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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

End of another financial year now means a spate of district philatelic exhibitions in some parts of India, which are held more to exhaust the funds than to promote philately.

Ideally India Post in consultation with resident philatelists should work out a plan of activities for the whole year and spend the funds accordingly to get philately promoted in their area.

All stamp lovers will love something new every day instead of 100 new things in one or two days and nothing for next 100 days. There should be a national schedule of philatelic activities and clash of dates of two or more major events must be avoided.

The need of the hour is that all stake holders must get involved to coordinate for better results.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Ashok Tiwary

We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Stamp Popularity Poll 2012

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2012 to select the best stamp of 2012, and best miniature sheet of 2012 and best sheetlet of 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/2012stamps.html> 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 June 30, 2013. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue of July 4, 2013. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Apr 11: Architectural Heritage
Apr 12: 100 Years of GPO Buildings
Apr 14: Chaitya Bhoomi
Apr 30: Hari Singh Nalwa

Rescheduled, New Date yet to be announced –
Mar 28: INS Vikramaditya

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/2013stamps.htm>

New Stamps Released

3RD BATTALION, PARACHUTE REGIMENT

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the 3rd Battalion, (Special Forces) Parachute Regiment of Indian Army, on its bicentenary, on March 2, 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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 420,000 stamps.

OFFICERS TRAINING ACADEMY, CHENNAI

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the Officers Training Academy, Chennai, on its Golden Jubilee, on March 7, 2013.

Suresh Kumar designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. 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 41,000 stamps.

SAHIR LUDHIANVI

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on noted poet Sahir Ludhianvi, on his 93rd birth anniversary, on March 8, 2013 at New Delhi.

Nenu Gupta 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. 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.

MALAYALA MANORMA

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Malayala Manorma, daily newspaper in Malayalam on its quasi-centennial (125th anniversary), on March 16, 2013 at Kottayam.

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.

JHULELAL SAHIB

Kapil Sibal, Minister for Communications and Information Technology released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Jhulelal Sahib, community God of Sindhi people, on March 17, 2013 at New Delhi. Release functions were also organized in several cities all over India.

Bharati Mirchandani 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 520,000 stamps.

SHIVRAM HARI RAJGURU

Pranab Mukherjee, President of India released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Shivram Hari Rajguru, revolutionist and a colleague of Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev, on March 22, 2013 at New Delhi.

Rajguru was a member of the Hindustan Socialist Republican Army, who wanted India to be freed from British rule by any means necessary. He believed that ferocity against oppression was far more effective against British rule than the gentle ways of Mahatma Gandhi. Rajguru along with Bhagat Singh and Sukhdev took part in the murder of a British police officer, J P Saunders, at Lahore in 1928 to revenge the death of veteran leader Lala Lajpat Rai who died due to injuries sustained during excessive police beating. All three were convicted of the crime and hanged on March 23, 1931.

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. Indian Security Press, Mashik printed by wet offset process a total of 310,000 stamps.

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA: Correction

We had in our report in the Issue #556 of January 31, 2013, erroneously mentioned the name of the designer of the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark as Alka Sharma. The correct name is Nenu Gupta.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2013stamps.htm>

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

BRASILIANA 2013 World Philatelic Exhibition

BRASILIANA 2013 World Stamp Exhibition is being held at Rio de Janeiro from November 19 to 25, 2013. It has all classes including the One Frame Class. Madhukar Jhingan is the National Commissioner for India. The essential information regarding participation from India is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Host/brasiliana2013.htm>

Those desirous to participate should send 3 copies of duly filled Exhibit Application Form along with the introduction page of the exhibit to the National Commissioner for India by Speed Post ensuring that it reaches him not later than March 23, 2013.

Recent Special Postmarks

Feb 22, 2013: Kolkata, 66th Indian Dental Conference

Feb 28, 2013: Thiruvananthapuram, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Cotton Hill, DPE 1/2

Mar 1, 2013: Thiruvananthapuram, State Central Library, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 2, 2013: Azamgarh, Ayodhya Singh Upadhyay 'Hariaudh', District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 3, 2013: Azamgarh, Shyam Narayan Pandey, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 10, 2013: Allahabad, Mahashivratri, Kumbh Mela Prayag

Mar 16, 2013: Faizabad, Saryu Shore, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 16, 2013: Rajgir, Ghodakatora Lake, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 17, 2013: Faizabad, Head Post Office, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 17, 2013: Rajgir, Rajgir Wall, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 20, 2013: Jamshedpur, Tata Steel, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 20, 2013: Nawada, Sun Temples, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 21, 2013: Jamshedpur, Save the Girl Child, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 21, 2013: Nawada, Holi Festival, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 21, 2013: Dharamsala, Jwalamukhi Temple, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 21, 2013: Dharamsala, Chamunda Devi Temple, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 23, 2013: Patna, 101 Years of Cooperative Movement in Bihar

Mar 23, 2013: Dehradun, Berberis, Spring Festival

Mar 23, 2013: Mumbai, Yashwantrao Chavan Birth Centenary

Mar 25, 2013: Bhubaneswar, Shanti Stupa, Dhauli, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 26, 2013: Bhubaneswar, White Tiger, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

Mar 25, 2013: Shimla, Rothney Castle - The home of A O Hume, District Philatelic Exhibition 1/2

Mar 25, 2013: Shimla, Auckland House School, District Philatelic Exhibition 2/2

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2013pm.htm>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2012aps.htm>

New Stamp Booklet

Jharkhand Circle of India Post released a Stamp Booklet on Swami Vivekananda on March 20, 2013 during JAMPEX 2013. The booklet is priced at Rs 50. Although it is inscribed on the cover that the booklet contains 4 stamps of Rs 5 each, it actually contains a complete set of 4 stamps issued on Swami Vivekananda on January 12, 2013 with a total face value of Rs 35.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb08.htm>

Value Added Tax Exemption on Philatelic Material

Government of Maharashtra has exempted Value Added Tax in the State of Maharashtra on all philatelic goods. Kaizad F Todywalla of Mumbai led the campaign successfully for this over a long period of time. Leading philatelists in other States should now take this matter up with their State Governments.

First Day Covers & Brochures to Cost More

India Post has increased the price of the First Day Covers and Brochures issued with every new issue to Rs 5 each from the existing Rs 2 each, with effect from April 1, 2013.

Royal Philatelic Society, London

Markand Dave, of Nadiad has been appointed the Overseas Representative for India of the Royal Philatelic Society, London on March 7, 2013. Those desirous of joining the Royal may contact Markand Dave at markand7@yahoo.com or visit <http://www.rpsl.org.uk> for more details.

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

The meetings are held every Saturday from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

The forthcoming meetings in April are scheduled on 6, 13, 20, and 27.

An auction is held at every meeting. Display talks are organized at most meetings. We invite members and guests to show a part of their collection and discuss the same. All are encouraged to buy, sell and exchange at the meetings.

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.

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>

INPEX 2013

A very successful children painting competition was held at INPEX 2013. About 110 + children from more than 20 different schools and institutions took part on February 23, 2013. The school children and teachers were also taken for a philatelic tour thru different exhibits. 15 best drawing by kids were given certificates, medals & prizes at the competition. A takeaway hamper with philatelic items and participation certificate was also given to all the kids. The drawing competition was judged by our special guest Madhukar Jhingan & Geeta Jhaveri. The competition was coordinated by Palak Gogri & Ayman Jethpurwala.

The Special Covers and Stamp Booklets issued during INPEX 2013 are available from Kapil Gogri. Please contact him at kapilg25@hotmail.com

The Awards List of INPEX 2013 is available at the following link:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Host/INPEX2013awards.html>

Jainism Philately Group Meeting

Jainism Philately Group (JPG) organized a meeting of its members on February 23, 2013 at INPEX 2013 venue at Mumbai. It was attended by 96 members from different States of the country.

Organizing Committee of INPEX had included this meeting in their official schedule and hence provided their function hall as well as decorated stage for the same. We had displayed an additional

banner of Jainism Philately group with the images of many Jainism stamps on the background. Deepak Modi, JPG General Secretary invited Dhirubhai Mehta (President INPEX Organizing Committee and President Philatelic Society of India), Dilip Shah (President PCI), Damayanti Pittie (Secretary PSI) and Jatan Mal Dhor (Member Philatelic Advisory Committee) on the dais. All these top Philatelists of India are Jain and associated with JPG. Pradip Jain (Patron JPG), Sudhir Jain (National Chairman JPG) and Meena Mutha (Coordinator of this meeting) were also called on the stage.

Meeting started at 12.30 noon by Navakar Mantra by Geetaben Bavisi of Akola. Sudhir Jain, Deepak Modi, Vikas Jain, Pratibha Gandhi presented flowers to the dignitaries on the dais. All the members gave their self-introduction. Sudhir Jain briefly presented report of JPG. He said that at the time of inauguration at New Delhi on February 15, 2011, we were 50 and now we are more than 200. JPG members are very actively promoting Jainism Philately. Many members prepared exhibits on Jainism and allied themes and also won medals in various exhibitions. He had also acknowledged achievements of JPG members in organizing Jainism exhibitions, issuing special covers etc.

Apart from the blessings and suggestions from the dignitaries on the dais, Atul Jain (Bilaspur), Hemant Bafna (Pune), Pradip Jain (Patna), Suresh Jain (Ludhiana), Prashant Pandya (Baroda), Rajesh Paharia (Jaipur), M K Krishnayya (Udupi) etc. also gave good suggestions. Some important decisions taken were as under -

1. Approved formation of Pune Chapter of Jainism Philately Group
2. JPG members will try to get new Jainism Philatelic items of their area for all the other interested members
3. State Representatives for unrepresented States will be nominated by self-willingness
4. More Booklets should be planned to issue on Jainism
5. Addition of old Cinderella items on Jainism should be encouraged

Vikas Jain (Ajmer) gave vote of thanks. Meeting was concluded by one minute silence on the sad demise of JPG member Nanjibhai Janjani (Bhuj).

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #63, Mar 2013

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

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

GPA NEWS

Monthly, # 9, Mar 2013

Editor: Ilyas Patel

Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists' Association, Ahmedabad

Contact: gpanews@gujaratphilately.com

ITS STAMP NEWS

Quarterly, Whole #61, Vol. 16 #1, Jan Mar 2013

Editor: Suraj Jaitly surajjaitly@hotmail.com

Publisher: Indian Thematic Society, Ludhiana <http://indianthematicstamps.webs.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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Postal Stationery Society

A society for postal stationery collectors is recently formed. Interested persons may contact Pratisad Neurgaonkar at pratisadn@gmail.com

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.

A Philatelic Profile of Bengal

Army Postal Service has published a book titled 'A Philatelic Profile of Bengal' by Major General S K Sen, VSM (Retired).

The book reflects the rich history, art & culture, literature, education, instructions, national awakening and movements of Bengal in the form of Commemorative Postage stamps issued by Department of Posts. It is a very useful tool for young philatelists and other enthusiasts to trace the history of Bengal through the medium of philately. The book would be useful for promoting the hobby of philately.

The book priced Rs 750 is available by sending a Demand Draft/uncrossed Indian Postal Order drawn in favour of 'APS Association', to: APS Welfare Cell, Additional Directorate General Army Postal Service, West Block – III, RK Puram, New Delhi-110 066

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.

New Secretary (Posts)

Padmini Gopinath took over as Secretary (Posts) in the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology on January 16, 2013. Ex-officio she also becomes the Chairperson of the Postal Services Board and the Director General of India Post.

Text ADS Stamps of India Collectors Companion

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/TextAdsTariff.htm>

Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/DisplayAdTariff.htm>

More Philatelic Calendars

Renowned artist, Dipok Dey has designed a calendar for this year with philatelic theme for Engineering Export Promotion Council.

Electronic Indian Postal Order Launched

India Post in association with Department of Personnel and Training launched Electronic Indian Postal Order (eIPO) on March 22, 2013 to enable Indian citizens abroad to pay Right To Information (RTI) fee online. The eIPO can be purchased by paying a fee on-line through e-Post Office Portal i.e. <https://www.epostoffice.gov.in>. It can also be accessed through India Post website www.indiapost.gov.in.

At present, this facility is available only for Indian Citizens abroad across the globe to facilitate them to seek information under the RTI Act, 2005. Both Debit and Credit Cards of any Bank powered by Visa/Master can be used for this purpose. All the requirements for filling an RTI application as well as other provisions regarding eligibility, time limit, exemptions etc; as provided in the RTI Act, 2005 will continue to apply.

The applicant needs to register on the website to create his/her profile for the first time. He has to select the Ministry/Department from whom he desires to seek information under the RTI Act and the eIPO so generated can be used to seek information from that Ministry/Department only. A printout of the eIPO is to be attached with the RTI application sent in hard copy. In case RTI application is filed electronically, eIPO is required to be attached as an attachment.

All Women Employees Post Office

Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications & IT, inaugurated India's First All Women Employees Post Office at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of the International Women's Day. This office is a Project Arrow Office and has three counters. Two counters offer Multi Purpose services like booking of Speed Post, Registration, Sale of IPOs, Booking of Money Orders etc. and one counter is for Sale of Stamps. All these counters of this Post Office will now be manned by Women employees only. The working hours of this Post Office will be from 9.30 a.m. till 5.30 p.m.

In a co-incident the Junior Engineer [Civil] who is In charge of maintenance of this Post Office building, the Assistant Superintendent of Post Offices of the Postal Sub Division as well as Senior Superintendent of Post Offices of Delhi Central division who are controlling officers of this Post Office are also women.

There are 1003 women employees at the operative level in Delhi circle and their percentage in the total work force is about 14%. In the administrative cadres the percentage is 22%.

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Feb 28-Mar 1: Thiruvananthapuram, Ananthapex 2013

Organizers: Thiruvananthapuram Division, Kerala Circle, India Post

Venue: Bhagyamala Auditorium, Chandrasekharan Nair Stadium

Report: The exhibition had 82 frames depicting thematic collections in the invitee category and 32 frames in the competition category belonging to philatelists in the city. Prof George Jose Nidhiri displayed world's first postage stamp, 'Penny Black', issued in Britain 173 years ago in 1840. Other interesting exhibits including several thematic collections; like the one commemorating the 50th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between India and Japan. Other collections depict flora and fauna and historical monuments.

Mar 15-17: New Delhi, Annual Coin Show 2013

Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Venue: NASC Complex, Gate No. 1, Pusa Institute (Near South Patel Nagar) New Delhi

Auction: Classical Numismatic Gallery on Mar 15 & Todywalla Auctions # 73 on May 16
Contact: Goga Jain 093122 42154
Website: delhicoinsociety.org

May 18-19: Jammu, Philatelic Exhibition
Organizers: 16 Postal Corp Unit, Army Postal Service
Venue: Army School, Nagrota

Apr 19-21: Mumbai, Shukla Day Numismatic Show
Organizers: Todywalla Auctions
Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai
Dealers Booth: Rs 12,000
Auction: Todywalla Auctions
Contact: Kaizad Todywalla 098200 32468

Nov 8-10: Thrissur, Thrissurpex 2013
Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur
Venue: Sri Sankara Hall, Vadakkemadom, Thrissur
Dealers Booth: Rs 7,000
Auction: Oswal Antiques on Nov 9 at 6pm
Contact: C J Vincent 098470 21886

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

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

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The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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