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Thursday, December 22, 2016

Legend in the Making: Legendary Singers of India Stamps

Update (22 Dec 2016): The last word on this story had yet to be said. India Post will release the Legendary Singers of stamps on 31st December 2016. Sheets of 45 stamps for each singer is being sold on ePostOffice for pre-booking. This again raises the question about commemorating the same singers with a second stamp (six out of 10). We highly recommend that the list at the end of this post must be considered for issuing stamps on India's well known singers.

Here begins another saga with recalling of Indian postage stamps from all philatelic bureaus (after Guru Granth Sahib in 2005). This current one dates back to July 2015. After a meeting of the Philatelic Advisory Committee of India Post, it was announced that series of stamps would be released on singers, writers, dancers, painters and freedom fighters. The first set of stamps were to be released on legendary singers of India. The Minister along with senior department officials must have decided on a set of names of playback singers of Indian cinema to be commemorated with a set of stamps. The following singers were chosen:

Shamshad Begum
Manna Dey
[Geeta Dutt](#)
[Bhupen Hazarika](#)
[Hemant Kumar](#)
[Kishore Kumar](#)
Talat Mahmood
[Mukesh](#)
[Mohammed Rafi](#)
T. M. Soundararajan

Why Re-Issue Stamps on Same Personalities?



BetterPhilately had reported this on 04 April 2016 (<http://betterphilately.blogspot.com/2015/10/india-post-stamp-subject-2016.html>), while pointing out that stamps had been previously released on 6 out of 10 (highlighted in blue) personalities selected this time around. Within a few days, some other options for famous playback singers were provided on the BetterPhilately twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/BetterPhilately/status/719343350193790976>). Now it has been reported on Facebook that these stamps along with the miniature sheet of 10 designs have been recalled by India Post. All philatelic centers have been asked to send the stamps back to New Delhi. What led to this adhoc decision?

- Was there a realization in India Post that these stamps do not well represent all regions of India?
- Were these postage stamps released prematurely by some philatelic offices and this recall will help identify the culprits? Returns from whichever post office do not match the quantity originally sent could be easily found.
- Are there some errors in printing or logistical issues behind the release?



Stamps recalled: Legendary Singers of India (Source: Pan India Pictorial Place Cancellations Facebook Page)

- ▶ September (3)
- ▶ July (1)
- ▶ June (1)
- ▶ May (3)
- ▶ April (1)
- ▶ February (3)
- ▶ January (4)
- ▶ 2015 (22)

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New India #Stamps on #Indian Turbans / Headgears coming on 10 Feb: Naga Hat, Karakuli, Dastar, Haryanvi, Tepi, total 16 designs #BetterPhila

Headgears of India Stamp issue on 10 Feb 2017
16 Designs

- Angami Tribe Cap
- Bison Horn Maria Tribe
- Gondia - Lakshmi Cap
- Gujarati Turban
- Haryanvi Turban
- Himachali Topi
- Hornbill Warrior Cap
- Japi Cap
- Kashmiri (Karakuli) Cap
- Mithila Turban
- Mysore Peta
- Naga Hat
- Puneri Turban
- Rajasthan Turban
- Sikh Turban (Dastar)
- Tepi (Brokpa or Drukpa Tribe)

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We recommend this series of stamps be re-considered and the following singers be instead commemorated on Indian stamps:

[Shamshad Begum](#)
[Manna Dey](#)
[G. M. Durrani](#)
[Mahendra Kapoor](#)
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at 4:44:00 PM

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13 comments:



MAHESH SINGH May 28, 2016 at 1:06 AM

in recent times, commemorative stamps and definitive stamps (11th series) are not supplied adequately to ahmeda same issues are available online on the same day at higher prices. why such commercial business?

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Anonymous May 31, 2016 at 7:39 AM

It appears that ePostOffice sells the definitive and commemorative stamp sheets at face value. Another way to ensure gets all stamps is to increase the quantity in the Philatelic Deposit Account with the post office. Even though it will delivery, it ensures supply. Let us know if we can help.

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Santosh CV June 19, 2016 at 10:16 PM

How come these stamps are available on eBay??

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Santosh CV June 19, 2016 at 10:22 PM

How come these stamps are available on eBay??

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Anonymous June 23, 2016 at 6:57 AM

Our suggestion is to ignore these sellers of unreleased India Post stamps. So far, the government has not provided information regarding the recall of the stamps. It will be best to wait and watch as this situation develops. It is likely that stamps will get released this year. It is highly recommended that these stamps should be purchased only once they are officially.

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Santosh CV June 23, 2016 at 11:59 AM

Well, the question remains unanswered. I'll post it again : How is someone able to get hold of stamps which are not released by the postal department? Do these people work for the postal department? It's very funny how they make mockery of Philately statements :- "never to be issued..." and "Gem of an issue..."

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Replies

Anonymous September 5, 2016 at 8:10 AM

We are unable to provide further details for this subject at this time. Let's wait and see what steps are taken to resolve this issue. Thanks for visiting the blog.

Anonymous December 30, 2016 at 1:04 PM

Well Done India post by releasing the leaked issues officially.

This should teach a lesson to those who purchased these miniature sheets of face value Rs50/- for over a thousand rupees on ebay. Let us not encourage these thieves.

Anonymous December 31, 2016 at 9:01 PM

We could not agree more. This move by India Post is appreciable and goes to show the power of clean business practices. In the future, India Post needs to ensure that no stamps are prematurely issued. This will go a long way in preventing such occurrences. Thanks for the feedback.



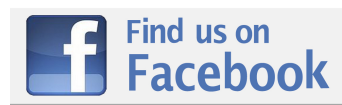
Santosh CV January 1, 2017 at 1:53 AM

Agreed, also tells us [all collectors] not to run after withdrawn issues, as far as Philately is concerned, they have no significance. There are several more improvements required by India Post, mainly concerns over recent price increases and exorbitant pricing of sheetlets on ePostOffice website. Prices are exactly double or more than these items and they are available in POs at face value later point in time !!

Anonymous January 1, 2017 at 3:45 PM

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Philatelic services and organization of philately needs to improve across various countries. Some posts could also provide interesting information and my analysis of philatelic products.

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Our recommendation for purchasing stamps on ePostOffice is to exercise some caution before purchasing its cost more than the face value of the stamps. In 2016, there were four key items that were exclusively sold online but not made available in the post offices, Surya Namaskar, Rio Olympics, Orchids and Metal Crafts sheet. attempt has been to procure these four items and then other products as necessary. We do see the need to re-philatelic products, even if printed in small quantities, available at the post office. BP

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Aniket Chiniwalla August 18, 2016 at 7:32 AM

AFAIK, the entire lot of these issues is set to be destroyed. New names and designs are going to be proposed.

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Replies

Anonymous September 5, 2016 at 8:12 AM

Thanks for letting us know. Toward the end of this blog post we've listed at least 7 singers that should be considered for a new set of stamps to be printed.

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