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

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Hi,

As per our new year resolution, we are pleased to include in this issue the first of the monthly article in Features & Resources segment of this issue. We begin the series with an article on the Silver Jubilee issues of India 1935. The articles in the other months will be on stamps, postal history and philatelic history of India.

As always we welcome your suggestions.

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

Stamp Popularity Poll

Stamps of India presents 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

Feb 9: India International Centre

Feb 17: Shyama Charan Shukla

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/2011stamps.htm>

New Stamp Released

India Post released a postage stamp in the the denomination of Rs 5, on Shyam Narayan Singh a freedom fighter and legislature on January 24, 2011.

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. India Security Press, Nashik printed 300,000 stamps by photogravure process.

New Issues Availability Status

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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>

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My Stamp Update

My Stamp facility will be provided at Patna during Bihar state philatelic exhibition from February 10 to 12, 2012.

-Stamps of India Online Offers

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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.

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

Jan 21-23: Jamshedpur, JAMCOIN 2012 17th Annual Coin Exhibition

Venue: Tulsi Bhavan, Bistupur, Jamshedpur

Organizers: Coins Collectors Club, Jamshedpur

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

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Feb 10-13: Patna, Bihar State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Bihar Circle of India Post

Venue: Wheeler Senate Hall, Patna University, Ashok Rajpath, Patna

Feb 11: New Delhi, 86th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: the Spirit Restaurant, E 34, First Floor, Connaught Place, New Delhi

Feb 13-16: Calicut, KERAPEX Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition

Organizers: Kerala Circle of India Post

Venue: Jubilee Memorial Hall of Calicut Corporation, Kandamkulam Tali, Calicut 673002

Feb 21-23: Gurgaon, Haryana State philatelic exhibition

Organizers: Haryana Circle of India Post

Venue: Apparel House, Institutional Area, Sector-44, Gurgaon-122003,

Sales Stalls: Rs 1000

Feb 25: New Delhi, Aries Spring 2012 Auction (Sale No. 3)

Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Aries Auctions
Contact: Ashish Talwar talwar2002@hotmail.com 9810186108

Mar 3-4: Kolkata, National Mega Philatelic Exhibition Kolkata 2012
Venue: Olpadvala Memorial Hall, 52 Chowringhee Road, Opposite Rotary Sadan, beside New Embassy Restaurant
Sales Stalls: Single Rs 6000; Prime Location Double Rs 15000 including Lunch & Snacks + 1 water bottle per single stall per day
Mobile Dealers: Rs 2000 Including Lunch & Snacks & Water Bottle for 2 Days
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Mar 23-25: New Delhi, BHARTIYE MUDRAYE 2012
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sahitya Sadan, Gole Market, New Delhi
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society

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

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

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

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Features & Resources

King George V Silver Jubilee Issues of India 1935

by Madhukar & Savita Jhingan

Recently Nicholas Levinge from England visited India and joined many a meetings formal and otherwise on philatelic matters. His chosen subject is the King George V Silver Jubilee issues of all countries and he is the founder President of the King George V Silver Jubilee Study Circle. He also undertook research at the National archives of India for about 3 months on the Silver Jubilee issue of India. Alas without much luck.

We have been busy during his visit with various exhibitions including Stamps of India National Exhibition where Levinge volunteered and was a great help in mounting and dismounting of the exhibits. We had promised that we will search and collate all the information we have access to on the subject and share it with him. The following is result of our work.

George V, became the King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India on May 6, 1910 at the death of his father King Edward VII. His 25 years of Reign was celebrated as Silver Jubilee. On this occasion 59 countries besides India issued commemorative postage stamps. 44 postal administrations issued a common stamp design that was a first for a British colonial issue. India issued its own unique design in a set of 7 stamps on May 6, 1935. The monuments featured on the stamps were Gateway of India Bombay, Victoria Memorial Calcutta, Rameswaram Temple Madras, Jain temple Calcutta, Taj Mahal Agra, Golden Temple Amritsar, and Pagoda in Mandlay.

These stamps were designed by H W Barr, Engraver at the Security Printing India as the India Security Press at Nasik Road was then known. He had joined the Press at its inception on a five year contract and after completion of his second five year contract left India in March 1935 upon his retirement. He was succeeded in office by T I Archer, a name well known to those interested in Indian philately.

The Annual Report of the Security Printing India for the year 1934-35 has this to say about him: Mr Barr was responsible for the organisation of the work of the Studio from the inception of the Security Press, and the for the bulk of the original design work. Apart from his work on the designs of Government currency Notes, he redesigned the whole range of higher values of court fee and non-judicial impressed stamps, the series of Government of India cheques, the Inauguration of New Delhi Commemorative series of Postage Stamps and the Silver Jubilee Issue, in addition to many other items including work for Indian Native States.

The Director General's Special circular No. 64 of the March 5, 1935 states that these stamps will be printed for the normal consumption of three months only. The Annual Report of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department for the year 1935-36 states that these pictorial stamps remained on sale up to December 31, 1935 when the unsold stocks were withdrawn and destroyed. The discovery of the exact quantity printed and sold is the final frontier of India's Silver Jubilee issue.

The accompanying Postal Notice to the above Circular states that a set of 7 stamps will be issued on May 6, 1935 and will be available at all post offices in India and Burma. However the denominations listed in the Notice are ½ Anna, ¾ Anna, 1 Anna, 2½ Annas, 3½ Annas, 8 Annas, and 1 Rupee. Another Postal Notice of April 17, 1935 modified the above stating that the stamp in the denomination of 1 Rupee will not be issued and that instead stamps in the denomination of 1¼ Annas will be issued.

The Post Office Building at Calcutta GPO and several other places were illuminated on this occasion

A Postal Notice of February 28, 1935 states that a special stamp called Silver Jubilee Postal Seal has been issued by their Majesties Silver Jubilee Fund India and will be on sale at selected post offices from April 1, 1935 to May 15, 1935. The proceeds of the sale of the Seals will be used for the relief of distress and suffering in India. These Seals will not be recognized in payment of postage or any other postal or telegraph charges. The Postal Notice of May 8, 1935 extended the date of sale of the Seals to May 31, 1935. A poster for the 1 Anna Seal was also put up in the post offices.

A severe Earthquake of 7.7 magnitude on Richter scale devastated Quetta on May 31, 1935. A Postal Notice of June 7, 1935 resumed the sale of Silver Jubilee Postal Seals now for the benefit of His Excellency the Viceroy's Quetta Earthquake Relief Fund. This sale was discontinued with effect from January 1, 1936 vide the Postal Notice of December 13, 1935.

A slogan postmark 'Support the Jubilee Fund' in about 3 distinct types are known, two types of Duplex and another is boxed type. This were used at at selected post offices in India during the year beginning with April 1, 1935.

Stephen Smith, distinguished aero-philatelist and pioneering astro-philatelist commemorated the Silver Jubilee by commemorative rocket mail on March 23, 1935 for which special labels were also produced by him.

6 denominations of the Silver Jubilee issue of British Postal Orders overprinted 'India' were put on sale at post offices in India on May 7, 1935.

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National Archives of India, New Delhi, various Postal Documents, and works of Jal Cooper

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