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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

Late in the financial year 2011-2012 the national headquarters of India Post released funds sanctioned by Government of India under the 11<sup>th</sup> Five year Plan that ends on March 31, 2012, to all its Circles for philatelic activities. These funds would have lapsed otherwise on March 31, 2012. This only appears to be the chief reason for holding 100+ philatelic exhibitions by India Post at state, region, and district level in a short span of 6 months instead of the usual 60 months.

The effort of India Post needs to be appreciated for the promotion of philately, however the State, Regional and District Level exhibitions had overlapping dates.

We wonder if there is any advantage in asking a rhetoric question – who did these exhibitions really benefit?

We hope one day India Post will figure it out for itself that exhibitions even at local level need the inputs from the same set of people, stamp dealers, judges, experts need to be there and the overlapping dates brings down the quality as well as the quantity of people available.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Rohit Prasad,

We invite your inputs [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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## **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Feb 24: Employees State Insurance Corporation

Mar 9: 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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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

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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 31: Vadodara, Railway Staff College Diamond Jubilee

Feb 10: Patna, Folk Painting, Bihar Stamp Expo 1/5

Feb 11: Patna, Arya Bhatt, Bihar Stamp Expo 2/5

Feb 11: Patan, Sufi Gaan, Bihar Stamp Expo 3/5

Feb 12: Patna, Sher Shah Suri, Bihar Stamp Expo 4/5

Feb 13: Patna, Girl Child, Bihar Stamp Expo 5/5

Feb 17: Agra, Taj Mahal, Agra District Philatelic Exhibition 1/3

Feb 18: Agra, Chandreshwar Library, Agra District Philatelic Exhibition 2/3

Feb 18: Agra, Head Post Office, Agra District Philatelic Exhibition 3/3

ILLUSTRATED LISTS

**Special Postmarks 2011** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011pm.htm>

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### **Army Postal Service Issues**

The Army Postal Service released the following special covers and special postmarks in December 2011:

Dec 02, 2011: Project Himank, Border Roads Organization, Silver Jubilee

Dec 07, 2011: 14 Squadron Air Force, Diamond Jubilee

Dec 14, 2011: Dog Training Faculty - Golden Jubilee, Remount Veterinary Corps

Dec 17, 2011: 129 Air Defence Regiment, Diamond Jubilee

**Army Postal Service Issues** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011aps.htm>

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### **New Picture Post Cards**

Bihar Circle of India Post issued 4 picture post cards on December 11, 2012 during Bihar Stamp Expo at Patna. The set of 4 cards on the theme of Sufism in Bihar is priced at Rs 100 and each card is affixed with a Rs 5 stamp and stamped with a special postmark on Sufi Gaan (singing). India post has erroneously inscribed these as MAX CARD on the non picture side.

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

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### **New Stamp Booklets**

Bihar Circle of India Post issued 4 stamp booklets on December 10, 2012 during Bihar Stamp Expo at Patna. The booklets are priced at Rs 75 each and carry 4 commemorative stamps of Rs 5 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb07.htm>

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### **My Stamp Update**

After the state level philatelic exhibition at Lucknow and regional philatelic exhibitions at Bareilly and Agra, the My stamp facility will be available at Allahabad, and Kanpur regional philatelic exhibitions to be held in March 2012 for which the dates are yet to be announced.

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### **India Post Website**

India Post launched its redesigned website on February 18, 2012. The url remains the same ie - <http://www.indiapost.gov.in/>

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### **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](http://www.ariesauctions.com)

There are hundreds of classic 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 a new array of material.

Those unable to attend the auction can register and bid online at [www.ariesauctions.com](http://www.ariesauctions.com). The online part of the auction closes at 12pm, 23 February 2012.

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### **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.

### **THIS CATALOG IS NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER: BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!!!!**

Please add Rs 50 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 200 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. Rush your orders to [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis.

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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ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Aerogramme & Inland Letter Card](#) | [Envelopes](#) | [Postcards](#) | [Meghdoot PostCard](#)

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### **Obituary: Kailash Nath**

Kailash Nath of Varanasi died on February 17, 2012. He was suffering from Cancer for some time. He was a prominent dealer in India Classics, Airmails, Rocketmails, and Pigeonogrammes. He was very active and used to attend most of the exhibitions across the country. His father, Haridas Prajapati, was perhaps the most wellknown stamp dealer as he was the pioneer in advertising stamps in main stream magazines in India.

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### **Forgeries & Frauds Alerts**

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

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### **Internet philatelic Dealers Association**

On the February 23, 2012 the Internet Philatelic Dealers Association (IPDA) commemorates its 10th Anniversary. IPDA will be issuing a special Anniversary Cover to members and holding a 24 hour chat for all in the philatelic community. Details can be found on their website at [www.ipdaonline.org](http://www.ipdaonline.org)

The IPDA was formed in 2002 by a group of stamp dealers who had a vision that the internet, and web based services including online e-commerce and online auctions, would fundamentally change the philatelic industry.

The vision that the internet would impact dealers and sellers of stamps, as well as collectors, has turned out to be a reality today.

While there are thousands of sellers across the various internet channels today and while many are professional dealers, there are also many that are casual sellers and many that are simply individuals with a few stamps to sell and often with limited knowledge of the subject material they are selling.

The IPDA is now a group of dealers and part time sellers who believe there is a need for a global organization to represent them and to endorse them as accredited sellers to the global internet buying community

The IPDA believes, and has seen proof, that the reach of the internet will expand the market place.

Membership of the IPDA offers a dealer or part time seller the opportunity to be accredited, and it offers buyers some security that the dealers or sellers they are buying from are accredited.

The services provided to members are under constant review. New services are added as and when required. Some of the current services are:-

Monthly Newsletter.

The Web Site at [www.ipdaonline.org](http://www.ipdaonline.org)

Chat Room [http://host7.parachat.com/hosted/index.html?site=30739&room=IPDA\\_Chat\\_Room](http://host7.parachat.com/hosted/index.html?site=30739&room=IPDA_Chat_Room) or accessed directly from the Web Site. It is open 24/7.

Confidential List — The List records the names and addresses of individuals / businesses who have been reported for using unethical or fraudulent practices.

The IPDA is an affiliated chapter of the American Philatelic Society (APS) <http://stamps.org/Home>.

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

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

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 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](mailto: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 2: Kolkata, Dealers Bourse

Venue: Rotary Sadan

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

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, 87<sup>th</sup> 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 Mudra Utsav 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](http://www.stampsofindia.com/info_base/clubmeet.htm)

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## Features & Resources

Article of the Month: February 2012

### **Demonetization of India's Stamps**

by Madhukar and Savita Jhingan

The demonetization of postage (and revenue) stamps is the process by which the stamps are rendered no longer valid for postage. In general, stamp demonetization is a rare event, since any unused stamp is effectively equivalent to its face value, and there is no financial disadvantage if postal customers use old stamps on their mail. Demonetization chiefly occurs in connection with major upheavals in the postal system, such as a transfer from one country to another, or currency changes, such as decimalization, or a change of government. The process of exchanging millions or billions of stamps in the public's hands, plus that of exchanging post office stock, is usually complicated and difficult, and offers much interest for students of postal history.

In India the postage stamps have been demonetized for the first time in 1938. The postal notice of July 23, 1938 issued by Gurunath V Bewoor, the first Indian to become the Director General of Indian Posts & Telegraphs, notified the demonetization of ordinary and service postage stamps, and postal stationery bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII with effect from September 1, 1938. These were however allowed to be exchanged for the then current stamps of equivalent value up to February 28, 1939.

With independence on August 15, 1947 where on one side the country was partitioned in two and on the other side the integration of hundreds of princely states was a challenging task. Many of the princely states maintained their own postal system and issued stamps in some cases till 1951.

The governance of the French enclave Chandernagore was ceded to India on May 2, 1950. More information is required regarding validity of French India stamps in Chandernagore that was merged with West Bengal state on October 2, 1955.

The stamps and postal stationery of most states were continued to be accepted for postal charges up to April 30, 1950. These could be exchanged for Indian stamps up to July 31, 1950.

The stamps of Gwalior, Patiala, Nabha, Jind, and Chamba that were overprinted on the issues of British India remained valid for postage up to December 31, 1950. These could thereafter be exchanged for stamps of equivalent value up to March 31, 1951.

The stamps of Travancore Cochin ceased to be valid for prepayment of postage with effect from July 1, 1951. These could be exchanged for Indian stamps of equal value up to September 30, 1951.

The stamps issued during the reign of King George V and King George VI ceased to be valid for postage with effect from October 1, 1954. These could be exchanged for then current stamps of equal value up to March 31, 1955.

On November 1, 1954, the four French enclaves of Pondichéry, Yanam, Mahe, and Karikal were de facto transferred to India. The details of the stamps of French India's demonetization requires further research.

All denominations of Anna Pie series, except 4 Annas, 8 Annas, 12 Annas, and Rs 1½ were demonetized with effect from October 1, 1959. These could be exchanged with stamps in decimal denominations up to November 30, 1959

Portuguese enclaves of Dadra & Nagar Haveli were liberated by people themselves on August 2, 1954 who established free Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli that was merged in Union of India in 1961. India liberated Goa and Daman & Diu on December 19, 1961 in a military action that Portugal only recognized in 1975. The stamps of India were put on sale with effect from December 28, 1961 although postage stamps of Portuguese India remained valid for postage up to January 4, or 5, or 6, 1962.

Acknowledgments:

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

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

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