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The 1st National Stamp Fair was successfully organized by the Philatelic Dealers Association at New Delhi from June 17 to 19, 2011. The dealers and collectors from all parts of India participated and there never was a dull moment. And as it happens in all adventures of Asterix, the show concluded with a banquet.

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

- M&SJ

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Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/201106.htm> for viewing the data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

Loss of Exhibits at INDIPEX 2011 - Adding Insult to Injury

INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition was organized by India Post and Philatelic Congress of India under patronage of International Philatelic Federation (FIP) and under the auspices of the Federation of Inter Asian Philately (FIAP) at a cost of Rs over 200 million, about US\$ 0.5 million, of public funds.

The organizers lost the first frame of an exhibit from United Arab Emirates that was duly handed over along with other exhibits by the national commissioner to them . In the fifth month since this happened, the organizers offered a compensation of, believe it or not, US\$ 20 (US dollar twenty only) for it.

The owner exhibitor had claimed a value of US\$ 6,500, had submitted a certificate of valuation, and had completed the formalities asked for by the organizers for the Surveyors and Loss Assessors. Thereafter the organizers asked for the bank details for transfer the amount for settlement of insurance claim. This information also was provided by the exhibitor. The organizers then informed the exhibitor that they have got the USD 20 as a settlement for the lost frame of the Vermeil medal exhibit.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jul 02: The United Theological College

Jul 06: D S Kothari

Jul 21: V S Page

Jul 25: Rashtrapati Bhavan, 4 Stamps

Jul 28: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of days! Thus it is 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.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011stamps.htm>

New Issues Availability Status

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2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

New Special Postmarks & Covers

Jun 06: Shimla, Gaiety Theatre 125 Years

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Special Postmarks 2011 <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011pm.htm>

Army Postal Service Issues <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011aps.htm>

Auction Action

The 1992 Birds of Prey error of value, Re 1 instead of Rs 2 (SG 1525a), fresh and fine unmounted mint, a rare modern error with a catalog value of £1,000 sold at 20 times its low estimate of £500 at £10,000 at the Stanley Gibbons auction sale of June 15, 2011. The 15% Buyer's Premium and VAT was added to this price. The total price realized in Indian Rupees was over 0.85 million.

India Pre, Post, and errors did well in the auction.

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Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964

Thakkar Numismatic & Art Foundation, the publishers has announced that to celebrate the first anniversary of its first philatelic publication a special discount of 50% will be offered on every copy purchased of Praful Thakkar's Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964, **till Jun 30, 2011 only. The price will revert back to the full - Rs 450 from July 1, 2011.**

THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HALF PRICE - RS 225!

Please add Rs 25 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 100 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. Rush your orders to **orders@stampsofindia.com** now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis.

Stanley Gibbons India Catalog

Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalog on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalog. We had distributed it all over India.

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

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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.

New Stamp Booklets

Chandrakant Andhare, President of the Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association, Bilaspur issued the following statement on June 17, 2011:

This association strongly condemns the designing, printing, publishing, issuance and release of 4 numbers varieties of Private Stamp Booklets showing different aspects of life of Rabindranath Tagore released on May 07, 2011 that mentions "Issued by : Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association". This association has never permitted and authorized designing, printing and release of any such booklet.

India Post Introduces Retail Counter at Fabindia Store

The first postal retail extension counter at Fabindia's flagship store at 14, N Block Market, Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi was jointly inaugurated on June 14, 2011 by Radhika Doraiswamy – Secretary (Posts) to Government of India, Director General Department of Posts and the Chairman of the Postal Services Board and William Bissell - Managing Director, Fabindia Overseas Private Limited.

As a part of the joint endeavour to enhance customer experience, India post will now offer customers hassle free postal retail service which would enable the customers to buy, pack and dispatch Fabindia products not only within India but also to international destinations. To help the customers in booking consignments, Delhi Postal Circle staff will be deployed at Fabindia store.

With 140 stores across 58 cities in India and four international stores, Fabindia Overseas Private Limited is India's largest retail platform for a wide range of products produced by artisans living largely in rural areas.

The Post Office counter at the Fabindia outlet will offer the Flat Rate Parcel Service and EMS Speed Post Service for Domestic and International from 1100 Hours till 1900 Hours (on all working days).

While this comes as an expansion of the existing postal retail service earlier introduced at the Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan (Cottage Emporium), New Delhi, where customers can avail Speed Post Services & Registered Parcel booking within the premises of the shopping complex, this is the first partnership with a private player.

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Mail Network Optimization Project

The meeting of the Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology was held on June 13, 2011 at New Delhi to discuss the Mail Network Optimization Project of India Post.

The need for optimization of the mail network was felt to address the problems of fragmented mail network, functional duplicity, change in mail profile, development in air and road transport, customer demands and induction of technology. The project seeks to improve the quality of mail operations by Optimization and consolidation of mail operation network across the country.

In the first phase Speed post and International mail have been covered but project would cover all kind of mail in phased manner. Under the redesigned Speed Post Operational network, 89 Sorting hubs and 68 Intra- Circle hubs across the country have been created taking into account factors such as volume of mail, distance between Post Office and proposed hub, transmission options etc.

Postal Strike from July 5

Postal Joint Council of Action consisting of the National Federation Of Postal Employees, the Federation of National Postal Organisations, All India Postal Extra Departmental Employees Union, and the National Union Of Gramin Dak Sevaks served notice to India Post for indefinite all India strike from July 5, 2011 after talks held with Postal Services Board failed on June 7, 2011.

Postal employees are opposing the implementation of recommendations of the consultancy agency, Mckinsey & Company. According to Joint Council of Action, in accordance with these recommendations, the number of national centers of Speed Post was reduced from 315 to 89, which were now called Speed Post hubs. This arrangement had resulted in heavy delay in transmission and delivery of articles booked under the service. India Post now proposed to introduce the hub system for first class mail, including the registered articles. This meant closure of 366 mail sorting offices and opening of 89 first class hubs. India Post had also issued instruction to all Chief Postmaster Generals to close down and merge 9,797 urban post offices in the name of optimization.

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jul 8-10: Nagercoil, KUMARIPEX Stamps, Coins & Banknotes Exhibition

Timings: 10am to 6pm

Organizers: Kanyakumari District Philatelic & Numismatic Association

Venue: Valanar Thirumana Mandapam, Assisi Campus, Nagercoil
Contact: Consort Dias Jacobs, Secretary KDPNA, 0 9843154344

Jul 22-24: Tiruchengode, Coin Stampex
Timings: 10 am to 9 pm
Organizers: Tiruchengode Numismatic & Philatelic Association
Venue: Sengunthar Thirumana Mandapam, Periyapavadi
Tables: Rs 3,000 - 2 Tables, 2 Chairs, Lunch, Tea & Snacks for 2
Contact: Jc K Golden Saravanan (Secretary) 0 94432 74059, 0 99766 26296

Jul 29-31: Hyderabad, Hyderabad Coins & Notes Fair 2011
Venue: Federation House, Pragati Art Printers Lane, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004
Timings: 10 am to 5 pm
Organizers: The Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society
Contact: M Kesava Rao, Convenor, Telephone 040 23202153, Mobile 09848128991
Stalls: Rs. 7,000 includes Morning tea /Lunch /Evening tea for two persons everyday
Auction Schedule: Todywalla Auction Jul 30 - 6 pm

Aug 5-7: Coimbatore, Coin Stampex
Venue: Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Ram Nagar, Near Gandhipuram Central Bus Stand
Timings: 9.30 am to 9.30 pm
Organizers: Coimbatore District Numismatic & Philatelic Association
Contact: C Palaneswamy 09486923558
Auction Schedule: The Ancient Times Auctions Aug 6

Aug 13-15: Ahmedabad, Coins & Currency Fair
Venue: Hotel Comfort Inn President, Opp Municipal Market, C G Road, Navrangpura,
Timings: 10am to 7 pm
Organizers: Classical Numismatic Gallery
Contact: 079-26464850 info@classicalnumismaticgallery.com

Oct 7-9: Chennai, SIPEX'11 Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: LITE Air conditioned Hall, 17 Balfour Road, Kilpauk, Chennai 600010
Adjacent to Nagappa Motors, Diagonally Opposite to ICICI Bank
Organizers: South India Philatelists' Association, Chennai
Dealers Booth: Rs 7,500
Contact: Amarchand 09840156410

Nov 3-6: New Delhi, **Stamps of India National Exhibition**
Venue: NSIC Exhibition Complex, Okhla Industrial Estate, Govindpuri Metro Station
Timings: 11am to 7 pm
Organizers: Stamps of India
Contact: sj@stampsofindia.com
Sales Stalls: Rs 20,000 covers 44 Square feet (2 x 2 meters) and includes a table, two chairs, name board, an electrical point, floor carpet, and lunch & snacks for two persons
Website: www.stampsofindia.com/sine.html

Nov 10-12: Palakkad,
Venue: Town Hall Annexe
Organizers: Palakkad Philatelic & Numismatic Club
Contact:

Stall: Rs 3,000

Nov 18-20: Thrissur, THRISSURPEX 2011 Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur

Venue: Pandi Samooha Madom Hall

Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

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Indian Express, Jun 20, 2011

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/from-ahmedabad-to-new-delhi-to-buy-one-stamp/805953/>

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