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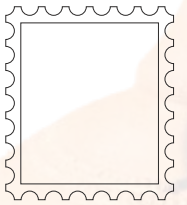
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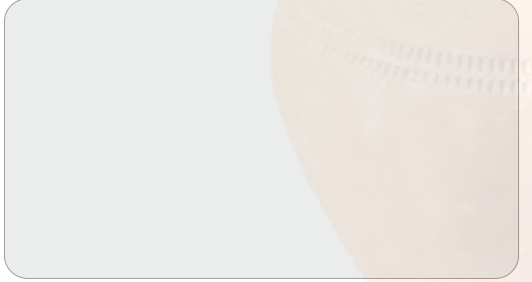
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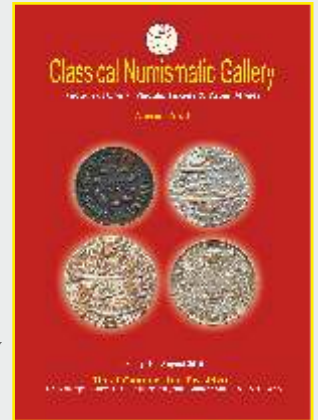


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By Ravi Shankar Sharma

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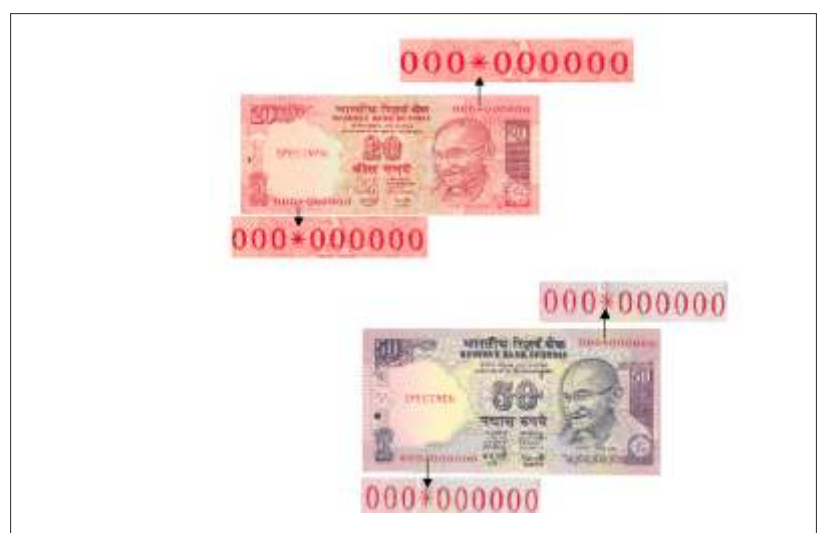
743 - Jehangir, Silver, Zodiac Rupee, Taurus sign,
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2.	Rs. 10	Dr. Y. V. Reddy	L	2006	00F....	S
3.	Rs. 10	Dr. Y. V. Reddy	L	2007	00F....	C
4.	Rs. 10	Dr. Y. V. Reddy	M	2007	00F....	C
5.	Rs. 10	Dr. Y. V. Reddy	A	2008	99S....	R
6.	Rs. 10	Dr. Y. V. Reddy	M	2008	00F...	C
7.	Rs. 10	Dr. Y. V. Reddy	N	2008	00F....	C
8.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	Plain	2008	09A....	S
9.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	R	2008	99A....	XR
10.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	Plain	2009	99F....	C
11.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	L	2009	00F....	C
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13.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	A	2010	09A....	C
14.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	M	2010	09F....	C
15.	Rs. 10	Dr. D. Subbarao	R	2010	31S....	R
No.	Denom.	Governor	Inset	Year	Prefix	Rarity
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3.	Rs. 20	Dr. D. Subbarao	E	2009	00N....	S
4.	Rs. 20	Dr. D. Subbarao	R	2009	57A....	XR
5.	Rs. 20	Dr. D. Subbarao	Plain	2010	09C....	C
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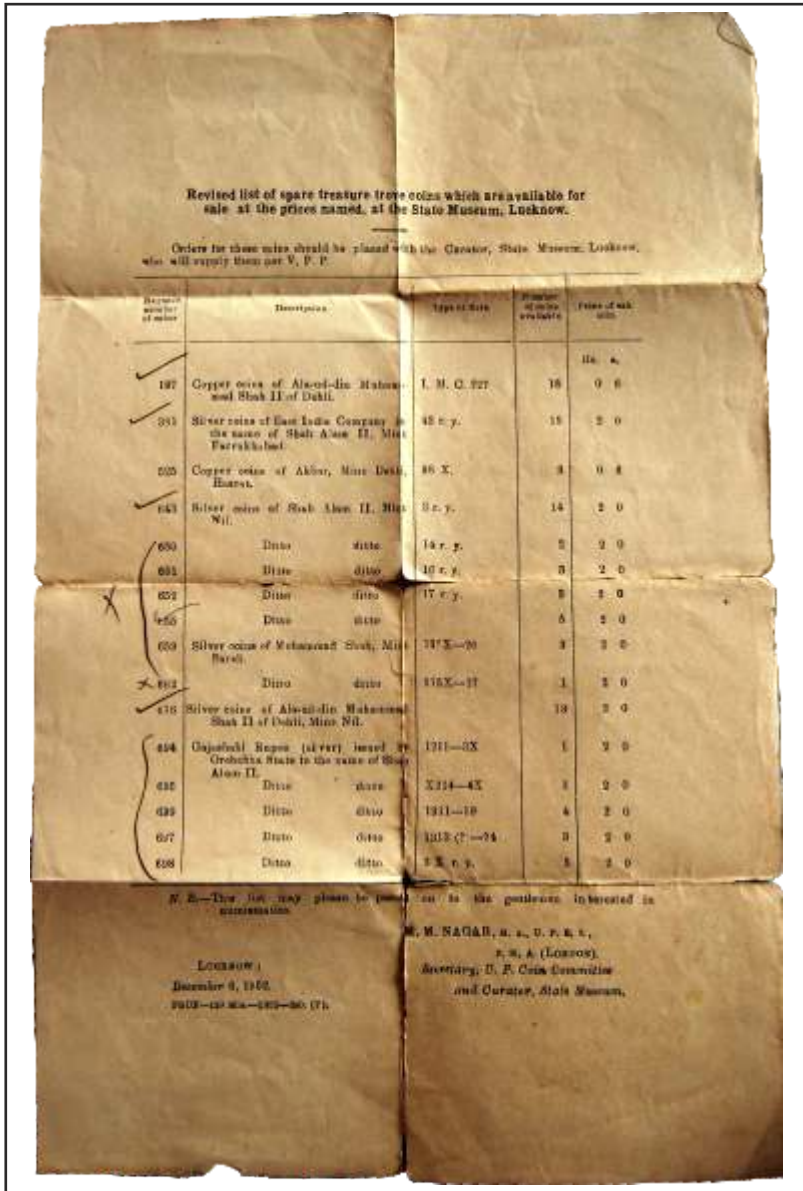
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Museums Selling Spare coins from their Collections

By Dilip Rajgor



In 1950s through 1980s, Museums in India had a practice of disposing off their extra Treasure Trove coins to general public by way of public announcements in the form of Lists, describing coins, type, etc., with details like number of coins available, their reference and the price in Rupia-Annas.

The adjoining list was issued by the Secretary of U.P. Coin Committee and Curator, State Museum, Lucknow on 6 December 1952. The List has 16 coins for sale on first-com-first-served basis. Based on the List, interested collectors could place their orders and the coins were dispatched by VPP.

Looking at the prices these coins were available at, I wish to be born in those days with a lot of money and build a handsome collection of Indian coins, and that too with a pedigree of the State Museum, Lucknow.

Some of the coins listed herein were available at the following throw away prices (for comparison, I have listed their current prices, too):


- Silver **Rupee of Muhammad Shah, Bareli Mint**, Rs. 2 each (now Rs. 700)
- Silver, **Tanka of Muhammad Shah Khilji of Delhi**, Rs. 2 each (now Rs. 400)
- Gajashahi Rupee of Orchha State**, Rs. 2 each (now Rs. 500)
- Farrukhabad Rupee of East India Company**, in the name of Shah Alam II, Rs. 2 each (now Rs. 500)
- Copper **Dam of Akbar of Delhi Mint**, Rs. 0. Anna 6 (now Rs. 50)
- Copper **Tanka of Muhammad Shah Khilji II of Delhi**, Rs. 0, Anna 6 (now Rs. 50).

May be after another 40 years, when our next generation will look at the coin prices we had paid these days, they will also have the same amusement what we have now after seeing this list of the Lucknow Museum! Till than..

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Down the Memory Lane ... Memoirs of Jagdish Agarwal - Part 5

Singapore Coin Auction - The Skanda Collection



Though I did not attend this auction, but I still remember this auction. Because this was the biggest coin auction of Indian Gold coins till date. On 20th Feb 1991, Spink & Sons and Taisei Stamps & Coins auctioned a big collection of Indian Coins (659 pieces of gold coins out of 685). The collection was named as the *Skanda Collection of Indian Gold Coins*.

The collection belonged to Dr. L.B. Brilliant, who lived in India for more than 10 years, studying Indian Religion. Later he worked for United Nation World Health Organization, and upon his return to USA, he joined the University of Michigan. I was surprised to know that how in such a short period he made such a beautiful collection of Indian coins. Here are some of the highlights of his collection:

Kushan (100 coins), Gupta (52 coins), Post Gupta (9 coins), Medieval (85 coins), Sultanate (77 coins), Mughal (106 coins), Princely States (155 coins) & others (75 coins). The best coin in this auction was of Kanishka I, the **Gold ¼ Dinar**, featuring **Lord Buddha**. The coin was auctioned for a whopping **US\$ 1,40,000**. It was purchased by a Japanese collector. Although the Government of India tried to stall the auction of this coin on the suspicion that it was taken out of the country illegally, but it failed.

Other important coins in the collection were: Tiger-Slayer Dinar of Samudragupta (US\$ 11,000); Leo Mohur of Jahangir (US\$ 9400); Sawai Mohur of Jahangir (US\$ 14,000); Nazarana Mohur of Aurangzeb (US\$ 15,500); 1/4 Mohur of Bombay (US\$ 11,500); 1765 Mohur of Bombay (US\$ 21,000); 1770-15 Rupee coin (US\$ 16,500). 2 important Gold Hoans of Shivaji Maharaj were sold for a meager US\$ 210. Out of 685 Lots, 619 Lots were sold for US \$ 6,82,127 (= now Rs. 3,20,59,969/-).

- Jagdish Agarwal (jagarwalin@yahoo.co.in)
To be continued ...

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By Ravi Shankar Sharma

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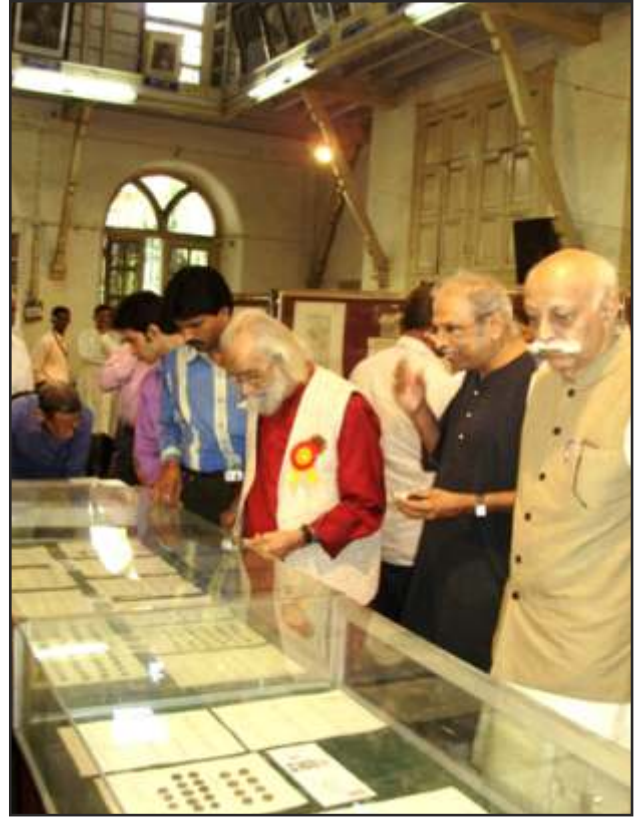
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Centenary Exhibition organized by Bharat Itihas Samshodhak Mandal, Pune

By Amol N. Bankar

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The work for digitalisation of thousands of manuscripts in Mandal's collection is already taken up by the Mandal and the National Manuscripts Mission. Also the work for conservation of valuable and unique paintings from the Mandal's collection is in progress. A series of 12 Centenary Lectures was organised by the Mandal and Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. The 8th lecture of the series (on 26th Feb. 2010) was delivered by **Dr. Shailendra Bhandare** (Asst. Curator, Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, U.K.) on Maratha Coinage: An Historical Overview, c. 1660 to 1835 AD. Also a two day's certificate course in Indian Numismatics introduced on 24th and 25th Oct. 2009. On this occasion the lectures were delivered by **Dr. Shobhana Gokhale, Shri Dilip Balsekar, Shri Padmakar Prabhune** and **Amol Bankar** (the Co-ordinator of Course). The Mandal has decided to start a Numismatics Forum for organising exhibitions of coins and undertaking different activities in the field of Numismatics. Also the Mandal is providing free facility in coin identification to the collectors and everybody interested in the field of numismatics. Moreover, some lectures on Indian numismatics will be arranged periodically. Persons from Pune and nearby cities interested in numismatics related activities of the Mandal are requested to contact Amol Bankar for further updates at: ancientcoinsfindia@yahoo.co.in.



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Hi-Profile: Shri Ninad Jadhav

Mr. Ninad Jadhav, born in 1977 at Jabalpur, started collecting coins at the age of 7. When he received a coin of 10 Yen of Japan as a gift, it was a surprise for the small boy as he had thought that Rupee/Paisa was the currency of the whole world! This triggered his collecting gland and since then he has been an ardent collector of not only coins and currency but many collectibles as can be seen from his entries in the Limca Book of Records.

He has a best collection of wrist watches of the world. The collection is called Horological Collection. The collection includes watches from A to Z, that is watches made by the companies whose names start with A through Z. It took him 11 years to complete the collection with complete records of their purchase, manufacture, date, etc. One of the best watches from his collection was gifted by his Guru, **Shri Shankar Rao Krishna Rao Chitnavis** who also taught him how to collect, what to collect & why to collect watches.

He is a proud collector of the items of Azad Hind. He has been gifted an Anamorphosis Art on Netaji, created by Shri Awatar Singh Virdijee (www.artistasvirdi.com). He has a best collection of Information Brochures (Stamps Affixed & Cancelled). It includes the Mahatma Gandhi Folder with all the 4 stamps including that of the Rs. 10 Stamp, Affixed & Cancelled from Ahmedabad.

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August	13-15	Mumbai	Mumbai Fair 2010	Shashikant Gangar, Tejpal Hall, Grant Road, Mumbai
August	20-22	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair	Shatrughan Jain, Classical Numismatic Gallery Auctions at Hotel Comfort Inn President, C G Road.
September	23-26	Mumbai	8th Exhibition of Coins, Notes & Stamps	Mumbai Coin Society at World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai (coingallery@hotmail.com)
October	1-3	Bangalore	Nanyadarshini 2010	Karnataka Numismatic Society, Shikshak Sadan, K.G. Road, Opp. Cauvery Bhavan, (Mahesh Jambulingam 094480 80502)
October	1-3	Jabalpur	Dharohar 2010	Jabalpur Coin & Philately Society on "Mahatma Gandhi" at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Samudayak Bhawan, Gujarati Mandal, Civic Center
October	19-21	Bhubaneswar	94th Annual Conference of NSI	Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
November	11-12	Chandigarh	International Seminar	Coinage of the Imperial Guptas and their Contemporaries: New Perspectives, Dept. of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology, Punjab University (ashi_593@yahoo.co.in)
December	3-5	Pune	CoinEx 2010 Pune	International Collectors' Society of Rare Items
December	16-19	Mumbai	2nd Museum Coin Fair	2nd All-India Numismatic Conference and Museum Coin Fair, Dinesh Mody Numismatic Museum (drajgor@hotmail.com)
December	24-26	Kolkata	14th Coin Exhibition & Conference	Numismatic Society of Calcutta, Haldiram's Banquet

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The winners of the Nagmoney 2010 Coin Show at Nagpur (from left to right): Mr. Girish Sharma (3rd Prize), Mr. Yatin Sawant (1st Prize), and Mr. Sanjay Mishra (2nd Prize). The successful show was organized by the Numismatic Research Institute at Nagpur in January 2010.



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