

# SI STAMPS OF INDIA COLLECTORS COMPANION

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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

Stamps of India Facebook group membership crossed 100 member mark earlier this week. Let us add some more members and eventually in addition to news and views we also will make this platform available for buying and selling to the members. Right now we are working on a robust model to implement that.

We are back in the business of scanning and uploading images. The first to get updated is the Illustrated Listing of the Stamp Booklets at <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb01.htm>. The next in line is the listings of stamps, fdc, brochures, and packs.

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

- M&SJ

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Nov 14: Children's Day, Set of 2 Stamps & a Miniature Sheet  
 Nov/Dec: Zoological Survey of India  
 Nov/Dec: Fire Services in India  
 Nov/Dec: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)  
 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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### **New Stamps Released**

#### **INDIA - AFRICA FORUM SUMMIT**

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, released a set of six commemorative postage stamps on "3rd India Africa Forum Summit" in presence of other dignitaries during the closing day in New Delhi on October 29, 2015

The four stamps are in the denomination of Rs 5 and the remaining two in the denomination of Rs 25, the inland and overseas airmail letter rate respectively. The Rs 5 stamps depict Indian Rhino, African Rhino, Indian Black Buck and African Thomson Gazelle, while Rs 25 stamps depict Indian Lion and African Lion. A miniature sheet containing 1 each of the 6 stamps is also issued on the occasion.

In addition India Post has brought out another version of the miniature sheet with Hot Foil stamping and embossing. The Indian Rhino, African Rhino and Black Buck are hot stamped with Gun metal foil, the two Lions with Gold foil and the Thomson Gazelle with Copper foil and all these stamps are embossed. These were sold for Rs 200 per sheet while their postage value remains Rs 70.

These foil stamped and embossed Miniature Sheets in a Presentation Pack were only made available online at ePostoffice and Shopclues.com at Rs. 300 per sheet with free delivery in India. Please click on following links to buy it: [https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY\\_3D.html](https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY_3D.html) or <http://www.shopclues.com/gourmet-and-daily-needs/books-and-stationery/india-post-special.html>

Suresh Kumar designed the stamps, miniature sheet, 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 each in the sheets of 45 stamps each. The miniature sheets were printed in the quantity of 200,000 each.

#### **FIRST & THIRD REGIMENTS OF GORKHA RIFLES**

India Post released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps to mark the bicentennial of the First & Third Regiments of Gorkha Rifles on November 2, 2015. Nirmal Singh, Director Postal Service, Himachal Pradesh Circle released the stamp on the First Regiment of Gorkha Rifles at its Regimental Centre, Subathu, and Colonel S F Rizvi, Postmaster General, Allahabad Region of Uttar Pradesh Circle released the stamp of the Third Regiment of Gorkha Rifles at its Regimental Centre, Varanasi.

The stamps are in the denomination of Rs 5, the inland letter rate and depict soldiers from the regiments then and now along with the insignia of the regiment.

Nenu Gupta designed the stamps, the First Day Cover, and 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 600,000 stamps each in the sheets of 45 stamps each.

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

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks**

Nov 03: Bhubaneswar, Vigilance Awareness Week

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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ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Stamp Booklets** <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb10.html>

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### **Collectors Pack 2014**

India Post's annual pack of stamps of 2014 is now available for Rs 500 at all the philatelic bureaus in the country. In the year a total of 36 stamps and 4 miniature sheets were issued. The pack contains 33 stamps in singles and 3 stamps in a miniature sheet.

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### **Republic Day 2016 Stamp Design Competition**

India Post is holding a Stamp Design Competition on the theme of "Vibrant India". Any citizen of India can participate in this contest with an original design on this subject (should not be copy of picture painted by someone else). The design could be in ink, water, colour, oil colour or any other medium (excluding Computer printed/printout) on drawing paper, art paper or any other type of white paper of A4 size. The design submitted should be suitable to be depicted on the stamps in a visually appealing manner.

Name, age, gender, nationality, complete residential address with PIN code, Phone/mobile number and email id of the participant should be written legibly on the reverse of the design. An undertaking stating that 'The artwork submitted is original and no copyright issues are involved' should be sent along with the entry.

The design should be sent through "Speed Post" only; in A4 size envelope super scribed "Republic Day 2016 Stamp Design Contest". The entries should reach by November 11, 2015 to ADG (Philately), Room No. 108(B), Dak Bhawan Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

The selected designs will be considered for use on stamps and other philatelic material. The prize money will be Rs. 10,000 for the First Prize, Rs 6,000 for the Second and Rs 4,000 for the Third Prize.

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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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A complete priced catalogue of mails of Indian Antarctic Expeditions  
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### **Catalogue of Errors on Stamps of Modern India by Mrinal Kanti Roy**

Rs 600 in India post-paid in India | USD 25 post-paid worldwide

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

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## Recent & Forthcoming Events

\* Revised / Updated information

Nov 18-19, 2015: Boudhpex-2015, Boudh District Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Town Hall, Boudh, Odisha

Contact: Superintendent of Post Offices, Phulbani Division, Phulbani-762 001, Phone: +91-6842-253692

Email: [dophulbani.od@indiapost.gov.in](mailto:dophulbani.od@indiapost.gov.in)

Two special covers are likely to be issued 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~~ **POSTPONED**

**New Dates to be announced**

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

\*Feb 5-7, 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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