Hi,

India Post issued a total of 51 new stamps in 2012, including 4 stamps issued in My Stamp series and 1 stamp – Philately Day – issued in Miniature sheet format only. The total postage value of the stamps was Rs 380 while India Post sold it for Rs 460.

The Philately Day in the denomination of Rs 20 was issued in Miniature sheet format only.

The 2nd series of My Stamp of 4 designs featuring flowers was initially introduced on October 19, 2012.

Also issued were a total of 6 miniature sheets and 7 sheetlets during the year.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Stamp Popularity Poll 2012


The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. Please select from the issues of 2012 and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2012 in your opinion. Please visit http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2012stamps.htm for stamps, miniature
sheets and Sheetlets of 2012. Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: stamppoll@stampsofindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is March 31, 2013. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue of April 4, 2013. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 22: Boys’ High School & College, Allahabad

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.


New Stamps Released

INDIAN SCIENCE CONGRESS ASSOCIATION, KOLKATA
Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Indian Science Congress Association, Kolkata, on its centenary, on January 3, 2013 at Kolkata.

Dr Tridha Gajjar of National of Institute of Design, Ahmedabad designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. Alka Shrama designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 410,000 stamps.

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (PGIMER), CHANDIGARH
India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh, on its Golden Jubilee, on January 7, 2013. The stamp depicts the Nehru Hospital of the PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Alka Shrama designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, Brochure and the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 420,000 stamps.

GHADAR MOVEMENT CENTENARY
India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Ghadar Movement, on its centenary, on January 8, 2013. Ghadar Movement was overseas Indians attempt to free India from British.

Alka Shrama designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, Brochure and the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 410,000 stamps.

UTTAR PRADESH LEGISLATURE
Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Uttar Pradesh Legislature, on its 125th anniversary, on January 8, 2013 at Lucknow.

Alka Shrama designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, Brochure and the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 410,000 stamps.

SILK LETTER MOVEMENT
Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Silk Letter Movement, a plan to organize a revolt to overthrow British rule, on January 11, 2013 at New Delhi.

Alka Shrama designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, Brochure and the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 410,000 stamps.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA
Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a set of 4 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 on Swami Vivekananda, a , on January 12, 2013 at New Delhi.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 210,000 stamps each in sheets of 40 stamps and 220,000 stamps each in sheetlets of 2 sets of 4 stamps.

C ACHYUTA MENON
India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on C Achyutha Menon, on his birth centenary, on January 13, 2013.

Gulistaan designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 310,000 stamps.

ADITYA VIKRAM BIRLA
Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Aditya Vikram Birla, a , on January 14, 2013 at New Delhi.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 310,000 stamps in sheets of 45 stamps and 1.5 million stamps in sheetlets of 15 stamps.

SHRINE BASILICA VAILANKANNI
India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Shrine Basilica Vailankanni , , on January 22, 2013.

Gulistaan designed the stamp, and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 500,000 stamps.


New Issues Availability Status
AWAITED
2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet
2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Jan 02: Calicut, Calicut (Kozhikode) Railway Station 125th anniversary
Jan 05: Secunderabad, Kondapalli Toys
Jan 06: Secunderabad,
Jan 10: Vadodara,
Jan 10: Vadodara,
Jan 12: Patna, Youth Day
Jan 12: Sonaroythari (Deoghar), Udaan – Disability Rehabilitation Program
Jan 11: Indore,
Jan 12: Indore,
Jan 13: Indore,
Jan 14: Amravati, Dr Abasaheb Khedkar
Jan 14: Allahabad, Makar Sakranti, Kumbh Mela Prayag
Jan 18: Patna, Takhat Sri Harmandir ji, Patna Sahib
Jan 18: Ranchi, JSCA Interantional stadium Complex
Jan 22: Gwalior, Save girl Cjild Lions Club Gwalior
Jan 25: Ahmedabad, 600 Years of Ahemedabad
Jan 25: Ahmedabad, Mail Motor Service
Jan 27: Allahabad, Makar Sakranti, Kumbh Mela Prayag
Jan 30: Patna, Gandhi’s Stick
Jan 31: New Delhi, Amrita Shergill birth centenary

CARRIED COVER
Jan 25: Ahmedabad, Mail Motor Service

ILLUSTRATED LISTS  http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2012pm.htm


Delhi Philatelists Meetings

The meeting in January were held on 5, 12, and 19. The meeting on January 26, 2013 was not held due Republic Day. The meeting in February are scheduled on 2, 9, 16, and 23.

A dispaly talk is held at every meeting except on the 2nd Saturday's meeting when the auctions is held. We invite members and guests to show a part of their collection and discuss the same.

The venue of the meetings is the Office of Rohit Prasad, I1/a, Dhawan Deep Building, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi 110001. It is opposite Kerala House and next door to Patel Chowk Metro Station Exit #2. Most philatelists are already familiar with this Metro Station as it is used for visiting Philatelic Bureau and National Philatelic Museum which are closer to Exit # 3.

All are allowed to buy, sell and exchange at the meetings. For further details please contact Rohit Prasad prasadrohit1962@yahoo.com  0 9810304233

The schedule of the meetings is also available at the http://www.stampsofindia.com/DPMS.htm
India Post Invites Suggestions for Commemorative Stamp Themes

India Post has invited the suggestions of the general public for new subjects/themes to be depicted on the Commemorative Postage Stamps to be issued in 2014. The suggestions can be given on any theme related to art, culture, national heritage, flora & fauna, sports, wild life, nature, historical monuments, children oriented subjects and world heritage. Best three suggestions will be recommended for inclusion in stamp issue programme of 2014. These recommendations will also be made available on the web in due course and suitable credit will be given in the Information Brochure for suggesting the selected theme/subject. The details are available on the home page of India Post website (www.indiapost.gov.in).

Before submitting the entry, the catalogue of stamps issued after 1947 and Rules for issue of Commemorative Postage Stamps available on the website may be perused so as to avoid any repetition in the subjects/themes and contradiction to rules. This initiative is being taken by the Department of Posts to promote awareness about the hobby of ‘Philately’ among the masses. The suggestions may be emailed on email address: stamppoll@gmail.com till February 15, 2013.

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS
Monthly, Whole #61, Jan 2013
Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla
Also available online at http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/

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 Rush your orders to orders@stampsofindia.com now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis. We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

Gandhi Handbook
Nearly 500 all color pages with 2000 illustrations of stamps, covers, coins, currency, and all other collectibles on Gandhi theme. Hardbound with slip case. Original publisher’s price Rs 1,500 or US$ 60, NOW AVAILABLE FROM STAMPS OF INDIA AT 33% OFF AT RS 1,000 POSTPAID anywhere in India. Overseas buyers please inquire for postal charges.

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 2,000. 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. THIS CATALOG IS NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER: BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!!!!! Please add Rs 50 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 200 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. For more information visit http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm

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Online Directory of Philatelists

Indian Philatelists' Forum, an electronic discussion forum dedicated exclusively to Indian Philately was formed on September 7, 2001 at yahoo group portal. Aim of the forum was to engage members into meaningful discussions on all aspects of Indian Philately. Free membership to the forum is open to all philatelists who have interest in Indian Philately, whether residing in India or outside. Members
of the forum have shared and discussed various issues, related to their ideas, knowledge, research, collections, events, exhibitions, auctions, publications etc. using this platform.

Currently this forum has 1032 members who are keenly interested in Indian Philately. Members are the backbone of the organisation and without interaction among members a forum cannot operate successfully. Each member may have a skill or interest that may assist other members. Therefore it is important that the members should know each other. Currently we do not have complete detailed listing of philatelists in India. To remedy this situation we need a directory of philatelists divided in to two categories. (i) Philatelists residing in India (ii) Philatelists residing abroad and collecting on any aspect of Indian Philately.

Indian Philatelists' Forum has come out with creating online directory of Philatelists. This directory is intended to facilitate networking among philatelists and members of forum. An online directory of Indian Philatelists and Overseas philatelists interested in Indian Philately with their complete profile will be available on forum's website. Indian Philatelists' Forum respects privacy of its members and that's why all data will be available only to the registered members. A web based data form is now available on forum's official website www.indianphilately.net and registration is now open.

If you've found this digital newsweekly useful, recommend it to a friend. Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

India Study Circle Teams Win Many Awards
This year 4 teams of 5 exhibitors each from India Study Circle for Philately participated in American Philatelic Society's Single Frame Team Competition held at AmeriStamp Expo 2013, Louisville, Kentucky, USA from January 18 to 22, 2013. Last year, for the first time, one team from India Study Circle for Philately had participated successfully.

AmeriStamp Expo is the Second Largest Stamp Exhibition in US and featured 300 frames, 75 dealers stalls, and participation of 25 philatelic societies.

India Study Circle for Philately Teams included 7 participants from India which won 1 Gold, 4 Vermeil, and 2 Silver as follows:

GOLD
+ American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors Novice Award
+ American Philatelic Society 1940-1980 Medal of Excellence
  Refugee Relief Tax Exempted Mails by Rajesh Paharia, Jaipur

VERMEIL
1929 Indian Airmail Stamps by Markand Dave, Nadiad
The Great Quetta Earthquake by Priti Dave, Nadiad
India 1929 First Airmail Stamps & Postal Stationery by Pradip Jain, Patna
Sangli State Court Fee Adhesives by Prem Chand Jaiswal, Calcutta

SILVER
+ Women Exhibitors Sterling Achievement Award
  Man Measures His Environment by Pragya Kothari, Patna

British India King George VI Postal Stationery by Pratisad Neurgaonkar, Pune.

Other participants of India Study Circle for Philately Teams won:

SINGLE FRAME RESERVE GRAND AND GOLD
+ India Study Circle Award
  Indian Postal Stationery for the Boxer Rebellion by Sandeep Jaiswal
GOLD
+ American Philatelic Congress Award
Victorian Outgoing Indian Mail to Great Britain “Via Marseilles” 1854-1870 by P. D. Allen

Gwalior Victorian Postal History by Gary A. DuBro

Postal History of Imperial Mail in 19th Century Cochin by Thomas Puthanangady

VERMEIL
+Collector Club of Chicago Award
1854 Issues by Deepak Jaiswal

+ Errors, Freaks & Oddities Collectors Club Second
Varieties and Errors of the Regular Conch Issues of the Indian Feudatory State of Travancore by Robert Coale

Ceylon Airgraph Mail by Kathryn Johnson

Dehra Dun, India - Forgotten Prison Camps: 1941-1946 by Robert Manley

SILVER
Underpaid Airmail from India by Jeffrey Brown

India Used in Burma - The Octagonal Obliterators by Brian Saxe

Usage of the 1948 Gandhi Memorial Issue by Maulik Thakkar

Indian State of Jind: Transition from Postage to Revenue by John Warren

Special Adhesive Stamps of Edwardian India by Steven Zwillingar

India Study Circle for Philately Teams have won a total of 5 Gold, 8 Vermeil, and 7 Silver with many special awards including a Reserve Grand. One of its team, India Study Circle White Team won the sole Team Award. It is highest achievement by any society at AmeriStamp Expo.

Forgeries & Frauds Alerts
If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, report to suspect@stampsofindia.com. The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

Bayanwala Bereaved
We regret to inform the untimely passig away of Usha Devi Bayanwala, wife of renowned philatelist Ashok Kumar Bayanwala, on January 16, 2013 at Ahmedabad. May her soul rest in peace.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events
Feb 8-10: Vellore, Numismatic & Philatelic Exhibition
Organizers: Numismatic & Philatelic Association of Vellore Fort
Venue: Town Hall, Near Old Bus Stand, Vellore
Dealers Booth: Rs 2,000
Contact: C M A Tamilvanan 09245591886, tamil_4442004@yahoo.co.in

Feb 15-17: Bangalore, 4th National Numismatic Exhibition
Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore
Venue: The Bell Hotel, #88, Next to City Railway Station, Bangalore 560023
Dealers Booth: Rs 5,000 onwards
Contact: +91-80-6532-9800 info@maruphilaque.com

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm

South Asia New Issues Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued, philatelic publications, courier and other agreed charges.

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