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Hi,

We will be in Mumbai on December 12 and 13, 2015 and look forward to meet friends from all over India at PCI elections.

We will be carrying a few signed copies of 'India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties' by Rohit Prasad. Please let us know, as soon as possible, if we can bring any other titles for you.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Dec 23: Sumitranandan Pant

Dec: Institute for Defence Studies & Analysis

Dec: Devaraj Urs

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 as soon as it becomes available to us.

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New Stamps Released

ZOOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communications & Information Technology, released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps to mark the centenary of the Zoological Survey of India on December 3, 2015 at New Delhi. Prakash Javadekar, Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Independent Charge), were also present on the occasion.

The stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 25, inland and foreign airmail letter rates respectively, depict various animals in their natural habitat. A miniature sheet also accompanied the issue.

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 of Rs 5 denomination and 250,000 stamps of Rs 25 denomination in the sheets of 18 stamps each. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 100,000.

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Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Dec 04: Patna, Patna Book Fair 2015

Dec 05: Thiruvananthapuram, World Soil Day

Dec 06: Bengaluru, Karnataka Philatelic Society 40 Years

Dec 07: Jodhpur, Khejri Tree, JODHAPEX 1/2

Dec 08: Jodhpur, Blue City, JODHAPEX 2/2

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Postal Staff Counterfeits Stamps Worth Rs 1 Million

Police arrested Vinayak Laxmanrao Chole, Assistant Clerk working at Santacruz post office located in Terminal 1B of Mumbai Airport on November 25, 2015 after he collected 40,000 copies of a stamp from a photocopy centre in Vile Parle, Mumbai. The stamp counterfeited was in the denomination of Rs 25 from the set of 2 stamps issued on January 8, 2015 to commemorate 100 Years of Mahatma Gandhi's Return to India from South Africa.

Chole forged a letter bearing the postmaster's signature and stamped it with official seal of the post office, requesting coloured prints of the stamp. He then asked Krushna Xerox and Stationary Shop in Vile Parle to print 1,000 sheets with 40 stamps costing Rs 25 each. While getting the 1,000 copies made, Chole asked the Xerox counter to add perforations to the design. This aroused the suspicion of the man working there who approached the Vile Parle police on November 25, 2015.

Senior Inspector Raksha Maharao and Crime branch Inspector Mahadev Nimbalkar started investigating the matter and decided to lay a trap to nab Chole red-handed. They asked the shopkeeper to print the stamps and ask Chole to collect them on next day. As per the plan, Chole arrived at the shop and collected the stamps following which he was apprehended by cops in plain clothes.

Chole, 34, a resident of Virar, has been booked under Sections 255 (counterfeiting government stamp), 465 (punishment for forgery), 467 (forgery of valuable security, will, etc.) and 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating) of the Indian Penal Code."

PCI Elections 2015

The Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) is holding elections for its Governing Council for a two year term, 2016-2017 at Mumbai on Sunday, December 13, 2015.

In our news report in Issue # 579 of December 3, 2015 we have inadvertently left out the name of Parvesh Kumar Gupta as one of the candidates from the Life Member category, our apologies.

Two candidates each will be contesting for 3 seats in the **Institutional Members** category as follows:

Maharashtra & Goa

Dr M R Ramesh Kumar, Goa Philatelic & Numismatic Society, Goa

Suketu S Jhavery, Kutch Hobby Circle, Mumbai

Rajasthan

J M Dhor, Jaipur Philatelic Society, Jaipur

Rajesh Paharia, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Jaipur

Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand

Yogesh Kumar, Capital Philatelic Society & Lucknow Philatelic Society, Lucknow

Rajesh Verma, Uttaranchal Philatelic Association, Dehradun

Withdrawn

Nemichand Chopra, Gangashahar Philatelists' Association, Bikaner

There are now following 12 candidates contesting for 6 seats in the **Life Members** category:

Rajesh Kumar Bagri, Kolkata

Madhukar Deogawanka, Kolkata

Anil Dhir, Bhubaneswar

Parvesh Kumar Gupta,

Madhukar Jhingan, New Delhi

Umesh Prabhakar Kakkeri, Mumbai

Dr Vinu Khanna, New Delhi

Ajay Kumar Mittal, New Delhi

Prashant H Pandya, Vadodra

G Anil Kumar Reddy Chennai

Anil Suri, New Delhi

Kaizad Farokh Todywalla, Mumbai

Withdrawn

Dinesh Chandra Sharma, Lucknow

Kapil Gogri, Mumbai

Surendra Kotadia, Mumbai

K Rajesh Kumar, Chennai

The 12th elections of PCI held at Kolkata in 2000 were the first where an election campaign debuted with the successful candidate, Anil Suri. We now note several for the 13th elections; the first off the block was Kaizad Todywalla, followed by Parvesh Kumar Gupta, Dr Vinu Khanna, a panel of 6, and Umesh Kakkeri so far. Parvesh Kumar Gupta used postal mail with colourful stamps while everyone else depended on emails. We predict that by next elections we will be seeing campaigns in Institutional members' category as well. Ideal will be a statement from each candidate introducing her/him and her/his vision for the hobby and for the PCI, collectively mailed to the membership.

Members/voters not only have the right to know but it is their duty to do the due diligence on the candidates before choosing candidates for casting the votes.

We stand for electing members who have the necessary expertise as well as acumen to take PCI forward. Especially so in the light of the events of past decade and a half that have prevented PCI from adopting a contemporary approach to international and domestic philately.

We respect age and experience but not at the expense of progress. We do not want to form petty alliances or exclusive clubs to get into the Governing Council. We do not want to force lists down the throats of members.

We want PCI members to vote for those who have a maximalist approach to philately, i.e., enlarging the number of exhibitors and also their participation in international and national exhibitions. We want PCI members to vote for those they can proudly call '21st Century Philatelists'. Therefore, we want you to vote for those who can be the future 'AMBASSADORS of INDIAN PHILATELY'.

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. (The meeting opens at 9.30am.)

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CG International Philatelic Promotion Award

The CG International Philatelic Promotion Awards are initiated and funded by Auction House Christoph Gärtner. The award met with great interest from around the world in its highly successful first years, 2013 and 2014. The competition is open to all working groups, clubs, associations, societies and publishers of philatelic magazines and newsletters publishing a periodical anywhere in the world. In the competition, print media, digital media and the promotion of young talent/public relations shall be considered as a whole. The judging panel is independent in their deliberations and decisions and Auction House Christoph Gärtner is not involved in the assessment process.

The prize Giving Ceremony of CG Award 2015 was held on December 3, 2015 at Monte Carlo, Monaco during MonacoPhil 2015. In all there were 52 entries in overall category, 11 in Digital only category, and 2 in Youth category. The results of the competition this year were as follows:

The Top Ten awards carried a Trophy and Certificate plus the Prize money of Euro 2,000, 1,000, 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200, and 100 respectively.

Position	Entity	Score
1	Collectors Club of Chicago	83.83
2	Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V.	82.5
3	American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE)	82.33
4	Nederlandse Vereniging voor Thematische Filatelie (Dutch Society for Thematic Philately)	79.33
5	The Rossica Society of Russian Philately	79.16
6	Hong Kong Philatelic Society	77.5
7	Forschungsgemeinschaft China Philatelie (FCP)	76.66
8	Motivgruppe Musik e.V.	76.16
9	American Philatelic Society	75
10	Society of Israel Philatelists	74.33

The special award for the best "Multimedia Performance - Websites and Internet Presentation" including Prize money of Euro 1,000, a trophy and a certificate:

American Philatelic Research Library - Special Prize Digital	68.66
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The special award for the best "Youth Promotion" including Prize money of Euro 750, a trophy and a certificate:

Junge Briefmarkenfreunde Simeon-Hamm, Hamburg	18
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The Indian participants fared as follows:

Overall Category

35	Baroda Philatelic Society	59.5
40	Indian Thematic Society	56.5

Digital only

59	Indian Philatelists' Forum	18
63	Rainbow Stamp News	16,25

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* Revised / Updated information

Dec 6, 2015: Stamps & Coin Exhibition

Organizers: Manipal University Philately & Numismatic Club

Venue: Interact Lecture Hall, Ground Floor, Manipal University, Manipal Drive, Madhav Nagar, Manipal

Dec 6, 2015: 11th RPSL Regional Meeting, Bangalore + KPS 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Organizers: Jointly with Karnataka Philatelic Society, Bangalore

Venue: 5th Floor, Meghdoot Auditorium, GPO Building, Bangalore

Lunch Venue: Taj West End, Bangalore by Tickets available with Ramu Srinivasa at the venue by paying Rs 900 cash

* Dec 11-13, 2015, New Delhi, AUTOGRAPHEX 2015 2nd National Autographs Exhibition

Organizers: Autograph Collectors Club of India, Delhi Chapter

Venue: Gallery 'C', 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: 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

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

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