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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We have uploaded almost all images of stamps, miniature sheets, sheetlets, and packs on stampsofindia.com for 2014 and 2015. Some images need replacements and some are needed to complete the listings. During the week we plan to upload FDC and brochures then take up the task of updating the illustrated listings of Special Covers.

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

- M&SJ

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Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Nov 24: India Singapore Joint Issue
 Nov 24: Engineering Export Promotion Council of India

Nov/Dec: Zoological Survey of India
 Nov/Dec: Fire Services in India
 Dec: Devaraj Urs
 Nov/Dec: Singers (set of stamps)
 Nov/Dec: Mahabharata & Ramayana

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.

New Stamps Released

CHILDREN'S DAY

India Post released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps to mark the national Children's Day on November 14, 2015.

Sankha Samanta 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 600,000 stamps each in the sheets of 45 stamps each. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 200,000.

BHARAT HEAVY ELECTRICALS LIMITED (BHEL)

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the 50 Years of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) on November 16, 2015.

Brahm Prakash 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 600,000 stamps in the sheets of 45 stamps.

INDIA - AFRICA FORUM SUMMIT: Correction

The miniature sheet with foil and embossing was printed in the quantity of 100,000 and not 200,000 as reported in our issue #575 of November 5, 2015. The normal miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 200,000.

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

Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Nov 07: Kohima, Second Anniversary of Satellite Tagging of Amur Falcons

Nov 13: Arakkonam, Indian Naval Air Squadron 312A

Nov 17: Kolkata, Mobile Science Museum Golden Jubilee

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)

New Stamp Booklets

A Stamp Booklet was issued by Kolkata GPO on November 17, 2015 on Children's Day. The booklet issued in the quantity of 300 is priced at Rs 65.

3 Stamp booklets, one each on Women Empowerment, Valour and Sacrifice – 1965 War, and Dr A P J Abdul Kalam were issued during BOUDHPEX, the Kand Mahal District Philatelic Exhibition held at Boudhraj on November 18 2015. The booklets issued in the quantity of 300 are priced at Rs 50 each.

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

A M Mollah Passes Away

Abdul Matin Mollah passed away on November 14, 2015 at Kolkata where he had settled after his retirement from Air India. Early in his life he worked for Indian Railways and was always a keen philatelist. He was known for his collection on Scouting. Between 1975 and 1990 he ably assisted Alfred Koppel and R D Manners to compile their magnum opus "The Court Fee and Revenue Stamps of the Princely States of India" in three volumes. He later

compiled with S M Blatt and D Heppel the "Indian Government Fiscal and Judicial Stamps and Stamp Papers". He successfully exhibited his collection of Indore and Jaora in Revenue Class. He represented India in Revenue Philatelic Commission of the International Philatelic Federation as a Bureau Member. He served also as a national commissioner for India to PHILAKOREA 1994 and other international shows.

India Post's Philatelic Products Available on Shopclues.com

India Post added shopclues.com for sales of its philatelic products recently. The first items to go on sale were 'innovative' miniature sheet issued on October 29, 2015. India Post continues to sell philatelic products online at its own epostoffice.gov.in. Earlier India Post had tied up with EBay India and snapdeal.com for selling its philatelic products.

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

45th UPU Letter Writing Competition

Every year the Universal Postal Union (UPU) organizes a Letter writing competition for young people. The theme selected for the 2016 competition is: "Write a letter to your 45-year-old self." This topic was chosen to mark the 45th edition of the international contest. Children around the world are warmly encouraged to give flight to their imagination, while writing a letter to themselves in the future. Our view of the world tends to change as we grow older, with the risk that the older person forgets or abandons the concerns and dreams of their younger self. The past becomes another country whose language we no longer speak.

Young people under 15 make up a quarter of the world's population, yet their voices are seldom heard. Perhaps this is because the 45-year-olds do not realise what important things they themselves once understood and how much of value young people have to say. In this year's competition, young writers are given the opportunity to reach across their own generation divide into the future. An important message can be sent before the language of youth is lost.

All UPU member countries participate by organizing a competition on the national level before sending their top composition to the UPU. Each country's best letter must be submitted to the International Bureau no later than 30 April 2016.

India Post regularly participates in this competition by organizing at regional and circle level all over the country and best entries from there compete for the best entry at national level. The best entry at the national level shall qualify as the Official Indian Entry for the International level Competition. UPU shall select the award winning entries. The top three entries will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal respectively along with Certificate and album of UPU official postage stamps from UPU.

Young people up to 15 years of age as on March 31, 2016 are eligible to participate. The participants need to write a letter not exceeding 10,000 words in English or any language listed in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India. The competition will be held at Sunday January 3, 2016 from 10 to 11 am. The last date to apply is December 21, 2015 to the Chief Postmasters General / Postmasters General / Director Postal Services of your Circle / Region.

Three entries at the national level will be selected for the First Prize of Rs 5,000, the Second Prize of Rs 3,000, and the Third Prize of Rs 2,000. The best entry from each Postal Circle shall be awarded Rs 1,000. All prizes will be accompanied with a certificate.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

* Revised / Updated information

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

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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 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>

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

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