PrashikshitJaayen" — meaning "go safely, go trained" — was released at the inauguration of the 17th edition of the PravasiBharatiya Divas Convention, an event for non-resident Indians, in Indore in central Madhya Pradesh state on 09th January 2023. The stamp underlines the importance of safe, legal, orderly and skilled migration, the Prime Minister's office said.

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News Jamshedpur Host Exhibition of Rare Coins

The collection also included coins from different princely States in pre-Independent India. The coins are priceless for their historical value, said Singh.

The coins issued by various kingdoms that ruled India in the past, foreign stamps, coins and currency notes issued on diverse themes and subjects were all put for display here. He further said that through this exhibition we paid tribute to former Tata Steel MD Dr JJ Irani who was the chief patron of Coin Collectors Club.

Club members, school students, ten coin dealers and experts from parts of the country participated at the three-day exhibition, said P Babu Rao, general secretary, Coin



Collectors Club. The annual exhibition rewarded school students and members for best display.

P Babu Rao stated that other than bringing numismatists together, the exhibition aimed to generate

awareness about the significance of coins. The Coin Collectors' Club of Jamshedpur is the only numismatic society in Jharkhand and Bihar. It has been organizing this exhibition since 1994.

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Know about some of the Rare Postage Stamps of India

India is known for its rich history and diverse culture. The diversity is visible in a varied forms from textiles to traditions and from food to languages. In an effort to capture the essence of the rich diversity, landmark events and personalities, the country has produced many masterpieces, amongst this include the postage stamps that are both eye-catching and has fascinating stories to tell.

The Indian postal system was developed long before the arrival of the Europeans in some of the independent states. However, after the British East India Company took over the power on the sub-continent, most of the modern-day India came under the British Administrative System with a need to establish and maintain both official and commercial mail systems. India has produced large number of stamps using various techniques including line engraving, typography, lithography, photogravure and web-offset. Stamps have been produced both for postage and for service or revenue. The East India Company took constructive steps to improve the existing postal systems in India and in 1774 the services were made available to the general public. The

history of the Indian postage services attained a major breakthrough with the establishment of the Indian post office in the year 1837. Ever since Indian stamps collection has only grown in size and has caught the attention of philatelists and stamp collectors all across the globe.

Apart from being considered as one of the most valuable stamps of the world, Indian stamps are one of the rare world stamps, here's a look at some of the vintage collection of the stamps: The 'Scinde Dawk' stamp, 1852 Regarded as the first adhesive postage stamps in Asia, the Scinde Dawk was issued in India in Sindh province (an area of present-day Pakistan) by the East India Company. First issued on July 1, 1852, the stamps were embossed with the Merchants' Mark of the British East India Company on wafers of red sealing wax impressed on paper. The stamps later appeared in white, blue and scarlet embossing and used to cost half an anna.

Inverted Head 4 Annas stamp, 1854

The Inverted Head Four Annas stamp was first issued on 1854 in red and blue and is regarded as one of the world's first multicoloured stamps. The octagonal stamp is a unique India Philatelic Rarity and features strong

colours and impressions. During the printing of the stamp the Queen's head was accidentally upside down.

India Flag 3½ annas, 1947

The First Stamp of Independent India was issued on 21 November 1947. It depicts the Indian Flag with the slogan, Jai Hind (Long Live India), on the top right hand corner. It was valued at three and one-half annas.

10 Rupees Gandhi Stamp, 1948.

The 10 rupees Gandhi stamp depicting Mahatma Gandhi was issued in India in 1948, to commemorate the first anniversary of the country's independence. A set of 100 of these stamps was overprinted with the word "Service" and provided only to the Governor General of India for official use. The 10 Rupees "Service" overprinted stamp is one of India's rarest and most highly valued stamps.

Indian Birds of Prey error stamp, 1992 A 1992 stamp was a part of the Indian birds of prey series which is known for a modern error. The modern India rarity displays Re 1 denomination instead of Rs 2. Moreover, the stamp got the Hindi name of the bird incorrect. The error in the valued stamps were later detected and withdrawn by the Indian Post Office.



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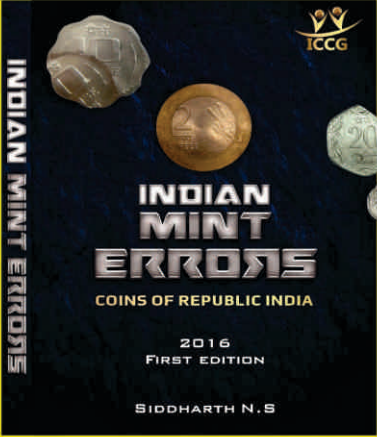
“PravasiBhartiyas (non-resident Indians) echo the voice of a powerful and capable India,” Mr Modi, who inaugurated the three-day-long convention, said. “It is India’s commitment today that wherever you are, the country is for your interests and expectations.” The convention is the Indian government's flagship event to provide a platform to engage and connect with Indians living overseas. It started in 2002. The event, which is

observed annually on January 9 — the day India’s “Father of the Nation” Mahatma Gandhi returned from South Africa in 1915. The convention is taking place in person for the first time since 2019. More than 3,500 Indians from 70 countries have registered. Indians comprise the world’s largest overseas diaspora. There are 32 million non-resident Indians and people with overseas citizenship, according to government figures. Guyana President Dr

Mohamed Irfaan Ali and Suriname President ChandrikapersadSantokhi were chief guest and guest of honour at the event. For three days, participants comprising businessmen and entrepreneurs will be introduced to the achievements and capabilities of India. They will attend discussions on the role of migrant youth in innovation and new technology, industrial capabilities such as textiles and garments, healthcare and investment.

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Maharashtra Postal Circle Releases Stamp and Special Cover to Commemorate 100 Years of Cotton Association of India

MUMBAI: Cotton Association of India (CAI) is providing a wide range of services to the entire cotton value chain since its incorporation in 1921. CAI has completed 100 years of selfless service to the cotton and textile sector of the country and to commemorate the centenary year, Department of Posts, India, is pleased to release a customized corporate 'My Stamp' and a Special Cover with Cancellation during the function organised by CAI on 18th October, 2022 which is being held at Jio World Convention Center, Bandra-Kurla complex, Mumbai. Shri. Atul S Ganatra, President, Cotton Association of India, Smt. Roop Rashi, Commissioner of Textile, Shri Pradeep Kumar Agarwal, CMD Cotton Corporation of India, Shri Bhupendra Singh Rajpal, Vice President of CAI, Shri. Samir Patil,



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Circle and Smt. Swati Pandey, Postmaster General, Mumbai Region were present for the function. The Special Cover on the centenary celebration of Cotton Association of India is available at all the Philatelic Bureaus of Maharashtra Circle.

Man Held with Fake Coins Worth Rs 10 Lakh in Mumbai

In a joint operation, Mumbai's Dindoshi Police and Delhi Police arrested a 42-year-old man and recovered fake coins worth Rs 10 lakh from his car in the Malad area of Mumbai.

The accused, identified as Jignesh Gala, was nabbed in Pushpa Park area in Mumbai's Dindoshi police station limits.

About 10 lakh fake copper and brass coins, ranging from Rs 1 to Rs 5 and Rs 10, were seized from his possession.

A coin-making factory was reportedly being run in Haryana, after which the Special Cell of Delhi swung into action and arrested 5 people. The accused used to supply fake coins on a large scale in Mumbai in exchange for money at religious places.

According to Jeevan Kharat, Senior



Police Officer of Dindoshi Police Station, the team of Special Cell of Delhi Police had come to Mumbai on Wednesday night, and said that the business of counterfeit coins is being run on a large scale in the limits of

Dindoshi Police Station. Acting on the information, a joint operation was conducted at Vallabh A Wing Society of Malad Pushpa Park from where fake coins were seized in huge quantities.

Lanka To Release Stamp to Honour Jawaharlal Nehru On Its Independence Day

Colombo: As part of its 75th National Independence Day celebrations, Sri Lanka has decided to release a commemorative stamp that includes portrait of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, according to a press release issued by the President's Media Division of Sri Lanka.

The government has decided to celebrate the 75th National Independence Day with pride together with the new reformist program for the next 25 years, the release read.

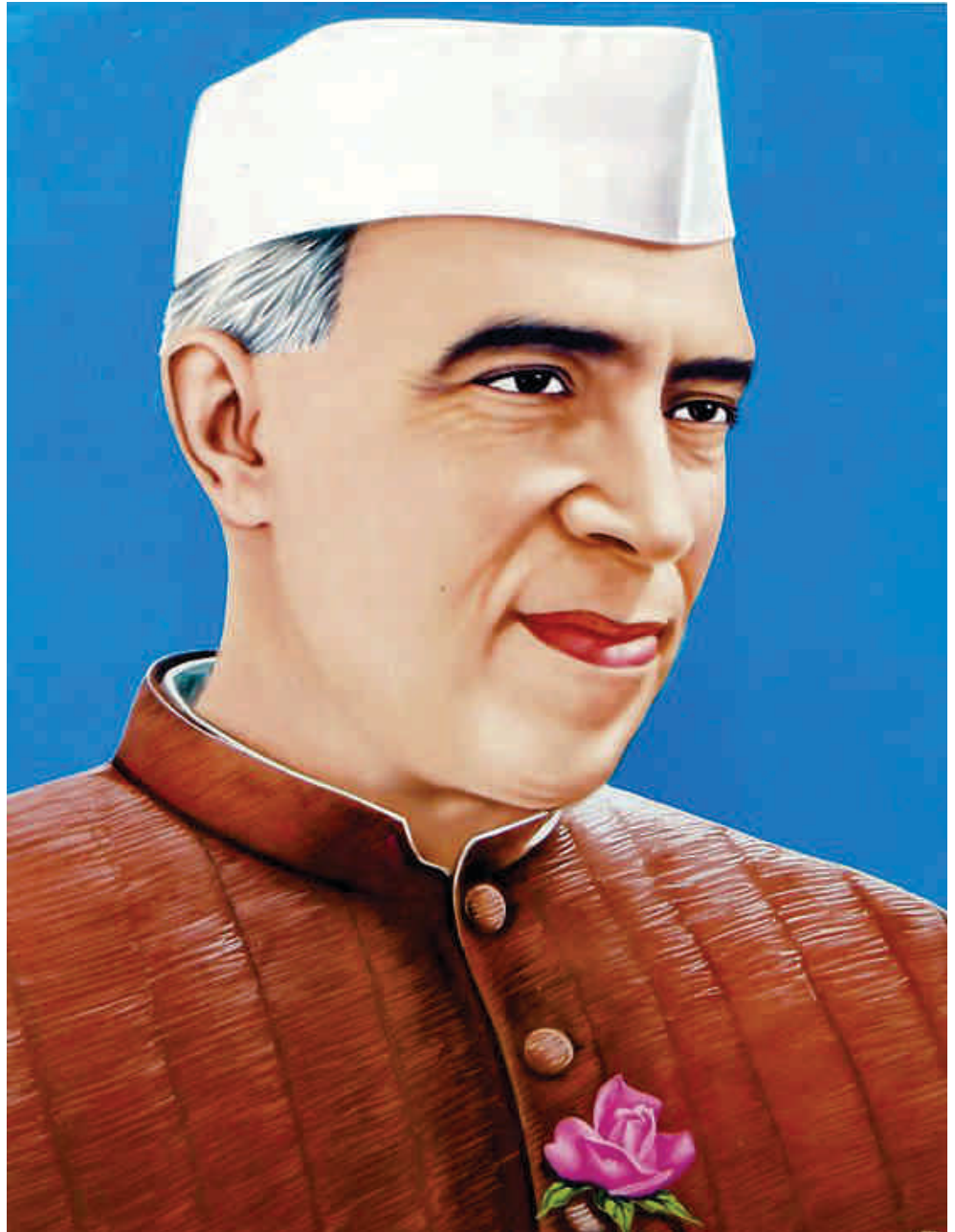
According to the release, during this celebration held with pride under the theme "Namo NamoMatha - A Step towards a Century", the government will announce its new reformist course for the next 25 years for the implementation of a stable government policy right until the 100th Independence Day celebrations in 2048.

The main ceremony of the National Independence Day Celebrations will be held on February 4 at 8:30 am at Galle Face Green under the patronage of President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Prime Minister Dinesh Gunawardena.

Many cultural and religious programs have been organized throughout the country in conjunction with the 75th National Independence Festival.

The Buddhist religious rites will be performed on the evening of February 2 at Sri DaladaMaligawa, and on the same night, the Dhamma sermon will begin at Victoria Dam at 9:00 pm. On February 3, an almsgiving has been planned.

Buddhist and Hindu religious programs have been organized in Colombo, and accordingly, on February 4 at 6:30 a.m., a Buddhist



religious program has been organized at Dharmakirtiyarama Temple, Polwatta, Colombo, and Hindu religious programs have also been organized at New Kadireshan Temple, Colombo.

The Jaffna Cultural Center will be opened on the morning of February 11 under the patronage of the President, and the cultural procession will commence opposite the Jaffna Cultural Center and will travel through the streets of Jaffna culminating near the Jaffna Fort (the

old bus station site).

Arrangements have been made to hold Independence Day commemorations at the provincial and district level and public parks, National Parks owned by the National Zoology Department National Parks owned by the Department of Wildlife and Forest Conservation and National Parks owned by the National Botanical Gardens Department will be opened to the public free of charge on National Independence Day.

Uk's Royal Mint Unveils First Commemorative Coins Bearing the Face of King Charles III

The UK's Royal Mint on 29th December, 2022 revealed the first coins to bear King Charles III's official coinage portrait, offering collectors the chance to acquire the commemorative set with the new monarch's portrait from January 3, 2023.

The design had been unveiled earlier this year as part of the Queen Elizabeth II memorial coin range and the all-new coins struck from January 1, 2023, will now bear the 74-year-old King's portrait.

It symbolises one of the biggest changes to UK coins since decimalisation as collectors will see the country's coins begin their transition from Britain's longest-reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II who died on September 8, to her son and heir.

"As the official maker of UK coins, the Royal Mint has been proud to strike every single UK coin for Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for 70 years; as we enter the New Year, we will start to see one of the biggest changes to UK coins for decades take place as King Charles III's portrait begins to appear on all new UK coins," said Anne Jessopp, CEO of the Royal Mint.

The Royal Mint has the duty to strike the coins of UK monarchs and has been responsible for doing so since the reign of Alfred the Great, dating back to the ninth century.

"Our role as an exemplar of British craftsmanship means each coin bearing his [King's] portrait is of the highest quality, from the metal it's struck on, to the hours of craft that's gone into the design, the tooling and the final product for our customers," added Jessopp. The Royal Mint's "Annual Sets" of commemorative coins celebrate key events and



anniversaries throughout the year and the 2023 range, available from next week, will include coins celebrating and commemorating the 75th Birthday of Charles in November 2023 with a GBP 5 coin; celebrating the life and work of author JRR Tolkien with a GBP 2 coin; celebrating the centenary of 'Flying Scotsman' passenger train with a GBP 2 coin; 75 Years of the National Health Service (NHS) with a 50 pence coin; and 75 Years of the Windrush Generation of 20th-century migrants to the UK with a 50 pence coin.

"Each year the Royal Mint reveals a collection of coins, known as the Annual Set, which feature a range of designs that appear on GBP 5, GBP 2 and 50 pence coins marking some of the year's most significant moments and anniversaries," explains Rebecca Morgan, Divisional Director of the Collector Services at the Royal Mint.

"This year is particularly special for the Royal Mint, as we unveil the first coins of 2023 bearing His Majesty King Charles III official coin portrait, which also includes a commemorative GBP 5 coin to celebrate His Majesty's 75th birthday. The Annual Set provides

members of the public with an opportunity to collect the very first coins of 2023 with the King's portrait and mark this historic transition in monarchy on coins," she said.

On November 14, 2023, Charles will celebrate his 75th birthday and the coin pays tribute to a monarch who, it says, has already spent his life dedicated to a variety of good causes, as he sets out on a new journey where he has promised his "lifelong service" to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

The King's love of nature and plants is captured within the design of his commemorative coin, where the crown, the King's official cypher, and the number 75 is framed within oak leaves and delphiniums.

The precious metal editions of the coin will also bear an edge inscription which reads: 'Restoring Harmony with Nature'.

The 2023 commemorative sets will be available in a range of precious metal and base proof finishes from next week at the Royal Mint's website, with prices starting from GBP 50.

China: Gold and Silver Commemorative Coins Released to Mark Completion of Space Station

The People’s Bank of China has released (9th January) gold and silver commemorative coins, which mark the completion of the country’s space station. Initiated and then launched in 1992, the orbital complex, which is known as Tiangong or “Heavenly Palace,” was finished towards the end of 2022 with the addition of two science laboratories to an earlier launched core module. Both gold and silver commemorative coins are produced at the Shenzhen National Mint Company Ltd. on behalf of the People’s Bank of China.

Ten-yuan silver: The coins are designed by artists Jian Yiping and Cao Aodong. The obverse side of the silver and colour coin depicts two taikonauts, as Chinese astronauts are referred to, working outside of the space station. One of the spacewalkers is mounted to the end of the robotic arm, while the other is emerging out of an airlock. To the left of the space station, the images of the other two modules, which is part of the three-piece orbital complex. The official logo of the project is seen to the right of the taikonauts, and the Chinese characters as well.

Three-yuan gold: The coins are designed by artists Li Zhihong and Zhang Qi and feature the t-shaped design of Tiangong or “Heavenly Palace”

module on its obverse. The space station is shown with all three modules which are now in place and which complete the orbital complex. Above the depiction of the space station is the commemorative inscription in Chinese characters, which reads “China Space Station” with the official logo of the project, which is shown to the upper-left. The denomination of 50 Yuan is placed below the primary design. The reverse design of both the

gold and silver commemorative coins features the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest at the Temple of Heaven in Beijing, with the name of the country “People’s Republic of China” placed above the temple along the upper edge. The year 2022 is shown below, the same year the space station was completed.

Each gold and silver coin is available through the distribution networks of the China Gold Coin Incorporation (CGCI).



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New Swiss Gold Coin Commemorates 100 Years Since Last 10 Franc Vreneli



The 10-franc gold Vreneli, featuring the bust of a woman looking to the left, with thick, plaited hair and an edelweiss wreath around her shoulders, was minted for the last time in 1922. It is the little sister of the legendary 20-franc gold Vreneli and was produced between 1911 and 1922 at the Federal Mint in Bern. However, the thin planchets used and the nature of the relief on the obverse meant that the reverse of the 10-franc Vreneli had to be redesigned. The upper part shows the Swiss cross in the middle of a

halo, the denomination, and the year in the center of the coin. The lower part depicts branches with alpine rose and gentian blossoms. The mint mark "B" for Bern can be seen at the very bottom. The coin weighs 3.226g with a gold fineness of 900/1000 and has a diameter of 19mm. A total of 2.65 million coins were minted between 1911 and 1922.

By issuing the 50-franc gold coin 100 years later on, Swissmint is commemorating the last minting of the 10-franc gold Vreneli in 1922. The obverse bears the number 100, with

both zeros superimposed, in reference to the last minting. Inside the second zero is an enlarged section of the bust of the woman on the original Vreneli, looking to the left. At the bottom of the coin, separated by a vertical line, are the dates 1911 and 1922 for the period during which the 10-franc gold Vreneli was issued. The reverse from the original minting was retained, with two minor adjustments. The face value is now CHF 50 and the year of minting is 2022.

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PM Modi Releases Commemorative Rs 75 Coin To Mark NCC Anniversary

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday addressed the annual NCC PM rally at the Cariappa Parade Ground in New Delhi and released a commemorative specially minted Rs 75 coin denomination.

The Rs 75 crore has been released to mark the 75th successful year of the National Cadet Corps. PM Modi also released a special Day Cover at the event. The NCC rally will also include a cultural programme on the theme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Reports said around 196 officers and cadets from 19 foreign countries have been invited to participate in the event in the true spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. Earlier, PM Modi released a commemorative coin of Rs 75 to mark the 75th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organisation. The coin was released as an ode to the relations between India and the United Nations agency. For those unversed, the commemorative coins cannot be issued in general circulation, however, citizens can get them if they want. These coins are



released to celebrate special occasions in India and can be issued as a mark of respect for prominent individuals and monuments. India's first modern commemorative coin was issued in 1964 that depicted the first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to mark his birth anniversary. Indian mints including Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Noida have released commemorative coins and these can be issued for general circulation in specially marketed packages. The lower denomination coins are for general circulation and

their metal composition is in line with the regular coins. While the higher denominations are composed of silver and are used for collection purposes only.

To get commemorative coins, people can visit the website of IG Mint Mumbai, IG Mint Hyderabad, and IG Mint Kolkata and place an order. The payment for these coins can be done either by Demand Draft in favour of INDIA GOVERNMENT MINT (UNIT OF SPMCIL) COLLECTION A/C or by Debit/Credit Card (VISA and MasterCard).

Special Cover on Deeksha Jayanti by India Post

A special cover was released by the Department of Posts on the occasion of 50th Deeksha Jayanti of Jain Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj at the GPO here on 13th January 2023. Jahanzeb Akhtar, Chief Commissioner, Income Tax Department, Amritsar, graced the occasion as the chief guest, who was welcomed by Deepak Sharma, Senior Superintendent, Post Office, Amritsar Circle. On the occasion, PC Meena, Superintendent, Post Office, Amritsar, and SS Lahiri, Senior Postmaster, GPO, Amritsar, Varun Agarwal, general secretary of Philately Club, Manish Soni of Digambar Jain Samaj,



Amritsar, Dr Neeraj Jain, Dinesh Jain, Subhash Jain, Vimal Jain and employees of the Postal Department also participated along with members of Digambar and Shwetambar community. Jahanzeb Akhtar said

that Jain Acharya Vidyasagar's life was full of penance and sacrifice. In addition to this, Deepak Sharma, Senior Superintendent, Post Office, Amritsar Circle, expressed gratitude to all.

Philatelic Tribute to Swami Vivekananda

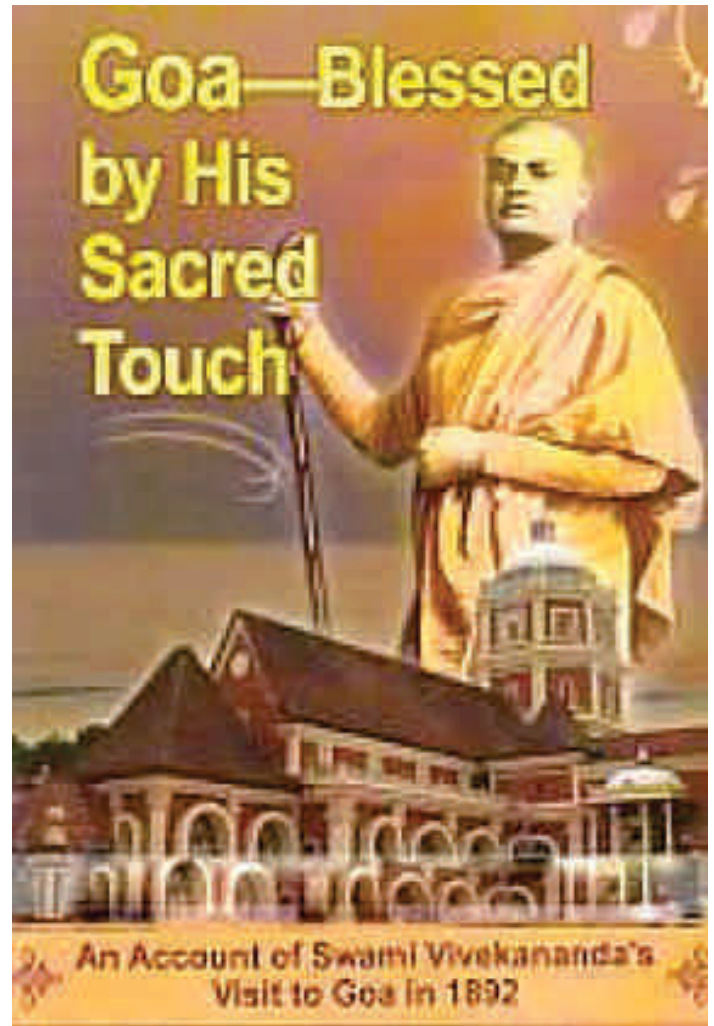
Panaji :On the occasion of the birth centenary of Swami Vivekananda on January 12 which is celebrated as National Youth Day, a one frame exhibit was opened at Goa Science Centre, Miramar by Dr MR Ramesh Kumar, former President of the Goa Philately and Numismatics Society (GPNS). The exhibition was open for two days, from January 11 and 12.

Swami Vivekananda (12 January 1863 – 4 July 1902), born Narendranath Datta, was an Indian Hindu monk, philosopher, author, religious teacher, and the chief disciple of the Indian mystic Ramakrishna. He was a key figure in the introduction of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world and is credited with raising interfaith awareness, and bringing Hinduism to the status of a major world religion. Vivekananda became a popular figure after the 1893 Parliament of Religions in Chicago, where he began his famous speech with the words, "Sisters and brothers of America...," before introducing Hinduism to Americans. He was so impactful at the Parliament that an American newspaper described him as: "an orator by divine right and undoubtedly the greatest figure at the Parliament". After great success at the Parliament, in the subsequent years, Vivekananda delivered hundreds of lectures across the United States, England and Europe, disseminating the core tenets of Hindu philosophy, and founded the Vedanta Society of New York and the Vedanta Society of San Francisco (now Vedanta Society of Northern California), both of which became the foundations for Vedanta Societies in the West.

Born into an aristocratic Bengali Kayastha family in Calcutta,

Vivekananda was inclined from a young age towards religion and spirituality. He later found his guru, Ramakrishna, and became a monk. After the death of Ramakrishna, Vivekananda extensively toured the Indian subcontinent, acquiring first-hand knowledge of the living conditions of Indian people in then British India. Moved by their plight, he resolved to help his country men, and found a way to travel to the United States where he was highly successful. In India, Vivekananda founded the Ramakrishna Math, which provides spiritual training for monastics and householder devotees, and the Ramakrishna Mission, to provide charity, social work and education. Vivekananda was also a major force in contemporary Hindu reform movements, and contributed to the concept of nationalism in colonial India. He is regarded as a patriotic saint, and his birthday in India is celebrated as National Youth Day.

An on-the-spot philatelic quiz was conducted and several prizes were given to the students and public. Dr Kumar had displayed several



stamps on Swami Vivekananda and also on the youth icons of Goa and Maharashtra.



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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.

2007 – 150 Years – The First War of Independence Commemoration Issue

India's First War of Independence, is also known as "The Indian Rebellion of 1857" began on 10 May 1857 in the town of Meerut when a group of native soldiers employed by the British East India Company's army, mutinied.

The general public were dissatisfied due to abolition of sati rites and the legalization of widow remarriage. Lakshmibai, The Rani of Jhansi, and some rulers of other kingdoms had lost their kingdom as a result of the "Doctrine of Lapse" and were very much dissatisfied. The sepoys were supplied with new cartridges, which allegedly were wrapped in paper greased with cow and pig fat and had to be bitten off by mouth. So they also became dissatisfied. These things led to the Rebellion. Gradually the rebellion spread to other parts of central and northern India. The rebels captured cities like Meerut, Kanpur, Lukhnow, Delhi etc and killed many Europeans. The leaders of this rebellion were Emperor Bahadur Shah II, Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi, General

Tatia Tope, Nana Saheb, Kunwar Singh etc. Bahadur Shah proclaimed himself the Emperor of the whole of India.

As there was no co-ordination between the different rebel groups, the army of the company were able to suppress the rebellion. Many mutineers were hanged to death, and some were "blown from cannon". by the British. Rani Laxmibai bravely fought but died on the battle field. Tatia Tope was caught and executed. Nana Sahib disappeared near the end of the Rebellion and it is not known what happened to him. Bahadur Shah Zafar was captured and exiled to Rangoon where he died in 1862. The rebellion led to the dissolution of the East India Company in 1858, and its ruling powers over India were transferred to the British Crown.

In commemoration of the 150 Years of The First War Of Independence, India issued this 5 rupees coin on 18th April, 2008, 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 combined portrait of General Tatia Tope on left side, Emperor Bahadur Shah II on the right side and at the centre the Warrior Rani Laxmibai of Jhansi in the battlefield, flanked on the left periphery with the words "Pratham Swatantrata Samgram" in Hindi and "THE FIRST WAR OF INDEPENDENCE" in English on the right periphery. The words "150 Varsha" in Hindi and "150 YEARS" in English appear just below the central design with the period "1857-2007" written at the bottom.

Specifications:

Year of issue: 2006

Weight: 6 grams (FSS)

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

Shape: Circular **Diameter:** 23 mm

Edge: Security **Mint:** Mumbai

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Ancient coins from India & Nepal Displayed at 'Mudra Utsav'

Kolkata: The Numismatic Society of Calcutta (NSC) had joined hands with Nepal Numismatic Society to host its three-day 24th annual conference and exhibition in Kolkata with special emphasis on coins and paper money from India and Nepal. The main attraction of the coin exhibition titled 'Mudra Utsav 2022' that was held from December 23 to 25 were coins from ancient to modern period issued jointly and related with India and Nepal. It was for the first time when numismatists from two neighbouring countries have collaborated for such an event. "The Shakya Janapada (earliest coins 6th century BCE), Chandragupta I, King and Queen type, coin of Rupamati Devi of Nepal, collection of Malla dynasty of Nepal by Rohit Rai (Delhi) and extensive collection of Nepal Paper Money by Mumbai based Dharmesh Thakkar were the highlights of the exhibition, "Ravi Shankar Sharma, secretary of NSC said. Rupamati Devi was the sister of



Pran Narayan, who was the king of Cooch Behar. 'Bihari Kanya' is written on the coin indicating clearly that she originally hailed from Bengal.

Coins featuring religious reformers like Gautam Buddha, Mahavir, Guru Nanak who have connections with both India and Nepal were also featured in the exhibition that which was held at a banquet hall of a leading confectionery chain in

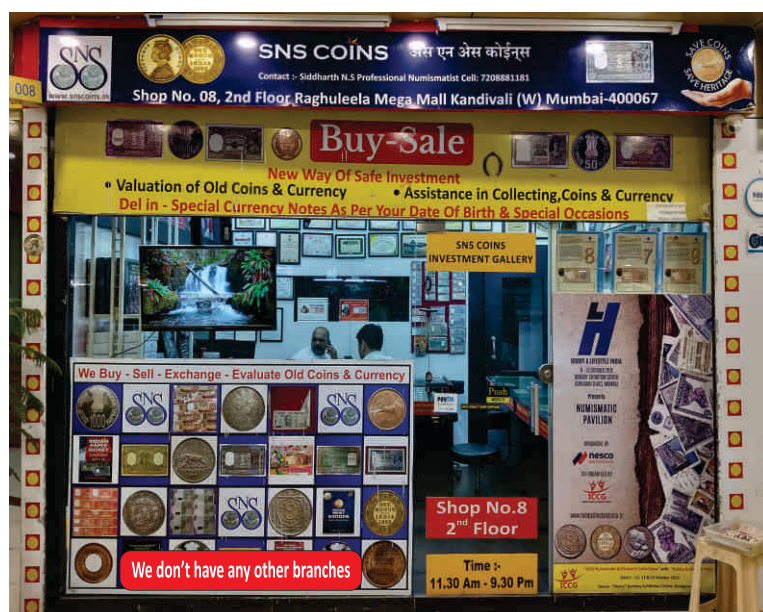
Ballygunge. The 3-day exhibition-cum-conference also had a key lecture on 'Malla dynasty coins of Nepal' by Professor Dr. Mala Malla, Archaeology and Numismatics in the Central Department of Nepalese History, Culture and Archaeology since 2000 (Tribhuvan University). Eshor Raj Poudel, Consulate General of Nepal (Kolkata) inaugurated the exhibition on December 23.

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