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Hi

The results of recently concluded auction at Spink in London reinforces the fact that the market for stamps of India is getting stronger day by day. Almost all lots were of the pre independence period, the post independence, led by Gandhi Service issues, also did well.

It will be interesting to see how Stanley Gibbons revises their prices of India in the British Commonwealth catalog coming in this September.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jul 21: V S Page

Jul 28: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy

Aug 5: Rashtrapati Bhavan, 4 Stamps

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of days! Thus it is impossible to inform our readers thru this weekly publication about forthcoming stamp issues of India. We however do our best to publish this information on the home page of www.stampsofindia.com as soon as it becomes available.

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United Theological College Stamp Released

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on United Theological College, Bangalore on the occasion of its centenary on July 8, 2011.

Brahm Prakash designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by Wet Offset process.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

National Philatelic Museum

Radhika Doraiswamy, Secretary, Department of Posts inaugurated National Philatelic Museum on July 11, 2011. Located on the Ground Floor of Dak Bhavan, facing Patel Chowk Metro Station towards Rafi Marg, the National Philatelic Museum in its new location provides for greater visibility and easier access.

The renovated Museum offers a much larger area providing for display and activities as well as a library, amphitheatre and souvenir shop. It will remain open on Mondays to Fridays, from 10 AM to 5 PM. It will be opened on Saturdays for school groups on request.

The Government of India Stamp Collection was established in 1912. It was turned in to the National Philatelic Museum and was inaugurated on July 6, 1968. It was located as a part of the Philatelic Division, at First Floor, at Postal Headquarters, Dak Bhavan, New Delhi. The museum was moved to Ground Floor in north towards Sansad Marg (Parliament Street) in 2000.

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Special Postmarks 2011 <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011pm.htm>

Army Postal Service Issues <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011aps.htm>

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Stanley Gibbons India Catalog

Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalog on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalog. We had distributed it all over India.

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We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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New Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology

Prime Minister of India reshuffled the Cabinet of Ministers on July 12, 2011 brought in Milind Deora today as Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in place of Gurudas Kamat who has been moved to Drinking Water and Sanitation as Minister of State (Independent Recharge). In the same reshuffle Murli Deora, the father of Milind Deora, quit the Cabinet of Ministers.

Deora born in 1976 is a graduate from Mumbai and Boston University, USA. On returning from his studies abroad, he founded 'SPARSH', a social initiative which aims at educating students in computer and IT proficiency. The programme has helped over 100,000 students and is now being replicated in many other parts of the country.

He was first elected to the Parliament in 2004 from South Mumbai constituency at the age of 27, which made him one of the youngest Members of Parliament ever. He loves music, and is an accomplished blues guitarist. He plays regularly at various venues with other musicians. Deora likes swimming and playing squash. He has travelled widely all over the world. Deora married to Pooja in 2008 who runs a film production company.

The Ministry has Minister-in-charge in the Cabinet rank - Kapil Sibal, and two Ministers of State - Sachin Pilot and Milind Deora.

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Auction Action

India did very well in the Spink's Summer Collector's Series sale of July 12, 2011. 316 out of 327 lots were sold mostly much higher than the estimate. Some spectacular results are as follows:

1854 1/2a. blue Die I, two horizontal strips of eight with good to large margins nearly all round, used in Singapore was sold for £14,130 against the estimate of £2,000-2,500.

1854 Four Annas, 2nd. Printing, blue and red, an enormous single showing blue wavy lines intact and the corner rosettes virtually intact, neatly cancelled "C/111" at Pondicherry; shallow central thin and a light horizontal crease, nevertheless of remarkable appearance and a great showpiece. S.G. 19, was sold for £12,952.50 against the estimate of £3,000-4,000

1855 (1 Jan.) small entire from Pondicherry to Vendome, bearing 1/2a. a. blue Die I and 1a. red Die II horizontal pair and strip of six (affixed on reverse), margins largely all round; was sold for £11,775 against the estimate of £1,000-1,200.

The Catalog and the Prices realized of this sale are available at www.spink.com

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Rules for Issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps

The commemorative postage stamps issued by the Department of Posts, Government of India will be determined based on the following rules:

1. Commemorative postage stamps will be issued on subjects that have a national or international stature or have made national/international contribution or impact or reflect national/international areas of concern.
2. The Annual Issue Programme shall reflect regional, cultural and ethnic balance.

3. Stamps on a particular subject shall issue only once, except thematic such as wild life, environment, transport, flora fauna etc. or regular issues like Children's Day, Season Greetings and sets on heritage, nature, culture, art, architecture etc.
4. Stamps shall be issued only on the apex institutions, not on branches of any institution or organization.
5. There shall be not over 50 issues (maximum 100 stamps) of commemorative stamps per annum.
6. Stamps on personalities shall not exceed 10% of the Annual Issue Programme.
7. The Union Minister incharge of the Ministry of Communications & IT may approve 5% of the Annual Issue Programme.
8. The date of issue shall be fixed by the Philately Division keeping in view the significant dates relating to the subject and the availability of slots in the printing schedule.
9. Dates of issue once fixed shall not be changed. A proponent may hold a presentation function on any day on or after the date of issue.
10. Proposals may be sent by any citizen of India.
11. Proposals should be sent at least two years in advance for consideration by the Philatelic Advisory Committee (PAC) and approval by the competent authority.
12. Proposals must be submitted in the format available on indiapost.gov.in.
13. Proposals will be considered and recommended/not recommended by the PAC. They will not be carried forward for the next PAC meeting.
14. Proponents shall follow the protocol for release functions.
15. The Department of Posts will decide the subject matters, prohibited subjects renewal of philatelic products, procedure for proposal consideration and issue/release of a stamp, period of sale of commemorative/special stamps and for definitive stamps and postal stationery. It will also determine issue policy, withdrawal policy and archival policy.
16. The denominations of postage stamps shall be in consonance with domestic and international postal tariffs.
17. The personalities on whom commemorative stamp may be issued should be of national or international importance. The occasion to be commemorated must be the birth centenary or 10th /25th /50th /100th death anniversary. No stamp will be issued sooner than ten years after an individual's death. A commemorative stamp shall be issued in honour of the head of State on his/her first death anniversary.
18. A stamp on an institution, building, monument etc. may be issued on its centenary/125th anniversary/ 150th anniversary etc. The building, institution to be so honoured must be Heritage site of national/international importance or site recognized by ASI of national/international importance. Building of regional importance may be commemorated with issue of special cover with special cancellation.

19. At least 25% of the stamps issued in a year will be on popular themes like flora, fauna, culture, heritage etc.

20. Proponents for the stamps relating to institutions/events/large organisations are required to make a mandatory purchase of a minimum number of 1 lakh stamps and the requisite philatelic ancillaries.

New Series of Coins Launched

Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister of India, released on July 8, 2011, a new series of coins with improved design and revised size in the denomination of 50 paise, Rs. 1, 2, 5, and 10.

The new series of coins have been introduced with the new rupee symbol and with features at the edge, which make it convenient for easy recognition and distinction. The design has been adopted keeping in mind the difficulties faced by visually challenged people.

Earlier on June 30, 2011, the Government of India had decided to call in from circulation the coins of the denomination of 25 paise and below.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jul 22-24: Tiruchengode, Coin Stampex

Timings: 10 am to 9 pm

Organizers: Tiruchengode Numismatic & Philatelic Association

Venue: Sengunthar Thirumana Mandapam, Periyapavadi

Tables: Rs 3,000 - 2 Tables, 2 Chairs, Lunch, Tea & Snacks for 2

Contact: Jc K Golden Saravanan (Secretary) 0 94432 74059, 0 99766 26296

Jul 29-31: Hyderabad, Hyderabad Coins & Notes Fair 2011

Venue: Federation House, Pragati Art Printers Lane, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004

Timings: 10 am to 5 pm

Organizers: The Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society

Contact: M Kesava Rao, Convenor, Telephone 040 23202153, Mobile 09848128991

Stalls: Rs. 7,000 includes Morning tea /Lunch /Evening tea for two persons everyday

Auction Schedule: Todywalla Auction Jul 30 - 6 pm

Aug 5-7: Coimbatore, Coin Stampex

Venue: Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Ram Nagar, Near Gandhipuram Central Bus Stand

Timings: 9.30 am to 9.30 pm

Organizers: Coimbatore District Numismatic & Philatelic Association

Contact: C Palaneswamy 09486923558

Auction Schedule: The Ancient Times Auctions Aug 6

Aug 13-15: Ahmedabad, Coins & Currency Fair
Venue: Hotel Comfort Inn President, Opp Municipal Market, C G Road, Navrangpura,
Timings: 10am to 7 pm
Organizers: Classical Numismatic Gallery
Contact: 079-26464850 info@classicalnumismaticgallery.com

Oct 7-9: Chennai, SIPEX'11 Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: LITE Air conditioned Hall, 17 Balfour Road, Kilpauk, Chennai 600010
Adjacent to Nagappa Motors, Diagonally Opposite to ICICI Bank
Organizers: South India Philatelists' Association, Chennai
Dealers Booth: Rs 7,500
Contact: Amarchand 09840156410

Nov 3-6: New Delhi, **Stamps of India National Exhibition**
Venue: NSIC Exhibition Complex, Okhla Industrial Estate, Govindpuri Metro Station
Timings: 11am to 7 pm
Organizers: Stamps of India
Contact: sj@stampsofindia.com
Sales Stalls: Rs 20,000 covers 44 Square feet (2 x 2 meters) and includes a table, two chairs, name board, an electrical point, floor carpet, and lunch & snacks for two persons
Website: www.stampsofindia.com/sine.html

Nov 10-12: Palakkad,
Venue: Town Hall Annexe
Organizers: Palakkad Philatelic & Numismatic Club
Contact:
Stall: Rs 3,000

Nov 18-20: Thrissur, THRISSURPEX 2011 Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition
Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur
Venue: Pandi Samooha Madom Hall
Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

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