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CAN YOU GUESS?

On which Indian currency note can you find this image?

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VOCABULARY

1. Lag: a delay between two things happening.
   - Synonyms: latency, interruption
   - Antonyms: expedition, alacrity
   - Example: The economic recovery showed a lag, taking longer than expected t bounce back from the recession.
2. Ails: to cause difficulty and problems for someone or something.
   - Synonyms: afflicts, plagues
   - Antonyms: aids, relieves
   - Example: The economics downturn continued to ail the small businesses in the community.
3. Cope: to deal successfully with a difficult situation.
   - Synonyms: grapple, weather
   - Antonyms: flounder, collapse
   - Example: Finding new ways to cope with stress is essential for maintaining mental well-being.
4. Redress: to correct something that is unfair or wrong.
   - Synonyms: amend, rectify
   - Antonyms: exacerbate, impair

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- Example: The ordered the landlord to redress the tenant's grievances and make necessary repairs

5. Cementing: making a relationship, an agreement, etc. stronger.
   - Synonyms: reinforcing, bolstering
   - Antonyms: undermining, compromising
   - Example: The friendship between Ramesh and Suresh helped to cement their bond over the years.
6. Anecdotal: possibly not true or accurate because it is based on personal accounts rather than facts or research.
   - Synonyms: circumstantial, qualitative
   - Antonyms: experimental, scientific
   - Example: The scientist cautioned that the evidence supporting the new drug's effectiveness was largely anecdotal.
7. Nettlesome: annoying, and causing problems or difficulties
   - Synonyms: vexatious, irksome
   - Antonyms: pleasant, opportune
   - Example: The nettlesome issue of conflicting schedules led to a heated discussion.
8. Cloud: to make something less pleasant.
   - Synonyms: spoil, blight
   - Antonyms: enhance, further

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- Example: His unclear explanation seemed to cloud the entire discussion.

9. Forging: making or producing something, especially with some difficulty.
   - Synonyms: devising, concocting
   - Antonyms: dismantling, ruining
   - Example: The detective worked tirelessly to forge a link between the seemingly unrelated clues.
10. Littoral: near the coast; connected with the coast.

PHRASAL VERBS

11. Catch up: to reach the same quality or standard as someone or something else.

IDIOMS

12. Come to light: to become known or to be discovered.
13. Give an inkling: to give someone a basic, vague, or rudimentary
14. Steal a march on: gain an advantage over someone by acting before they on do.

`15. Run-up to: the period of time before a certain event.

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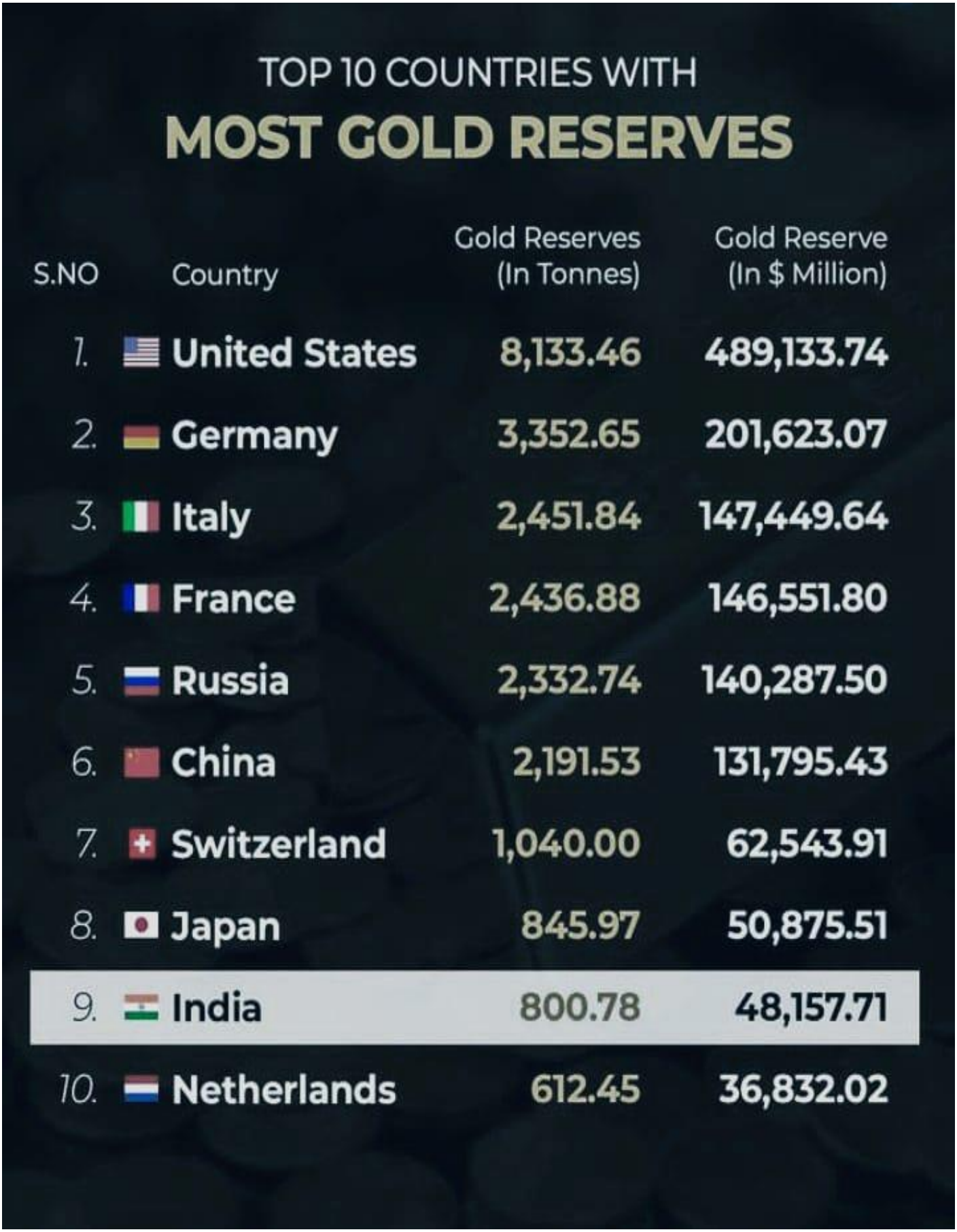

S.NO	Country	Gold Reserves (In Tonnes)	Gold Reserve (In $ Million)
1.	United States	8,133.46	489,133.74
2.	Germany	3,352.65	201,623.07
3.	Italy	2,451.84	147,449.64
4.	France	2,436.88	146,551.80
5.	Russia	2,332.74	140,287.50
6.	China	2,191.53	131,795.43
7.	Switzerland	1,040.00	62,543.91
8.	Japan	845.97	50,875.51
9.	India	800.78	48,157.71
10.	Netherlands	612.45	36,832.02

CURRENT AFFAIRS
19th January, 2024

1. Narayana Health Insurance Limited (Narayana One Health), a subsidiary of Narayana Hrudayalaya Limited, has received a license from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India to operate independently as a health insurance company.

2. LIC's market capitalization crossed the ₹5.8 Lakh Crore mark. LIC's market cap now stands higher than that of the State Bank of India (SBI).

3. ICICI Bank Canada, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank Limited, launched its mobile banking application, "Money2India (Canada)".
   - The app enables customers of any bank to instantly transfer money to any bank in India without opening an account with ICICI Bank Canada. User can transfer up to CAD (Canadian Dollar) 30,000 in a single transaction with a confirmed exchange rate.

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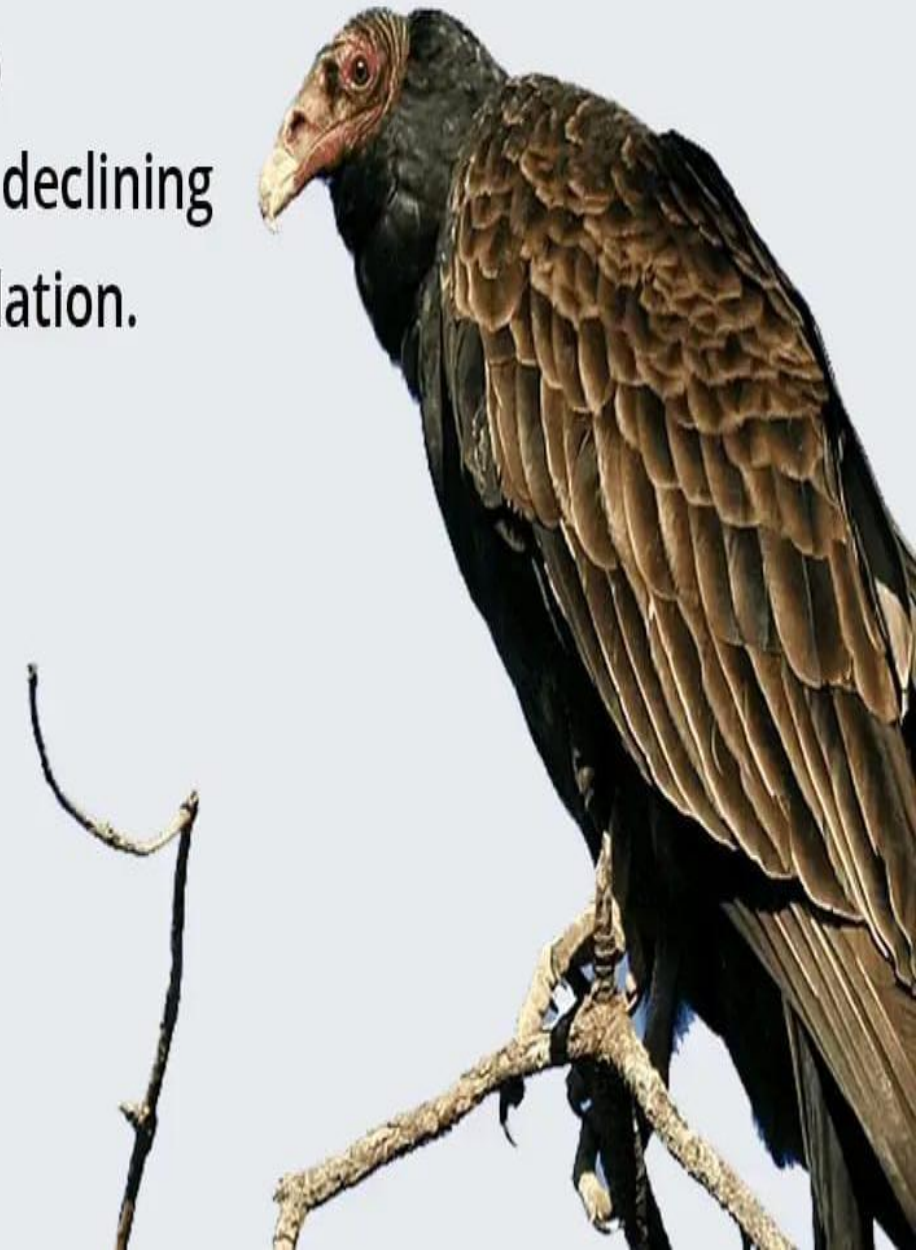
Vulture

Restaurant in Jharkhand

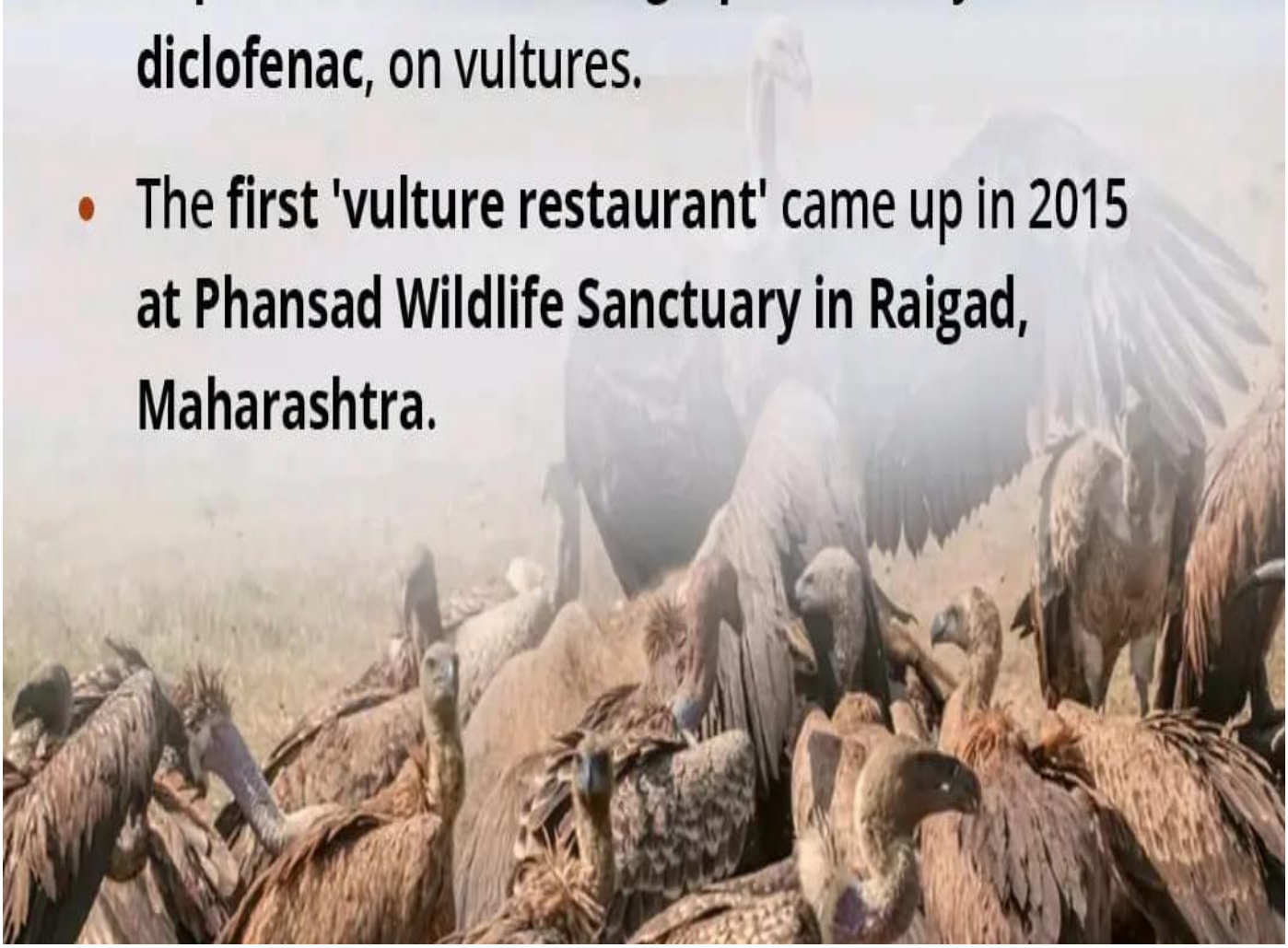
Context

- A **'Vulture Restaurant'** has been established in **Koderma of Jharkhand** to conserve the declining vulture population.



About the Vulture Restaurant

- It is an undisturbed area where non-toxic, poison-free meat and carcasses are provided for vultures and other scavengers.
- The initiative aims **to address the adverse impact of livestock drugs, particularly diclofenac**, on vultures.
- The **first 'vulture restaurant'** came up in 2015 **at Phansad Wildlife Sanctuary in Raigad, Maharashtra.**



4. According to a PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) report, India's Gross domestic-product (GDP) is expected to surpass USD 4 trillion in 2024-2025 and reach USD 5 trillion by 2026-2027.
   - It also projected India's GDP to reach USD 7 trillion by 2030, as India is committed to attaining the status of a developed economy by 2047 under the initiative of 'Viksit Bharat'.

5. World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Telangana government are jointly establishing the 19th Centre of the WEF's Fourth Industrial Revolution Network (4IR) in Hyderabad.
   - The C4IR in Hyderabad is poised to become the world's premier healthcare hub, providing employment opportunities in the healthcare sector and fostering partnerships between the government and small and medium enterprises.

6. Haldia Petrochemicals Limited has become the first International Organization for Standardization (ISO) / International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 27001:2022 certified petrochemical organisation in India.

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- The certification was awarded by the United-Kingdom based certification body, British Standards Institution in a ceremony held in Kolkata.

7. The Chief Minister of Assam Himanta Biswa Sarma launched a 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan' scheme to develop 4 million Self-Help-Group (SHG) women as rural micro-entrepreneurs and help them become 'lakhpati baidos (elder sister)'.

- Under the scheme, eligible women gets Rs 35,000 over three years.

8. The India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 has commenced on January 17, marking the beginning of a four-day extravaganza celebrating the achievements of India in the frontier areas of science and technology.

- The central theme for IISF 2023 is "Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal."

9. The International Labour Organization (ILO) has released a report titled "World Employment and Social Outlook: Trends 2024". The report projected slight increase in the global unemployment rate to 5.2% in year 2024 as compared to 5.1% in year 2023.

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10. World Health Organization launched the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11), Traditional Medicine Chapter Module 2 at the event held in India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. ICD 11 TM module 2 includes data and terminology related to diseases based on Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani(ASU) Systems.

11. The Chinese Academy of Sciences launched the lotus-shaped astronomical satellite Einstein Probe to observe violent cosmic phenomena on a Chang Zheng (Long March) 2C carrier rocket .

12. Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty officially assumed the prestigious position of Commandant at the Indian Naval Academy.

13. The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs has appointed Maheshwar Rao IAS as the new Full-time Managing Director of the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited. He will replace Anjum Parwez who has been serving the post since 2021.

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14. Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa achieved a historic milestone in his career by defeating World Champion Ding Liren from China. This significant victory occurred during the fourth round of the 2024 Tata Steel Chess Tournament held in Wijk aan Zee.

15. The book "An Uncommon Love: The Early Life of Sudha and Narayana Murthy," authored by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. The book offers an intimate view into the lives of one of India's most respected couples, Sudha and Narayana Murthy, the co-founders of Infosys. The biography details their early life, love story, and the foundational years of Infosys.

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