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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We need to find out the dates of the opening of the Philatelic Bureaus at Calicut (Kozhikode) and Mangalore. Will appreciate the references for authentication of the same. Please help.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Origins of the India's Stamp Journal

The Article of the Month for April 2012: 'Origins of the India's Stamp Journal' has been re-edited with additional information and the images and has been published at the following link -

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/readroom/IndiasStampJournal.htm>

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

May 16: Karpur Chand Kulish

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.

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

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

May 07: New Delhi, 25 Years of Speed Post

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Conference of Heads of Circles

Kapil Sibal, Minister for Communications and Information Technology inaugurated two day annual conference of Heads of Circle of the Department of Posts at New Delhi on May 7, 2012.

During the event, discussions were focused around the challenges being faced by India Post in the 21st Century. India Post is faced with the twin challenges of induction of various modes of technology in communication and also the proliferation of couriers on the other.

The organization has geared itself to assimilate technology in its operations in a big way. It has also embarked upon the path of providing quality postal services to its customers. The Speed Post is already a brand to reckon with. Other initiatives like introduction of Core Banking Solutions in the Post Office Savings Bank, expansion of Postal Life Insurance and streamlining of the parcel service area also on the anvil. Apart from this, India Post is preparing itself to have a vast technological network to connect all the rural Post Offices. The organization hopes to be a reliable partner for various Government Departments for delivery of their services in the villages where no other network has the kind of reach which India Post has got.

Training of the Postal Staff to adapt itself to the use of technology in a big way is also a major challenge. Plans are being worked out by India Post to provide adequate training to all its personnel in use of technology. This is going to be the thrust area in the next couple of years.

India Post has a vast network of 154,866 post offices in the country. It handles over six billion articles of mail every year with the help of nearly half a million employees. India Post also runs Post Offices Savings Bank. Apart from offering various saving scheme, to the common man, Bank also disburses Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme wages. It has 54 million accounts which disbursed Rs. 74300 million as MGNREGS wages during 2011-12.

25 Years of Speed Post

Kapil Sibal, Minister for Communications and Information Technology released a special cover to mark 25 years of Speed Post on May 7, 2012 at New Delhi. The Minister gave away prizes to top three Circles of India Post for generating highest rate of revenue growth in Speed Post during 2010-11, on the occasion.

While Karnataka Circle walked away with the first prize and DG Post's Rolling Trophy, Jammu and Kashmir Circle and Jharkhand Circle secured the second and third position respectively. Speed Post is the premium Express Mail Service of India Post. It was launched in August, 1986 to meet the "felt-need" of the developing Indian economy. It offers a time-bound and assured delivery of letters, documents and parcels up to 35kg across the nation and around the world.

The Speed Post network is the largest Express Service Network in India. It covers all major towns & cities. Web-based Track and Trace service is provided for Speed Post articles on the India Post website (www.indiapost.gov.in). Insurance facility is also available for sending valuable items under Speed Post, Regular customers enjoy free pick up, credit facility under Book Now Pay Later Scheme and attractive volume based discounts.

Over the past 25 years, Speed Post has steadily continued to grow in terms of volumes with monthly volumes exceeding 25 million articles in 2011-12. The Department of Posts set-up a Business Development Directorate in 1996 which was re-organized as Business Development & Marketing Directorate in 2005, to provide impetus to business activities concerning Speed Post and a number of other business products.

The last 25 years have been a journey of success for Speed Post with economical rates, safety and reliability as the hallmarks of the service.

Michel South Asia (India) Catalogue 2012

MICHEL Overseas Catalogue South Asia (India) 2012 was released on May 4, 2012. The Catalogue of 832 all color pages is priced Euro 79 about Rs 5,600.

For the first time with auction results of valuable and rare stamps are included with up-to-date-valuations and noticeable price increases, especially for older issues of India. It also includes the listing of My Stamp personalized postage stamps of India. There are numerous important up-dates in texts and retail prices. The optimized layout makes the catalogue easier to use and the illustrations are now widely in color. Many older stamp illustrations were replaced by new color images and color illustrations of stamps from 1990 on are included for the first time. The contents include stamps of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma (Myanmar), India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) from the beginning to present day with a comprehensive catalogue introduction with key information on usage and philatelic A-Z lexicon. It also has a comprehensive updated key word index of all overseas areas in the appendix. For more information please visit their web site www.michel.de

Some of the prices for the stamps of India are: Mahatma Gandhi 1948 set is priced at Euros 700 for mint and 100 for used. Mask 1974 Miniature Sheet is Euro 80 for mint and 20 for used. 1991 Mahadevi Varma Se-tenant Pair is Euro 100 for mint and 20 for used. 1994 Waterbirds Se-tenant Block is Euro 250 for mint and 100 for used.

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 publicize 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:

1. Arun Kumar Agarwal, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
2. Aries Auctions, New Delhi
3. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon, Haryana

4. Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi
5. Rohit Prasad, New Delhi
6. Stamps R Us, New Delhi
7. Jay Cee Enterprises, Puducherry
8. Umesh Aggarwal, Jaipur, Rajasthan
9. 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, and Arvind Mullick, Jabalpur, 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
24. Rajendra Mehta, Surat, Gujarat
25. Kamal Aggarwal, and Shafiq Khan, Uttar Pradesh
26. Philatelic Centre (P. C. Jaiswal), Kolkata
27. Deepak Sadhukhan, Kolkata
28. Biswanath Prasad, Kolkata
29. S. K. Mahato (Amar), Kolkata
30. Dipak Dave, Nadiad, Gujarat

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@stampsfindia.com.

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

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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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PayPal Expands Presence in India

eBay is opening a new global development center in Bangalore, India, and hiring 1,000 engineers to expand its PayPal operations there. The company said the construction and new hires will take place over the next three years. The facility will feature “several centers of excellence” and house technologists from both eBay Marketplaces and PayPal, according to Anupam Pahuja, general manager of PayPal’s first Indian center in Chennai.

PayPal says it is aggressively hiring senior technologists with strong product development experience across a range of functions, including product management, research and application development, user design and information security. “This is quite a milestone for us given that we started our first development center in India in Chennai in 2007 and have already grown to over 2,000 people,” Pahuja said.

The latest development center builds on eBay’s presence in India, where it also has a major business hub in Mumbai.

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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 almirah 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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