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Jhingan's Jottings

Hi,

This year India Post's output of new issues will climb again it seems. Although no stamp has been issued in February, 9 issues in January and 7 in March, more than make up for this maiden month. We expect this year's output to cross over 70 stamps that will be a steep 50% increase on the output of 2012.

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

- M&SJ

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All India Philatelic Federation

All India Philatelic Federation was launched on February 21, 2013 at Mumbai during INPEX 2013. Anil Suri, S C Sukhani, Rajan Jayakar, Dr K S Mohan, A V Jeyachandran, P K Mohanty, R S Gupta, and Madhukar Jhingan are some of the prime movers for the formation of the Federation. In five days over 100 philatelists from all over India joined the Federation. 45 members attended the first meeting held at World Trade Centre Mumbai on February 24, 2013.

The Federation aims to provide effective promotion of philately in all facets. The focus is not on the philatelic exhibitions only but on all around development of philately. There are several issues such as antiquity, VAT, and customs duty in respect of stamps that require proper representation with the Government of India on a regular basis. There is a pressing need for developing a philatelic syllabus

and curriculum to facilitate newcomers to the hobby. India Post needs a national philatelic policy so that its philatelic practices don't change with the change of officers in charge. The Federation plans to take up issues that affect us all with appropriate authorities.

Currently the first Executive Committee is being finalized with broadbased representation from all parts of the country. The first issue of 'AIPF Letter' is under preparation to keep you posted on all activities of the Federation on a bi-monthly basis. The web site www.stamps.org.in is also under development at present and is scheduled to be soft launched within March 2013.

Please contact admin@stamps.org.in for further information.

Stamp Popularity Poll 2012

Stamps of India now presents 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: stamppoll@stampsofindia.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

Mar 02: 3rd Battalion, Parachute Regiment,
Mar 07: Officers Training Academy, Chennai
Mar 08: Sahir Ludhianvi
Mar 13: 100 Years of GPO Building,
Mumbai, Agra & Others
Mar 17: Jhulelal
Mar 22: Shivram Hari Rajguru
Mar 28: INS Vikramaditya

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/2013stamps.htm>

New Issue Plan for 2013

Apr 09: Peerjada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor
Apr 14: Chaitya Bhoomi
Apr 30: Hari Singh Nalwa
Apr 00: Headgears of India
Apr 00: Stepwells of India
May 03: 100 Years of Indian Cinema (Set of Stamps)
May 18: Dr. Nilratan Sircar

May 30: Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex, Shimla
May 00: Wild Ass of Kutchh & Ladakh ((Set of Stamps)
Jun 00: Wildlife and Flora & Fauna of the Country ((Set of Stamps)
Jun 00: Traditional Indian Handfans
Jul 13: Delhi Gymkhana Club
Jul 21: Musicians 1. Pt. Mallikarjun Mansur 2. Kumar Gandharva 3. Gangubai Hangal 4. D K Pattamal
5. Ali Akbar Khan 6. Bhimsen Joshi 7. Pt. Ravishankar 8. Ustad Vilayat Khan
Jul 00: Archeological Heritage of India
Aug 00: Boats of India ((Set of Stamps)
Aug 00: Wild Flowers
Aug 00: Means of Transport through the ages ((Set of Stamps)
Sep 09: Lala Jagat Narain
Sep 21: Gurajada Appa Rao
Sep 22: Raj Bahadur
Sep 24: Pratap Narayan Mishra
Oct 22: Golden Jubilee Of Bhakra Dam
Oct 00: Philately Day
Nov 05: Boys' High School & College, Allahabad
Nov 07: 75 Years of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
Nov 14: Children's Day
Nov 25: Railway Workshops At Kanchrapara & Jamalpur ((Set of Stamps)
Nov 00: Indian Metal Crafts ((Set of Stamps)
Nov 00: Acharya Gyansagar
Dec 23: Intelligence Bureau
Dec 00: Tribal Dwellings ((Set of Stamps)
Dec 00: Traditional Embroideries of India ((Set of Stamps)
Dec 00: Indian Academy of Pediatrics

Dates to be announced:
South-Asian Postal Union
India-Peru Joint Issue ((Set of Stamps)
Government College, Ajmer

Note: Dates are subject to change without any prior notice by Department of Posts, India.

BRASILIANA 2013

BRASILIANA 2013 World Stamp Exhibition is being held at Rio de Janeiro from November 19 to 25, 2013. It has all classes including the One Frame Class. A world exhibition is being held in South America after a long gap of 20 years.

Madhukar Jhingan has taken over as the National Commissioner for India from Rajesh Kumar Bagri on February 24, 2013 at the Governring Council Meeting of the Philatelic Congress of India. The essential information regarding participation from India is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Host/brasiliana2013.htm>

Those desirous to participate should send 3 copies of duly filled Exhibit Application Form along with the introduction page of the exhibit to the National Commissioner for India by Speed Post ensuring that it reaches him not later than March 18, 2013.

March 31, 2012 is the last date for Exhibit Application Forms to reach the Organizing Committee in Rio de Janeiro through the National Commissioner who needs to process the the forms and after verification of the facts recommend the qualifying exhibits. Please note, there is no Speed Post Service between India and Brazil, hence the applications would need to be sent well in time from Inida.

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Feb 02: Lonavala, Rotary International - 50 Years of Interact Clubs

Feb 03: Jamshedpur, Jamshedpur Women's College 60 years

Feb 10: Lucknow, Rotary Club of Lucknow Platinum Jubilee

Feb 21: Rajouri, Chingus Fort

Feb 21: Rajouri, Poonch Fort

Feb 21: Mumbai, A Vision of India the Country

Feb 22: Mumbai, Go Green

Feb 23: Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi

Feb 24: Mumbai, Right to Education

Feb 25: Mumbai, A Salute to our Armed Forces

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2013pm.htm>

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

New Stamp Booklets

4 new Stamp booklets have been issued, one each on the first four days, during INPEX 2103 at Mumbai as follows:

2013 Feb 21: Swami Vivekananda, Rs 100

2013 Feb 22: World Scout Founders Day, Rs 75

2013 Feb 23: Mahatma Gandhi, Rs 75

2013 Feb 24: 65 Years of Independence of India, Rs 75

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb08.htm>

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

The meetings in March are scheduled on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

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>

India Post 2013 Calendar

The Department of Posts has been bringing out a calendar based on theme of stamps issued. The 2010 calendar was on the set of highly popular 'Dasavatar' stamps based on Jayadev's 12th century epic 'Geetagovinda'. India Post 2011 Calendar was based on the theme of 'Buddha' and India Post Calendar 2012 was based on the theme of "Sculptural Heritage of India". The Calendars were widely appreciated and carried favorable media coverage. Taking this initiative forward Department of Posts has now released India Post 2013 Calendar based on the theme of Astrological Signs.

The occult has always held a fascination for the human mind. Whether it is deemed an art or a mathematically accurate science, the fascination remains. From the days of Vedic astrology and the Delphic Oracle to current days, we have an inherent curiosity about ourselves, our past and future. The twelve zodiac signs are represented by figures and symbols and associated with constellations and planets and their old Greek or Roman or Indian legends. Without any partisanship on the veracity or otherwise of astrology and the occult arts, the Department of Posts had issued a set of stamps on zodiac astrological signs. The designs of the stamps are rooted in Indian folk art and depict the 12 zodiac signs- against four base colours which reflect the elements of earth, air, fire and water. India Post 2013 Calendar is inspired by these postage stamps.

India Post 2013 Calendar is available at various Philatelic Bureaus at Rs 250 each.

New Philatelic Publications

COLLECETORS GUIDE TO FIRST DAY COVERS & FOLDERS OF INDIA WITH SET OF STAMPS, SE-TENANT STAMPS, & MINIATURE SHEETS

by Praful Thakkar

200 A4 all color pages, softbound

Price 950

Contact thakkar34@yahoo.co.in

MARKET GUIDE 2013

by Dave & Sons,

164 A5 pages softbound

Price Rs 100

Contact dipakdave7@yahoo.com

SIKH PHILATELY

by C D Singh

Contact stamp Singh@yahoo.co.in

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #62, Feb 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.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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INPEX 2013

Sunil Prabhu, Mayor of Mumbai inaugurated the INPEX 2013 National Philatelic Exhibition at World Trade Centre, Mumbai on February 21, 2013. The event was organized by the Philatelic Society of India, from February 21 to 25, 2013 under the patronage of Philatelic Congress of India and support of Department of Posts.

189 exhibits were planned to be on display in 800 frames. In addition 16 exhibits, including electronic publications, participated in Philatelic Literature Class that wasn't on display. A record number of 90 Sales Stalls, including 15 numismatic, participated. Five special covers and 4 stamps booklets were released during the event.

Todywalla Auctions organized a philatelic auction on two days, February 22 and 23, 2013. Meetings of Jainism Philately Group, Philatelic Congress of India, Philatelic Journalists Forum, and All India Philatelic Federation were held during the event. Indian Philatelists' Forum distributed membership cards to members present at the event.

Three new titles debuted during the event, 'Collectors Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India with Set of Stamps, Se-tenant Stamps, & Miniature Sheets' by Praful Thakkar, 'Market Guide 2013' by Dave & Sons, and 'Sikh Philately' by C D Singh.

The Jury comprised of G Madan Mohan Das, Sunder Bhairwani, Sahadeva Sahoo, Prof V K Gupta, Damyanti Pittie, Dr R S Gandhi, and Rameshwardas Binani, along with Vispi Dastur as Chairman and Rajesh Kumar Bagri as Jury Secretary. Dhananjay Desai was the only Apprentice Jury while Dilip Shah served as Jury Consultant.

Jury awarded 9 Gold, 18 Large vermeil, 25 Vermeil, 45 Large Silver, 30 Silver, 27 Silver Bronze, and 28 Bronze. Three exhibits didn't receive an award and 16 were absent.

In National Championship Class there were 4 exhibits out of which 2 were shortlisted by the Jury. The Jury do not evaluate the exhibits in this class. Instead every member of Jury exercises one vote by secret ballot for one of the shortlisted exhibits. The ballots are opened and counted at the award ceremony and the winner announced.

Dinesh Chandra Sharma's Summer Olympic Games won the National Championship. The Runner up was Kishor Chandak's Handstruck Postage Stamps of India up to 1852.

Chandak's exhibit had won Gold with Felicitations of Jury at INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition in New Delhi while Sharma's received Vermeil at the same show.

The two exhibits that didn't make it to the shortlist were Rajan Jayakar's Fiscals of British India 1901 – 1947 and Anil Suri's Fiscals of Mysore. Jayakar has won a Gold at 28th Asian International in 2012 at Sharjah while Suri had received the Best Exhibit Award in INPEX EMPIREPEX national in Nasik.

About half of the total exhibits were thematics including those in One Frame and Youth Classes.

The organizers were led by Dhirubhai Mehta and Damayanti Pittie and ably assisted by Suketu Jhaveri, and Surendra Kotadia. Two persons who played pivotal role in organizing this event are Kapil Gogri, and Kaizad Todywalla. Gogri handled all the design and production work - logo, poster, prospectus, certificate, Souvenir, web site, special covers, special postmarks, stamp booklets. Todywalla managed the venue, cafeteria, booking, erection, and management of the stalls. He has been holding two numismatic events every year at the same venue for several years now. It was Todywalla's credibility, track record, and personal equations that resulted in the record participation of 90 stalls.

The philatelic market that has been driven by India mint for last few years didn't see much turnover.

Publicity in mainstream media is quite expensive and understandably the organizers did not attempt to publicize. However getting the coverage in mainstream media does not cost much but it also was absent. But what is perhaps inexcusable that there were no banners or signage outside or on the venue to indicate that a philatelic event is going on here. Thus the visitors apart from stall holders, exhibitors, organizers, jurors and their staff and families were very few. And of those who were there very few spent time at the frames.

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.

Philately Exhibition in Rajouri

John Samuel, Chief Postmaster General, Jammu and Kashmir inaugurated 'Post Office Festival' and 'Philately Exhibition' in Rajouri on February 21, 2013.

This is for the first time in the history of Rajouri that Department of Posts is organizing a Post Office Festival aimed at strengthening the bonds and also make the people aware about various services being offered by India Post.

Two special covers on "Chingus Fort" and "Poonch Fort" were released on the inaugural day of Rajouri Post Office Festival which will be followed by Quiz Competition and Philately workshop for the school children. The topic of the Quiz contest will be General Knowledge and Current Affairs.

In Poonch district Department of Posts will launch "I love My Post Office Campaign" on February 22 which will be followed by Letter writing competition and Stamp Designing contest for school children and the theme for the letter writing competition will be "Write a letter to your Mother" and for Stamp Designing it will be "Folk Dances of J&K". Prizes will be distributed among the winners of these competitions in Rajouri as well in Poonch district respectively.

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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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Feb 23-24: Berhampur, District Philatelic Exhibition, Rushipex-2013
J K Mohapatra, Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University inaugurated the show on Feb 23, 2013.

Mar 15-17: New Delhi, Annual Coin Show 2013

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Venue: NASC Complex, Gate No. 1, Pusa Institute (Near South Patel Nagar) New Delhi

Auction: Classical Numismatics Gallery on Mar 15 & Todywalla Auctions # 73 on May 16

Contact: Goga Jain 093122 42154

Website: delhicoinsociety.org

Apr 19-21: Mumbai, Shukla Day Numismatic Show

Organizers: Todywalla Auctions

Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai

Dealers Booth: Rs 12,000

Auction: Todywalla Auctions

Contact: Kaizad Todywalla 098200 32468

Nov 8-10: Thrissur, Thrissurpex 2013

Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur

Venue: Sri Sankara Hall, Vadakkemadam, Thrissur

Dealers Booth: Rs 7,000

Auction: Oswal Antiques on Nov 9 at 6pm

Contact: C J Vincent 098470 21886

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

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