

# On birth anniversary, a book on stamps and coins to mark life and times of Gandhiji

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A unique book will be launched on Sunday to celebrate the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. It features stamps, coins and currency notes issued by more than 135 countries around the world on the Father of the Nation.

Titled *Global Collectibles of Mahatma Gandhi through Bank Notes, Coins and Stamps*, the book is published by Mintage World, the "world's first online museum on vintage and new coins, stamps and notes". It's priced at ₹1,999 and will be available on e-commerce websites. The book has been compiled by Sushilkumar Agarwal, CEO of Mintage World.

Every coin and stamp issued in India and globally on Gandhiji portrays a significant historical journey, starting from the first stamp on him on India's first Independence Day in 1948, to stamps issued on the 50th and 75th anniversaries



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series of India's Independence. Stamps also showcase the 75th anniversary of Gandhi's Dandi March, and the Non-Violence Movement.

### **From the world's mints**

The postal departments of France, Germany, Sri Lanka, Turkey, Russia, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Fiji Islands, Ireland, Egypt, Brazil, Bangladesh, Kenya, North Korea, Cuba, Czech Republic and many other countries issued commemorative stamps on Gandhiji in various sizes and shapes, with his image on

the foreground or background.

The mints of Great Britain, Northern Ireland, South Africa, the Seychelles, Mauritius, Malta, Mongolia, Andorra, the Republic of Benin, the Cook Islands, Equatorial Guinea, Republic of Gambia and others issued coins minted in gold, silver, copper, nickel and alloy across various denominations. Most of the coins have Gandhiji's smiling bust on one side. To celebrate Gandhiji's 100th birth anniversary, silver and gold coins of different denominations were issued by Ajman, Andorra, Benin, Cook Island, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Liberia, Malta and Mauritius.

The 190-page book includes images of a set of five coins issued by the Niue mint to commemorate the centenary of Gandhiji's return to India. It features glimpses of Gandhiji's life in colourful silver coins, including a portrait of a young Gandhiji in traditional attire as he and his wife arrived in India.