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Jhingan's Jottings

Hi,

In the previous issue we had published the news and the link to the Mahatma Gandhi Rs 10 fake. The result was that the bids on the fake immediately jumped from 3 to 13 and it eventually sold for on the 15th bid for Euros 101.

Dr Jagtap while commenting on 'Issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps' has hit the nail on its head when he states "All philatelists will feel obliged to India Post, if these suggestions will be put in practice". We are sure all philatelists will agree with this sentiment. We are not at all pessimistic but know from our experience of nearly 38 years of dealings with India Post that the willful violations of the newly minted policy will begin almost immediately. When a guilty goes unpunished it discourages honest officers and encourages the corrupt ones. That exactly is the problem with India Post and that is why the provision of penalty and punishment clauses in the rules is absolutely necessary. All laws of the land do contain the penalty and punishment clauses and postal and philatelic laws can't be an exception.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

May 27: 800th Urs of Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti Ajmer, 2 Stamps, and Miniature Sheet

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 stamp Released

M B Kadadi

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate M B Kadadi, a noted visionary, on May 17, 2012.

Alka Sharma designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, and 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 300,000 stamps by wet offset process.

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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 28: Mumbai, Centenary Catholic Gymkhana

Apr 28: Bhubnaeswar, Capital High School

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Aries Auction

The Aries Second National Stamp Fair Auction, June 2012, is being held on Sunday, June 17, 2012 at Bhai Vir Singh Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi 110001.

The Catalog is now online at www.ariesauctions.com

There are hundreds of classical lots from Scinde Dawk to Mahatma Gandhi Philately. There are scores of lots in each category - 1854 issues, British India lots, Private FDCs, Airmails, Sheets and Sheetlets, Postal History and Postal Stationery. The LATE ARRIVALS section has an array of material.

Lots can be viewed online as well as physically inspected at our office but only by prior appointment.

If you are not attending the auction, you can register and bid online at www.ariesauctions.com. The online part of the auction closes at 4pm, June 15, 2012.

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 098101 86108. **All tables are now sold out.**

Steel almirahs have to be booked in advance and will be available for hire at an additional charge of Rs 1,500.

Auctions will compliment the event. Aries Auctions will hold its auction at 6pm on June 17. Spot auctions will be held at 6pm on June 16 and 18. All participating stand-holders are eligible to consign material for the spot auctions. All settlements will be on the spot. Lots for Spot Auction must be handed over to Rohit Prasad at his table by 2pm on the day of the auction. For more information on Spot Auctions Contact: Rohit Prasad 09810304233 prasadrohit1962@yahoo.com

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, West Bengal
18. Tanmoy Chatterjee and Subrata Chowdhury, Kolkata, West Bengal
19. A. R. C. Shah, New Delhi and R. K. Bhatia, Amritsar, Punjab
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, and Kajal Bose, Kolkata
29. S. K. Mahato (Amar), Kolkata
30. Dipak Dave, Nadiad, Gujarat
31. Pradeep Aggarwal, Patna
32. Capital Stamps (Rajesh Kumar Agarwala), New Delhi
33. Mittal Stamp Company, Jaipur
34. Nand Kishore Agarwal, Kolkata
35. N. C. Bhandari, Jaipur
36. Sunil Prabhu and Govindraajulu, Mumbai
37. Rinku Enterprises, Ahmedabad
38. Rajagopal Aad Murthy, Coimbatore
- 39-40. Victory Stamp Company, Amritsar

Registration of Pilgrims for Amarnath Yatra 2012 through Post Offices

For the benefit of intending pilgrims for Amarnath Yatra 2012, India Post and Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for registration of yatri through select Post Offices. Presently, 102 Post Offices across 8 States – Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have been identified for this purpose.

The Shrine Board has allotted a quota of 10 Yatris per Post Office for each day of yatra on each route. The Application Form (Form A), Compulsory Health Certificate (Form B) and Yatra Permit Forms have been made available at the post offices concerned. The Yatris may walk into any of these 102 Post Offices and get themselves registered by paying Rs.20/- as registration fee and fulfilling the required formalities.

The list of Post Offices where this facility is being extended to the public is available on the India Post website www.indiapost.gov.in.

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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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Delhi University Admission Forms Available at Post Offices

The Delhi University has selected 12 Head Post Offices in Delhi to distribute pre-admission forms starting June 4, 2012. Forms will also be distributed at eight colleges, Miranda House, Bhagini Nivedita College, Gargi, PGDAV, ARSD, Shyam Lal Anand, Rajdhani and Swami Shraddhanand, and Arts Faculty in North Campus and Deputy Dean's Office in South Campus. Applicants can also register online. Forms will be sold at colleges between 10 am and 1 pm. At the post offices, they will be available from 10 am to 4 pm. The first cut-off list for under-graduate admissions will be released on June 26.

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

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:

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

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Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve this digital newsweekly. Please let us have your thoughts and suggestions.

Dr Avinash B Jagtap, Binningen/Switzerland

Forgery: Mahatma Gandhi - 10Rs. (SG 308)

In the Stamps of India Collectors Companion (May 17, 2012) an image of a forged stamp of Mahatma Gandhi(SG 308/1948 , 10 Rs.) offered by eBay, has been reproduced. However there is no mention in what way this forged stamp differs from the original. I shall like to suggest that the vendor, who wants to sell this stamp should have mentioned about it.

Issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps:

It is a great surprise that Mr. Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for communications & information has published a detailed policy on issuing of future commemorative postage stamps. All philatelists will feel obliged to India Post, if these suggestions will be put in practice.

The most pleasing statement, that there will be only 10 stamps (10% of the annual issue programme) on personalities! Up till now the personalities who were fortunate enough to have made their perpetuated appearance on Indian postage stamps as a rule were hardly known outside the borders of the state where they were born, worked and died. Many times it depended on the political party, which was in power and had the upper hand to decide, who should appear on a postage stamps. Many stamps issued are dedicated to one province or to a certain language group.

Most of these stamps do not bear the date of birth and demise of these personalities! This point I have brought many a time to the readers of philatelic magazines. In no other country the postal authorities are so careless not to print this most important personal data on the postage stamp.

Most probably, the postal authorities do not accept the responsibility that the data printed on the stamps is correct!

Secondly, in some cases it has been found that the names printed on the stamps differ from the real names of the personalities (viz. The name of Late Dr. J.P. Naik (SG2420), is faultily spellt. It should be J.P.Naik and not J.P.Nayak. Also The name of Surya Sen, on the postage stamp (1970/ SG 881) has been totally wrong in Devanagari! One is not able to pronounce it as it appears on the stamp! There are several other faults with other personality stamps.

In no other country their post authorities issue so many personality stamps. And India is not the only country, where so many great people were born, other countries do have equally so many in their own countries. Perhaps as we indulge in our overwhelming affection and love for our Gods and Goddesses, the personality cult is the "boon" to our Hindu religion but this must have some reservations, also in issuing postage stamps!

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