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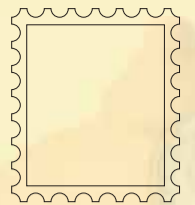
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By R. Vaidyanadhan



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The result of the new amendment is the introduction of hitherto unheard of denomination s, like Rs. 75 and Rs. 150.

Prior to this, the Coinage Act of 1835 provided for uniform coinage throughout India. On both the occasions, the Hon. Finance Minister, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, unveiled the Rs. 150 coins to mark the 150th Anniversary Rabindranath Tagore and that of the Income Tax Department.

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And the Government has also announced coins in the denomination of Rs. 1,000 celebrating the 1000 years of the foundation of the famous Thanjavur Temple.

If these incidents are taken as precedence, then we are set to see coins in every fancy denomination.

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Gullak in Pictures

By Laxman R. Lonkar



Dear Collectors,

Here I am illustrating three pictures depicting our favourite theme Gullak.

In the first picture, the advertisement of Mr. Muhammad Yunus published in Marathi Daily, Lok Mat; showing three Gullak placed over a note of Re. 1, and the copy states that 'salute to the Nobel Price Winner Economist who designed the Rural Bank system'; the second advertisement is of the ICICI Prudential Life Insurance who has used Gullak in the form of a Piggy to convey the message of Savings; and the last (above) is a Postal Stamp of Japan issued in 1975 depicting a Japanese Gullak with a few coins.

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Down the Memory Lane ... Memoirs of Jagdish Agarwal - Part 6

- Jagdish Agarwal (jagarwalin@yahoo.co.in)



Shri A L Das, the Hon. Governor of West Bengal looking at the coin exhibits. On extreme right are Prof. B N Mukherjee and in the left corner are Mr. Babulal Jain



Mr. John Deyell, on the left with Mr. Ratan Lal Rampura, a senior-most collector of Calcutta; and the late Mr. Vasant Chaudhury, the famous Film Star of Bengal



Prof. B N Mukherjee honouring the late Prof. A M Shastri by presenting him a Tamra Patra (Copper-Plate), during a coin exhibition in 1987.



Mr. Parimal Ray showing his collection to the late Prof. A M Shastri during a coin exhibition; in the background is Mr. S K Bose

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A group photo showing (sitting from left to right) - Parimal Ray, John Deyell, Prof. A M Shastri, G S Beed, and Prashant Kulkarni; (standing) I K Kejriwal, Md Alam, Narendra Kothari, Jagdish Agarwal, Debashish Paul, Soumit Mullick, Ankur Ray and Samran Das.



The August gathering at an exhibition of the Coin Study Circle at Calcutta in 1989. In the front row are Mr. Farokh Todywalla, Mr. Rakesh Jain and Mr. Rajesh Jain.



Jagdish Agarwal with Mr. Stan Goron



The author being honoured at the Chandrapur Mudra Parishad exhibition on 6th Oct. 2006.

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अंतोत्व, धातु-मुद्रा ढली, वस्तु-विनिमय की कठिनाई टली।

कई चपेटों से गुजरना पड़ा ढलते वक्त, अंगारों में तपना पडा,
सोना, चांदी, तांबा, पितल, आदि सभी में तुम्हारा रूप हैं।
तुम्हें स्पर्श कर, जब रूप निखरते हैं, तब आनन्दीत हो उठते हैं,
रोम-रोम तरंगित हो उठता है, हम प्रफुल्लित हो उठते हैं।

तुम राजा महाराजाओके हाथों से गुजरी, जन-जन के हाथों में पहुँची,
वही चमक हैं, हमें तुम पर गर्व हैं, तुम पर आज भी है ताला कुँची।
तुम्हारा जीवन है बडा अनुठा, पाकर तुम्हें प्रसन्न हुआ रुठा,
तुम्हें संग्रहितकर, प्रदर्शितकर मैं भी अति प्रसन्न हो उठा।

मुद्रा तुम में इतिहास हैं, शुरु से आज तक का,
भविष्य और भी ज्यादा उज्वल हैं, अंतराल तक का।
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April	21-24	Mumbai	S M Shukla Coin Exhibition	Farokh S Todywalla, World Trade Center (info@todyauction.com)
May	6-8	Bangalore	1st National Numismatic Exhibition - 2011	The Bell Hotel, Adjacent to the City Railway Station & Opp Majestic Bus Station, Bangalore (contact Rajender Maru 09243145999)
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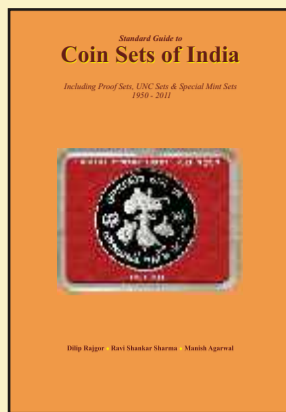
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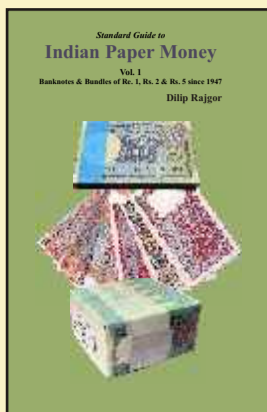
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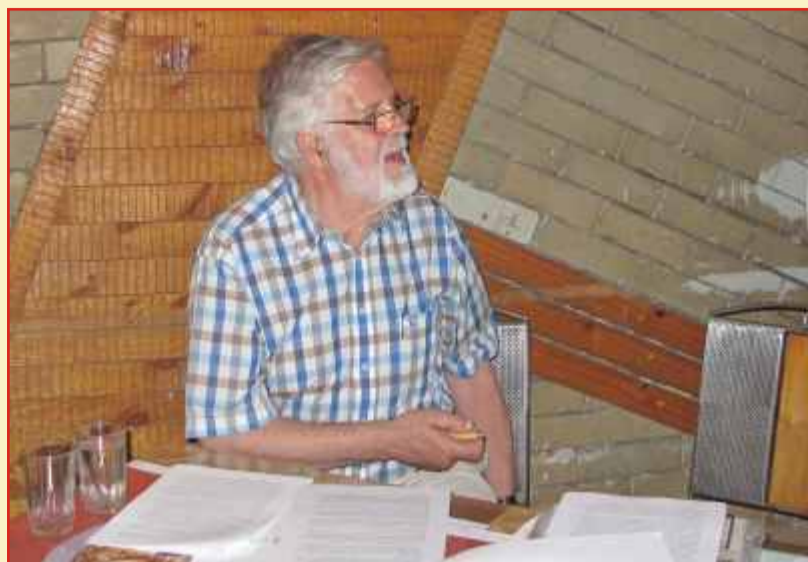


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