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Hi,

Came back from East (Kolkata) and going on to West (Mumbai), life seems to be in the fast lane. However for about two weeks in the remaining part of this month we do plan to sit and work in North (Delhi) itself. The first priority is on updating images on the site.

You keep on contributing by sending in the news, views and corrections, if any.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs writeback@stampsofindia.com

India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties

Stamps of India is pleased to announce that the publication of its new book India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties; a new path-breaking work by Rohit Prasad, will be available from October 17, 2015.

The book is the result of six years of painstaking study and documents 106 CONSTANT varieties identified in India's first Air Mail stamps, while the Stanley Gibbons catalogues only 3 varieties.

India 1929 Air Mail Stamps: A Study of Constant Varieties is A4 all color art paper, hardbound having 300 Pages. It is being brought out as Limited edition of 500 copies.

The book is Published & Distributed worldwide by Stamps of India Private Limited for Rs 5,000 post-paid in India, and USD 100 post-paid worldwide.

According to Rohit Prasad "It gives me immense pleasure to share my study on the India 1929 Air Mail Stamps and I hope other collectors would benefit from this. I look forward to their inputs so that they can be incorporated in the further editions of the book."

Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We reimburse the costs and other agreed charges.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

~~Oct 15: Charkha~~ **Rescheduled** New date to be announced

Oct 15: Dr A P J Abdul Kalam

Oct 21: Border Security Force

Oct 29: India - Africa Forum Summit

Oct 30: 1 Gorkha Rifles & 3 Gorkha Rifles

Nov/Dec: Zoological Survey of India

Nov/Dec: Fire Services in India

Nov/Dec: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Nov/Dec: Devaraj Urs

Nov/Dec: Singers (set of stamps)

Nov/Dec: Mahabharata & Ramayana

Nov/Dec: India Singapore Joint Issue

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.

The issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice of couple of days only at times! Thus it is virtually 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 to us.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2015stamps.html>

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.

Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Sep 30: Alwar, Moosi Maharani KI Chhatari, ALWARPEX 1/2

Oct 02: Alwar, Sukanya Samriddhi Yojna, ALWARPEX 2/2

Oct 03: Pune, Mission Devrai (Sacred Groves)

Oct 07: Goa University, Asian Mycological Congress

Oct 09: Mumbai, Digital India Post - World Post Day

Oct 08: Kolkata, Sombhu Mitra, Daker Saaj 1/5

Oct 09: Kolkata, Sri Jeen Mata, Daker Saaj 2/5

Oct 10: Kolkata, Lions Club of North Calcutta, Daker Saaj 3/5

Oct 11: Kolkata, Tagore with Gandhi, Daker Saaj 4/5

Oct 12: Kolkata, Gandhi's Village Industries Association, Daker Saaj 5/5

Oct 13: Lucknow, 100 Years of return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India AHIMSAPLEX 1/1

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Special Postmarks & Covers** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html>

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New Stamp Booklets

6 Stamp booklets were issued during Daker Saaj, the 8th West Bengal State Philatelic Exhibition held at Kolkata from October 8 to 13, 2015.

On first day two booklets were issued, one each on International Day of Yoga and Women Empowerment. On October 9 a booklet on Nabakalebara, Shri Jagannath Dham Puri was released. The booklet issued on Oct 10 and 11 were on Samrat Ashoka and Mahatma Gandhi respectively. A booklet on FIFA World Cup Football was released on October 12, 2015.

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Daker Saaj

In the historic year of 1757 Nabakrishna Deb of Sovabazar of Calcuta started Durga Puja in his house. Within few years it became famous for its gorgeous decoration and meticulous performance of rituals and started attracting elite and commoners alike. The Deb family introduced new decorations made of silver foil for the Idol of Goddess Durga. These decorations (Saaj) were imported from Germany by post (Dak) and became known as Daker Saaj. Today Daker Saaj is the most popular form of the decorations of the Goddess. The 8th state level philatelic exhibition organized by the West Bengal Circle of India Post on the eve of Durga Puja this year has thus befittingly been named Daker Saaj.

Keshari Nath Tripathi, the governor of West Bengal inaugurated Daker Saaj at the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata on October 9, 2015. The Governor also released a Special Cover and two Stamp Booklets on this occasion.

Following the inauguration, Rajib Sanyal conducted the Quiz in which 25 schools participated. Delhi Public School, Ruby Park won the contest while La Martiniere for Girls and Hooghly Colligate School came Second and Third respectively.

63 students from 20 schools participated in the Letter Writing Competition on October 9, 2015. 66 students in Junior Group and 76 in Senior Group participated in Sit and Draw on October 10, 2015.

The exhibition organized by the Chief Postmaster General of West Bengal continued till October 13, 2015. One Special Cover and one Stamp Booklet were released on October 9, 10, 11, and 12, 2015. Award Ceremony was held on October 13, 2015.

Eminent philatelists S C Sukhani, Dipok Dey, Mohammad Mujibullah, Moloy Sarkar, Shital Pradhan, Dilip Kumar Das, Biswanath Jhunjunwala, P C Jaiswal, Manik Jain, Babul Dey, Soma Dey, and Basudeb Ganguly participated with their exhibits in Invitee Class in 40 frames. Kolkata GPO and 2 Central Base Post Office of Army Postal Service participated with exhibits in Official Class in 10 frames.

There were 141 frames in the Competitive Class. P K Bishoi, Director of Rafi Ahmed Kidwai National Postal Academy, and Ashok Kumar Bayanwala served as Jury. S C Barmma, Chief Postmaster General of the North Eastern Circle served as Apprentice Jury.

16 Stamp Dealers participated with their Sales Stalls.

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Pakistan Overprint on Service Post Cards of British India with Forms used by North Western Railway

Usman Ali Isani, the author of "Pakistan Overprint on Service Post Cards of British India with Forms used by North Western Railway" needs no introduction to the philatelic community. This is his fourth philatelic work and looking at the size and scope of this and his earlier works, it seems he is going to soon supersede the 12 tasks of Hercules.

This is a monumental work focusing on British India post cards overprinted SERVICE for official use of North Western Railway. The Railway printed 13 different standardised forms on these cards. The in-depth study Isani made of these post cards including plating of the mother sheet of 28 post cards and discovering flaws that identify the positions is truly a remarkable achievement. He has also gone on to record the quantity printed as well as census of each variety of cards recorded. The work is divided in 17 chapters and catalogues 73 main types of cards with several sub types of each. And all types including sub types are priced.

This is an indispensable book for all interested in the post cards of British India of King George V and VI period.

The book has excellent production values as always with his works. Pakistan Post Foundation has published this work of 760 A4 size all colour pages on art paper, hardbound in two volumes in a slip case.

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The 300 Pages, A4 all color, printed on art paper hard bound book is being produced in the limited edition of 500 copies only and shall be available on October 17, 2015. The book Distributed worldwide by Stamps of India Private Limited will be available at Rs 5,000 post-paid in India and USD 100 post-paid worldwide. Send your orders today to mj@stampsofindia.com

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

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Oct 15-17, 2015: SCHOOLPEX, 19th Inter School State Level Stamp Exhibition

Organizers: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan & St Xavier's School

Venue: St Xavier's School, Bhagwandas Road, C Scheme Jaipur

Oct 16-18, 2015: 13th Annual Fair

Organizers: Mumbai Coin Society

Venue: World Trade Centre Expo Centre, Cuff Parade, Mumbai

*Oct 17, 2015: Royal Philatelic Society London, 10th Regional Meeting

Venue: 1st Floor, Conference Hall, GPO Mumbai 400001, Time: 10:30 am

Followed by Lunch at Taj Mahal Hotel; Lunch Coupon is available at Rs 900 from Kapil Gogri and Markand Dave

Oct 25, 2015: 2nd Philatelic Exchange Meet, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Organizers: SIPA

Venue: Agarwal Samaj Hall, Varadarajulu Street, Egmore, Chennai

*Oct 30-31 & Nov 1-2, 2015: UTTARPEX-15 Zonal Philately Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Lucknow, Lalit Kala Academy, Aliganj, Lucknow

Open for participation to exhibitors of Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand

Nov 20-22, 2015: Panjab Numismatic Exhibition Ludhiana

Dec 4-6, 2015: Stamps of India National Exhibition **Tentative Dates, to be confirmed by next week**

Organizers: Stamps of India

Venue: NDMC Convention Centre, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001

Dec 10-12, 2015: COINEX PUNE 2015

Organizers: ICSRI Pune

Venue: Sonal Hall Karve Road, Pune 411004

Dec 25-27, 2015: Mudra Utsav

Organizers: Numismatic Society of Kolkata

Venue: Haldiram Banquets Hall, Ballyguange, Kolkata

Dec 26-28, 2015: Naturepex-2015, Philatelic Exhibition on Nature and Environment

Organizers: Eastern India Philatelists' Association

Venue: Bhubaneswar

Open to the exhibitors of Odisha, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh

2016

Jan 7-9, 2016: Kerala

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Thrissur

Open for participation to exhibitors of Kerala & Lakshadweep

Jan 8-10, 2016: Rare Fair 2016

Venue: Indraprastha Hall, Old Gangapur Naka, Gangapur Road, Nashik

Feb 26-28, 2016: National Numismatic Exhibition

Venue: The Bell Hotel, Majestic, Next to Bangalore City Railway Station, Bangalore

See Forthcoming Events online at <http://stampsofindia.com/events.htm>

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

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