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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Dec 21: Sri Shivarathri Shivayogi
Dec 22: National Mathematics Day
Dec 23: Light Houses, 2 stamps

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 Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Several philatelists have created covers for 12.12.12 and we reort below the ones received by us:

Dec 12: New Delhi, 12.12.12

Dec 12: Mumbai, 12.12.12

Dec 12: Gorakhpur, 12.12.12

Dec 12: Sidhi, 12.12.12

Dec 12: Mandla, 12.12.12

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Delhi Philatelists Meetings

Dec 22: Indian Railways by Vikas Singh

Dec 29:

A dispaly talk is held at every meeting except on the 2nd Saturday's meeting when the auctions is held. We invite members and guests to show a part of their collection and discuss the same.

The venue of the 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 for visiting Philatelic Bureau and National Philatelic Museum which are closer to Exit # 3.

All are allowed to buy, sell and exchange at the meetings. For further details please contact Rohit Prasad prasadrohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

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

Stamps of India National Exhibition 2012

Every new venture has its set of challenges and rewards. When it was decided to change the venue for the 3rd edition of the STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION in 2012, a very beautiful location was identified that is very centrally situated and easy to reach from all corners of Delhi with excellent Metro connectivity. Well that was the reward.

The challenge was to create an exhibition set up with about 14 hours of time in hand. The team worked without a break non stop all night to have all the stalls and the exhibit frames with all exhibits mounted ready to welcome the visitors , the stall holders and the exhibitors. The biggest reward was all the compliments the team got for the selection of the venue and the setup. All the hardwork and the tiredness of the night before was forgotten amidst the euphoria of these compliments.

Along with the venue many other firsts also took place. The exhibition was inaugurated by a 7 year old stamp collector who holds an exhibit on Children's Day and is a world record holder featured in Limca Book of Records, among others for having the largest collection of 'SCALES'. He is from St. Xavier School Delhi.

India Post provided My Stamp personlozed postage stamps facility for the visitors at thier stall. Army Postal Service stall also provided My Stamp facility and drew a huge crowd as they provided it

on the new series of My stamp featuring flowers. The first day of the Exhibition, December 15, 2012 was also the first day of issue of the new series of My Stamp in Delhi. It was also for the first time that India post and Army Postal Service both provided My Stamp facility at an event. The My Stamp sold and delivered in 3 days of SINE 2012 was more than the same at 7 days of INDIPEX world philatelic exhibiton in 2011.

Students from schools across Delhi, Bangalore and Jaipur participated in the exhibition which drew huge appreciation from young visitors and hopefully would encourage them to take to the hobby. Day one saw record crowd with dealers doing roaring business and collectors going back very happy with their purchases. Their joy was evident as they had filled many gaps in their collection. The location of the venue coupled with proper signage also ensured many walk-in vistors.

The auction lots were shown on the video walls entire day on the firsrt two days when an auction was held in the evening. Every day 125 lots were auctioned and bidders from overseas also participated due to its being promoted online.

Day two Sunday drew a lot of family visitors to the exhibition. The last day of the exhibition had a lot of buzz in the air for the exhibitors as they were eager to find out how they would be rewarded for their hard work. The Award Ceremony took place at 4 PM with the welcome of the guest for the evening V K Puri, who has been part of the philatelic scene for several decades, there would no philatelist in Delhi who has not visited his outlet in Mohan Singh Place to buy stamps for his collection. He and his father before him have been part of the Delhi Philatelic scene for as long as one can remember.

Anil Suri, Chairman of the Jury read the jury report and then the awards were distributed to the winners among loud applause. It was very heartening to see the young school children feel exteremely excited to win their medals and trophies. The detailed award list has been posted separetly on the website.

The day drew to a close with the promise of meeting some time in December 2013 for the 4th edition of the Stamps of India National Exhibition.

Stamps of India National Exhibition was extensively covered by the print and electronic media.

Thanks to all the exhibitors, the visitors and the dealers for making the 3rd edition of the exhibition a great success and giving the impetus to launch the 4th edition of the exhibition. The work has already started and every one is requested to support this venture wholeheartedly.

Indian Philately Exhibition in Berlin

Kamleshwar Prasad, Special Secretary and Member, Postal Services Board, Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Sujatha Singh, Ambassador of India to Germany, Franz-Karl Lindner, Vice-President of the German Philately Exhibition and Dr Lieselotte Kugler, Director, Museum for Communication, Berlin jointly inaugurated the Indian Philately Exhibition at the Museum for Communication in Berlin on December 6, 2012. The Exhibition will continue till January 3, 2013.

Kamleshwar Prasad and Sujatha Singh also jointly released a Special Cover, which highlights famous German personalities on which India Post have issued stamps in the past. In the Philately exhibition, the Department of Posts is displaying its rich collection of historical and contemporary Philatelic heritage. The German Philately Association and Philatelic Clubs are also displaying their rich Philatelic collection of Indian stamps.

Kamleshwar Prasad met Dr Hans Bernhard Beus, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Finance on December 7, 2012, and discussed the possibility of issuing a joint stamp between India

and Germany. The German side welcomed the proposal and it was decided to explore the common theme to be depicted on the joint stamp to commemorate the excellent relations between the two countries.

The Philately Exhibition is a part of the ongoing year-long celebrations of 'Days of India' in Germany under the themes of Connecting Cultures, Connecting Ideas, Connecting Capabilities and Connecting Minds. The Days of India are being celebrated in Germany to commemorate establishment of 60 years of diplomatic relations between India and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Talk on Gandhi Stamps

Nikhil Mundra, the distinguished philatelist from Chennai, gave a talk on "Philately – Gandhiji on World Stamps" at CMYK Book Store & Cafe, Mehar Chand Market, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on December 18, 2012.

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Gandhi Handbook

Nearly 500 all color pages with 2000 illustrations of stamps, covers, coins, currency, and all other collectibles on Gandhi theme. Hardbound with slip case. Original publisher's price Rs 1,500 or US\$ 60, **NOW AVAILABLE FROM STAMPS OF INDIA AT 33% OFF AT RS 1,000 POSTPAID** anywhere in India. Overseas buyers please inquire for postal charges.

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 2,000. 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. **THIS CATALOG IS NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER: BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!!!!** Please add Rs 50 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 200 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. For more information visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

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Special mail Arrangements for Christmas and New Year

Delhi Postal Circle has made special arrangements for acceptance of Christmas/New Year Greetings Mail at 34 Post Offices and 2 Railway Mail Service (RMS) Offices at Railway Stations as given below from December 17, 2012 to January 7, 2013. Separate reception counters are being set up at these Post Offices. Members of public are welcome to post their Christmas/New Year Greetings mail at these collection centers. These centers are made available in addition to the normal facilities provided:

1. Ashok Vihar PO, 2. Civil Lines PO, 3. Chankyapuri PO, 4. Delhi GPO, 5. Delhi Cantt. PO, 6. Hauz Khas PO, 7. IndraPrastha HO, 8. Janakpuri PO, 9. Krishna Nagar PO, 10. Karol Bagh PO, 11. Onkar Nagar PO, 12. Kalkaji PO, 13. Lodi Road HO, 14. Lajpat Nagar PO, 15. Malviya Nagar PO, 16. Malka Ganj PO, 17. Mehrauli PO, 18. Mayapuri PO, 19. New Delhi GPO, 20. New Subzi Mandi PO, 21. Naraina Industrial Estate PO, 22. Patel Nagar PO, 23. Paschim Vihar PO, 24. Ramesh Nagar PO, 25. Rohini PO, 26. R K Puram V PO, 27. R P Bhawan PO, 28. Sansad Marg PO, 29. Sarojini Nagar HO, 30. Swami Ram Tirth Nagar PO, 31. Seelampur PO, 32. Srinivas Puri PO, 33. Saraswati Vihar PO, 34. R K Puram (Main) PO, 35. Delhi RMS (Delhi Railway Station), 36. New Delhi RMS (New Delhi Railway Station)

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Year Book of Indian Philately 2012

Madan Middha of Gwalior, the compiler and publisher, has announced that the 2012 edition of the "Year Book of Indian Philately" is in the final stages of the preparations and is expected to be out by March 2013.

This issue contains articles on important subjects like "Indian P-Stamps / My Stamps", "Bazaar Cards of India", "Virtual Philately", "Miniature Paintings in Philately", "Global Philately" and also regular features recording events & issues for the concerning year. The list is tentative but chances are for expansion of it.

The publisher provides the advertiser, copies of the Year Book editions, any of his choice, worth equal to the value of the advertisement he provides (T & C applies). This translates into absolutely no spending on account of the advertisement published in the Year Book. The advertiser has the opportunity to recover the entire cost of the advertisement by selling the copies given to him under this offer.

Contact Madan Middha by sending email to madan_middha@yahoo.co.in

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jan 4-6: Hyderabad, Stamps, Coins and Paper Currency Exhibition - HYPEX Gold 13

Venue: Julloori Veereshalingam Kalyan Mandapam, Prenderghast Road, near Paradise Circle, Secunderabad 500 003

Time: 10.30am to 4pm

Organizers: The Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society

Stalls: Rs 8,000

Contact: Shri Prakash Agarwal 09346777206 spagarwal@yahoo.com

Jan 25-27: AMPEX 2013 Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers : Department of Posts, Ahmedabad Division

Venue : To be decided (Ahmedabad)

Contact : 079-27541706

Feb 15-17: Bangalore, 4th National Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore

Venue: The Bell Hotel, #88, Next to City Railway Station, Bangalore 560023

Dealers Booth: Rs 5,000 onwards

Contact: +91-80-6532-9800 info@maruphilaque.com

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India [www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/info_base/clubmeet.htm)

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Sekhar Chakrabarti, Kolkata

The International Olympic Committee suspended the Indian Olympic Association for gross irregularities. Similarly, FIP should immediately de-recognise PCI with immediate effect. PCI is not functioning for more than a decades as per its own constitution and commitments. No General Body meeting, no publication of its Bulletin, No circulars/ announcements of any activities. It has become a holy cow for a handful of few, who are benefiting personal gains at the cost of others. God knows how and when a Commissioner is nominated to represent PCI at International Exhibitions. Whole thing remain a close secret It is high time a new National Philatelic Federation is formed under the aegis of FIP

Features & Resources

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