

# Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi

It is very heartening to note that the flame that SINE in 2010 with has really been burning bright. If we take note of the forthcoming shows in India, it is a month on month list of shows that are going to take place, with a lead up to SINE 2011 in November.

We look forward to receiving your suggestions on how to make SINE 2011 even bigger and better this year.

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 [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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## India Post is Still Promoting INDIPEX !

India Post has used the margins of the sheets of commemorative stamps to promote international philatelic exhibitions apart from other messages from time to time. The international philatelic exhibitions from INDIA 80 onwards have been promoted through this medium and INDIPEX 2011 was no exception. Although only a very small logo without any inscriptions was used this time.

The first stamp sheets to feature INDIPEX 2011 logo was Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Arrival of Baton in India issue of June 25, 2010. In addition following issues in 2010 carried the logo of INDIPEX 2011 on sheet margin: Pigeon & Sparrow, Rath Yatra Puri, Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games Stadiums, G K Moopanar, Princely States, Sant Shadaram Sahib, Cathedral & John Connon School Mumbai, Kranti Trivedi, K A P Viswanatham, Children's Day, Sri Sri Borda, Prafulla Chandra Chaki, Y B Chavan, Bhausahab Hiray, Bhai Jeevan Singh, and Dr Triguna Sen & National Council of Education.

In 2011 only two issues, Legendary Heroines of Indian Cinema and Subhadra Joshi, have carried this on the sheet margins. The first was released on the 2nd day of the INDIPEX 2011 on February 13, 2011 while the second has been released on March 23, 2011, that is 33 days after the INDIPEX 2011 was concluded!

In all 34 stamp sheets, all printed by India Security Press Nasik, carried the INDIPEX 2011 logo on sheet margin. Security Printing Press Hyderabad printed several issues in this period but did not use the INDIPEX 2011 logo on the sheet margin.

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### **Immanuel Sekaranar Stamp**

Immanuel Sekaranar stamp was originally scheduled for release on October 9, 2010. India Post at the last minute "withheld" the release on the orders of the powers that be. However the release function in Chennai was still held as scheduled on October 9, 2010 and the Philatelic Bureau Chennai did release the stamp, first day cover, brochure, and first day of issue postmark on that day. In the third week of December 2010 India post rescheduled it for release on December 31, 2010. The philatelic bureau Mumbai released it about that time but with original date of issue.

India Post reasserted itself and sometime in late February or early March 2011 decided to restore the honour of the official actual date of release to October 9, 2010.

Several philatelic bureaus in the country did not release this stamp in 2010 and only released it in 2011 with October 9, 2010 in the first day of issue postmark.

It will be interesting to compile a list to all philatelic bureaus with the date they released this stamp. The philatelic bureau New Delhi, that actually is situated on the same floor where India Post's Philatelic Division is located at the postal directorate building, released this issue on December 31, 2010.

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### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Apr 20: 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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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

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### **New Issues Availability Status**

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2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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ILLUSTRATED LISTS

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

**Army Postal Service Issues** <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2011aps.htm>

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### **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 also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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**National Stamp Fair**

The National Stamp Fair will be held from June 17 to 19, 2011 at the fully air conditioned, spacious, and centrally located venue - Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi.

The response to the National Stamp Fair is good and many bookings have already been made. Contact Ashish Talwar [talwar2002@hotmail.com](mailto:talwar2002@hotmail.com) 09810186108 today for booking a table.

List of Table holders

01. Abdul Ghaffar Gandhi, Jaipur, Rajasthan
02. A. R. C. Shah, New Delhi
03. Aries Auctions, New Delhi
04. Aries Stamps and Collectibles, Gurgaon, Haryana
05. Ashok Mittal, New Delhi
06. Capital Stamp Company, New Delhi
07. Chandra Prakash, Bareilly, UP
08. Indian Stamp Company, Meerut, UP
09. N. K. Dhuper, New Delhi
10. Rakesh Khemka, Amritsar, Punjab
11. Rohit Prasad, New Delhi
12. Shafiq Khan, Kanpur, UP
13. Stamps R Us, New Delhi
14. Sunil Prabhu, Mumbai, Maharashtra
15. Vijay Malhotra, Kanpur, UP

More information and regular updates are available at [www.stampsofindia.com/StampFair.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/StampFair.htm)

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**Aries Auctions**

Aries Auctions has announced its next auction on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the National Stamp Fair, New Delhi. Though the last date for consignment is 9th May 2011, vendors are requested to consign their lots at their earliest possible so that each lot can be properly described and given its due importance in the catalogue. Contact Ashish Talwar [talwar2002@hotmail.com](mailto:talwar2002@hotmail.com) 09810186108

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**National Numismatic Exhibition**

Marudhar Arts of Bangalore, the organizers of the National Numismatic Exhibition, has announced an opportunity to put up advertisement banners in the main exhibition hall. Only 18 spots are available in the size of 35 inches (width) x 72 inches (length). The cost per multicoloured banner is Rs 3,000. The organizers also offer to design the banner for the advertisers. After the exhibition the

Advertiser can carry the banner along. Contact Rajender Maru, 0 80 6532 9800 or visit their website [www.marudhararts.com/exhi.php](http://www.marudhararts.com/exhi.php) for more details.

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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](http://www.shukladay.com) (Online from Mar 25, 2011)

Auctions: Todywalla Auctions Apr 22 -6pm & Apr 23 -6pm; Classical Numismatic Gallery Apr 23 -3 pm

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](http://www.marudhararts.com/exhi.php)

Jun 3-5: Coimbatore,

Venue: Gujarati Samaj, Mettupalayam Road, Coimbatore 641 002.

Organizers: Coimbatore Coin society

Contact: Ravichandran 09443325960

Stalls: Rs.4,000

Jun 17-19: New Delhi, **National Stamp Fair**

Timings: 11 am to 6 pm

Organizers: Philatelic Dealers Association

Venue: Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, (Fully Air-conditioned)

This is in the heart of Delhi adjacent to Gole Market and very near to Paharganj and Connaught Place

Contact: Ashish Talwar [talwar2002@hotmail.com](mailto:talwar2002@hotmail.com) 0 9810186108

Tables: Rs 5,000 includes Lunch and Tea for 2 persons daily

Steel almirahs have to be booked in advance and will be available for hire at an additional charge

Terms: Bookings are considered final only on receipt of full payment. Allotment of tables is solely at the discretion of the organizers. Tables are transferable subject to the approval of the organizers obtained at least 15 days before the Fair. The table will be booked only to one individual or business and if there is any sharing of tables, the same has to be communicated to the organizers at the time of booking.

Auction Schedule: Aries Auction Jun 18 - 6 pm

Website: [www.stampsofindia.com/StampFair.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/StampFair.htm)

Jul 29-31: Hyderabad, Hyderabad Coins & Notes Fair 2011

Venue: Federation House, Pragati Art Printers Lane, Red Hills, Hyderabad 500 004

Timings: 10 am to 5 pm

Organizers: The Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society

Contact: M Kesava Rao, Convenor, Telephone 040 23202153, Mobile 09848128991

Stalls: Rs. 7,000 includes Morning tea /Lunch /Evening tea for two persons everyday

Auction Schedule: Todywalla Auction Jul 30 - 6 pm

Aug 5-7: Coimbatore,

Venue: Kamalam Duraiswamy Hall, Ramnagar, Coimbatore 641 009

Organizers: Coimbatore District Numismatic & Philatelic Association

Contact: C Palaniswamy 09486923558

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](mailto: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](http://www.stampsofindia.com/sine.html)

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

Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur

Venue: Pandi Samooha Madom Hall

Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

[Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India](http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm) [www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm)

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### **National Roundtable Conference on Mainstreaming of Rural Postal Network**

Kapil Sibal, the Minister of Communications and Information Technology inaugurated the National Roundtable Conference on Mainstreaming of Rural Postal Network on April 13, 2011 at New Delhi. The Minister for State for Communications and IT, Sachin Pilot, Member Planning Commission, Mihir Shah, Secretary Rural Development, B K Sinha, Secretary (Posts) Radhika Doraiswamy, Director Tata Institute of Social Sciences, S Parsuraman, experts, academicians and officers were present. The roundtable is being attended by various stakeholders in addition to the policymakers within India Post. It will explore various opportunities of engagement of the rural postal network towards social and economic development of rural communities and improvement of revenues of India Post in the process. This process will lead to drawing up of a roadmap for the rural postal network to bring it to the social and economic mainstream of rural India. This roadmap will also inform the Rural Entrepreneurs program for Gramin Dak Sewaks (Rural Postal Personnel). The conference will deliberate and try to identify initiatives for mainstreaming of rural post offices in the community

they serve; inform stakeholders the opportunities coming up for the rural post offices in the near future through Rural Information Communication Technology of India Post 2012 and bring out valuable inputs for orienting the Rural Entrepreneurs program for Gramin Dak Sewaks to address the needs of the community served by the Post Office effectively.

India Post is the biggest postal network in the world, a major portion of which consisting of about 139,000 post offices, is located in rural India. Through a unique model of its rural branches, run by personnel drawn from the local communities, India Post has been providing mail, financial, and retail products to the remotest and most backward areas in a cost-effective manner. Its network is highly trusted and accessible to all the sections of the society. The network is however facing challenges of its under-utilization due to falling volumes of physical mails in rural areas. There are concerns that such sub-optimal utilization may be a loss of opportunity for this valuable national institutional capital.

India Post has the largest outreach among all the Central Government departments and agencies. This network has been and is continued to be used by other Government agencies in order to reach the people residing in the hinterland of the country due to its overarching reach. It is also the largest financial delivery network in the country and thus is ideally situated to deliver various instruments of financial inclusion, and social and economic development, particularly in rural areas. Moreover, rural postal personnel possess valuable information-capital on the households that can be leveraged to efficiently identify the prospective recipients of the social protection programmes. An ambitious programme of computerizing and digitally connecting the entire postal network is likely to further strengthen the potential and the capabilities of the network.

Rural post offices, called Branch Offices, (BOs)) function for three to five hours on all working days. They book registered letters, money orders, and collect ordinary letters through letter boxes located in all the villages even when they do not have a post office. They also deliver letters, both ordinary and registered and money orders at the doorsteps of all the addressees residing in their delivery jurisdiction. They open and service various kinds of deposit accounts and sell Rural Postal Life Insurance. They also provide retail services such as telephone and electricity bill collection. Some BOs perform very specialized functions, e.g. 1,181 BOs collect data in respect of about 275 items of consumption every month on behalf of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation for computation of Price Indices. The BOs are also involved in wage distribution to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act workers through more than 48.3 million accounts.

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AVINASH B JAGTAP, Binningen, Switzerland

I am very glad and thankful to you for your comments on the issuing of Personalised Stamps by various postal authorities. There are many boastful people in our country, who just want to "magnify" themselves in telling how popular or noteworthy they are, that they appear even on the stamps of an exotic country!

To get one's personalised stamp requires only some money to be paid to the postal authority of a specific country. Their friends or relatives who do not know anything how a personalised stamp is

issued, get naturally marvelled to see a portrait of their friend or relative is printed on the postage stamp of a foreign country!

The postal authorities of India did not want to lose the golden opportunity to make money by introducing personalised stamps for the first time in India. Those who were present at Indipex 2011 in New Delhi naturally did not wish to miss this worldly occasion to "perpetuate" themselves on a stamp of their country! Those who did venture to go for it only know the hardship and the time consumed by them to get a personalise stamp printed on the spot!

I do not know how long this attraction for a personalised stamp will continue and how F.I.P. looks towards it as a philatelic material which is allowed to be included in a display at national or international level. I feel it is a "gag" started first by Australia and then taken up by Austria and other postal authorities who just want to better their revenue. I wished very much that time has come to think over the matter and F.I.P. makes some rules and regulations to curb this disease which is going to endanger philately.

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