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The News, Views, & Features on Philately & Postal Services of India

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

The price of First Day Covers and the Information Brochures were hiked from Rs 2 to Rs 5 with effect of April 1, 2013. In our opinion this was long overdue as cost of everything has escalated in last decade. The philatelists involved in organized philately know that even in Rs 5 it is not possible to produce a cover. India Post manages to do it due to large print order and perhaps still subsidizes the sale price.

Cost of living has shot up at breakneck speed in last decades. Directly and indirectly it has affected philately too. We remember when The Stamp Show 2000 London proposed a high frame free to meet the incising costs of holding world show, there was a lot of criticism worldwide and eventually they had to reduce the frame fee to normal level. But we have heard nothing at all about THAILAND 2013 where the frame fee is about Rs 5,500 per frame. Times have changed.

Earlier this year INPEX 2013 was criticized for high frame fee but the organizers held firm and didn't budge.

We believe that philatelic community in India is willing to pay its way at free market prices for quality products and services. India Post, philatelic dealers, and event organizers please note.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

Premature Release

The commemorative postage stamp on Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor scheduled to release on April 9, 2013 has been reported used prematurely as early as on April 2, 2013.

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/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 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

May 03: 100 Years of Indian Cinema
May 10: Wild Asses of India
May 24: Securities and Exchange Board of India

Rescheduled, New Date yet to be announced –
Apr 09: Peerzada Ghulam Ahmad Mehjoor

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 5 each, are put on sale at over 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

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE

India Post released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20 on India's Architectural Heritage, on April 11, 2013. A Miniature Sheet was also issued on this occasion.

The design features Srikurmam Temple and Arasavalli Temple on Rs 5 and Rs 20 stamps respectively. Srikurmam Temple is the only temple dedicated to Kurmam (Tortoise) incarnation of Vishnu and believed to have been built before 2nd Century. The Arasavalli is a sun temple from 7th Century. Both these temples are located in the Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh.

Brahm Prakash designed the stamp, miniature sheet, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 5 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 400,000 stamps each. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 210,000.

100 YEARS OF GPO BUILDINGS

Padmini Gopinath, Secretary (Posts) & Chairperson, Postal Services Board, released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on 100 Years of GPO Buildings, on April 12, 2013 at Mumbai. A Miniature Sheet was also issued on this occasion.

The design features heritage buildings of Mumbai General Post Office and Agra General Post Office.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp, miniature sheet, the First Day Cover, and Brochure. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial First Day of Issue postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 5 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 510,000 stamps each. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 210,000.

CHAITYA BHOOMI

K Sankaranarayanan, the Governor of Maharashtra and Prithviraj Chavan, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Chaitya Bhoomi, B R Ambedkar Memorial, on April 14, 2013 at Mumbai.

Chaitya Bhoomi memorial was erected in 1962 at the place where the last rites of Dr B R Ambedkar were performed in Mumbai.

Brahm Prakash designed the stamp, miniature sheet, 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 5 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed by wet offset process a total of 725,000 stamps each.

HARI SINGH NALWA

Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications and Information Technology Minister released a commemorative postage stamp on Hari Singh Nalwa, legendary fearless warrior and a Army General in the service of Maharja Ranjit Singh, on April 30, 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 5 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed by wet offset process a total of 320,000 stamps.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Apr 15, 2013: Srinagar, Philately Exhibition on Women

Apr 17, 2013: Udaipur, Mohanlal Sukhadia University Golden Jubilee

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

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32nd Indian Antarctic Expedition

The mail from the 32nd Indian Antarctic Expedition has come in recently.

The thirty-second Indian expedition to Antarctica went in multiple batches from Vasco, Goa to Maitri and Bharati station between November 4 and December 16, 2012 . The leader of the Maitri station is P S Negi while that of Bharati station is Dr Aditi Krishnamurthy. Dr Krishnamurthy is the first woman

leader of any Indian Antarctic Expedition. In Maitri it will be thirtieth wintering while in Bharati it will be second wintering. The team was flown up to Cape Town, South Africa. From Cape Town onwards most of the summer team was flown to Maitri while others went by the ships. The voyage leader of the ships was Ajay Dhar. MV Ivan Papanin and Vladimir Ignatjuk were used during the expedition. Helicopter support was provided by HeliKorea Company Ltd, Republic of Korea.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/antractic/pole.htm>

Delhi Philatelists Meetings

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

The forthcoming meetings in May are scheduled on 5, 12, 19, and 26.

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>

Royal Philatelic Society Regional Meeting

Markand Dave, Royal Philatelic Society London's (RPSL) Overseas Representative for India, organized a Regional Meeting on April 20, 2013 at Hotel Taj President at Mumbai.

RPSL member Khaitan had highly appreciated this initiative of Regional Meeting and very actively taken part in Group discussion. Dhirubhai Mehta FRPSL, another RPSL Overseas Representative for India, and RPSL's 2000th member, who happens to be from India, Dinyar Madon also attended the meeting. Madon was honored by presenting the book of very rare & famous Swedish stamp "The Treskilling Yellow".

Dave displayed his collections of 1929 Airmail stamps, Quetta Earthquake & Danish Settlements in India which had been enjoyed by all. Mandrekar brought some very interesting items of 1854 British India for discussion,

Three new members applied for the membership of RPSL and several more showed interest in joining.

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #64, Apr 2013

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

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

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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> 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>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Aerogramme & Inland Letter Card](#) | [Envelopes](#) | [Postcards](#) | [Meghdoot PostCard](#)

All Women Employees Post Office in Mumbai

Padmini Gopinath, Secretary (Posts) & Chairperson, Postal Services Board, inaugurated Mumbai's first Mahila Dak Ghar, a post office entirely operated by women staff, on April 12, 2013, at New Customs House, Mumbai. 12 female employees will run the Mahila Dak Ghar, headed by a Senior Superintendent of Posts.

The post office will offer both traditional and modern postal services like booking of registered and speed post articles, e-Money Order, Western Union Money Transfer, e-payment of utility bills of many companies, besides the Post Office Savings Bank transactions.

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.

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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.

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

Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com

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

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Apr 15: Srinagar, Philatelic Exhibition & Seminar on Women's Empowerment
Organizers: Jammu & Kashmir Circle, India Post
Venue: Government College for Women, M A Road, Srinagar

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

Apr 27-28: Vadodara, STAMPMANIA'S – VADOPHILEX
Organizers: Baroda Philatelic Society, Vadodara
Venue: Akruiti Art Gallery, Beside Kirti Mandir, Opp. S S G Hospital, Vadodara
Contact: Prashant Pandya edesk@prashantpandya.com

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

[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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Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.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>

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

Stamps on India <http://www.stampsonindia.com/>

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