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Hi

Here is our New Year resolution: we will carry at least 1 article based on original research on stamps, postal stationery, postal history or philatelic history of India every month in here.

Wishing you a very happy New Year 2011

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

- M&SJ

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Mahatma Gandhi Continues to Make News Headlines

An un-mounted mint set of Mahatma Gandhi issue of 1948 was sold on eBay.com for GBP 390 on December 26, 2011. That is equivalent to about Rs 33,000 and 56% above its current price in the Stanley Gibbons catalog.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jan 02: Puran Chand Gupta
Jan 24: Shyam Narayan Singh

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 Stamps Released

Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University (Formerly King George Medical College), Lucknow
India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the centenary of Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University, formerly King George Medical College, Lucknow on December 23, 2011.

Srinivasa Ramanujam

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujam on December 26, 2011.

Madan Mohan Malaviya

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Madan Mohan Malaviya on December 27, 2011.

Sankha Samant 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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 300,000 stamps by Wet Offset process.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011stamps.htm>

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Aug 07: Chittorgarh, Sanik School Golden Jubilee

Nov 02: Lucknow, Isabella Thoburn College 125th Anniversary

Nov 12: Indore, Philatelic Numismatic Heritage Fair

Nov 17: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Forest Department 150 Years

Nov 25: Coimbatore, Victoria Town Hall, Kovaipex 2011 philatelic exhibition 1/2

Nov 26: Coimbatore, Sugarcane Breeding Institute Centenary, Kovaipex 2011 philatelic exhibition 2/2

Nov 26: Ajmer,

Dec 02: Mumbai, 22 Killers Squadron 40th anniversary

Dec 08: Deoria, Government Inter College Centenary

Dec 11: Gorakhpur, Terracotta Handicraft, Gphila philatelic exhibition 1/5

Dec 11: Gorakhpur, Wetlands of Uttar Pradesh, Gphila philatelic exhibition 2/5

Dec 11: Gorakhpur, Terai Arc Landscape, Gphila philatelic exhibition 3/5

Dec 11: Gorakhpur, the Art of Living, Gphila philatelic exhibition 4/5

Dec 11: Gorakhpur, Gphila philatelic exhibition 5/5

Dec 15: Jalandhar, Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium

Dec 16: Lucknow, Kapilvastu, UPHILEX 2011 philatelic exhibition 1/3

Dec 17: Lucknow, GPO, UPHILEX 2011 philatelic exhibition 2/3

Dec 18: Lucknow, Palash, UPHILEX 2011 philatelic exhibition 3/3

Dec 23: Ahmedabad, National Institute of Design Golden Jubilee
Dec 23: Vadodara, 375 Years old Banyan Tree Gujpex 2011 philatelic exhibition 1/6
Dec 23: Vadodara, Cricketer Vijay Hazare Gujpex 2011 philatelic exhibition 2/6
Dec 24: Vadodara, Convent of Jesus & Mary Girls High School Gujpex 2011 philatelic exhibition 3/6
Dec 24: Vadodara, Archaeological Survey of India Gujpex 2011 philatelic exhibition 4/6
Dec 24: Vadodara, Asiatic Lion Gujpex 2011 philatelic exhibition 5/6
Dec 25: Vadodara, Sriram Sharma Acharya Gujpex 2011 philatelic exhibition 6/6
Dec 25: New Delhi, Pandit Girdhari Lal Salwan 110th Birth Annivewrsary

Special Covers with Regular Postmarks

Nov 11: Sidhi, 11.11.11

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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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My Stamp Update

'My Stamp' facility was provided at GUJPEX 2011, Gujarat state philatelic exhibition at Vadodara from December 23 to 25, 2011. 18 different designs of Customized were released on this occasion.

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ILLUSTRATED LISTS Stamp Booklets <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb06.htm>

More Picture Postcards

Gujarat Circle of India Post released a set of 10 picture postcards priced at Rs 60 per set during Gujarat state philatelic exhibition at Vadodara from December 23 to 25, 2011.

The set of 22 picture postcards mailed from the places where Mahatma Gandhi stayed for the night during his march from his ashram at Ahmedabad to the Dandi in 1930, was released at Vadodara during Gujarat state philatelic exhibition. The set was available for advance booking at Rs 750 and sold on December 23, 2011 at Rs 850. On December 24 and 25, 2011 it was sold for its full price Rs 1,000. Reportedly all 500 sets were sold out.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/icards-2011.htm>

Group Discussion on Philatelic Investment

A group discussion was organized during Gujarat state philatelic exhibition at Vadodara on December 24, 2011. The participants included Humera Ahmed, Chief Postmaster General of Gujarat Circle, D K S Chauhan, Postmaster General, Vadodara Region, and Ganesh V Sawaleshwarkar, Director Postal Training Centre, Mainak Kathiara, President Gujarat Philatelists Association, Praful Thakkar, Markand Dave, Ashish Talwar, Madhukar Jhingan, and several other philatelists as well as non-philatelic professionals interested in finding out about investment in philatelic products.

Vijay Navlakha, senior philatelist from Ahmedabad opened the discussion with an impressive presentation on investment in stamps. A lively discussion followed.

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India Post Calendar 2012

India Post has released 2012 Calendar based on the theme of sculptural heritage of India. This is in continuation of India Post's initiative in 2010 calendar which was brought out on the set of its highly

popular `Dasavatar` stamps based on Jayadev`s 12th century epic `Geetagovinda` and on the theme of `Buddha` in 2011.

India has produced some of the most intricate and unrivalled sculptures in the world. India Post has celebrated the sculptural heritage of India by issue of a number of postage stamps from time to time. India Post 2012 Calendar is inspired by these postage stamps and includes images drawn from the vast trove of Indian sculptural heritage.

The history of Indian sculpture dates back to the Indus Valley civilization. Tiny tera-cotta seals and bust of the Priest - King in limestone discovered from the Valley show a high level sophistication and artistry. With changing times, the style and forms of Indian sculpture evolved and acquired new dimensions. Entwined with the plurality of religion, culture and social mores of society, Indian sculpture was deeply influenced with its art, dance, drama and literature. This synthesis produced a huge body of sculptural work which was eclectic and inspirational and was an important and integral part of the life of the common man.

India Post 2012 Calendar is available at various Philatelic Bureaux in the country at the price of Rs 200 each.

Philatelic Bookmarks

A set of 12 bookmarks featuring stamps of astrological series of 2010 were released at Vadodara during Gujarat state philatelic exhibition. The set is priced at Rs 40.

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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 Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #49, January 2012

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jan 4-7: Jaipur, RAJPEX, Rajasthan State philatelic exhibition

Venue: Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

Organizers: Rajasthan Circle of India Post

Jan 7-8: Bhubaneswar, ODISHA STAMP MELA

Venue: Hotel Keshari, Master Canteen Square, Near Bhubaneswar Railway Station

Organizers: Eastern India Philatelists Association

Stamp Dealers' Package: Rs 4000 per PERSON inclusive of Food and Room rent on Twin Sharing Basis

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Organising Secretary – Dr Bibhudatta Mishra, bhanubibhu@gmail.com 09437282638

Jan 8-9: Amritsar, Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Amritsar Division 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

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Feb 10-12: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

Feb 10-12: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE – 2012

Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Feb 13-16: Calicut, KERAPEX Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Kerala Circle of India Post

Venue: Jubilee Memorial Hall of Calicut Corporation, Kandamkulam Tali, Calicut 673002

Mar 00: Chandigarh, Punjab State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Punjab Circle of India Post

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm

South Asia New Issues

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