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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

Although newspapers and television channels continue to report that on May 13, 2012 two coins and a postage stamp will be issued to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Indian Parliament, India Post has denied that a stamp will be issued on the occasion. India Post says that this issue wasn't planned and some other department of the Government of India has announced the stamp issue without even consulting them.

At the time of mailing this issue, no stamp is scheduled to be released. However strange are the ways of India Post and we will be able to confirm the same in our issue of May 17, 2012.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

May 17: M B Kadadi

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

Apr 20: Mumbai, 150 YEAR Narrow Gauge Railway 150 Years of

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

ATM at Post Offices

Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, informed the Lok Sabha on April 25, 2012 that India Post proposes to set up 1000 Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and carry out computerization of Post Offices in the country as part of its ongoing modernization and up-gradation drive. 820 Head Post Offices have been identified for setting up ATMs across the country. The remaining 180 Post Offices will be identified during implementation phase. Of these a maximum 100 ATMs would be set up in Andhra Pradesh.

2nd National Stamp Fair

The Philatelic Dealers Association is organizing the Second National Stamp Fair from 16 to 18 June 2012. The first edition held in June 2011 was a tremendous success and we expect the same this time. The venue is the same, Bhai Vir Singh Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi – 110001. It is centrally located, air-conditioned and spacious. We expect larger number of dealers than last time and steps are being initiated to widely publicise the event. The cost of each table is Rs. 6,000 inclusive of lunch and tea for 2 persons on all 3 days. The timings are 11am to 6pm on all 3 days. For booking, contact Ashish Talwar, Secretary General, Philatelic Dealers Association, phone 98101 86108.

Auctions will compliment the event. Aries Auctions will hold its auction at 6pm on 17 June.

At 6pm on 16 and 18 June, Spot auction will be held. All participating stand-holders are eligible to consign material for the spot auction.

The following dealers from all over the world have already confirmed their participation:

01. Arun Kumar Agarwal, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
02. Aries Auctions, New Delhi
03. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon, Haryana
04. Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi
05. Rohit Prasad, New Delhi
06. Stamps R Us, New Delhi
07. Jay Cee Enterprises, Puducherry
08. Umesh Aggarwal, Jaipur, Rajasthan
09. R. S. Gupta, Bengaluru, Karnataka
10. Sunil Joseph, Kerala
11. Stamps of India, New Delhi
12. Sarfaraz Ahmed, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
13. Rajeev Kumar, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
14. Dhiren Singh Chauhan, Sidhi, Madhya Pradesh
15. Sabir Stamps, New Delhi
16. Abdul Ghaffar Gandhi, Jaipur, Rajasthan
17. Arun Bhattacharya and Swapan Chandra, Kolkata
18. Tanmoy Chatterjee and Subrata Chowdhury, Kolkata

19. A. R. C. Shah, New Delhi and R. K. Bhatia, Amritsar
20. N. K. Dhuper, New Delhi,
21. Rajesh Mittal, New Delhi
22. Ranjit Singh, New Delhi
23. Jigjid Gantsogt, Mongolia

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 priced at Rs 11,000 inclusive of postage for the set. Please send your orders to orders@stampsofindia.com.

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

New Philatelic Publication:

Title: The Bombay-Aden Sea Post Office

Authors: Mike Dovey and Peter Bottrill

Publishers: The TPO and Seapost Society, 2012

Other details: large (A4) paperback (softcover), 176 pages

based on the collection of Peter Bottrill; Fine new handbook covering the postal markings of P&O's Bombay-Aden Sea Post Office. Profusely illustrated with colour reproductions of covers and illustrations of the many cancellation types.

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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 Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #53, May 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.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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 12: New Delhi, 89th 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

May 18-20: Hyderabad, 3rd National Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore

Time: 10am to 7 pm

Venue: Maruti Gardens Convention Center, No. 11-4-669/1, Beside Om International Hotel, Lakdi Ka Pool, Hyderabad

Contact:

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

Oct 5-7: Nagpur, 3rd National Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore in association Indian Coin Society, Nagpur

Venue: Mor Hindi Bhavan, Jhansi Rani Chowk,Nagpur

Contact:

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm

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Features & Resources

Origins of the India's Stamp Journal

by Madhukar and Savita Jhingan

We have spent about 5 years researching postal history of India in various archives in India and abroad. One of the file which came our way rather serendipitously was of two European stamp dealers migrating to India and setting up shop here. In this, our first philatelic history article, we focus on their arrival and founding of India's Stamp Journal.

Carl Neukom, a wholesale stamp Dealer in Tehran, Iran wrote on March 3, 1936 to British Consul, British Legation, Teheran for a Visa for India and for a permission to live in India and establish their business in Bombay as stamp dealers for himself and his partner Roger Bourdon. They decided to move due to new money restrictions in Iran that affected their business. The Acting British Consul, F Herbert Gamble, referred the matter to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Foreign & Political Department, New Delhi.

Caroe, an officer in Foreign & Political Department noted on file on March 31, 1936, 'It seems that these two are philatelists. How a philatelist makes a living I do not know; the letter from Neukom does not make the objectives clear'.

Neukom was a Swiss national holding passport # 388374/106 issued at Tehran on March 12, 1936 and Bourdon a French national was holding the passport # 13 issued at Tehran on March 4, 1936. Neukom was granted visa for India # 2738 on April 11, 1936 while Bourdon was granted the visa # 2720 on March 16, 1936. Both arrived in Bombay on April 25, 1936 by SS Versova. However the stay in India of Neukom was limited to one month as per visa granted to him.

On May 11, 1936 Government of India decided to consult Government of Bombay for grant of permission to Neukom and Bourdon, to live in India. The file was also vetted by the Intelligence Bureau which cleared it on May 19, 1936, and Home Department of Government of India. The Consul General for Switzerland at Bombay wrote to revoke the one month limit clause on the visa granted to Neukom. The Commissioner of Police, Bombay also gave a 'no objection' on May 18, 1936. Government of India approved the removal of the limit of stay for Neukom's visa on June 26, 1936.

Neukom and Bourdon established two firms, 'Philatelic Orient' at Kodak House, Hornby Road, Bombay and 'Indophil' with a postbox address for wholesale stamp dealing. Neukom was the proprietor of the Philatelic Orient while Bourdon took care of business at Indophil. From the very beginning the Philatelic Orient stocked stamps from all over the world in packets and sets, albums, accessories, books, and catalogs.

Philatelic Orient published 'Hind' Stamp Album and promoted it as printed in India for Indian collectors. In June 1940 'Collecting Stamps' was first published and remained in print for several years through many editions and revisions. This title was acclaimed as specially written for Indian collectors showing philately from Indian point of view. Philatelic Orient also printed First Day Covers.

Philatelic Orient as well as Indophil issued circulars periodically from 1936 to 1937. In 1938 they consolidated these in 'Philatelic Orient Stamp News' of which 6 issues was published. In March 1939

they changed the name to 'India's Stamp Journal' and published its first issue that however was inscribed Volume 2 Issue #1, to provide continuity to 'Philatelic Orient Stamp News'.

Neukom was credited as the proprietor of 'India's Stamp Journal' and Bourdon was its editor. It was printed by Thacker & Company. 'India's Stamp Journal' claimed the largest circulation in India, Ceylon, and Burma with 2000 copies every month. Its price was 3 Annas per copy and Rs 2¼ for the annual subscription.

The advertisement rates were Rs 25 per page. Each issue had several pages of advertisement of Philatelic Orient and one page from Indophil. Bombay Philatelic Company that was celebrating its golden jubilee in 1939 was a regular advertiser. Other regular advertisers were Coronation Stamp Company, Federal Stamp company, MA Paul, and Kurbanally Jafferalli. The classified advertisements were ½ anna per word with a minimum of Re 1.

With the 8th issue in October 1939 the price was reduced to 1½ annas per copy and Re 1 for the annual subscription. From the November 1939 issue the printing was done in house at Phil Press that was owned by Neukom with Bourdon as its Manager.

Bourdon informed in the October 1939 issue, to his suppliers and customers that as he may be called to join the French Army during the World War II, he shall not transact any business during the war. That was the end of Indophil. However it seems that he wasn't called for the war duty and continued serving the philately in India.

The doyen of Indian philately, Jal Cooper, made an entry with front page advertisement in July 1939 issue. And in the very next issue not only did he continue to advertise but his piece 'Philately In India' was the lead story. His advertisements and writings continued to appear in all issues since. Jal Cooper eventually took over the 'India's Stamps Journal' as proprietor and editor with October 1940 issue. It continued to be printed at Phil Press till December 1942.

It seems that Neukom and Bourdon separated by the end of 1942. And also ended, at perhaps the same time, the relationship between Neukom and Cooper as Philatelic Orient's advertisements stopped appearing in the 'India's Stamp Journal'. Bourdon as the Managing Director of Western Printers & Publishers took over printing the journal with January 1943 issue and continued till February 1950 when he 'ceased connections with that printing firm'. The firm however continued printing the journal till 1956.

Jal Cooper wrote in July 1941 that the circulation was little over 200 copies, when he took over in October 1940, this figure appears more realistic as compared to the figures claimed by Neukom; and has since increased to over 700 copies. The size of the journal was also increased from 16 to 32 pages and that too on better quality paper.

Cooper was a legend in his own time and his name continues to command respect worldwide even today, four decade after his death in 1972. Cooper was a full time dealer since 1939 who gave equal attention to classics as well as inexpensive stamp packets for the young. He managed a large space office stocked with not only stamps of all kinds, but also with catalogs, books, albums, and accessories from the leading brands from all over the world. In addition he ran successful public auctions as well as monthly postal auctions. He authored books on Indian philately which are till date the essential tools of the hobby. He founded Empire of India Philatelic Society and promoted India Study Circle in UK from its very inception. He held several philatelic exhibitions. And he published India's Stamp Journal that under his editorship was the voice of Indian philately. The work of Cooper can not be covered in a article like this but requires a whole book.

Neukom mentions in January 1947 that his stamp business is being offered for sale. However the evidence available shows that the Philatelic Orient remained in business till at least till 1949.

We welcome more information on the life and time of the Philatelic Orient, Neukom, and Bourdon.

Acknowledgments: National Archives of India, New Delhi

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