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Jhingans Jottings

Hi

Carrying on with the theme of two previous jottings, a rare feat in itself, we now believe that November 2011 will create a record of maximum number of stamps shows ever held in a month in India. We think that November does deserve this honor being the month in which the first stamp of the independent India was issued.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Stamps of India National Exhibition Update

We are pleased to report that all exhibits have been returned by speed post along with the Certificate and the respective Medal won by the exhibitors. Team Sine has received a lot of appreciative messages of thanks from exhibitors for the SINE Badges and set of 8 picture post cards that were sent to each exhibitor along with their exhibits. It was an innovative effort and the Team shall continue to strive and make such additions in the future also.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Nov 21: Heritage Wall Paintings, 2 Stamps, Shekhawati Paintings, Warli Paintings

Nov 25: Grand Lodge of India

Nov 00: R Venkataraman

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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New Stamp Released

Nov 14: Children's Day, 2 Stamps, Save Tiger (Children's Paintings)

Manjula Prasher, Secretary Posts released a set of two postage stamps in the the denomination of Rs 5 each and a miniature sheet containing both the stamps on November 14, 2011 on the occasion of National Children's Day during a formal function organized at India Post Pavilion, at Hall No. 12, India International Trade Fair 2011, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

India Post, to create awareness on the tigers which are one of the most endangered species in the world and also on the verge of extinction, conducted "Design A Stamp" contest with the theme to save "The Tiger" on December 12, 2010. Children through their paintings had highlighted the critical areas that have caused the drastic decline of tiger population in India in a creative way. This year India Post is presenting the collection of prize winning entries, at the national level on a set of two stamps, miniature sheet, and the First Day Cover. Each painting is a message in itself with the plea to all of us that saving the tiger will save our ecosystem for the generations to come.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamps, Miniature Sheet, the First Day Cover and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each.

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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New Stamp Booklets

Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata issued a set of 6 stamp booklets featuring Legendary Heroines of Indian Cinema containing stamps issued by India Post on February 13, 2011. The Booklets were designed by the distinguished artist and philatelist, Dipok Dey and were produced in the quantity of 100 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb99.htm>

New Picture Post Cards

Ajay Maken, India's Minister of State (Independent Charge) Youth Affairs and Sports released a set of 8 picture postcards on November 3, 2011 on the occasion of the 2nd Stamps of India National Exhibition at New Delhi. The Cards featuring anniversaries and events were designed by Narendra Kumar and were produced in the quantity of 600 cards each. The set is available at Rs 100 plus postage from orders@stampsofindia.com

M K Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal released a set of 6 picture postcards on November 11, 2011 at Kolkata. The cards were issued by Cine Central, Kolkata as the birth centenary tribute to

Ashok Kumar and feature Memorable Melodies – Immortal Songs of Indian Cinema (Hindi). The Cards were designed by the distinguished artist and philatelist, Dipok Dey and were produced in the quantity of 100 each.

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The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money

Kishore Jhunjunwalla of Mumbai and Rezwan Razack of Bengaluru have both been avid collectors of Indian Paper currency since their childhood. For Kishore Jhunjunwalla, it became an enduring passion that has spanned a lifetime. From very early on, his attempts to research and learn more about this subject were frustrated by the lack of information. There was no single reference book or catalogue that he could refer to with his own considerable collection.

Rezwan Razack's journey into the hobby of collecting Paper money began over forty years ago, when as a child he had the privilege of assisting his grandfather, Hajee Abdul Sattar Sait, who had a collection of old and cancelled currency notes from a bygone era in their safe. His passion was further cemented when on his holidays with his family in Coonoor, his cousin Sadiq Haroon presented him with a collection of early Indian Banknotes.

Over time both Kishore Jhunjunwalla and Rezwan Razack had accumulated considerable collections individually. In 2001, Rezwan Razack came upon Kishore Jhunjunwalla's book "The Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money" and thus began an opportune partnership. To begin with both of them frequently competed against each other in acquiring the Indian Banknotes that came up for sale. This competition ultimately resulted in Rezwan Razack taking over Kishore Jhunjunwalla's collection. Hence, these two collections combined form the most unique collection of Indian Paper Money.

This edition of "The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money" is a result of ten years of dedicated and sincere research. Rezwan Razack owes this creation to the dynamic team including Kishore Jhunjunwala, Rekha Chandrabhanu, Bazil Shaikh, Murali Thantry, Sanjay Mittal and Mahalingeshwar Athani.

"The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money" presents to Numismatists and Banknote Collectors the fascinating world of Indian banknotes.

The history of Indian bank notes dates back to 1770, when the Bank of Hindostan, a private bank situated at Calcutta issued its first banknotes of India. However, the earliest banknote to survive is dated 1812 is by the Bank of Bengal. This book includes a comprehensive listing of all Indian banknotes since that date, and is a unique publication of its kind on the subject.

The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money includes the notes of the semi-Government and Presidency Banks, which functioned until 1861. The Government of India undertook the issues of banknotes in 1861 and that is when all Early, Private and Presidency Banks banknote issues ceased. The Government of India issued banknotes, which were Uniface with the Portrait of Queen Victoria in 1861, and the underprint series from 1867.

The Government of India Currency Department continued to implement this task through elaborate administrative machinery, specially created to facilitate currency management and distribution. All banknotes of India were printed by the Bank of England and shipped to India for distribution. The British India banknotes of King George V were initially printed in England. In 1928, the India Security Press at Nasik became functional and took over the printing of notes from the Bank of England Press. In 1935 the Reserve Bank of India was established and since then, it has been the only currency

issuing authority and monetary agency for India. The King George VI portrait series were in circulation from 1936 till 1947. The Reserve Bank of India with the portrait series of King George V and King George VI were also overprinted for use in Burma. The overprinted banknotes of King George VI were used in Pakistan.

The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money deals with banknotes of this entire period till 1947. The Indian banknotes since independence up to the current series of banknotes with the Portrait of Mahatma Gandhi are also a part of this book. These include the specialized note issues meant for use in the Persian Gulf Nations and money used by the Haj pilgrims.

The Osmania Notes of Hyderabad of 1919 – 1952 also form part of this book. The issue of banknotes by Jammu & Kashmir and the Hawala notes of Saurashtra States are also listed. The scope of this book extends beyond, and covers the issues of Indo-Portuguese for Goa and Indo-French territories at Pondicherry. The Cash Coupons of Indian Princely States that were printed on paper were issued to counteract the shortage of metal during Second World War. The Prisoner of War Coupons used as money by the prisoners of Anglo-Boer War 1899 - 1902, World War II and Indo-Pak War of 1971, who were interned in India are also illustrated.

The book has an entire chapter on Essays, Patterns, Proofs and Trials, which displays all the stars of Indian Banknotes that were designed but never made it for circulation. This chapter is very unique and is a result of persistent effort and research and obtaining this information along with images.

The salient features of The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money:

1. Watermarks are described with pictorial illustrations.
2. All Security Features are captured and explained.
3. Life-size images are illustrated.
4. The intricate details on microprint, micro lettering, micro-tint, relief underprints and motifs on banknotes are described.
5. Well-researched and documented information on Issue Dates, Types, Prefix, Circle of Issue and Signatories.
6. Information on the Engravers, Designers and Printers of the Indian Banknotes.
7. Has 600 plus pages with over 1500 plus images.
8. Each banknote is given a Unique Type Number, which is compatible to any banknote software. This is a boon to Collectors, Curators, and Librarians for cataloguing.

To reserve your copy of this limited edition, contact: indianmoney@yahoo.com

The Price is Rs 5,000 or USD 125

The first copies of The Revised Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money will be available from December 2011.

South Asian Postal Union

Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh in course of speech at the 17th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit at Addu, Maldives announced that the Postal Administrations of SAARC countries have agreed to establish a South Asian Postal Union. India will host the ad hoc Secretariat for the Union, and also sponsor training courses at Postal Staff College India to train up to ten SAARC officials per year, belonging to interested Member Countries.

New Commemorative Coins

150 Years of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister of India, released the commemorative coins, in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 150, at the valedictory function of 150th Years Celebrations of the

institution of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in New Delhi on November 16, 2011 in the presence of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Dr Murli Manohar Joshi and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Vinod Rai.

100 years of Indian Council of Medical Research

Gulam Nabi Azad, Health Minister of India, released commemorative coins on 100 years of Indian Council of Medical Research on November 15, 2011 in denomination of Rs 5 & Rs 100.

100 years of Civil Aviation in India

Pratibha Patil, the President of India released coins to commemorate 100 years of Civil Aviation in India, on October 17, 2011 at Mumbai in the presence of K Sankararayanan the Governor of Maharashtra, Vyalari Ravi the Civil Aviation Minister of India, and Roberto Kobeh Gonzales the President of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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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 distributed it all over India.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Nov 10-12: Palakkad, Kerala

Venue: Town Hall Annexe

Organizers: Palakkad Philatelic & Numismatic Club

Stall: Rs 3,000

Nov 12-14: Indore, YI Numismatics & Philatelic Fair

Venue: Basket Ball complex, Race course road, Indore
Organizers: Indore coin society, Young Indians and Numismatic promotion board
Contact: Girish Sharma, President Ph: 09977050987 & 09425052158 noblecoinsindia@gmail.com

Nov 16-17: New Delhi, Philately Exhibition
Venue: St Xavier's School, Civil Lines
Organizers: North Delhi Division of India Post

Nov 16-17: Udaipur, Philatelic Exhibition
Organizers: Udaipur Division of India Post

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

Nov 18-20: Rajkot, One Frame Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Shri Shyamaprasad Art Gallery, Racecourse, Rajkot
Contact: Secretary, RAJPEX-2011, C/o Philatelic Bureau, G P O, Rajkot 360001, Tel 0281 -2223883

Nov 19-20: Kota, Philatelic Exhibition
Organizers: Kota Division of India Post

Nov 23-26: Jammu Stamps Show
Venue: Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu
Organizers: Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post
Dealers Stall: FREE

Nov 24-25: Chandigarh, Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Training Hall, @nd Floor, GPO, Sector 17, Chandigarh
Organizers: Chandigarh Division of India Post
Dealers Stall: FREE
Contact: Rakesh Walia 0 98789 85533

Nov 24-25: New Delhi, Philately Exhibition
Venue: National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri
Organizers: South West Delhi Division of India Post

Nov 24-26: Coimbatore, Kovaipex
Organizers: Coimbatore Division of India Post
Contact: Coimbatore Philatelic Bureau 0422 2382930

November 25-26: Tiruchirappalli, ROCPEX-2011 District Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Bishop Heber Higher Secondary School, Teppakulam,
Organizers: Trichirapalli Division of India Post with Trichy Philatelist's Association

November 28-29: Madurai, VAIGAIPEX-2011 District Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: MADITISA Hall
Organizers: Madurai Division of India Post

Dec00-00: Alwar, Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Alwar Division of India Post

Dec00-00: Jodhpur, Philatelic Exhibition
Organizers: Jodhpur Division of India Post

Dec 9-11: Pune, COINEX-PUNE 2011 National Numismatic Exhibition
Venue: Sankalp Hall, Lalbahadur Shastri Road, Navi Peth, Opp. Petrol Pump, Pune
Organizers: International Collector's Society of Rare Items Pune

Dec 16-18: Lucknow, UPHILEX 10th Uttar Pradesh State Exhibition
Venue: Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow
Organizers: Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Dec 23-25: GUJPEX , Gujarat State philatelic exhibition
Venue: Akota Atithi Gruh, Akota, Vadodara
Organizers: Gujarat Circle of India Post

Dec 23-25: Kolkata, Mudra Utsav 2011
Time: 10am to 7pm
Venue: Haldirams Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata 700019
Organizers: Numismatic Society of Calcutta
Contact: email: secretarynsckolkata@yahoo.com
Website: www.nskolkata.com

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Jan 4-7: Jaipur, RAJPEX, Rajasthan State philatelic exhibition
Venue: Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur
Organizers: Rajasthan Circle of India Post

Jan 13-16: Pune, MAHAPEX, 11th Maharashtra State philatelic exhibition
Venue: Ganesh Kala Krida Rangmanch
Organizers: Maharashtra Circle of India Post

Jan 22-24: New Delhi, Delhi State philatelic exhibition
Venue: National Science Centre, Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi,
Organizers: Delhi Circle of India Post

Feb 3-5: Calicut, MUDRA 2012 - A Festival of Coins, Stamps & Currencies
Organizers: The Calicut Philatelic Club, & The Calicut Numismatic Society
Venue: Corporation Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Calicut
Contact: Rajesh Nair 09847755125, Or Sooraj 09447124066

Feb 10-12: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE – 2012
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

[Stamps on India](http://www.stampsonindia.com/) <http://www.stampsonindia.com/>

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