



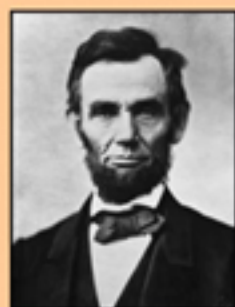
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History is Stranger than Fiction: Abraham Lincoln vs. John F. Kennedy



Abraham Lincoln



John F. Kennedy

Historical similarities between these two are very hard to ignore...

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost a child while living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.

Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Now it gets really weird.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy.

Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Now hang on to your seat.

Lincoln was shot at the theater named "Ford."

Kennedy was shot in a car called "Lincoln" made by "Ford."

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the "kicker":

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland.

A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

AND

Lincoln was shot in a theater and the assassin ran to a warehouse...

Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and the assassin ran to a theatre... !

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Lot 46
Estimate Rs. 15,000



Lot 063
Estimate Rs. 2,00,000



Lot 121
Estimate Rs. 20,000



Lot 156
Estimate Rs. 15,000

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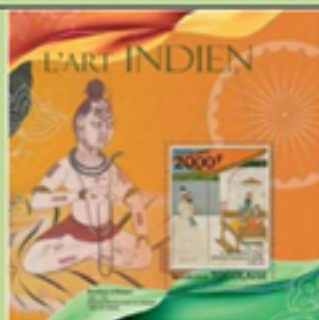
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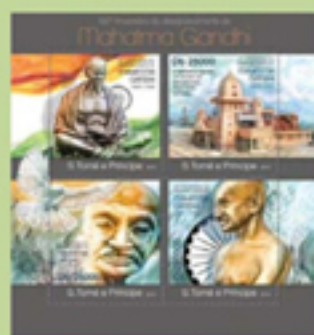
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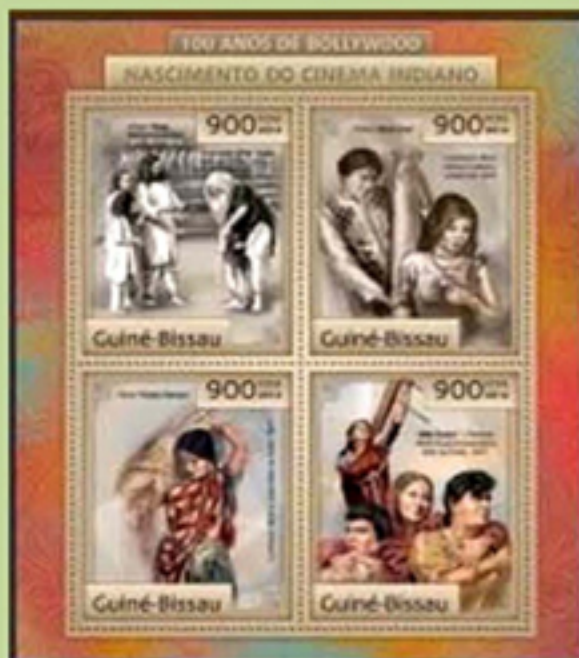
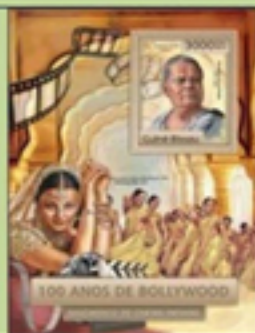
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150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

Date of issue: 7th June 2013



Department of Posts,
Postal Headquarters,
D. R. Wijewardane Mawatha,
Colombo 01000.

The Philatelic Bureau of the Department of Posts will issue a new postage stamp to commemorate Swami Vivekananda in the denomination of Rs. 25.00 on 07th June 2013.

Narendranath Dutta, better known as Swami Vivekananda, was born on 12 January 1863 to Bhuvanewari Devi and Virwanath Dutta of North Calcutta, India. His exceptional intelligence and sharp memory made him a leader, right from his school days. He had a flair for drawing, a melodious voice, and was an orator who could speak extempore.

In his search for the Truth leading to the realisation of God, he met Ramakrishna Paramahansa and adopted him as his guru. In 1886, after Ramakrishna's death, Narendranath and other disciples started the Ramakrishna Math at Belur.

Swami Vivekananda visited Sri Lanka thrice. His main visit to Sri Lanka in 1897 had generated enormous interest and Swamiji travelled extensively across the country and delivered lectures at Colombo, Anuradhapura and Jaffna.

The Vivekananda Society of Colombo, established just 9 days after his death, is perhaps one of the oldest such societies in the world. Along with this, the Ramakrishna Mission (Ceylon Branch) formally established in Colombo in the year 1929, has been engaged in spiritual, educational, cultural and philanthropic activities in Sri Lanka.

In order to spread his word and message, Swamiji attended the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893. On the eve of his departure, he adopted the name 'Swami Vivekananda'. On his way to Chicago, Swami Vivekananda had stayed in Colombo for a day. The moment he addressed the gathering in Chicago as "Sisters and Brothers of America", he received a thunderous standing ovation that lasted several

minutes. Swamiji lectured in several cities across the United States on the essence of Hinduism: the Vedanta philosophy. He travelled again to USA and Europe, spreading the message of Vedanta.

Swami Vivekananda breathed his last on 4th July 1902 at the Belur Math, leaving behind an immortal legacy not just in the hearts of his contemporaries, but for all generations to come.

Photograph courtesy-
Vivekananda Rock Memorial Trust, Kanyakumari, India.

Details of the Issue

Date of Issue : 07th June, 2013



Gandhi's 'charkha' fetches record Rs. 1 Crore in London

By Kounteya Sinha (Times of India)



London: Mahatma Gandhi's iconic charkha (spinning wheel), which symbolized his non-violent struggle for India's independence, fetched a record £110,000 (over 1 crore) as it went under the hammer at Shropshire in England on Tuesday. The amount is nearly the double of what it was expected to get.

Gandhi had used the charkha during his years in Pune's Yerwada Jail and had given it to the American Free Methodist missionary Rev Dr Floyd A Puffer for his contribution to Indian educational and industrial cooperatives. Puffer had invented the bamboo plow, which Gandhi had later adopted.

British auction house Mullock's Richard Westwood Brookes said this would have been one Gandhi's most prized possessions. "...it has impeccable provenance and is unquestionably the most important Gandhi artifact we have ever had for sale."

A Mullock's statement said the origins and operation of the Yerwada portable charkha are described in the American monthly Popular Science (December 1931).

It said Gandhi had devised a portable spinning wheel that folds into a bundle about the size of a portable typewriter and has a handle for carrying. "When unfolded for use, it is operated by turning a small crank, which runs the two wheels and spindle of the device. Gandhi worked out the details of this machine while he was confined to the Yerwada jail in India," it said.

Lot 274 Details:

India MK Gandhi father of the Indian nation Highly important Mahatma Gandhi Prison Charkha. One of the most splendid personal possessions of the great Mahatma Gandhi we have ever offered with impeccable provenance. A portable charkha (spinning wheel) owned by Gandhi and used by him in Yerawda Jail (Pune) Indian teak hollow metal handle (signs of use) the folding case approximately 915 x 233 x 40 mm when open. With complete provenance and paperwork including old newspapers articles of the Charkha. Provenance: M.K. Gandhi given by him c1935 to the American Free Methodist missionary Revd Dr Floyd A. Puffer (1888-1965) presented c1965 to Revd Dr Frank J. Kline (1910-1993) thence by descent. Published Emporia Daily Gazette (of Emporia Kansas) - Titusville Herald Aug 1st 1935 - Conference News Free Methodist Church May 1965. The origins and operation of the Yerwada portable charkha are described in the

American monthly Popular Science (December 1931): 'Mahatma Gandhi ... has devised a portable spinning wheel that folds into a bundle about the size of a portable typewriter and has a handle for carrying. When unfolded for use it is operated by turning a small crank which runs the two wheels and spindle of the device. Gandhi worked out the details of this machine it is reported while he was confined to the Yerwada jail in India. He often mentioned that his daily spinning was a form of meditation. Mahatma Gandhi spent several years in Yerwada Jail during India's freedom struggle notably in 1932 and later in 1942 during the Quit India movement along with many other freedom fighters. During his 1932 imprisonment which started after his arrest in January 1932 he went on an indefinite fast to protest against the Communal Award on September 20 1932 as a result he the famous Poona Pact was passed which he signed in this jail on 24 September 1932 he was later released in May 1933. Floyd A. Puffer and his wife worked as missionaries in Maharashtra from 1919 onwards based at Yeotmal (modern Yavatmal) and later Darwha approximately 50 miles from the town of Wardha which Gandhi visited a number of times from 1934 onwards before establishing his ashram there in April 1936. The Puffers returned to the USA on leave in Spring 1935 and displayed the wheel at a number of talks and events over the next year: the Emporia Daily Gazette (of Emporia Kansas) which illustrates Puffer demonstrating the wheel reports its having been given to him 'last spring just before Mr Puffer ... left for home on a year's furlough' the Titusville Herald (PA) similarly records of the Puffers 'Among their many curios is a spinning wheel used by Mr Ghandi [sic] while in Poona jail and given to Mr Puffer by the noted Indian himself' the wheel and its provenance are also cited in Puffer's obituary in the Conference News of the Free Methodist Church for the Pacific Northwest for May 1965 (vol. XIV no.6) 'Dr Puffer was a pioneer in the Indian educational and industrial cooperatives . He invented a bamboo plow that was adopted by Mahatma Ghandi [sic]. In return for his contribution to Indian life the leader of the forces of nationalism in India presented Dr Puffer a spinning wheel used while Ghandi was in prison'. Frank Kline was a fellow Yavatmal missionary (and later founder of the Union Biblical Seminary in Pune) like the Puffers he subsequently retired to the Pacific Northwest. The production of khadi handspun cloth was of both symbolic and practical importance in Gandhi's vision of an independent self-reliant India and he encouraged all Indians to spend a part of each day in spinning: a spinning wheel was even incorporated at Gandhi's suggestion into the flag of the Indian National Congress from which the present Indian national flag (which by law must be made from khadi) derives. A most personal possession of the father of the nation during his years in Prison fighting for the rights and independence of his fellow countryman and highly important piece of the heritage of India

Estimate: £60000.00 - £80000.00

(Image courtesy: Mullock's Auctions, London)



Highlights of Rajgor's Auction 11 09 November 2013 at Sunderbai Hall, Mumbai Featuring Coins of Akbar the Great



Lot # 46

Copper, Dam, AhmedAnagar, Ilahi 51, mint name at bottom. The mint name is Ahmedanagar and not Ahmednagar. Similar coins in silver are known with the same style of calligraphy. Unpublished and Unique.

Estimate: Rs. 15,000



Lot # 63

Silver, Rupee, Awadh mint, Kalima type, AH 960 (AD 1553), Kalima in a multi-foil on obv and names of Califs around; the reverse has usual name and titles of Akbar in first two lines with AH date, the line at the bottom reads the mint name as *Zarb Awad(h)*.

Estimate: Rs. 2,00,000



Lot # 71

Copper, Dam, Banaras, Ilahi 37, mint name at top on rev. Unpublished, probably Unique.

Estimate: Rs. 15,000



Lot # 121

Copper, 20.52 g, Dam, Haridwar mint, Ilahi type, mint name Falus Zarb Hardwar on obv, Ilahi 37, Ardibihisht Month. Extremely Fine+, Extremely Rare.

Estimate: Rs. 20,000



Lot # 124

Copper, Dam, Jalalpur mint, date in words on obv, full mint name on rev (28.26). About Very Fine, Very Rare.

Estimate: Rs. 15,000



Lot # 141

Copper, Dam, Kora, Ilahi 4x, Farwardin Month (KM# Lidd# C44). Very Fine+, Extremely Rare.

Estimate: Rs. 15,000



Lot # 156

Copper, Dam, Manikpur, AH 987, mint name at top on rev (KM# 28.39). Very Fine+, Extremely Rare.

Estimate: Rs. 15,000



Lot # 201

718-1 Gold, 12.35 g, Heavy Square Mohur, Urdu Zafar Qarin mint, complete mint name at bottom on rev, Kalima type, AH Alif (1000). Posthumous issue. About Extremely Fine, Rare.

Estimate: Rs. 1,30,000



Lot # 286

Nepal, PrithvirVikram, Gold, 12.42 g, Asrafi, VS 1925, Nagari legends on both sides. Almost Mint State, Scarce.

Estimate: Rs. 55,000

Cops begin Handover of Lance Dane's collection

By Ketan Ranga & Reema Gehi

A year after the celebrated indologist's death, the Hinduja Foundation will be given his multi-crore collection of coins, artefacts, paintings and manuscripts.

The police on Wednesday began the process of transferring renowned indologist Lance Dane's multi-crore collection of coins, artefacts, paintings and manuscripts to the Hinduja Foundation, to whom he had donated the trove.

A team of cops and collectorate officials went to his Mahim residence around 2 pm and started making a video registry of the collection, which was sealed after his death last year over fears that it might be stolen.

The process of listing and videographing every item is expected to continue on Thursday, following which the police will hand it over to the Hinduja Foundation.

Wednesday's development follows a reported disagreement over the collection's control between its caretaker - Dane's adopted son Sanjay Yashwant Gejge - and the Hindujas. Though Dane had donated it to the foundation, Gejge apparently had been delaying the handover.

"The Hindujas had approached the collector over the matter. The caretaker was adamant and had been delaying the transfer for the past year," said Deputy Police Commissioner (zone 5) Dhananjay Kulkarni. "Finally on Wednesday, a team of police officers and collectorate officials entered Dane's house and began a panchnama."

Australian-born Dane, 89, died after a prolonged illness on May 16 last year. He was credited with the visual inputs to the earliest copies of the Marg magazine (edited by Mulk Raj Anand) and was known for his illustrated volumes on Kama Sutra - The Complete Illustrated Volume of Kama Sutra.

Dane left behind several gold and silver coins, an exhaustive archive of Indian manuscripts and erotica, and archival photographs, among other things. The trove is estimated to be worth in crores.

Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan had sought the advice of art curator Rajeev Sethi, who was a close friend of Dane's, on how to preserve the collection.

As confusion reigned about what Dane had wanted to do with it, police guards were posted outside his Mahim house and the cupboards were sealed. The measures were prompted by unconfirmed reports that a couple of valuable trays had gone missing from the house.

It was Dane's dream to preserve his numismatic treasure as part of the national heritage, and had approached the Hinduja Foundation in 2011.

"He was in the process of formalising an understanding with the trust. He wanted to put his collection on public display. But he was not happy with the amount given to him so far, which he said was about a lakh," Sethi had told Mirror in May 2012.

In an earlier interview, Brig H Chukerbuti of the foundation had said that Dane had signed a memorandum of understanding, wherein he had agreed to donate his collection to the trust.

After Dane's death, the trust had approached authorities to take control of his coins, artefacts, paintings, manuscripts and other articles, but Gejge reportedly resisted the transfer.

The matter came to a head on Wednesday as cops called up Gejge, who continues to live in the Mahim residence, to bring the keys to the house.

"I was at work this (Wednesday) morning, when the police called asking me to bring the house keys," he said.

"When I enquired, they told me that they had to hand over the collection to the collector. They told me that if I don't give them the keys, they would break open the door, which they anyway did."

The police, however, said that they waited for Gejge to arrive and open the door. Apart from cops, the team included the local tehsildar, an executive magistrate and staff from the collector's office.

"Due procedure is being followed, and the antiques will be passed on to the Hindujas," said Mumbai city collector Chandrashekhar Oak.

Courtesy: Mumbai Mirror (Oct 31, 2013)

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Month	Date	Place	Event	Venue
November	8-10	Mumbai	Coinex Mumbai 2013	Sunderbai Hall, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020
November	9	Mumbai	Rajgor's Auction 11	2:30 pm Sunderbai Hall, Churchgate, Mumbai 400020
December	13-15	Jabalpur	Puratatva Mudra Utsav 2013	Ashirwad Utsav Hall, Aaga Chowk, Near Ranital Sqr.
December	11	Mumbai	Rajgor's Auction 12	The Ambassador Hotel, Churchgate, Mumbai
December	21	Pune	Rajgor's Auction 13	3:00 pm Sonal Hall, Karve Road, Pune
December	19-22	Pune	Coinex Pune - 2013	Sonal Hall, Karve Road, Pune, International Collector's Society call 020- 2457 8427
December	25-27	Varanasi	96th Annual Conference of NSI	Numismatic Society of India, Dept., AIHC, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
January	9-11	Raipur	CGNPEX 2014	Niranjan Dharamshala, VIP Road, Raipur, Chhatisgarh Mudra Parisjad (94252004866)
January	10-12	Nasik	Collector's Society of Numismatic & Rare Item	Samarpan Mangal Karyalay, Vasant market, Canada Corner, Nasik - 422 005.
January		Mumbai	Rajgor's Auction 14	<i>Coming soon ...</i>
January	10-12	Coimbatore	Sonica 3rd national Numismatic & Philatelic Exhibition 2014	Kamalam Doraiswamy Hall, 225, Sastri Road, Ramnagar, Near Central Bus stand, Coimbatore - 641 009.
January	24-27	Nagpur	Nag Money 2014	Mor Bhavan, Jhansi Rani Square, Sitaburdi, Nagpur
February	21-23	Bangalore	5th National Numismatic	The Bell Hotel, #88, Nett to City Railway Station, Opp. Exhibition Majestic Bus Stop, Bangalore 560 023.

LESUS CHRIST



THE VATICAN CITY: Embarrassed Vatican officials have recalled medals commemorating the first year of Pope Francis's reign after spelling Jesus's name wrong. The official Vatican medals went on sale with the son of God's name spelt as 'Lesus' before they were swiftly removed when the spelling error was spotted.

Around 6000 of gold, silver and bronzed medals, featuring the Pope's motto on his coat of arms, were created by the Italian State Mint. It says: 'Jesus therefore sees the tax collector, and since he sees by having mercy and by choosing, he says to him, follow me'.

The Vatican said only four of the medals had been sold after going on sale this week, with experts predicting them to soar in value due to their rarity. All the coins are numbered and come with a certificate of authenticity from the Vatican.

'If only they had used spell-check', joked one Twitter user. Another added: 'I blame the Lesuits.'

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Gandhi's Martyrs Day 30th Jan 2013

By Pradip Jain

On this day of 30th Jan 2013 India, 11th hour Postal Circle is bringing out a special cover and Postal cancellation at Gandhi Sanghatsaya, Patna.

30 जनवरी 2013 राष्ट्रीय महान्नी कीर्तिदिनी की रूप में मनाया जायेगा। इस अवसर पर 4:00 बजे पोस्टल कैंसलेशन का होगा।

30th Jan 2013 Mahatma Gandhi's Martyrs Day all religious papers is organised at Gandhi Museum Patna at 4:00 PM.

राष्ट्रीय महान्नी राजाराम प्रसाद काव्य-विभूषण, 11वाँ घंटे का पोस्टल कैंसलेशन का होगा।

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Tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on Martyrs Day 30th Jan.



Issue of ₹ 10 Banknotes with Signature of New Governor, Dr. Rajan & Rupee symbol (₹)

The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue ₹10 denomination Banknotes incorporating "₹" symbol on the obverse and reverse, without inset letter in both the numbering panels, in the Mahatma Gandhi Series-2005 bearing the signature of Dr. Raghuram G. Rajan, Governor, Reserve Bank of India, and the year of printing '2013' printed on the reverse of the Banknote, informed Sucheta Vazkar, Manager of the RBI. The design of these notes to be issued now is similar in all respects to the ₹10 Banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi Series- 2005 issued earlier.

All the Banknotes in the denomination of ₹10 issued by the Bank in the past will continue to be legal tender.

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NGS No. 2120000-017763

Authority: British India
Ruler: Edward VII
Specs: Silver, 11.56 g, 30.54 mm
Edge: Milled
Denomination: Rupee
Year: 1902



NGS No. 2120000-017762

Authority: British India
Ruler: Victoria Queen
Specs: Silver, 11.02 g, 30.40 mm
Edge: Milled
Denomination: Rupee
Year: 1862



NGS No. 2130000-026399

Authority: British India
Ruler: George V
Specs: Brass?, 10.90 g, 30.10 mm
Edge: Milled
Denomination: Rupee
Year: 1915



NGS No. 2120024-0211825

Authority: Kutch
Ruler: Khengarji III
Specs: Silver, 2.35 g, 13.67 mm
Edge: Plain
Denomination: 1/2 Kori
Year: VS 1985

