

# Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

The response to our questions about used stamps raised in this space in the previous issue, are published in the Readers forum in this issue. We hope to publish more responses next week.

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](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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## Stamp Popularity Poll

Stamps of India presents 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stampsofindia.com) in this regard.

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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

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### **New Stamp Released**

India Post released a postage stamp in the the denomination of Rs 5, on Bhai Jagta Singh, a saint of Sewa Panthi, on his birth centenary on January 15, 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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 400,000 stamps by photogravure process.

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### **New Issues Availability Status**

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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### **Recent Special Postmarks**

Jan 13: Pune, Cartoons of R K Laxman, MAHAPEX , 1/8

Jan 13: Pune, Kass Plateau, MAHAPEX , 2/8

Jan 14: Pune, Lavani Dance, MAHAPEX, 3/8

Jan 14: Pune, Vasudeo , MAHAPEX, 4/8

Jan 15: Pune, Meera Bai, MAHAPEX , 5/8

Jan 15: Pune, Baba Amte, MAHAPEX,6/8

Jan 16: Pune, Ganjifa Arts, MAHAPEX , 7/8

Jan 16: Pune, Bharat Ratna Maharshi Karve's Zopadi, MAHAPEX , 8/8

Carried Cover – Carried by Harkara (Postal Runner)

Jan 13: Pune , Cover with Silver replica of Rs 10 Mahatma Gandhi Stamp 1948

Price: Rs 750, Quantity: 500

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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 New Delhi during Delhi state philatelic exhibition from January 22 to 24, 2012.

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### **Hausburg's Digital Edition**

American Philatelic Research Library (APRL ) has released the digital edition of 'The Postage and Telegraph Stamps of British India ' by L L R Hausburg and C Stewart-Wilson. The title was published

in 1907 and unfortunately almost unusable today in original due to high acid content in the paper used. Therefore APRL has fulfilled a very great need by bringing out its digital edition. The 'Hausburg' as this title is commonly referred to by the philatelists is the acknowledged primer for every collector of British Indian stamps and covers the issues from Scinde Dawks to King Edward VII.

This digital edition was scanned from a copy of the book in the collection of the APRL, including plates inserted in a folder in the back of the book. The entire book is included in this PDF file and the text is searchable. The APRL also scanned Supplement No. 2 (The Essays, Proofs, and Reprints of the First Issued Stamps of British India of 1854-55 by E D Bacon), and included it with this book in a separate PDF file.

We wish that APRL should also have included the Supplement No. 1 (New Discoveries in the British India Stamps of 1854-5 Printed in India by L L R Hausburg, 1916) which has 4 pages of text with 3 plates. Inclusion of an Introduction to the title as well as its contemporary reviews would have added value to this digital edition.

This digital edition, along with other titles, is available for sale from the American Philatelic Society/American Philatelic Research Library. The price is \$28 retail, \$22 APS/APRL member discounted price. To place an order, visit <http://stamps.org/Digital-Publications>

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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**

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### **Text ADS Stamps of India Collectors Companion**

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/TextAdsTariff.htm>

### **Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com**

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/DisplayAdTariff.htm>

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

Jan 21-23: Jamshedpur, JAMCOIN 2012 17th Annual Coin Exhibition

Venue: Tulsi Bhavan, Bistupur, Jamshedpur

Organizers: Coins Collectors Club, Jamshedpur

Sales Stalls: Rs 2500 including Lunch + Snacks for 2 persons

Accommodation: Hotel Maharashtra Mandal 0657-2320416 - Rs 250 to 400 Room, 10 minutes walk from venue, near GPO Jamshedpur

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

Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

Feb 11: New Delhi, 86<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi

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](mailto:talwar2002@hotmail.com) 9810186108

Mar 3-4: Kolkata, National Mega Philatelic Exhibition Kolkata 2012

Venue: Olpadvala Memorial Hall, 52 Chowringhee Road, Opposite Rotary Sadan, beside New Embassy Restaurant

Sales Stalls: Single Rs 6000; Prime Location Double Rs 15000 including Lunch & Snacks + 1 water bottle per single stall per day

Mobile Dealers: Rs 2000 Including Lunch & Snacks & Water Bottle for 2 Days

Contact: P C Jaiswal 98315 98560, Arun Bhattacharya 98304 12286, Ravi Sevak 93395 43407

Mar 23-25: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE 2012

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

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Mar 00: Gurgaon, Haryana State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Haryana Circle of India Post

Mar 00: Chandigarh, Punjab State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Punjab Circle of India Post

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India [www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/info_base/clubmeet.htm)

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## **VIEWS & OPINIONS**

### **Readers Forum**

Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve this digital newsweekly. Please let us have your thoughts and suggestions.

#### **Udai Gupta, Mumbai**

In spite of the fact that the MNH or MH has become very popular and expensive in recent years yet, the usage and passion of used stamps has not gone. The MNH has its influence mainly from US stamps, where for some reasons Mint are very very popular influencing the rest of the philatelic world. But the trend also shows that the used stamps with some clear marking are also very popular. Besides the popularity of used stamps on cover or card or even on piece with clear or multi-frank has also gone up very high. Also, used stamps being relatively cheap (in most cases) also serves as the initial stimuli to generate interest in philately without running the risk of tedious maintenance procedure involved in preserving the mint and gum especially in humid and hot climate such as Mumbai. This problem is not faced by dry and colder climates of Europe / England and US etc. The one important reason for used stamps to remain popular in India and similar climates

I would think that used stamps will remain of use and philatelic interest for longer time than what the recent trend tells.

Hope above thought will contribute in some way to our philatelic interest and market.

#### **Deepak Swain**

According to the issue raised by you in your weekly daily I would like to draw your attention to the scarcity of used postal stamps and the quality available.

Foremost the used stamps are scarce as no one now-a-days uses the postal department for communication. Moreover the used stamps that are available are also in a miserable condition to be used up in the personal collection.

I personally experienced lot of problems on the used stamps. Firstly they are not available easily. The traders also charge heavily and the last hindrance is the Indian postal system doesn't allow us the facility of CTO. So, it becomes difficult for the collectors to make up their whole collection just on the Used series of stamps.

#### **Chetan Kohli, Jammu**

At one time collecting stamp meant used stamp, and the fun of removing stamp from envelopes collected from all over the city was great, I suppose real collectors do collect mint as well as old used as they consider it as their hobby and also in anticipation, that as less number of stamps are used in registered, and speed post envelopes, one day these used stamps would may also be appreciated once again

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### **Features & Resources**

[Indian Laws Relevant to Philately](http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm) <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

[Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud](http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm) <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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