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A postal stamp of Nepal with the picture of Lord



A coin carrying the image of Lord Ganesh during the Maratha regime

By Raju Vernekar

is captivating charm cuts across all borders, delighting devotees and influencing hearts, the world over. While the Ganesha festival is celebrated with gusto and jubilation in many states in India and by the Hindu disspora in the United States, Canada, and Mauritius, the presence of the ele-phant-headed God is dominant even in an Islamic country like In-donesia and in a South East Asian country such as Laos, known largely for its French colonial archi-tecture and Buddhist monasteries.

A docudrama on the history of the various stamps, coins & notes related to Lord Ganesha, launched by www.mintageworld.com, world's first online museum for Vintage Coins, Stamps & Currency Notes, reveals interesting information about the festival. 'Ganesh Chaturthi' also known as

'Vinayaka Chaturthi' is celebrated as the birthday of Lord Ganesh, worldwide. Occurring in the month of Bhadrapad, this festival roughly corresponds to the month of Au-

gust-September.
This year it will occur on Monday,
September 5. The Ganesh festival

draws a mass number of fervent devotees every year, making Lord Ganesh clearly the most popular God. The 11- day long festival from 'Ganesh Chaturthi' to 'Anant Chaturdashi', is celebrated with a series of rites and rituals. Ganesh's devotion is not limited to India, but spans across various countries,

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STAMPS

- In 1839, the first stamp of Duttia belonging to the state of Madhya Pradesh was issued portraying an image of Ganesh with a blue circular hand stamp impressed on it.

 On February 5, 1971, Laos issued a stamp depicting the picture of the elephant headed-God.

 On July 7, 1990, Sri Lanka issued a stamp depicting the pot-

- bellied God.
 In 1994, Indonesia's First Day Cover bearing a Ganesh stamp
- with other Hindu deities depicting a beautiful mark of Ganpati. On December 23, 2003, a five Rupees stamp was issued by
- On February 21, 2007, a stamp depicting an artistic image of
- Shiva, Parvati and Ganesh was issued by the Czech Republic.

 On December 1, 2010, a two Rupees stamp was issued by the Nepal Govern
- On October 12, 2013, Thailand commemorated Lord Ganesh by issuing two stamps and a First Day Cover carrying the 'Om' mark.

- In 1202, Govind Hari Patwardhan was gifted the Fort of Miraj by Madhavrao Peshwa as a reward for fighting in the Maratha wars and for providing troops. Coins were stuck to show their support and loyalty towards the Peshwas bearing the word Pantapradhan on the reverse. Patwardhans, being loyal Ganesh devotees have Shri Ganapati inscribed in Devanagari on the obverse.

 During the early 17th century and 18thcentury, the Setupati Rajas of Ramanath and Sivaganga, the Gingee Marathas and the Mysore kingdom of Tipu Sultan's respectively, issued coins portraying an image of Lord Ganesh

 In 2012, a bi-metallic 10 Baht coin was issued by Thailand.

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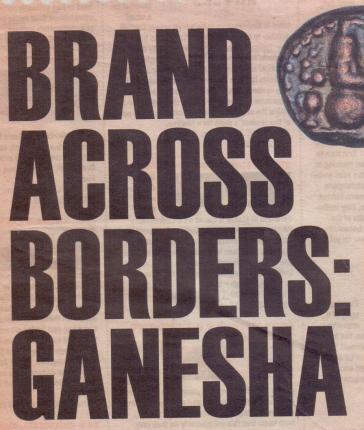
In 2012, 20,000 Indonesian 'rupiah' banknotes showing Lord Ganesh's picture was issued providing enough confirmation of this God's widespread belief.

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