President Murmu releases ₹200 commemorative coin in Raipur on the 200th birth anniversary of Sindhi spiritual leader Mata Hasi Devi Ji

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On 22 Oct 2026 President Droupadi Murmu released a ₹200 commemorative coin at 'Chhattisgarh Mandapam', Lok Bhavan, Raipur, marking the 200th birth anniversary of Mata Hasi Devi Ji (Mata Sahib Hasi Devi), a revered Sindhi spiritual leader and the 5th Peethadheesh (head) of the Shadani Darbar, Raipur. The coin is issued by the Union Ministry of Finance; one side carries her image and the other the Lion Capital of Ashoka with the denomination. Governor Ramen Deka and CM Vishnu Deo Sai attended; the present Peethadheesh, Sant Dr Yudhishthir Lal, gave the welcome address. Devotees and collectors can book the coin through Shadani Darbar units.

Key facts

Event	22 Oct 2026 – Chhattisgarh Mandapam, Lok Bhavan, Raipur
Released by	President Droupadi Murmu; Governor Ramen Deka, CM Vishnu Deo Sai present
Honouring	Mata Hasi Devi Ji – 5th Peethadheesh of Shadani Darbar; Sindhi spiritual leader; 200th birth anniversary

Coin	₹200; issued by Union Finance Ministry; her image on one side, Ashoka Lion Capital on the other
Shadani Darbar	Founded in 1786 by Sant Shadaram Sahib (b. 1708, Lahore) at Hayat Pitafi, Sindh (now Pakistan)

Background

- Coinage authority: under the Coinage Act, 2011 only the Union Government designs and mints coins; coins up to ₹1,000 may be issued. RBI puts coins into circulation (RBI Act, 1934, Section 38). Banknotes are issued by RBI (Section 22), but the ₹1 note is issued by the Union Finance Ministry.
- Mints: India's four Government Mints – Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Noida – are under the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Ltd (SPMCIL), a central PSU formed in 2006. Commemorative coins are mostly for collectors and do not enter circulation. A ₹200 coin was earlier issued for the 200th birth anniversary of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati.
- Sindhi community: after Partition (1947) many Sindhi Hindus migrated from Sindh (now in Pakistan) to India. Sindhi was added to the Eighth Schedule by the 21st Constitutional Amendment (1967) – a Scheduled language that is not the official language of any State.
- Polity: the Lion Capital of Ashoka (Sarnath) on the coin has been India's State Emblem since 26 Jan 1950, with 'Satyameva Jayate' (Mundaka Upanishad) below. Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh on 1 Nov 2000; capital Raipur.

Tamil Nadu link: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released a ₹100 commemorative coin marking the birth centenary of former CM M. Karunanidhi in Chennai on 18 Aug 2024.

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