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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

India typically receives 75 percent of its annual rain from the June-September monsoon. And in a similar fashion 75 percent of its annual stamp issues are released in October-December. Is this philatelic monsoon decides the fate of the philatelic economy of India?

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

India Stamp Issue Program 2012

Following is the *tentative* program for 2012:

Jul 25: London Olympics, 4 stamps
Aug 04: Armed Forces Medical College
Oct 24: Indo-Tibetan Border Police
Oct 00: Philately Day
Oct 00: Government College Ajmer
Oct 00: Indian Metal Crafts, 2 stamps
Nov 14: Children's Day, 2 stamps
Nov 00: Tribal Dwellings, 4 stamps
Nov 00: Traditional Embroideries, 4 stamps
Nov 00: Boats of India, 4 stamps
Nov 00: India Israel Joint Issue, 2 stamps
Nov 00: Ram Gopal Maheswari
Dec 00: Wild Animals, 4 stamps - Asiatic Black Bear & others
Dec 00: Railway Bridges, 4 stamps

Dec 00: Step Wells, 4 stamps – Agrasen ki Baoli & others

Date to be Announced:

Musicians, 4 stamps – Mallikarjun Mansur, Kumar Gandharva, Gangubai Hangal, D K Pattammal

Lighthouses, 4 stamps – Allepy & others

Season's Greetings, 2 stamps – Flowers

Wild Ass, 2 stamps – Ladakh & Kutch

Gyan Sagar Ji Maharaj

AWACS

Captain Durga Prasad Chaudhary

Jhule Lal

Sri Shivarathri Swamiji

Peerzada G A Mazhoor

Moti Lal Nehru

Consumer Protection Act

Customs Act

Indian Diaspora in South Africa

Scinde Horse Regiment

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jul 25: Olympic Games, 4 Stamps + 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.

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

Jul 17: Mumbai, Sri Sanmukhananda Hall Matunga

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

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Rakhi Envelopes

India Post has issued special envelopes for Rakhi Festival that falls on August 2 this year. The envelopes made of Dupont Tyvek material that is lightweight, waterproof, and tear resistant. These are now priced Rs 7 each. The designs are the modified versions of the designs of 2010.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/rakhi.htm>

Delhi Philatelists to Meet Every Saturday

Delhi Philatelists unanimously decided in their meeting of July 12, 2012 to meet every Saturday henceforth. The venue for the weekly meetings will be the Office of Rohit Prasad, I1/a, Dhawan Deep Building, 6 Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi 110001. It is opposite Kerala House and next door to Patel Chowk Metro Station Exit #2. Most philatelists are already familiar with this Metro Station as for the visit to Philatelic Bureau and National Philatelic Museum Exit # 3 is used.

A Display Talk will be a regular feature for all weekly meetings. The schedule of the talks for July and August is as follows:

Jul 21: British India Postal Stationery by Mahesh Aggarwala

Jul 28: Bullock Train by Rohit Prasad

Aug 04: Prince of Wales by Pravesh Gupta

Aug 11: Monthly Meeting

Aug 18: Preservation of Philatelic Items by Sanjay Rathi

Aug 25: Philatelic Literature by Madhukar Jhingan

All are allowed to buy and sell. However there will be no auction.

The monthly meetings and auction will continue to be held at its regular venue at the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

The contact Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233 for more information.

Fake stamp papers worth 10 million seized

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) sleuths of West Bengal Police recovered several fake non-judicial stamp papers worth Rs 10 million from the house of Tapan Das at Kharida in Kharagpur in West Midnapore district July 15, 2012. However the accused had fled before the arrival of the police.

The fraud came to light when the state vigilance commission instructed the district registrar to conduct a probe into the matter based on the complaint lodged with the additional director general of police by an RTI activist. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the racketeers have a nationwide network and the racket could be worth several billions of rupees. The fraud has been committed mostly by stamp vendors and a few state government employees who are involved in the nationwide racket. West Bengal Government is losing revenue to the extent of Rs 2,000- Rs 3,000 billion.

Prasad by Post

India Post has entered into an agreement with the Kashi Vishwanath temple of Varanasi and Mahakaleshwar temple of Ujjain to deliver the sacred 'prasad' from these two temples to the devotees via post.

For the prasad from Kashi Vishwanath temple the devotees are required to send money order of Rs 60 in the favor of Postal Superintendent, Varanasi (East) and in return they will get a packet containing 'bhabhuti' (holy ashes), Rudraksh, a laminated photo of Lord Shiva and Shiv Chalisa.

For the prasad from Mahakaleshwar temple the devotees are required to send money order of Rs 151 in the name of Manager Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Management Committee, Ujjain. The temple authorities, in return, would send the prasad comprising of 200 grams of dry fruits, 200 grams of laddoo, 'bhabhuti' and the photo of Mahakaleshwar.

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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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West Delhi Philatelic Club Web site

The West Delhi Philatelic Club has recently launched its web site at www.wdpc.in

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.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jul 15-22: Bangalore, Exhibition of Olympic and Sports Stamps

Organizers: Aakruti Books Rajajinagar In association with Karnataka philatelic Society

Venue: Aakruti Books, No.31/1, 12th Main, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010

Exhibition and sale of Books related to Philately, Olympics and Sports as well as Daily talks on philately by senior philatelists.

Aug 11: New Delhi, 92nd 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

Aug 11-12: Chennai, Stamps Expo

Organizers: South India Philatelists' Association

Venue: Dharmaprakash Hall [non air-conditioned], 10 Raja Annamalai Road, Purasawalkam, Chennai

Timings: 10 am – 7pm

Dealer Stalls:

Auction: Aug 12, 3-6pm

Contacts: G Amarchand, Vice President SIPA, 0 98401 56410

Aug 13-15: Amravati, Philatelic Exhibition

Contacts: Rajendra Kumar Jain 09372433448, Ashok Bhai Joshi 09370465322
Issue: Special Cover Special Postmark will be available

Sep 8: New Delhi, 93rd Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists
Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi
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Sep 14: Marudhar Arts 5th Auction
Organizers: Marudhar Arts with Mumbai Coin Society Exhibition
Venue: Mumbai

Sep 22-23: 3rd Stamp Festival/Bazaar
Organizers: West Delhi Philatelic Club
Venue: Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi
Timings: 10 AM to 6 PM
Stamp Counters: Rs 4,500, High Tea & Lunch for stallholders on Complimentary Coupons basis
Contacts: Parvesh Gupta 09810628387, V Sabharwal 9312601414, Rajesh Mittal 9818306326, Balraj Bassi 09818677156, Rishi Chandiok 09818677156

Oct 2-3: Lucknow, AHIMSAPEX
Organizers: Lucknow Philatelic Society
Venue: Lucknow GPO
Dealers Stall: Rs 1,500 including Tea & Lunch for two
Contact: S A M Zaidi 9335241891, 9452270133, 9839266243

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
Auction: Marudhar Arts 6th Auction on Oct 5
Contact:

Oct 5-7: 2nd National Mega Phila & Numis Fair & Exhibition Kolkata 2012
Timings: 10AM-8PM
Organizers: Events Biz (P C Jaiswal)
Venue: Olpadvala Memorial Hall (Fully AC), Opp Rotary Sadan, beside New Embassy Restaurant, 52 Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700071
Auctions: Philcent Auction on Oct 5 & 6, 2012
Contact: P C Jaiswal 9831598560, Arun Bhattacharya 9830412286, Vijay Malhotra 9936729254

Oct 12: Marudhar Arts 7th Auction
Organizers: Marudhar Arts with Kanpur Society Exhibition
Venue: Kanpur

Oct 13: New Delhi, 94th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists
Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi
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Nov 10: New Delhi, 95th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists
Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi
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Nov 25: Marudhar Arts 8th Auction

Organizers: Marudhar Arts with Kerala Numismatic Society Exhibition
Venue: Kanpur

Dec 8: New Delhi, 96th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists
Time: 2.30 pm
Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi
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Dec 8-10: Dak Ticket Milaan 2012 (National Stamp Fair and Exhibition)
Organizers: Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association
Venue: Bilaspur
Timings:-9.30 AM to 6 PM
Contact: C R Andhare 09826644060, Atul Jain 09300311007, Naresh Agrawal 09425530514

Dec 14-17: New Delhi, **Stamps of India National Exhibition 2012**
Organizers: Bharatiya Dakitikit Sangstha, Kolkata
Venue: Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi
Timings: 11am -6pm
Sale Stalls: Rs 8,000 per standard Sales Stall, Rs 10,000 for premium Sales Stall
Contact: Savita Jhingan 0 9718873273, sine@stampsofindia.com
Website: <http://www.stampsofindia.com/sine2012.html>

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