

ISSN 0972-3587

----- STAMPS OF INDIA COLLECTORS COMPANION -----  
The First & Only Weekly on Philately & Postal Services of India

Issue # 210 - March 3, 2005. Published Every Thursday  
Edited by Madhukar and Savita Jhingan

~~~~~  
I N T H I S I S S U E

Forthcoming Stamp Issues  
Krishan Kant Stamp Released  
Postal Stationery New Issues  
Postal Stationery Update  
Recent Special Postmarks & Covers  
Greeting Post  
Recent & Forthcoming Events  
Auctions Action  
India Album Supplements  
Recent Periodical Publications  
Obituary: Krishna Kumar  
The Calendar of Worldwide Philatelic Auctions  
Readers Forum - Stan Dudley, Alan Davis  
Royal Visit of Prince and Princess of Wales to India 1905  
United Nations 2005 Personalized Stamp Sheets

~~~~~  
To SUBSCRIBE, send email giving your name, postal address, and  
philatelic interests to "subs at stampsofindia.com"

To UNSUBSCRIBE, send email to "end at stampsofindia.com"

*The email addresses have been stated in this format to avoid their  
farming by crawlers and the resulting flood of junk mail.*

The BACK ISSUES are available as Printout, on CD, and on line at  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/Download/archives.htm>

~~~~~  
JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We are in the process of replacing most of the email addresses that we  
use in order to deal with the ever increasing problems of spam. The new  
email addresses incorporate features that will make these safer.

The new addresses are working along with old addresses at present.  
However the older ones will be phased out by the end of the month,  
please take note.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: A V  
Jeyachandran, Rishi Kochar, K M Singh, Akhilesh Arka

We invite your inputs, please email to "writeback at stampsofindia.com"

~~~~~  
If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.

Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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

Please send your queries in detail (images welcome) on all matters related to Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to find an answer for you.

~~~~~  
NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Mar 10: Madhavrao Scindia

Mar 31: International Year of Physics

The issue along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, shall be available on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters in the country.

For a list of stamps in 2005, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005stamps.htm>

~~~~~  
KRISHAN KANT STAMP RELEASED

Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh released a commemorative postage stamp, in the denomination of rupees five, on the eve of the birth anniversary of the 10<sup>th</sup> Vice President of India Krishan Kant on February 27, 2005 at New Delhi.

The mother of Kant, Satyawati, who recently turned 100 is among the oldest living freedom fighters and was felicitated by the Prime Minister. Wife of the late Vice President, Suman Kant, former Prime Minister I K Gujral, Home Minister Shiv Raj Patil, External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh, and Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology Dr Shakeel Ahmad, were also present at the function.

Born on February 28, 1927 in a family of freedom fighters in the northern State of Punjab, his father had been a member of the Constituent Assembly, who was termed as a pillar of the Bhoodan Movement in Punjab. Kant was also the President of the Servants of the People Society, established by Lala Lajpat Rai.

Kant who began his career as a Scientist with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research was educated at D A V College, Lahore and Benaras Hindu University where he obtained his Master's degree in Technology. A connoisseur of Urdu Poetry, Kant was a prolific writer who contributed profusely to prominent dailies and periodicals. Kant had been the Member of Rajya Sabha for 11 years from 1966 and thereafter a Member of the Lok Sabha till 1980. During his tenure as Governor of Andhra Pradesh, he espoused the cause of the Dalits, Women's empowerment and prohibition. He became the Vice President of India in August, 1997 and held the highest office till his demise on 27th July, 2002.

Bharati Meerchandani designed the stamp and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press printed the stamp by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.6 million.

~~~~~  
POSTAL STATIONERY NEW ISSUES

The following postal stationery with advertisement was scheduled for release in March 2005.

The information in the listing is presented in following format:  
Date, Printer, Language, Message, Quantity in million, Remarks  
'M' denotes multicolor printing.

Postcard  
31, ISP, Hindi, Family Planning, 2

~~~~~  
POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

New Arrivals

February 28: Inland Letter Card with advertisement, in English, National Insurance Coimbatore Region - Sampoorna Suraksha Bima, 1 million, India Security Press, Nashik, Multicolor

February 28: Inland Letter Card with advertisement, in Tamil, National Insurance Coimbatore Region, 1 million, Security Printing Press, Hyderabad

For a list of postal stationery in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005ps.htm>

~~~~~  
RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Feb 25: Chandigarh, 33<sup>rd</sup> Rose Festival  
The festival was held from February 25 to 27, 2005. The Special cover was released by the UT Administrator General (retired) S F Rodrigues. The special cover priced Rs.10 each (postage and registration extra) is available with Rakesh Walia [stampswalia@indiatimes.com](mailto:stampswalia@indiatimes.com).

For a list of special postmarks and covers in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005pmk.htm>

~~~~~  
GREETING POST

India Post introduced Greeting Cards with matching stamped envelopes in 2000. The imprinted stamp on the envelope is an exact replica of the greeting card design.

Jammu & Kashmir Circle of India Post issued 2 greeting cards in 2004.

For a list of greeting cards, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2004gc.htm>

~~~~~  
RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jan 8-9: Wardha, WARDHAPEX, 2 covers  
Jan 22-23: Gulbarga, GULPEX, 2 covers

SCINCEPEX

Department of Science & Technology Government of Rajasthan and Philatelic Society of Rajasthan organized the First Scientific Awareness Philatelic Exhibition at the state level from February 26 to 28, 2005 at Jaipur.

30 exhibits, including 25 in youth class, were displayed in 129 frames. A S Mittal chaired the jury consisting of Y Kumar and Anil Bhargava. The first prize was given to Kashish Thapar on his 3 frames on 'Science & Technology'.

Activity program during the show included Audio Visual presentation on Philately, Stamps on Mathematicians and Astronomers, and Stamps on Indian Science & Technology subjects; Quiz contest, Select the best exhibit, popularity poll, and Seminar on thematic philately.

Three special covers with special postmarks were released on this occasion.

#### SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 21-24, Gangtok, Sikkim  
April 8-9: Calicut, Stamps & Coins  
April 22-24, Mumbai, Coins

August 11-15, Coimbatore, South Zone  
Contact: The Philatelists Coimbatore, 5 Eleventh Street, Tatabad, Coimbatore 641 012

August 12-15: Salem, National Level philatelic & Numismatic  
Contact: Baramahal Philatelic and Numismatic Association, Salem  
[cvperumal\\_60@sify.com](mailto:cvperumal_60@sify.com)

For a list of exhibitions in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events.htm>

#### MEETINGS

March 7: 2 to 4 PM, Delhi Philatelists  
2214-15, Hardhiyan Singh Road, 2nd Floor, Chanana Complex, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005  
Contact: Madhukar Jhingan 93505-37037, Guests are welcome!

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations has now been expanded across India and is available at  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

#### AUCTIONS

##### SIPA AUCTION

South India Philatelists Association is holding an auction on March 6, 2005 at Chennai. The auction will cover stamps of pre and post independence India, thematic, fiscals, various countries, postal stationery etc and shall be held at ABK-AOTS Dosokai, Tamilnadu Centre, Chateau D'Ampa, Third Floor, 110 Nelson Manickam Road, Aminjikarai, Chennai 600029 in two sessions. The first session is scheduled from 10 am to 12.30 pm and the second session from 2 to 4 pm.

##### SRJ POSTAL BID AUCTION

The Sale # 4 of over 150 lots is closing on March 12, 2005. The illustrated catalog is available from S R JANAKIRAMAN  
[srjanakiramanin@yahoo.co.in](mailto:srjanakiramanin@yahoo.co.in).

##### SUKHANI EUROPHIL PUBLIC AUCTION

Sukhani Europhil [sukahnieurophil@rediffmail.com](mailto:sukahnieurophil@rediffmail.com) is holding its 67<sup>th</sup> Public auction sale on March 13, 2005 at Kolkata. Nearly 1500 lots auction includes India Pre-Stamp Covers, Essays, Proofs, Reprints, Scinde Dawks, 1854 Lithographs, Combination Usages, East India QV, Edward, KG V & KG VI, Post Independence, Gandhi, Refugee Relief, Officials, Cancellations, Instructional Label, Mis-sent Covers etc., Military/ FPO/ Campaign/ Censored, IEF, CEF, Prisoners of War, FFC - Mail Covers/ Cards, Pigeonograms, Postal Stationeries, Postal

Stationeries/Covers to Scarce Destinations, Airgraphs, Rocket Mails, Used Abroad, Convention States, Feudatory States, Court Fee, Revenues, Fiscals, Indian States Court Fee, Revenues, British Colonies Foreign Court Fee Revenues Fiscals, British Commonwealth Stamps Covers including Bangladesh, Burma, and Foreign Stamps Covers including Nepal/Tibet. The catalog is also available online at:

<http://www.geocities.com/sukhanieurophil/index.htm>

For a list of auctions in India, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/auction.htm>

~~~~~  
INDIA ALBUM SUPPLEMENTS

Philatelia, the well known philatelic publishers have announced the availability of the supplements for the India Stamp Albums as follows:

1994-1998 Rs 250

1999-2001 Rs 300

2001-2004 Rs 350

Binder with Dust Case is available in Blue and Maroon for Rs 250 each.

The Complete Album for Post Independence period is available in 5 volumes for Rs 2500.

The postage and packing charges are free on the supplements and extra on Binders and albums.

Philatelia also informs that their Phila India Stamp Catalog 2005 is coming soon.

The contact details are as follows:

PHILATELIA, One Motisil Street, Kolkata 700013

Telephone: +91-33-2228 8549, Telefax: +91-33-2228 8888

~~~~~  
RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

BHILWARA PHILATELIC CLUB BULLETIN, Whole # 3, February 2005, Monthly

Editor: Dilip Bhargava

Publisher: Bhilwara Philatelic Club

Address: Shri Govindam, C-3 Mayur Complex, Bhilwara

Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

G P A NEWS, Whole # 86 - September 2004, Monthly

G P A NEWS, Whole # 87 - October 2004, (Not yet Published)

G P A NEWS, Whole # 88-89 - November & December 2004, Monthly

Editor: H C Mehta

Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association

For a list of Indian periodicals, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

~~~~~  
OBITUARY: KRISHNA KUMAR

Krishna Kumar, a lifelong collector from Rae Bareli died on February 10, 2005. He was diagnosed with blood cancer in November 2004. After superannuation Kumar became the distributor in India for Schaubek albums and accessories. With his death, philately in India has lost a committed promoter.

~~~~~  
THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for March 2005 has been updated and is now available at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E. Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website [www.cwiakala.com](http://www.cwiakala.com).

~~~~~  
FREE ADVERTISEMENTS

The Advertising Supplement to 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is available on-line <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/ad/ads.htm>

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750 post paid anywhere in the world. It is now possible to pay by credit card

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>  
~~~~~

VIEWS & OPINIONS

READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

ALAN DAVIS

Can you tell which die these stamps are from?  
Or perhaps you can point me in the right direction to find out.

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/q-210a.htm>

STAN DUDLEY

Attached you will find a scan of a stamp which I believe is from one of the Indian States. I have been unable to find this in any of the catalogues so I am hoping you can help.

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/q-210b.htm>  
~~~~~

FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>  
~~~~~

AN INTERESTING ITEM

VISIT OF PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES TO INDIA IN 1905

Once again Zahid Islam from Dammam, Saudi Arabia has contributed some interesting items.

The Royal Visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales in India commenced with arrival on November 9, 1905 at Bombay by HMS Renown and concluded on March 19, 1906 at Karachi.

A special post office known as "Prince of Wales Camp Post Office" was attached to the camp of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales (later King George V and Queen Mary) throughout the course of the tour in India. This post office performed the ordinary functions of a sub post office.

A nine-saloon train was built for the royal tour. It had seven coaches, 72 ft in length, a boudoir, a dining-saloon and for the very first time, full-sized baths complete with showers. This was 2<sup>nd</sup> time a special

train was built for royal tour. The first special train was built for the Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) visit to India in 1876.

The Prince and Princess of Wales had arrived in India a few months earlier, just when the controversy over the partition of Bengal by Lord Curzon was at its height. It was at this time that the English-educated Bengalees of Calcutta had called for a boycott of all British goods and the purchase only of things that were 'swadeshi' or India made. It was also in 1905 (exactly a hundred years ago) that the Japanese had defeated the Russians, and the mere fact that an eastern power had beaten a western one was a source of great encouragement for the Indian nationalists of that period. (Notice the Japanese flag under the Union Jack in the PPC to symbolize the friendship between these two new allies).

The Prince had thought very little of Lord Curzon's partition plan and had resolved to make a second visit as Emperor to reunite Bengal, which he did in 1911. He was quite disturbed at the general British attitude towards Indians in 1905, and he had written in his diary then: "Evidently we are too much inclined to look upon them as a conquered and down-trodden race and the Native, who is becoming more and more educated, realizes this..."

The first is a very scarce picture post card (PPC) franked Karachi Camp July 19, 1906, addressed to Corporal H Millard of 41st Welsh Regiment, Cardiff Depot, Great Britain. It also has a Sea Post Office handstamp of July 21, 1906. The PPC shows the farewell ceremony at Keamari Port (Karachi) prior to the departure from India of the Prince and Princess of Wales in March 1906.

The second PPC is an image of the pre-Dreadnought battle-cruiser, H.M.S. "Terrible", which escorted the royal couple during their visit to India in 1905/1906. It has the circular Sea Post Office handstamp of March 17, 1906, and is addressed to Miss Alice Le Mathe of Guernsey, Channel Islands.

- With additional research by Madhukar Jhingan

The illustrations are available at:  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/star-003.htm>

You can also share your favorite items with fellow philatelists here, contact "editor at stampsofindia.com" to contribute.

~~~~~  
ALSO IN THE NEWS

UNITED NATIONS 2005 PERSONALIZED STAMP SHEETS  
United Nations Postal Administration issued two new Personalized stamp sheets in January 2005 in which a sheet is available only 'used'. This is for the first time that UN issued stamps only in the 'used' condition and started a debate in the global collecting community.

The details of the sheets are as follows:

'My visit to the United Nations'  
A collector generic student sheet (item No. 393.3053) will only be sold with the stamps cancelled and will sell for \$4.95. The tab illustrates a flying postman design.

The student sheet was developed to allow the many thousands of schoolchildren who visit the United Nations Headquarters Building in New York to obtain a Personalized stamp sheet. The sheet contains ten (10) 37-cent denominated stamps, featuring stamp designs of the following:

1. The United Nations General Assembly Building at UN Headquarters in New York;
2. A view of the United Nations flags located in front of the UN Headquarters Building in New York;
3. A view of the United Nations Secretariat Building in New York;
4. The United Nations Security Council at United Nations Headquarters in New York;
5. The United Nations logo.

'Greetings from the United Nations'

A collector generic international sheet is available with a tab showing people of the world under the United Nations umbrella. The sheet (item No. 393.3054) sells for \$14.95.

The international sheet has 10 80-cent-denominated stamp designs and was developed for international tourists who wish to mail letters globally from New York. It features five (5) new stamp images, described as follows:

1. The "Non-Violence" twisted gun sculpture by Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd located in front of the United Nations New York Secretariat Building;
2. The Armillary Sphere ("Cycle of Life") by Paul Manship, located at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva;
3. A reproduction of a Terracotta Warriors sculpture of a Chinese man and horse located at the UN Headquarters in Vienna;
4. The "Single Form" bronze sculpture by Barbara Hepworth, located near the fountain in the plaza of the Secretariat Building in New York;
5. The "Sphere within a Sphere" by Arnaldo Pomodoro, a gift by the Government of Italy, located at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The illustrations are available at:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/210-pix.htm>

~~~~~  
NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

~~~~~  
WEB SITE UPDATES

STAMPS OF INDIA <http://www.stampsofindia.com>

The Hub Site of Indian Philately presents info in following segments - NEWS, ISSUES, EVENTS, AUCTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, DEALERS, and ARTICLES. In addition we provide question answers in ASK US. Also all Indian philatelic web sites as well as several useful philatelic sites are listed under LINKS.



PRINCELY STATES REPORT <http://www.princelystates.com>  
Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>  
The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

-----\*\*\*\*\*O\*\*\*\*\*-----

ADMINISTRIVIA

Published by Madhukar Jhingan (mjhingan at yahoo.com) for 'Stamps of India', Apartment 49-D, Block BG-5, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063.  
India

Phone: +91-11-25281578, Mobile: +91-9350537037(NEW)

Subject to Delhi Jurisdiction

Awards Received: Silver Medal with the 'Felicitations of the Jury' at  
'BELGICA 2001' World Philatelic Exhibition, Brussels, June 9-17, 2001

Our now famous Disclaimer!

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/siteguide/w04.htm>

=====

© Copyright 2005, Stamps of India, New Delhi. All rights reserved.  
For reproducing content from Stamps of India publications please ask the  
publisher for permission stating exactly what you would like to use, and  
for what purpose, before using the same.