

# Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi

India Post issued 91 stamps in 2010 for a total face value of Rs 500. In addition 12 miniature sheets and 1 sheetlet were also released during the year. This now seems reasonable after the flood unleashed previous year both in numbers and in face value.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jigar Desai, Anil K Pujara,

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## Stamp Popularity Poll

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2010 to select the best stamp of 2010, and best miniature sheet of 2010. As only 1 sheetlet was issued in 2010 there will not be a poll for the sheetlets this time.

The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. You can send as many ballots as you wish. Please select from the issues of 2010 as shown at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2010stamps.htm> and vote for the best stamp, an d miniature sheet of 2010 in your opinion. Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: [stampoll@stampsofindia.com](mailto:stampoll@stampsofindia.com)

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 15, 2011. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue #458 of February 17, 2011. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots. We welcome the sponsors for prizes, please contact [admin@stampsofindia.com](mailto:admin@stampsofindia.com) in this regard.

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### **An Appeal by Anil Dhir**

The Last Post, a film made by me on the Dak Tonga Man of Jeypore in the Koraput District of Orissa won a Gold at the SINE recently. The film is a story of Nila Nayak, his two horses Budhhu and Sania, and the rickety mail cart in which he carries the mailbags for the Post Office. He had been doing this for the last forty years, carrying on a tradition that he has inherited from his forefathers. It is a story of a small town man, caught up in the agony of existence, his own and his family's, a man who had sacrificed his present and his future for the sake of the past.

India Post used to pay him only Rs 90 per day, however after the film was made; the Minister of Posts increased his remunerations to Rs 250 per day. This was little respite for Nila, as he died soon after the film was made. However his son continues running the Tonga. Even the Rs 250/- is a measly amount, but the son is determined to continue the nearly century old tradition. The full story can be read in Stamps of India Newsletter No 325 of February 2008.

The film catapulted the Tonga man to fame. I got numerous letters from India and abroad and many magazines carried the story. Coincidentally, I was in Jeypore last week and came to know that two of his horses have died. He has one scraggly mare, which can hardly pull the Tonga. A new horse will cost him at least Rs 10,000/-. I am trying to get him one horse but he needs a pair of horses to run the Tonga cart. One will not suffice.

If this horse dies, then the Tonga Cart will come to a stop for the first time in nearly one century. There is every chance that once stopped, it would not be revived. Thus will end the story of the Last Dak Tonga of India. I appeal to the philatelic community to please help him in getting another horse. I will send a CD of the film to anyone who sends him at least Rs 100/-. The amount can be sent by Money Order to Chanchala Nayak, w/o Late Nila Nayak (Dak Tonga Man) O/o The Senior Superintendent Post Offices, Koraput Division, Jeypore 764 001, India.

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#### **1.1.11**

Atul Jain from Bilaspur, Jigar Desai from Mumbai, and Ashwani Dube from Gorakhpur, created covers for the Jan 1, 2011 written in postmarks as 1.1.11.

The other such dates this year are January 11 (11.1.11), Nov 1(1.11.11), and Nov 11 (11.11.11).

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2010stamps.htm>

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### **New Issue Program 2011**

India Post released the its Issue Program for 2011 on January 4, 2011.

The collectors of Indian stamps as usual can expect lots of rescheduling and additions of issues to this. It is also possible that some stamps listed may not be issued this year. While Save the Tiger stamp designing competition was recently held with great fanfare all over India with the participation of thousands of children and assurance of 6 winning designs to be issued on stamps on the Children's Day 2011, the same is not surprisingly missing from the program.

Jan 15: Doot - Centenary of Gujarati Monthly

Jan 27: Krishnadevaraya

Feb 01: Ch. Ranbir Singh

Feb 02: Maryward-Loreto Institutions  
Feb 04: Corps of Signal  
Feb 07: Venkata Subbiah  
Feb 08: Census of India  
Feb 11: V.Venkatasubbha Reddiar  
Feb 12: Aero Philately - World Philatelic Exhibition 2011, 4 Stamps  
Feb 13: Legendary Heroines Of Indian Cinema, 6 Stamps  
1. Kanan Devi, 2. Devika Rani, 3. Savitri, 4. Meena Kumari, 5. Leela Naidu, 6. Nutan  
Mar 01: La Martiniere Schools  
Mar 23: Subhadra Joshi  
Apr 22: Chitralkha  
Apr 30: Umrao Kanwar Maharaj Saa "Archana"  
May 07: Rabindranath Tagore  
Jul 01: Director General of Audit (P&T)  
Jul 02: The United Theological College  
Jul 21: V. S. Page  
Jul 28: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy  
Aug/Sep: Teja Ji Maharaj  
Aug 01: K. M. Mathew  
Aug 29: Dr. Madhav Shrihari Aney  
Sep 08: Tripuraneni Gopichand  
Sep 15: M. B. Appasaheb Kadadi  
Sep 25: Acharya Jaimal Ji  
Oct 17: Para (Sf) 1 Punjab  
Oct 00: Naval Dockyard  
Dec 19: Golden Jubilee Of Goa Liberation  
Date To Be Announced:  
1. Pt. Mallikarjun Mansur, 2. Kumar Gandharva, 3. Gangubai Hangal, 4. D.K. Pattamal  
Kavi Pradeep

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### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Jan 15: Doot- Centenary of Gujarati Monthly  
Jan 27: Krishnadevaraya

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**

#### **Immanuel Sekaranar**

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Immanuel Sekaranar, a freedom fighter, on December 31, 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 0.3 million stamps by Wet Offset process.

## **Lalit Kala Akademi**

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Lalit Kala Akademi, the National Academy of Art, New Delhi on December 31, 2010.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp 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.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2010stamps.htm>

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## **New Special Postmarks & Covers**

Jan 01: Chennai, South India Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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## **New Issues Availability Status**

ARRIVED

2010: Pigeon & Sparrow, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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## **New Stamp Booklets**

South India Philatelists Association issued a stamp booklet approved by the Tamilnadu Circle of India Post on June 7, 2010 on World Environment Day.

Uttarakhand Circle of India Post issued a stamp booklet on passing out of 127 Regular Course by Indian Military Academy on December 8, 2019.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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## **India Post Calendar 2011**

In an innovative brand building measure, Department of Posts had brought out an "India Post Calendar" in the year 2010 on the theme of Jayadev and Geetgovinda. The Calendar was designed on the popular set of eleven Dasavatar commemorative postage stamps issued by the Department of Posts (based on Jayadev's 12th century epic Geetgovinda). The calendar was received very well by the public at large and was widely appreciated in bureaucratic, corporate, media and philatelic circles.

Enthused with the response on India Post Calendar 2010, the Department of Posts has brought out its year 2011 Calendar which is on the theme of Buddha.

More than 2500 years ago, a young man meditated on life and death and found enlightenment. That man was Siddhartha Gautam whom we know as The Buddha. Buddha, in his first sermon after enlightenment laid out the Noble Eightfold Path, also known as the Middle Path, as the way leading to the cessation of suffering. Buddha preached commitment to a nonviolent way of life. A commitment that included a profound concern for the welfare of all. Buddha abhorred dogma and ritual, inequity and injustice. He preached the gospel of love and compassion and encouraged people to follow the path of righteousness, benevolence and humanism.

India Post has celebrated the heritage of Buddha by issue of a number of postage stamps on his legacy from time to time. India Post 2011 Calendar is inspired by these postage stamps and includes images drawn from the vast trove of Buddhist art and culture.

The message of Buddha is relevant to each one of us even today. India Post dedicates its year 2011 Calendar to this legacy of Buddha. The 'India Post 2011 Calendar' is available in the philatelic bureaux at all state capitals across the country for sale at the price of Rs.200/-.

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### **INDIPEX 2011 Update**

The last day for payment for frame fee is January 15, 2011.

The participants are advised to submit the exhibits at the Bin Room, Hall #8, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on February 10, 2011. This is suggested as the best possible option by the organizers. Alternatively the INDIPEX 2011 Secretariat will receive the exhibits sent by post, at exhibitors risk, only from February 7 to 9, 2011. The exhibits will not be accepted before February 7, 2011.

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### **Auction Action**

Aries Auctions will be holding its first auction in New Delhi on the evening of 13th February 2011.

Worldwide lovers of Indian philately are expected to be in New Delhi because of INDIPEX 2011 and this auction presents a unique opportunity to bring together buyers as well as sellers.

The organisers of this Auction are terming it 'a celebration of Independent Indian philately' in all its manifestations - Errors/varieties, Mint sheets, Sheetlets, Se-tenants, First day covers, Postal history, Mahatma Gandhi, Taj Mahal thematics, etc. Indian airmails, British India and Indian States will also be featured prominently though no item shall be more than 99 years old.

Last day for acceptance of consignments is 12th January 2011. Contact: Ashish Talwar at 98101 86108 or talwar2002@hotmail.com

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### **Recent Philatelic Periodicals**

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS  
Monthly, Whole #37, Jan 2011,  
Editor: [Jeevan Jyoti](#)  
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla  
Also available [online](#)

The North Post 2010  
Publisher: Ludhiana Philatelic Club, Ludhiana

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Jan 11-13: Vadodara, Non Competitive Philatelic Exhibition on the theme of 'Railways'

As a part of celebration of 150 Years of arrival of train at Vadodara (1861-2011)

Organizers: Vadodara Division of Western Railway

Venue: Railway Auditorium, Pratapnagar, Vadodara

Contact: Prashant Pandya +919879571179 for exhibiting their collection on 'Railway' theme

Issues: A special cover and postmark will also be released on Jan 11, 2010

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: All Tables SOLD OUT

Contacts: Ashish Talwar 09810186108 [talwar2002@hotmail.com](mailto:talwar2002@hotmail.com), Rohit Prasad 09810304233

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02. Sant Kumar Jain, Jaipur
03. Luhadia Stamp Auctions, Jaipur
04. Rakesh Khemka, Amritsar
05. A. R. C. Shah, New Delhi
06. Dipak Mittal, New Delhi
07. N. K. Dhuper, New Delhi
08. S. L. Jain, New Delhi
09. Rasiklal Mehta, Mumbai
10. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon and New Delhi
11. Stamps R Us, New Delhi
12. Ashoka Collections House, Puducherry
13. Mafatlal Sheth, Mumbai
14. Sunil Prabhu, Mumbai
15. Kailash Nath, Varanasi
16. Chandra Prakash, Bareilly
17. PhilatelieCal, Kolkata
18. Park Stamp Centre, Kolkata
19. Ranjit Singh, New Delhi
20. Pradip Aggarwal, Patna
21. N C Bhandari, Jaipur
22. Dipak Dave, Nadiad
23. Rajesh Choudhary, Jaipur
24. Abdul Ghaffar Gandhi, Jaipur

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[Princely States Report](#)

Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

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