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Hi,

Getting a Gold Medal each, at the 8th Delhi State Level Philatelic Exhibition, has happened to us for the first time. The five frames exhibits that were thus awarded are 'India Joint Issues' in the First Day Covers & Special Covers Class, and 'From India to Space' in the Astrophilately Class. We are happy and take this opportunity to thank all those who have congratulated us on phone, email, whatsapp, facebook and in person.

The best exhibit award – Chief Postmaster General's Trophy and the Gold Medal was bagged by Mahesh Agarwal for his five frames exhibit 'Postal Stationery of British India' in the Postal Stationery Class. And the final Gold Medal was awarded to Rhea Prasad for her three frames exhibit on Independent India's First Issue 1947 in the Youth Class.

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

- M&SJ

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Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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

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/2016stamps.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 Definitive Stamps

Two new stamps were spotted on February 17, 2016, Subramania Bharati in the denomination of Paise 50 and Jayapraksh Narayan in the denomination of Rs 5, in New Delhi and Chennai respectively in the 11th Definitive Series – Makers of India.

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

New MyStamp Issue

India Post released 7th issue of MyStamp that was available at New Delhi on February 6, 2016. There are four stamps in three sheetlets depicting Ellora Caves, Victoria Memorial, and se-tenant pair of Ghats of Varanasi night and day scene. The Sheetlets of 12 stamps were sold for Rs 300 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2016stamps.html>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Presentation Packs** <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2016packs.html>

New Postal Stationery

Meghdoot Post Cards:

Feb ??, 2016: Government of Tamilnadu - Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme - Jointly issued by United India Insurance and Government of Tamlinadu Health Plan

Feb 13, 2016: Mahamaham

Feb 15, 2016: City Union Bank Ltd - Mahamaham

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New Stamp Booklets

West Bengal Circle of India Post released 2 Stamp Booklets on January 22, 2016.

1. Conch Shell, Rs 50

2. Sea Birds, Rs 50

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Stamp Booklets** <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb11.html>

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Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Feb 06, 2016: Mumbai, Eradicating Tuberculosis

Feb 12, 2016: Indore, Jal Mahotsav, Rs 100

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Postal Services to Nepal Resumed

The postal services from India to Nepal through the Exchange Office at Raxaul resumed after six months on February 15, 2016. On the first day Nepal Postal Services Department collected 77 out of 1200 mail bags that were held up at

the Raxaul since July 2015 due to the blockade at Maitri Bridge at Birgunj enforced by the Madhesi movement by the United Democrat Madhes Front that ended on February 5, 2016.

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

Recent & Forthcoming Events

* Revised / Updated information

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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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

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

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