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## New Rs 100 Coin & Postage Stamp Released on 100 years of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre

**A**mritsar: Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu on 13th April 2019 released a postage stamp and a coin commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. Hundreds of innocent Indian lives were lost when British forces ordered to fire indiscriminately inside the Jallianwala Bagh in Punjab's Amritsar on April 13, 1919. The coin is worth Rs 100.

Offering tributes to the fallen, Naidu's message in the visitor's book at the memorial read, "I feel extremely humbled as I pay my homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives fighting the evil hegemony of the oppressive British rule. I salute the martyrs who sacrificed their lives on this very spot 100 years ago."

Accompanied by Punjab Governor VP Singh Badnore, Naidu stood in silence at the memorial as contingents of the Punjab Police and the Border Security Force (BSF) reversed their arms to pay homage to those killed. Naidu also released a coin and a postal stamp to commemorate the event.

April 13th marked the centenary of the bloodbath in Jallianwala Bagh when British forces led by Brigadier General Reginald Dyer opened fire on unarmed, innocent Indians, including women and children, who had gathered there to hold a peaceful protest against the oppressive Rowlatt Act of the British government. [Cont on Page 5th..](#)



## Growing With the Hobby

**W**e have all seen many collectors being connected with their various hobbies, but this time ICCG News got to share thoughts of a young collector whose passion is connected with more than a couple of hobbies. Apart from her Numismatic and Philatelic interests she is also a great musician. Miss Linet Thomas from Maharashtra is in class 10th but multi talented enough to inspire many in a positive way. Recently Ms. Linet spoke to ICCG News about her collection and more. Excerpts from the interview:

**Please let us know something about yourself.**

I am Linet Christina Thomas from Nallasopara, Mumbai and I am a 16-year-old student and I live with my parents.

**How and when did you start your journey as a coin & currency note collector?**

My dad works abroad from 10 years. So since I was eight years old my dad used to give me some coins and currency during his visit. And my uncle and aunt from abroad would bring currencies and coins from different countries they traveled to. So that was it, I never realized when this hobby turned into a passion. [Cont on Page 3rd..](#)



**Miss Linet Thomas**

## Singapore International Coin Fair 2019

**S**ingapore International Coin Fair which is a 3 day event was held from 22-24 March 2019 at the 'The Sands Expo & Convention Center' in Singapore. This event showcased products like coins, mint coins and antiques, numismatics, to that of collections associated with this field etc. in the Antiques & Philately industry.

67 exhibitors from nearly 30 different countries and regions had gathered at this international fair, including numismatic dealers, auction houses, and grading companies. The diversity had made the fair a true international one.

Mumbai based senior numismatist Mr. Mustafa Arsiwala, who has been studying and collecting coins for past many years also visited the Singapore Coin Fair along with his friends Sachin Jain, Aranyak Prashanto, Neeraj Maskara and Tusharth Garg who are equally related to the subject. Singapore numismatic exhibition is a visual delight for many Indians who regularly visit such coin fairs. The show attracted more and more exhibitors as well visitors to participate and direct connect and interact with one other on the most recent market and business opportunities in the respective field and explore and expand their business in the global market.



## Rare Queen Victoria 10 Rupees Proof Coin Auctioned for 9 Lakhs



**B**angalore: Recently an incredibly rare 1854, Victoria Queen, Gold 10 Rupees, Proof Re-strike, Calcutta Mint, (PR # 27/S&W # 3.19), graded & slabbed by PCGS as PR62 got auctioned for 9 lakhs. 900,000 INR at India's leading auction house Marudhar Arts.

This 1854, Victoria Queen, Gold 10 Rupees is Exceedingly Rare and was never struck for currency and was only minted as Proof Re-strike. 1854 dated gold coins are rarely offered.

**Obverse:** The bust of the Queen facing left. No Initial on truncation of neck. Legend: VICTORIA QUEEN. All within a raised, toothed rim. Year 1854 below.

**Reverse:** A lion standing and facing left with a palm tree above. The legend above:

EAST INDIA COMPANY. The value 10 Rupees in English and Persian.

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#### How was the support from your family?

My parents were very supportive of my collections from the beginning. My uncles and aunts also contributed lots to my collection. So everybody from my family supported me.

Let us know something about your collection and achievements....

I have coins from 50 countries and currencies from over 15 countries. I have more than 1000 stamps from almost 30 to 40 countries. In that, I have 40 Indian stamps. I wish to collect stamps and currencies from all 196 countries of the world.

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

My favorite Currency so far is the Singapore and Hong Kong currency notes. They are glossy and smooth to touch and do not get spoil easily. They are waterproof also. To me, they are just too appealing and attractive.

#### What do you get to learn from your coins as every coin is a piece of history?

While collecting coins I learned that every coin has some history about politics of different countries, of iconic individuals, milestone events and about religion too.

#### Any particular problem that comes across while doing your collections?

Every country has its own currency and coin symbols. Identifying coins and currency from other countries were difficult. Because some foreign coins don't have writing that is easily recognizable and don't have any writing at all. Some are written in other languages, some that use different alphabets like Russian, Japanese, Arabic etc.

#### We have learned that you also collect stamps. So please let us know about that. Do you collect Indian stamps, world stamps or is it some thematic collection?

Yes, I have more than a thousand (1000) stamps from over 30 to 40 countries. In that, I have 40 Indian stamps. Stamps are a great source of keeping history. They represent historical events, people and places. It makes learning fun as you keep a collection of almost every little thing in the world. From the confines of your home, you get to visit so many exotic locales. Spend as much time as you desire and collect stamps at any time. It doesn't have to be done in a particular season or month. It is a great way to help reduce stress and feel accomplished. Further, there is no time constraint either.

Do it at your own convenience. The amount of information that you research on stamps brings you learning every now and then. You have libraries, websites to offer you insight into every aspect of stamps.

#### What is the importance of your hobby to you?

Hobbies are regular activities that are done for pleasure, during leisure time. There are a lot of kinds of hobbies which are beneficial for individual and society. One study showed that people who engage in hobbies enjoy better moods, feel more interested, and have less stress and lower heart rates—even hours after the recreation time. my hobby is collecting coins, currencies, and stamps and playing music, and when I do this I feel free..I feel the real me.. I feel a passion in me.. so to know who we are and where we belong to. .hobbies always helps. .they gives you a passion... a passion which leads to success and happiness.

#### What response do you get from your friends when they see your collectibles?

My friends encourage me and praise me for my collectibles. Some friends get inspired and start some hobbies like me.

### Collection Of Linet Thomas



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

Yes, Technology is making everything faster and saving us so much time and I think most people would rather write an email or text message these days than writing a letter, as that takes more concentration and time. No one can deny that writing a letter has a charm that no electronic message can give. Over recent years, letter writing has been replaced by other ways of communicating. But do we ever think about what we are losing? By forgetting about the art of letter writing, I think we're missing out hugely. I don't know a single person who would say that they didn't enjoy receiving a letter through the post. That's why philately should be encouraged among school going students. Collecting stamps is a very good hobby. It helps to reduce stress, and socially beneficial.

Similarly after the Digital India programme, Instead of using paper Currency and coins to exchange value, without cash payments happen electronically. I may be wondering if and when cash will no longer be part of our everyday lives. So Future students may see coins and currencies only from Numismatics or in pictures. Because of this reason, Numismatics as a subject or as a project work should be encouraged among students.

**What do you plan to do with the collection that you're building?**

I plan to keep it with me as memories. Since I am building the collection on my own with so much love and care, I do not intend to barter it for money.

I believe that awareness through the digital world can increase the rise of new collectors and especially teenagers. I would like to increase my collection. There is a lot of information to learn more about Indian Numismatic / Philatelic world. As I am waiting for 10th std results and will join college soon, I will try to improve my collection during my holidays and I will surely try to spread awareness in my college.

**What would you like to tell youngsters like you who want to build their collection?**

I don't think you need age to start building a collection. Anybody can start hobbies at any age. It gives us knowledge, happiness keeps us creative all the time.

**But if we are not wrong, your hobby is not just limited to Numismatics and Philately. Music has also been your hobby from a very young age and you have won few many trophies in music as well.**

Yes, I have won many certificates, trophies, medals in music & singing. I started learning Piano at the age of 6 years. At present, I play 5 music Instruments namely Ukelele, Guitar, Keyboard, Piano, and Flute.

I have performed at all my school functions every year. Apart from school, I have performed in Dattani Mall Vasai, Furthados BAndit festival at Mumbai. I had been on the Top 5 list of the Bajaj Allianz Junior Talent Hunt, Jio Befikar Champs competition 2013.

I have even taught music lessons in Borivili at Shepherd's music classes for one year. I sing western songs. But I am not trained in singing.

**That's indeed some great talent. But again if that's not all, we have learnt that you have a lot more art within you. You draw and paint as well. Please let us know something about it.**

Yes, I have again won few certificates in drawing and painting. I achieved an 'A' Grade in the Elementary and Intermediate drawing grade exam of Maharashtra. I also participated in the drawing competition 'Kalavedh' held at JJ School of Arts in January 2017.

**Apart of this Ms. Thomas has also won few Elocution and debate competitions which easily makes her an inspiration for many. We thanked her for the precious time she spared and hope that she may just continue with her collection and may keep on with all her good work. The ICCG team wishes Ms. Linet lots of success in future.**

## Collection of Linet Thomas



### Coin of the month

#### Massive Edge Tear Due to Multiple Strikes

**E**rror: A spectacular mint error, one of the most dramatic error pieces we have ever encountered.

**Occurrence:** This error occurs when the feeder system, which supplies blank planchets to the coin press, malfunctions and jams. When this occurs, a struck coin is not properly ejected and another planchet is fed into the collar and is struck. This struck coin lands on top of the previously un-ejected struck coin. These coins then crush together multiple times and as a result, edges of the coin get torn as they get thinner and longer with every strike. (This may occur many times as more coins may also bond.)



**USE:** Circulation      **Mint:** Kolkata      **Year:** 2019      **Weight:** 6 gms      **Shape:** Circular  
**Metal:** Nickel Brass alloy (75% Copper + 20% Zinc + 5% Nickel)      **Diameter:** 23 mm

**Obverse side:** The center bears the Lion capital of Ashoka, with the legend "Satyameva Jayate" in Hindi inscribed below, and 'INDIA' in English and 'Bharat' in Hindi appearing on either side.

**Reverse side:** The face of the coin shows the denominational value "5" in the international numerals flanked on the left and right periphery with a floral design. The upper periphery bears the Rupee symbol and the year of minting in international numerals is shown on the lower periphery.

**This coin of the month is chosen from the collection of Mr. Pratik Singh's collection.**

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Earlier in the day, Congress President Rahul Gandhi and Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh paid their homage to the martyrs at the National Memorial.

Punjab cabinet Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu also accompanied them, as the leaders were joined by a large number of people to commemorate the tragic incident that took place on the day of `Baisakhi` 100 years ago.

#### Non Circulatory 100 rupees coins will be minted by the Kolkata mint but there will be no coin minted for circulation

The 100 rupees coin commemorating the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre will be minted by the Kolkata mint but these coins shall not be minted for circulation. These coins shall only be available as NCLT (Non Circulatory Legal Tender).

Interestingly, recent 100 rupees coin (commemorating Atal Bihari Vajpayee) and the 75 rupees coin (commemorating the 75th anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose hoisting of tri-color) were also minted only for collectors as NCLT and not for circulation. Though the possibility of these coins to be minted for circulation in future cannot be denied completely. In the past we have seen coins like FSS (Ferritic Stainless Steel) 5 rupees coin commemorating the 75 years of Dandi March being minted for circulation few years after its cu-ni mintage.



Ferritic Stainless Steel



Copper Nickel

## Numismatic and Philatelic Exhibition at Mysuru A Great History Lesson

**M**ysuru: A unique exhibition of old coins, currencies of various countries of the world, stamps, handwriting samples of important personalities, diaries, paintings and other artefacts is nothing short of a great history lesson.

For anyone interested in history, the natural starting point of the learning curve would be books. But for some people, that process alone doesn't suffice. They need some more practical in the form of collecting or researching old coins, currencies and other important artefacts that were in public domain.

An exhibition of rare coins right from the period of Mughals to the present day, currencies of highest face value, old stamps, handwritings of greatest personalities displayed by Bengaluru-based numismatist K. Vishwanath as part of 'Interaction with Achievers' held at Mysore Arts Gallery on Ramanuja Road recently provided a perfect opportunity for history students and enthusiasts to learn about the past.

Vishwanath has collected all sorts of objects from stamps to coins, jewellery, diaries, Indian coins and currencies of highest face values, triangle, rectangular-shaped coins, and chronologically exhibited notes from 1978, currencies before demonetisation. Coins dating back to hundreds of years were the major attraction.

Apart from this, coins and currencies of many foreign countries were also kept on display. German Euro of various face values 5, 10 to 20,000, Turkey's Lira worth 5 lakh, Argentina's Peso worth 10 lakh, Yugoslavia's Dinar worth 50 lakh, and currencies worth Dinar 1 and Dinar 5 crore, handwritings of more than 1,250 famous personalities, national postal stamps used in both ancient and modern world, ship and boat stamps, sports stamps, stamps carrying images of Queen Elizabeth, Princess Diana, Winston Churchill and Mother Teresa were on display.

Coins that were circulated during Chikkadevaraya Wadiyar of Mysore Royal Family, British era coins, coins of many princely States, coins of pre Independence era, coins with a hole, coins of various of countries of 1-5, 10-50 and 100 denominations, missile stamps, postal stamps of Second World War period were the other attractions.

Historian Prof P.V. Nanjaraj Urs felicitated Vishwanath recognising his outstanding contributions. Senior Nurse A. Govindachar, Advocate B.M. Marappa, Kannada activist K.S. Narasimhamurthy, Kamsaale Kumaraswamy, Kalihundi Shivakumar, Theatre Personality Rajashekhar Kadamba and others were present.

"Different people have different hobbies like photography, music, dance, reading books but they enjoy their hobbies without telling others. Likewise, I too have this hobby right from my childhood days. So far, I have purchased coins, currencies, stamps, diaries from many places but I never sold them," Vishwanath said.

"Stamps of Wadiyars period of Mysore, Kannada-number-bearing coins, and Mughal Emperor Akbar's period coins that have the names of all 12 months name are some of my memorable," he added. Vishwanath also said that every collector has either a specialised area or a niche area of interest. Someone might only be interested in Mughal currency. "Someone else may look at the Gupta period. I have always focused on Wadiyars of Mysore, Mughals and British India currencies. I have everything from metallic coins to paper money," he said.

"I now know more about Indian history through my collection than I gather from books. Currency has always been a sound identifier of region, reign and prosperity, among other things. And at times it is not just evidence, it is history itself. Digging up and finding rare coins, hunting them down, negotiating the price and finally getting them in our hands all these are challenges and are not easy. However, this hunt is a thrill for every collector and there is a whole process of learning involved," he said.



### Coinex Jaipur 2019

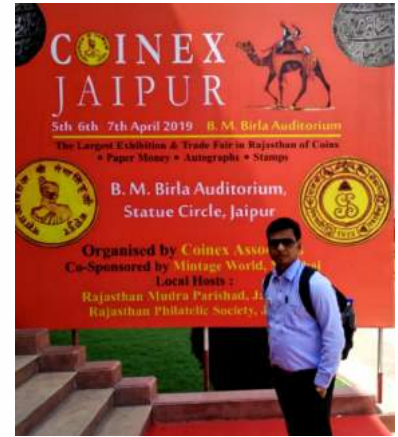
Jaipur: Coins, say historians, are the best repositories of the bygone days as they have over the years helped frame Indian history. If unknown facts from the pages of history are what one longs for, then any coin exhibition is the best of the places and the 'Jaipur Coinex' just proved that right.

The First Ever Coinex Jaipur was organized from 05th April till 07th April 2019 at the B M Birla Auditorium. More than 80 stalls and dealers from all over India took part in the Jaipur Exhibition. Two auctions were also organized in this exhibition, which has always been an attraction of various coin expos throughout the country. Both the auctions by Marudhar Arts and Oswal Antiques were quite a success. Numismatics, which earlier used to be a hobby of school children, has been recreated as an alternative insurance avenue designed to endure economic crisis. People are so keenly interested in such exhibitions.

The Exhibition at the Coinex-Jaipur displayed some exclusive coins of Jaipur State and other dynasties of India. Some exquisite stamps and philatelic material was also on display for the connoisseurs of Indian heritage.

Even though we live in the Internet age with virtually everything at our fingertips, books are still an important part of any numismatic education. Numismatics is a large and sometimes daunting field. Knowing how to get started can be difficult. And books can prove to be the best help source at most of the times. Two new numismatic books were also released at the seminar. A book on coins by young Numismatist Mr. Arpit Gupta 'The Coinage of Republic India' - Coins after the British Raj 1950-2018 was released on 6th April. The book contains circulating series of RI coinage - Definitive and Commemorative, official mintage figures, Die varieties well illustrated with images, condition wise market estimates and also includes other articles on republic coinage. The other book that was released was 'Bhartiya Sikkon ka Itihas' by Dr. Neelkamal Maheshwari

**Presentation of 'Lifetime Achievement Award' was presented to Shri Prakash Chandra Kothari of Jaipur for his life-long dedication in preserving and collecting coins of Jaipur State.**



### Postal cover on OPS released

Ongole: The senior superintendent of postal offices in Prakasam postal division Md Jaffer Sadik announced that the postal department released special covers and postal stamps to commemorate historical events and places regularly. He said as part of that tradition, the department has released a special cover to mark the 35 years of Ongole Public School (OPS) in Ongole. He said that OPS is affiliated to the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi and has helped thousands of students to settle in various fields around the world. He announced that special cover with the OPS logo is inaugurated in the Ongole Head Postal Office in a special programme, and is given to the principal Kavita Latha Kadiresan. The Ongole Head Post Office postmaster P Rajeswari, ASP (R) LV Murali Kumar, ASP (H) Ch Maruti Madhuvani, IPO (C) O Krishna Chaitanya, the staff of Ongole Public School, local philatelists, and staff also participated in the programme.



## DIBRUPEX-2019

### District Level Philatelic Exhibition Concludes at India Club, Dibrugarh

**D**ibrugarh: A two-day district-level Philatelic Exhibition - DIBRUPEX-2019 - was organized by Dibrugarh Postal Division at India Club recently. On the occasion, 17 prominent (junior and senior) philatelists from different parts of Assam exhibited their collections.

The inauguration of the exhibition began with the invocation song and lighting of the lamp. The inauguration was presided over by former president of Axam Xahitya Xabha and famed litterateur Dr. Nagen Saikia. Postmaster General, Dibrugarh region, also addressed the gathering on the occasion.

A workshop on philately was also conducted by senior philatelists Paragjyoti Konwar and Suman Deb, and Assistant Director (Philately), Circle Office, Guwahati, B. Kar. A quiz competition was also conducted on philately and India Post among the students of the participating schools by Binod Borah and Jitu Ranjan Chetia of 'Pilgrimage'. The purpose of the exhibition was to educate the young generation on different aspects of philately. Later, an art competition was also organized among the school students on the theme 'Ahimsa Parma Dharma'.



## Special Stamp Cover on Ice Stupas

**L**EH: The Chief Postmaster General, Jammu & Kashmir Circle, P D Tshering on 18th March 2019 released a 'Special Stamp Cover on Ice Stupa' by the Department of Post, Government of India during a function organized at the Ice Stupa site at Gangles in Leh. A number of officers and dignitaries from Army and civil administration were present on the occasion.

Ice Stupa team of Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL) with support and cooperation from Leh-Phodo society and Army, has built an Ice Stupa at Gangles with an aim to reduce shortage of water in Leh and from next year, the team has planned to build more such artificial glaciers (Ice Stupas) in Leh, so that problem related to water supply, faced by Ladakhi farmers due to receding of glaciers, can be reduced to some extent.

Expressing gratitude towards the Department of Post for issuing a special cover on Ice Stupa, Innovator and Found SECMOL, Sonam Wangchuk, who conceptualised and introduced Ice Stupas in Ladakh to reduce problem of farmers in spring, informed that this winter, about 12 villages across Ladakh have built Ice Stupas on experimental basis and on 22nd March, 'World Water Day' will be celebrated at Ice Stupa at Shara, where teams from other villages, who have built Ice Stupas, will be felicitated. He further said that from next year, Ice Stupa team will build more glaciers in Leh in collaboration with LAHDC and Leh Municipal Committee as an endeavour to solve shortage of water. Besides solving water problem, Ice Stupas are becoming an attraction for tourists, Wangchuk added.

"Climate change in Ladakh has shrunk glaciers and made rainfall and temperature unpredictable. Water is required to irrigate fields of barley, apples and other crops during spring but glaciers do not melt till summer. To spare farmers a dry-spell and a barren yield, Engineer Sonam Wangchuk (recipient of Rolex Award 2016 and Ramon Magsaysay 2018) has invented a way to bring irrigation to people in the form of glacier grafting technique that creates artificial glacier, used for sharing winter water (which otherwise goes waste) in the form of conical shaped Ice Stupa," the postal stamp cover reads.



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### Maharashtra Governor Unveils a Stamp for Work Done for Cancer Patients

To mark the occasion of the Cancer Patients Aid Association (CPAA) reaching a historic milestone - completing 50 years in its dedication to cancer management - Shri C Vidyasagar Rao, the honourable Governor of Maharashtra unveiled CPAA postal stamp cover at Raj Bhavan. Also present on the occasion were Swati Pandey, Postmaster General, Mumbai Region and YK Sapru. For the association, cancer is more than just the disease and that the lack of knowledge regarding lifestyles as well as the stigma related to this disease during treatment and after, are tackled. It works alongside medical oncologists, physicians and hospitals, focusing on education, awareness, early detection, cancer insurance, treatment support, guidance, counselling, rehabilitation and research.



Speaking at the occasion, C Vidyasagar Rao, said, "It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to be here today on the occasion of release of special cover on celebrating of 50 years of cancer care. I need to mentioned Sir, Albert Einstein who said - Only a Life lived for others is a life worth living. It is proud privilege to release this special cover with special cancellation on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the CPAA."

Added Swati Pandey, Department of posts has been hand with society in honoring such noble causes. We strive to bring fore to the world India's rich cultural heritage, natural Diversity and history through its Commemorative Postage Stamps. Indian Postage stamps are the mute raconteurs of the rich complexities of this land and an important pivot in our cultural history."

## Shukla day Coin Fair

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April	12, 13 & 14	Mudra Ustav Patiala	Hotel Flyover, Near Gurudwara Dukhniwaran Sahib, Patila, Punjab.
April	19, 20 & 21	Shukla Day Coin Fair	Expo Center, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
May	17, 18, & 19	Delhi Coins & Notes Exhibition	All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society, 1 Rafi Marg, New Delhi.
July	12, 13, & 14	Coin Fest	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, West Bengal.
July	19, 20, & 21	Chennai Coin Society "Coin Fair"	Sri Kamatchi Mahal, Thirumurugan Nagar, Saligramam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
August	9, 10, & 11	Ahmedabad Coins and Currency Fair	The President Hotel, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad Gujarat.
August	16, 17 & 18	Puratatva Mudra Utsav	JDA Scheme no 41, Near Ekta Square, MR-4 Rd, Vijay Nagar, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
December	20, 21, & 22	Mudra Utsav (Kolkata)	Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata, WestBengal.



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

### आधुनिक भारत के स्मरणीय सिक्के: वर्षवार, टक्साल्वार यात्रा ICCG न्यूज के साथ

Commemorative coins of India are usually issued to celebrate some special occasion or to mark a special event. They also have been issued as a mark of respect towards some distinguished individuals or monument. Indian commemorative coins were issued from the 1964 onwards. Such coins have a distinct design with reference to the occasion on which they were issued. Few coins of this category serve as collector's items only, although most commemorative coins are issued for regular circulation. Modern and Commemorative Indian Coins are very interesting to discuss as they cover various topics like Indian Independence Struggle, War, Peace, Wildlife, Vegetation, Great Personalities, Various Events and Organizations. The highest valued coin is INR 1000 that was issued on the occasion of 1000 years of Brihadeeswarar Temple. In 1 set, there may be 2 to 9 coins of different denominations. MINTS: Commemorative coins are made at various mints across India including the ones at (Bombay) Mumbai, Noida, (Calcutta) Kolkata & Hyderabad.

### 2003 – Maharana Pratap Commemoration

Maharana Pratap (May 9, 1540 – January 29, 1597) was a Hindu ruler of Mewar, a state in north-western India. In 1568, during the reign of Udai Singh II, Chittor was conquered by the Mughal emperor Akbar. Maharana Pratap never accepted Akbar as ruler of India, and fought against Akbar all his life to free Chittor fort, his ancestral home, from Mughal occupation. On June 21, 1576 he fought with the army of Akbar at Haldighati, Seeing that the battle was lost, Pratap fled, and escaped to the hills. His one attempt at open confrontation having thus failed, Pratap resumed the tactics of guerilla warfare. He died on January 29, 1597. Maharana Pratap has always been held in great esteem in India and was projected as a model of patriotism and freedom struggle against the Mughal rule in India.

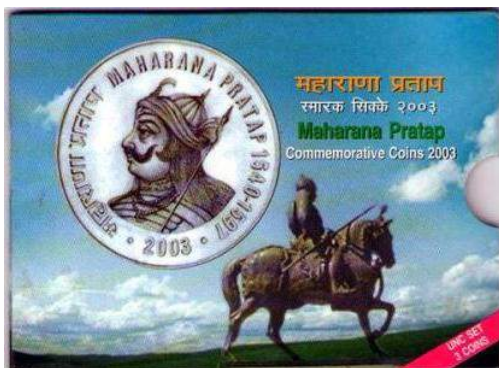


A 1 rupee commemorative coin was issued to commemorate him. The other coins issued in this theme, in the denomination of 10 rupees and 100 rupees, were only issued as proof and uncirculated specimens.

**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:** The reverse of this coin shows the effigy of Maharana Pratap with the legend "MAHARANA PRATAP" in both English and Hindi. It also shows '2003'—the year of issue and '1540–1597' his years of birth and death.

**Specifications:** Year of issue: 2003 Weight: 4.85 grams Metal composition: FSS  
Shape: Circular Diameter: 25 mm Edge: Plain Mint: Mumbai & Hyderabad



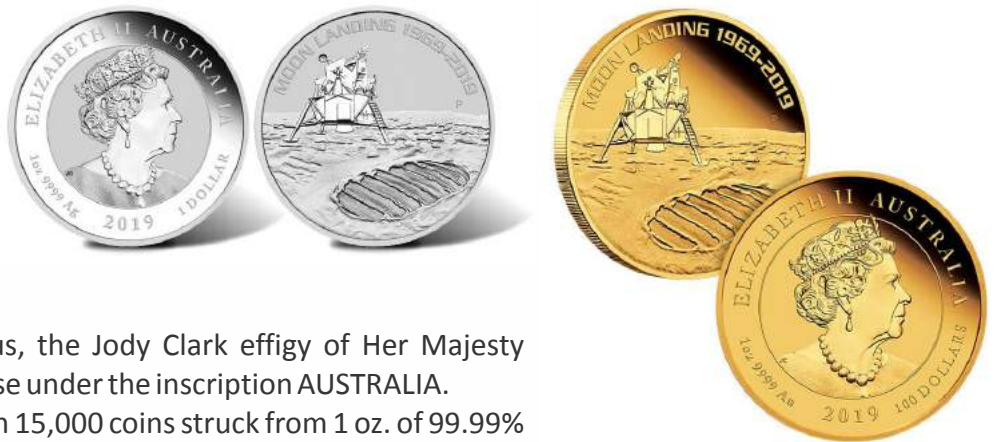
## Perth Mint Commemorates Historic Moon Landing

ICCG News shared the news of the United States Postal Service (USPS) commemorating the moon landing with special stamps in its March issue. And from the Philatelic commemoration if we look forward to the numismatic commemoration then the Perth Mint is offering investors the chance to acquire Australian gold and silver bullion coins celebrating the 50th anniversary of mankind's first landing on the moon.

What many may not know is that Australia played a fascinating role in the historic events of July 1969. With a "dish" measuring 64 meters in diameter, CSIRO's Parkes radio telescope in New South Wales was one of three observatories chosen to receive TV signals from more than 350,000 kilometers away. Shortly into its broadcast, NASA settled exclusively on the signal from Parkes for more than two hours of live television, enabling 600 million people globally to witness the Apollo 11 astronauts walking on the Moon.

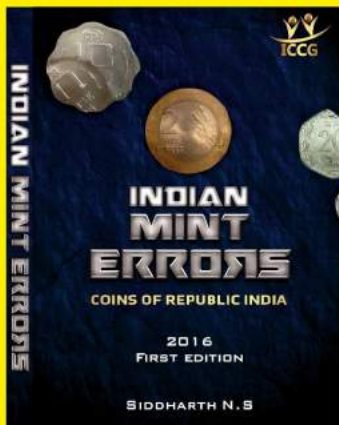
The coins' reverse portrays the Lunar Module Eagle on the surface of the Moon in a representation of one of the many iconic images beamed back to captivated audiences on Earth. The impression of an astronaut's boot print in the lunar soil is also included in the design.

Signifying the coins' legal tender status, the Jody Clark effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appears on the obverse under the inscription AUSTRALIA. The Perth Mint will release no more than 15,000 coins struck from 1 oz. of 99.99% pure gold and 50,000 from 1 oz. of 99.99% pure silver.



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