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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

In a first for India Post, Radio Advertising is being used to publicize My Stamp. The radio jingle would be broadcasted on FM Gold News at 7 45 pm from 1st to 19th October. This is a big leap in the right direction.

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

- M&SJ

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Y R Shah Passes Away

Y R Shah, well known philatelist, passed away in Bangalore on September 28, 2015. He collected and built great collections of classic India and Great Britain. He won Gold at the first national philatelic exhibition INPEX in 1970 at New Delhi and went on to win several more at many international events.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Oct 01: Mahant Avidyanath
 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: Mahatbharata & 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.

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Ambedkar Stamp Released

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communication & Information Technology, and Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Minister Social Justice & Empowerment, jointly released a commemorative postage stamp on Dr B R Ambedkar on September 30, 2015 at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi as a part of 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Dr Ambedkar.

The stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, the inland letter rate, depicts Dr Ambedkar with the Constitution of India and the Parliament of India in the background and is inscribed 'Dr B R Ambedkar and the Constitution of India'.

Brahm Prakash designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alak 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 500,000 stamps in the sheets of 45 stamps each.

Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India chaired the first meeting of the National Committee on Nationwide Celebration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar on the July 23, 2015. The objective of year long celebrations is to make the world aware about the life and the work of Babasaheb Ambekdar as a champion of the underprivileged.

Speaking on the occasion Minister Gehlot said that the Government has taken up a number of programmes and is organizing various activities on the 125th Birth Anniversary celebrations wherein a tableau on Dr Ambedkar would be part of the 26th January celebration in 2016, 100 students will be sent to Columbia University and London School of Economics for study tour, Dr Ambedkar Memorial at 26 Alipur Road, Delhi will be developed in a befitting manner. The village Ambadve in Ratnagiri District (Maharashtra), to which the parents of Dr Ambedkar belonged will be developed as a Model Village under Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna (Prime Minister Model Village Scheme). He further added that the life and works of Dr Ambedkar is an inspiration to the millions.

Speaking on the occasion Minister Prasad said Dr Ambedkar was the chief architect our constitution and was in 1990 bestowed with Bharat Ratna. He was also a champion of fundamental rights.

Present on the occasion were Krishan Pal Gurjar, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Vijay Sampla, Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, Lov Verma, Secretary Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Arun Kumar Additional Secretary Social Justice & Empowerment, S K Sinha Member (Planning), Postal Services Board, and other officials of the Ministries and Ambedkar Foundation.

[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.](#)

Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Oct 02: Chennai, Indian Railways' Integral Coach Factory Diamond Jubilee

Oct 03: New Delhi, Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Center, AIIMS

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Four Gandhi Designs on My Stamp at Ludhiana

India Post will release four designs on Mahatma Gandhi on his 146 birth anniversary on My Stamp at the Philatelic Bureau at Ludhiana. The facility of booking registered mail will also be available for couple of hours. The day being a national holiday, special arrangements have been made to open the bureau and the post office for this purpose from 10 30 am to 12 30 pm. The My Stamp sheets customized with Gandhi designs will only be available on October 2,

2015. The My Stamp sheets available at Ludhiana philatelic bureau are Fairy Queen Locomotive, Taj Mahal, and Greetings, all from the 3rd series. For more information please contact Mukesh Malhotra by WhatsApp or SMS on +91 90230 84608.

Philatelic Auction Sales on Facebook

Similar to our coverage of WhatsApp groups providing a market place for buying and selling, in the previous issue, we see auction groups on Facebook as well. There is no limit to numbers of members in a group in the Facebook and it also can be accessed on Smartphones. However, people find it more convenient to use WhatsApp, although it limits the number of members to 100. And who knows, in the future even newer platforms might be available to us for such activities.

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

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Oct 2-4, 2015: Mudra Utsav 2015

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

Oct 2-5, 2015: CGGandhiPex

Organizers: Chhattisgarh Philatelic Society

Venue: Raipur

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 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 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: Panjab 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 10-12, 2015: COINEX PUNE 2015

Organizers: ICSRI Pune

Venue: Sonal Hall Karve Road, Pune 411004

Dec 25-27, 2015: Mudra Utsav

Organizers: Numismatic Society of Kolkata

Venue: Haldiram Banquets Hall, Ballyguange, Kolkata

2016

Jan 7-9, 2016: Kerala

Organizers: India Post

Venue: 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

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>

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

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