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Jhingans Jottings

Hi

In a few hours we will be at Chennai to cover the SIPEX philatelic exhibition. The last 40 days have been like a whirlwind as we were out of station for almost half of the days. With just 3 weeks to go for the National there is so much preparation work going on for that as well.

As the weather is turning cooler lots of philatelic activity is warming up with several exhibitions taking place and the forthcoming auctions at the national exhibition.

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

- M&SJ

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Philately at Siachen Glacier

Philately in India is reaching greater heights in more ways than one and on October 4, 2011 in a landmark development the Chief Postmaster General of Jammu & Kashmir Circle, John Samuel along with the General Officer Commanding in Chief of Northern Command of Indian Army, Lieutenant General K T Parnaik UYSM, YSM released a 'Special Cover' on Siachen Glaciers at a special function organized at Siachen Glacier FLB. During the function John Samuel, remarked that "Post Office delivers mail anywhere and everywhere". This is the first time in the world that a Post office cover is released atop Siachen Glaciers, at a height more than 20000 feet, covered with snow.

Siachen Glacier is one of the longest glaciers in the world outside the Polar region that are fully snow covered; the Siachen Glacier presents an amazing view. Interestingly the word 'Siachen' means the 'land of roses'. This glacier is enclosed by Saltoro to the West, Karakoram to the East and North. The temperature in the region dips as low as minus 75o C with wind speeds touching up to 50 knots. At

70 km long, it is second-longest in the world's non-polar area and that is why it is sometimes called the "Third Pole".

During the function a 'Carried Cover' was also released on Siachen glacier FLB. This cover was carried by Lieutenant General K T Parnaik and John Samuel Chief Postmaster General of Jammu & Kashmir by ALH helicopter from Leh to Siachen Base Camp and in Cheetah helicopter from Siachen base to Siachen Glacier FLB. This is the first time that a carried cover is released in Jammu and Kashmir.

Post Office has been involved in the delivery of mails to the Army through Army Postal Services and the 'Carried Cover' demonstrates the capability of the Post Office in delivering the mails at such altitude and in tough terrains.

A philatelic exhibition was also organized at the Siachen Base Camp which was inaugurated by Lieutenant General K T Parnaik. He encouraged the jawans to continue with letter writing, as an effective method of communication with their family members. A special cover featuring Khardung La was released on this occasion by Lieutenant General Parnaik and John Samuel. Lieutenant General Parnaik appreciated the efforts of Jammu & Kashmir Postal Circle in delivering mail to remote locations through Army Postal Service. During the function John Samuel said "with 155000 Post Offices across India, the India Post is the largest network in the world." Lieutenant General Ravi Dastane, Corps Commander and other officers of the Army were also present in the function.

Khardung La is at the height of 18380 feet above sea level and is the highest motor able road in the world. This pass on the Ladakh Range lies north of Leh and is the gateway to the Shyok and Nubra valleys. The Siachen Glacier lies partway up the latter valley. Built in 1976, it was opened to motor vehicles in 1988 and has since seen many automobile, motorbike and mountain biking expeditions. Maintained by the Border Roads Organisation, the pass is strategically important to India as it is used to carry supplies to the Siachen Glacier. A large number of tourists visit Nubra Valley via Khardung La pass.

Leh is located in the Indus river valley at a crossroads of the old trading routes from Kashgar, Tibet, and Kashmir. Siachen Glacier and Khardung La are prominent spots in Ladakh region which attracts tourists from all over the world. Speaking on the occasion Chief Postmaster General John Samuel said - the issue of special covers on Siachen Glacier and Khardung La will boost the tourist flow to the State of Jammu & Kashmir especially Ladakh.

Individually numbered carried covers to Siachen Glacier are priced at Rs 1,000 per cover. Limited quantity of carried covers signed by both the Chief Postmaster General of Jammu & Kashmir Circle, John Samuel along with the General Officer Commanding in Chief of Northern Command of Indian Army, Lieutenant General K T Parnaik UYSM, YSM; are also available at Rs 5,000 each.

The cover released at the Siachen FLB is available in a Presentation Pack for Rs 100 each. The cover depicting Khardung La, duly serviced, is available at Rs 20 each.

The orders for covers will be handled by the Post Master, Floating Post office, Srinagar along with Money order, cheque or draft payable to Post Master Srinagar GPO 190001.

For images please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/siachen.htm>

Stamps of India National Exhibition

The Bulletin 1, Exhibit Application Form, and Sales Stalls Application Form are 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.

Aries November Auction at SINE

Aries Auctions, is holding its second auction sale 'SINE 2011 Auction' at SINE 2011 on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at Bhai Vir Singh Sadan (near Gole Market), New Delhi 110001, India.

On offer are 371 lots that include rarities of British India like 1854 issues, Independent India, Private FDCs, Mahatma Gandhi SPECIMEN and Service stamps, Sheets and Sheetlets, Errors and Varieties, as well as a comprehensive section on Airmails, Rocketmails, Postal History and Postal Stationery.

Catalogue can be downloaded in PDF format from the Aries website or viewed as e-catalogue. The Online part of the auction closes at 6pm, 1st November 2011 and the floor auction begins exactly at 6pm, November 3, 2011. Register now for online bidding at: www.ariesauctions.com

SINE Standholders Auction

An innovative beginning will be made at SINE 2011 with a Standholders Auction at 6pm, Friday, November 4, 2011.

On November 3 and 4, Standholders of SINE will be eligible to consign lots that will then be auctioned. This will be an on-the-spot auction where payment has to be settled immediately after the auction. While Buyers can expect some amazing bargains, for SINE Standholders this is an additional facet to the already comprehensive SINE experience.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Oct 09: Chitrapur Math

Oct 12: Para (SF) 1 Punjab

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.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Sep 26-29: Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir Philatelic Exhibition, 12 covers

{Sep 26: Srinagar, Chinar Trees, Hangul, My Stamp} 3 covers

{Sep 27: Srinagar, Saffron, Floating Post Office, Tyndale Biscoe School, Delhi Public School} 4 covers

{Sep 28: Srinagar, Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Dal Lake} 3 covers

{Sep 29: Srinagar, Royal Spring Golf Course, Sher-e-Kashmir International Convention Centre} 2

Oct 04: Siachen FLB,

Oct 04: Siachen Base Camp, Khardung La

Oct 04: Cover carried from Leh to Siachen FLB

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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>

My Stamps from Srinagar

'My Stamps' personalized postage stamps in India were introduced on February 12, 2011 during INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition with 29 stamps in 17 sheetlets. They remained on sale till February 18, 2011, the last day of the exhibition. Due to operational problems particularly in printing, there were very few deliveries made during the exhibition and most of the orders were fulfilled by mail over a period of 45 days.

India Post has since taken a policy decision to sell My Stamps only at philatelic exhibitions and the first exhibition after INDIPEX 2011 to sell My Stamps was CHINAR 2011 Jammu & Kashmir Philatelic Exhibition at Srinagar from September 26 to 29, 2011.

The sheetlets of My Stamps sold at CHINAR 2011 were from the same stock sold at INDIPAEX 2011. However the price was revised from Rs 150 per sheetlet in February to Rs 300 per sheetlet in September, 2011. The high quality of printing, on the spot delivery, and pleasant attitude of the postal staff manning the My Stamp counters more than justified the increase in sale price.

The sheetlets sold at Srinagar carry a self-adhesive label pasted on the space where INDIPEX 2011 logo was originally printed.

India Post took the My Stamp to another level at CHINAR 2011. The My Stamp, in addition to the usual personalized stamps with pictures of the individuals, for the first time, provided customized stamps with 24 designs on Kashmir, 15 on Institutions, and 12 on India. These were an instant hit with philatelists who were visiting from all parts of India primarily to obtain My Stamps.

In another innovation, the Post Office provided Kashmiri dresses, free of charge, to those getting their pictures taken for personalized stamps.

Therefore it is no wonder that in four days, CHINAR 2011 sold and delivered more stamps, and that too with much better quality, than INDIPEX 2011 sold in 8 days and delivered in 45 days.

For images please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/MyStampSheetlet.htm>

New Stamp Booklets

Jammu and Kashmir Circle released two sets of stamp booklets during CHINAR 2011 Jammu & Kashmir Philatelic Exhibition as follows:

Sep 26: 4 Stamp Booklets containing 6 commemorative stamps of Rs 5 each at Rs 50 each

Sep 29: 15 Stamp Booklets containing 10 definitive stamps of Rs 5 each at Rs 70 each

For images please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb06.htm>

Auction Action

The Mahendra Sagar Collection of Inverted Centers of the World at Cherrystone

The Mahendra Sagar Collection is undoubtedly one of the greatest offerings of inverted centres of the world. The sale features 578 lots with a number of unique items including the United States 1869 24c imperforate and 24c on cover. Worldwide material is very well represented with many spectacular rarities. This sale will certainly establish a standard by which future collectors will measure their own holdings. The entire sale is available for viewing on the website, www.cherrystoneauctions.com. The Cherrystone Auctions have also created a special website dedicated to this collection, www.sagarcollection.com. In addition, a beautiful hard-bound catalogue is available for \$35 and can be ordered through website.

Stamps of India Online Offers

Stamps of India now bring you useful and unique philatelic items fulfilling a long standing demand of subscribers and friends. These philatelic items can be viewed online and several easy options to make the payment are provided. Visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

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 distributed it all over India.

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We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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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

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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 14-15: Surat, Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Rotary Hall, Timaliyawad, Surat

Organizers: Surat Division of India Post

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

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

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

Nov 10-12: Coimbatore, Kovaipex

Organizers: Coimbatore Division of India Post

Contact: Coimbatore Philatelic Bureau 0422 2382930

Nov 10-12: Palakkad, Kerala

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

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: Lucknow, UPHILEX 10th Uttar Pradesh State Level Exhibition

Venue: Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow

Organizers: Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Dec 23-25: Kolkata, 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

2012

Jan 13-16: Pune, Mahapex 2012 - 11th state level philatelic exhibition

Venue: Ganesh Kala Krida Rangmanch
Organizers: Maharashtra Circle of India Post

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: New Delhi, 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

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