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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We are back on schedule after a long time. It is great feeling.

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: 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 25 (?): Peerjada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor

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 Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet
2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

May 24: Shimla, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Complex
Jun 05: Thiruvananthapuram, Harithakeralam (Green Kerala)

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

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India Post at Melbourne

India Post participated in the AUSTRALIA 2013 World Stamp Expo held at Melbourne, Australia from May 10 to 15, 2013. The person team from India Post was led by Meera Handa, Depury Director General (Philately).

India Post at their booth sold Wild Asses of India Miniature Sheet on First Day cover with the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark with Melbourne as the place name. Also cachet depicting Mahatma Gandhi and inscribed World Stamp Exhibition Australia 2013 was used to service passports and other requests to postmark Indian stamps.

Both these items, in limited quantity, are available from Pankaj Tyagi yoc8us@yahoo.com

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

Third National Stamp Fair

The Philatelic Dealers Association is organizing the Third National Stamp Fair from 28 to 30 June 2013. The first edition and second editions held in June 2011, and 2012 were tremendously successful and we expect the same this time. The venue is the new,. It is centrally located, air-conditioned and spacious. We expect to accommodate larger number of dealers than last time and steps are being initiated to widely publicize the event. The cost of each table is Rs. 5,000 inclusive of lunch and tea for 2 persons on all 3 days. The timings are 11am to 6pm on all 3 days. For booking, contact Ashish Talwar, Secretary General, Philatelic Dealers Association, phone 098101 86108.

Auctions will complement the event. Spot auctions will be held at 6pm on June 28 and 29. All participating stand-holders are eligible to consign material for the spot auctions. All settlements will be on the spot. Lots for Spot Auction must be handed over to Rohit Prasad at his table by 2pm on

the day of the auction. For more information on Spot Auctions Contact: Rohit Prasad 09810304233
prasadrohit1962@yahoo.com

The following dealers from all over India have already confirmed their participation:

01. Stamps R Us, New Delhi
 02. Rohit Prasad, New Delhi
 03. Stamps of India, New Delhi
 04. Mahendra Sharma, Guwahati
 05. Ranjit Singh, New Delhi
 06. Arvind Rai Shah, New Delhi
 07. Narinder Dhuper, New Delhi
 08. R. K. Bhatia, Amritsar
 09. Capricorn Impressions, New Delhi
 10. Capricorn Impressions, New Delhi
 11. Reserved
 12. Sabir Stamps, New Delhi
 13. Kohinoor Stamps, New Delhi
 14. Kohinoor Stamps, New Delhi
 15. Arun Bhattacharya & Tanmoy Chatterjee, Kolkata
 16. Park Stamp Center, Kolkata
 17. Nikhil Parekh, Mumbai
 18. A V Govindrajulu, Chennai
 19. N R Sarkar, Kolkata
 20. S Chowdhury
 21. Shorewala, New Delhi
 22. V Ethiraj, Chennai
 23. Jay Cee Enterprises, Puducherry
 24. Dipak Dave, Nadiad
 25. Dipak Dave, Nadiad
 26. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon
 27. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon
 28. Abhay Tiku, New Delhi
 29. K Islam
 30. Available
 31. Mafatlal Sheth, Mumbai
 32. Kamal Aggarwal, Sikandrabad
 33. Available
 34. Available
 35. Amar Gangji, Pune
 36. Victory Stamps Company, Amritsar
 37. Gunpreet Singh, Amritsar
 38. Capital Stamps, New Delhi
 39. D. S. Chauhan, Madhya Pradesh
 40. Mukund Malhotra, Kanpur
 41. Balumol, Mumbai
 42. Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi
 43. Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi
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Royal Philatelic Society Regional Meeting

Regional Meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL) will be held during the Third National Stamp Fair on Saturday June 29, 2013 at 7.30 pm at Machan Restaurant, Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road, New Delhi.

The meeting will be conducted by Markand Dave, Royal Philatelic Society London's (RPSL) Overseas Representative for India. The Agenda of the meeting includes new member's enrollment, Group Discussion, Future plans, and a display of the pictures of Lithograph stones at the RPSL Museum. Dave requests everyone to bring at least one item (or more) for the discussion during meeting to share with other members.

The members and guests are requested to report at stall # 24-25 of Dipak Dave, Nadiad at the Third National Stamp Fair. The plan is proceed from there to reach Taj Mahal Hotel where the meeting will be followed by dinner.

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

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

The forthcoming meetings in June are scheduled on 15, and 22. There will be no meeting on June 29 due to on-going Third National Stamp Fair in town.

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>

Error Stamps of India

M K Ray, an avid collector of error stamps of India for more than two decades and co-author Gandhi Handbook, is now working on the subject for last one year or so and has a plan to publish a book on it in 2013.

He appeals to every collector and dealer to send their inputs by way of providing any authentic information and/or scan of any major error stamps of India (1947-to date) from their collection to give the forthcoming book a comprehensive look. It will of great help if you kindly pass on any relevant information on major errors (especially imperfs & colour missing stamps) and forward the scan which you come across in pursuing your hobby. Needless to say all contributions will be acknowledged.

Ray can be contacted on telephone 09830153844; email mrinalray@hotmail.com

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

GPA NEWS

Monthly, # 11, May 2013

Editor: Ilyas Patel

Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists' Association, Ahmedabad

Contact: gpanews@gujaratphilately.com

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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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International Speed Post Tariff Revised

The Revision of Tariff / Postage Rates for International Express Mail Service (International Speed Post) were revised with effect from May 1, 2013. The complete tariff countrywide is available at http://www.indiapost.gov.in/SPIInternational_Tariff.aspx

Telegram Era to End

Shameem Akhtar, Senior General Manager (Telegraph Services), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) Corporate office, New Delhi, issued a Circular on June 12, 2013 stating the telegraph services will be closed from July 15 and as a result all telegraph offices under the management of BSNL will have to stop booking telegrams from July 15.

The Telegram Services were losing Rs 3.5 billion per year. Currently, only about 5,000 telegrams per day are sent. That's down from several hundred thousand a day before the advent of the fax machine. BSNL has a deal with India Post to deliver and accept telegrams.

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.

Stamps on India: Swami Vivekananda

Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka released a commemorative postage stamp on the 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda in the denomination Rs 25 on June 7, 2013. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Deputy Leader of the Party in the Rajya Sabha (the Upper House of the Indian Parliament) was present along with a delegation of Bhartiya Janta Party affiliates at the function in Colombo.

The first day cover depicts the Vivekananda Rock Memorial at Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu, India. Sri Lanka has also issued a stamp on Swami Vivekananda earlier also in 1997 in the denomination Rs 2.50. Swami Vivekananda had visited Sri Lanka in 1897

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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Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

Oct 4-6: Hyderabad, 5th National Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore

Venue: Maruti Gardens Convention Center, No. 11-4-669/1, Beside Om International Hotel, Lakdi Ka Pul, Hyderabad

Dealers Booth: Rs 7,000 – Rs 25,000

Contact: info@maruphilaque.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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NEWSSCAN

The Hindu, March 26, 2013

DEPARTMENT OF POSTS REJECTS COMMEMORATION SUGGESTION by G. Sathyamoorthi

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/department-of-posts-rejects-commemoration-suggestion/article4752243.ece>

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

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