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No. PWG(SB)/Phil/Special Cover/2023

Dated at Kolkata - 700012, the 26.02.2024

To  
Sd/- Ranjit Sing Mura  
Sd/- Gambhir Sing Mura  
Manda, Purulia  
Purulia - 723152

Sub - Release of Special Cover on "Chhau Samrat Padmasree Ustad Gambhir Sing Mura"

Sir,

Approval of the competent authority is hereby conveyed, for the release of a Special Cover on "Chhau Samrat Padmasree Ustad Gambhir Sing Mura" - to be released on **02.03.2024**, at **Purulia Head Post Office** by the Postmaster General, South Bengal Region. The details are given below:-


- The designs of the Special Cover and the Special Cancellation as approved by the competent authority are enclosed herewith and it is permitted to print **2,000 (Two thousand only)** pieces of the Special Cover strictly as per the design and specification approved by the competent authority.
- The Special Cover should conform strictly to the size: - 110 mm x 220 mm, with a tolerance of  $\pm 2$  mm. The Special Cover should be printed by offset process preferably using Maplitho paper of 150 GSM or higher or any superior quality paper (No smooth surface and no. lamination) to eradicate the possibilities of smudging of Special Cancellation mark.
- The back side of the special cover should contain the logo of Department of Posts and the words "Approved by: the Postmaster General, South Bengal Region, West Bengal Circle, Department of Posts" (also in Hindi version), with Code No: - SB/03/2024. A brief account of the event, strictly in two lines (Hindi, English & Regional language), being commemorated can be written on the back of the cover (as per Dte. DO No: P -161912021 -Phil-DoP dtd. 30.1.2023, circulated vide Circle Office letter no. Phil/WBC/SC/Rulings/2023 dtd. 30.01.2023), in compliance to the instruction issued by MHA vide OM No.1/14013/5/76-OL (Policy) dated: 18.6.1977.
- The sale price of the Special Cover should not exceed @Rs 20/- per piece excluding the cost of postage stamp. The sale price of the Special Cover should be mentioned on the back of the cover at a specified space.
- All the printed Special Covers must be handed over to the **Philatelic Bureau, Durgapur**, for cancellation before release. The said Bureau/HO will set up an extension counter at the venue of release of Special Cover on the day of release and all the Special Covers (**except 500 pieces**) will be available there for sale and all the sale proceeds of these Special Covers will be given to the proponent along with the balance of unsold Special Covers.
- The Proponent is requested to deposit **500 (five hundred)** pieces of blank Special Covers at Philatelic Bureau, Durgapur.
- Formal invitation card/letter along with the latest minute to minute programme of the release function to be held on **02.03.2024** may kindly be sent to the undersigned at the earliest.

ii. It may kindly be ensured that **no sale of the said Special Cover takes place before its formal release on 02.03.2024.**

iii. For any other queries regarding the release of this Special Cover, it is requested to refer to Dte. DO No: P -161912021 -Phil-DoP dtd. 30.1.2023, CO letter no. Phil/WBC/SC/Rulings/2023 dtd. 30.01.2023, circulated vide this Office letter no PMG(SB)/ Philately/SC/Corr dated 06.02.2023.

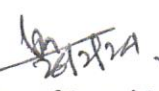
Yours sincerely,

Enclosure: as stated above.

  
Assistant Director of Postal Services-II  
O/o the PMG, South Bengal Region  
West Bengal Circle, Kol-12

Copy for information and necessary action:-

1. The Assistant Director (Phil), O/o the Chief Postmaster General, Kol – 12 for information and maintenance of centralized record.
2. The SPOs, Purulia Division, Purulia - 723101. **It is requested to keep liaison with the Regional Office, at the proponent (yourself only) with regards to the special cover releasing ceremony on 02.03.2024.**
3. The Director (Philately), Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg, New Delhi-110001 for kind information. Enclosed: - One specimen copy of the Special Cover.
4. The Postmaster Durgapur H.O. - for kind information and taking necessary action as per the existing Rules & Procedures of the Department regarding release of any Special Cover vide "the Handbook on Philately" and instructions issued in this regard from time to time. Philatelic Bureau, Durgapur H.O. will set up an extension counter at the venue of release on **02.03.2024** for sale of the Special Covers. Necessary action may kindly be taken to supply 200 special covers to the ADG (Philately), Dak Bhawan, New Delhi for sale at e Post office, as per Directorate letter under F. No.25-01/2015-Phil dated 17-02-2016, circulated through C.O. letter under no. MM&PO/Rlg/SC/2016 dated 22.02.2016 & 26.04.2016. Further necessary action may be taken as per C.O. letter no. MM&PO/Phil/Misc/2019 dated 17.10.2019.
- ✓ 5. The ADPS (Technology), O/o the Chief PMG, W.B. Circle, Kolkata-700012 for kind information and taking necessary action towards uploading the information in the website of the Department. Enclosed: - One specimen copy of Special Cover.
6. The Sr. P.S to Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle, Kolkata Region, Kol – 12.
7. The Director, Kolkata GPO, Kolkata – 01.

  
Assistant Director of Postal Services-II  
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ছৌ সম্রাট পদ্মশ্রী ওস্তাদ গম্ভীর সিং মুড়া একজন উপজাতীয় নৃত্যশিল্পী যিনি ১৯৩০ সালে পুরুলিয়ার অযোধ্যা পাহাড়ের পাদদেশে পিটিকিরি বামনি গ্রামে জন্মগ্রহণ করেন এবং পুরুলিয়ার একটি ঐতিহ্যবাহী আচারিক নৃত্য "ছৌ"-এর সাথে বিশ্বকে পরিচয় করিয়ে দেওয়ার জন্য তাঁর জীবন উৎসর্গ করেন। এই নৃত্যটি মূলত বাংলা নববর্ষের সময় "নতুন ফসল" উদযাপনের জন্য পরিবেশিত হত।

वर्ष 1930 में पुरुलिया की अजोध्या पहाड़ के तलहटी में पिटिकिरी बामनी गांव में जन्में छऊ सम्राट पद्मश्री उस्ताद गंभीर सिंह मुड़ा एक आदिवासी नर्तक थे जिन्होंने पश्चिम बंगाल में पुरुलिया के पारंपरिक अनुष्ठानिक नृत्य "छऊ" से दुनिया को परिचित कराने के लिए अपना जीवन समर्पित किया। यह नृत्य मूल रूप से बंगाली नव वर्ष के दौरान "नई फसल" का उत्सव मनाने के लिए किया जाता था।

Born in 1930 at Pitikiri Bamni village at the foothills of Ajodhya pahar in Purulia - Chhau Samrat Padmasree Ustad Gambhir Sing Mura a Tribal dancer, dedicated his life for introducing the World to "Chhau" - a traditional ritual dance of Purulia in West Bengal. This dance was originally performed during the Bengali New Year to celebrate the "New Harvests".

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भारतीय डाक विभाग Department of Posts.

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