

# Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

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## Jhingans Jottings

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We quote excerpts from the preface, by Hugh Jeffries, the Catalogue Editor, of 2012 edition of Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Catalogue:

“One of the main reasons stamp collecting has been so popular for so long is its ability to adopt – or, I suppose, our ability to adapt it – to meet the changing needs of time. 50 years ago – even 25 years ago – the vast majority of collectors had wide interests, collecting the whole, or a large part of Commonwealth, for example.

But times have changed. The desire to dig deeper, exhibit, display, research – combined with the fact that post offices were issuing so many stamps that it was no longer possible to collect a large number of countries – has led a great many collectors along the path of specialization and, again, the hobby has found ways of the meeting the needs of all by creating many paths to follow: thematics, social philately and postal history; as well as pure stamp collecting.”

“Another aspect of the hobby which has changed in recent decades has been the growing demand for stamps of the highest quality; and the inevitable declining demand for stamps in less than fine condition.”

“India sees some of the largest price rises, with renewed interest in traditional markets compounded by demand in India itself, to bring substantial increases to pre-independence issues, from the Scinde Dawks and lithographs, right through to King George VI, including officials, while post-independence errors are also up.”

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Balu Vasudeva, Rishi Chandiook, Kirankumar Karande

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### **Stamps of India National Exhibition**

The Bulletin 1, Exhibit Application Form, and Sales Stalls Application Form is available for download at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/sine.html> The Bulletin 1 contains the Regulations for Exhibitors, State Team Leaders, and Rules for Sales Stalls, amongst other useful information.

### **JAMMU & KASHMIR JOINS SINE 2011**

C M Bhatt was nominated as the State Team Leader & Ex-Officio Member of the Organizing Team from Jammu & Kashmir. 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' now has participation form 24 States and Territories of India.

### **EXTENDED DEADLINES**

The notification of acceptance or non-acceptance by the SINE GHQ to all applicants will now be individually communicated to by September 26, 2011 a week later as was originally scheduled. Consequently the last date for the payment of the fees is also being extended to October 7, 2011. The envelopes for the exhibit will be mailed by Speed Post on October 10, 2011.

All exhibits delivered by mail must reach the SINE GHQ between October 24 and November 1, 2011. The exhibits delivered personally by the exhibitor or through State Team Leaders must reach by November 2, 2011.

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### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Sep 25: Acharya Jaimal Ji

Sep 30: Trained Nurses' Association of India

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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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

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### **New Issues Availability Status**

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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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>

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### **First Indian Expedition to South Pole**

The first Indian scientific expedition to South Pole was led by Dr Rasik Ravindra, Director National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research. The other members of team included Mirza Javed Beg, geologist, Ashit Kumar Swain, geologist, Thamban Meloth, ice-core drilling expert, Ajay Dhar, geophysicist, Dr Pradip Malhotra, medical doctor, Krishna Murthy and Surat Singh, technical experts.

This expedition commemorates the centenary of Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen's feat who reached the South Pole on December 14, 1911 in dog-drawn sledges.

The expedition to South Pole is unique as it took the least travelled rugged land route to South Pole from the Indian Base Maitri. The Indian team started its arduous journey aboard four Arctic trucks (Hilux) carrying the entire expedition team along with luggage and equipment at 9am on November 15, 2010. The team had an ambitious scientific program to be carried out en route to South Pole. They were equipped with dual frequency ground penetrating radar (GPR), shallow ice coring machine, digital flux-gate magnetometer and vehicle mounted weather station. Ashit Kumar Swain was entrusted with the all-important work of carrying out GPR studies to determine the bed rock profile and ice condition along the route.

The team reached the South Pole on November 21, 2010 after covering a distance of 2240 km from Maitri. The team, after a halt of three days at the South Pole, started the journey back via the same route and reached Maitri on December 1, 2010. By then the team had covered a total distance of 4680 km during the expedition and braved the Antarctic climatic vagaries and uncertainties. The team were accorded a warm welcome at Maitri. This expedition is a milestone achievement and the first of its kind in the realm of Indian scientific pursuits.

For image of the cover please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/antractic/pole.htm>

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#### **Jammu & Kashmir Philatelic Exhibition**

Jammu and Kashmir Circle of India Post is organizing 'Chinar 2011' Jammu and Kashmir Circle Philatelic Exhibition on **September 26, 28, 29, and 30, 2011** at Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar. The exhibition will remain close on September 27, 2011.

The participation in the Competition Class of the Exhibition is open to the residents of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi. Those desirous of participating but are not resident of the states mentioned above may participate with their exhibit in not for competition class. The participation fee is Rs 100 per frame and there is no fee for Youth class. The Bulletin 1 and Entry form of Chinar 2011 is available for download from the following link: [www.stampsofindia.com/2Chinar2011.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/2Chinar2011.htm)

Limited numbers of Dealers Booth are available for Rs 5000 each for the duration of the exhibition.

"My Stamps" the personalized stamps by India Post will be available at the exhibition for the new revised price of Rs 300 per sheetlet of 12 stamps. View the images at the following link

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/MyStampSheetlet.htm>

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#### **Auction Action**

Sep 30 – Oct 1: **Postiljonen's** Autumn Auction

Contact: Postiljonen AB, Box 537, SE-201 25 Malmö, Sweden

Tel. +46 40-25 88 50, Fax. +46 40-25 88 59, [stampauctions@postiljonen.se](mailto:stampauctions@postiljonen.se), [www.postiljonen.com](http://www.postiljonen.com)

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#### **Delhi Circle Meets Philatelists**

Adnan Ahmed, the Director of Postal Services, Delhi Circle called a meeting of Philately Deposit Account holders on September 10, 2011 to discuss the problems being faced by the PD Account Holders and solution thereof. About 25 philatelists participated in the meeting.

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#### **PayPal in India Update**

PayPal is working to implement the Reserve Bank of India's Guidelines regarding the processing of export-related payments. As a result the following changes will be made to PayPal accounts in India.

Effective 26th September 2011, the PayPal account holders in India will not be able to receive overseas payments exceeding US\$ 500 per transaction into their PayPal account.

Any balance will be auto withdrawn out of PayPal account daily.

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### **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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### **Philatelic Library for Sale**

Philatelist and writer Anil Dhir is disposing off his entire library of rare and important philatelic books that he has collected over the years. The first list of more than a hundred books offered for sale is ready. To get the list send him an email at [anildhir2k5@hotmail.com](mailto:anildhir2k5@hotmail.com)

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

Sep 23-25: Mumbai, Mumbai Coin Fair

Time: 10am to 7pm

Venue: World Trade Centre, Mumbai

Auctions: Todywalla Auction #55 on Sep 23, 2011, 6pm onwards

Oswal Auctions silver jubilee auction #25 on Sep 23, 2011, 4pm onwards, [www.oswalauctions.com](http://www.oswalauctions.com)

**NEW Dates** Sep 26, 28, 29, & 30: Srinagar, CHINAR 2011 Jammu & Kashmir Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre, Srinagar.

Organizers: Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post

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

Oct 14-16: National Numismatic and Philatelic Exhibition Cum Fair

Venue: Arignar Anna Arangam (Venue Hall), Dr Guruswamy Road, Chetpet (Near Maharishi Vidya Mandir School) Chennai 31

Organizers: Chennai Numismatic Society In conjunction with Numismatic Promotion Services of India

Nov 3-6: New Delhi, **Stamps of India National Exhibition**

**NEW** Venue: Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi 110001

Timings: 11am to 7 pm

Organizers: Stamps of India

Contact: sine@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](http://www.stampsofindia.com/sine.html)

Nov 10-12: Coimbatore, Kovaipex

Organizers: Coimbatore Division of India Post

Contact: Coimbatore Philatelic Bureau 0422 2382930

Nov 10-12: Palakkad,

Venue: Town Hall Annexe

Organizers: Palakkad Philatelic & Numismatic Club

Stall: Rs 3,000

Nov 12-14: Indore, YI Numismatics & Philatelic Fair

Venue: Basket Ball complex, Race course road, Indore

Organizers: Indore coin society, Young Indians and Numismatic promotion board

Contact: Girish Sharma, President Ph: 09977050987 & 09425052158 [noblecoinsindia@gmail.com](mailto:noblecoinsindia@gmail.com)

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

Venue: Pandu Samootha Madom Hall

Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur

Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

Nov 18-20: Rajkot, One Frame Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Shri Shyamaprasad Art Gallery, Racecourse, Rajkot

Contact: Secretary, RAJPEX-2011, C/o Philatelic Bureau, G P O, Rajkot 360001, Tel 0281 -2223883

Dec 9-11: Pune, COINEX-PUNE 2011 National Level Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: Sankalp Hall, Lalbahadur Shastri Road, Navi Peth, Opp. Petrol Pump, Pune

Organizers: International Collector's Society of Rare Items Pune

Dec 14-20: UPHILEX 10th Uttar Pradesh State Level Exhibition

Venue: Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow

Organizers: Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Dec 23-25: Mudra Utsav 2011

Time: 10am to 7pm

Venue: Haldirams Banquet Hall, 24 Ballygunge park, Kolkata 700019

Organizers: Numismatic Society of Calcutta

Contact: email: secretarynsckolkata@yahoo.com

Website: www.nsckolkata.com

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Feb 3-5: Calicut, MUDRA 2012 - A Festival of Coins, Stamps & Currencies

Organizers: The Calicut Philatelic Club, & The Calicut Numismatic Society

Venue: Corporation Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Calicut

Contact: Rajesh Nair 09847755125, Or Sooraj 09447124066

Feb 10-12: BHARTIYE MUDRAYE – 2012

Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

[Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India](http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm) [www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm)

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