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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

In an effort to make this a useful resource for the readers, we provide contact details, usually the email address, for relevant person/s in the news reports wherever possible and we shall continue to do so.

However we would like to advise everyone concerned to take all the necessary precautions that they normally take when dealing with a new person.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Vinod Sabharwal,

We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend. Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued, publications, courier and other agreed charges.

Please send your queries in detail (images welcome) on all matters related to Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to find an answer for you.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jul 31: Damodar Dharmananda Kosambi  
Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, set of 2 stamps + miniature sheet  
Aug 08: Beijing Olympics, Set of 4 stamps + miniature sheet

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of days! As you can see that the world is moving at very fast pace and we are still bringing out an issue only after 7 long 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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2008, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2008stamps.htm>

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STAMP ISSUE PROGRAM 2008 & 2009

2008

Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Set of 2 stamps + miniature sheet
Aug 08: Beijing Olympics, Set of 4 stamps + miniature sheet
Sep 15: Sardar Patel National Police Academy
Oct 12: 3rd Commonwealth Youth Games Pune, Set of 4 stamps
Oct 24: Pramatesh Barua
Oct 27: Year of Infantry
Oct 00: Saint Jayadev, Set of 11 stamps
Nov 14: Children's Day, Set of 2 stamps
Nov 00: Joachim & Violet Alvae
Nov 00: L M Singhvi
Nov 00: Saint Joseph's Boys High School Bangalore
Nov 00: Gas Authority of India
Nov 00: Dr Raj Kumar
Dec 00: Indian Institute of Science
Dec 00: Reaching Out to Maritime Neighbors

2008 - Dates to be decided

Maharaja Gulab Singh
Rani Velu Nachchiyar
Rampur Raza Library, Set of 4 stamps
Indian Coast Guard, Set of 4 stamps + miniature sheet
Rare Fauna of North East, Set of 3 stamps + miniature sheet
Standard Chartered Bank's Flagship Heritage Building
Pitti Thyagaragaiar
Sheik Thambi Pavalar
Thillaiyadi Valliammai
Udumalai Narayana Kavi
A T Paneerselvam
M Bhakta Vatsalam
Ustad Bismillah Khan

Dr T V Ranasubba Iyer
Y B Chavan
Jammu & Kashmir Light Regiment
Uttam Kumar
Indian Railway Stations, Set of 4 stamps + miniature sheet
Battagh Ali Ansari
Maulana Atikur Rehman Arvi
Maulana Mehmood Hassan
Mahanamrata Brahmchari
Bishop Robert Caldwell
B N Reddy

2009

Louis Braille
Postal Life insurance
Lal Pratap Singh
Polar Regions & Glaciers
Henri Louis Vivian Derozio
Virchand Raghavji Gandhi
Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School Chennai

Calendar of Stamps Scheduled to be Issued on (Hopefully) Fixed Dates
2008

Oct: Festivals - Dushhara of Kulu and Mysore, Diwali
Nov: Spices - Cardamom, Clove, Cinnamon, Pepper
Dec: Textiles - Banarasi silk, Kachivaram silk, Tat, Chanderi

2009

Jan: Seasons - Basant, Shishir
Feb: Actors (Female) - Meena Kumari, Devika Rani, Savitri, Kannan Devi
Mar: Shakti Temples - Kalighat, Meenakshi, Vaishno Devi, Kamakhya
Apr: Astrological Signs
May: Hill Stations - Gulmarg, Darjeeling, Ooty, Shimla
Jun: Endangered Species - Ganges River Dolphin, Nilgiri Tahr, Lion
Tailed Macaque, Himalayan Musk Deer
Jul: Children's Fables - Vikram & Vetal, Mogli, Tenali Rama, Birbal
Aug: Architecture - Ujjayanta Palace Tripura, Patwon ki Haveli
Jaisalmer, Mattancherry Palce Ernakulam, Rani ki Vav Patan
Sep: House Boats - Kerala, Kashmir
Oct: Caves - Bhimbetka, Barabar, Udaigiri, Nagarjuna
Nov: Villages - Toda, Kutch
Dec: Greetings - Christmas, New Year

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NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES

'Builders of Modern India' is the theme of the next the 10<sup>th</sup> (?) series of definitive stamps. India Post is proposing that the 12 value series will have 4 political leaders, 2 scientific & technological innovators, 2 from art, literature & culture, 2 social reformers, and 2 from trade & commerce.

Currently there are The 11 values of the current series as follows, Rs 0.25, 0.50, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 50. In addition there are 3 special definitive that is Rs 1, 2, and 3 and one in the denomination of Rs 5 that is yet to be classified - International Year of Physics 2005! The Rs 3 value is now the obsolete rate of postage and has not been printed for years due to lack of demand. Therefore only 10 rates are required and not 12.

About 20% upward revision of postal rates is expected any time soon.

The current series Natural Heritage is most liked series by philatelists and is next in popularity to the first definitive - Archeological series.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

India Post introduced the single motif postal stationery in 2002 where world heritage sites in India were to feature on yearly basis, and program for next six years were approved. However in a departure from this policy India Post is now proposing following motifs:

Meghdoot Post Card - Homi Jahangir Bhabha
Post Card - Mahatma Gandhi (No Change)
Inland Letter Card - Indira Gandhi
Envelopes - Sardar Patel
Aerogram - Mother Teresa
Registered Envelopes - Jawahar Lal Nehru

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

INDIRAMMA 1, Telugu
INDIRAMMA 2, Telugu
INDIRAMMA 3, Telugu
(Integrated Novel Development In Rural Areas & Model Municipal Areas)

The grand total till date is now 639, with 108 added this year.

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2008, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008PC.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2008, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008ILC.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2007, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007EN.htm>

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INPEX 2009

India Post has decided to hold a national philatelic exhibition in end 2009. It is likely that this show may also be held in Tamilnadu! Watch this space for more info.

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jul 26: Tiruchirappalli, Major Saravanan Memorial Trust

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2008, visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2008pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2008, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2008aps.htm>

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MADHAV INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE

The commemorative stamp issued on June 30, 2008 on the Golden Jubilee of Madhav Institute of Technology & Science Gwalior has made a new record. More than a month after its issue the stamp has not reached perhaps 66 out of 68 philatelic bureaus in the country. Meanwhile 3 new stamps have been issued but for some mysterious reason this issue remains elusive.

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NEW BLOG

Vinod Sabharwal from New Delhi has launched a new blog titled Indian Stamp Ghar at <http://www.indianstampghar.com>. Indian Stamp Ghar has been exclusively created for philatelic enthusiasts who want to share information and views on philatelic issues. Send your views to indianstampghar@gmail.com. All philatelic activities of clubs and societies can also be sent to this address. This is not a commercial venture, but a forum and platform for interaction between likeminded and positive thinking philatelists dedicated to promotion of philately.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 1-3: Coimbatore, Coin & Stamps Show

Aug 8-10: Puduchery, Coin & Stamps Show

Aug 15-17: Bangalore, Coin & Stamps Show

Sep 12-14: Mysore, Coin & Stamps Show

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2008.htm>

MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

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SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

MALDIVES

2008

Feb 19: 100 Years of World Scouting and 50 Years of Maldives Scouting, Sheetlet of 8 stamps and Souvenir sheet

http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

JAYDEV NANSEY, Jamnagar

Firstly let me congratulate Dipok Dey for his RTI application. This indeed was a major step and should be seen as a guiding beacon for other philatelists. Philately is a subject matter of the Department of Posts and hence the government but it is for the welfare of the philatelists. This should be understood in principle by the philatelists and appreciated by the Department of Posts personnel. Hence, this RTI application is a good beginning.

Dipok Dey having done his bit of work, now it is the responsibility of the veteran philatelists who have seen and been part of many national and international exhibitions to further assess the figures given in the statement by the department and to comment whether they are reasonable or misplaced. On the first go itself out of sheer commonsense I do not understand the rational of local jury transport cost of Rs. 1 lakh plus. But I would like to mention that with my limited experience I am not competent to comment on it. I am very sure we have enough number of philatelists who can come out and give their rational and logical comments on this issue.

'Stamps of India' should take a lead in compiling this comments and make a proper presentation, which may be placed before the philatelic fraternity of our nation and a copy may also be sent to the Director General & Secretary for their future reference and for the Ministers (ultimate decision makers) to understand that philately is not merely the prerogative Department of Posts but it also has a private sector participation.

My appeal to the veteran philatelists is to come forward and analyze the expenditure heads and please be rational and logical in it. Do not let your emotions carry you over the practical approach. By coming forward you will do a great service to the avenue of philately in our nation. It is a nation building activity and your contribution will make us Indians proud in international arena. Pray do not be disappointed by what has happened in the past. Dipok Dey has started a cause let's take it up and further ahead.

One more point of caution. Our dissection / analysis of the expenditure should be so as to guide / direct Department of Posts in the right direction and not as a fault finding or vindictive exercise. Let it be done with a streak of compassion towards the senior officials of Department who have never seen and hence can't sympathize with the misery of a small philatelist in a remote town of India or a philatelist awkward position when he approaches collectors / dealers overseas, as they have no respect for what Indian philately is. let's

move towards improving the quality and not merely complaining. Our job is to help the Department move towards betterment and for that we should approach them. Let it be their prerogative whether to listen to us or not. We would have done our bit of work.

I look forward to some movement to my appeal and hope that we will not let Dipok Dey's initiative die a premature death.

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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