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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

There was a proposal at the recently held Philatelic Advisory Committee to issue a stamp to mark 300 years of "Guru ta Gaddi".

"Guru ta Gaddi" literally the Seat of the Guru, refers to Takhat Sachkhand Sri Hazur Abchalnagar Sahib Gurudwara, at Nanded, Maharashtra. This is one of the 5 high seats of Sikhs. It marks the site where Guru Gobind Singh, the 10<sup>th</sup> Guru of Khalsa Panth had his camp in 1708. The Guru held his court and congregation here. It is the site of his own tent where he was convalescing after he was attacked by assassins. It is the place from where the tenth Guru rose to heaven along with his horse Dilbag. It is the site where the Guru declared Sri Guru Granth Sahib as 11<sup>th</sup> Guru of Sikhs. The Gurudwara was built by Maharaja Ranjit Singh between 1830 and 1839.

The official word is not yet out but the proposal is expected to sail through.

Meanwhile almost immediately the rumor spread out that prepared in 2005 but not yet officially issued stamp of Guru Granth Sahib is being released. According to our sources it is not likely to happen and there is no such move in offing.

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

- M&SJ

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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

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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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

DAMODAR DHARMANANDA KOSAMBI

India Post released a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs 5
on July 31, 2008 to mark the birth centenary of Damodar Dharmananda
Kosambi, a polymath who made original contributions in diverse areas
including pure mathematics, statistics, genetics, quantitative
numismatics, Sanskrit studies, and ancient Indian history.

Damodar Dharmananda Kosambi was born at Kosben, Goa on July 31, 1907.
After a few years of schooling in India, Kosambi was educated from 1918
in Cambridge, Massachusetts USA. In 1929, Harvard University awarded
him the Bachelor of Arts degree with a summa cum laude (distinction).

He served as professor at the Banaras Hindu University, Aligarh Muslim
University, Fergusson College Pune, and Tata Institute of Fundamental
Research.

One of the most important contributions of Kosambi to statistics is the
widely known technique called Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD).
Although it was originally developed by Kosambi in 1943, it is now
referred to as the Karhunen-Loeve expansion. In the 1943 paper entitled
'Statistics in Function Space' presented in the Journal of the Indian

Mathematical Society, Kosambi presented the Proper Orthogonal Decomposition some years before Karhunen (1945) and Loeve (1948). This tool has found application to such diverse field as image processing, signal processing, data compression, oceanography, chemical engineering and fluid mechanics. Unfortunately this most important contribution of his is barely acknowledged in most papers that utilize the POD method. In recent years though, it is heartening to note that some authors have indeed referred to it as the Kosambi-Karhunen-Loeve decomposition.

In 1948-49 he went to UK and the US as a UNESCO Fellow to study the theoretical and technical aspects of the computer.

On June 29, 1966, he died in Pune. He was posthumously decorated with "Hari Om Ashram" Award by the Government of India's University Grants Commission in 1980.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed the stamps by wet offset in the quantities of 0.4 million.

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ALDABRA GIANT TORTOISE

India Post released a set of 2 stamps in the denominations of Rs 5 and Rs 15 on August 2, 2008 on Aldabra Giant Tortoise. These stamps mark another first for Indian stamps being hexagonal (having six sides). The stamps are produced in the sheetlets of 13 stamps. There are four sheetlets in all, first with thirteen Rs 5 stamps, second with thirteen Rs 15 stamps, third with five Rs 5 and eight Rs 15 stamps, and the fourth with five Rs 15 and eight Rs 5 stamps.

The Aldabra Giant Tortoise (*Geochelone gigantea*), from the islands of the Aldabra Atoll in the Seychelles, is one of the largest tortoises in the world.

Its carapace averages 120 cm in length and is a dark blue or black color with a high domed shape. It has stocky, heavily scaled legs to support its heavy body. The neck of the Aldabra Giant Tortoise is very long, even for its great size, which helps it to exploit tree branches up to a meter from the ground as a food source. The average weight of a male is around 250 kg. Females are generally smaller than males, with average specimens measuring 90 cm in length and weighing 150 kg.

Large tortoises are among the longest-lived animals on the planet. Some individual Aldabra Giant Tortoises are thought to be over 100 years of age, but this is difficult to verify because they tend to outlive their human observers.

Adwaitya (The One and Only) was reputedly one of four brought by British seamen from the Seychelles Islands as gifts to Robert Clive of the British East India Company in the 18th century and came to Kolkata Zoo in 1875. At its death in March 2006, Adwaitya is reputed to have

reached the longest ever measured life-span of 255 years, although the accuracy of this is disputed due to a lack of contemporary records.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed the stamps by photogravure in the quantities of 3 million each. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 0.2 million.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

- Chennai Telephones, English
- Road Safety Sign - Speed Limit, English & Tamil
- Road Safety Sign - T Intersection, English & Tamil
- Road Safety Sign - Give Way, English & Tamil
- Road Safety Sign - No U Turn, English & Tamil
- Road Safety Sign - Stop, English & Tamil

The grand total till date is now 645, with 114 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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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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RAKHI MAIL

Rakhi Festival falls on 16th of this month. Like in previous years, India Post has made special arrangements for handling of Rakhi Mails from August 11 to 20, 2008. Special posting counters are being set up in 34 important post offices of Delhi and at the two railway stations of Delhi and New Delhi during this period.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #8, August 2008, Monthly
Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla
Annual Subscription: Free

Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

For a list currently published Indian philatelic periodicals, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 8-10: Puduchery, Coin & Stamps Show

Aug 8-10: Alleppey, Philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: The Alleppey Numismatic and Philatelic Society  
Venue: Punnapra Vayalar Smaraka Hall  
Dealers Booth: Rs 1500  
Contact: Mahesh Reddiar 09904649703, 09874974473 [philaindia@yahoo.co.in](mailto:philaindia@yahoo.co.in)

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

BANGLADESH

Jul 11: World Population Day

PAKISTAN

Jun 21: Benazir Bhutto 55th Birth Anniversary, miniature sheet, Rs 20

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

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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for August 2008 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website [www.cwiakala.com](http://www.cwiakala.com).

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

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

JEEVAN JYOTI, Shimla

It refers to the details of expenditure of Inpex-2008 published in No. 351 issue of this esteemed digital Weekly. In my view the amount spent on the awards was quite less. Is it justified? After all the exhibitors pay a big amount of participation fee. If they do not get a standard award in a national Exhibition, it is quite disheartening. It should be noted that the standard of the awards was very low as compared to required standard at a National Show. The medals were sent to the participants in small polythene envelopes instead of a case or box.

The souvenir was not published for the participants.

The grand awards must have been of good quality keeping in view maintaining the required standards at a National level.

It is the participants who actually make such shows possible by their exhibits and spend hours of hard work to prepare them for the exhibition. They should not be ignored. But in such shows more importance is given to the members of Jury who do not even give a thorough look to the exhibits in giving the right decision. Most of the exhibits were judged just by giving an average glance at the exhibits. This is visible from the facts published in the form of the reactions of the participants of INPEX-2008 in this weekly sometime back.

Now the news about INPEX 2009 is again alarming news for the exhibition enthusiasts. I hope the future exhibition will be organized with more rational approach and avoid the shortcomings of the previous exhibition.

There is also a need of restructuring the pattern of appointment of the members of Jury keeping in view the number of exhibits. The class which has more participants should be given sufficient number of expert judges in order to get the proper evaluation of the exhibits.

FEATURES & RESOURCES

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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The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

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