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

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Hi,

We are back from the longest break in the history of this 16 year old publication. We resume reporting from here onwards and put all that happened on record during the break from Jul 2013 till date in 3 issues # 566, 567, and 568.

We very much missed publishing the news letter and everything that went with it news gathering, researching, writing, and meeting deadlines and are happy to join you all, once again. Thank you for staying with us and for your support.

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

- M&SJ

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A New Book on India Air Mail Stamps

'India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties' is the title of a new path-breaking work by Rohit Prasad. This is the result of 6 years of painstaking study. While the Stanley Gibbons catalogues 3 varieties, the book documents 106 constant varieties identified in India's first issue of the Air Mail stamps.

The 300 Pages, A4 all color, printed on art paper hard bound book is being produced in the limited edition of 500 copies only and is scheduled to be released in the third week of October 2015.

The book Distributed worldwide by Stamps of India Private Limited will be available at Rs 5,000 post-paid in India and USD 100 post-paid worldwide. Send your orders today to mj@stampsofindia.com

Avail the amazing Pre Publication offer, for all orders received by October 17, 2015 pay only Rs 4,000 or USD 80!!!

Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued, philatelic publications, courier and other agreed charges.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Sep 30: Dr Ambedkar & the Constitution of India

FORTHCOMING ISSUES 2015

Oct 01: Mahant Avaidyanath

Oct ? : Charkha

Oct ? : Zoological Survey of India

Oct ? : Dr A P J Abdul Kalam

Oct 29: India - Africa Forum Summit

Nov/Dec: Fire Services in India

Nov/Dec: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Nov/Dec: Devaraj Urs

Nov/Dec: Singers (set of stamps)

Nov/Dec: Mahabharata & Ramayana

Nov/Dec: India Singapore Joint Issue

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.

The issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice of couple of days only at times! Thus it is virtually 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 to us.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2015stamps.html>

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.

WhatsApp Philately

WhatsApp allows creating groups of up to 100 members and this is ideal for communicating to the members of a small organisation or interest group. About 3 months ago Atish Jain of Kottayam started a group 'Bharat Phila' primarily for buying and selling philatelic items thru auction style and Buy It Now listings with images. The idea has caught on in a big way. Today there are over a dozen such groups chasing collectors' Rupees. However this growth has not done much about expanding the base as 15 groups of 100 members do not have 1500 unique members but only about 150. And most of these groups are managed by same set of four/five admins and have similar set of rules as such. What is perhaps worst that some Sellers post same items in multiple groups wasting time and bandwidth.

We also have launched the Stamps of India group on September 4, 2015 on an experimental basis and it has about 90 members. Although we would like to focus on news and views, the buying and selling is also allowed in the group. Our WhatsApp number is +91-9350537037. Kindly note regular text messages (SMS) or voice calls are not possible on this number.

STAMPS OF INDIA WHATSAPP GROUP RULES: <http://stampsofindia.com/StampsofindiaWhatsApp.htm>

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.

Philatelic Society of Delhi

The Philatelic Society of Delhi organised a successful Stamps Exchange Program & Get Together along with their monthly meeting on September 20, 2015 at New Delhi. The monthly meeting was held from 10am to 1pm and after a sumptuous lunch transformed in to the Stamps Exchange Program that continued till 5.30pm.

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Doon Philatelic Club

A new philatelic organisation, Doon Philatelic Club was formed at Dehradun on September 19, 2015 with an objective to promote philately in Dehradun. Jeevan Jyoti hosted a meeting of a group of philately enthusiasts of Dehradun city at her residence that was attended by Prem Chand Agrawal, Gunjan Maithel, Anita Maithel, Rajesh Verma, Abhai Mishra, Ajay Srivastav and the host herself. The first governing council of the Club was unanimously decided as follows:

President: Prem Chand Agrawal

General Secretary: Gunjan Maithel

Members: Anita Maithel, Rajesh Verma, Abhai Mishra, Ajay Srivastav, Jeevan Jyoti

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

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Stanley Gibbons India Catalogue

Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalogue on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 2,300+. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalogue. We distributed it all over India.

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For more information visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Oct 2-4, 2015: Mudra Utsav 2015

Venue: Rotary Club Kota North, 4-Basant Vihar, Near Dr. Pareek Hospital, Kota

Oct 8-13, 2015: DakerSaaz West Bengal Circle Philately Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Academy of Fine Arts, Cathedral Road, beside St. Paul's Cathedral, Kolkata

Open for participation to exhibitors of West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Oct 9-10, 2015: Karnal District Philately Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Krishna Mandir, Sector 14, Urban Estate, Karnal ((Haryana)

Oct 10-11, 2015: 98th Annual Conference of the Numismatic Society of India

Organizers: Numismatic Society of India

Venue: Madras University Annexe Auditorium, Marina Campus, Kamarajar Salai, Triplicane, Chennai 600005

Oct 15-17, 2015: SCHOOLPEX, 19th Inter School State Level Stamp Exhibition

Organizers: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan & St Xavier's School

Venue: St Xavier's School, Bhagwandas Road, C Scheme Jaipur

Oct 16-18, 2015: 13th Annual Fair

Organizers: Mumbai Coin Society

Venue: World Trade Centre Expo Centre, Cuff Parade, Mumbai

Oct 18, 2015: Royal Philatelic Society Regional Meeting

Venue: World Trade Centre Expo Centre, Cuff Parade, Mumbai

Oct 25, 2015: 2nd Philatelic Exchange Meet, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Organizers: SIPA

Venue: Agarwal Samaj Hall, Varadarajulu Street, Egmore, Chennai

Oct 29-31 & Nov 1, 2015: UTTARPEX-15 Zonal Philately Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Lucknow, Lalit Kala Academy, Aliganj, Lucknow

Open for participation to exhibitors of Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand

Nov 20-22, 2015: Punjab Numismatic Exhibition Ludhiana

Dec 4-6, 2015: Stamps of India National Exhibition **Tentative Dates, to be confirmed by next week**

Organizers: Stamps of India

Venue: NDMC Convention Centre, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001

Dec ? 2015: Delhi State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: New Delhi

Dec 10-12, 2015: COINEX PUNE 2015

Organizers: ICSRI Pune

Venue: Sonal Hall Karve Road, Pune 411004

Dec 13: 13th Elections of the Governing Council

Organizers: Philatelic Congress of India

Venue: Mumbai

Dec 25-27, 2015: Mudra Utsav

Organizers: Numismatic Society of Kolkata

Venue: Haldiram Banquets Hall, Ballyguange, Kolkata

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Jan 7-9, 2016: 13th Kerapex, Kerala State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Sri Shankara Hall, M G Road, Thrissur

Open for participation to exhibitors of Kerala & Lakshadweep

Jan 8-10, 2016: Rare Fair 2016

Venue: Indraprastha Hall, Old Gangapur Naka, Gangapur Road, Nashik

Jan?, 2016: Mahapex-2016, Maharashtra State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Nashik

Jan?, 2016: Tanapex-2016, Tamilnadu State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Jan ? 2016: Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Indore

Feb 26-28, 2016: National Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: The Bell Hotel, Majestic, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Bangalore

See Forthcoming Events online at <http://stampsofindia.com/events.htm>

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