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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi

500 issues and counting!

The Stamps of India Collectors Companion is the 8th philatelic periodical edited and the 5th philatelic periodical published by us. At the time of publishing its first issue in the year 2000, we were very much concerned with its longevity. Thus we applied the experience gained and lessons learned from the periodicals that we edited or published in the past.

With this issue, the Stamps of India Collectors Companion has become the longest running philatelic periodical that we have been editing or publishing in every respect be it number of issues, or years, or pages written or edited. It is one of the only 3 philatelic weeklies being currently published in the world. It is the largest circulated philatelic periodical in India. It has world's largest subscribers' base of persons interested in Indian philately. It has received the highest award ever for an Indian philatelic periodical at a recognized world philatelic exhibition. Its publication also helped promote [www.stampsofindia](http://www.stampsofindia.com) to greater heights of popularity. We feel like proud parents seeing our brainchild grow on and be successful.

The success and longevity of Stamps of India Collectors Companion depends on it being accepted, read, and promoted by its subscribers. Many of you have contributed in so many ways to the life of this publication. Your support at all times had made it possible for us to deliver an issue every week over 11 years. 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' actually is as much yours as it is ours. And together we have been able to keep it free.

On this happy occasion we thank all subscribers for giving us an opportunity to serve them and hope it has been useful in adding to their enjoyment of collecting stamps of India.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: H P Singh, Sreejesh Krishnan

We invite your inputs [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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#### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Dec 11: Kavi Pradeep  
Dec 19: Golden Jubilee of Goa Liberation  
Dec 19: The President's Fleet Review  
Dec 22: Srinivasa Ramanujam  
Dec 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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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#### **New Stamp Released**

India Post released a postage stamp in the the denomination of Rs 5 on December 6, 2011 on the Smile Train / Cleft Palate Surgery.

The Smile Train was started by Charles Wang and Brian Mullaney in 1999 in USA. It selected one congenital anomaly- clefts of the lip and palate and decided to do everything for it. The Smile Train did not believe in taking missionary surgeons to the place of need to operate upon cleft children. Instead, it believed in improving the infrastructure and training so that local hospitals and doctors could take care of their own patients. The Smile Train gives greatest emphasis on the safety and quality of surgery. It runs its programme through more than 1200 partner hospitals in 76 countries of the world where more than 2200 doctors treat cleft patients. More than 500 000 patients have been treated in these hospitals so far. The most successful Smile Train programmes run in India. Out of 500 000 patients, 200 000 have been treated in India.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamps, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed 300,000 stamps by Wet Offset process.

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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#### **Recent Special Postmarks**

Nov 05: Allahabad, Boys' High School & College 150 Years  
Nov 11: Palakkad, Thunchath Ramanujan Ezhuthachan, Father of Malayalam Language  
Nov 15: Tiruvella, Pamba river, District Philatelic Exhibition ½  
Nov 16: Tiruvella, School for Deaf, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2  
Nov 21: Mumbai, Maharashtra State Golden Jubilee

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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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### **My Stamp at Lucknow and Jaipur**

India Post will provide the 'My Stamp' personalized postage stamp facility at forthcoming state philatelic exhibitions at Lucknow from December 16 to 18, and at Jaipur from January 4 to 7, 2012.

It wasn't yet confirmed but is likely that My Stamp will also be available at Vadodara from December 23 to 25, 2011.

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

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### **New Stamp Booklets**

Gujarat Circle of India Post brought out a 'Stamp Booklet' on the Children's Day on November 14, 2011. The booklet lists in color all the stamps India Post has issued on Children's Day in the past. It contains only 1 stamp, the Rs 5 denomination, from this year's issue of 2 stamps. It however provides space for the 2<sup>nd</sup> stamp, the Rs 20 denomination, from this year's issue. The booklet is priced at Rs 60.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb06.htm>

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### **New Private FDC**

Jigar Desai of Mumbai released a private First Day cover in 3D for the Children's Day issue.

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### **Delhi Philatelists Meet**

The 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Delhi Philatelists will be held on December 10, 2011 at 2.30 pm onwards at the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi. The Delhi Philatelists meet on the second Saturday of every month.

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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 distributed it all over India.

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## RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #48, December 011,

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti [jjyoti9@gmail.com](mailto:jjyoti9@gmail.com)

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

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 10-11: Ludhiana, District philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Ludhiana Division of India Post

Venue: Head Post Office, Bharat Nagar Chowk, Ludhiana

Dec 15-16: Jalandhar, Stampex 30 Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Jalandhar Division of India Post

Venue: Virsa Vihar, Namdev Chowk, near Head Post Office Jalandhar

Dealer Stall: Rs 100 per day

Dec 16-18: 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](mailto:secretarynsckolkata@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.nsckolkata.com](http://www.nsckolkata.com)

Dec00-00: Alwar, Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Alwar Division of India Post

Dec00-00: Jodhpur, Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizers: Jodhpur Division of India Post

Dec 00: Amritsar, Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizers: Amritsar Division of India Post

## **2012**

Jan 4-7: Jaipur, RAJPEX, Rajasthan State philatelic exhibition  
Venue: Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur  
Organizers: Rajasthan Circle of India Post

Jan 7-8: Bhubaneswar, ODISHA STAMP MELA  
Venue: Hotel Keshari, Master Canteen Square, Near Bhubaneswar Railway Station  
Organizers: Eastern India Philatelists Association  
Stamp Dealers' Package: Rs 4000 per PERSON inclusive of Food and Room rent on Twin Sharing Basis  
Contacts: Coordinator – Shanti Swarup Rath, [sswaruprath@gmail.com](mailto:sswaruprath@gmail.com) 09437034621  
Organising Secretary – Dr Bibhudatta Mishra, [bhanubibhu@gmail.com](mailto:bhanubibhu@gmail.com) 09437282638

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: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition  
Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

Feb 10-12: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE – 2012  
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi  
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Mar 00: Chandigarh, Punjab State philatelic exhibition  
Organizers: Punjab Circle of India Post

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

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