

Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

The world didn't end on December 21, 2012 as some predicted. Therefore we have to carry on with publishing Stamps of India Collectors Companion.

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

Jan 03: Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata
Jan 07: Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh
Jan 08: Gadar Movement
Jan 08: Uttar Pradesh Vidhan Mandal
Jan 10: C Achyutha Menon
Jan 11: Maulana Mahmud Hasan (Silk Letter Movement)
Jan 12: Swami Vivekananda
Jan 14: Aditya Vikram Birla
Jan 19: Officers Training Academy, Chennai
Jan 22: Shrine Basilica Vailankanni

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale at nearly 1100 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 Stamps Released

Shivarathri Shaivayogi

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Shivarathri Shaivayogi, a great saint of 10th Century from Mysore, on December 21, 2012.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. Alka Shrama 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 by wet offset process a total of 820,000 stamps.

National Mathematics Day

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on National Mathematics Day, that is observed on the birth anniversary of the great mathematician Ramanujan, on December 22, 2012.

This issue was originally scheduled for 2010 and was printed and supplied to the philatelic bureaus across the country. It was postponed and finally released in 2012 on the occasion of 125th birth anniversary of Ramanujan. It was sold prematurely by some philatelic bureaus in 2010 and was available in the philatelic market, both on line and offline, and prices as high as Rs 400 a stamp! Consequently at the time of the official release in 2012 many bureaus had no quantity to sell.

Alka Shrama designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, Brochure 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 by wet offset process a total of 300,000 stamps.

Lighthouses

India Post released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20 on Lighthouses of India, featuring the lighthouses at Mahabalipuram and Alleppey respectively, on December 23, 2012. A Miniature Sheet was also issued along with this issue.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. Alka Shrama 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 by wet offset process a total of 400,000 stamps. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 200,000.

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

Prayag Maha Kumbh

India Post will release six special covers showcasing six important baths of the Prayag Maha Kumbh. These will be released on Makar Sankranti on January 14, 2013, Paus Purnima on January 27, Mauni Amwasya on February 10, Basant Panchami on February 15, Magh Purnima on February 25 and Mahashivratri on March 10, 2013.

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Delhi Philatelists Meetings

The scheduled display talk didn't take place and informal discussion on variety of philatelic matters took place on the meeting held on December 22, 2012.

Next Meeting : December 29, 2012

A display 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>

New Customized Designs for My Stamp

John Samuel, Chief Postmaster General, Jammu and Kashmir introduced new customized designs under "My Stamp" in six new attractive templates. There are two designs each on Christmas, New Year and Seasons Greetings and will provide choice to people specially the philatelists. My stamps can be an ideal gift for Christmas, New Year and anniversaries.

The price of each of the My Stamp sheetlet in new template is Rs. 300 and for entire set the amount is Rs. 7,200 (24x300). The orders may be placed with Manager Philately Bureau, Jammu by email to gandhinagar180004@gmail.com .

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

Vadophil
Quarterly, Jul-Oct 2012
Editor: Prashant H Pandya & Timir R Shah
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association, Ahmedabad
Contact:

GPA NEWS
Monthly, November 2012
Editor: Iliyas Patel
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association, Ahmedabad
Contact: feedback@gujaratphilately.com

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Stamps of India now bring you useful and unique philatelic items fulfilling a long standing demand of subscribers and friends. These philatelic items can be viewed online and several easy options to

make the payment are provided. Visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm> Rush your orders to orders@stampsofindia.com now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis. We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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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Indian National Flag Unfurled Through Philately

Jawhar Sarcar, Chief Executive Officer, Prasar Bharati & Former Secretary, Ministry of Culture released the book "The Indian National Flag unfurled through Philately" by Sekahr Chakrabarti at the India International Centre, New Delhi on December 20th 2012 amidst a well attended ceremony.

Chakrabarti is an internationally famed philatelist and postal history collector. He has combined his two passions Vexillology (the scholarly study of flags) and philately through his collection 'Flags on Stamps'. The collection has been highly appreciated and has brought many laurels to India from different International Exhibitions and this formed the basis of his book.

Chakrabarti says "Years of hard work and extensive research on the subject sees the fruition in this book on the history of the Indian National flag, incorporating philatelic articles published till date. The book is a must-read for those who are interested in Indian history and those who are curious about the Indian National flag, its background, development and true meaning."

Professor Bharati Roy, Vice President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Government of India, commenting on the book said "Sekhar Chakrabarti's innovative book "The Indian National Flag unfurled through Philately" tells us the fascinating history of the Indian flag through the medium of stamps. It is a fine blend of painstaking research and a dedicated pursuit of philately. The stamps reveal a visual message from the past and the text lucidly transports us through the process by which the Indian national flag had its birth. I congratulate the author for giving us this treasure of a book".

The 172 page book is published by Niyogi Books, New Delhi www.niyogibooks.com and priced at Rs 495, GBP 10.99 or USD 17.

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.

Instant Money Order

India Post revised the tariff for Instant Money Order Service with effect from December 22, 2012.

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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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/TextAdsTariff.htm>

Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

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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 Agarwaal 09346777206 spagarwaal@yahoo.com

Jan 12-13: Stampexpo Coimbatore,

Venue: A/C Hall, Hotel Grand Regent, (Opp to Hotel Residency) Avanashi Road, Coimbatore 641 018

Dealers Booth: Table and 2 chairs Rs 2250 (Including Lunch, Coffee & Tea with snacks)

Maximum Number of Stalls only 20. (Already 12 stalls booked)

For Dealers Booth Booking: Contact L R Rajagopal 09442341222 and Jayachandran 09345411747

For Hotel Reservation: Contact L R Rajagopal 09442341222

Jan 25-27: AMPEX 2013 Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers : Department of Posts, Ahmedabad Division

Venue : To be decided (Ahmedabad)

Contact : 079-27541706

Feb 8-10: Vellore, Numismatic & Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Numismatic & Philatelic Association of Vellore Fort

Venue: Town Hall, Near Old Bus Stand, Vellore

Dealers Booth: Rs 2,000

Contact: C M A Tamilvanan 09245591886, tamil_4442004@yahoo.co.in

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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