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

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## Jhingan's Jottings

Hi,

We will be attending the MAPPEX 2016, 12<sup>th</sup> Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition at Indore on all three days from February 5 to 7, 2016 and PUNPEX 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> Punjab State Level Philatelic Exhibition at Chandigarh on last two days - February 8 and 9, 2016. We look forward to meeting fellow philatelists as well as gorging on street food.

The listing of Indian philatelic periodicals scheduled to commence with this issue, will take little more time and we expect to be ready with offers by Issue #590 of February 18, 2016.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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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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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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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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.

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## Philatelic Wedding

It was a momentous occasion when the young Pragya, son of Pradip Jain the renowned philatelist, tied the knot with Stuti who is the granddaughter of another philatelic stalwart Manik Jain, on January, 29, 2016 in Kolkata. The ceremony to bless the newly married couple was held in Patna on January 31, 2016

Manik and Pradip both are distinguished achievers of the Indian philatelic industry in several different spheres. Even though Pradip and Manik are peers, there is an age difference but philately knows no such barriers. We hope and pray that Stuti and Pragya would take forward the legacy of both Pradip and Manik Jain.

This although is the not the first philatelic wedding. Earlier Barun Dey married Monorama the sister of Tapan Dhang in 1969, Rajendra Maru, son of Prem Ratan Maru of Bikaner married Amita, granddaughter of D N Sevak of Bangalore in 1986 and Kalyan Negal married Chandrani daughter of B K Podar in 1993.

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## Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Jan 28: Coimbatore, Salim Ali Centre For Ornithology And Natural History Silver Jubilee

Jan 30: Lucknow, Mahatma Gandhi Death Anniversary

Jan 30: Lucknow, Lions Club Lucknow Cantonment Golden Jubilee

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Special Postmarks & Covers http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html)

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ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Stamp Booklets http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb01.html](http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb01.html)

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## India Post Introduces Annual Sheets Pack

India Post introduced the Mint Full sheet Pack of 2015 priced at Rs 20,000 on epostoffice portal from February 3, 2016 onwards. This pack contains mint full sheets of each Commemorative Postage Stamp issued by India Post in 2015.

The epostoffice portal is [https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY\\_3D.html](https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY_3D.html)

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ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Army Postal Service Issues http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html)

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## Freebies from India Post

Following products are now available with **offers** (freebies) on the epostoffice portal:

Full Year Pack 2015 all Commemorative postage stamps, Miniature Sheets & FDCs of 2015: Rs 3,000, **1 Vibrant India Pack worth Rs 300**

10 Vibrant India Packs: Rs 3000 2000, **1 International Fleet Review 2016 Pack worth Rs 200**

President's Review of The Fleet 1989 with block of four: Rs 2400, **1 Vibrant India Pack worth Rs 300**

4 Whole Fleet Review Packs: Rs 10,000, **1 India Roses Fragrance Stamp worth Rs 1500**

2 Whole fleet Review Packs: Rs 5000, **1 Vibrant India Pack worth Rs 300**

10 International Fleet Review Packs: Rs 2000, **1 Vibrant India Pack worth Rs 300**

The epostoffice portal is [https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY\\_3D.html](https://www.epostoffice.gov.in/PHILATELY_3D.html)

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

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### **New Picture Post Cards**

India Post released a set of 3 Picture Post cards on Martyrs Day January 30, 2016 at Lucknow. The set priced at Rs 40 is produced in the limited number of 500 only.

India Post's North Karnataka Postal Circle released the 14<sup>th</sup> set of 48 picture post cards on Mammals of India on the occasion of 67th Republic day – January 26, 2016. The set of 48 cards is priced at Rs 150 only. The payment may be remitted through eMO (e-Money Order). Send also a message on email to [nkrpostcrossing@gmail.com](mailto:nkrpostcrossing@gmail.com) with details of eMO stating the amount remitted, date and also the number of sets required. The orders will be despatched through registered post. There are No additional postage charges. The images of all the 48 cards are available at <http://philately24x7.blogspot.com/2016/01/14th-set-of-picture-postcards-on.html>.

The address for eMO is:

Nandan Chowdhary,

Postal Assistant,

O/o Postmaster General,

North Karnataka Region,

Dharwad-580001

Mobile Phone: +91-9916565516+91-9916565516

For more information please visit the facebook fan page <https://www.facebook.com/Postcrossingindia>

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### **Three Post Office Employees Arrested for Spying**

Following inputs from Intelligence Bureau, Special Operation Group and police in a joint operation arrested three post office employees for spying for Pakistan on February 2, 2016. Narendra Sharma was arrested from Pokhran post office in Jaisalmer, and Islamuddin and C R Dahiya from Balotra post office in Barmer. A women employee was also detained from Balotra. Both Narendra Sharma and Islamuddin were sharing information through email and received money from Pakistan in their banks. The security agencies were keeping surveillance on the accused and intercepted their mail and calls which they made to Pakistan.

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### **Indian Antarctic Expedition Philatelist's Guide by Abhai Mishra**

A complete priced catalogue of mails of Indian Antarctic Expeditions

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

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

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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>

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**Display Ads** [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com)

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

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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

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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Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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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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