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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We have filed our nomination for one of the 6 Life Member seats for the elections to the Governing Council of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) being held in Mumbai on December 13, 2015, seeking another 2 year term on the Council.

We appeal to all life members of PCI to make it convenient to be present in Mumbai on December 13, a Sunday, and participate in the voting process that is expected to begin at 11am. Please choose carefully those who are capable of furthering the cause of philately.

We have been serving philately since 1974 in all its aspects. We had joined PCI in 1978 within a year of its formation. We have worked to introduce transparent procedures and pursued the framing of rules in all spheres of PCI operations. PCI constitution provided for framing of rules for conduct of elections and meetings and this year the rules were finalised for conduct of elections under which the present elections are being held. We now aim to get rules for conduct of meetings framed as well as on about fifteen other subjects to enable PCI to operate smoothly.

We seek every PCI Life member's one of the six votes cast in our favour to represent their aspirations in the Council, and to enable us to continue serving the interests of philately in India and Indian philately worldwide.

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

- M&SJ

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Dec: Devaraj Urs

Dec: Zoological Survey of India

Dec: Fire Services in India (set of stamps)

Dec: Singers (set of stamps)

Dec: Mahabharata & Ramayana (set of stamps)

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 SINGAPORE JOINT ISSUE**

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, and Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore, jointly released the India Singapore joint issue stamps, in Istana, Singapore on November 24, 2015. The joint issue commemorates the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Singapore.

India Post issued set of two commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 25 depicting Istana and Rashtrapati Bhavan, the official residences of the President of the Singapore and India respectively.

Alka Sharma designed the Indian stamp, the First Day Cover, and the First Day of Issue postmark. Wong Wui Kong designed the Singaporean stamp. 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 300,000 stamps in the sheets of 45 stamps.

In addition of issuing the set of 2 stamps, and the First Day Cover, Singapore Post issued a Presentation Pack and Commemorative Sheet. The Commemorative Sheet contains one stamp each of Singapore and India in the denomination of 1<sup>st</sup> Local (S\$ 0.30) and S\$ 2 respectively. This is for the first time that an Indian stamp is part of a Siamese twin joint issue product. The stamps in the Commemorative Sheet is printed by Secura Singapore Pte Ltd, Singapore by offset lithography process in the sheets of 10 stamps each. This is for the second time since independence of India that an Indian stamp is printed abroad. The first time was when Mahatma Gandhi memorial stamps of 1948 were printed in Switzerland.

The stamps of Singapore are available online at <http://www.singpost.com/philately-a-stamp/stamp-shop.html>. There is no charge for international delivery.

### **ENGINEERING EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL OF INDIA**

Ashok Kumar Dash, Chief Post Master General of Maharashtra Circle, released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the diamond jubilee of the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC India) on November 24, 2015 at the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of India Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS), Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.

Jiri Koliba, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, Ravi Capoor, Joint Secretary Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Tarvinder Singh Bhasin, Chairman of EEPC India, Ravi Sehegal, Senior Vice Chairman of EEPC India, exhibitors, overseas buyers and 10000 trade buyers were present at the function.

Alka Sharma designed the stamp, 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 in the sheets of 45 stamps.

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## Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Nov 18: Boudhraj, Char Sambhu Temple, BOUDHPEX 2015 1/2  
Nov 19: Boudhraj, Art & Culture of Kandhmal, BOUDHPEX 2015 2/2  
Nov 20: Calicut, Befrienders India  
Nov 20: Kolkata, Philately Exhibition on Metro Railway

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## ePost Office App

India Post has recently has introduced Mobile Application for purchase of Stamps and other Philatelic items from its 'ePost Office'. The App is currently available only for android devices. For download please visit Google Play Store on your smart phone. The App is developed by India Post's Centre for Excellence in Postal Technology (CEPT), Mysore.

This is the second App from India Post, the first was Postinfo released earlier this year. The Postinfo, is also an android Mobile application developed by CEPT and provides Tracking, Post office search, Postage Calculator, Insurance premium calculator, and Interest calculator.

There is another App 'E-Post Office' that is available for both Android and iPhone platforms bur for Swiss Post.

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## HONG KONG 2015 Awards for Indian Exhibits

HONG KONG 2015 the 31st Asian International Stamp Exhibition was held in Hong Kong from November 20 to 23, 2015. Vispi Dastur was a member of the Jury from India while Ajay Mittal was the national commissioner from India. Following awards were won by Indian participants:

### Gold Medal

Postal History of Cochin - Dr K S Mohan,

### Large Vermeil Medal

Revenues of Indore – Ajay Mittal

### Vermeil Medal

Cochin State Postal History (18th Century to 1949) – O K Prakash

Indian Conventional States Queen Victoria Postal Stationery – Virendra Sharma

Summer Olympic Games – Dinesh Chandra Sharma

### Large Silver Medal

The Imperial Durbars of Delhi – Parvesh Kumar Gupta

The 1929 Airmail Stamps of India – Dipak Dave

### Silver Medal

Mahatma Gandhi "The Man of The Millineum – Rajesh Bhura

History of Architecture – Nidhi Mital

### Silver Bronze Medal

Wild Life on Maxim Cards - Paritri Upadhyay

### Bronze Medal

Winged Beauties – S Abhishek

The Elephant World – Muskan Malhotra

85 Marks - One Frames Class

### **South India Philatelists' Association Annual General Meeting**

South India Philatelists' Association held its Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2015 in Chennai. The following were elected as Office Bearers for 2015-2018:

President: G Balakrishna Das

Vice-Presidents: G Amarchand, and Atul Agarwal

Secretaries: J Rolands Nelson, G Anil Kumar Reddy

Treasurer: C G Bhaskar

Committee Members: S K Lakshmanan, V K Mohan, B Mahesh, Dilip Saboo, Anup Kumar Goyal, V Ethiraj, G Ram Mohan, Bhadrash R Meghani, M V N S Murthy, and S Balasundaram

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### **Limited Stock A Philatelic Tribute to Police of India and the Sub-Continent by Sidney Kitson**

Rs 1200 Post-paid in India | USD 50 post-paid worldwide

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A complete priced catalogue of mails of Indian Antarctic Expeditions  
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### **Postal Stationery of British India 1856-1947 by Pratisad Neurgaonkar**

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Nearly 500 all color pages with 2000 illustrations of stamps, covers, coins, currency, and all other collectibles on Gandhi theme. Hardbound with slip case. Original publisher's price Rs 1,500 or US\$ 60!

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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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If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, report to [suspect@stampsofindia.com](mailto:suspect@stampsofindia.com).

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

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## Recent & Forthcoming Events

\* Revised / Updated information

Dec 1-2, 2015: Navi Mumbai Festival of Stamps 2015

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Agri-Koli Sanskruti Bhavan Plot No. 9, Sector 24, Nerul, Navi Mumbai 400 706

~~\*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, New Delhi, AUTOGRAPHEX 2015 2<sup>nd</sup> National Autographs Exhibition

Organizers: Autograph Collectors Club of India, Delhi Chapter

Venue: Gallery 'D', All India Fine Arts & Crafts Society (AIFACS), 1 Rafi Marg, 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**

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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