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**Jhingans Jottings**

Hi

We welcome you to Delhi for the twin events - the world philatelic exhibition INDIPEX 2011 and the Stamp Collectors Meet. Please feel free to ask if you require any assistance during your visit. We will be available on +91-9811160965 / + 91-9350537037 and at Booth #86 at INDIPEX 2011 and of course on [mj@stampsofindia.com](mailto:mj@stampsofindia.com).

The events will host several release functions, many auctions, many private treaties, many formal and perhaps hundreds of informal meetings, many dinners and social events during the week beginning February 12 to 18, 2011.

These events will provide opportunities to see a wide range of exhibits from all over the world; to buy from and sell to dealers not only from all over India but also from other countries; to buy new and older stamps from India Post as well as several other post offices of the world participating at the exhibition, and last but not the least an opportunity to interact with philatelists from all parts of the world. We urge you to take full advantage of the opportunities available.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jagannath Mani, Sharad Mohan  
We invite your [inputs](#)

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**The Curious Case of Immanuel Sekaranar**

We have reported earlier that the Immanuel Sekaranar issue was released on its original scheduled date of October 9, 2010 at Chennai and Mumbai, while India Post released it in New Delhi on December 31, 2010. However in several philatelic bureaus in the country, including Bangalore, Mysore, and Belgaum, this issue is yet to be released !!!

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## **INDIPEX 2011 Program**

### **DAY 1 Saturday, February 12 - PEACE & HARMONY DAY, 1 PM to 6PM**

- 10:00 - 17:00 Stamp Collectors Meet, at National Sports Club of India, Opposite Pragati Maidan
- 10:30 - 11:30 Inauguration Ceremony by President of India, at Hamsadhwani Theatre,
- 14:00 - 14:30 Presentation function for Aero-philately stamps, at Hall #8
- 15:00 - 15:30 Release of Special Cover on ONGC, at Hamsadhwani
- 15:30 - 16:30 National Level Quiz Competition, at Hamsadhwani
- 16:30 - 17:00 Awards presentation to the winners of National Quiz, Design A Stamp, and Letter Writing contests, at Hamsadhwani
- 19:30 - 20:30 Light & Sound Show, at Old Fort, next door to the Pragati Maidan

### **DAY 2 Sunday, February 13 - ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT DAY, 10AM to 6PM**

- 10:00 - 17:00 Stamp Collectors Meet, at National Sports Club of India, Opposite Pragati Maidan
- 11:30 - 12:00 Release of Special Cover on Gujarat State, at Hall #8
- 15:30 - 16:00 Release of Special Cover on Western Union, at Hall #8
- 18:00 onwards Aries Auctions, Venue - Auditorium, Mezzanine Floor, at Hall #8
- 19:00 - 21:00 Release of Stamps on Legendary Heroines of Indian Cinema and Reception, at Imperial Hotel Lawns, Janpath

### **DAY 3 Monday, February 14 - YOUTH DAY, 10AM to 6PM**

- 10:00 - 17:00 Stamp Collectors Meet, at National Sports Club of India, Opposite Pragati Maidan
- 11:30 - 12:00 Release of Special Cover on SPMCIL, at Hall #8
- 15:30 - 16:00 Release of Special Cover on St. Michael Group of Institutions, at Hall #8
- 16:00 - 18:00 Todywala Auctions, at Auditorium, Mezzanine Floor, at Hall #8
- 20:30 onwards India Study Circle for Philately Dinner, at Civil Services Officer's Institute, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, by Contribution Rs 900 (3 course Veg & Non-Veg + alcohol)
- 10:00 - 17:00 Spouse (of Jury & Commissioners) Program – Local Sightseeing

### **DAY 4 Tuesday, February 15 - SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DAY, 10AM to 6PM**

- 11:30 - 12:00 Release of Special Cover on HCL, at Hall #8
- 15:30 - 16:00 Release of Special Cover on Sethu Educational Trust Institute of Technology, Hall #8
- 16:00 - 16:30 Release of Special Cover on HP, at Hall #8
- 16:00 - 17:00 Meeting of the philatelists collecting Jainism & allied themes
- 16:00 - 18:00 Todywala Auctions, at Auditorium, Mezzanine Floor, Hall #8
- 20:30 onwards Philatelic Dealers Association Dinner, at Spirits Restaurant, Connaught Place

### **DAY 5 Wednesday, February 16 - CULTURE & HERITAGE DAY, 10AM to 6PM**

- 11:30 - 12:00 Release of Special Cover on Incredible India, at Hall #8
- 15:30 - 16:00 Release of Special Cover on Arya Vaidya Salar Kottakal, at Hall #8
- 07:00 - 20:00 Trip for the Commissioners and the Jury to the Taj Mahal, Agra.
- 09:00 - 16:00 Heritage Train Run from Delhi Cantonment to Rewari

### **DAY 6 Thursday, February 17 - ENVIRONMENT DAY, 10AM to 6PM**

- 11:30 - 12:00 Release of Special Cover on Environment Day by India Post, at Hall #8
- 12:00 - 14:00 Awards presentation to the winners of INDIPEX, at Hall #8
- 15:00 - 15:30 Release of Special Cover on ICICI Prudential Life, at Hall #8
- 19:30 - 22:00 Palmares Dinner, at Hotel Taj Palace, Sardar Patel Marg

### **DAY 7 Friday, February 18 - AEROPHILATELY DAY, 10AM to 1PM**

- 11:30 - 12:00 Release of Special Cover on Air India, at Hall #8
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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 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@stampsofindia.com) in this regard.

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Feb 11: V Venkatasubbha Reddiar

Feb 12: Mahatma Gandhi miniature sheet printed on Khadi

Feb 12: Personalized Stamps, 17 different Sheets of 12 stamps each

Feb 12: INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition, 4 Stamps, Aero-Philately

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

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.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011stamps.htm>

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## New Stamps Issued

### Corps of Signal

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Corps of Signals of the Indian Army on its centenary on February 4, 2011.

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 0.3 million stamps by Wet Offset process.

### V Subbiah

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the birth centenary of V Subbiah, freedom fighter and political leader on February 7, 2011.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by Wet Offset process.

## Census of India

Pratibha Patil, the President of India, released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the Census of India on February 8, 2011.

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2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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## India Post Launches Flat Rate Boxes

India Post launched Flat Rate Boxes for inland mail on February 4, 2011. The boxes are prepaid for speedpost service for three weight slabs, 1 Kilogram, 1-2.5 Kilograms, and 2.5 -5 Kilograms for Rs 125, 200 and 400 respectively.

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## Auction Action

### ARIES AUCTIONS

Aries Auctions' first auction is being held during INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition on February 13, 2011 at the Auditorium, mezzanine floor, Hall No. 8, INDIPEX, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

There are some great rarities of Independent India, Mahatma Gandhi as well as a comprehensive section on Indian Airmails. The catalogue is online at - <http://stampsofindia.com/AriesAuctions.htm>

Only two days left to bid online. Bids can be emailed to [talwar2002@hotmail.com](mailto:talwar2002@hotmail.com). Email bids have to be received by the afternoon of 11th February 2011.

The Buyer's premium is 10% and payment can be made by PayPal but only if PayPal charges are borne by the Buyer/Bidder. Indian bidders please note that PayPal can no longer be used to make payments within India. They will have to pay in person or remit it to the bank account. Payment should be received during INDIPEX or if not present at INDIPEX, within 5 days of closing of auction. Other terms and conditions can be viewed in the catalogue itself. The first time bidders have to provide trade references or advance deposit.

### TODYWALA AUCTIONS

Todywalla Auctions is pleased to announce two important stamp sales No. 3 and 4 on the February 14 and 15 from 4 pm onwards, in conjunction with INDIPEX 2011.

The auctions include a number of rarities such as the Blue and White Scinde Dawks, Bisect, 1st Airmail Cover from Allahabad to Naini, various Gandhi items including four value mourning cover and private covers, penny black in mint condition, Essays and proofs of Lithograph stamps and cover with Lady Minto's fete stamp and many more interesting rarities. Something for everybody!!

All items included in the auction will be available to view at Todywalla Auctions booth No. 81 and 84. Both the catalogs are now online at [www.todyauction.com](http://www.todyauction.com).

For further information contact [info@todyauction.com](mailto:info@todyauction.com)

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### **Royal Mail Commemorates INDIPEX 2011**

Royal Mail will issue on February 12, 2011 a vibrant, colourful sheet to celebrate the INDIPEX International Stamp Exhibition in New Delhi, it features a reproduction of the Mahatma Gandhi Centenary stamp issued on 13th August 1969 - the first stamp in the UK to commemorate an overseas leader.

The sheet comprises 20 First Class 'Union Flag' self adhesive stamps with labels featuring scenes from around New Delhi including the Lotus Temple, Jama Masjid Mosque, India Gate, the Akshardham Temple and the exhibition venue, Pragati Maidan Exhibition Centre.

The sheet consists of two identical halves each having images of old and new Delhi, and the British 1969 Gandhi Centenary stamp, on labels alongside the self-adhesive Union Flag stamp. The sheet will be on sale from the Royal Mail Philatelic Bureau and philatelic outlets.

For image please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Indipex2011UK.html>

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### **Recent Philatelic Periodicals**

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS

Monthly, Whole #38, Feb 2011,

Editor: [Jeevan Jyoti](#)

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Also available [online](#)

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

Feb 12-14: New Delhi, [STAMP COLLECTORS' MEET](#)

Timings: **10 AM to 5 PM**

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

Tables: All Tables SOLD OUT

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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. R S Gupta, Bangalore
21. N C Bhandari, Jaipur
22. Dipak Dave, Nadiad
23. Rajesh Choudhary, Jaipur
24. Abdul Ghaffar Gandhi, Jaipur

Feb 12-18: New Delhi, INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition  
Timings: Feb 12 - 1 to 6 pm; Feb 13 to 17 - 10 to 6 pm & Feb 18 - 10 to 1 pm  
Organizers: India Post  
Venue: Hall #8,9,10,& 11; Pragati Maidan, New Delhi 110001  
Contact: wpe2011@indiapost.gov.in  
Web Site: www.indipex2011.com

Feb 25-27: Vellore City, Philatelic Expo  
Organizers: Numismatic & Philatelic Association of Vellore Fort  
Contact: Tamil Vanan, Secretary, tamil\_4442004@yahoo.co.in

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**Jagannath Mani**, Bangalore (www.olympicgamesphilately.blogspot.com)

As I am sports lover and sports philatelist I request the INDIPEX 2011 organising committee to give prominent place to sports in Indian philately.

The tenth ICC Cricket World Cup opening ceremony will be held on 17 February 2011, two days before the start of the tournament, that is during the world philatelic exhibition but no special

cancellation nor special cover will be issued. With no prominent place to sports in India how the sports is going to improve in our country?

During INDEPEX 1997 a special cancellation was provided on Olympic Day but there is no promotion for sports this time.

Hoping for the best

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