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Hi

India Post issued a total of 91 new stamps in 2011, including 29 stamps issued in My Stamp series and 1 stamp – Mahatma Gandhi Khadi – issued in Miniature sheet format only. The total postage value of the stamps was Rs 600 while India Post sold it for Rs 967.50.

The Mahatma Gandhi Khadi stamp in the denomination of Rs 100 was issued in Miniature sheet format and sold for Rs 250 along with a folder.

The My Stamp was initially introduced at Rs 150 for a sheetlet of 12 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each and remained on sale from February 12 to 18, 2011 only at INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition at New Delhi. Later on September 26, 2011 when the My Stamp was reintroduced the price was revised to Rs 300 for a sheetlet.

Also issued were a total of 9 miniature sheets and 17 sheetlets in 2011.

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

- M&SJ

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Stamp Popularity Poll

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2011 to select the best stamp of 2011, and best miniature sheet of 2011 and best sheetlet of 2011.

The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. Please select from the issues of 2011 and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2011 in your opinion. please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2011stamps.htm> for stamps and miniature sheets. For sheetlets of 2011 please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/MyStampSheetlet.htm> Also write your name, city, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: stamppoll@stampsofindia.com

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 4, 2012. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered. The results will be announced in the Issue #509 of February 9, 2012. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots.

We welcome the sponsors for prizes, please contact admin@stampsofindia.com in this regard.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Jan 15: Bhai Jagta Singh

Jan 24: Shyam Narayan Singh

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.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2012stamps.html>

New Stamp Released

Dr Manmohan Singh, the Prime Minister of India, released a postage stamp in the the denomination of Rs 5, on Puran Chand Gupta, the founder editor of Hindi daily newspaper Danik Jagran, on his birth centenary on January 2, 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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 300,000 stamps by photogravure process.

Following data given below was not available earlier as its source; the brochures of these issues were put on sale during this week -

Dec 19: President's Fleet Review

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 300,000 stamps each by Wet Offset process.

Dec 19: Goa Liberation

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamp, 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 300,000 stamps by Wet Offset process.

Dec 23: Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University

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, Nashik printed 400,000 stamps by Wet Offset process.

Dec 26: Srinivasa Ramanujan

Brahm Prakash designed the Stamp, 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 300,000 stamps by Wet Offset process.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2012stamps.html>

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

Recent Special Postmarks

Dec 21: Kolkata, Lions Club of Calcutta (Tollygunge) Golden Jubilee

For availability and price contact B D Surana bdsurana@gmail.com

Jan 01: Guwahati, Guwahati Refinery Golden Jubilee

For availability and price contact Mahendra Sharma sadguru06@sify.com

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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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My Stamp Update

My Stamp facility was provided at Jaipur during Rajasthan state philatelic exhibition from January 4 to 7, 2012. In addition to the personalized stamps, 16 different designs of customized stamps were also released.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/MyStampCustomized.htm>

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/fday2011.htm>

Aries Spring 2012 Auction

Aries Spring 2012 Auction (Sale No. 3) shall be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at New Delhi. Last date for consignment of lots is January 16, 2012. For consignments and other details, get in touch with Ashish Talwar on 9810186108 or email to talwar2002@hotmail.com

Philatelic Dealers Association gets International Recognition

The Philatelic Dealers Association (PDA) of India has been recognized by the International Federation of Stamp Dealers Associations (IFSDA) as the official association of India. PDA is headed by Arun Kumar Agarwal as President. Ashish Talwar is the Secretary General.

Since its inception in February 2011, PDA has been playing a stellar role in providing avenues for stamp dealers. The first programme was a dealer's meet at New Delhi during INDEPEX. The first edition of the National Stamp Fair was organized by PDA from 17-19 June 2011 at New Delhi and is regarded as the largest ever dealers' bourse held in India. For the future, PDA plans to hold the National Stamp Fair every year in the months of June/July.

Monthly Meeting of Delhi Philatelists

The 85th meeting of the Delhi Philatelists will be held on January 14, 2012 at 2.30 pm onwards at the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi. The Delhi Philatelists meet on the second Saturday of every month.

New Stamp Packs

Gujarat Circle of India Post released following packs during recently held state philatelic exhibition at Vadodara:

Heritage Railway Stations Miniature Sheet of 2009, Rs 50

Astrological Signs Miniature Sheet of 2010, Rs 80

2nd Africa India Forum Summit Miniature Sheet of 2011, rs 50

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

JOBURG 2010

The copies of Palmares and Catalogs of JOBURG 2010 for the participants from India have finally arrived by surface parcel mailed by the Commissioner General on September 2, 2011 from South Africa. These are now being sent to all participants by Speed Post. However the organizers still have to send the 7 certificates for participants from India in One Frame class and also 5 certificates that needed to be corrected. When, if ever, the participants from India will get these certificates?

The 26th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, JOBURG 2010 International Stamp Show was held on October 27 to 31, 2010 at Johannesburg, South Africa. The Palmares and Catalogs were handed over to the Commissioner General of JOBURG 2010 on October 31, 2010 at Johannesburg for mailing it instead of carrying as accompanied excess baggage at his request for wanting to save money on payment of excess baggage of the commissioners. The Commissioner General assured that he will send it through post and South Africa Post has agreed to send it at no charge to the organizers. Very strangely the organizers didn't respond to any of the reminders regarding Palmares, Catalogs, and Certificates in past 14 months.

Bookings Open for Commemorative Coins

India Government Mint, Mumbai is starting booking of the set of 2 commemorative coins, in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 100, to mark the birth centenary of C Subramaniam from January 2 to February 29, 2012. The sets available in Proof and Uncirculated varieties are priced at Rs 3,600 and Rs 3,200 respectively including taxes, packing, and postage charges. Please visit their website www.mumbaimint.in for booking and further information.

India Government Mint, Kolkata is starting booking of the set of 2 commemorative coins, in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 150, to mark the 150 years of Income Tax from January 2 to February 29, 2012. The sets available in Proof and Uncirculated varieties are priced at Rs 4,250 and Rs 3,925 respectively including taxes, packing, and postage charges. Please visit their website www.igmkolkata.spmcil.com for booking and further information.

GUJPEX 2011 Awards

Dr Kamla Beniwal, Governor of Gujarat inaugurated the Gujarat state philatelic exhibition at Vadodara on December 23. 116 participants displayed their exhibits in 330 frames. The jury was chaired by Humera Ahmed, the Chief Postmaster General of Gujarat Circle, and consisted of Vispi S

Dastur, Dr S P Gupta, and Brahm Mehta. Ganesh V Sawaleshwarkar, Director, Postal Training Centre, Vadodara and Prashant H Pandya served as Apprentice Jury.

The complete list of awards is available at http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/gujpex_2011.html

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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 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.

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

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MAHAPEX Highlights

The exhibition will be held in Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune. The event is organized in Weight Lifting indoor stadium. It's a huge complex for sports & exhibitions like Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Total 375 competitive & 75 Invitee class frames will be on display. Wide media & publicity plan has been worked out. "Run for STAMPINO" a run of 8 kms will take place on January 13, 2012 at 9am. STAMPINO is the mascot for the exhibition. Run will be flagged off by Celebrities. 1000 School Children, Philatelist and General Public will participate. Live coverage of the run will be covered by IBN Lokmat and Radio Mirchi. Facebook & Twitter will have special page for the event & will be updated on hourly basis.

All the leading newspapers will carry advertisements starting from January 5, 2012. Public Transport is arranged from various places up to exhibition venue. Hoardings, 500 Banners & more than 100,000 leaflets are planned for the publicity. All the Postal vehicles will carry the advertisements. Other events like Stamp Design contest, Dance Competition & Quiz Competition is organized on January 14 & 15, 2012. Philatelic Seminars on Traditional Philately & Postal Stationery will be held on January 13 & 14, 2012. A Cultural Night is planned on January 15, 2012.

MY Stamp will be available on all 4 days and will be widely publicized through Radio Mirchi & Newspaper advertisements.

Eight Special Covers, 2 per day will be released during MAHAPEX 2012 as follows:

Jan 13: Cartoons of R. K. Laxman, Kass Plateau (UNESCO recognized site)

Jan 14: Lavani Dance (Traditional Dance of Maharashtra), Vasudeo (Cultural Tradition of Maharashtra)

Jan 15: Sculpture of Saint Meera Bai, big foot loutolim, Goa, Baba Amte

Jan 16: Ganjifa Arts, Bharat Ratna Maharshi Karve's Zopadi

A Special Carried Cover, Harkara Dawk will be released on January 13, 2012 with Silver replica of 1948, Rs 10 Mahatma Gandhi Stamp. Only limited quantity of 500 numbers are available. Cost of the cover is Rs 750 each.

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Jan 4-7: Jaipur, RAJPEX, Rajasthan State philatelic exhibition

Venue: Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur

Organizers: Rajasthan Circle of India Post

Jan 7-8: Bhubaneswar, ODISHA STAMP MELA

Venue: Hotel Keshari, Master Canteen Square, Near Bhubaneswar Railway Station

Organizers: Eastern India Philatelists Association

Stamp Dealers' Package: Rs 4000 per PERSON inclusive of Food and Room rent on Twin Sharing Basis

Contacts: Coordinator – Shanti Swarup Rath, sswaruprath@gmail.com 09437034621

Organising Secretary – Dr Bibhudatta Mishra, bhanubibhu@gmail.com 09437282638

Jan 9-10: Amritsar, Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: Thakur Singh Art Gallery, MM Malviya Road, Amritsar

Organizers: Amritsar Division of India Post

Dealers Booth: Free

Jan 13-16: Pune, MAHAPEX, 11th Maharashtra State philatelic exhibition

Timings: 10 am to 6 pm

Venue: Shri Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi, Pune

Organizers: Maharashtra Circle of India Post

Jan 22-24: New Delhi, Delhi State philatelic exhibition

Venue: National Science Centre, Bhairon Marg, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi,

Organizers: Delhi Circle of India Post

Feb 3-5: Calicut, MUDRA 2012 - A Festival of Coins, Stamps & Currencies

Organizers: The Calicut Philatelic Club, & The Calicut Numismatic Society

Venue: Corporation Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Calicut

Contact: Rajesh Nair 09847755125, Or Sooraj 09447124066

Feb 10-12: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition

Venue: Wheeler Senate Hall, Patna University, Patna

Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

Feb 10-12: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE – 2012

Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

Feb 13-16: Calicut, KERAPEX Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Jubilee Memorial Hall of Calicut Corporation, Kandamkulam Tali, Calicut 673002
Organizers: Kerala Circle of India Post

Mar 00: Chandigarh, Punjab State philatelic exhibition
Organizers: Punjab Circle of India Post

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

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