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

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Hi

India Post printed 100,000 miniature sheets of Gandhi Khadi issue and have managed to sell only about 45% during INDIPEX 2011 and online. However it is still shying away from putting it on regular sale at philatelic bureaus in the country for over two months now. The delay has helped the cause of speculators and certain postal officials to make tax free money. We urge India Post to immediately release the balance of over 55,000 miniature sheets on sale.

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

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

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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Chitralkha Stamp Issued

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp, in the denomination of Rs 5, on Chitralkha, a Gujarati language magazine, on April 20, 2011.

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.

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

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

New First Day Covers

Eeshan Prakashan has released three unique first day covers for the Mahatma Gandhi Khadi Miniature Sheet. The covers are limited edition of 100 and are numbered individually. The first cover has a cut-out in wood of Gandhi and his autograph and is priced at Rs 1,500. Another FDC carries stencilled image of Gandhi in metal and is priced at Rs 1,250. The final FDC features cutwork silhouette of Gandhi in gold and is priced at Rs 1,250.

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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.

THIS CATALOG IS NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER : BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!!!!

Please add Rs 50 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 200 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. Rush your orders to orders@stampsofindia.com now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis.

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'.

For more information please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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National Stamp Fair

Philatelic Dealers Association is organising the National Stamp Fair 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 continues to be good and several bookings have already been made. Contact Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com 09810186108 today for booking a table.

List of Table holders as on April 20, 2011

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
16. Umesh Agarwal, Jaipur, Rajasthan
17. Stamps of India, New Delhi
18. PhilatelieCal, Kolkata, West Bengal

More information and regular updates are available at www.stampsofindia.com/StampFair.htm

Aries Auctions

Aries Auctions will hold 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 09810186108

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Forgeries & Frauds Alerts

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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

Auctions: Oswal Auctions Apr 21 - 6pm, Todywalla Auctions Apr 22 - 3pm & 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

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 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

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

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 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

Fakes, Forgeries & Experts Journal

Fakes, Forgeries & Experts Journal is back with an excellent new issue, # 14. FFE is published by Postiljonen, edited by former FIP President, Knud Mohr and has become an appreciated reference material at international exhibitions. In this issue there are 27 articles dealing not only with classic material but also with modern types of forgeries.

Here are some highlights:

A new forger?, Jean-François Brun

Eagles, first postage stamps of the French colonial empire, Michèle Chauvet

A most spectacular reunion, Carl Aage Møller

The three values of Bull's Eyes on a cover (Meyer's cover), Paulo Comelli

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Statues of Liberty

United States Postal Service (USPS) issued se-tenant pair definitive stamps in two designs, Lady Liberty and US Flag, on April 8, 2011 in a pressure-sensitive adhesive (PSA) automated teller machine (ATM) sheetlet of 18 stamps. The stamps do not carry a face value but are inscribed Forever First Class that at today's rates is 44 cents. Forever stamps are always equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce rate. The designs were first introduced when the stamps were previously issued in a pressure-sensitive coil of 100 on December 1, 2010.

It was pointed out to the USPS by a philatelist that the stamp does not depict the Statue of Liberty in New York harbour but its modern replica in New York New York Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. By then 3 billion copies were printed and distributed all over US.

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