

Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

There are 8 bank holidays, including 2 Sundays, in the first 15 days of April 2012! A friend suggested, that the Government instead of the list of holidays should publish the list of working days as that might be shorter!

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: P Mohanachandran Nair, Jagannath Mani,

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Apr 12: Isabella Thoburn College Lucknow

Apr 18: R Venkataraman

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

Collector Packs

India Post has recently released the annual Collectors Packs of stamps for the year 2009 and 2010, priced at Rs 800 and Rs 660 respectively.

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/yearpacks.htm>

Recent Special Postmarks

Mar 24: Kanpur, Bicentenary Chowk, Satti Chaura, Kanpur District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 24: Kanpur, Small Arms Factory, Kanpur District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 29: Srinagar, Tulip Garden, 1/2

Mar 29: Srinagar, Tulip Garden, 2/2

Apr 02: New Delhi, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security Silver Jubilee

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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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Article of the Month Series

March 2012

25 images have now been added to the online version available at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/readroom/FirstDayofIssuePostmarksofStampCentenary.htm> We

need 49 more to complete this visual database for First Day of Issue Postmarks of Stamp Centenary.

We welcome your contributions for this. Please check First Day of Issue Postmark carefully on the FDC or postal stationery in your collection and send us the scans in 200 dpi in best quality.

February 2012

There is small correction that 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 and these could be exchanged for then current stamps of equal value up to **December 31, 1954** and NOT up to March 31, 1955 as stated earlier. We also plan to add visuals to this article in near future.

My Stamp Update

Stamps of India and Eeshan Prakashan has released a set of **29 First Day Covers**, one for each design, for My Stamp personalized postage stamps issue. The individually numbered covers are issued in the limited quantity of 100 and is priced at Rs 11,000 postpaid for the set. Please send your orders to orders@stampsofindia.com.

The response is overwhelming and persons desirous of having one in their collection are advised to act fast.

Images are on display at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/fdc.htm>

2nd National Stamp Fair

Philatelic Dealers Association is organizing the 2nd National Stamp Fair from June 16 to 18, 2012 at Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi. Tables are available at Rs 6,000 inclusive of lunch and tea for 2 persons on each day. The Steel almirah is available on additional charge and required to be booked in advance. Please contact Ashish Talwar 0 98101 86108 talwar2002@hotmail.com , for bookings.

Bookings are considered final only on receipt of full payment. Allotment of tables is solely at the discretion of the organizers. Tables are not transferable without the prior permission of the organizers and such transfer will only be possible if communicated to the organizers 15 days before the Fair and the decision of the organizers shall be binding in this regard. If there is any sharing of tables, the same has to be communicated to the organizers at the time of booking/making payment.

Aries Auction will be held at on Sunday, Jun 17, 2012.

Auktionshaus Christoph Gärtner

The 22nd International Public Auction is to be held from May 8 to 12, 2012 in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany. There are more than 21.500 lots compiled in eight catalogues that are now available:

ASIA (special auction on 8th of May 2012)

Volume 1: OVERSEAS/THEMATICS (single lots)

Volume 2: EUROPE (single lots)

Volume 3: GERMANY (single lots)

Volume 4.1: COLLECTIONS (Overseas, All World, Europe and Thematics)

Volume 4.2: COLLECTIONS (Germany, Estates)

Volume 5: NUMISMATICS (single lots and collections)

Rarities # 7

All single lots in full size can be found on: www.auktionen-gaertner.de

Ananthapuri Philatelic Association

A new philatelic association named Ananthapuri Philatelic Association is formed at Thiruvananthapuram. Its monthly meetings will on First Sundays at 3 pm starting from April 1, 2012. At present the venue of the meeting will be Poorna Hotel, Near YMCA, Statue Jn. Thiruvananthapuram.

The following members are unanimously elected as office bearers.

V Balakrishnan Nair (President) (Mobile: 09446028188)

Syam (Vice President) (Mobile: 9447057491)

P Mohanachandran Nair (Secretary) (Mobile: 09387801948)

Boban J E (Jt. Secretary) (Mobile: 09495059324)

Jacob Philip (Treasurer) (Mobile:09446139132)

A grand official inauguration of the Association is being planned along with three days philatelic exhibition. The details will be announced shortly.

Recent Philatelic Publications

Title: Philately-The King of Hobbies

Author: Abdussalam U, Secretary Ponani Philatelic & Numismatics Club, Ponani, Kerala

Language: English

Price: Rs 70

Contact: abduzal@yahoo.co.in

About: A complete reference book for beginners and experts-stamp identifier. This book really helps to find out which stamp belongs to which country and its history.

Title: Anche Janapada

Author: M R Prabhakar, conducted over 1,000 philatelic exhibitions in rural areas of Karnataka

Language: Kannada

Price: Rs 150

Contact: B N Paraddi, Registrar, Karnataka Janapada Academy Tel: +91 80 22215509

About: A collection of postal stamps of various countries related to folk arts

Title: Coins of India

Authors: Prof. (Dr.) V.K.Gupta, Neha Gupta & Varun Nischal

Language: English

Price: Rs. 1,350 Special price for limited period; Regular Price: 1,600 +100 postage

Contact: profvkg@gmail.com or profvkg@yahoo.co.in

About: Specialized Study with Valuation (1835-2012), Prices of Gold, Silver and other Coins - yearwise and mintwise, Varieties and unlisted items included, Hardbound. 4 colors. Art paper. A 5 size, 344 pages. 4,000 listings, 770 images, 4 Appendices, Legal aspects concerning numismatists, Bibliography and index.

OLYMPEX 2012

The last edition of Olympex to be organized by International Federation of Olympic Philately (FIPO), will be held from July 24 to September 9, 2012 at the prestigious headquarters of the British Library of London. It has been included in the cultural program of the Games in London. The exhibition will not be as grandiose as the previous ones due to the limited budget provided by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and to the complete absence of the English Postal Administration and of the Organizing Committee of the Games (LOCOG). This has influenced the choice of the location of the exhibition which will be certainly prestigious but of limited dimensions. Consequently the exhibition will be exclusively on invitation and based on the London Games of the Olympiad: 1908, 1948 and 2012. There will be no national commissioners and the collections that will be invited will reach London without any expenses for the Organizing Committee. This exhibition will officially close the 30 years activity of FIPO.

The work is currently going to form a new body to replace FIPO.

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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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Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

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

Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

Time: 2.30 pm

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

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

Apr 18-20: Srinagar, Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: J & K Postal Circle

Apr 20-22: Mumbai, Shukla Day

Venue: World Trade Centre

Organizers: Todywalla

Contact: Kaizad Todywalla 0 9820032468

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

email: ludhianaphilatelicclub@gmail.com

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)

June 16-18: 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 almira is available on additional charge and required to be booked in advance

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

Contact: Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com , 0 98101 86108

[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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