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Jhingans Jottings

Hi

We have survived and how. We do believe in the adage that whatever doesn't destroy you makes you stronger.

All attempts to sabotage the of Stamps of India National Exhibition were tried, these included fixing a general body meeting of the Philatelic Congress of India at Mumbai after a gap of almost 6 years attended only by couple of dozen members, half of whom became members a day before and the other half were local. The two postal officials, the head of philatelic division of India Post, and the head of Army Postal Service were conspicuous by their absence in the meeting. India Post fixed the dates of philatelic quiz and on the spot painting competition all over India within the same dates as that of Stamps of India National Exhibition. And in a very surprising move the exhibitors for INDIPEX 2011 were asked to submit their exhibits by December 20, 2010, and it would be interesting to find out where India Post intended to store these? We wonder was the non participation of India Post in Stamps of India National Exhibition, at the behest of these so called philatelists.

The clear verdict of philatelic community in India is that it's not only the loss of India Post but has also exposed their lack of commitment to further the cause of philately in India. If the idea of all stake holders be it India Post, PCI or philatelists in general is to promote philately then why is everyone not on the same side of the table and joining hands to do so? We request our readers to suggest some answers to this mystery!

The philatelic activities in India, if they are to benefit the budding collectors and seasoned philatelist, need definitely to be done on a scale befitting the stature of the country and a scale like the STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION.

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

- M&SJ

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Stamps of India National Exhibition

The tireless efforts and hectic schedule of the organizing team bore fruit and the exhibition was inaugurated by Honorable Dr Karan Singh, MP amidst a huge crowd. On the dais were Ajoy Bagchi, Patron Stamps of India National Exhibition, Dipok Dey, Honorary Chairman Stamps of India National Exhibition and Founder Bhartiya Dak Tikit Sangstha, Dr Sita Bhatija, Head of the Jury Team and Savita Jhingan, COO Stamps of India. The inaugural ceremony was hosted by Nimmi Singh, the popular anchor and host.

Speaking on the occasion all guests on the dais congratulated the organizers on the excellent set up of the exhibition and the superb display frames. It was indeed a philatelic family that saw the culmination of their dreams turn into reality in the form of the exhibition. All guests on the dais shared their philatelic experiences and as each of them had known each other for several years it was like a walk down the memory lane. The exhibition was officially inaugurated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Dr Karan Singh and other distinguished guests.

Dr Karan Singh while taking a round of the exhibition was highly impressed and particularly moved by the display of Kashmir stamps featuring his father. It was part of the Fiscals of Kashmir exhibit by Anil Suri, leading philatelist of Delhi, in invitee class.

Several schools visited the show in the first half on the first day. Bhartiya Dak Tikit Sangstha provided Caps & Bags to all young visitors. The entry to the exhibition was free however visitors registered themselves at the Reception. About eight thousand visitors came through the door during the exhibition.

The exhibition had 266 exhibitors participating with 770 frames of Exhibits. There were exhibits in all classes except in Astro-philately class. Expectedly maximum number of exhibits were in Thematic Philately class followed by Youth class.

The organizers planned for a world class show from the very beginning and a key component of this was the display frames. Several options were considered including importing from Europe but cost constraints as well as logistics were the bottlenecks. Finally the people who have made frames for all international philatelic shows in India since 1973 were able to come up with a frame that met with the approval of the organizing team, the frames are possibly the best in the world and successfully debuted in the Stamps of India National Exhibition. They were appreciated by all - the exhibitors, the Jurors and the visitors.

Due to funding committed by several supporters that is yet to arrive, the organizers had to reduce the number of the frames from 400 to 200 and planned to change exhibits every day. Therefore decision to not put up Invitee class was taken. Eventually changes were made only on two days consequently about one third exhibits were not put up. That is exhibits in 200 frames were on display for two days and additional exhibits in 200 frames were on display for a day. Even this was a

record as all privately organized nationals since 1997 to 2009 didn't have as many exhibits mounted in frames.

The jury team was led by Dr Sita Bhateja as President with Dr S P Gupta, Sahadeva Sahoo, and AK Bayanwala as Vice Presidents, Dr P S Dixit as Secretary, with S C Sukhani, Anil Suri, Madhukar Deogawanka, I K Kathotia, Savita Jhingan, and Arun Agarwal as Jurors. Rajesh Varma and Rajesh Paharia were the Apprentice Jury while Dipok Dey, H C Mehta, and P R Maru were the Senior Consultants.

The jury team worked long hours to complete its work by the end of the 2nd day. The jury team for the first time in India were allocated work according to their qualification and did an excellent job in judging the exhibits.

The Jury awarded 12 Gold, 56 Silver, and 73 Bronze medals. The complete award list is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/awardslist.htm>.

Sita Ram Jhunjhunwala Memorial National Championship Grand Prize was awarded to Kishor S Chandak for his exhibit 'Pre Stamp Covers up to 1852 having various sizes color and shapes'. The National Grand Prize was awarded to Rajesh Jhunjhunwala for his exhibit 'India Pre-independence Up to 1876'. The Best Thematic Exhibit Award by International Collectors Society of Rare Items Pune was awarded jointly to Dinesh Chandra Sharma for his exhibit 'Sports In The Modern World' and M Jagannath for his exhibit 'The Images Of Summer Olympics'. The National Youth Grand Prize was awarded to Subhankar Tripathy for his exhibit 'Red Cross - Everywhere For Every One'.

The award presentations saw Dipok Dey, Honorary Chairman Stamps of India National Exhibition and Founder Bhartiya Dak Tikit Sangstha, Shanti Sukhani, representing the Jury Team and Savita Jhingan, COO Stamps of India on the dais.

It was hosted by philatelist and renowned anchor Pallab Bose, he added an extra dimension to the awards ceremony by providing information about the philatelists as he has known many of them personally for many years. The Organizing Team and the State Representatives from 20 states who were present were felicitated at the award function in recognition of their hard work.

For the first time in India generic medals were given in line with international philatelic exhibitions trend that has been prevailing since the past decade. The generic medal means that medals for bronze, silver and gold are of same color and size. The medal won is mentioned on the certificate.

Sales Stalls too were of international standard. Steel Cupboards and additional tables were provided as optional extra along with the regular table chair set up - all the 50+ stall holders went back highly satisfied by the sales at the exhibition.

Todywalla Auctions of Mumbai held their 2nd philatelic auction on December 11, 2010 at New Delhi during the Stamps of India National Exhibition. The auction was very well attended and the highest lot sold for Rs 4.75 lakhs - 1/2 sheet of Mahatma Gandhi Rs 10 stamps of 1948.

The exhibits along with medals won will be returned by speed post starting from Dec 20, 2010. The certificates of participation will be mailed along with the Souvenir in the first week of January 2011.

Rohit Prasad, SINE's State Representative for Delhi, hosted a dinner for the Jury, Organizing team and guests on December 9, 2010 at the Spirits Restaurant, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

Harsh Gupta, Head of the SINE Hospitality Team welcomed the Jury, Stall holders, Exhibitors, Organizing Team and guests to the official Reception on December 10, 2010 at Dolphinn Grand, the official hotel of the show.

The event was well covered by Times of India, Hindustan Times, Indian Express, Asian Age, Statesman in print media and Star News, Aaj Tak, ETV and Jai Hind TV Kerala in electronic media.

The organizers had applied for special postmarks to India Post however their response is still awaited. A special cover in the limited quantity of 100 was mailed from Kolkata to New Delhi by speed post on December 11, 2010. These will be auctioned in February 2011 to raise funds, a picture of the special cover can be viewed at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>.

STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION [In Pictures](#)

We request everyone who clicked pictures at the exhibition to share their pictures with us so the same can be shared with all.

New Stamps Issued before Official Date of Release

Two of the stamps that India Post has rescheduled earlier were nevertheless sold by some post offices including philatelic bureaus with First Day cover and Brochure in one case. These are commemorative stamp on Yashwant Rao Chavan and Immanuel Sekaranar. [IMAGES](#)

India to Issue Stamp on Cloth

India Post announced that it will issue a souvenir sheet having one stamp in the denomination of Rs 100 depicting Mahatma Gandhi on February 12, 2010. This will not be produced on the usual medium - paper but on Khadi - the handloom cloth. Bhutan, Switzerland, Austria, and Thailand have earlier issued stamps produced on cloth.

This will be 2nd souvenir sheet issued by India Post. The first was issued in 1997 depicting Mother Teresa in the denomination of Rs 45. The stamps issued in souvenir sheet are not issued in regular sheet of multiple stamps by India Post.

India to Launch Personalised Stamps

India Post announced that it will launch personalized stamp during INDIPEX 2011. Named 'My Stamp' these will allow visitors to put their picture adjacent to the postage stamp to form a tenant pair in the sheet. India experimented with personalized stamps on four occasions in 2000, 2001, and 2002, all in Kolkata.

The personalized stamps were introduced in Australia in 1999 and over 50 postal administrations world over now provide this service. In several countries such as Canada and the Netherlands the personalized image is directly printed on the stamp and not on the adjoining label.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Dec 21: Crafts Museum, 2 Stamps

Dec 22: Yashwant Rao Chavan

Dec 22: Bhausahab Hiray

Dec 23: Bhai Jeevan Singh

Dec 23: Central Bank of India

Dec 24: National Council of Education & Dr Triguna Sen, 2 Stamps

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.

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New Stamps Released

C Subramanian

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate the birth centenary of C Subramanian on November 28, 2010.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamps, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

Kamlapat Singhania

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Kamlapat Singhania, the founder of JK industries, on December 1, 2010.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

Thiruvaduthurai T N Rajarathinam Pillai, Veenai Dhanammal, Thanjavur Balasaraswati,

India Post released a set of 3 stamps, each in the denomination of Rs 5, on Thiruvaduthurai T N Rajarathinam Pillai, Veenai Dhanammal, and Thanjavur Balasaraswati, performing artists, on December 3, 2010.

Brahm Prakash designed the Stamps, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps each by wet offset process.

Sri Sri Borda

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate the birth centenary of Sri Sri Borda, renowned spiritual leader, on December 6, 2010.

Nenu Gupta designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 2 million stamps by photogravure process.

Prafulla Chandra Chaki

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Prafulla Chandra Chaki, revolutionary, on December 11, 2010.

Nenu Gupta designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.3million stamps by photogravure process.

India Mexico Joint Issue

Rameshwari Handa, the Chief Postmaster General of Delhi Circle of India Post released a set of 2 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20 depicting dances as India Mexico Joint Issue of stamps, on December 15, 2010 at a function held at the residence of the Ambassador of Mexico in India New Delhi. A miniature sheet accompanied the issue.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamps, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process. the miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 0.3 million.

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New Special Postmarks & Covers

Nov 11: Kolkata, Mohammedan Sporting Club

Nov 19: New Delhi, Indira Gandhi National Open University, 25 Years

Nov 20: New Delhi, 8th World Congress for Oral Implantology & American Academy of Implant Dentistry Global Conference 2010

Dec 01: Mumbai, Donate Skin

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Army Postal Service Issues

Sep 01: 1st Battalion, 11th Gorkha Rifles Golden Jubilee

Sep 30: Madras Sappers 230th Anniversary

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New Picture Post Cards

West Bengal Circle of India Post released 6 picture post cards of Rabindranath Tagore to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary.

Bhartiya Dak Tikit Sangstha, Kolkata also joined the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Rabindranath Tagore and released a set of 3 picture post cards priced at Rs 50 per set.

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New Stamp Booklet

West Bengal Circle of India Post issued a pack containing the miniature sheet issued on October 13, 2008 depicting Post Office based on the work of Rabindranath Tagore.

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New Issues Availability Status

ARRIVED

Astrological Signs, Miniature Sheet

Postal Heritage, Miniature Sheet, Sheetlet

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

2010: Pigeon & Sparrow, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

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INDIPEX 2011 Update

The INDIPEX 2011 Secretariat communicated to all exhibitors that the date of submitting exhibits is December 20, 2010. This was correct only in case of exhibits in the Philatelic Literature class. The exhibits in all other classes need to submit in the first week of February 2011 for which the INDIPEX 2011 Secretariat is shortly expected to announce a date.

Paulo R Comelli from Paraguay took over from Tay Tay Peng Hian as FIP Coordinator for INDIPEX 2011 consequent to Tay's election as FIP President in October 2010.

Private First Day Covers

Jigar Desai from Mumbai brought out first day covers for the following miniature sheets recently:
Princely States Stamps
Children's Day

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New Philatelic Publication

Daktitkiton Mein Bharat Darshan , in Hindi
Author: Arvind K Singh
Publisher: National Book Trust, New Delhi

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS
Monthly, Whole #36, Dec 2010,
Editor: [Jeevan Jyoti](#)
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla
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Dec 16-19: Museum, 2nd All India Numismatic Conference and Museum Coin Fair 2010
Organizers:
Venue: Museum Complex, Mumbai
Contacts: Dilip Rajgor 090040 82585

Feb 12-14: New Delhi, **STAMP COLLECTORS' MEET**

Timings: Feb 12 Saturday - 12 noon to 6pm, Feb 13 Sunday – 12 noon to 3 pm, Feb 13 Sunday – 3.30 pm onwards Auction, Feb 14 Monday – 12 noon to 5 pm

Venue: National Sports Club of India, Opposite Pragati Maidan, Mathura Road, New Delhi 110001

Tables: Rs 5000 cost includes 1 table, 2 chairs and tea with snacks for 2 everyday, for payment received by December 24, 2010. First preference will be given to sales stall-holders of Stamps of India National Exhibition. Booking opened during Stamps of India National Exhibition to give all an equal opportunity. Out of 20 Tables – 14 booked within 24 hours. ONLY 6 Tables available.

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