

Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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Jhingans Jottings

Hi

The Department of Posts should be congratulated for creating a wonderful site for INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition.

However the webmaster needs to take care whilst posting information on the site. Initially when the INDIPEX 2011 web site was launched it stated that it was celebrating 150 years of the World's First Official Air Mail of 1911, instead of 100 years.

Then it was decided to utilize a Helicopter for the re-enactment flight for the centenary of the World's First Official Air Mail of 1911.

Why the date of re-enactment flight has been moved from February 18 to 12, hope someone will care to answer that especially as the inauguration of the exhibition is taking place on the 12th and the exhibition is open till the 18th..

Now the INDIPEX 2011 web site shows river Ganga between Allahabad and Naini instead of river Yamuna.

We realize that postal officials are not expected to know the entire history of their department. Yet it is important that when information is placed for International consumption the facts should be verified so that the Indian postal administration and Indian philately does not become a laughing stock in the world.

At the time of re-enactment flights for the Golden Jubilee in 1961 and for the Platinum Jubilee in 1986 proper research seems to have been done before the re-enactment that did take place on February 18, by an aeroplane. Did it has anything to do with who was advising India Post now a

days? The so-called expert philatelists from PCI advising now don't seem to have their own facts in place.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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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, and a 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: stamppoll@stampsofindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 16, 2010. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue #458 of February 17, 2009. 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 in this regard.

Sukumar Mondal Passes Away

Sukumar Mondal, senior stamp dealer breathed his last on January 15, 2010 in Kolkata. Although not much active in stamp trade in recent years he was a major exporter and importer, and wholesaler of stamps in 1970s and 1980s.

Booking for Gandhi Stamp on Cloth

There is some confusion at the INDIPEX 2011 as to the price of Khadi stamp.

Their web site clearly states that for the International Delivery "The Presentation Pack for the overseas buyers is priced at US\$5 only. The Pack will be delivered via Registered Post at an additional fixed cost of US\$2 **per order**. The payment (US\$5 x Quantity + US\$2) for your order is to be made by electronic transfer to the India Post. "

For the delivery within India their site states "The Presentation Pack can be delivered via Speedpost at an additional fixed cost of Rs.25 only. Simply fill the Pre-Order Form below and choose this as the Mode of Delivery. Send a copy of the Confirmation Mail that you receive along with a Demand Draft of the amount (Rs.250 x Quantity + Rs.25) for your order, made in favour of World Philatelic Exhibition/Indipex-2011"

However the INDIPEX 2011 Secretariat is advising customers that the postal charges of US\$ 2 or Rs 25 are not per order but per piece of presentation pack. Thus ignoring the calculations given on their web site they are asking for US\$ 7 and Rs 275 per pack!

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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 as soon as it becomes available.

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New Special Postmarks & Covers

Dec 31: Hyderabad, 50 Yrs of National Geophysical Research Institute

Jan 04: Hyderabad, 16th National Jamboree & Centenary year of Guiding in India

Jan 15-16: Saran, philatelic exhibition , 2 Covers (Rajendra College, Chapra & Gajrah Sonpur Fair)

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New Maxim Card

Jigar Desai has created a 3D Maxim Card on Indian Craft Museum which will be made available during INDIPEX 2011 from February 14 onwards. The card is priced at Rs 150 post paid and booking is being accepted at +91-9757287386.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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Mailing Envelopes & Packing Boxes

Continued from Issue #451 of Dec 30, 2010

The sale of a range of mailing envelopes & packing boxes under India Post's Post Pack brand was formally inaugurated on January 18, 2011 at the Sansad Marg Head Post Office at New Delhi.

In addition to the envelopes available as reported in the Issue #451 of Dec 30, 2010, we now report the boxes made of Corrugated Fibre Board available for sale as follows:

Capacity 0.5 KG, Size 150 x 50 x 250 mm, Price in Rs: 14
Capacity 1 KG, Size 250 x 50 x 300 mm, Price in Rs: 21
Capacity 2.5 KG, Size 250 x 100 x 300 mm, Price in Rs: 28
Capacity 5 KG, Size 300 x 250 x 200 mm, Price in Rs: 49
Capacity 7.5 KG, Size 500 x 300 x 150 mm, Price in Rs: 90
Capacity 10 KG, Size 500 x 300 x 200 mm, Price in Rs: 100
Capacity 10 KG, Size 500 x 310 x 150 mm, Price in Rs: 96
Capacity 10 KG, Size 500 x 350 x 150 mm, Price in Rs: 98

More varieties of envelopes and boxes is expected to be added to this range.

Auction Action

Aries Auctions
Feb 13, 2011, New Delhi
Contact: talwar2002@hotmail.com

Todywala Auctions - Stamps
Feb 14-14, 2011, New Delhi
Contact: info@todyauction.com

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

PHILANEWS, # 51, May Jun 2010
PHILANEWS, # 52, Jul Aug 2010
PHILANEWS, # 53, Sep Oct 2010
PHILANEWS, # 54, Nov Dec 2010
Editor: Rajesh Paharia
Publisher: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Jaipur

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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, Rohit Prasad 09810304233

Table Holders of the Stamp collectors Meet:

01. Travancore Stamp House, Kottayam
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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