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

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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

Two of our friends are celebrating Golden Wedding Anniversaries in November 2015. Both are well known philatelists and most of you know them. Prem Ratan Maru will have the celebrations on November 19 at Bikaner and Vispi S Dastur will have the celebrations on November 28 at Mumbai. Our hearty congratulations to both the couples.

We will be in Lucknow for the Zonal show on October 31, November 1 & 2, 2015 and look forward to see many friends there.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Prashant Pandya,

We invite your inputs [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

## India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Oct 29: India - Africa Forum Summit  
 Oct 30: 1 Gorkha Rifles & 3 Gorkha Rifles  
 Nov/Dec: Zoological Survey of India  
 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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available to us.

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

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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.

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### Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Oct 08: Karnal, Rahgiri Karnal, KARNALPEX 1/2  
Oct 09: Karnal, Smart City Karnal, KARNALPEX 2/2  
Oct 09: Chennai, Post Forum Silver Jubilee  
Oct 09: Tiruchirapalli, Post Forum Silver Jubilee  
Oct 09: Madurai, Post Forum Silver Jubilee  
Oct 09: Coimbatore, Post Forum Silver Jubilee  
Oct 13: Shillong, State Training Centre at Umtyngar of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in Meghalaya - 75 years

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Special Postmarks & Covers http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html)

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Army Postal Service Issues http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html)

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### New Stamp Booklets

2 Stamp booklets were issued during SCHOOLPEX, the 19<sup>th</sup> Inter School State Level Stamp Exhibition held at Jaipur from October 15 to 17, 2015.

Both the booklets feature A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India. One has the Kalam commemorative stamp while another with MyStamp of Kalam.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Stamp Booklets http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb10.html](http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb10.html)

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### A Philatelic Tribute to Police of India and the Sub-Continent

Sidney Kitson, our friend and the author of 'A Philatelic Tribute to Police of India and the Sub-Continent' was an officer of Indian Police Service and in served for many years as the Director General of West Bengal Armed Police was a passionate philatelist specialising in Police theme. He passed away in Bangalore in 2005.

Although published in 2002 by the Government of India, the book has not been marketed. The book has 132 all color art paper pages hardbound with jacket and was originally priced at Rs 995 in India and US\$ 49 for overseas. At Stamps of India we are fortunate to secure 10 copies of the book and are pleased to offer on first come first serve basis at Rs 1200 post-paid in India and USD 50 post-paid worldwide. Contact Madhukar Jhingan [mj@stampsofindia.com](mailto:mj@stampsofindia.com) now.

Following is the original news report we carried in Stamps of India Collectors Companion Issue #58 of March 28, 2002:

Well-known philatelist and former Director General of West Bengal Armed Police, Sidney Kitson of Kolkata has authored 'A Philatelic Tribute to Police of India & the Sub-Continent' it is a handsomely produced coffee-table book published by the Bureau of Police Research & Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Khushwant Singh while reviewing this book wrote - The story of our postal services and their close collaboration with the police needed to be put on record. They could not have found a better authority than S. Kitson, now living a retired life in Kolkata, to do so.

We could not resist adding this quote from his review “My opinion of the Indian Postal Services rocketed sky-high ten years or so ago when an irate Canadian Khalistani wrote me a very abusive letter in Gurmukhi with the address in English which read: ‘To bastard Khushwant Singh, India’. It was delivered to me within a week of its dispatch from Canada. I can't think of another country in the world where postal services would have bothered to locate an individual with so unsavoury reputation to discharge the duty entrusted to it.”

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ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Aerogramme & Inland Letter Card](#) | [Envelopes](#) | [Postcards](#) | [Meghdoot PostCard](#)

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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 shall be available on October 17, 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](mailto:mj@stampsofindia.com)

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### **Catalogue of Errors on Stamps of Modern India by Mrinal Kanti Roy**

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/TextAdsTariff.htm>

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### **Forgeries & Frauds Alerts**

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The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

\* Revised / Updated information

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 2-4, 2015: Valpex-2015, Valsad District Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Rajput Samaj Hall, Near Kasturba Hospital, Dhanbhura Road, Valsad - 396 001.

Contact: Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Valsad Division, Valsad - 396 001 Phone: 02632-244480, 253544

Two special covers are proposed to be released during the exhibition

Nov 20-22, 2015: Panjab Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Panjab Numismatic & Heritage Trust

Venue: Lions Bhavan, Udham Singh Nagar, Ludhiana

Exhibits, Seminars & Auctions by Oswal Antiques & Todywalla will be held during the exhibition

~~\*Dec 4-6, 2015: Stamps of India National Exhibition~~

**Not being held this year, New Dates will be announced soon**

**India Post is expected to organize a State Level show in December.**

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

Dec 26-28, 2015: Naturepex-2015, Philatelic Exhibition on Nature and Environment

Organizers: Eastern India Philatelists' Association

Venue: Bhubaneswar

Open to the exhibitors of Odisha, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh

## 2016

Jan 7-9, 2016: 13<sup>th</sup> 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 16-18, 2016: Mahapex-2016, Maharashtra State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Regional Stamp Depot, Upnagar, Nashik

Jan 22-25, 2016: Tanapex-2016, Tamil Nadu State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Mother Teresa Exhibition Hall, near Valluvar Kottam, Nungambakkam, Chennai 600034

Open for participation to exhibitors of Tamil Nadu & Puducherry

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

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