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Hi

Many thanks for your good wishes for this digital weekly reaching the milestone of 500th issue.

With this issue we rededicate ourselves not only to carry on but also to improve in many ways for enhanced reading experience. As always we seek your inputs and suggestions.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

New Record Price of Mahatma Gandhi 1948

An un-mounted mint set of Mahatma Gandhi issue of 1948 with lower margins was Lot# 647 estimated at £170-190 at the Stanley Gibbons public auction sale # 5864 held at London. It was sold to a bidder in the auction room for a whopping £460 + 15% Buyers Premium + VAT on December 8, 2011 in the afternoon session. That is equivalent to about Rs 45,000!

The Stanley Gibbons Catalog 2012 that was released in September 2011, priced the un-mounted mint set, without margins, for £250 that itself was a big increase from last year's price of £140.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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 as soon as it becomes available.

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

New Stamp Released

India Post released a postage stamp in the the denomination of Rs 5 on December 11, 2011 on the renowned poet and songwriter, Pradeep.

Kavi Pradeep was born Ramchandra Baryanji Dwivedi in 1915. He is best known for his patriotic song, 'Aye Mere Watan Ke Logo', written as tribute to the soldiers who had died defending the country, during the Sino-Indian War. In a career span, of nearly five decades, Kavi Pradeep, wrote about 1,700 songs, nationalistic poems including the lyrics for some 72 films, including hits like, "Chal Chal Re Naujawan", film Bandhan (1940), "Aao Bachchon Tumhe Dikhayen" and "De Di Hame Azaadi Bina Khadag Bina Dhaal", film Jagriti (1954), and "Yahaan vahaan jahaan tahaan mat poochho kahaan kahaan", film Jai Santoshi Ma, (1975) for which he also did a playback version in the film. In 1958, HMV, released an album of 13 songs with his lyrics, soon he was made the Rashtrakavi, (Poet Laureate), and came to be known as, Kavi Pradeep. In 1997, he was honored by India's highest award in Cinema, the Dada Saheb Phalke Award for Lifetime Achievement. Kavi Pradeep died at the age of 83 in Mumbai on December 11, 1998,

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and 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>

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

ILLUSTRATED LISTS

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

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

Dandi March Postcards

A set of 22 special mailed picture postcards is being released to commemorate the historic Dandi March on the occasion of Gujarat Philatelic Exhibition, Gujpex 2011, being held at Vadodara, from December 23 to 25, 2011.

These special post cards shall be posted at Ashram Road Post Office, Ahmedabad and at 21 other locations along the route of Dandi March, wherever Mahatma Gandhi halted for the night and from where he resumed his march the next morning. All these post cards will addressed to Secretary, Gujpex 2011, c/o Postmaster, Dandi and shall be transmitted by normal postal channel to Dandi and delivered to the addressee.

Only 500 post cards shall be posted at each of the 22 locations and these post cards shall be serially numbered from 1 to 500. On delivery at Dandi, the postcards shall be arranged in 500 sets, each containing of 22 post cards of same number but posted at 22 different locations on the route as stated above. These post cards shall bear the postmarks of offices of posting and delivery stamp of Dandi Post Office. Each such set shall be placed in a Khadi pouch along with a Certificate of Authenticity signed by an appropriate Postal Authority.

Of the 500 sets of picture postcards so issued and arranged, only 450 sets shall be available for sale, each at a price of Rs 1000 only. However, first 100 pre-bookings will be provided at 30% discount, i e for Rs 700 only and remaining pre-bookings at 15% discount, i e for Rs 850 only. These shall also be available on sale at the venue of exhibition at a discount of 15%, i e for Rs 850 only.

Interested philatelists and collectors are advised to send their requests for pre-bookings and the requisite amount to Director, Postal Training Centre, Vadodara, by i-MO or e-MO with full contact details. The booking can also be made in person by paying in cash. If the amount is being sent by i-MO or e-MO then the amount may be sent presuming 15% discount. If the pre-booking order qualifies for the 30% discount as stated above, the remaining amount shall be refunded later. Pre-bookings shall be accepted up to December 21, 2011.

The receipt of i-MO or e-MO in original and photo identification is necessary to personally collect the booked set from the venue of the exhibition. If the booked set is not collected personally, then the same will be sent by insured post.

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

My Stamp Update

'My Stamp' facility was provided at India Telecom 2011, 6th International exhibition and conference organized by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India jointly with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry from December 7-9, 2011 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India.

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

Parcel Packing Centres at Post Offices

Carnatic vocalist S Sowmya inaugurated the new parcel packaging centre in Adyar post office, Chennai in presence of M S Ramanujan, Postmaster General, Chennai City Region, on December 10, 2011. Such facilities are already available at 17 post offices in Chennai and new centres will open in Thiruvanmiyur, Vadapalani, Pallavaram, Padi and Teynampet post offices during this month.

Up to 35 kg of goods can be sent in parcels. Customers need to visit the nearest parcel packaging centre with the material and choose the carton, and postal staff will do the packaging in front of them.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/fday2011.htm>

Sharp Decline in Post Card's Usage

Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, has said in a written reply to Kaptan Singh Solanki, member of the Rajya Sabha, on December 9, 2011 that approximately 2.8 billion post cards were posted during the year 2000-01 and the same declined to 0.79 billion during 2009-10, which indicates that there has been a reduction by approximately 72 percent in the usage of postcards since 2000-01. He said the primary reason for the decline is on account of the rapid development in communications technology and increased use of mobile phone and emails for personal communication.

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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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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Dec 15: Sagar, Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition Dedicated to Swami Vivekananda & Saints of India
Venue: Sri Shivagopalakrishna Temple Auditorium, Sagar 577401, Shimoga Dist, Karnataka
Organizers: Sagar Philatelic And Numismatic Association

Dec 15-16: Jalandhar, Stampex 30 Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Virsa Vihar, Namdev Chowk, near Head Post Office Jalandhar
Organizers: Jalandhar Division of India Post
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

Website: 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

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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

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Organising Secretary – Dr Bibhudatta Mishra, 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 16-17: Thrissur, THRISSURPEX-2012 Thrissur District Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Pandi Samooha Matom Hall, Thrissur

Organizers: Thrissur & Irinjalakuda Divisions of India Post

Jan 22-24: New Delhi, DHAROHAR 7th Delhi State philatelic exhibition

Venue: National Science Centre, Bhairon Marg, Near Gate No. 1, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi,

Organizers: Delhi Circle of India Post

Dealers Booth: Rs 3,000

Contact: Subodh Sharma, ASP (Philately) delhiphilately@yahoo.co.in 0 98684 14555

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Host/Dharohar2012.pdf>

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

Venue: Corporation Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Calicut

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

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

Feb 13-16: Calicut, KERAPEX Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Jubilee Memorial Hall of Calicut Corporation, Kandamkulam Tali, Calicut 673002

Organizers: Kerala Circle of India Post

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

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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

POSTAL DEPT STARES AT R 6,000-CRORE LOSS, BLAMES MANAGERIAL FAILURE FOR SALES DIP

by Ashish Sinha,

Financial Express, December 15, 2011

<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/postal-dept-stares-at-r6-000crore-loss-blames-managerial-failure-for-sales-dip/885708/0>

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