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Rs 150 & Rs 10 coins in honour of Gujarati poet

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The government is coming out with a 150-rupee coin weighing 35 gram to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of legendary Gujarati poet Rajchandra, who was also a Jain philosopher and reformer.

A 10-rupee commemorative coin weighing 7.71 grams will also be brought out in his memory. The 150-rupee coin will be of 44 millimeters in dimension and the 10-rupee note 27 millimetres.

A Gazette notification has been issued in this regard on Friday.

This is the second highest of-

ficial honour to the poet after 2002 when a special cover featuring him and Rabindranath Tagore was published by the India Post on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. He is said to be the spiritual guru of Mahatma Gandhi and a mission operates in his name from Dharampur, once the capital of a princely state in south Gujarat.

Born in a small port town near Morbi on November 9, 1867, the Rajchandra passed away at a young age of 34 on April 9, 1901. His birthname was Laxminandan. Parents renamed him as Raichand when he was four years old that was later changed in Sanskrit as Rajchandra.