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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

2 days and 3 nights, is the time it takes to go from New Delhi to Trichur by the railway. We recently undertook 9 day trip, where for 6 days we were in the train, to attend the stamp exhibition in Trichur. The 3000 kilometer long train journey was fun and one could actually rest as for some strange reason the internet connectivity for our service provider was rather poor. This was primarily responsible for the delay in making and mailing this and the previous issue.

We have since been wondering how human being lived before the internet was invented?

We also wonder when we will be able travel in India by a train travelling at 300 kilometer an hour.

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

- M&SJ

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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

MORE PREMATURE ISSUES

The commemorative postage stamps on Thillaiyadi Valliammai, Udumalai Narayana Kavi, and A T Paneerselvam which are yet to be released by India Post are being reported by collectors who are finding these used on commercial mails.

There are a record 14 stamps of 2008 that have been in circulation without being officially issued by India Post. 9 have since been issued, at times 3 months after being available prematurely, and for 5 no dates of issue are announced yet.

For images of Indian premature issues, please visit:  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/premature.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Nov 27: National Police Academy
- Nov 28: St Joseph's Boys High School
- Nov 30: Budhadev Bose
- Dec 02: Evershed Effect, Rs 5
- Dec 04: Reaching Out to Maritime Neighbors, Rs 5
- Dec 05: BrahMos Missile, Set of 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 25 + miniature sheet
- Dec 08: L M Singhvi, Rs 5
- Dec 08: Christmas, Set of 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 25
- Dec 10: Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Rs 5
- Dec 14: Indian Institute of Science, Set of 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 25 + MS
- Dec 15: Swami Ranganathananda, Rs 5
- Dec 16: Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw
- Dec 21: T V Ramasubba Iyer

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 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 STAMP RELEASED

Pratibha Patil, the President of India, released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the freedom-fighter couple, Joachim and Violet Alva on November 20, 2008 at New Delhi coinciding with their birth centenary year. The release function was attended by Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee, Minister for Communications & Information Technology A Raja, former Prime Minister I K Gujral, family and friends of Alva couple.

Violet and Joachim were elected to the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha respectively in 1952, making them the first couple in history to be elected to Parliament of the country.

Born in Udipi in the then South Canara district of the erstwhile Madras Presidency on January 21, 1907, Joachim played an important role in the freedom struggle. Violet was born in Ahmedabad on April 24, 1908.

They met in Bombay's Government Law College and married on November 20, 1932. Together, the Alvas fought for independence, played a key role as lawyers and edited journals. Joachim was the founder-editor of Forum magazine which he published along with Violet. The magazine became a platform for patriotic Indians to write without fear and put across the Indian point of view in times of the British rule.

Violet died in 1969, and Joachim in 1979.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta 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 stamp by wet offset in the quantities of 0.4 million.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were released with imprint 2007 and are being reported first time here:

Girl Star - Loan Manager, Hindi
Girl Star - Archer, Hindi
Child Help Line, Hindi
Education for all,

The grand total till date is now 698, with 163 added this year.

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

POST CARD

2008: With Message "Philately: King of Hobbies Collect India Postage Stamps Contact Nearest Philatelic Bureau, SPP

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

INLAND LETTER CARD

2008: With Message "Philately: King of Hobbies Collect India Postage
Stamps Contact Nearest Philatelic Bureau, SPP

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

ENVELOPE

2008: Blue, SPP

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

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#### RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jan 17: Kanjoor, St Mary's Forane Church  
Jul 11: Thiruvananthapuram, NABARD Kerala Regional Office, 26th Anniv  
Aug 14: Aliyar, World Community Service Centre 50th Anniversary  
Sep 20: Mysore, Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniv  
Sep 27: Amritapuri, Introduction of Permanent Pictorial Postmark  
Oct 2: Mysore, Kabini Railway Bridge  
Oct 15: Bhubaneswar, Philatelic Exhibition  
Nov 14: Thiruvananthapuram, CSI Christ Church Sesquicentennial  
Nov 21: Thrissur, Philatelic Exhibition

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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NEW MAXCARDS

Oct 7, 2008: Dussehra Mysore
Quantity created: 75
Available from Sunil Joseph sunilstamp@gmail.com

To view images of maxcards of 2008 issues, please visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2008mc.htm>

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#### PRICES OF MINIATURE SHEETS

The Philatelic Division at India Post headquarters in New Delhi clarified that the sale price of the miniature sheets of Delhi 2010 19th Commonwealth Games and St Alphonsa issued on October 13 and November 16, 2008 respectively is Rs 15 only.

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NEW STAMP PACKS

Nov 16, 2008: Dr B N Reddi
Contents: Stamp and the First Day cover with Brochure
Issued by: India Post
Price: Rs 60

To view images of stamp packs of issued in 2008, please visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2008packs-sets.htm>

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YEAR BOOK 2007

Eesahn Prakasha has published India Postage Stamp Year Book 2007. Narendra Kumar of New Delhi has developed this book. The hardbound book illustrates in full color on art paper all the stamps, miniature sheets, first day covers, first day of issue postmark, max cards, and stamp packs issued by India Post in 2007. It adds a write-up, specifications, and several relevant illustrations. It also has place to mount the stamps and miniature sheet. Priced at Rs 750 post paid anywhere in India, the book is available from  
[kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in](mailto:kumarnarendra1960@yahoo.co.in)

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INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN JAKARTA 2008

222nd Asian International Stamp Exhibition was held at Jakarta, Indonesia from October 23 to 28, 2008. Rameshwardas Binani was the National Commissioner for India and there was no Jury member from India. Following awards were won by exhibits from India:

Large Vermeil Medal
Ajay Kumar Mittal's Revenues of Indore

Vermeil Medal
Rameshwardas Binani's Flag

Large Silver Medal
Suketu S Jhaveri's Indian Telegraph 1851-1914
Rajesh Kumar Bagri's Maps

Silver Medal
Anuj Kumar Bagri's My Own Atlas

Silver Bronze Medal
B M Mody's The History of Architecture with Culture and Heritage
Daniel Monterio's Waterfowl
Naresh Goyal's Our Feathered Friends
Rajesh Kumar Sinha's Fascinating World of Maps

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OBITUARIES

O Balakrishna Menon died at the age of 93 at his residence in Ernakulam on March 26, 2008. He was the acknowledged master in Cochin philately. Many prominent Cochin philatelists developed under his guidance. He had catalogued many Cochin stamps and he had done research on Cochin philately.

M O John Manavalan died on November 12, 2008 at the age of 78 at his residence in Ernakulam. He had served as the Director of Education, Borno state, Nigeria. He was a veteran philatelist and had a good collection of Vatican, UK and India. He was very active exhibitor and had received a gold medal in Kerapex-2007.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

THE FILA CAPSULE, Vol 3 #4, Jul Aug 2008, BiMonthly

THE FILA CAPSULE, Vol 3 #5, Sep Oct 2008, BiMonthly
Editor: Ajit Kumar Dash akdash2000@yahoo.com
Publisher: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar
Life Subscription (including membership): Rs 1,000

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

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NEW WEB SITE

L R Rajagopal of Coimbatore is dealer for Stamps and Coins from around the world. He has recently launched a website [www.universalstamps.com](http://www.universalstamps.com). It has offers of stamps, First Day Covers, Maxim Cards, Miniature Sheets, and Special Covers.

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INTERNET PHILATELIC DEALERS ASSOCIATION

The Internet Philatelic Dealers Association (IPDA) was formed in February 2002, by a group of individuals with the main intention to allow stamp collectors across the world to trade and interact with other collectors and dealers with the confidence that will make the Internet a safer place to interact with each other. After five years of steady growth, the IPDA was incorporated in the state of Florida USA, on 28th February 2007.

For information about the membership and services of the IPDA please visit <http://www.ipdaonline.org>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dec 25-27: Kolkata, Coin Exhibition

2009

Jan 10-12: Pune, National level Numismatic Competitive Exhibition  
Organizers: International Collector's Society of Rare Items, Pune  
Venue: Sonal Hall, Karve Road, next to MES Garware College, Pune  
Entry Forms: Available from Nov 20, 2008, Last date of acceptance of duly filled entry forms is Dec 15, 2008.  
Dealers Booth: Rs 5000, 2 tables & 2 chairs + Breakfast & Lunch for 2  
Last date for Booth confirmation is Jan 5, 2009  
Contact: President - S R Bhat 020-25655960, 09326897201, Chairman - Basti Solanki 09823088865, Secretary - Rajendra Shah 020-24477660, 09890117252

Jan 24-26: Nagpur, Coins exhibition  
Organizers: Numismatic Research Institute  
Dealers Booth: Rs 5000 2 tables 3 chairs + tea & lunch for 2  
Contact: Avinash T Ramteke 0 98230 22662, Piyush Agrawal 0 93255 68570

Jan 30-Feb 1: Ahmedabad, Festival of Stamps  
Organizer: Gujarat Philatelists' Association  
Venue: Srimati Sushilaben Ratilal Hall, opposite Choice Restaurant, C G Road, near Swastik Crossroads, Ahmedabad 380009  
Dealers Booth: Ground Floor Rs 7000, First Floor Rs 4000, inclusive of lunch and tea for 2 persons for 3 days  
Contact: Anil Choksi, Treasurer GPA, 0 99257 03513 or 079 2656 4923

Feb - dates to be announced: Coins, Numismatic Exhibition  
Organizer: Delhi Coin Society

Venue:  
Visit: [www.delhicoinsociety.com](http://www.delhicoinsociety.com)  
Contact: [delhicoinsociety@gmail.com](mailto:delhicoinsociety@gmail.com)

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

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<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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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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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