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Hi,

Books have been our first love, and in philatelic literature we combine two of our favourites. From the earliest days of our carrier we have always promoted the philatelic literature and low margins, slow sales, their weight and space requirements were never a deterrent. We always have also held a stock of Indian philatelic periodicals and fulfilled many a want lists. We now have decided to discontinue the periodicals part of our works.

We are in process of liquidating our holding of Indian philatelic periodicals and will begin listing here from the next issue. If you are missing a particular issue or two of a periodical do drop us a line at mj@stampsofindia.com and we will do our best to fulfil your wants.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

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. 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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Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 6: 3rd International Fleet Review

Mar 8: Joint Issue with United Nations Postal Administration on International Women's Day

Dates to be announced:

Joint Issue between India and Portugal

Joint Issue between India and Papua New Guinea

150th Year of Allahabad High Court

Legendary Singers of India

Orchids

Fire Services of India

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

INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, the inland letter rate, on Income Tax Appellate Tribunal as part of its Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on January 24, 2016 at New Delhi. D V Sadananda Gowda, Minister for Law & Justice, Justice T S Thakur, Chief Justice of India, and Kavery Banerjee, Secretary (Posts) & Chairman Postal Services Board were present on the occasion.

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 400,000 stamps each in the sheets of 45 stamps each.

VIBRANT INDIA

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp on Vibrant India on January 25, 2016 at New Delhi. The stamp in the denomination of Rs 25, the overseas airmail letter rate, is issued in miniature sheet format only.

Nenu Gupta designed the Miniature Sheet, 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 300,000 miniature sheets.

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

Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We reimburse the costs and other agreed charges.

Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Jan 04: Udupi, 5th Paryaya of Sri Vishweshwara Theertha Swamiji of Pejavar Mutt

Jan 06: Dharwad, Dr D Veerendra Hegde Felicitations on being conferred Padma Vibhushan

Jan 07: Mumbai, Asha Kiran - A Ray of Hope

Jan 08: Pune, Rajmata Jijau

Jan 09: Bengaluru, 6th Annual Conference of Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO)

Jan 15: Panaji, Dinanath Dalal

Jan 16: Paonta Sahib, Historical Gurdwara Sri Paonta Sahib
Jan 22: Mumbai, Seth G S Medical College and K E M Hospital

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Special Postmarks & Covers** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Stamp Booklets** <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb01.html>

New Presentation Packs 2015 & 2016

India Post released an Annual Pack containing all stamps of 2015 for Rs 1,000.
India Post released an Annual Pack containing all miniature sheets of 2015 for Rs 1,000.
The packs are available at www.epostoffice.gov.in.

India Post also released a Presentation Pack containing a Miniature Sheet, a First Day Cover, and a Brochure. The Pack priced at Rs 300 is available at the www.epostoffice.gov.in.

Limited edition packs will be available for the International Fleet Review issue of February 6, 2016 only at www.epostoffice.gov.in as follows:

1. President's Review of the Fleet, 1984

Se-tenant set of four stamps along with write up, Rs 1200

2. President's Review of the Fleet, 1989,

Block of four stamps along with write up, Rs 600

3. International Fleet Review 2001

Set of four stamps along with write up, Rs 250

4. President's Fleet Review, Visakhapatnam 2006

Set of four stamps along with write up, Rs 600

5. President's Fleet Review, Mumbai 2011

Set of four stamps along with write up, Rs 300

6. International Fleet Review, 2016

Presentation Pack containing block of four stamps, Cancelled FDC& Brochure, Rs 200

7. Fleet Review Whole Pack

All items 1 to 7, Rs 2500

All the products except #6 & 7 would be available for immediate delivery from January 28, 2016.

The items # 56 & 7 will be available from February 6, 2016 onwards; however, the orders may be booked now.

The url of epostoffice is https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY_3D.html

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Army Postal Service Issues** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html>

Stamp Sheets are now available at ePostoffice

The complete sheets of stamps of commemorative stamps as well as current definitive issues of 10th and 11th series are available at the www.epostoffice.gov.in at face value. The payment is required to be made by Debit or Credit card only, however there are no charges for using the cards. The postage also is free on order of Rs 1,000 and above. The maximum quantity that can be ordered is 5. The best way to buy from the ePostoffice is through the app that may be downloaded from Google Play.

Following definitive stamps in sheets are available in e post rates mentioned for full sheet

Nehru, RS 25

E V Ramasami, RS 64

Mahatma Gandhi, RS 128

B R Ambedkar, RS 200

Satyajit Ray, RS 390

Homi Bhabha, RS 280

Indira Gandhi, RS 500

C VRaman, RS 700

JRD Tata, RS 1050

Deen Dayal, RS 500

Rajendra Prasad, RS 500

Shyama Prasad, RS 500

Bhagat Singh, RS 500

Ram Manohar Lohia, RS 500

Swami Vivekanand, RS 500

Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, RS 500

Of the 10th definitive series Rajeev Gandhi, Mother Teresa, and Rukmini Devi Arundale sheets are not listed.

Commemorative sheets available

Mahant Avaidyanath

3rd India Africa Forum Submit

1st Gorkha Rifles and 3rd Gorkha Rifles

Children's Day 2015

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

India-Singapore Joint Issue

Zoological Survey of India

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

Firsts in Indian Philately

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Author: Cyrus D Sidhva

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44 A5 size all color pages, Card Covers, Rs 100

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NEW India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties by Rohit Prasad

The 300 Pages, A4 all color, printed on art paper hard bound book is being produced in the limited edition of 500 copies only and shall be available on October 17, 2015. The book Distributed worldwide by Stamps of India Private Limited will be available at Rs 5,000 post-paid in India and USD 100 post-paid worldwide. Send your orders today to mj@stampsofindia.com

Indian Antarctic Expedition Philatelist's Guide by Abhai Mishra

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Special Price Rs 1,500 post-paid in India | € 50 post-paid worldwide

Catalogue of Errors on Stamps of Modern India by Mrinal Kanti Roy

Rs 600 in India post-paid in India | USD 25 post-paid worldwide

Postal Stationery of British India 1856-1947 by Pratisad Neurgaonkar

Rs 650 post-paid in India | USD 25 post-paid worldwide

Gandhi Handbook

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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.

NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER: BUY 1 @ 750 & GET 1 FREE!!!! AND POST PAID in India

For more information visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

Text ADS Stamps of India Collectors Companion

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/TextAdsTariff.htm>

Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

<http://stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/DisplayAdTariff.htm>

Forgeries & Frauds Alerts

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, report to suspect@stampsofindia.com.

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

Recent & Forthcoming Events

* Revised / Updated information

Feb 5-7, 2016: MAPPEX 2016, 12th Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Pritamlal Dua Sabhagrah, Regal Chauraha, Indore

Feb 6-9, 2016: PUNPEX 2016, 3rd Punjab State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Main Auditorium, DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh

* Feb 15-17, 2016: UTSAV 2016, 8th Delhi State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: National Science Centre, Near Pragati Maidan Gate No.1, Bhairon Marg, New Delhi

Prospectus available for download at www.stampsofindia.com

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

Dec 23-25, 2016: SIPA Diamond Jubilee Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Shri Ramdayal Kalavathi Khemka Agarwal Sabha Bhavan, 22-C Bajanai Koil Street, Naduvankarai, Anna Nagar, Chennai 600040 (Near D G Vaishnav College)

Organizers: South India Philatelists Association, Chennai

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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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>
Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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Stamps on India <http://www.stampsonindia.com/>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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