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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We plan to attend all state level exhibitions being held between October and March subject to India Post allowing us to do so and if their dates are not clashing: as it is humanly not possible to be at two different places on the same day. We hope someone is listening and the dates to be announced soon for shows in December and January will be scheduled with care.

We are looking forward to seeing friends in Kolkata, Mumbai, and Lucknow in October 2015.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Kusum Mehta Passes Away

Kusumben Mehta passed away on October 6, 2015 at Mumbai. She was a collector, exhibitor and jury. Indian Princely State of Morvi was one of her better known exhibit.

She was not keeping good health since past some years. She is survived by her husband Dhirubhai Mehta. Our condolences to the family.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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.

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

Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We reimburse the costs and other agreed charges.

Mahant Avidyanath Stamp Released

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communication & Information Technology, released a commemorative postage stamp on Mahant Avidyanath of Gorakhnath Math, on October 1, 2015 at Gorakhnath temple, Gorakhpur on Mahant's first death anniversary. He was the leader of Ram Janmabhoomi movement and a former Member of Parliament from the Bhartiya Jantta Party.

The stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, the inland letter rate, depicts the portrait of Mahant Avidyanath. The First Day Cover depicts Mahant Avidyanath with the Gorakhnath temple, Gorakhpur in the background.

Vinita Sinha designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the 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.

Speaking on the occasion the Minister said that it was Avidyanath dream to get the temple constructed at Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya. Prasad said the temple will be constructed at the place where the makeshift Ramlala temple is situated. Prasad said that he had been a lawyer in the Ram Janmabhoomi case and he was sure of victory in Supreme Court also after the Allahabad High Court judgment.

Prasad also said that the central government will soon release a series of commemorative postal stamps on revolutionaries. He said that the Centre was going to open 48,000 call centres across the country, including 8,800 in UP, to provide employment to youths.

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

Sep 30: Jaipur, Puja Jayanand Muni Maharaj

A special cover was issued On the occasion of 10th Swargarohan Anniversary of Jain Saint Puja Jayanand Muni Maharaj at a release function held at Mohanbadi, Galta Gate, Jaipur on September 30, 2015 in the auspicious presence of Puja Maitryprabh Sagar Ji Maharaj.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS Special Postmarks & Covers <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS Army Postal Service Issues <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html>

Mother Teresa Stamp from Australia

Australia Post will issue a stamp on Mother Teresa in the denomination of 70 cents in a set of 3 stamps 'Honoured by Australia'. The other two stamps in the set honour Nelson Mandela, and Raoul Wallenberg.

A lot of products are available from Australia posts' web shop:

<https://shop.auspost.com.au/stamp-coin-collectables/stamp-issues/honoured-by-australia>

The delivery within Australia is free and A\$9 per order is charged for international delivery.

Set of Stamps A\$ 2.10
First Day Cover with set of 3 gummed stamps A\$ 2.40
Stamp Pack A\$ 2.55
MaxiCard with set of 3 gummed stamps A\$ 4.35
Booklet Collection set of 3 booklets A\$ 23
Mother Teresa Gutter Strip of 10 stamps (5 vertical gutter Pairs) A\$ 7
Mother Teresa Stamp Booklet of 10 self-adhesive stamps A\$ 7
Mother Teresa Chequebook containing 20 Stamp booklets A\$ 140

Stamps of India Group on Facebook

We decided to launch the group on Facebook as within a day of publishing the news in the Issue #569 we crossed the 100 member mark and have not been able to accommodate the requests that are still coming in.

We invite you to join today. The web address of the group named StampsXchange is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stampsxchange/> . Emails sent to stampsxchange@groups.facebook.com will appear as posts in the group.

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

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1. LK.31 - Mr. Lohit Kaushik; E-174, First Floor, Kalkaji; New Delhi - 110 019
2. LA.12 - Mr. Pankaj Ramniwas Agarwal, B-1, Goel Park, Premchandnagar Road, Satellite Complex, Ahemdabad - 380 002.
3. LB.19 - Mr. K. Bhaskaran; 2, Penniamman Koil II Street; Sholinganallur, Chennai -600 119.
4. LH.01 - Mr. R. Harsh, 16, Jawahar Road, Chokkikulam, Madurai - 625 002.
5. LC.07 - Mr. Subrata Chakrabarti, c/o Infar India Ltd., 12D, Judges Court Road, Kolkata - 700 027.
6. LP.09 - Mr. Naveen Patel, c/o Peejay Textorium, 60/24, Princep Street, Kolkata - 700 013.
7. LM.31 - Mr.Subir Kumar Mitra, Shrushti Apts. Flat 404, Mata Vaishno Housing. Society, Nerul (West), Navi Mumbai - 400 706.
8. LJ.31 - Dr. S. I. Saeed Jafri; 38, Hawa Mahal; Bhopal - 462 001 Phone: 542085.
9. LP-24 Mr. A. V. S. Prasad, Plot No.48, Vasant Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500 072.

Request all readers to write to Madhukar Jhingan mj@stampsofindia.com with any contact information for the above members

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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 16, 2015 pay only Rs 4,000 or USD 80!!!

Indian Antarctic Expedition Philatelist's Guide by Abhai Mishra

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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.

Recent & Forthcoming Events

* Revised / Updated information

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

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 17, 2015: Royal Philatelic Society London, 10th Regional Meeting

Venue: 1st Floor, Conference Hall, GPO Mumbai 400001

Time: 10:30 am

Followed by Lunch at Taj Mahal Hotel

Lunch Coupon is available at Rs 900 from Kapil Gogri and Markand Dave

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 30-31 & Nov 1-2, 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://stampsfindia.com/events.htm>

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India [www.stampsfindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsfindia.com/info_base/clubmeet.htm)

VIEWS & OPINIONS

Readers Forum

Dear Editor

Recently we got prospectus form of UttarpeX-2015 from O/O CPMG, Lucknow through email. This exhibition is supposed to be conducted jointly by UP & Uttarakhand division. The philatelists of Uttarakhand were trying to find the details of the exhibition from the Dehradun philatelic bureau and O/o CPMG Uttarakhand circle for the past one month, but there was no response from their side. Finally we got the details due to the kind courtesy of Sh. Vivek Kumar Daksh, DPS (HQ), O/o CPMG, Lucknow. From Uttarakhand Circle names of SPM, DPS and AD(Phil) were given in the prospectus. Today I called the SPM, Mr. Mehra and inquired about submitting the application form and exhibits at the Dehradun philatelic bureau. He retorted that since there are no philatelists in Dehradun hence there is no requirement of sending the exhibits. When I apprised him that his impression is highly misplaced and that he should arrange for receiving the exhibits and applications. After much thought he advised that we may send our exhibit details via EMAIL to him and he will forward them. I was simply dumbfounded and hung the phone.

After that I tried to call Sh. VK Singh, DPS, both on his landline and mobile, but he did not even extend the courtesy of receiving the call, let alone doing anything. (He was earlier very much connected with the development of philately at Delhi HQ)

With the incarnation of the present CPMG, Uttarakhand, it seems that the philatelic activities have geo-rocketed to the center of the earth.

regards

Abhai Mishra

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