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The News, Views, & Features on Philately & Postal Services of India

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Hi

What about used stamps? We understand that the Unmounted Mint has been the trend for quite some time now, but has collecting used stamps totally gone out of fashion? Are no new collectors taking up the challenge to complete their collection in used condition?

What do you think? Write in your experience and thoughts on collecting used stamps.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Stamp Popularity Poll

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2011 to select the best stamp of 2011, and best miniature sheet of 2011 and best sheetlet of 2011.

The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. Please select from the issues of 2011 and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2011 in your opinion. please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2011stamps.htm> for stamps and miniature sheets. For sheetlets of 2011 please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/MyStampSheetlet.htm>

Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: stamppoll@stampsofindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 4, 2012. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue #509 of February 9, 2012. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots.

We welcome the sponsors for prizes, please contact admin@stampsofindia.com in this regard.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jan 15: Bhai Jagta Singh
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.

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

Jan 04: Jaipur, Sanganeri Print, RAJPEX 2011 philatelic exhibition

Jan 10: Amritsar, Retreat Ceremony at Attari-Wagah Border, AMPHIL philatelic exhibition

ILLUSTRATED LISTS

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 will be provided at Pune during Maharashtra state philatelic exhibition from January 13 to 16, 2012.

New Stamp Booklets

Rajasthan Circle of India Post brought out a set of 2 'Stamp Booklets' on January 5, 2012 on Mahatma Gandhi and Save the Tiger. The first 'Booklet' contains a block of 4 of Re 1 denomination stamp of Mahatma Gandhi from the current definitive series and the second 'booklet' contains only 1 stamp, the Rs 5 denomination, from this year's Children's Day featuring Tiger. The 'Booklets' are priced at Rs 50 each.

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

Permanent Pictorial Postmarks of Rajasthan

Rajasthan Circle of India Post now provides permanent pictorial postmarks at 16 post offices. A pack of 16 permanent pictorial postmarks on 16 different picture post cards was released at Jaipur on January 5, 2012. The price is Rs 300.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/ppp/ppp-18.htm>

More Picture Post Cards

Rajasthan Circle of India Post released a set of 16 picture post cards featuring places of tourism and pilgrimage interest on January 5, 2012. The cards are priced at Rs 15 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/fday2011.htm>

Amendments to FIP GREX & Jury Guidelines

International Philatelic Federation (FIP) Board in its meeting during INDIPEX 2011 at New Delhi adopted amendments to the General Regulations for the Exhibitions (GREX) and to the Guidelines for the Duties and Accreditation of Jurors. These were decided to take immediate effect, subject to the final approval of the 2012 FIP Congress, where needed. These were published in Flash and also on its web site www.f-i-p.ch

These amendments are of far reaching consequences and affect every exhibitor, Jury and national federation.

Recently in the December 2011 issue of FEPA News, published by the Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA) Pedro Vaz Pereira, former President of FEPA wrote on this matter.

We ask you to read both that was published in FIP Flash and FEPA News and form your own opinion. We also ask you to share your views with us and everyone else as dialogue is the best way to resolve all issues.

Click on the following links to read the from the FIP Flash and FEPA News

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/amendmentsGREX.html>

RAJPEX 2011 Awards

Deependra Singh Shekhawat, Speaker of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly inaugurated the 13th Rajasthan state philatelic exhibition at Jaipur on January 4, 2012. 92 participants displayed their exhibits in 225 frames. In addition invitee and display class non-competitive exhibits were displayed in The jury was chaired by Rajiv Singh, the Chief Postmaster General of Rajasthan Circle, and consisted of Ashok Bayanwala, and Dr R S Gandhi. Rajesh Paharia served as Apprentice Jury.

The results is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/rajpex2012results.html>

Se-Tenant Stamps of India

The list of Se-Tenant Stamps of India compiled by Shrikant Parikh of Ahmedabad is now updated and is up-to-date.

Se-Tenant Stamps of India <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/se-tenant.htm>

Investment in Stamps

Vijay Navlakha's presentation on investment in stamps that he presented it at a group discussion organized during Gujarat state philatelic exhibition at Vadodara on December 24, 2011, is now available for download at http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/instant_delivery.htm

India Post to Launch Logistics Post Air Service

Y P S Mohan, Chief General Manager, Business Development and Marketing, India Post and Harsh K. Pandey, General Manager (Cargo), Air India signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of their respective organizations for carriage of "Logistics Post Air" Service by Air India.

India Post in collaboration with Air India plans to start this service from February 1, 2012 from 15 cities initially to meet the demand from the customers. These cities are Ahmedabad, Agartala, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Imphal, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Pune and Trivendrum. This service will be extended to other cities in a phased manner.

India Post will deliver the consignment of Logistics Post Air to Air India at the point of delivery of the departure station and will also collect it at the arrival station. Booking, handling, packing, delivery will be done by the India Post. Air India will only transport the consignment from one station to another station.

UPU Letter Writing Competition

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) organizes the International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People annually. India Post conducted 41st UPU Letter Writing Competition on January 8, 2012 from 10 to 11 am all over India. 'Write a letter to an athlete or sports figure you admire to explain what the Olympic Games mean to you' was the subject of the Competition that was open to young people up to 15 years of age as on March 31, 2012. Composition was to be presented in 500 to 800 words in English or any of the 22 languages listed in the 8th schedule of the constitution of India.

The First, Second, and Third, Prizes of Rs 2,000, 1,500, and 1,000 respectively will be given at the national level. Consolation Prize of Rs 250 will be given to the best entry form each postal circle. The best entry at national level will qualify as India's official entry for international level that will compete for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medal to be awarded by UPU.

India has won Bronze medals twice, in 1980 by Vaneeta Tandon and in 2001 by Sayani Sur Roy.

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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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Forgeries & Frauds Alerts

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, report to suspect@stampsofindia.com. The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

Auction Action

Auktionshaus Christoph Gärtner is holding 21st International Public Auction from February 6 to 10, 2012 in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany. The auction offers more than 22,000 lots compiled in ten catalogues:

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jan 13-16: Pune, MAHAPEX, 11th Maharashtra State philatelic exhibition

Venue: Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune

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: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition

Venue:

Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

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

Feb 25: New Delhi, Aries Spring 2012 Auction (Sale No. 3)
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Aries Auctions
Contact: Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com 9810186108

Mar 23-25: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE 2012
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

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

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