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

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## **Jhingans Jottings**

Hi

Thank you for a very good response to our Offer of the Week in the previous issue. We shall be bringing you more such exclusive offers once in a while. What would you like to see? Do let us know.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Jagannath Mani, Naresh Agrawal

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## **New World Record for an Indian Stamp**

On May 19, 2011 David Feldman sold a 1948 Rs 10 Mahatma Gandhi stamp of India overprinted Service for a World Record price of EUR 144,000 (Rs 9.2 million); this is the highest price ever paid for a single Indian stamp smashing the previous 2010 record set by the 4 Annas "Inverted Head" error. Additionally it is also believed that this sale possibly represents a World Record price paid for a modern stamp from any country.

The stamp, probably the finest remaining example out of only 18 known in existence today, was issued by the Government of India as a set of 4 commemorative stamps on August 15th, 1948 as a tribute to the father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi, who was assassinated in January of the same year. These were the first commemorative stamps of Independent India, and issued in 4 denominations – 1 ½ / 3 ½ / 12 Annas, and the 10 Rupees. A set of only 100 stamps (in two sheets) of Rs 10 denomination were overprinted with "Service", making these the world's least printed stamp.

In the same auction session, part of a fabulous Grand Prix winning collection of covers of Indian stamps used in Burma, attracted interest from all over the World. During a tense period of bidding, the collection was sold for a total amount of EUR 672,000 (Rs 43 million).

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### **India Post Issues FDC with Wrongly Mapped India**

In a blunder of Himalayan proportion, India Post wrongly printed the map of India on the back of the First Day Cover issued for the 2nd Africa India Forum-Summit issue of May 25, 2011. The gravity of the blunder is compounded further with the fact that Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, released it in Ethiopia in the presence of several African Heads of States / Government.

The unworthy postal officers occupying high positions especially in philatelic division of India Post must know that ignorance of law is no excuse and the law is that any publishing of the map of India, even the outline, requires permission from the Surveyor General of India and wrong depiction of the map is punishable with imprisonment, which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

For images please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/472plus1.htm>

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### **The Curious Case of the Silver Medals of INDIPEX 2011**

The medals awarded at INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition has stirred yet another controversy. The Silver Bronze medal is in silver colour and Silver medal is bimetal with centre in silver and outer rim in bronze! The size of the medals is same.

Ghouse Ali Zameer, member of the Governing Council of the Karnataka Philatelic Society from Bangalore, and a winner of Silver medal at INDIPEX 2011 had requested to change the medal and even opened three other boxes to find the similar medals. The committee member at INDIPEX 2011 convinced him that the bimetal medal is a Silver medal in presence of a few senior philatelists.

Look at the images and draw your own conclusions about incompetent postal officers guided by ignorant pseudo philatelists who organized this world philatelic exhibition with Rs 200 million (US\$4.4 million) of public funds.

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### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Jul 02: The United Theological College  
Jul 06: D S Kothari  
Jul 21: V S Page  
Jul 25: Rashtrapati Bhavan, 4 Stamps  
Jul 28: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy

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.

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### **Africa India Forum Stamps Released**

Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India, released a set of 2 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and 25, and a miniature sheet commemorating 2nd Africa India Forum-Summit at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia in the presence of several African Heads of States / Government.

On the sidelines of the Summit several concurrent events are also being organized including academic symposia, editors' conference; trade fair, cultural events showcasing Indian and African culture; and a film festival.

In April 2008, India hosted the First India-Africa Forum Summit in Delhi. This summit built upon the foundations of the historical relationship that existed between India and Africa, and designed a new architecture for a structured engagement, interaction and co-operation between India and Africa in the 21st century. The summit celebrated friendship and renewed our commitment to Africa. The historic documents, the Delhi Declaration and the India-Africa Framework for co-operation adopted at the end of the summit now serve as the contours for one systematic engagement with Africa in the coming years.

In order to continue and enhance the systematic engagement with Africa in the coming years, second India-Africa Forum Summit is being organized in Addis-Ababa during 24-25 May 2011. This is for the first time that a meeting between India and its African partners at the level of Heads of State/Government is being organized in Africa.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamps, 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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps of each denomination by Wet Offset process. The miniature sheet is produced in the quantity of 0.3 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>

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#### **Aries Auctions**

Aries Auctions' First National Stamp Fair Auction scheduled for Saturday, June 18, 2011 has 329 lots on offer that include some great rarities of British India 1854 issues, Independent India, Private FDCs, Mahatma Gandhi Service, Sheets and Sheetlets (including India 89 complete pane sheets), Errors and Varieties, as well as a comprehensive section on Postal History, Postal Stationery and Great Britain. Also worth checking out is the mix in the late arrivals section that includes a cover with pair of 1925 provisionals.

The hardcopies of the Catalog are already mailed out. The softcopy of the Catalog is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/AriesAuctions2011.htm> .

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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](mailto: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.

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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.

**All Tables are now sold out.**

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
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. Jay 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
34. S. S. Somani
35. Parvesh Sahn

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

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Indian Postal History: Focus on Tamil Nadu,  
by K Ramachandirann,  
Released on 25 April 2011 at Chennai

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### Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

May 22: Bilaspur, PHILACOIN 2011

A one day philatelic and numismatic exhibition organized by Chhattiasgarh Philatelic Association, jointly with Bilaspur Mudra Parishad under the patronage of Lions Club Bilaspur was held at the Lions Bhawan, Bilaspur on May 22, 2011.

It was a great success as it was graced by the regular attendance of large number of visitors of the city and was highly appreciated by the local print and electronic media. The exhibition which was organized with a view to refresh the collections of the members, to introduce, attract and guide the new collectors in this field was highly appreciated by all the visitors of all age groups who enjoyed the fascinating world of stamps and coins together under one roof.

The show was graced mainly by the highly acknowledged thematic exhibits of National and International stature belonging to Atul Jain and Naresh Agrawal on "Human Hands" and "Automobiles" respectively which won various national and international awards in the recent times. There were other very good displays mainly the one "Gandhi-a life journey" by Abhijit Biswas along with others on different topics such as "Queen's Baton Relay-2010", Dak Ticket Sandharbh Jain Dharam, Maximum Cards (environment), History and development of car, Road Traffic Safety, Labeling Airmails etc. The numismatic section had displays of coins from 500Bc to 1947 AD by Neeraj Agrawal, Coins of republic of India by Alok Chowdhary and Pramod, Wild life on Indian coins and currency by Maurya were worth seeing and remained crowded all the time.

Though bad weather interrupted the flow of visitors twice in between but surprisingly the enthusiasm was never reduced. The people kept on visiting even during the rain showers. Visitors comments on the visitor book showed that the love for philately and coins is there in every one but it just needed opportunity and a platform to show it. Lions club of Bilaspur very generously requested the association to conduct such shows every year and assured of full support.

C R Andhare, the President and Atul Jain, General secretary of Chhattiasgarh Philatelic Association thanked the Lions Club, the people who visited the show, and the people who showed interest in becoming member of the society. Lions Club Bilaspur awarded certificate of appreciation to all participants and honored the veteran philatelists for their achievements and services given in this field. The success of the show was an example of team work with special efforts from Thakur, Ahishek Sharma and Abhijit Biswas under guidance of C.R.andhare.

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

Auction Schedule: Oswal Auction Jun 4

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

Nov 18-20: Thrissur, THRISSURPEX 2011 Philatelic & Numismatic Exhibition  
Organizers: Philatelic Club Thrissur  
Venue: Pandy Samootha Madom Hall  
Contact: C J Vincent, 0 98470 21886

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### **Buddha Stamps from Nepal & Sri Lanka**

Sri Lanka issued a set of 4 stamps on May 14, 2011 to commemorate 2600th Sambuddhatva Jayanthi. Nepal also issued a set of 4 stamps on this occasion. These stamps feature Lumbini, Buddha Gaya, Saranath also known as Isipathana, and Kusinara in Nepal and India, where significant events in the life of the Buddha took place.

However in case of the stamps of Nepal Buddhists and philatelists point out inaccuracies and discrepancies in all the four stamps. One stamp locates Lumbini, the Buddha's birthplace and now in modern Nepal, in the middle of a map of India. The same stamp shows a historic pillar, erected by King Asoka to mark the exact location of the Buddha's birth, in a corner, while prominence is given to a more recent structure put up at the site. The stamp depicting Buddha Gaya, the holy site where the Gautama Buddha attained Enlightenment, gives prominence to two Hindu temples, while the Sri

Maha Bodhiya, the most venerated place of Buddhist worship, is in the background. The two other stamps also sideline the historically important Isipathanaramaya, in Saranath, and Kusinara, and give prominence to more recent structures. A senior officer in the Ministry of Posts has been appointed to look into the matter and submit his report.

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The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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