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Jhingans Jottings

Hi

India Post works in mysterious ways. While India Post still holds about 60,000 presentation packs of Mahatma Gandhi Khadi miniature sheets it is going very slowly in distributing these to all philatelic bureaus in the country. Meanwhile India Post has this item available at their epostoffice.gov.in for over two months now. Although the [epostoffice](http://epostoffice.gov.in) does limit the quantity that can be purchased to 5 per order, it does accept order in same name and address over and over again. A couple of dealers are buying 100s of presentation packs per day in their own and in the name of their family members at the [epostoffice](http://epostoffice.gov.in).

Similarly India Post is sitting pretty on 92,000 sheetlets of MyStamp personalized Stamps since INDIPEX ended on February 18, 2011 where they booked about 13,000 sheetlets.

The philatelic community in India is eagerly awaiting India Post's decision to be made public regarding the fate of the presentation packs of Mahatma Gandhi Khadi miniature sheets as well as sheetlets of MyStamp personalized Stamps.

We think sooner will be better.

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

May 25: 2nd Africa-India Forum Summit

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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Tagore Stamps Released

Prime Minister of India, Dr Manmohan Singh released a set of two commemorative postage stamps on 'Rabindranath Tagore' on May 7, 2011 commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at New Delhi. A miniature sheet accompanied the issue.

The design of the stamps depict Tagore writing-background shows Upasana ghar at Santiniketan; and Tagore performing in his play 'Valmiki Pratibha' and a painting by him. The First Day Cover features Tagore inset against one of his paintings and the Miniature Sheet shows Tagore's birth place, manuscript of some of his poems, and the Nobel Prize. Some doodles & scribbles of Tagore are featured on the Brochure.

The fourteenth child of Maharshi Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi, Rabindranath Tagore was born on May 7, 1861 at Jorasanko, Kolkata. His creative genius was nothing short of epic – poet, essayist, writer of fiction and drama, musician, performer, educator and builder of institutions. His work has a universality that marks the triumph of humanism and creativity with a social purpose. Dropping out from formal education, he set up two unique schools: Patha Bhavan and Siksa Satra and an international university Visva Bharati and Santiniketan.

He wrote his first drama 'Prithvirajer Parajey' in 1873 but today no copy exists. The next year his poem 'Abhilasha' was published in 'Tattwabodhini Patrika' and in 1875 he made his first public appearance to recite his patriotic poem ' Hindumela Upohar'. His study of Law at the University College of London remained incomplete as he returned in 1880. His writing of prose, verse, drama, and music was prolific. Through the years of marriage to Mrinalini Devi, birth of five children and the ups and downs of his personal life, he continued to write and involve himself in the social and political problems of India.

His first book, 'Sandhya Sangit', was published in 1880 and in 1881 he wrote his first musical drama 'Valmiki Pratibha'. He advocated education in the mother tongue, critical of the prevalent system of English education. He started a Swadeshi store in Kolkata and a jute pressing factory in Kushtia to promote indigenous goods and employment for youth. He read a paper 'Kantharodh', reacting to the arrest of Bal Gangadhar Tilak in 1898.

Moving to Santiniketan with his family, Tagore revived Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyaya's monthly journal 'Bangadarshan'. The nucleus of Santiniketan was begun in 1901 but the foundation stone was laid in 1918. He advocated a policy of constructive non-cooperation against the British through his articles and essays, but withdrew from the 'Swadeshi' movement disillusioned over the political exploitation of the Hindu-Muslim conflict.

"Gitanjali" his magnum opus, was first published in Bengali (1910). A meeting with the British painter, William Rothenstein, led to the publication of 'Gitanjali' in English by the India Society of London, with an introduction by W.B. Yeats. Macmillan, London also published 'Gitanjali' along with 'The Gardener, Crescent Moon' and Chitra and in 1913 Tagore became the first Asian recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature. Knighted in 1915, he also met Gandhi the same year at Santiniketan. He renounced his Knighthood in protest against the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre in 1930.

In 1916 he began his journeys to countries in Asia, Europe, South America, Africa and the USA, writing and speaking on nationalism, education and culture and also raising funds for the Visva Bharati University. He was often invited for Lectures at Universities. Doodles on his writings led to his emergence as a painter in 1924. Performing in his plays, holding exhibitions of his paintings, delivering lectures, writing and publishing his works, expanding Santiniketan, leading protest against the High Detention Camp shooting incident – Tagore's life was a multi coloured fabric in which not a single thread was wasted.

In 1940 Oxford University conferred a Doctorate on him. His last lecture was read out at his eightieth birthday. He breathed his last on 07th August 1941.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp, miniature sheet, 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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 0.6 million stamps by Wet Offset process. The miniature sheet was produced in the quantity of 0.2 million.

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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>

Philatelic Club Thrissur

The 33rd Annual general Meeting of the Philatelic Club Thrissur was held at Elite International Hotel, Thrissur on May 1, 2011. Meeting was presided over by the President O K Prakash. Secretary C J Vincent tabled the working report and the Treasurer Olvex M Noronha placed the report of income and expenditure. There was good discussion on the future plans of the club and the Secretary urged all members to make the coming Thrissurpex-2011 (Philatelic & Numismatic exhibition of Philatelic Club Thrissur) a Grand success.

Sobha Koshy, Chief Post Master General, Kerala circle was the chief guest of the AGM and she has given mementoes to all the Indipex-2011 winners (Dr K S Mohan, E P James, Sathi Veerachandra Menon & O K Prakash. Souvenir of Thrissurpex-2008 of Philatelic Club has also participated).

About 80 members attended AGM. There was also a big spot auction in connection with the AGM.

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Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964

Thakkar Numismatic & Art Foundation, the publishers has announced that to celebrate the first anniversary of its first philatelic publication a special discount of 50% will be offered on every copy purchased of Praful Thakkar's Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964, till May 31, 2011.

THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HALF PRICE - RS 225!

Please add Rs 25 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 100 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.

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.

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We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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New Maxim Cards

S P Kirankumar from Bagalkot created two maxim cards for the Rabindranath Tagore issue.

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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 pretty good and several bookings have already been made. Contact Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com 09810186108 today for booking a table.~~

ALL TABLES SOLD OUT

List of participants is given below. The organisers will not allow any sharing beyond the names informed to them by the person booking the table at the time of booking.

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. Filatelie Cal (Arun Bhattacharya), Kolkata, West Bengal
19. R. S. Gupta, Bengaluru, Karnataka
20. Park Stamp Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal
21. Philatelic Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal
22. Victory Stamp Company, Amritsar, Punjab
23. Dhiren Singh Chauhan & Arvind Mullick, Madhya Pradesh
24. Subash Shorewala & Akash Garg, New Delhi
25. V. Ethiraj, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
26. Bhutan Stamps (Mukul Bhowmik), West Bengal and Subrata Choudhury
27. & 28. Jee Cee Enterprises, Puducherry (2 Tables)
29. Khalid Sabir, New Delhi
30. Emeskay Enterprises, Mumbai
31. Ranjit Singh, New Delhi
32. Eeshan Prakshan, New Delhi
33. Binod Kasera, Jaipur, Rajasthan

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

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 09810186108

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PayPal & Indian Users

PayPal informed its users in India on May 9, 2011 that as part of their ongoing effort to comply with the requirements set out in the notification of the Reserve Bank of India that apply to all online payment gateways, all PayPal users in India will be required to add the following to their PayPal account in order to continue to receive export-related payments and withdraw money:

- A purpose code related to the majority of commercial activities for export-related payments
- A PAN or Permanent Account Number
- A bank account in India (if not previously added)

Additionally, PayPal users in India are required to provide a current and accurate postal address on their PayPal account.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

National Numismatic Exhibition

Marudhr Arts organized its first National Numismatic Exhibition at Bangalore from May 6 to 8, 2011. The exhibition was in 60 numismatic frames and included two philatelic exhibits as well. Anil Suri of New Delhi was awarded the First Prize for his exhibit - Hundis of Indian Princely States. Oswal Auctions of Mumbai successfully conducted a philatelic auction on May 6 and a numismatic auction on May 7 at the venue.

May 9 - Jun 9: Kolkata, Philatelic Exhibition on Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth anniversary
Organizers: Indian Council of Cultural Relations
Venue: Rabindranath Tagore Center, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata

Jun 3-5: Coimbatore, Coin-Stampex
Timings: 10am to 6 pm
Organizers: Coimbatore Coin society
Venue: Gujarati Samaj, Mettupalayam Road, Coimbatore 641 002.
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 22-24: Tiruchengode, Coin Stampex
Timings: 10 am to 9 pm
Organizers: Tiruchengode Numismatic & Philatelic Association
Venue: Sengunthar Thirumana Mandapam, Periyapavadi
Tables: Rs 3,000 - 2 Tables, 2 Chairs, Lunch, Tea & Snacks for 2
Contact: Jc K Golden Saravanan (Secretary) 0 94432 74059, 0 99766 26296

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, Coin Stampex
Venue: Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Ram Nagar, Near Gandhipuram Central Bus Stand
Timings: 9.30 am to 9.30 pm

Organizers: Coimbatore District Numismatic & Philatelic Association
Contact: C Palaneswamy 09486923558
Auction Schedule: The Ancient Times Auctions Aug 6

Aug 13-15: Ahmedabad, Coins & Currency Fair
Timings: 10am to 7 pm
Organizers: Classical Numismatic Gallery
Venue: Hotel Comfort Inn President, Opp Municipal Market, C G Road, Navrangpura,
Contact: 079-26464850 info@classicalnumismaticgallery.com

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: Pandi Samooha Madom Hall
Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

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