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Jhingan's Jottings

Hi

It gives us great joy to report that in November 2011 there will be 10 philatelic exhibitions all over India. The shows are being organized at all levels by private philatelic organizations and India Post.

We see resurgence in holding district level exhibitions in India after a gap of few years. This is a very good sign for the hobby and good work done at the grass roots level will strengthen philately in India.

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

- M&SJ

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Stamps of India National Exhibition

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 3, 2011

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| Inauguration | 1200 | Ground Floor |
| Release of Picture Post Cards | 1215 | Ground Floor |
| Exhibition opens | 1230 | Third Floor |
| Exhibition Closes | 1800 | Third Floor |
| Aries Auction | 1800 | Ground Floor |
| Official Reception | 20.30pm | Spirit Restaurant, Connaught Place |

Friday, November 4, 2011

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| Exhibition opens | 1100 | Third Floor |
| Exhibition Closes | 1800 | Third Floor |
| SINE Spot Auction | 1800 | Ground Floor |

Saturday, November 5, 2011

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| Exhibition opens | 1100 | Third Floor |
| Jury Critique Session | 1430 | Third Floor |
| Exhibition Closes | 1800 | Third Floor |
| SINE Spot Auction | 1800 | Ground Floor |

Sunday, November 6, 2011

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| Exhibition opens | 1100 | Third Floor |
| Exhibition Closes | 1800 | Third Floor |
| Award Ceremony | 1800 | Ground Floor |

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Nov 08: Indian Council of Medical Research

Nov 14: Children's Day, 2 Stamps, Save Tiger (Children's Paintings)

Nov 21: Heritage Wall Paintings, 2 Stamps, Shekhawati Paintings, Warli Paintings

Nov 25: Grand Lodge of India

Nov 00: R Venkataraman

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

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Oct 14: Surat, Sarvajanik Education Society centenary,

Oct 14: Surat, 30 years of Patidar Sandesh

Oct 15: Surat, 65th year of Independence

Oct 15: Surat, Shree Jain Dharmachakra

Oct 30: New Delhi, Delhi International Arts Festival

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

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New Director General of India Post

Manjula Prasher, Indian Postal Service officer of 1976 batch, took over as the Director General of India Post, Chairperson of Postal Services Board, and the Secretary (Posts) in the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology from Radhika Doraiswamy who retired on October 31, 2011.

Prasher was serving as the Member (Operations) in the Postal Services Board till now.

Postal Staff College Renamed

Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy (RAKNPA) is the new name of the Postal Staff College India (PSCI) with effect from October 31, 2011. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai was the first Communication Minister of Independent India, a freedom fighter and one of the foremost nation builders of the post-independence era. Postal Services Board approved the proposal to change the name to reflect the true character of the institution and its future aspiration, PSCI needs to be upgraded as a National Academy.

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 Sahitya 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 Spot Auction

An innovative beginning will be made at SINE 2011 with a Spot 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.

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

We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

Post Office Bill 2011

India is considering the adoption of a new legislation on postal and courier services to replace and reform the 1898 India Post Office Act. Earlier Indian Post Office (Amendment) Bill 2006 had been dropped following elections. India Post has commissioned, the Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad, in autumn 2009 to draft a Comprehensive Postal Bill to replace the Post Office

Act. Now India Post has sent the Draft Post Office Bill 2011 to the Cabinet for approval. The highlights of the bill are:

1. Opening of market by reducing the exclusive privilege of Central Government:

Gradual opening of the market by phase wise removal of the monopoly proposed. Exclusive privilege reduced upto 150 gm. In case of letters and upto 50 gm. in case of express mail. Couriers can carry letters even within 150 gm and 50 gm (the reserve area) subject to them charging twice the postal rates for letters and twice the rates for express service.

2. Sunset clause:

A 15 years Sunset clause for complete removal of exclusive privilege in express service and Parliamentary Review of exclusive privilege in case of letters is proposed.

3. Universal Service Obligation of the Central Government:

As proposed, USO is defined as the obligation of the Central Government to provide, through the Department of Posts, basic postal services at reasonable access, affordable price and with specified service parameters throughout the country. Commitment to provide postal service, delivery and access to post office 6 days of the week except holidays

4. Definitions:

Definitions of certain 'terms' are proposed keeping in view the definition adopted by different countries, as also the requirement of customers i.e.

a) "postal services" means services provided by the Central Government or on its behalf and includes services related to

(i) handling of addressed letters,

(ii) handling of addressed parcels and packages,

(iii) handling of addressed press products,

(iv) handling of these articles as registered or insured mail,

(v) express services for these articles,

(vi) handling of unaddressed articles,

(vii) Value Payable Post,

(viii) money remittance

(ix) Post Office Counter Services

(x) services on behalf of any Ministry or Department of the Central or State Governments, or services on behalf of any other organization

(xi) other services not specified elsewhere;

5. Registration and Licensing:

The Central Government may grant registration to any person undertaking the provision of any courier service in India, who shall be called a Registered Courier. The Central Government may also grant license to any Registered Courier, who shall be called a licensee, for providing certain specific services. There is no registration fee or license fee. Licensing conditions involve adherence to quality, guarantee relief to customers in case of any deficiency in service and commitment to ensure confidentiality and security of letter. All operators will require registration for providing any type of courier service in India. But license will be required only for reserve area, USO and letter mail.

6. Registering Authority:

It is proposed that Central Government shall appoint Registering Authority, in such manner and to perform such functions, as may be prescribed.

7. Appellate Authority:

An Appellate Authority is proposed for redressal of grievances of any person aggrieved by an order of Registration Authority.

8. Setting up Extra Territorial Offices of Exchange (ETOE) and International Mail Processing Centers (IMPC) abroad:

Central Govt. may establish ETOEs/IMPCs in other countries for providing international Mail Services including express and parcel services subject to arrangements with such Postal Administrations regarding terms and conditions.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Nov 3-4, Anantnag, Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Anantnag Division of India Post

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

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

Timings: 11am to 7 pm

Organizers: Stamps of India for Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, Kolkata

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: 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 16-17: Philately Exhibition

Venue: St Xavier's School, Civil Lines

Organizers: North Delhi Division of India Post

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

Venue: Pandy Samooha 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

Nov 24-25: Philately Exhibition
Venue: National Rail Museum, Chanakyapuri
Organizers: South West Delhi Division of India Post

Nov 24-26: Coimbatore, Kovaipex
Organizers: Coimbatore Division of India Post
Contact: Coimbatore Philatelic Bureau 0422 2382930

Nov 25-28: Jammu Stamps Show
Venue: Kala Kendra, Bikram Chowk, Jammu
Organizers: Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post

Dec 9-11: Pune, COINEX-PUNE 2011 National 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 Exhibition
Venue: Lalit Kala Academy, Lucknow
Organizers: Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post

Dec 23-25: GUJPEX , Gujarat State philatelic exhibition
Venue: Akota Atithi Gruh, Akota, Vadodara
Organizers: Gujarat 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

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Jan 13-16: Pune, MAHAPEX, 11th Maharashtra State philatelic exhibition
Venue: Ganesh Kala Krida Rangmanch
Organizers: Maharashtra Circle of India Post

Jan 22-24: New Delhi, Delhi State philatelic exhibition
Venue: National Science Centre, Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi,
Organizers: Delhi 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

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