

# **Stamps of India Collectors Companion**

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

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## **Jhingans Jottings**

Hi

We acknowledge reports from readers regarding links not working in the pdf files of this publication that has been emailed. We request you to kindly bear with us for some more time while we fix it for good.

Wishing you a very happy new year 2011.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jigar Desai

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## **Stamps of India National Exhibition**

### **From the Secretary General**

Dear All,

Madhukar still feels that at SINE, I should have given the vote of thanks but I had a very valid reason. A hurried vote of thanks could not do justice to what I felt. Also, I write better than I speak (or so I like to believe), so here is my vote of thanks:

Thank you,

To the exhibitors for entrusting us with your valued exhibits and also allowing Jury to pass judgment on them.

To those who attended from outside Delhi & neighboring areas, for giving 4 to 5 days of your valued time to SINE

To those who worked hard to make it a success – the organizing team, the jury and the state representatives

To our overseas attendees for giving SINE an international flavor.

To the stand-holders, your philatelic goods made it worthwhile for collectors to attend SINE.

To those who badmouthed SINE and then turned up to attend, your presence proved you had learnt your lesson. We accept your unspoken apologies.

To those who did not promise us the moon but delivered on what they promised.

And, thank you for having faith in our faith that SINE would be a world class event.

Ashish Talwar  
Secretary General SINE

### **Return of Exhibits**

All exhibits along with medals won have now been returned by speed post between Dec 20 and Dec 27, 2010.

### **Certificates Of Participation**

The certificates of participation will be mailed along with the Souvenir in the first week of January 2011.

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### **New Stamps Issued before Official Date of Release**

It was reported in the issue # 449 of December 16, 2010 that Immanuel Sekaranar commemorative stamp were not only sold by some post offices before their official and now rescheduled date of December 31, 2010 but also that in one case the philatelic bureau released the stamp along with First Day cover, Brochure and First Day of Issue Pictorial Postmark of October 9, 2010. The philatelic bureau was Chennai as was shown in the first day cover displayed at the home page of [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com).

On December 28, 2010 acting in a very strange manner, the philatelic bureau at Mumbai has released the Immanuel Sekaranar commemorative stamp along with First Day cover, Brochure and First Day of Issue Pictorial Postmark of October 9, 2010.

Image is on the home page of [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com)

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### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Dec 31: Immanuel Sekaranar

Dec 31: Lalit Kala Akademi

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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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### **New Stamps Released**

#### **Central Bank of India**

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate the 100th foundation Day of the Central Bank of India on December 23, 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 1 million stamps by Wet Offset process.

### **Bhai Jeevan Singh**

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Bhai Jeevan Singh, the distinguished Sikh General on December 23, 2010, the day he attained martyrdom while fighting the Mughal army at the Garhi of Chamkaur in 1704.

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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

### **Dr Triguna Sen & National Council of Education**

India Post released a set of 2 Se-Tenant stamps, each in the denomination of Rs 5, on December 24, 2010 commemorating Dr Triguna Sen who was born on this day in 1905 & National Council of Education that was set up in 1906 and eventually became Jadavpur University on this day in 1955. Dr Sen was the first Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University.

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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.3 million stamps each by wet offset process.

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### **New Special Postmarks & Covers**

Dec 12: Mumbai, Saint Shree Harvansh Singh Nirmal

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### **New Issues Availability Status**

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2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

2010: Pigeon & Sparrow, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

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### **New Stamp Booklets**

Following privately produced booklets were issued from Kerala in the limited quantity of 200, individually numbered, and are available from

Pigeon

Sparrow

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### **INDIPEX 2011 Update**

The names and contact details of 37 Jurors, including 7 from India, 2 each from Singapore and Thailand, and 1 each from 29 other nations, is now uploaded on their website [INDIPEX2011.com](http://INDIPEX2011.com). In addition there are 4 Apprentice Jurors from 4 nations. In all jurors are from 34 nations.

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### **Mailing Envelopes & Packing Boxes**

India Post is offering a range of mailing envelopes & packing boxes under its Post Pack brand for sale at selected post offices. The Sansad Marg Head Post Office at New Delhi has following items on sale

Low-density polyethylene (LDPE) Envelopes with permanent sealing supplied by Dynaflex Pvt Ltd:

Thickness in Micron: 60 Size in Inches: 5 x 11 Price in Rs: 3  
Thickness in Micron: 75 Size in Inches: 10 x 12 Price in Rs: 5  
Thickness in Micron: 75 Size in Inches: 12 x 16 Price in Rs: 7  
Thickness in Micron: 75 Size in Inches: 15 x 19 Price in Rs: 10  
Thickness in Micron: 87.5 Size in Inches: 10.5 x 14 Price in Rs: 12

Paperboard Envelopes supplied by Dynaflex Pvt Ltd:

Size in mm: 155 x 130 Price in Rs 5  
Size in mm: 240 x 158 Price in Rs 6

To be continued in the next Issue

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### **Auction Action**

Indian Thematic Society is holding its 51st postal auction sale. the 139 lots sale will close on January 15, 2011. For details please visit <http://itsstampnews.blogspot.com/> OR <http://indianthematicstamps.webs.com/>

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

Dec 24-26: Kolkata, 14th Annual Exhibition & Conference  
Organizers: Calcutta Numismatic Society

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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## **VIEWS & OPINIONS**

### **Readers Forum**

Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve this digital newsweekly. Please let us have your thoughts and suggestions.

#### **Binod Kasera, Jaipur**

I would like to congratulate you and your team for the tremendous effort and hard work put up in the noble cause to promote philately through SINE. It was a great experience for me as the management was undoubtedly very well done.

The frames that were put up in the SINE were simply fabulous and added to the beauty of the exhibits. Needless to say there were great exhibits truly showing the National Level Competition.

Once again congratulations to you and Ashishji for the superb work.

#### **Anil Dhir, Bhubaneswar**

The Antiquities & Art Treasures Act 1972:

The Culture Ministry has recently prepared draft guidelines regarding the "Auction and sale of relics of national importance". The ministry is now seeking suggestions and objections from the public in this regard.

This is being done in the wake of the auctioning of Gandhi memorabilia in the USA recently. The Draft is considering inclusion and exclusion of items of national interest.

This opportunity should be a wakeup call for the philatelic community. Indian philately too has suffered due to the auctioning of valuable philatelic material abroad. Rare and irreplaceable Indian items have appeared on the Auction lists of foreign Auctioneers and then just disappeared. Many of the Roll of Honor Philatelists of India have happily cashed their collections abroad after they had garnered enough Medals both in India and the internationals. Unfortunately this has been done by the doyens of the Indian philatelists, most of whom run the affairs of the Philatelic Congress of India as their private fiefdom. On the flip side, we have had innocent philatelists and dealers who have been hauled up to jail and had their materials confiscated under the Act.

The mandarins in the Ministry are unaware that just being more than a hundred years old just not makes a stamp or philatelic material valuable. Their ignorance comes to fore when Temporary Permits have to be applied for sending even mundane and common stamps to International exhibitions. In fact many of the Indian philatelists do not participate in Internationals due to the cumbersome process it takes to get permission, and the threat of getting the exhibit confiscated always hangs like a Damocles sword on their heads.

Philatelists and philatelic bodies should write to the Minister of Culture and create a pressure group so that this act is amended logically. We cannot expect the holy cows of the PCI to do this, they are like Ostriches, happily buried up to their necks in the quagmire that they have made of Indian philately, hence every philatelist should take it upon himself to write.

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