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Hi,

Wish we could blame the delay in publishing this issue to the Ides of March, especially as it is dated March 15.

The word Ides comes from the Latin word "idus", a word that was used widely in the Roman calendar indicating the approximate day that was the middle of the month. The term ides was used for the 15th day of the months of March, May, July, and October, and the 13th day of the other months. The Ides of March was a festive day dedicated to the god Mars and a military parade was usually held. It's supposed to be on the day of the full moon and was the day of the festival Annae festum geniale Perennae corresponding to the Indian festival of Holi. March's Ides also marked the beginning of the consular year, the two annually-elected Roman consuls took office on the Ides.

However, the term Ides of March is best known as the date on which Julius Caesar was killed in 44 BC. Caesar was stabbed to death in the Roman Senate by a group of conspirators led by Marcus Junius Brutus and Gaius Cassius Longinus. According to Plutarch, a seer had foreseen that Caesar would be harmed not later than the Ides of March and on his way to the Theater of Pompey where he would be assassinated, Caesar met that seer and joked, "the ides of March have come", meaning to say that the prophecy had not been fulfilled, to which the seer replied "Ay, Caesar; but not gone." This meeting is famously dramatized in William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, when Caesar is warned by the soothsayer to "beware the Ides of March."

Well, this issue is late because of our preoccupation and not because of Ides of March and we apologize for the delay. We are trying our best to get back to schedule before March ends.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Vishal Sangneria, Markand Dave, Ashish Talwar,

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

New Stamp Released

Ajit Singh, India's Minister for Civil Aviation released a set of 4 stamps to mark the conclusion of the year long centenary celebration of Aviation in India on March 14, 2012 at Hyderabad during the inaugural of 'India Aviation 2012', the 3rd edition of the premier international exhibition and conference on civil aviation. Jaipal Reddy, India's Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas; Kiran Kumar Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh; Dr Nasim Zaidi, Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation; Kamaleshwar Prasad, Member of Postal Services Board; R V Kanoria, President of FICCI ; Dr Dinesh Keskar, Chairman of FICCI Civil Aviation Committee; Elisabeth Dallo, Head of International Cooperation, DGAC, France; and Peter Burleigh, Charged' Affaires, US Mission in India participated in the function.

The stamps in the denomination of Rs 5, 5, 5 and 20 depict the journey of the Civil Aviation in India starting from the first commercial flight to its ubiquitous presence across the country with airports having world class facilities. The issue is also accompanied with a Miniature sheet.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp, miniature sheet, 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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 400,000 stamps by photogravure process. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 200,000.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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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.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Jan 12: Kolkata, Swami Vivekananda Birth Anniversary

Jan 13: Jammu, Baldev Institute of Management, Technology and Science

Feb 9: Bareilly, Bareilly College, 175 Years, Bareilly District Philatelic Exhibition 1/1

Feb 27: Shillong, State Animal of Mizoram-Saza (Serow), North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition 1/6

Feb 27: Shillong, Kangla - Manipur, North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition 2/6

Feb 28: Shillong, Traditional Accessories of Nagaland, North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition 3/6

Feb 28: Shillong, State Flower of Arunachal Pradesh - Rhynchostylis Retusa (Foxtail), NEPEX 4/6

Feb 29: Shillong, Seju Cave, Meghalaya, North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition 5/6

Feb 29: Shillong, Unnokoti, North Tripura, North Eastern Philatelic Exhibition 6/6

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Classic India by Dr Sita Bhateja

David Feldman of Geneva, Switzerland has published Classic India 1669 – 1857 by Dr Sita Bhateja in Great Philatelic Collections series in December 2012. The well produced hardbound work features the collection of Dr Bhateja that was nominated thrice for the Grand Prix the Honneur at FIP World Philatelic Exhibitions.

The work printed in the limited numbered edition of 100 copies is priced at Euro 75 plus postage and is available from David Feldman www.davidfeldman.com

In our report earlier published in the Issue #509 of February 9, 2012 we erroneously reported the price as CHF 75.

Marudhar Arts Auction

Marudhar Arts Bangalore thank all bidders for making the 2nd Auction a grand success. The total sale was of approx 8.9 Million Rupees (89 Lakhs).

Marudhar Arts are accepting consignments for 3rd e-Auction Cum Floor Auction. Consignees can send the scan or photos of their consignments for the final approval. The last date for consigning items is 31st March 2012.

Please contact info@maruphilaque.com for more details.

Aries Summer Auction

The Aries Summer 2012 Auction will be being held on Sunday, June 17, 2012 at Bhai Vir Singh Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi 110001 during the National Stamp Fair 2012.

Those who wish to consign the material to the auction are requested to do not wait till the last date. Early consignments ensure better description and better exposure within the catalog. The last date of consignments to reach is April 18, 2012.

Please contact Ashish Talwar at talwar2002@hotmail.com or 0 98101 86108. The postal address is: B – 15/21, DLF Phase I, Gurgaon, Haryana 122002 and their website is www.ariesauctions.com

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Stanley Gibbons India Catalog

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

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

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Mar 23-25: Mumbai Coins & Currency Exhibition(Silver Jubilee)

Venue: Tejpal Memorial Ac Hall,Gowalia Tank ,NANA Chowk,Grant Road (WEST)

Contact: Darshan 09821141704

Mar 24-25: Kanpur, District Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Kanpur Region of Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Apr 14: New Delhi, 88th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

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

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

Apr 19-22: Mumbai, Shukla Day Coin & Philately Fair

Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005

Organizers: Todywalla

Contact:

Apr 21-22: Ludhiana, Seminar on Philately + Stamp Exhibition + Stamp Bazar

Venue: Lions Bhawan, Udham Singh Nagar, Ludhiana

Organizers: Philatelic Congress of Punjab and Ludhiana Philatelic Club

Contacts: Rajesh Gupta, General Secretary 9463132086, Mukesh Malhotra, PRO 9023084608

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May 11-13: Exhibition For Stamps,Coins & Currencies

Occasion: 75th Anniversary of the First Stamp Exhibition In Travancore, at YMCA Kottayam in 1937

Organizers: Kottayam Philatelic & Numismatic Society

Venue: K P S Menon Hall, near Public Library, Sastri Road, Kottayam, 1 km from Railway Station

Sales Stall: Rs 3,500 inclusive of lunch & tea; Only 20 stalls are available

Mobile dealers: Rs 1,300 inclusive of lunch & tea

Contacts: Sunil Joseph(09446124923), Atish Jain(09447756118)

May 18-19: Hyderabad, 3rd National Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore

Venue: Maruti Garden, Red hills, Hyderabad

Contact: info@maruphilaque.com

June 16-19: New Delhi, 2nd National Stamp Fair

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

Timing: 11am to 6pm on all 3 days,

Organizers: Philatelic Dealers Association

Tables: Rs. 6,000 inclusive of lunch and tea for 2 persons on each day.

Steel almirah is available on additional charge and requires to be booked in advance

Auctions: Aries Auction at 6pm on Sunday, Jun 17

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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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