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Hi,

India Post issued a total of 51 new stamps in 2012, including 4 stamps issued in My Stamp series and 1 stamp – Philately Day – issued in Miniature sheet format only. The total postage value of the stamps was Rs 380 while India Post sold it for Rs 460.

The Philately Day in the denomination of Rs 20 was issued in Miniature sheet format only.

The 2nd series of My Stamp of 4 designs featuring flowers was initially introduced on October 19, 2012.

Also issued were a total of 6 miniature sheets and 7 sheetlets during the year.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Stamp Popularity Poll 2012

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2012 to select the best stamp of 2012, and best miniature sheet of 2012 and best sheetlet of 2012.

The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. Please select from the issues of 2012 and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2012 in your opinion. please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2012stamps.htm> for stamps, miniature

sheets and Sheetlets of 2012. Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: stampoll@stampsfindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is March 31, 2013. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue of April 4, 2013. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 22: Boys' High School & College, Allahabad

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.stampsfindia.com as soon as it becomes available.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsfindia.com/lists/2013stamps.htm>

New Stamps Released

INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS ASSOCIATION, KOLKATA

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, on its centenary, on January 3, 2013 at Kolkata.

Dr Tridha Gajjar of National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad 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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 410,000 stamps.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (PGIMER), CHANDIGARH

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, on its Golden Jubilee, on January 7, 2013. The stamp depicts the Nehru Hospital of the PGIMER, Chandigarh.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 420,000 stamps.

GHADAR MOVEMENT CENTENARY

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Ghadar Movement, on its centenary, on January 8, 2013. Ghadar Movement was overseas Indians attempt to free India from British.

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 410,000 stamps.

UTTAR PRADESH LEGISLATURE

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Uttar Pradesh Legislature, on its 125th anniversary, on January 8, 2013 at Lucknow.

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 410,000 stamps.

SILK LETTER MOVEMENT

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Silk Letter Movement, a plan to organize a revolt to overthrow British rule, on January 11, 2013 at New Delhi.

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 410,000 stamps.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a set of 4 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 on Swami Vivekananda, a , on January 12, 2013 at New Delhi.

Sankha Samanta 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 by wet offset process a total of 210,000 stamps each in sheets of 40 stamps and 220,000 stamps each in sheetlets of 2 sets of 4 stamps.

C ACHYUTHA MENON

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on C Achyutha Menon, on his birth centenary, on January 13, 2013.

Gulistaan designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta 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 310,000 stamps.

ADITYA VIKRAM BIRLA

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Aditya Vikram Birla, a , on January 14, 2013 at New Delhi.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta 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 by wet offset process a total of 310,000 stamps in sheets of 45 stamps and 1.5 million stamps in sheetlets of 15 stamps.

SHRINE BASILICA VAILANKANNI

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Shrine Basilica Vailankanni , , on January 22, 2013.

Gulistaan designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta 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 by wet offset process a total of 500,000 stamps.

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

Jan 02: Calicut, Calicut (Kozhikode) Railway Station 125th anniversary

Jan 05: Secunderabad, Kondapalli Toys

Jan 06: Secunderabad,

Jan 10: Vadodara,

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Jan 12: Patna, Youth Day

Jan 12: Sonaroythari (Deoghar), Udaan – Disability Rehabilitation Program

Jan 11: Indore,

Jan 12: Indore,

Jan 13: Indore,

Jan 14: Amravati, Dr Abasaheb Khedkar

Jan 14: Allahabad, Makar Sakranti, Kumbh Mela Prayag

Jan 18: Patna, Takhat Sri Harmandir ji, Patna Sahib

Jan 18: Ranchi, JSCA Interantional stadium Complex

Jan 22: Gwalior, Save girl Cjild Lions Club Gwalior

Jan 25: Ahmedabad, 600 Years of Ahemedabad

Jan 25: Ahmedabad, Mail Motor Service

Jan 27: Allahabad, Makar Sakranti, Kumbh Mela Prayag

Jan 30: Patna, Gandhi's Stick

Jan 31: New Delhi, Amrita Shergill birth centenary

CARRIED COVER

Jan 25: Ahmedabad, Mail Motor Service

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

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

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

The meeting in January were held on 5, 12, and 19. The meeting on January 26, 2013 was not held due Republic Day. The meeting in February are scheduled on 2, 9, 16, and 23.

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>

India Post Invites Suggestions for Commemorative Stamp Themes

India Post has invited the suggestions of the general public for new subjects/themes to be depicted on the Commemorative Postage Stamps to be issued in 2014. The suggestions can be given on any theme related to art, culture, national heritage, flora & fauna, sports, wild life, nature, historical monuments, children oriented subjects and world heritage. Best three suggestions will be recommended for inclusion in stamp issue programme of 2014. These recommendations will also be made available on the web in due course and suitable credit will be given in the Information Brochure for suggesting the selected theme/subject. The details are available on the home page of India Post website (www.indiapost.gov.in).

Before submitting the entry, the catalogue of stamps issued after 1947 and Rules for issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps available on the website may be perused so as to avoid any repetition in the subjects/themes and contradiction to rules. This initiative is being taken by the Department of Posts to promote awareness about the hobby of 'Philately' among the masses. The suggestions may be emailed on email address: stamppoll@gmail.com till February 15, 2013.

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #61, Jan 2013

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

Stamps of India Online Offers

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.stampsfindia.com/shop/shop.htm> Rush your orders to orders@stampsfindia.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.stampsfindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

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Online Directory of Philatelists

Indian Philatelists' Forum, an electronic discussion forum dedicated exclusively to Indian Philately was formed on September 7, 2001 at yahoo group portal. Aim of the forum was to engage members into meaningful discussions on all aspects of Indian Philately. Free membership to the forum is open to all philatelists who have interest in Indian Philately, whether residing in India or outside. Members

of the forum have shared and discussed various issues, related to their ideas, knowledge, research, collections, events, exhibitions, auctions, publications etc. using this platform.

Currently this forum has 1032 members who are keenly interested in Indian Philately.. Members are the backbone of the organisation and without interaction among members a forum cannot operate successfully. Each member may have a skill or interest that may assist other members. Therefore it is important that the members should know each other. Currently we do not have complete detailed listing of philatelists in India. To remedy this situation we need a directory of philatelists divided in to two categories. (i) Philatelists residing in India (ii) Philatelists residing abroad and collecting on any aspect of Indian Philately.

Indian Philatelists' Forum has come out with creating online directory of Philatelists. This directory is intended to facilitate networking among philatelists and members of forum. An online directory of Indian Philatelists and Overseas philatelists interested in Indian Philately with their complete profile will be available on forum's website. Indian Philatelists' Forum respects privacy of its members and that's why all data will be available only to the registered members. A web based data form is now available on forum's official website www.indianphilately.net and registration is now open.

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.

India Study Circle Teams Win Many Awards

This year 4 teams of 5 exhibitors each from India Study Circle for Philately participated in American Philatelic Society's Single Frame Team Competition held at AmeriStamp Expo 2013, Louisville, Kentucky, USA from January 18 to 22, 2013. Last year, for the first time, one team from India Study Circle for Philately had participated successfully.

AmeriStamp Expo is the Second Largest Stamp Exhibition in US and featured 300 frames, 75 dealers stalls, and participation of 25 philatelic societies.

India Study Circle for Philately Teams included 7 participants from India which won 1 Gold, 4 Vermeil, and 2 Silver as follows:

GOLD

- + American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award
- + American Philatelic Society 1940-1980 Medal of Excellence
- Refugee Relief Tax Exempted Mails by Rajesh Paharia, Jaipur

VERMEIL

- 1929 Indian Airmail Stamps by Markand Dave, Nadiad
- The Great Quetta Earthquake by Priti Dave, Nadiad
- India 1929 First Airmail Stamps & Postal Stationery by Pradip Jain, Patna
- Sangli State Court Fee Adhesives by Prem Chand Jaiswal, Calcutta

SILVER

- +Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award
- Man Measures His Environment by Pragya Kothari, Patna

British India King George VI Postal Stationery by Pratisad Neurgaonkar, Pune.

Other participants of India Study Circle for Philately Teams won:

SINGLE FRAME RESERVE GRAND AND GOLD

- + India Study Circle Award
- Indian Postal Stationery for the Boxer Rebellion by Sandeep Jaiswal

GOLD

+ American Philatelic Congress Award

Victorian Outgoing Indian Mail to Great Britain "Via Marseilles" 1854-1870 by P. D. Allen

Gwalior Victorian Postal History by Gary A. DuBro

Postal History of Imperial Mail in 19th Century Cochin by Thomas Puthanangady

VERMEIL

+Collector Club of Chicago Award

1854 Issues by Deepak Jaiswal

+ Errors, Freaks & Oddities Collectors Club Second

Varieties and Errors of the Regular Conch Issues of the Indian Feudatory State of Travancore by Robert Coale

Ceylon Airgraph Mail by Kathryn Johnson

Dehra Dun, India - Forgotten Prison Camps: 1941-1946 by Robert Manley

SILVER

Underpaid Airmail from India by Jeffrey Brown

India Used in Burma - The Octagonal Obliterators by Brian Saxe

Usage of the 1948 Gandhi Memorial Issue by Maulik Thakkar

Indian State of Jind: Transition from Postage to Revenue by John Warren

Special Adhesive Stamps of Edwardian India by Steven Zwillinger

India Study Circle for Philately Teams have won a total of 5 Gold, 8 Vermeil, and 7 Silver with many special awards including a Reserve Grand. One of its team, India Study Circle White Team won the sole Team Award. It is highest achievement by any society at AmeriStamp Expo.

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.

Bayanwala Bereaved

We regret to inform the untimely passing away of Usha Devi Bayanwala, wife of renowned philatelist Ashok Kumar Bayanwala, on January 16, 2013 at Ahmedabad. May her soul rest in peace.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>
Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

Stamps on India <http://www.stampsonindia.com/>
The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

Reprints of Rare & Out of Print Official Publications of Indian Post Office & Indian Princely States
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