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

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

India Post has effected the change of the name of another product, the Miniature Sheet is now Souvenir Sheet. The first time the new nomenclature has been used is in the London Olympic Games issue. We sincerely hope it is a well thought out and well considered decision and not something that bureaucrats and politicians in the country regularly use for giving a false sense of good factor.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jagannath Mani

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jul 26: Customs Act

Jul 31: Durga Prasad Chaudhary

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

London Olympics Stamps Released

India Post released a set of 4 stamps and a miniature sheet to commemorate London 2012 Olympic Games on July 25, 2012. Two stamps each are in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20. The stamps feature Rowing, Sailing, Volleyball, and Badminton.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp, the miniature sheet, the First Day Cover, and the sheetlets. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed 400,000 stamps by wet offset process. The miniature sheet and sheetlets are printed in the quantity of 400,000 and 20,000 respectively.

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

Recent Special Postmarks

Jun 26: Baltal, Sri Amarnath Yatra

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

New Presentation Pack

Kolkata GPO released Presentation Pack for the Shekhawati and Warli Paintings issue. The Pack priced at Rs 200 contains a Set of Stamps, FDC, and Brochure.

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

New Greeting Cards

Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post has released 3 Greeting Cards on the occasion of Amarnath Pilgrimage. The cards are priced at Rs 15 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/greetingcards.htm>

Delhi Philatelists Started Meeting Every Saturday

The first weekly of the Delhi Philatelists was held on July 21, 2012. Mahesh Aggarwala gave a display talk on the Official Postcards of British India that was appreciated by all. Lot of interaction took place between members.

The Schedule of the Display Talk is as follows:

Jul 28: Bullock Train by Rohit Prasad

Aug 04: Prince of Wales by Parvesh Kumar Gupta

Aug 11: Monthly Meeting

Aug 18: Preservation of Philatelic Items by Sanjay Rathi

Aug 25: Philatelic Literature by Madhukar Jhingan

Sep 01: Mahatma Gandhi by V P Sharma

Sep 08: Monthly Meeting

Sep 15: Darjeeling Himalayan Railway by Vikas Singh

Sep 22: 3rd Stamp Festival/Bazaar

Sep 29: First International Flight of Air India by Ashish Talwar

The venue for the weekly meetings is the Office of Rohit Prasad, I1/a, Dhawan Deep Building, 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 it is used to visit Philatelic Bureau and National Philatelic Museum for which please use Exit # 3.

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 schedule of the meetings is also available at the <http://www.stampsofindia.com/DPMS.htm>

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

PHILA POST

Jul 2012

Publisher: Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post, Srinagar

Contact: chinar2011@rediffmail.com

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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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Forgeries & Frauds Alerts

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jul 27- Aug 5: Bangalore, "OLYMPHILEXINDIA 2012" Olympic and Sports Philately Exhibition

Organizers: Karnataka Philatelic Society

Venue: Philately Museum, Bangalore GPO
Timings: 10am to 4pm (excluding Sundays and Postal Holidays)

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

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
Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

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

Sep 14: Marudhar Arts 5th Auction
Organizers: Marudhar Arts with Mumbai Coin Society Exhibition
Venue: Mumbai

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

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

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

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

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@stampsfindia.com

Website: <http://www.stampsfindia.com/sine2012.html>

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India www.stampsfindia.com/info_base/clubmeet.htm

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Features & Resources

Stamps of India: Article of the Month - July 2012

Inauguration of India's new Antarctic Station 'Bharati'

by Abhai Mishra & Bhagwati Prasad

India's first research station in Antarctica was "Dakshin Gangotri" (1983) which has been decommissioned after it got buried under ice and has now been marked as an historic site. "Maitri", the second Indian station has been hosting summer team of about 40 members and winter team of 25 members every year since 1988-89. It is the gateway for Indian scientists to venture into interior Antarctic mountains.

The newly built third station "Bharati" is situated at an unnamed promontory of land between the Stornes and Broknes peninsulas in the Larsemann Hills region of East Antarctica. The natural topography is a rocky granite hill towering approximately 90 meters above sea level. The placement of the new research station was based on a location that would minimise the amount of snow drifting, minimise the need for extensive site modification and provide the best access to the sea and sea ice. The new station is located almost 3,000 km away from the existing "Maitri" station which has been serving the nation since its inception in 1988-89.

Australia, Asia, Africa, South America and India were once part of a super-continent called Gondwanaland where the present day east coast of India shared a common border with the eastern shores of Antarctica. Indian polar scientists want to put this theory to test by examining rocks in river basins in the Indian subcontinent and minerals in the glaciers around the Larsemann Hills. The government has allocated Rs 2900 million in the Union Budget 2012-13 for polar sciences and cryosphere, which covers research activities at Antarctica, Arctic and glaciers of Himalayas.

The research station was opened on March 18, 2012 and at present 15 members are doing wintering in the newly built station. According to Rajesh Asthana, voyage leader of the expedition the research station would address the growing urge in the Indian scientific community for exploring deeper and wider areas of Antarctica for better understanding of the vast continent. In fact India has done a soft launch of its third research station in Antarctica's Larsemann Hills region, considered as one of the few geological windows into the history of the continent.

According to Shailesh Nayak, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, the station is being run on trial basis after the completion of its construction and the winter team is carrying out tests on various equipment and systems. The formal launch of the research station - Bharati - is expected in November when it is summer time in the icy continent.

Earlier "Dakshin Gangotri" and present "Maitri" station had post office under the aegis of North Goa Postal Division. Normally the mails were serviced at these post offices and used to be returned back once in a year. The coordinating agency of the Indian Antarctic Expeditions, National Center for Antarctic and Ocean Research (NCAOR) is situated at Vasco, Goa only. NCAOR has been requested for having a post office at Bharati station also. It is hoped that the new station Bharati will also have a post office.

Bhagwati Prasad is member of first wintering team at Bharati station

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