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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

From 14 to 17 June 2013 Uttarakhand received heavy rainfall, which was about 375 percent more than the benchmark rainfall during a normal monsoon. This caused heavy floods in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Western Nepal, and acute rainfall in other nearby regions of Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and some parts of Tibet. In the city of Dehradun, capital of Uttarakhand, this was the wettest June day for over five decades. Heavy rainfall for four consecutive days as well as melting snow aggravated the floods and landslides causing thousands of people to be caught unaware, resulting in huge loss of life and property. The damage to bridges and roads left over 100,000 pilgrims and tourists trapped in various places. The Indian Air Force, the Army and paramilitary troops have displayed heroic and selfless courage and commitment, saving the lives of thousands.

All should join hands with relief efforts and contribute in any manner one can. One may also contribute online to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund <https://pmnrf.gov.in/payform.php>

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@stampsfindia.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.stampsfindia.com as soon as it becomes available.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsfindia.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 31: Patna, No Tobacco Day
Jun 08: Dehradun, Abbas Tayyabji

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

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3rd 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 centrally located, air-conditioned and spacious. All tables are now sold out.

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

All 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. All About Design, New Delhi
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 & K Islam, Bangladesh
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. Avinash Mittal, Jaipur
31. Mafatlal Sheth, Mumbai
32. Kamal Aggarwal, Sikandrabad
33. Plan Your Hobby, Mumbai
34. N K Agarwal, Kolkata
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
42. Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi
43. Eeshan Prakashan, New Delhi

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

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

The forthcoming meetings in June are scheduled on 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>

New Philatelic Publications

Stanley Gibbons India Catalog 4th Edition

The Stanley Gibbons India & States color catalogue was published on June 15, 2013. It lists and prices the mint and used stamps of India from the earliest issues of Sind Province (1852) and the East India Company (1854-64) to early 2013. The catalogue includes details of Indian stamps used abroad, with fully priced listings in several cases, also the stamps of Indian Expeditionary and Custodian forces overseas and the issues of the Indian Convention and Feudatory States. Major plate flaws, watermark varieties, shades, official stamps and booklets are all listed. Telegraph stamps have now been added. A lot of prices have been revised. The 356 pages catalogue is priced at GBP 27.95 about Rs 2,650.

Year Book of Indian Philately: 2012

The 2012 edition of the Year Book of Indian Philately is now out. It includes important philatelic texts on some important subjects in Indian Philately, like

- Ashok Bayanwala has authored an article on Indian "P Stamps", known as "My Stamp" in India, a very contemporary subject about very interesting & colorful philatelic collectibles, encompassing the history of "My Stamp" from the very first issue in 2001 to the date.

- An exclusively commissioned article on "Indian Service Stamps", a sinfully ignored aspect of Indian Philately until now. The article highlights some unlisted & unknown-till-now denominations of Post-Independence Indian Service Stamps. Service stamps were discontinued in 2001; but the article reveals that these are still being printed & distributed by the department with un-deniable proofs and pictures of the specimen.

- Naresh Agarwal has penned an illustrative text on "Indian Bazaar Cards", a very interesting and reflective component of the Indian Postal Stationery of Pre-independence era. The article throws all-round light on these cards, which are an integral part of the Indian Postal History and of the Social History as well.

- Dr Satyendra Kumar Agarwal, has added the flavor of the Thematic Philately to the Year Book's this edition with his well-researched illustrated article on "Miniature Paintings of India".

- Ilyas Ahemad Patel has added his article on "Indian Bridges in Philately".

- "Virtual Philately", is the subject of the write-up by Sudhir Jain.

- The Preface of the 2012 edition of the Year Book has a write up highlighting the "Importance of the Local Philatelic Organizations", the foundation stones of the organized philately, in totality and modern contexts.

- Some more useful texts, assembled by the Editorial Team of the Year Book for this edition include, India's New Meter Marks: RMFM Marks; e-Philately: list of useful philatelic web-sites; Philatelic Code of Ethics, & Global Philately: Significant World Philatelic Organizations.

- the Year Book 2012 also records details of the happenings of 2012 in Indian Philately which include, Indian Awardees at International Shows, Issue Program for 2013, Indian Issues of 2012 (including miscellaneous issues), Postal History 2012, Events & Society News 2012 & Philatelic Tidbits from all over the world.

- Details of the current Indian Postal rates including for the Premium Services of India Post like Speed Post (including International Speed Post), Greetings Post, Media Post, Bill Mail Service, Direct Post & so on.

- A three part bibliography for the editions of the Year Book is also integrated in the edition for the readers' ready reference. Three parts of the bibliography are focused on The Individual Articles, The Subject wise Classification & the Authors.

The 300 A5 size pages work is priced at Rs 300 postpaid, by registered mail, in India. Send Money Order to: Madan Middha, Saket Vihar, Phalka Bazar, Gwalior 474 001.

Launch of Logistics Post Air Service

India Post has started "Logistics Post Air Service in Association with Air India on identified sectors amongst 15 linking airports, Agartala, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Nagpur, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Imphal, Guwahati, Patna, Lucknow & Trivandrum (Thiruvananthapuram). The main features of this service include:

(i) First Category: Airport. Customer to deposit the consignment at the postal facility available at the airport premises at Logistics Post Air Booking Centre, Palam TMO, New Delhi – 110037 and the delivery will be effected to the customer at the post office facility at the destination airport.

(ii) Second Category: City to City (on payment of additional charges). On payment of City to City charges, the consignment will be booked at Logistics Post Air Booking Centre, RMS Bhawan, Delhi - 110006 and the delivery will be effected at the Logistics Post Delivery Centers in the Destination city. (Minimum additional charges Rs 50 per consignment @ Re 1 per kg).

(iii) Third Category: Door to Door (on payment of additional charges). Pick up from the premises or delivery at the premises of the consignment (Minimum additional charges Rs 100 per consignment @ Rs 2 per kg).

Charges shall be as per volumetric weight rates to be followed in accordance with IATA standards (6000 cubic cm = 1 kg for the purpose). There will be four types of rates for Logistics Post Air Service viz.

(i) Standard rate - For consignment upto 49 kgs.

(ii) Bulk Rate (BA) - For 50 kgs to 99 kgs.

(iii) Bulk Rate (BB) - For 100 kgs to 249 kgs.

(iv) Bulk Rate (BC) - For 250 kgs & above

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

GPA NEWS

Monthly, # 12, Jun 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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Forgeries & Frauds Alerts

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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, 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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Stamps on India <http://www.stampsonindia.com/>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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