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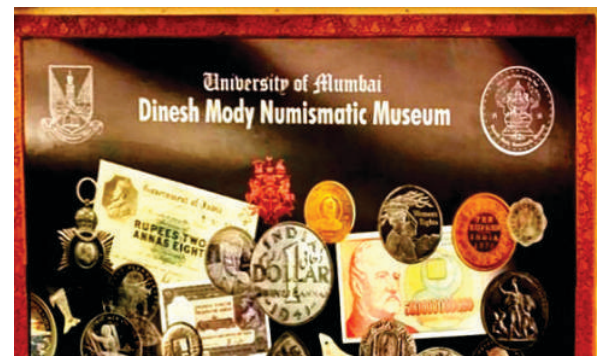
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## Clash between Two Auction Giants Begets Loss to Thousands of Budding Numismatists

**MA in Numismatics continue to remain a dream as doors of Dinesh Modi Institute of Numismatics & Archaeology remain closed even after four years**

**F**ight between two auction giants could not bring out any good to Indian Numismatics. It only resulted as a major loss for hundreds of budding numismatists as the admissions to Master of Arts in numismatics and archaeology at Dinesh Mody Institute of Numismatics and Archaeology (DMINA) located in the campus of Kalina University, had put been put on hold by the Mumbai University (MU) and the doors continue to remain shut even after four years. The step was a result of a clash between two auctioneers **Shri. Farokh Todywalla** of '**Todywalla Auctions**' and **Shri. Shatrughan Saravagi** of '**Classical Numismatic Gallery**' in 2014.

**Shri. Dinesh Mody** (80), a senior Supreme Court lawyer and a prominent numismatist had donated 25,000 coins to the Mumbai University (MU) to set up a museum in 2005 at its Kalina campus. In 2014, Mr. Todywalla filed a PIL with the Mumbai High Court claiming one of the coin auctions as illegal. [Cont on Page 4th ....](#)



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## Cashing in... with Passion



### Mr. Ashish Parui

**How and when do you start your collection?**

I started buying foreign coins at the age of 15 years. But soon I stopped and in few years I started with Indian coins and slowly I seriously got involved with Indian coinage. [Cont on Page 3rd .....](#)

**O**ne may start up with any hobby simply because it's a fun thing to do. But with time it grows into a lot of passion. **Mr. Ashish Parui** is one person who goes the extra mile for his hobby. Not only does he love spending time with his collectibles, he loves to share his joy with other collectors as well. A person with very pleasant smile and nature **Mr. Ashish Parui** very friendly shared his collection and experience with **ICCG News....** Excerpts from the interview:

**As a child were you fascinated towards coins or any other collectibles? Or had you ever taken coin collection as a hobby?**

As a child I used to like foreign coins and that was what I used to collect. The themes and designs of foreign coins were far more superior than Indian coins. As a child I also used to collect small scale dinky cars. I took coins and stamps as a hobby more seriously because of my elder brother.

### Numismatists Throng Exhibition of Rare Collectibles in Mumbai

**M**umbai: The three-day long numismatic show kicked off between 20th April to 22nd April at World Trade Centre in Mumbai where over 100 stalls have exhibited rare collection of coins, demonetized currency, stamps and antique pieces.

During the three-day show, Mumbaikars also took their coins and notes to the show for a free appraisal at coin expo. More than 1,600 different items were seen under the hammer over the three-day auction, spanning from the beginnings of Indian coinage, a silver punched mark coin about 2400 years old from the Magadha Janapada period.

These coins are estimated as low as Rs 3,000 ranging to Rs 20,000. At the show, 1700 years old gold coins of Kushan Emperor and Emperor Chandra Gupta estimated from as low as Rs. 50,000 to the rarer variant for over 1 lakh.

Indian coinage is replete with motifs of Gods and Goddesses such as Laxmi, Shiv, Tirupathi Balaji and Swastika symbol. Also represented are Nandi, Garuda, Ardhanareshwar etc. Included in the auction are many other silver and gold coins of Emperors Akbar, Jahangir and Shah Jahan ranging from Rs 2,00,000 to as low as Rs 1,000.

One stall of a newly established online museum Mintage World, which caters to numismatists, notaphilists and philatelists, is also there at the show. "We have been attending numismatic fairs across globe to make a huge collection of coins and currency. Our vision is to involve people for the preservation of India's vast and varied historical and cultural heritage through coins, bank notes and stamps," said Jayesh Gala from Mintage World.

**The coin expo also had a display of print copies of 1 rupee notes from the collection of Shri. Rezwan Razack.**

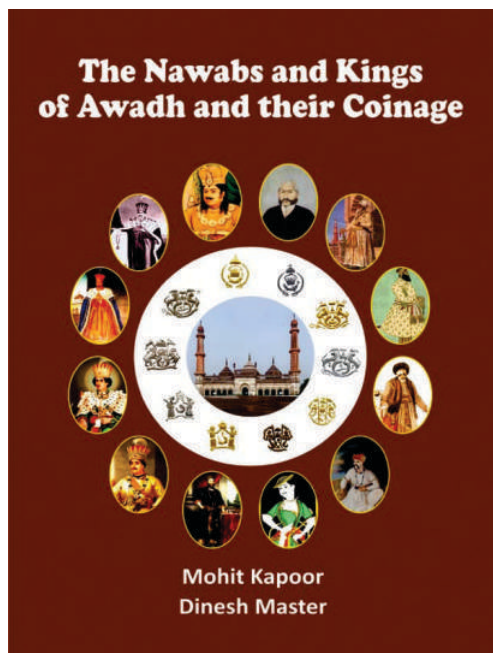


Source: Free Press Journal

### A book on the coinage of Awadh was also launched during the exhibition:

**"The Nawabs and Kings of Awadh and their Coinage"** by Mohit Kapoor and Dinesh Master.

**T**his volume on the coinage of Awadh attempts to present to its reader a detailed chronology of the Nawabs and Kings of Awadh whose impact on the history of India was of considerable importance through their influential rule of over 136 years. The book presents an overview of the various Nawabs and also mentions the conditions under which the Nawabs gave up their allegiance to the Mughal emperors and became independent crowned kings. It also details the mints that issued coins when under their occupation, along with a brief history of the area.





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### Which is your favorite coin/collectible that you own currently & why?

My favorite coin is 'Ratlam 1 paise' dated 1888 in copper depicting a figure of Monkey God "HANUMANJI", I am a big follower of him and the design of the coin is mind blowing.

### Please let us know bit more of your collection?

I started with Republic India coins and later with British India coins. But later I sold it. Any coin that fascinates you is your collection and also your investment. And the day you are no more fascinated with it you sell your investment.

### How was the support from your family?

Zero. There was no support from my family except from my elder brother. My brother always encouraged me to follow my passion closely.

### Where do you see the numismatic industry going in the future?

I have seen tremendous growth in the Numismatics collection hobby over the last decade and the future definitely looks positive. More and more collectors are joining the league. And definitely more international interest and investments are expected. But well, numismatic industry has its ups and downs like share market, but I feel its future is really bright. Any new collector or dealer venturing in numismatics should be prepared for market ups and downs otherwise it may be difficult for him to survive in the long run.

### Would you like to share any particular problem that you face, while doing your collections?

As a collector I had my share of problems but now since I am more of a trader, in now days everything is available and convenient.

### Have you ever displayed your collection at any exhibition?

No. Till date I have never displayed my collectibles at any exhibition. I believe, the world will start talking things the day I display my collectibles and the time has not yet come for me to display anything. But yes, as I have always preferred quality coins from the very start, my choice of coins and collection have always been admired by my friends and colleagues.

### How do you see the role of social media (Facebook, Whatsapp etc) towards numismatics?

It's a BOOM to our community. When I started it wasn't so active but today everything from displaying to selling happens on social media. I believe a day would come when all collectibles would be sold and promoted only through social media. It has become one of the most often used platform to connect the dealers and collectors under one roof. Its very convenient to use 'Facebook' and 'WhatsApp' which now days everyone has access to. There are various coins and notes groups on 'facebook' and 'whatsapp' where one can display his/her collection for viewing and selling. There are also active forums for discussions on coins and notes on social media, wherein most opinions and suggestions are shared.

### Do you feel that numismatics as a subject should be encouraged among students? Maybe through few numismatic exhibitions and similar activities like vacation camps?

Absolutely!! A resounding yes! In today's time the younger generation must be taught investing and collecting at a young age which would help them in collecting their own fortune as they would mature. I would suggest more kids should be encouraged towards this interesting hobby. We must take them to various numismatic exhibitions, which would help them in getting more knowledge and meet other collectors people associated with this hobby.

### Today there are many fake coins (collectible commemoratives, errors and scarce) being seen in the local market, in almost every city. So how can we see an end to this, as just reporting the matter hardly helps?

In the case of fake coins, knowledge is the best defense, it is very interesting to know the process of coin minting - I recommend it, as well as how blank planchets and dies are manufactured. Moreover the data provided by catalogs and the study of coins related to their subject make it virtually impossible for fakes to win us. I am always against fake coins and I request every collector and dealer to report fake coins through social media, Coin Expos, coin societies and every public platform possible.

### How do you see our news paper contributing to numismatics?

It's the best till date and it can do lot for the hobby and our community. I wish them all the best.

**ICCG News team thanked Mr. Ashish Parui for his valuable time, thoughts and collectibles shared. We believe his thoughts and collection would surely inspire young generation in a very positive way.**

### Favorite Coin of Ashish Parui



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Mr. Todywalla claimed that Mr. Mody planned to auction some of these coins under a series named **'The Wardhaman collection of Indian coins – Part I'**

Mr. Todywalla further claimed that he had sold some of these coins (in the series to be auctioned) to Mody at low prices since the latter wanted to donate them to the university's numismatic museum. And now Mr. Todywalla found that 45 coins that Mr. Mody bought from him in 2005 are part of the series to be auctioned, which was illegal.

As per the reports with ICCG News, in a letter written by Mr. Mody to the VC reads "The complaint of Todywalla is false and made out of business rivalry between him and Classical Numismatic Gallery, the present auctioneer," Todywalla is an auctioneer himself, but since we approached another Ahmedabad-based auctioneer for the auction, Todywalla came up with false allegations," DMINA director **Dr. Dilip Rajgor said as per the reports published in 'The Indian Express'**.

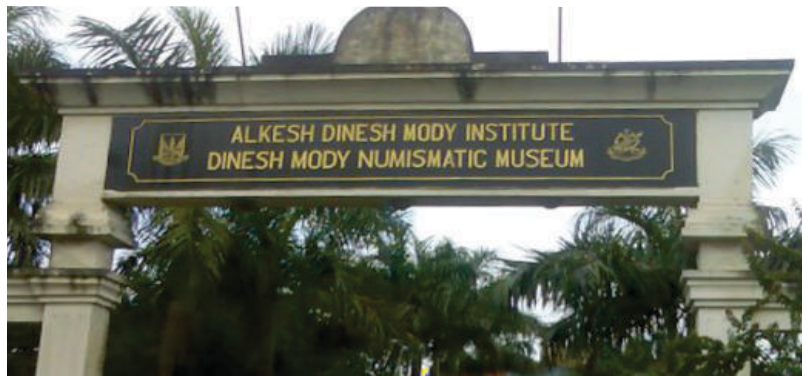
University of Mumbai had been conducting the Masters of Arts in Numismatics and Archaeology course through the DMINA from 2009. Few batches of numismatists have graduated and are out practicing and many other batches wished to benefit through this most important tool in Social Sciences. However, no further wishes could be granted as once the doors of DMINA got closed four years ago in 2014, it never opened again. As mentioned above the step had been initiated following alleged discrepancies in the functioning of the museum attached to the institute. The museum and the strong room, where the coins are kept, had also been locked by the university according to the reports in **'The Times of India'**.

In our April Issue last year, we came up with an article showing concern on the same as for past one year, ICCG News has been receiving quite a few requests with appeals of getting the degree course re-started.

**We still hope that the appeals and prayers of young hobby enthusiastic may unlock the doors of DMINA once again.**



**Few numismatists who benefited from DMINA**



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## World's 1st Online Museum Proves Great Source of Knowledge for Thousands of Hobbyists

**World's 1st online museum for Ancient & Current Coins, Stamps & Currency Notes participated in the "National Numismatic Exhibition 2018 New Delhi" as well as in "27th Shukla Day Coin Fair 2018 Mumbai" with more than 500 new & interesting offerings**

Visitors, Collectors & Hobbyists made good use of detailed information and a virtual access to more than 81,500 Coins, 2300 Currency Notes & 5000 stamps from Worldwide at the : [www.mintageworld.com](http://www.mintageworld.com) site.

Tailor made individual albums of Currency Notes from 16 different countries, An exclusive album of a collection of Currency notes from 25 different countries of Asia & a detailed collection of 100 notes from 31 different countries in the world were also available at nominal rates at the fair.

Various historical rare Coins ranging from Ancient, Medieval, Colonial India and of ancient Roman Empire in Individual Coin Cards with the original coin, its make, ruler, denomination weight & a brief history were also available for sale at an affordable cost.

A wide range of accessories for Coins (Albums, Capsules, Holders, Sheets, Binders), Currency Notes (Album, Box, Sleeves, Pockets) & Stamps (Stockbooks, Ring Binders, Protective stock sheets) and many more of various sizes & combinations could be bought at the fair by the collectors to preserve & restore their valuable collections.

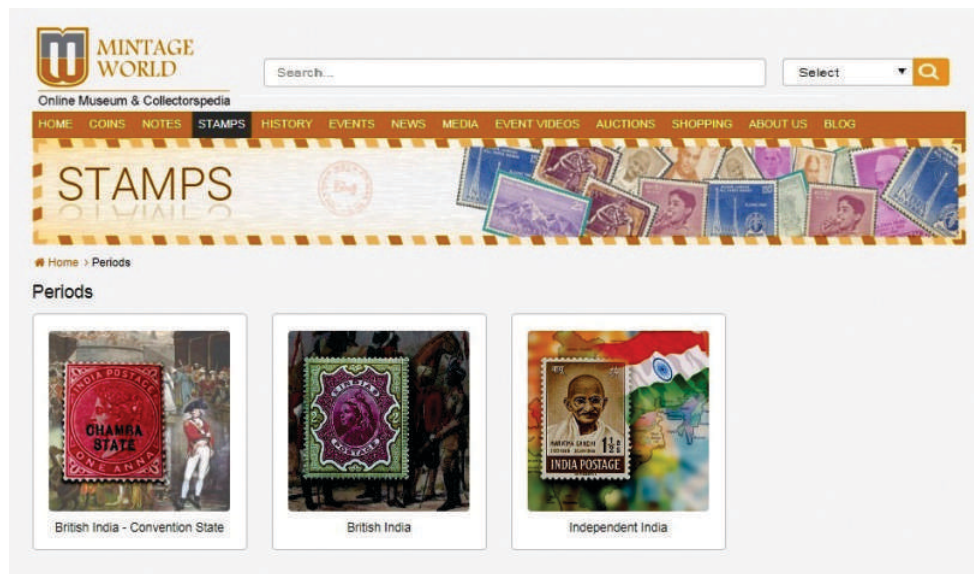
[www.mintageworld.com](http://www.mintageworld.com) is the first Online Coins, Currency notes & Stamps museum with free access by registration and has currently more than 1,32,000 members & 4,13,504 facebook followers globally & all the above mentioned products can be ordered Online from the site as per your convenience.

**Mumbai, May 2018:** Launched with an objective to impart and share knowledge and create interest for general public, students, scholars, collectors, hobbyists, buyers, sellers & investors. It's being initiated with a purpose of reintroducing the joy and fun of coins, currency notes & stamps collection to the current millennial & youth in India & globally.

It is a wonderful way to educate contemporary India and the world about their rich historical heritage, tradition & culture. This online museum imparts rare information such as detailed catalogue of global stamps, coins and currency notes all under one roof. Fascinating & interesting history section on coin issuing authorities, dynasties and rulers is one of the major highlight of this site.

The sole vision behind this initiative is to provide a single point of access to seek and share information and knowledge of these three fields along with its global updates. It brings together experts and researchers to share their experience with the lovers of these rare collectibles. This initiative will help reemphasize the glorious history, arts and cultural legacy of India and put our country on the global map of collectors. What makes Mintage World credible is that it has a strong team of in-house researchers, experts & curators with decades of experience in this sector. Every bit of information on it is thoroughly cross verified with the best reference materials & technology available. Mintage World has a strong team and the implementation of the latest technology solutions for verifying and collating authentic information for this one-of-its-kind digital platform.

Every coin in this online museum is uploaded with well curated important aspect like mintmarks, inscription details, emperor, weight, metal, denomination, date of issue etc. Similarly you would also find crucial insights of stamps like the issue date, type of stamp, perforation, value etc. Information about notes is updated with signatory details, motif description, denomination, date of issue, type of note etc.



## ALBANIA - REPUBLIC OF [REPUBLIKA E SHQIPERISE - ALBANIAN]

**Monetary System :** Circulated Coinages - Commenced In Ad 1926 100 Qindar LEKU = 1 LEK, 100 Qindar Ari = 1 Frang Ar = 5 Leke

**Singular/ Plural:** Lek / Leku Or Leke , Frang Ar/ Frang Ari, Qindar / Qindarka, Frang / Franga

**Note:** Coins Minted Prior To Ad 1995 Were Demonetized Or Defunct

1 New Lek = 100 Qindarka [Reformed] Commenced In Ad 1965

**Calendar:** 'Ad' Anno Domini (Christian Era) **Inscription :** Albanian

**Orientation:** Both Coin and Medal Alignment

### PAPER MONEY / BANK NOTES:

Ottoman [Turkish] Currency 'Lira' And 'Kurus' Were In Circulation Until Ad 1912

French 'Francs' , Italian 'Liras' And Austrian 'Schillings' Were In Circulation Between Ad 1912 And Ad 1925

1 Franga Ar = 5 Leke = 500 Qindarka [ Between Ad 1926 And Ad 1946]

Italian Occupation [Ad 1939 – Ad 1943 ] 1 Frang = 6.25 Italian Liras

German Occupation [Ad 1943 – Ad 1944] 1 Frang = 0.80 German Mark

1 Lek [ 0.20 Frang ] = 100 Qindarka [Ad 1946 – Ad 1965]

10 Old Leke = 1 New Lek = 100 Qindarka [ Reformed ] Commenced In Ad 1965

1 Lek Lalute = 50 Leke [Ad 1992 And 1993]

**Exchange Rate** [As On January 2018] 1 Lek = Re 0.60 = 0.0094 Us Dollar **Symbol Of Lek :** "All"

### GEOGRAPHY AND ABOUT ALBANIA:

**Capitla:** Tirana [City Founded In Ad 1614]

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** ALBANIAN

**Location:** Balkan Country In Southeastern Europe , Sharing Border With Macedonia ,Serbia ,Greece, Montenegro And Kosovo And Having Coast Line Of Ionian Sea And Adriatic Sea. Mountainous Country Having Tallest Korab Moutain 2751 Metres High

### ALBANIA IS MEMBER OF:

Nato – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation - 01 April, 2009

Eu-European Union - 27th June 2014

Un – United Nations 14th December, 1955

Warsaw Pact: [Was Formed To Balance Counter Weight 'Nato' And Formal Treaty To End Cold War In Central And Eastern Europe] Albania Withdrew In Ad 1968

**National/ Popular:** Bird-Golden Eagle, Flower- Red Poppey, Tree-Olive, Sport- Football

**HISTORY:** Medieval Settelement Was Called Albanon Or 'Arbanon' But In 17th Century Place Named 'Shqipëria' Gradually Replaced 'Arbenia' Or 'Arberesh' Terms To Albania Populalry Interpreted As 'Land Of Eagles' Or 'Children Of Eagle'

### FORMATION

Principality of Arbanon [Ad 1190-1255] {Capital: Kruje Or Kruja}

Kingdom of Albania (Until Ad 1368) {Captial: Durazzo [Today 'Dures']}

Principality of Albania [Ad 1368- 1392] {Captial : Dures}

Part of Ottoman [Turkish] Empire Until Ad 1914

Principality of Albania [ Ad 1914 – 1925] {Captial: Argokastron [Gjirokaster]}

Albanian Republic [1st Republic] [Ad 1925 – 1928] (Captial: Tirana)

Kingdom Of Albania [Ad 1928 -1939] (Captial : Tirana)

Italian Occupation [Ad 1939 – 1943] (Captial: Tirana)

Kingdom of Albania [Ad 1943-1944] [Client Of Nazi Germany] (Captial:Tirana)

Democratic Government Of Albania [Second Republic] [Ad 1944-1946] (Capital:Tirana)

People's Socialist Republic Of Albania [Third Republic] [Ad 1946 -1991] Was Satellite State Of Russia (Ad 1946-1960) (Captial:Tirana)

Republic Of Albania [Fourth Republic] [Ad 1991....] (Captial: Tirana)



Flag



Coins



Paper Currency



Map

By- Mukesh Dalal



## Republic India 5 Rupees Error Coin

**Denomination:** 5 Rupees    **Year:** 1998    **Mint:** Kolkata  
**Metal:** Copper– Nickel alloy (75% Copper + 25% Nickel)  
**Weight:** 9g    **Shape:** Circular    **Diameter:** 23 mm  
**Off Center Reverse Brockage with Subsequent Off Center Double Strike**

One of the rarest specimen of an erratum in republic India coins. Reverse brockage in 5 rupees cu-ni coins are very rarely seen and this coin adds with a massive off center strike.



**This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of senior numismatist Mr. Jigar Zaveri's collection.**

## India and the World: A History in Nine Stories

### Two Month Transcontinental Exhibition Begins at National Museum

A wide swath of the millennia-old Indian civilization came alive through a cluster of artefacts of astonishing brilliance as the National Museum, recently, began a nearly two-month transcontinental exhibition. The showcase takes the viewers on an intriguing and exhilarating trip of the country's spectacular past and its links with the outside world since antiquity. 'India and The World: A History in Nine Stories', the first of its kind event in India, marks an unprecedented collaboration in

museum exhibition with the British Museum, London; National Museum, New Delhi; Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS), Mumbai; and some 20 private collections pooling in their resources for the phenomenal show.

Chief Guest Ram Bahadur Rai, President, IGNCA, formally inaugurated the exhibition, unveiling a unique line-up of around 200 ancient and modern exhibits which offer a chronological and thematic depiction of the evolution of India with multiple expressions of art and artefacts, stories and aesthetics.

Some of the eye-popping objects on display include the oldest known hand-axe in the world (1.7-1.07 million years) from Attirampakkam, Tamil Nadu, a replica of the dancing girl of Mohenjodaro (2500 BC), a gold-horned Harappan humped bull (1800 BC), a Mughal miniature-inspired work by Rembrandt, an Ashokan edict (250 BC); and an imprint of the Constitution of India having more than 50 paintings supervised by the renowned artist Nandalal Bose.

Rai described the exhibition as a "journey through history", taking Indians to "moments in history that are a matter of pride for us". "This is also a celebration of cultural exchanges and a moment to remember that our civilization has existed for millions of years and what it has given to the world in terms of culture, science and spirituality," he said. In a message, Matt Hancock, UK Secretary of State for digital, culture, media and sport, said: "Culture is at the heart of the UK-India relationship and the living bridge that connects our two nations. This exhibition not only explores our shared history, but shows how our institutions are building partnerships that will last well into the future. I am delighted that it has reached new audiences in Delhi and I look forward to seeing it myself when I host a launch event next week." A host of dignitaries, including British High Commissioner to India Dominic Asquith, L.N. Sharma, Chief Post Master General, Delhi Circle, Dr Hartwig Fischer, Director, British Museum, and Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Director General, CSMVS were present at the inauguration. On the occasion, National Museum released three books: Divyambara: Masterpieces of Costume from the National Museum Collection by Lotika Varadarajan; Kaivalyam: Jain Painting in the National Museum by Dr S.V. Tripathi and Pawan Jain; and An introduction to the Indus Valley Civilization by Sanjib Kumar Singh and Gunjan Kumar Srivastava. Unveiling a special postal cover brought out by the Department of Post, L.N. Sharma said the exhibition showcases Indian history from two million years ago to the present day, not just displaying the regional connects but global links that provide visitors with a lifetime opportunity and a great learning experience. The exhibition will run till June 30 from 10 am to 6 pm, except on Mondays and public holidays.



### “WORD SEARCH QUIZ”

Find the answer . The words may be horizontally, vertically or diagonally either forward or backward but in straight line, use the ruler to cross them as you find the words

1	SUB -UNITS OF "LEK" OF ALBANIA (8)
2	CONGO DEMOCRATIC OF REPUBLIC WAS RENAMED _____ IN AD 1971 (5)
3	MONETARY UNIT OF REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA (6)
4	DECIMAL COINAGE OF AUSTRIA . 100 _____ = 1 SCHILLING (8)
5	ARCHIPELAGO ( GROUP OF ISLANDS) ADMINISTERED BY PORTUGUESE LYING WESTMOST OF EUROPE (AUTONOMOUS REGION) (6)
6	EAST AFRICAN COUNTRY WHICH INCLUDE "SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK" (8)
7	BHARAT OR HINDUSTAN (5)
8	FORMERLY BRITISH HONDURAS (6)
9	REFORMED SUB- UNIT OF BHUTAN "NGULTRUM" (8)
10	EARLY 20TH CENTURY MONETARY UNIT OF BRAZIL (4)
11	BRITISH NORTH BORNEO ALSO KNOWN AS (5)
12	SUB- UNITS OF BULGARIAN "LEV" (8)
13	BURMA NOW KNOWN AS (7)
14	COMMON WEALTH COUNTRY TO NORTH OF U.S.A (6)
15	AREA WISE LARGEST COUNTRY IN SOUTH AMERICA (6)
16	SUB-UNIT OF DENMARK "KRUNE" (3)
17	PLURAL OF DENISH "KRONE" (6)
18	ECUADOR- 10 _____ =1 SUCRE (7)
19	FORMERLY EGYPT WAS KNOWN AS (4)
20	"A" OF AH AND AD (4)
21	FORMER EARLY 20TH CENTURY HUNGARIAN MONETARY UNIT (6)
22	SUB- UNITS USED BY BAHRAIN, IRAQ, JORDAN, KUWAIT, UAE, AND YEMEN (4)
23	COUNTRY IN CENTRAL AFRICA HAVING ITS CAPITAL N "DJAMENA" (4)
24	AN ARCHIPELAGO (GROUP OF ISLANDS) IN INDIAN OCEAN NOTHEAST TO MADAGASCAR (10)
25	SUB-UNIT OF SUDAN POUND (6)
26	BAILIWICK OF _____ BRITISH CROWN DEPENDENCY (6)
27	FORMER IRANIAN MONETARY UNIT (4)
28	COUNTRY SURROUNDED BY MALAYSIAN STATE OF SARAWAK AND COMPLETELY ON THE ISLAND OF BORNEO (6)

### Solution of April Issue

1	REALES	15	NIPPON
2	KOPEK	16	LIRA
3	VATICANCITY	17	AGOROT
4	YEN	18	ANNA
5	GULDEN	19	GOURDE
6	LJUBLJANA	20	GREECE
7	PESETA	21	LEVA
8	POUND	22	VIETNAM
9	AKSHA	23	EURO
10	FILLER	24	EIRE
11	RAPPEN	25	ENGLAND
12	KORUNA	26	BANI
13	ITALY	27	LAARI
14	PERU	28	TAMBALA

### Solution of the word search to appear in next issue

B	D	G	J	K	U	N	M	L	B	M	A	G	R	O
S	Q	I	N	D	A	R	K	A	F	H	K	A	G	U
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**TRAVANCORE EXPO 2018**  
NATIONAL LEVEL COIN AND STAMP EXHIBITION  
6, 7, 8 JULY 2018  
VENUE  
BHAGYAMALA AUDITORIUM  
CHANDRASEKHARAN NAIR STADIUM, PALAYAM  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

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## Maharana Pratap Coins Vanish from ebay after ICCG News reports Fake Coins to Legal Authorities

Recently ICCG News reported the selling of fake 100 rupee commemorative coins of Maharana Pratap on an online selling portal 'ebay' and as a result all the listed fake coins of Maharana Pratap have been 'unlisted'. It can't be denied that eBay has a reputation as a haven for counterfeiters. While the company has gotten better about cracking down on counterfeiters and fraud sellers over the years, the fact remains that many fake coins still flow through eBay every single day. While some of these counterfeiters can be easily identified and avoided, an increasing number of high-quality counterfeiters are entering the market. Certain types of coins are much more frequently counterfeited than others. While eBay can be a great resource for coin collectors, it's always wise for buyers to retain a healthy sense of caution.



ICCG suggests that if you aren't completely confident in your own counterfeit-identification skills, stick to reputable sellers. In our last month's issue (April 2018) we covered a story on fake coins being sold on ebay and ICCG News further complained the matter to concerned legal authorities in regards of the same. The action was well taken and the coins got unlisted. But at the same time, the quality of counterfeiters has improved to the point where it has become increasingly difficult to tell real coins from fakes. So, if you stick to reputable sellers and avoid deals that sound too good to be true, you can minimize your risk of ending up with a counterfeit.

## Stamp of Legacy: Postal Department Release Special Cover in Honor of Kerala CPM Leader Imbichi Bava

MALAPPURAM: As part of the birth centenary celebrations of former minister and late CPM leader E K Imbichi Bava, the Postal Department recently released a special cover in honor of the leader. "We are glad his matchless contributions have got recognition from the Postal Department too. This is one of



the best ways to celebrate his work and honor his dedication," said CPM Ponnani area committee secretary P K Khaleemudheen. Seminars, awareness campaigns, health survey and welfare and charity programmes across Malappuram are now marking the one-year-long birth centenary celebrations by the CPM district

committee. Born at Ponnani in 1917, Bava made a foray into politics and nationalist movement in the early years of his life. He was drawn towards the political ideology during his days as a student. A labor movement leader, Bava is often remembered for bringing fishermen in Malabar under the aegis of trade union movements. As many as 2,000 stamp covers were released at a function in Tirur. Bava's wife Fathima received the covers from Postal Department secretary A N Nanda. The function also marks the release of a special cover in memory of AKG. Postal Department officers said the special cover and stamp cost Rs. 10 and it could be used as postage stamp for regular mails.



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Month	Dates	Events Name	Venue
May	14 to 20	Royal Numismatic Society 2nd Coin Exhibition Delhi	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi
July	6, 7, & 8	Travancore Expo	Bhagyamala Auditorium, Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium, Paiyamb, Thiruvananthapuram
July	13, 14, & 15	Global Currency Expo (Trichy)	Sreenivasa Hall, Near Central Bus Stand, Trichy, Tamil Nadu
August	3, 4, & 5	IFPNA Pondy Stamp & Coin Fair (Pondicherry)	Vel Sokkanathan Thirumana Nilayam, 45 Feet Road, Vallalar Salai, Pondicherry
August	10, 11 & 12	Coimbatore Coin Stampex	Dr.T.V sivananda Memorial Hall, No.7, opp to Rexin land, Near Chennai Silks Gandhipuram, Coimbatore
August	10, 11 & 12	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair	The President Hotel, Opp. Municipal Market, Off C.G. Road, Navarangpura, Ahmedabad

## India Release Special Postal Cover on British Physicist Stephen Hawking

**V**ijayawada: A special postal cover was released in memory of noted physicist Stephen Hawking here recently. The physicist, known for his ground-breaking work on black holes and relativity, passed away at his home in Cambridge, Britain, on March 14, aged 76. He had been confined to a wheelchair since the age of 22 when he was diagnosed with a rare form of motor neurone disease.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled Hawking's death as "anguishing". "Professor Hawking's pioneering work made our world a better place. May his soul rest in peace," Modi tweeted after his death.

In all, 40 students received Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana philately merit scholarship on the occasion. The disbursement function was organized by the Indian Postal Department at the Collector's camp office. ISRO scientist KV Ramana was the chief guest.

Chief Postmaster General Andhra Pradesh Circle K Balasubramanian, who released the special cover in memory of 'Stephen Hawking', presented it to chief guest KV Ramana. Later, the students were presented with Deen Dayal Sparsh Yojana philately merit scholarship amount of Rs 6,000, along with certificates.

The scholarship disbursement function was linked through a video-conference with the main function held in New Delhi chaired by Minister of State (I/C) for Communications Manoj Sinha. He interacted with the awardees, who were present in the function. Philatelist MVS Prasad was felicitated during the programme.

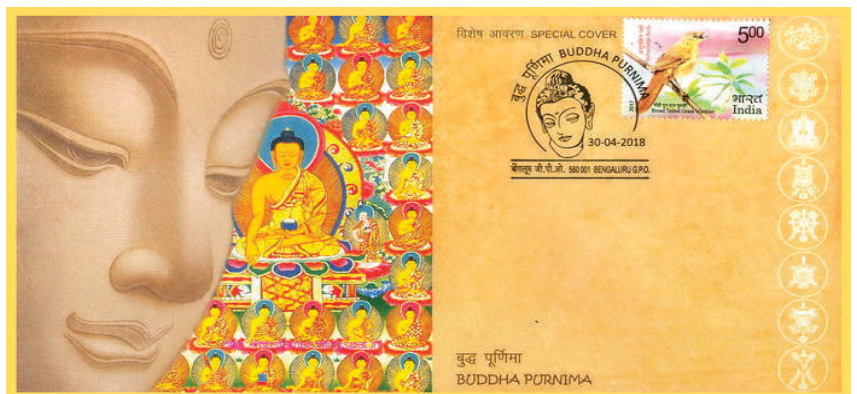


## Postal department releases special cover on Buddha Purnima

**V**ijayawada: Postmaster-General, Vijayawada Region Col M Eleesha, released a philatelic special cover on Buddha Purnima here on 30th April. The department of posts has released the same at various circle headquarters across the states in the country.

Speaking on the occasion, Eleesha said that Buddha Purnima was celebrated to commemorate the birth of Goutama Buddha. It is also celebrated in south and South-East Asia as Vesak, which also acknowledges the enlightenment and death of Buddha, he said.

He informed the gathering that 2,000 covers were released in the state and were available at Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Kurnool. He expressed happiness to release special cover, which costs Rs 10.





## RAISE YOUR VOICE AGAINST FAKES, FRAUDS AND COUNTERFEITS.

It is unfortunate that alert like this have to be written, but where there is money trading hands, there will always be fakes, frauds, and counterfeits.

But we can keep the hobby clean ONLY by raising our voices. Please feel free to share with us, any information on counterfeit coins or currency notes or any fake numismatic item or any type of information about dealers/online portals/auctions which may be involved in doing such activities. ICCG News is committed to keep the hobby clean and would surely assist any help required for solutions in this regards from ASI (Archeological Survey of India) or Cyber Crime Department. Further, we assure to expose and blacklist such fraudsters and see that strict action be taken against the guilty. Name and details of the informer may be kept secret if requested.

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

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.

### 1991 – Tourism Year Issue

With an aim of boosting tourism in India, the year “1991” was designated as “**TOURISM YEAR**” – a year to be devoted for the development of tourism in the country. To commemorate this, a 1 rupee coin was issued on 25.12.1991 for general circulation. The other coins issued in this theme, in the denomination of 2 rupees and 5 rupees, were only issued as proof and uncirculated specimens.

**Obverse:** The obverse of this coin shows the Ashokan lion and the value '1' in International numerals on the center. In English "INDIA" and "RUPEE" appear on the right periphery and in Hindi "Bharat" and "Rupaya" appear on the left. "Satyameva Jayate" in Hindi is shown just below the Ashokan Lion.

**Reverse:** Shows a stylized peacock ( the national bird of India ) with the legend “TOURISM YEAR” and '1991' -- the year of issue in English and “Paryatan varsha” in Hindi.

### Specifications:

**Year of issue:** 1991      **Weight:** 6 grams

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

**Shape:** Circular      **Diameter:** 26 mm      **Edge:** milled

**Mints:** Mumbai & Hyderabad      **Tourism Year Issue**



## A Set of Six Specimen World War II Burmese Banknotes Sell for £64,000 at Auction

**L**eyburn: This season's auction offered some of the most important discoveries and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to own some of the rarest notes known to exist.

A set of six specimen banknotes from Burma have smashed the house record for a Coins & Banknotes sale at Tennants Auctioneers in North Yorkshire, selling for a hammer price of £64,000. Interest was expected in the notes, but after extremely competitive bidding from around the world the lot was finally sold to Ms. Rajni Gupta, who had flown in from the United States for the sale.

The set of notes is very rare indeed, especially as they are all in mint condition. The notes were issued during the war in 1943 and 1945 when the country was under military administration; all the notes are stamped 'SPECIMEN', and four of the notes were re-issued Reserve Bank of India notes used by the Military Administration as emergency war-time currency with the specimen serial numbers '000 000000'.

The notes were collected in Burma during the war by a British engineer and kept in pristine condition in an album. The notes were amongst his possessions inherited by a family member, who had little idea of their value when they were consigned to Tennants.

Burma, a Set of 6 x Specimen Banknotes comprising 2 x provisional issue notes (1943) 4 annas & 8 annas (1943) MILITARY ADMINISTRATION OF BURMA, both stamped 'SPECIMEN' in black and 4 x notes with overprint: 'MILITARY ADMINISTRATION OF BURMA: LEGAL TENDER IN BURMA ONLY' on Reserve Bank of India Notes & comprising: 1 rupee (1945) on 'Government of India' note, red overprint; 5 rupees (1945) dark blue overprint, 10 rupees (1945) red overprint & 100 rupees (1945) red overprint (5, 10, & 100 rupees signed J B Taylor); all stamped 'SPECIMEN' in red, all 000 000000 & all in mint state, a very rare set.



ICCG News approached senior numismatist, philatelist and the author of 'Indian Paper Money' Shri. Kishore Jhunjunwala for his views in regards of these six specimen notes. In a written mail Shri. Jhunjunwala shared his views on the same:

**“Regarding Burma overprinted notes, my observation is as follows:**

**1. Military administration of Burma Rupee 1, 5, 100**

These notes are specimen notes falling under category of Indian notes used in Burma. Such notes have also been issued. But I have never come across specimen notes of these types.

**2. Military administration of Burma Rupees 10, side face**

This specimen note have never been issued, hence it is under the category of pattern note. Even in the catalogs WPM, SE-Asia, Robinson and Std Reference Guide of IPM by J&R, it is kept in pattern category. I have never come across any of this note, specimen as well as issued. What is printed in my both IPM catalogs, that image was courtesy Robinson catalog, who also have printed some ugly image because they might not have got access to original specimen. According to me this note was proposed for circulation but withdrawn due to introduction of front face 10 Rupee note. I consider is as the rarest note of Burma overprint.

**3. 8 annas and 4 annas**

These are also specimens never issued and shown as specimen in WPM, SE-Asia and Robinson. This has not been included in the IPM because the word India appears nowhere on these notes. The only copy of these two notes observed by me so far are displayed in currency note press Nashik, since these were printed there. These are also of the highest rarity, as far as Burma is concerned.

**The following specimen are available with CNP Nashik.**

**1. 4 annas      2. 8 annas      3. Re 1, without inset, Burma Military Administration Currency Board      5. Rs.5 Side face, Burma Military Administration”**

**4. Re 1, with inset A, Burma      6. Rs.10, Side face, Burma**

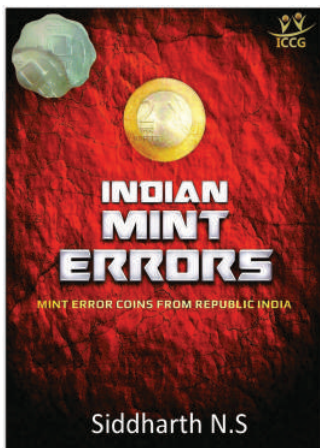
ICCG News team heartily thanks Shri. Jhunjunwala for his time and views shared on these rare collectibles.



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