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

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

India Post issued a set of 50 commemorative postage stamps, in one go, to mark the 100 years of Indian Cinema. It is a record number of stamps in a set for an Indian issue.

Such a momentous, prestigious, and potentially very popular issue naturally deserved thoughtful planning and careful execution. Alas that wasn't to be. The information brochure issued didn't even mention the name of 51 personalities appearing on stamps in the issue.

Neither India Post nor the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the proponents of the issue, involved or invited the family or relations of the 51 personalities featured on stamps. Believe it or not, in case of Smita Patil, the husband Raj Babbar and the son Prateik Babbar, both also actors, did not even know a stamp has been issued on her several days after the event! And this is just one example.

India Post has unhealthy fixation with mug shots of personalities to serve as stamp design and seemingly haven't heard of research for developing stamp designs. The designs should have included cinema posters, records and music album covers, heritage cinema hall buildings, famous studios, cinema memorabilia and several other relevant things instead of focusing only on the personalities.

If one wants 100 stamps of Ashok Kumar, of Rs 5 each, India Post expects that person to buy 100 miniature sheets of Rs 45 each instead. The philatelic community would have preferred individual sheetlets, say of 10 stamps, in addition to miniature sheets with printing quantities divided in both formats.

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

- M&SJ

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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: stamppoll@stampsofindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is June 30, 2013. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue of July 4, 2013. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jun 00: Wildlife and Flora & Fauna
Jun 00: Traditional Indian Handfans
Jun 00: Peerjada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor

Rescheduled, New Date yet to be announced –
May 18: Dr. Nilratan Sircar
May 30: Gaiety Heritage Cultural Complex, Shimla

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 5 each, are put on sale at over 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 Stamps Released

100 YEARS OF INDIAN CINEMA

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a set of 50 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on 100 Years of Indian Cinema, on May 3, 2013 at New Delhi. These 50 stamps are issued in miniature sheet format only. There are a total of 6 miniature sheets, 2 of 9 stamps each & 4 of 8 stamps each. There are no individual sheets for this issue.

The designs of all 50 stamps feature 51 distinguished personalities of India Cinema over the years. These are Ashok Kumar, B N Sircar, B R Chopra, Bhalji Pendharkar, Bhupen Hazarika, Dev Anand, Dhirendranath Ganguli, Durga Khote, Hrishikesh Mukherjee, Majrooh Sultanpuri, Naushad, Nitin Bose, Prithviraj Kapoor, Raichand Boral, Ruby Myers (Sulochana), Sohrab Modi, Tapan Sinha, Yash Chopra, Allu Ramalingiah, Ashok Mehta, Balraj Sahni, Bhanumathi, C V Sridhar, Chetan anand, Kamal

Amrohi, Geeta Dutt, Kannadasan, Madan Mohan, Mehmood, Motilal, Nagesh, O P Nayyar, Prem Nazir, R D Burman, Raj Khosla, Rajendra Kumar, Rajesh Khanna, S V Ranga Rao, Salil Chowdhury, Sanjeev Kumar, Shailendra, Shakeel Badayuni, Shammi Kapoor, Shankar Jaikishan, Smita Patil, Suraiya, Tarachand Barjatya, T R Sundaram, Utpal Dutt, and Vishnu Vardhan.

The first 18 stamps, from the first two miniature sheets of 9 stamps each, feature Dadasaheb Phalke awardees. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in cinema given annually by the Government of India for lifetime contribution to Indian cinema. It was introduced in 1969, the birth centenary year of Dadasaheb Phalke, who is considered as the father of Indian cinema. The second group of 32 stamps in four miniature sheets of 8 stamps each feature persons from various fields of cinema. In both the parts stamps are organized alphabetically by the first name of the person.

Although the issue was ceremoniously released on May 3, it will only be available for sale at the philatelic bureaus in June 2013 on a date to be announced by India Post. The First Day of Issue postmark will be provided up to six months from the date of release as a special case for this issue.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamps, Miniature Sheets, the First Day Cover, and the Brochure. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 5 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 810,000 stamps each.

WILD ASSES OF INDIA

India Post released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20 on Wild Asses of India, on March May 10, 2013. A Miniature Sheet was also issued on this occasion.

The designs of the stamps feature Kiang the Wild Ass of Ladakh and Ghor Kar the Wild Ass of Kutch on Rs 5 and Rs 20 denomination respectively.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp, miniature sheet, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 5 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 410,000 stamps each. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 210,000.

May 24: Securities and Exchange Board of India

Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Securities and Exchange Board of India on its Silver Jubilee, on May 24, 2013 at Mumbai.

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 5 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 1.06 million stamps.

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

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Apr 26, 2013: Ahmedabad, Sheth C N Vidyavihar centenary

May 1, 2013: Mumbai, Labor Day

May 1, 2013: Panaji, Labor Day

May 1, 2013: Pune, Labor Day
May 4, 2013: Jaipur, International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development
May 5, 2013; Thanjavur, K P Kittappa Pillai
May 8, 2013: New Delhi, Apeejay School, Saket 25 Years
May 8, 2013: Srinagar, 150 Years of Red Cross
May 17, 2013: Panaji, Commissioning of MIG 29K / KUB
May 17, 2013: Panaji, 60 Years of Naval Aviation
May 20, 2013: New Delhi, Competition Commission of India, 4th Annual Day
May 23, 2013: Srinagar, Permanent Pictorial Postmark at Srinagar GPO
May 23, 2013: Srinagar, Permanent Pictorial Postmark at Lal Chowk PO
May 27, 2013: Mumbai, 125 years of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus

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

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

New Customized My Stamps

Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post released new design for customized My Stamps to commemorate 150 Years of Red Cross.

Please place your orders to Philately bureau, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu 180004; Telephone 01912434151; and email gandhinagar180004@gmail.com

K D Gandhi Passes Away

KD Gandhi, a veteran dealer of Mumbai, passed away on May 9, 2013. Everyone who came in contact with him will always remember his ever smiling face and his very likeable nature.

Modern Philately of Twentieth Century

BRASILIANA 2013 announced on May 16, 2013 the inclusion of a new class – Class 13: Modern Philately (of the 21st Century). The objectives are to encourage collectors of Modern Philatelic materials to exhibit at the highest level and to demonstrate to Postal Administrations that are extensive bodies of philatelists who collect and study materials issued by them in the 21st century (2001-today).

This class is available for exhibits complying with the special regulations for (A) Traditional, (B) Postal History and (C) Postal Stationery. Qualifying exhibits for this promotional class must contain philatelic material issued by Postal authorities in the 21st century. Stamp series of philatelic topics chosen for this class which were substantially issued on/after 2001 are qualified as topics for the promotional class. Promotional class exhibits will be judged according to the respective SREVs currently in force for the above mentioned classes.

The distribution of points available recognize that Modern Philatelic material is worthy of study and in many instances is difficult to acquire, treat and present while the short passage of time since their issue has not provide an accurate indication of importance or rarity.

FIP medals will be awarded to the appropriate exhibit and they will be recorded in the FIP Awards records. Certificate of Participation will be given to exhibits attaining less than 60 points.

Acceptance of entry into promotional class for BRASILIANA 2013 will be based on the recommendation of national commissioners and at the discretion of the BRASILIANA 2013 Organizing Committee. Exhibitors are entitled to apply for 3 or 5 frames per exhibit. Acceptance of any entries in the promotional class will not preclude acceptances of entries in any other class. All other requirements of the IREX will apply.

Frame fee is US\$ 50 per frame. The submission deadline for the application forms, only for Modern Philately, is May 31, 2013

Philatelic Publications

India Postage Stamp Year Book 2012

Compiler: Narendra Kumar

Publisher: Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi

Price: Rs 1,200

Contact: Kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in

INDIA POSTAGE STAMP YEAR BOOK 2011

Compiler: Narendra Kumar

Publisher: Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi

Price: Rs 1,100

Contact: Kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in

INDIA MINIATURE SHEET COLLECTORS PACK 2012

Compiler: Narendra Kumar

Publisher: Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi

Price: Rs 800

Contact: Kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in

INDIA SE-TENANT COLLECTORS PACK

Compiler: Narendra Kumar

Publisher: Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi

Price: Rs 900

Contact: Kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in

STAMPS READY RECKONER – A Checklist of Indian Postage Stamps from 1947 to 2012

Compiler: Narendra Kumar

Publisher: Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi

Price: Rs 150

Contact: Kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

The meetings are held every Saturday from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

The forthcoming meetings in June are scheduled on 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

An auction is held at every meeting. Display talks are organized at most meetings. We invite members and guests to show a part of their collection and discuss the same. All are encouraged to buy, sell and exchange at the meetings.

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.

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>

AUSTRALIA 2013 Awards

AUSTRALIA 2013 World Stamp Expo held at Melbourne, Australia from May 10 to 15, 2013. Indian participants won the following awards:

Large Vermeil Medal

K S Mohan - Postal History of Cochin

Vermeil Medal

Om Prakash Kedia - Development of Indore Post 1873-1908

Pragya Kothari - I am Bow and this is my Story

Large Silver Medal

Aditya Desai - Indian Postal Stationery

V K Gupta - Gwalior State Stamps - A Study 1885-1950

Dinesh Sharma - Summer Olympic Games

Bronze Medal

Mrinal Mathur - From Wheel to Car) (Youth Class

The lone jury from India Vispi Dastur, and later the national commissioner from India Damyanti Pittie, both were unable to go to Australia for health reasons. Ajay Kumar Mittal carried the exhibits as national commissioner along with J M Kapur as apprentice national commissioner.

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #65, May 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>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Aerogramme & Inland Letter Card](#) | [Envelopes](#) | [Postcards](#) | [Meghdoot PostCard](#)

New Blogs

Dinesh Chandra Sharma, the winner of National Championship at INPEX 2013 has launched a blog 'Indian Thematics' at the following link <http://www.indianthematics.blogspot.in/>

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.

Post Offices in India

Dr Killi Kruparani, Minister of State for Communication & Information Technology in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha on April 26, 2013 informed that the number of post offices in the country as on as March 31, 2012 is 154,822.

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.

Text ADS Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

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

Recent & Forthcoming Events

May 8: Srinagar, Philatelic Exhibition on Red Cross

Organizers: Jammu & Kashmir Circle, India Post

Venue: Red Cross Mela, Joggers Park, Raj Bagh, Srinagar

Shiv Garg of Bathinda displayed his award winning collection on Red Cross at this show

organized by the District Red Cross Society, Srinagar,

May 23-25: Srinagar, Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Jammu & Kashmir Circle, India Post

Venue: Srinagar GPO

Jun 28-30: New Delhi, Third National Stamp Fair

Organizers: Philatelic Dealers Association

Venue: Aga Khan Hall, Bhagwan Das Road, New Delhi

Timings: 11am to 6pm

Dealers Stall: Rs 5,000

Auction: Spot Auction on Jun 28 & 29 at 6pm onwards

Contact: Ashish Talwar, Secretary General PDA, talwar2002@hotmail.com

Nov 8-10: Thrissur, Thrissurpex 2013

Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur

Venue: Sri Sankara Hall, Vadakkemadom, 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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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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Princely States Report <http://www.princelystates.com/>

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

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/2Reprints.htm>

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