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Jhingan's Jottings

Hi,

I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.
-Abraham Lincoln

These are the thoughts that crossed our mind when we learned from our family that we have lost our beloved mother. She was not well for couple of days, and we had just spoken to her a few hours ago at our home in Dehradun. Somehow none of us was unduly worried and her passing away was rather suddenly and a big shock for the family.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends and members of our philatelic family who conveyed their loving messages on the sad demise of our mother. It means a lot to us and gives us the strength to bear the loss.

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

- M&SJ

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Premature Release of S C Shukla Stamp

950 commemorative stamps of S C Shukla issue reportedly were sold from philatelic bureau at Jaipur GPO on February 17 instead of its rescheduled date of release of March 9, 2012. The sale of new stamps before its official date of release is a regular feature of India Post due to frequent rescheduling of release dates.

Proponents of this issue wanted the Prime Minister to release the stamp and the release date was rescheduled from February 17, first to March 12, and finally to March 9 as per the convenience of the Prime Minister, a postal official from postal headquarters, New Delhi said.

Inspired perhaps by the James Bond movie 'Tomorrow Never Dies', this also seems to be a case of manufacturing sensational news. Reportedly a person who claims to be the correspondent of a philatelic

blog was instrumental in knowingly misleading rather bulldozing the philatelic bureau staff at Jaipur in issuing the stamp on February 17 and thereafter its coverage in news media.

A member of the Philatelic Advisory Committee circulated a letter regarding the meeting in which it was decided to issue Shukla's stamp on February 17, 2012. This letter was also put up on the Notice Board of the Philatelic Bureau, Jaipur.

The decision to issue the stamp on Shukla itself is in violation of India Post's rules which stipulate that a stamp may be issued on the 10th death anniversary, among other occasions. Shukla died in 2007 and as such a stamp commemorating him could only be issued in 2017.

This will be the 4th stamp to be issued on a person named Shukla by India Post and 2nd clearly controversial issue. India Post in future will be wary of issuing a stamp on anyone named Shukla.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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 as soon as it becomes available.

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

New Stamp Released

Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications and Information Technology released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of Employees State Insurance Corporation on February 24, 2012 at New Delhi. Pranab Mukherjee and Mallikarjun Kharge, India's Finance Minister and Labor and Employment Minister respectively were also present on the occasion.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp and First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 450,000 stamps by wet offset process.

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Feb 21: Gurgaon, Sultanpur Bird Sanctuary, Haryana State Philatelic Exhibition 1/3

Feb 22: Gurgaon, Jal Mahal, Narnaul, Haryana State Philatelic Exhibition 2/3

Feb 23: Gurgaon, Bhidawas Bird Sanctuary, Haryana State Philatelic Exhibition 3/3

ILLUSTRATED LISTS

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

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

My Stamp Update

The My Stamp facility was provided at the Golden Katar Philatelic Exhibition at Ahmedabad on February 24 and 25, 2012. Customized My Stamps depicting 18 different designs were also made available during the exhibition.

This was the first time that the My Stamp was provided in Gujarat at philatelic exhibition organized by the Army Postal Service. My Stamp was provided earlier at several philatelic shows organized by Army

Postal Service with Jammu and Kashmir Circle of India Post in October and November 2011 at Srinagar Cantonment, Baramula, Uri, and Anantnag.

General Strike Affects Postal Services

Postal services such as delivery and counter operations in post offices were also affected on February 28, 2012 due to nationwide strike called by 11 central trade unions. Non-executive class workers of India Post participated in the strike

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

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

Postal Ballots

In Uttrakhand, one of the five states where elections are currently on, 119000 persons, including 100000 army personnel are casting their votes through postal ballot papers, a process which would continue till 8 AM of March 6 when the counting of votes takes begins. The postal ballots could play a crucial role in as many as 20 constituencies out of the total 70 in the state.

So far only 47,290 postal ballots had been accounted for, 22729 postal ballots had been received by the returning officers, whereas 24511 had come back undelivered. Election Commission of India said that for all the undelivered postal ballots, it is the responsibility of the Army to ascertain the reasons.

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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 Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #51, March 2012

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

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

If you've found this digital newsweekly useful, recommend it to a friend. Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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.

Golden Katar Philatelic Exhibition

Madam Pant, Convener, Family Welfare Organization inaugurated Golden Katar Philatelic Exhibition on February 24, 2012 at Repair Bay of 812 Fd Workshop, Ahmadabad Military Garrison. The 11th Infantry Division Postal Unit, Army Postal Service organized this philatelic exhibition in a grand way with the active participation of officials of India Post and the co-operation of the eminent philatelists. The main

object of the exhibition is to create awareness amongst defense personnel, their families and particularly School Children.

The inauguration ceremony was witnessed by well attended audience, including the school children from the various schools. Chief Post Master P H Panchal, was the Chief Guest. Pavankumar Dalamia, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Ahmedabad City Division, and Major M L E John, Officer Commanding, 11th Infantry Division Postal Unit were also present.

The exhibits of Anil Rastogi, Mainak Kathria, Ashok Bayanwala, H C Mehta, and Dr Paresh Upadhyay were displayed in invitee class. A Workshop on Stamp collection; Power point presentation on stamp collecting and news clippings of Rainbow Stamp News are shown to school children by Rajkot Philatelic Society. For school children Painting for Stamp Design, Letter Writing and Dance Competitions were also organized.

Brigadier M R Pant presided over the closing ceremony and prize distribution function along with the launching of 'FPO on Wheels' was held on February 25, 2012. Large numbers of visitors spent hours and enjoyed the exhibition. All concerned officers and staff worked hard to make this event a memorable one.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

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Mar 3-4: Bangalore, World Stamps on Cinema by Jagannath Prakash with M R Prabhakar to commemorate the 78th anniversary of 'Sati Sulochana' – the first Kannada talkie film

Organizers: Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy

Venue: Badami House, Corporation Circle

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 22-23: Kanpur, Regional Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Kanpur Region of Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Mar 23-25: New Delhi, Bhartiye Mudra Utsav 2012

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

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

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

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

Readers Forum

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K G Balakrishnan

During the INDIPEX 2011 several special covers were issued. But these special covers have not been put up for sale through philatelic bureaus till today

Several commemorative stamps were re-issued with inscription "INDIPEX- 2011" and the year is printed in these re-issued stamps as "2011". These stamps have also not yet been put up for sale through philatelic bureaus and are being used towards issue of "My Stamp".

It appears that this procedure is incorrect. Those who are PD Account holders should have been supplied with these materials

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

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