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

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Jhingan's Jottings

Hi,

Although it was started by a lady in 1840, the stamp collecting over the years has become a male dominated hobby. It also has grown in to a mail dominated hobby as well. The trend in almost all disciplines of the hobby veers towards the history of mail also known as postal history. Is there a connection between the male and the mail? You tell us.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jigar Desai

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Aug 4: Armed Forces Medical College

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 Stamp Released

Customs Act

Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communication & Information Technology released the commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the 50 Years of the Customs Act, 1962 on July 26, 2012 at a function held at New Delhi.

On this occasion a Coffee Table book on Indian Customs titled “**Anything to Declare**” was also released by S S Palanimanickam, Minister of State for Revenue.

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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 450,000 stamps by photo gravure process.

Durga Prasad Chaudhary

Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communication & Information Technology released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Durga Prasad Chaudhary, a nationalist, a freedom fighter, a pioneering journalist, on July 31, 2012 at a function held at Ajmer on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of vernacular daily newspaper Dainik Navjyoti that he founded in 1936.

Brahm Prakash designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed 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 400,000 stamps by wet offset process.

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Jul 21: Mumbai, Commissioning of Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri

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

New Stamp Booklet

West Bengal Circle of India Post issued a stamp booklet on Rath Yatra festival in July 2012 . Priced at Rs 75 the booklet contains a block of 4 stamps of Rs 5 each of the Rath Yatra issue of 2010.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb07.htm>

Auction Action

Stamps of India Auction

Stamps of India will hold its first auction exclusively of philatelic literature on September 23, 2012 at New Delhi. Stamps of India will offer philatelic literature on India and Indian States, thematic and worldwide in books, periodicals, and auction catalogs. This a great opportunity for consigning your duplicates and other philatelic literature titles. The last date for accepting consignments is August 14, 2012. Contact Madhukar Jhingan mj@stampsofindia.com for further details.

Aries Auctions

Aries Winter 2012 Auction will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 at New Delhi. Last date for consignments is September 18, 2012. Contact Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com for further details.

Auctions at Stamps of India National Exhibition

Stamp Auctions will be held everyday on December 14, 15, and 16 during the Stamps of India National Exhibition at New Delhi. Contact Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com for further details.

Meetings of Delhi Philatelists

The response to holding of the weekly meetings on every Saturday started with July 21 , 2012 is very encouraging. With effect from the September 2012 the monthly meetings will also be held at 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. Thus there is only one venue now for all the meetings, weekly and monthly.

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

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #56, Aug 2012

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.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 Chandiook 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

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

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@stampsofindia.com

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

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

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

Readers Forum

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

Sanjit Kumar Keshri, New Delhi

This refers to the recent Olympics 2012 stamps released by Indian Govt. It becomes very clear that Indian Post has not collected good revenues in the first half of the year and they wanted to en-cash

the Olympics fever here in India. What shocked me is that the total amount that a philatelist has to send is more than 1350 (4 stamps of 50/-, miniature sheet of 50/-, total sheetlet of 1250/-, FDC and info brochure). This amount is too huge for an Indian buyer and Indian Govt should seriously look into this.

If the situation continuous like this, there will be very less people joining this hobby. It becomes our responsibility to make the govt understand that cost like this is not good for Philately in India.

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

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