



India's Special Edition Stamps
1948-1980 with snapshot descriptions

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This unique collection of India's stamps represents the most consequential period of its history. In over 600 images with brief descriptions, the book brings to you thousands of pages of historical information.

The celebration of independence is put in perspective with the struggle for freedom, followed by the ambitious plans for modern India.

Meet the personalities, see the monuments, appreciate nature and above all take pride in the great country and its heritage.



Dr. Sulekha Chaudhuri is a retired scientist from the field of biotechnology and medical devices. After completing her Ph. D degree from University of Calcutta she moved to US and served in academic and corporate institutions.

This book combines Sulekha's deep interest in stamps, inspired by late Sukumar Chaudhuri, and the pride of her Indian heritage. She lives in San Jose, California and enjoys gardening, Indian music, and world travel.

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Two samples of 35+ reviews



Brian F. Jones

★★★★★ **Excellent Read for anyone interested in India's modern history**

Reviewed in the United States on November 25, 2022

Verified Purchase

As an American, I'm largely ignorant of India's history. This book is an excellent read to update yourself on India's history since 1947. The stamps add a wonderful visual asset -- especially for those of us who learn better with visual references to compliment the text. Anybody wanting to teach their kids/grandkids about their family heritage would do well use this book to compliment their lessons.

As a long time stamp collector, I'm especially keen about this book as I love what I learn through stamps. I'd love to see this book turned into a stamp album.

Brian Jones

President, San Jose Stamp Club

General Chairman, Filatelic Fiesta

Scout Leader, Stamp merit badge counselor



J. T. Hayes

★★★★★ **A snapshot of Indian culture and history**

Reviewed in the United States on March 29, 2024

Verified Purchase

This hardcover book contains clear images of the stamps of India from its 1947 independence to 1980, with useful notes giving brief information on each stamp's subject. The epilogue is informative and includes comments worthy of further study.



About the Author-Collectors

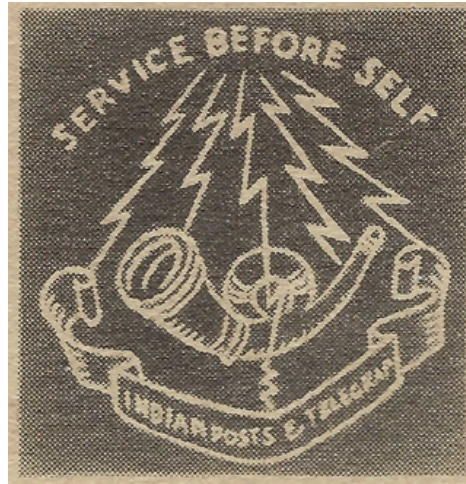
Late Sukumar Chaudhuri was first in his family with a passion and life-long engagement with the collection and research of stamps. He was an accomplished engineer who applied special techniques for research and archiving of a large collection of stamps from around the world. He added a small historical narrative to each of the special stamps in his collection.

Sulekha Chaudhuri is an avid stamp collector in her family tradition. A biotech scientist by profession, she has spent considerable time and efforts in organizing and dispositioning the inherited collection. In the preparation of the India stamp book, Sulekha did an extensive research in Indian postal history in the world context. Many of her findings are briefly explained in the book.

India Postal & Stamps - Historical Highlights

India is world's largest democracy and 5th largest economy

- In 1541, India introduced horses for mail (previously human runners carried mail under the process called Dak). The motto of 'service before self' evolved in time.



- In 1774, India established the first post office in Calcutta.
- In 1852 India became the first country in Asia to introduce stamps.
- In 2024, India has one of the world's largest postage systems (155,000 + post offices) (delivering mail often twice daily, and within 1-2 days across the country)

Highlights of the Book

600 special edition stamps with snippet historical highlights.

- **The stamps tell the story of the prime era in India's modern history**
Chronologically presented with brief history
- **Long and hard struggle for independence prior to 1847- 1947**
Personalities, events, monuments, nature - India and world
- **Events and celebrations around independence in 1947**
Power transfer, governance, celebrations and
- **Planning for an independent and progressive nation rafter 1947**
- **In 2024, India is world's largest democracy and 5th largest economy**

The first air mail letter in the world [India February, 1911

THE FIRST OFFICIAL AIR MAIL FLIGHT EVER UNDERTAKEN, WAS ON THE 18 TH FEBRUARY 1911 WHEN 6500 LETTERS AND POSTCARDS WERE FLOWN FROM THE U. P. INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITION GROUNDS, IN ALLAHABAD, TO NAINI JUNCTION BY M. PEQUET, A FRENCH AVIATOR. A SOUVENIR POSTMARK WAS PROVIDED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL U. P. FOR THE OCCASION THE SEAL BEING DESTROYED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FLIGHT.



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