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

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Jhingan's Jottings

Hi,

Universal Postal Union in a statement on February 15, 2102 said that the postage stamps currently generate annual revenue of US\$ 27.7 billion for postal operators, and around US\$50 billion if stamp dealers and auctions are included. In other words the global turnover in the secondary market is now pegged at US\$ 22.3 billion. It shows steady increase over the last reported figures for the same at US\$ 12 billion for the year 2000. Even in the primary market the postal operators earn 70% of the revenue from sale to the collectors. Therefore the primary purpose of issuing postage stamps today is their sale to collectors.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jagannath Mani, A Kannan, R E Manley

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Official Publications Now Available for Free Download

Early nineteenth century editions of several important official publications of Indian Post Office such as Postal Guides, Manuals, and Reports are now available for free download from

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Host/digitalbookshelf.htm>

These will be of great use to the philatelic community interested in Indian Postal History of that era and has been made possible due to the generosity of P D Allen of Boston, USA in providing the digital copies for distribution, Danforth Walker for allowing his Manuals and Guides to be scanned and Beau Wing, of Wing Press, Framingham MA for his outstanding efforts in scanning, cleaning the files, and making them available to all.

We had started the reprint program of these elusive but significant official publications that are primary resources for history of postal communications in India, in December 1984 with the 1869 edition of the Indian Postal Guide. The list of reprints continues to grow and several titles have been added over the years. For buying the harboured hardcopies of the same, visit Stamps of India Book Shop at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/2Reprints.htm>

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 24: Employees State Insurance Corporation

Mar 9: Shyama Charan Shukla (Rescheduled from Feb 17)

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/2012stamps.htm>

New Stamp released

Pratibha Devisingh Patil, the President of India, released a postage stamp on India International Centre to commemorate its Golden Jubilee on February 9, 2012 at New Delhi. Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communication & Information Technology was also present at the occasion.

The India International Centre is a well known non-official organization situated in New Delhi. It was founded in 1958, and inaugurated on January 22, 1962. It is a unique establishment in that it serves as a meeting place for the various cultural and intellectual offerings the city has to offer, while maintaining its non-official character, non-aligned motivations and remains uncommitted to any particular form of governmental, political, economic or religious affiliation.

The centre operates on grants from the Rockefeller Foundation, and universities that have become members of the IIC foundation. An early interest taken by a past president of India, Dr S Radhakrishnan, saw the government of India take an active interest in its activities as well. The India International Centre was designed by Joseph Allen Stein, an American architect who practiced in New Delhi from 1955 to 1995.

Kamleshwar Singh 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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 400,000 stamps by Wet Offset process.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2012stamps.htm>

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Feb 11: Ajmer, Heart Care Foundation of India

ILLUSTRATED LISTS

Special Postmarks 2011 <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011pm.htm>
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My Stamp Update

My Stamp facility was provided at the Bareilly from February 9 to 11, 2012 during district philatelic exhibition.

My Stamp facility was provided at the Calicut from February 13 to 16, 2012 during 12th Kerala state philatelic exhibition.

My Stamp facility will be provided at the Agra from February 17 to 19, 2012 during district philatelic exhibition.

My Stamp facility will be provided at the Gurgaon from February 21 to 23, 2012 during Haryana state philatelic exhibition.

Stamp Quality Survey

Sudipta mukherjee, member of the Karnataka Philatelic Society has organized a Survey on your view point on judging of stamp quality. All philatelists are requested to fill the survey at the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XB7M29K>

India Scores at Single Frame Competition

India Study Circle members won the first place in Single Frame Open Competition at APS AmeriStamp / Southeastern Stamp Expo held at Atlanta, USA from January 27 to 29, 2012. The members participated as a Team and was one of the 5 Teams at the show. The results are:

Rajpeepla - Sandeep Jaiswal, GOLD with Single Frame Grand Award and the India Study Circle Award

Dehra Dun, India 19th Century Pre-GPU Postal History - Robert Manley, GOLD and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award

"Via Brindisi" The New Fast Way West – P D Allen, GOLD

Wartime Airmail Routes & Rates from India to the US & UK - Jeffrey Brown, VERMEIL and American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Award of Honor

Indian Embossed Envelopes of Edward VII - Steve Zwillinger, VERMEIL

In addition Sandeep Jaiswal also exhibited two exhibits in the Single Frame Championship class: Kotah - The 19th Century Dual Postal System, and Shahpura - A Newly Discovered Stamp Issuing Indian Princely State

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 Catalogue is now available both in print and on 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.

Sub Foreign Post Office at Srinagar

India Post will set up a 'Sub Foreign Post Office' at Srinagar. Jammu and Kashmir Government has provided the space at Kashmir Haat that will help exporters to import and export their goods through Post Office.

The Foreign Post Office also house staff from the Customs Department who check the packages on the spot and once customs has cleared the consignment, it is directly sent to addresses outside India. For incoming packages the Customs officials decide on customs duty if any and post office collects it from the addressee. The Foreign Post Offices are only set up in metro cities around the country, but Srinagar has been chosen as a 'special case'.

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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

Feb 9-11: Bareilly, District philatelic exhibition
Organizers: Bareilly Division, Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post
Venue: Bishop Concord School opp GMT Office

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 13-29: Philatelic Exhibition on "Science & Technology"

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Organizers: Karnataka Circle of India Post

Venue: Philatelic Museum, Bangalore GPO

Karnataka Philatelic Society President, Dr Sangoram, displaying his collection consisting of 50 frames on Astronomy, Lunar Mission, Haley's comet, Orbital space station, minerals, medicine, Atom for peace, Scientists, Nobel Laureates, Solar system etc.

Feb 17-19: Agra, District philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Agra Division, Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Venue: Agra GPO

Feb 21-23: Gurgaon, 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

Organizers: North Eastern Circle of India Post

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 10: New Delhi, 87th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

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

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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