

Bio-Data
Princess Indira of Kapurthala (1912-1979)
BBC Broadcaster

Known as Maharaj Kumari Indira Devi (in India) and Princess Indira (in London) was born on 26 February, 1912 to Maharaja Paramjit Singh and Maharani Brinda of Kapurthala; edu., Queen Mary's College, Lahore, Punjab; career, left India for Britain in 1935 at the age of twenty-three, studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA), London, managed to work briefly with Alexander Korda at London Film, successfully passed the St. John Ambulance examination after the outbreak of the Second World War and drove motor ambulances during air raids, worked as a postal censor, joined the BBC, 1942, known as the 'Radio Princess', hosted a half-hour radio programme in Hindustani for Indian forces stationed in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, broadcast the programme 'The Debate Continues', a weekly report to India on the proceedings in the House of Commons (where she was the only woman in the Press Gallery), broadcast many talks series for the *Indian Section of the Eastern Service Division* and broadcast on the Home Service, was offered a permanent contract with the Overseas Service Division, 1943, and continued to work for the BBC until 1968. She died in Ibiza, Spain in September 1979

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I Miscellaneous Correspondence

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1	2	3	4	5
1	Personal correspondence with Cecil Jacksoncraig, Harry E. Edington, Zoltan Glass and others regarding job in London	1938-56	22	English
2	Correspondence exchanged with Alexander Maximov, Frank Brown, Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Paramjit Singh, Amarjit Singh and others relating to her radio programmes, etc.	1938-69	44	English

II (A) Speeches/Writings/Articles by Her

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1	An article entitled 'The Debate Continues'	28 October 1944	7	Typed copy English
2	An article entitled 'Commentary in English for Japan-Parliamentary Commentary, No. 2'	26 February 1945	6	Typed copy English

1	2	3	4	5
3	An article entitled 'Commentary in English to Japan – Parliamentary Commentary'	19 February 1946	5	Typed copy English
4	A broadcast programme series 'This Day and Age -The Road to Kapurthala'	1958	33	Typed copy English
5	A broadcast script 'Impressions of Parliament'	14 May 1964	3	Typed copy English
6	A broadcast script 'Impressions of Parliament'	18 June 1964	4	Typed copy English
7	A broadcast script 'Crufts Dog Show'	5 February (year not known)	2	Typed copy English

II (B) Diaries/Notebooks

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1	A slam book containing notes, comments and autographs of various famous personalities	1930-79	95	English

III Speeches/Writings/Articles by Others

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1	An untitled article by Wauna Paul for <i>Holiday Chronicle London</i>	1955	8	Typed copy English

IV Press Clippings

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1	Press clippings regarding role of Princess Indira of Kapurthala at the Gate Theatre. Includes some photographs	1933-70	154	English
2	Press clippings relating to activities of Princess Indira	1937-52	25	English

V Printed Material

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1	'Kapurthala State' – a short Historical sketch together with Illustrations of its Palaces, Public Buildings and the Principle objects of interest in the State	1927	42	English

1	2	3	4	5
2	An issue of <i>Flash Vol. II – a Part of Social Moralist Philosophical Journal No. 9</i> edited by S.S. Sawal	30 September 1944	5	English

VI Other Papers

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>No. of pages</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	2	3	4	5
1	Album containing photographs of Princess Indira with her pets and family members. Includes certificates and prizes awarded to her pets. Also includes some press clippings regarding pets competition	1929-32	45	Photographs English
2	Photographs taken with various dignitaries and friends	1931-46	117	Photographs English and Urdu