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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,
Have you voted for the Best Stamp, Miniature Sheet and Sheetlet of 2011?
We have been conducting Popularity Poll every year since 2005.
We have extended the last date by 4 more days to February 8, 2012.
Vote now and make the exercise a success.
Next issue, #509 will carry the results!

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 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

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 8, 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

Feb 9: India International Centre

Feb 17: Shyama Charan Shukla

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

Feb 22: New Delhi, National Science Centre, Dharohar Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 1/7

Feb 22: New Delhi, Dilli Haat, Dharohar Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 2/7

Feb 23: New Delhi, Gharial, Dharohar Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 3/7

Feb 23: New Delhi, Oliver Ridley Sea Turtle, Dharohar Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 4/7

Feb 23: New Delhi, Total Lunar Eclipse, Dharohar Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 5/7

Feb 24: New Delhi, Butterflies of Delhi, Dharohar Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 6/7

Feb 24: New Delhi, 100 Years of New Delhi-Children's Paintings, Delhi Philatelic Exhibition 7/7

Feb 25: Dehradun, Lions Club Dehradun 50 Years

Feb 28: Dehradun, St Joseph's Academy, 75 Years, Schoolpex District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Feb 29: Dehradun, Corbett National Park, 75 Years, Schoolpex District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

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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 will be provided at Mumbai during Kalaghoda Cultural Festival from February 4 to 11, 2012 at Rs 300 per sheetlet of 12 personalised postage stamps.

My Stamp Price Revised

India Post launched 29 different personalized postage stamps in 17 different sheetlets under its 'My Stamp' series at Rs 150 per sheetlet of 12 stamps on February 12, 2011 during INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition, New Delhi. These were only available during the 7 days of INDIPEX 2011 that concluded on February 18, 2011.

These were relaunched on September 26, 2011 during CHINAR 2011 Jammu & Kashmir philatelic exhibition at Srinagar at the revised price of Rs 300 per sheetlet of 12 stamps.

Since then these were made available at 4 distinct level philatelic exhibitions in Delhi, 4 distinct level philatelic exhibitions in Jammu & Kashmir, 1 regional level exhibition in Jammu, the state level philatelic exhibitions in Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Delhi. In addition these were also sold at India International Trade Fair 2011 and India Telecom 2012 at Delhi. The price to public remained Rs 300 per sheetlet. However we have learned that, at least, in Delhi there is concessional price of Rs 150 per sheetlet exclusively for the postal employees and their family members.

According to the information circulated by the postal officials regarding Bihar Stamp Expo 2012 - state level philatelic exhibition in Patna from February 10 to 13, 2012, the price of My Stamp is now revised to Rs 400 per sheetlet. There is also a charge of Rs 100 for registration, effectively increasing the price to Rs 500 per sheetlet.

Aries Spring Auction

The Aries Spring 2012 Auction, Sale No. 3, is being held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Bhai Vir Singh Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi - 110001.

The Catalog is now available in print from the auctioneers and online at www.ariesauctions.com

There are hundreds of classical lots including Mahatma Gandhi 1948 covers and cards, Service stamps etc. There are dozens of classical lots in each category - 1854 issues, British India lots, Private FDCs, Airmails, Postal History and Postal Stationery. The LATE ARRIVALS section has an array of material.

Those unable to attend the auction can register and bid online at www.ariesauctions.com. The online part of the auction closes at 12pm, 23 February 2012.

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #50, February 2012

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

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

Stamps of India Online Offers

Stamps of India now bring you useful and unique philatelic items fulfilling a long standing demand of subscribers and friends. These philatelic items can be viewed online and several easy options to make the payment are provided. Visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

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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For more information please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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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.

Round Table on National Postal Policy

Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications and Information Technology inaugurated a Round Table on National Postal Policy on February 1, 2012 at New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion Sibal said that in view of IT revolution India Post has to embrace the changes and to be prepared for challenges of tomorrow.

Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology said that Department of Posts has to revisit and reinvent itself in the light of rapidly changing scenario. Though Department of Posts is already engaged in plethora of activities, it may explore other revenue streams.

Earlier Manjula Prashar, Secretary Department of Posts introduced the theme. Draft agenda for the Roundtable included –

Vision, Mission and Policy

Universal Service Obligation of the Postal Sector

Organization & Market Research, environmental concerns & social responsibilities in Postal Sector

Expansion and Modernization of Postal Network in India

Issues relating to Standardization of mail and National Address System

Issues relating to development of institutional framework with right & responsibility of Government regulator, operator and customer

Contours of Competition Policy in the Postal Sector

Issues of strategies relating to capacity development in the Postal Sector

Synchronization of domestic postal policies with WTO and other international norms

Roadmap for the Postal Sector.

The Round Table aimed at engaging in discussions with key stakeholders related to the Postal Sector. The conference was addressed by various stakeholders giving their inputs in order to frame a National Postal Policy which will address the interests and concerns of all. Indian postal sector requires a comprehensive policy document, representative of the interests of all the stakeholders and driving the postal sector to contribute to the social and economic development of the country.

In order to have a National Postal Policy which reflects the views of the broadest possible range of postal stakeholders, the participants at the Round Table included stakeholders from Government, Operators Representative Associations, Think Tank, Academia, Users of Postal & Communication Services, Banks, Regulators, Transporters and stakeholders in international business besides senior officers of Department of Posts.

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Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

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Dharohar 2012 Awards

Delhi Circle of India Post organized the Seventh Delhi State Philatelic Exhibition – DHAROHAR-2012 on January 22-24, 2012 at National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Manjula Prasher,

the Secretary to Government of India, Department of Posts, inaugurated the show amidst a large gathering of school children, postal officials and philatelists. Prasher released two special covers and the Souvenir of the exhibition. Prasher was taken around the exhibits by Pulak Gupta, senior philatelist and Pranav Kumar, Director New Delhi GPO.

The exhibition had about 250 frames displaying collections of over 200 stamp collectors majority of whom were the first time participants in a State level exhibition. The competitive collections were displayed in around 200 frames and the rest were non-competitive exhibits in the invitee section and school collections.

A painting competition, quiz programme and a workshop on philately were also organized during the exhibition. The noted astronomer C B Devgun, President SPACE organized was a workshop on astronomy. His prize winning photograph on moon eclipse from NASA was used on one of the three special covers issued on the second day. The other two covers were on World Wildlife Fund - India.

The third day two special covers were released, one on Butterflies of Delhi and other on award winning painting of the childrens on '100 years of New Delhi' from the painting competitions held at four district level exhibitions organized in Delhi during the months of October and November 2011.

Dr S P Gupta and Brahm Mehta served as the members of the Jury along with G R Bharde, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, East Division as apprentice jury. The jury awarded 6 Vermeil medals, 16 Silver medals, 23 Bronze medals and 15 Diploma certificates that were given away by Rina Ray, Chief Electoral Officer, Delhi on Jnauy 24, 2012.

The complete list of awards is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/dharohar2012.html>

Recent & Forthcoming Events

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 10-13: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition
Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post
Venue: Wheeler Senate Hall, Patna University, Ashok Rajpath, Patna

Feb 11: New Delhi, 86th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi
Contact: Rohit Prasad, 9810304233

Feb 11: Jaysingpur, Jainism and Philately Philatelic Exhibition
Time: 9 am to 6 pm
Organizers: The Great Indian Hobby Academy, Jaysingpur
Venue: Tuljaram Charurchand College, Baramati

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 17-18: Bangalore, 2nd National Numismatic Exhibition, Bangalore
Organizers: Marudhar Arts
Venue: The Bell Hotel, Near City Railway Station, Opp. to Majestic Bus Stand, Bangalore
Contact: 080-65329800, 09243145999 info@maruphilaque.com

Feb 21-23: Gurgaon, HARPEX Haryana State philatelic exhibition
Organizers: Haryana Circle of India Post
Venue: Apparel House, Institutional Area, Sector-44, Gurgaon-122003,
Sales Stalls: Rs 5,000

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

Feb 27-28: Shillong, NEPEX North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: All Saints Cathedral Hall in Shillong, Meghalaya

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: 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

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