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

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Hi,

India Post issued 55 commemorative, 4 Mystamp, and 7 definitive stamps in the year 2015 with a total face value (sale price in case of MyStamp) of Rs 535. Singapore Post also issued an Indian stamp. In addition 10 miniature sheets including the 'innovative' miniature sheet, and 2 sheetlets, both MyStamp, were issued.

We wish you a Happy New Year 2016!

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Parvesh Gupta, Girish Doshi,

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jan 3: ?

Following were listed to be issued in 2015 and now join the List of Stamps Approved But Not Released So Far:

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

ALAGUMUTHU KONE

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Communications & Information Technology, released a commemorative postage stamp on Alagumuthu Kone on December 26, 2015 at Madurai.

Alagumuthu Kone raised one of the first revolts against the British rule in India. The stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, the inland letter rate, depicts portrait of Alagumuthu Kone in action.

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 320,000 stamps each in the sheets of 45 stamps each.

INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp to mark golden jubilee of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses on December 30, 2015.

The stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, the inland letter rate, depicts the building of the Institute.

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.

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India - Africa Forum Summit Miniature Sheet

India Post in response to a Right to Information (RTI) request by Parvesh Gupta, has informed that the quantity issued of the miniature sheets of both types, normal and 'innovative', is 100,000 each. The 'innovative' miniature sheet has hot foil and embossing.

The quantity issued of this issue was reported in Stamps of India Collectors Companion Issue # 575 of November 5, 2015 and were revised in Issue # 577 of November 19, 2015. These reports now stand corrected in respect of the quantity mentioned therein.

Another fact is that additional Rs 130 being charged for the 'innovative' miniature sheet is being accounted for as 'imprest' in India Post's account. This is weird to say the least.

[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.](#)

Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

- Dec 17: Valsad, Salt Satyagrah Smarak Dharasana, VALPEX 2015 1/3
- Dec 18: Valsad, Jain Temple Bagwada, VALPEX 2015 2/3
- Dec 19: Valsad, Zoroastrian Atash Behram Udvarda, VALPEX 2015 3/3
- Dec 19: Bengaluru, All India Forest Sports Meet
- Dec 20: Indore, International Year of Light 2015
- Dec 25: Bengaluru, Bangalore Medical College Diamond 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>

Annual Pack of FDC 2014 Rs 800

India Post released for sale the annual pack of First Day Covers for all commemorative issues of 2014 at Rs 800. The pack also contains brochures for all issues and is available at the philatelic bureaus.

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PCI Web Site Launched

The Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) launched its website www.philatelicongressofindia.com on December 25, 2015.

This is the 2nd time a website is launched by PCI. About 15 years ago the PCI launched its first website at PCI-India.org that was developed by B K Sinha of Bhubaneswar but unfortunately was short-lived.

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Dilip Doshi Passes Away

Dilip Doshi, noted philatelist of Mumbai passed away on 25th December 2015.

The Railway Station, Mail Agent & Stationary Sorting Office Postmarks of India 1862 – 1924

The Railway Station, Mail Agent & Stationary Sorting Office Postmarks of India 1862 – 1924 by Christopher J S Bartlett was published by TPO & Seapost Society UK, in 2013. The book details the history and postal markings of the railway station, mail agent & stationary sorting offices of India in the period from 1862 to 1924. As such it fills a railway related gap in the postal history of India which has existed since the publication over 40 years ago of Martin's book on Indian travelling post offices. It is based on many years study in the India Office Library in London, and includes illustrations, details and dates of all known marks.

64 A4 size pages, 8 in color, softbound book is available at special price of GBP 18 for the members of TPO & Seapost Society and India Study Circle for Philately. Please add GBP 5 for postage. Also please add 5%, GBP 1.15 for Indian buyers, to cover PayPal charges when paying by PayPal to TPO_Seapost@Hotmail.com. Same email address

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

* Revised / Updated information

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

Feb 5-7, 2016: Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Pritamlal Dua Sabhagrah, Regal Chauraha, Indore

Feb 26-28, 2016: National Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: The Bell Hotel, Majestic, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Bangalore

*Feb 28, 2015: Philatelic Congress of India Regional Meeting

Venue: Rotary Hall, Opposite St Xavier's College, Church Road, off M I Road, Jaipur

Timings: 10am to 1pm

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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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