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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We are back from Nashik via Mumbai and have plans to travel to Indore and Chandigarh in February. We are also looking forward to welcome you all at New Delhi on February 15, 16 and 17.

Make your plans now!

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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## Stamp Popularity Poll 2015

Stamps of India present the Stamp Poll 2015 to select the best stamp of 2015, the best miniature sheet of 2015 and the best sheetlet of 2015. Please select from the issues of 2015 and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2015 in your opinion. Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: [stamppoll@stampsofindia.com](mailto:stamppoll@stampsofindia.com). The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 9, 2016.

Please visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2015stamps.html> to view stamps, miniature sheets and Sheetlets of 2015. The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. The results will be announced in the Issue of February 11, 2016. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots in case of a tie. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered.

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## More New Definitive Spotted

A definitive stamp in the denomination of 25paise depicting Mahatma Gandhi in the 11<sup>th</sup> definitive Series – Makers of India has been seen. 7 more stamps are expected along with this. More details are awaited.

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jan 24: Income Tax Appellate Tribunal

Jan 25: Vibrant India

Feb 6: 3rd International Fleet Review

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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## Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Jan 09: Hyderabad, Sujatha High School Golden Jubilee

Jan 15: Mumbai, The Karimabad Bharat Scout Group Centennial

Jan 16: Nashik, Pandav Leni Buddhist Caves, MAHAPEX 2016 1/6

Jan 16: Nashik, Kusum Dhirubhai Mehta, MAHAPEX 2016 2/6

Jan 17: Nashik, Kalaram Mandir, MAHAPEX 2016 3/6

Jan 17: Nashik, Nashik - City of Grapes, MAHAPEX 2016 4/6

Jan 18: Nashik, Nashik Dhol, MAHAPEX 2016 5/6

Jan 18: Nashik, Dr Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi, MAHAPEX 2016 6/6

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## E-Commerce Parcel Processing Centre Inaugurated

Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Communications & Information Technology inaugurated E-Commerce Parcel Processing Centre at Parel, Mumbai on January 9, 2016.

The mechanized e-Commerce Parcel Hub is spread in an area of about 12,000 Square feet built up area. Processing of parcels at this centre is fully mechanized and computerized using conveyer belts, scanners and computers and electronic weighing scales etc. Dedicated transport facility is provided to dispatch parcel bags to Airport Mumbai for dispatch by air to all places in India. This hub is designed to handle 30,000 e-Commerce parcels in a day in three shifts. This Parcel Hub is equipped with CCTV to enhance security. Articles booked by all the major e-Commerce players are being processed at this centre. The establishment of e-Commerce Parcel Processing Centre has given boost to the growth of e-Commerce business and has improved the quality of service to the customers of India Post.

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## Exclusive Post Office Counters for Ebay Sellers

India Post has opened special counters in post offices at Udyog Vihar Phase-V in Gurgaon and NIT Faridabad exclusively for eBay India sellers to send their products through speed post, registered post or any other service they wish to opt for. From January 21, 2016 eBay sellers can dispatch both domestic and international parcels from here.

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## India Post Profits from E-Commerce Boom

India Post has seen an unprecedented profit growth in the past two years on the rise of e-commerce leveraging its reach into the remotest corners of India. Its revenues from e-commerce majors have gone up substantially as seen from the figures of the current financial year.

Parcel Revenue: Rs 92.35 Crores till Nov 2015

Speed Post revenue: Rs 1,023 Crores till Nov 2015 (~10% eCommerce business)

Cash on Delivery (COD) remittances: Total >Rs 1,000 Crores till Dec 2015

India Post has tied-up with more than 400 e-commerce agencies including Flipkart, Snapdeal, Amazon, YepMe, Shopclues etc for delivering e-Commerce pre-paid as well as COD orders. Amazon is the largest business partner in e-Commerce and on an average sends 300,000 packages through India Post every month followed by Snapdeal 80,000, Yepme 60, 000, Myntra 50,000 and Flipkart 30,000.

Consequently India Post's Parcel revenue which registered 2% decline in 2013-14, registered 37% growth in 2014-15, and 117% growth till October 31, 2015 in the current financial year 2015-16.

Booking counters have been set up by India Post in the premises of some of its key customers like Amazon and Naaptol, while discussions are on with the others.

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\* Revised / Updated information

Feb 5-7, 2016: MAPPEX 2016, 12<sup>th</sup> Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizers: India Post  
Venue: Pritamlal Dua Sabhagrah, Regal Chauraha, Indore

Feb 6-9, 2016: PUNPEX 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> Punjab State Level Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizers: India Post  
Venue: Main Auditorium, DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh

Feb 15-17, 2016: Delhi State Level Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizers: India Post  
Venue: National Science Centre, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

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  
Contact: Rajesh Paharia (M) +919351716969 | [shreetotal@gmail.com](mailto:shreetotal@gmail.com)

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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