

Stamps of India Collectors Companion

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

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Hi

Following is the transcript of a conversation held on December 14, 2010, after the success of SINE, between Ashish Talwar and an Indian philatelic dinosaur on the verge of extinction, to protect him from the rest of his pack, we'll just call him Philatosaurus.

AT: Did you hear about our exhibition, SINE? All of us managed to host India's most successful stamp exhibition.

Philatosaurus: So, what?

AT: And we did so without any governmental support.

Philatosaurus: So, what?

AT: Well, it was funded by the organizers and the organizational team?

Philatosaurus: So what?

AT: At least a score of dealers claim to have done record trade?

Philatosaurus: So, what?

AT: Also, a very successful auction?

Philatosaurus: So what?

AT: There was no controversy, no manipulation of the jury and virtually no one dissatisfied with the awards.

Philatosaurus: So what?

AT: Our timing was perfect, we held it in December so that school children could attend and not in February when examinations of the CBSE, ICSE and Delhi board are just a couple of weeks away.

Philatosaurus: So what?

AT: In spite of your many efforts, it was very well attended.

Philatosaurus: So what?

AT: Your reply to everything is so what! Do you have nothing else to say?

Philatosaurus: Well, I am unimpressed because I do not understand one thing – why did you all put in so much of time, work and money? Why did you do it? Why was SINE held?

AT: We did it to further the cause of philately in India, to promote philately.

Philatosaurus: What a stupid reason!

AT: Why else do YOU involve yourself in government funded exhibitions? Is it not to promote philately?

Philatosaurus: We get involved in government funded exhibitions for the right reason. So many of you worked so hard just to promote philately! How very stupid!

AT: If you do not do so to promote philately – what is the right reason?

Philatosaurus: Stupid, we do it to promote ourselves. And that too on the taxpayer's money!

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Dec 23: Central Bank of India

Dec 23: Bhai Jeevan Singh

Dec 24: National Council of Education & Dr Triguna Sen, 2 Stamps

Dec 31: Immanuel Sekaranar

Dec 31: Lalit Kala Akademi

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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New Stamps Released

Crafts Museum

India Post released a set of 2 stamps, each in the denomination of Rs 5, on Crafts Museum on December 21, 2010. A miniature sheet accompanied the issue.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamps, 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, Nasik printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 0.2 million.

Yashwantrao Chavan

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Yashwantrao Chavan, freedom fighter and political leader on December 22, 2010.

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 photogravure process.

Bhausahab Hiray

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Bhausahab Hiray, freedom fighter and educationist on December 22, 2010.

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 Special Postmarks & Covers

Dec 2-5: Jaipur, Rajasthan State Philatelic Exhibition, 4 covers,
Sports in Rajasthan, Jantar Mantar, Water Management, Save Tigers

Dec 11: Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh Sainik School

Dec 11: Chennai, Padmashri Dr.Sirkali Govindarajan

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Collectors Pack 2008

India Post released the Collectors Pack for 2008 containing all 79 commemorative stamps issued during the year for Rs 650 per pack.

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AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

2010: Pigeon & Sparrow, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

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Stanley Gibbons New Catalog

Stanley Gibbons are soon to publish their first edition Asia catalogue. Scheduled for publication in December 2010 this will be the first Asia catalogue of its kind published by Stanley Gibbons for this growing collectable area. It will be a simplified stamp catalogue based on "Stamps of the World".

This new edition priced at £44.95 will list all the stamp issues of the India, Pakistan Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Russia, and Turkey as well as including Afghanistan, Armenia, Georgia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan All prices have been revised and updated and the catalogue is illustrated in colour throughout.

INDIPEX 2011 Update

A Stamp collectors Meet will be held at on February 12, 13, and 14, the first three days of INDIPEX 2011, at the National Sports Club of India, across the road from the venue of INDIPEX 2011. More information is available in the Events segment of this issue.

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Recent & Forthcoming Events

Feb 12-14: New Delhi, **STAMP COLLECTORS' MEET**

Timings: Feb 12 Saturday - 12 noon to 6pm, Feb 13 Sunday – 12 noon to 3 pm, Feb 13 Sunday – 3.30 pm onwards Auction, Feb 14 Monday – 12 noon to 5 pm

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

Tables: Rs 5000 cost includes 1 table, 2 chairs and tea with snacks for 2 everyday, for payment received by December 24, 2010. First preference will be given to sales stall-holders of Stamps of India National Exhibition. Booking opened during Stamps of India National Exhibition to give all an equal opportunity. Out of 20 Tables – 14 booked within 24 hours. ONLY 6 Tables available.

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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.

Cdr G Sriramarao, Indian Navy (Retired), Vishakhapatnam

It was a great experience for me to visit Delhi and take part in the National Exhibition of stamps of India. It also gave me an opportunity to meet you and Mr Jhingan and also lot of Philatelic enthusiasts and senior philatelists. The frames made for the exhibits are fantastic. In fact I may say

because of the great frames the exhibits got a new touch which every one enjoyed and also the exhibits looked good.

As mentioned to you I request for future exhibitions kindly see that a that a copy of the synopsis(a spare copy of which can be asked from the exhibitors) of the exhibit is given to the Jury so that justice is done to the exhibitors. The impression that I got when I interacted with some of the Jury is that they could not read the introductory pages as the height was more, and in the bargain some of the exhibits were not understood. To sort out this problem I feel the exhibitor can be asked to explain the exhibit for 5 minutes so that the jury can understand the exhibit from the view of the exhibitor, and if it is not permissible, the exhibit can be asked to give a spare copy of the synopsis so that it can be given to the jury.

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