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

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Hi

We will be participating with a Stall at the 20th Annual Shukla Day Numismatic & Philatelic Fair from April 21 to 24, 2011 at World Trade Centre, Mumbai as well as the National Numismatic Exhibition from May 6 to 8, 2011 at The Bell Hotel, Bangalore. We will be carrying limited stock of philatelic publications and shall be happy to accommodate any special requests for the titles of your want list.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

We invite your [inputs](#)

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Apr 22: Chitralkha

Apr 30: Umrao Kanwar Maharaj Saa "Archana"

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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Subhadra Joshi Stamp Released

Pratibha Devisingh Patil, the President of India, released a commemorative postage stamp on freedom fighter Subhadra Joshi on March 23, 2011 at New Delhi. Kapil Sibal, Minister of Communications and Information Technology was also present on the occasion.

Joshi was born on March 23, 1919 in a well known family in Sialkot (now in Pakistan). She was one of the veterans of freedom struggle who dedicated her life to preserving and promoting national integration, communal harmony, social justice for the minorities, weaker sections and the handicapped.

Attracted by the ideals of Gandhi, she visited his Ashram at Wardha when she was studying in Lahore. As a Student she took part in the Quit India Movement in 1942. She went underground and edited a journal 'Hamara Sangram'. For the education of dalit children she opened evening schools in Delhi. She was arrested and sent to Lahore Central Jail.

During the dark days of Partition she set up a peace volunteer organization 'Shanti Dal' which went from door to door spreading the Gandhi's message of peace and amity. She also organized rehabilitation of evacuees from Pakistan.

As a parliamentarian for four terms, she made an outstanding contribution to the passage of Special Marriage Act, the Nationalization of Banks, Abolition of Privy Purses, Aligarh University Amendment Act and others. Above all, she pioneered the move to amend the code for Criminal Procedure whereby organized propaganda leading to fear or ill will among communities was made a cognizable offence.

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.

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New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Gandhi Khadi @ePostOffice

India Post has started selling Gandhi Khadi Miniature Sheet Presentation pack for Rs 250 on its epostoffice.gov.in site along with other stamps and miniature sheet. The terms of business are: Minimum order requirement is Rs 200, Maximum quantity of an item that can be ordered - 5, Service Charge Rs 50 per order, about 2% of total amount for use of Debit and Credit Card, Net banking not yet available. One has to register online before placing an order.

The epostoffice is a pilot project of India Post and at present caters only to residents in India. There are several usability issues that are being resolved such as browser compatibility. In our experience Google Chrome is not yet supported. There are also a score of dead links and several links that open on another India Post site.

Our advice: If you keep on trying you will get through as a number of persons who successfully have ordered stamps online there. And don't forget to send your feedback to India Post for improvement of this service.

My Stamp Personalized Stamps

My Stamp Personalized Stamps will be available in select philatelic bureaus in India sometime in middle or late April 2011. An announcement from India Post is expected in this regard soon.

New Special Postmarks & Covers

Feb 14: Mulki, Canara Bank Mulki Branch Platinum Jubilee

ILLUSTRATED LISTS **Special Postmarks 2011** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011pm.htm> |

Stanley Gibbons India Catalog

Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalog on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalog. We had distributed it all over India.

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We accept payment by transfer and cheque deposit in to our bank account (ask for details), bank draft payable at New Delhi, and 'payable at par' cheque drawn in favor of 'Stamps of India'.

We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

Christoph Gaertner India Super Sale

3,540 bidders were bidding on over 25,000 lots from 700 consigners at the 17th International Public Auction of Auktionshaus Christoph Gaertner held from March 7 to 12, 2011 in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany. The outstanding results were over Euro 7.4 million.

The India results highlights are as under:

2 copies of 1854 Inverted Head from the starting price of Euro 180,000 realized Euro 258,000

1926 KGV 1 rupee Head Missing from the starting price of Euro 5,000 realized Euro 21,000

1948 Gandhi Specimen set on Folder from the starting price of Euro 1,200 realized Euro 14,500

1948 Gandhi Mourning FDC from the starting price of Euro 800 realized Euro 3,400

1963 Red Cross Missing from the starting price of Euro 1,500 realized Euro 30,000

Bantam stamps half sheet from the starting price of Euro 3,000 realized Euro 10,500

(1 Euro is about Rs 65 approximately)

All unsold lots from this auction sale are available for starting price plus Buyer's Premium till April 12, 2011.

12, 000 copies of auction catalogs are distributed in over 90 countries. The auctions are promoted by participation in philatelic shows worldwide, and advertising in major philatelic magazines, relevant newspapers and on the web.

The deadline to consign for the upcoming 18th International Public Auction of Auktionshaus Christoph Gaertner to be held from June 6 to 10, 2011 in Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany, is April 8, 2011. Contact info@auktionen-gaertner.de

Recent Philatelic Periodicals

SIPA BULLETIN, Vol.29 #1, Jan-Feb 2011, Bimonthly

SIPA BULLETIN, Vol.29 #2, Mar-Apr 2011, Bimonthly
SIPA BULLETIN, Vol.29 #3, May-Jun 2011, Bimonthly
SIPA BULLETIN, Vol.29 #4, Jul-Aug 2011, Bimonthly
Editor: G Madan Mohan Das
Publisher: South India Philatelists' Association, Chennai

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Apr 21-24: Mumbai, 20th Annual Shukla Day Numismatic & Philatelic Fair

Timings: 2 pm to 7 pm

Organizers: Todywalla auctions

Venue: World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai

Stalls: 4 square meters, Special rate for Philatelists (Limited Stalls available) Rs 9,000

Contact: Kaizad Todywalla, 0 9819872202

Website: www.shukladay.com (Online from Mar 25, 2011)

Auction Schedule: Apr 22 - 3pm Philatelic, Apr 22 - 6pm Numismatic, Apr 23 - 6pm Numismatic

May 6-8: Bangalore, National Numismatic Exhibition

Timings: 10am to 7 pm

Organizers: Marudhar Arts

Venue: The Bell Hotel, Adjacent to City Railway Station & Opposite Majestic Bus Station

Contact: Rajender Maru, 0 80 6532 9800

Tables: Rs 9,000 includes Lunch, and Snacks for 2 persons

Auction Schedule: Oswal Auctions May 6 - 6pm Philatelic, May 7 - 6pm Numismatic

Website: www.marudhararts.com/exhi.php

Nov 3-6: New Delhi, **Stamps of India National Exhibition**

Venue: NSIC Exhibition Complex, Okhla Industrial Estate, Govindpuri Metro Station

Timings: 11am to 7 pm

Organizers: Stamps of India

Contact: sj@stampsofindia.com

Sales Stalls: Rs 20,000 covers 44 Square feet (2 x 2 meters) and includes a table, two chairs, name board, an electrical point, floor carpet, and lunch & snacks for two persons

Website: www.stampsofindia.com/sine.html

Nov 18-20: Thrissur, THRISSURPEX 2011 Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur
Venue: Pandy Samoooha Madom Hall
Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

[Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India](#)

News of the World: World Online Philatelic Agency

Recently launched World Online Philatelic Agency (WOPA) at www.wopa-stamps.com offers new issues and all available stamp products at face value from a number of postal administrations .

At present products from 11 postal administrations - Aland, Alderney, Faeroe Islands, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Israel, Jersey, Luxembourg, and Portugal, are available online. More postal administrations are in the process of being added. WOPA also offers philatelic accessories related to the participating countries produced by the Dutch company DAVO.

Orders are guaranteed, handled and shipped directly by the issuing countries. Credit cards are accepted and a nominal shipping fee is added for each shipment.

[South Asia New Issues](#)

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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.](#)

Len Nadybal, Washington DC USA

I logged into the ePostOffice website - it's excellent in design but needs functionality work. The Khadi pack at Rs. 250 is in the list of stamps available. I tried to order a few, and when one presses the mouse to complete the unchangeable sale, the site "bombs out" to a large page of error readings. The Post isn't going to sell many stamps that way.

It is also very disappointing that the designer apparently gave not one second thought to foreign addresses for people to order who are outside of India.

I tried to file a complaint through the site, and got connected through it easily to a separate India Post complaint page that has no "submit your complaint" button - which I only saw after I completed filling out all of the details.

Thanks for the Collector's Companion - it always works just fine.

Pallab Bose, New Delhi

Me and my daughter Samira were exhibitors at the recently held World Philatelic Exhibition at New Delhi - INDIPEX 2011. I would like to share my experience-

1.As a prelude to the exhibition, nothing really happened till December. India Post officials selected a lesser known Travel agent INDEBO as the event manager. I was a part of the Youth Activity committee. Only meetings happened over snacks and tea, but no action. Suddenly, in January they lined up some schools for Philatelic workshops and we were advised to conduct them. We tried but to our disappointment- neither were the schools interested nor was the event guy efficient enough to line things up.

2. Now the actual exhibition. I was amazed to see the poor layout and lighting of the exhibition hall where the exhibits were on display. Forget about world class and feel good factors, one felt suffocated and could hardly see the collections properly due to bad lights.

3. The release of Gandhi Khadi stamps and the commemorative airmail covers were so arbitrary that none of us got a piece for our collection.

4. Nobody was aware of the schedule of events, nor were we philatelists/exhibitors invited to any dinners/ceremonies. I think they were all graced by the ever hungry-ever parasitic Government official of India Post and their chamchas.

5. After much confusion, we managed to get back our collections. The only smiling moment was mine and my daughter's first International level medals- that too Silver Bronze..and the certificates..that cheered us up.

6. Where did all the budgets go??? Very average effort...just like any other local exhibition..by industry standards...time for another scam.

Features & Resources

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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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