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Hi,

We have been associated with the Dak Bhavan, the Postal Headquarters of India, for 42 years and have seen lots of changes of all kinds. We feel that in last four years or so a revolution has been taking place in the Philatelic Division there. Everything 'Philatelic' is becoming 'Philately'. Miniature sheet became Souvenir Sheet and once again Miniature sheet. There is a serious problem of Hindi spellings in several issues and there are examples of, believe it or not, two different spellings being used in a single issue!

Latest to hit us is the current definitive stamp of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. The inscription on the stamp reads 'Moulana' and not 'Maulana' which is the normal spellings. In earlier two commemorative postage stamp issues on Maulana Azad in 1966 and 1988 the nomenclature used was Maulana. Same usage is spread in all official documentation and also on the commemorative coins issued in 2013. So now the question is whether it is a design or rather inscription error?

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

- M&SJ

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Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Dec 26: Alagumuthu Kone

Dec: Devaraj Urs

Dec: Fire Services in India (set of stamps)

Dec: Singers (set of stamps)

Dec: Mahabharata & Ramayana (set of stamps)

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.

New Stamps Released

SUMITRANANDAN PANT

Krishna Kant Paul, Governor of Uttarakhand, released a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Sumitranandan Pant on December 23, 2015 at Dehradun.

Pant was one of the major figures of modern Hindi literature and the founder of chhayavaad format of Hindi poetry. The stamp in the denomination of Rs 5, inland letter rate, depicts portrait of Pant with a background of snow-capped peaks of Himalayas.

Nenu Gupta designed the stamp, the First Day Cover, and the 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 300,000 stamps each in the sheets of 45 stamps each.

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

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Recent & Forthcoming Special Postmarks

Dec 18, 2015: Dungarpur, Ek Thambiya Mahal, WAGADPEX 2016 1/2

Dec 20, 2015: Dungarpur, Bhagoriya Folk Dance, WAGADPEX 2016 3/2

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Special Postmarks & Covers http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015pm.html)

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Army Postal Service Issues http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2015aps.html)

New Stamp Booklet

A Stamp Booklet was issued at Udaipur on December 20, 2015 during 2nd National Meet Jainism Philately Group. The booklet containing a MyStamp is priced at Rs 25 was produced in the quantity of 500.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Stamp Booklets http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb10.html](http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb10.html)

Jainism Philately Group National Meet

Jainism Philately Group (JPG) is an organisation of collectors of Jainism and allied themes like Vegetarianism, Non Violence, Peace etc. It has about three hundred members all around India as well as USA, Canada and Germany. After the grand success of last year's JPG Khajuraho Meet, this year the 2nd Meet was organised at Udaipur on December 19 and 20, 2015 at Udaipur. This JPG Meet was hosted by Udaipur Philatelic & Numismatic Society and attended by 121 persons from various States of India.

On December 19, 2015 in the day time all the delegates visited famous tourist places of Udaipur by double Decker buses. In the night beautiful cultural programme of Rajsthani Folk dances and entertaining magic show was organized which was inaugurated by JPG National Chairman Sudhir Jain.

Second day on December 20, 2015 morning, the Meet was started at the lecture hall of Shri Jindatt Suri Jain Dadawadi with the Mangalacharan of Rashmi Jain. The Meet was presided over by the National Chairman Sudhir Jain (Satna) and conducted by Paras Kothari (Udaipur). Organizing Vice President Mahendra Raj Bhandari gave welcome speech.

Sudhir Jain informed that our membership has reached 271 and during last one year 13 special covers have been issued related to Jainism. Five JPG members elected in the Governing Council of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) and 13 members won Gold to Bronze medals on their exhibits on Jainism theme in different State and District level philatelic exhibitions. New issue service of Jainism related stamps, covers, cancellations is very popular among members.

Senior Philatelist J M Dhor (Jaipur), Mahavir Kundur (Hubli), Rajesh Pahariya (Jaipur), Gaurav Sanghvi (Udaipur), Anil Kumar Jain (Ajmer), Prakash Choksi, Mahendra Raj Bhandari, Shyam Kumawat, Paras Kothari etc were honoured for their various achievements.

A stamp Booklet was also released on this occasion with mystamp of JPG logo.

Following office bearers elected unanimously for the new session –

National Chairman: Sudhir Jain (Satna, MP)

Vice Chairman: Pramod Kumar Jain (Pondicherry) & Dr Pradip Jain (Balod, Chhattisgarh)

Secretary: Dipak Modi (Jalna, Maharashtra) & Mithalal Jain (Pune)

New Issue Co-ordinator: Tejkaran Jain (Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh)

Research Co-ordinator: Mahendra Raj Bhandari (Udaipur)

Organizing President: Prakash Choksi

Mithalal Jain (Pune), Suresh Kumar Jain (Ludhiana), Meena Mutha (Mumbai), Shantilal Hiran (Nasik), Vikas Jain (Ajmer), Rajendra Shah (Pune), B R Mehta (Udaipur), etc gave various suggestions.

After lunch a Philatelic exhibition on Jainism theme and Philatelic workshop was also organized which was visited by large number of citizens.

A memorable kit was distributed to all the members which was bearing old postal stationery, presentation packs of Bhagwan Mahavir coin and Mahatma Gandhi coin, new 1 and 10 star notes, specially cancelled maxim cards, set of pictorial cancellations, beautiful Rajasthani handicraft, writing material, gift packs etc.

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Eurospace 2016

Eurospace 2016, National Specialised Philatelic Exhibition with International Participation, is being held from April 12 to 17, 2015 at Prague, Czech Republic. The exhibition is organized by the Union of Czech Philatelists and recognized by Federation of European Philatelic Associations (FEPA).

The following competitive classes are available at Eurospace 2016:

Astrophilately

Thematic Philately (Only theme Space & Astronomy)

Open Philately (Only theme Space & Astronomy)

The entry fee is Euro 15 per frame for multiple frame exhibit and Euro 20 for One Frame exhibit. In addition the exhibitors will bear the cost of insurance and shipping the exhibit to and from the exhibition. The last date to submit the Entry Form is December 31, 2015.

Those interested may please download the form from <http://stampsofindia.com/eurospace2016.htm> and send duly filled Form by email to the Chairman of the Organising Committee, Julius Cacka julius@atlas.cz

For more information please visit <http://www.eurospace2016.blogspot.in/>

India at Auction Sales

India features in the following forthcoming auction sales:

Jan 8-10, 2016: Harmer Schau Auction Galleries, Los Angeles, USA, www.harmerchau.com

Jan 26, 2016: Murray Payne Ltd, www.murraypayne.com

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Postman Jailed for Tearing up a Letter

Shiju Sheikh, Chief Judicial Magistrate of Ernakulam, sentenced Samuel John, a postman since 2003, to two years' rigorous imprisonment as well as a fine of Rs 2,000 under Section 53 of the Indian Post Offices Act on December 16, 2015. Six years ago John had torn a letter meant for delivery after a tiff with the Postmaster of the Tripunithara post office in Ernakulam district. Following this, an FIR was lodged against the postman and police made the sender and addressee of the mail witnesses in the case.

John was released on bail the same day, and his lawyer has said he will file an appeal in the High Court soon.

John had assigned a colleague to deliver letters to places under his jurisdiction without the postmaster's permission. As the designated person was unfamiliar with the area, he couldn't deliver all of them and the undelivered mail was then handed over to the postmaster. When the postmaster summoned John in this regard, he lost his temper and tore one of the letters in his presence.

"Though he argued that the case was a part of personal vendetta and office politics, the court rejected his contention and awarded him maximum punishment under the relevant section of the Act," the prosecutor said.

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Dec 25-27, 2015: Mudra Utsav

Organizers: Numismatic Society of Kolkata

Venue: Haldiram Banquets Hall, Ballyguange, Kolkata

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Jan 7-9, 2016: KERAPEX 2016, 13th Kerala State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Sri Shankara Hall, M G Road, 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

Jan 16-18, 2016: MAHAPEX-2016, 12th Maharashtra State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Regional Stamp Depot, Upnagar, Nashik

Feb 5-7, 2016: MAPPEX 2016, 12th Madhya Pradesh State Level Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: India Post

Venue: Pritamlal Dua Sabhagrah, Regal Chauraha, Indore

Feb 26-28, 2016: National Numismatic Exhibition

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

*Feb 28, 2015: Philatelic Congress of India Regional Meeting

Venue: Rotary Hall, Opposite St Xavier's College, Church Road, off M I Road, Jaipur

Timings: 10am to 1pm

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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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