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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

I'd really like to clear off some things that have been written regarding Madhukar Jhingan who is my dad. He is 51 years old and not 68 or 60 like certain sources on the internet (read thaiindian news and DNA) are saying. That is almost the age of granddad not my dad. L O L. DNA also said stuff like that it was a dream come true for my dad to win the lifetime achievement award and that he has been waiting for it all his life and \*\*\*\* like that but that is not true. It sure is great to be recognized but this is not what he has been working for. the reporter for DNA has asked if it was okay to write that he has been waiting for this all his life, even though my dad said no, that is not true, she printed it anyway just so make the headline look more attractive and probably to cover her lack of information. Moral of the story? Don't believe everything u read!

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

- YJ

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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

Mar 01: 10th Definitive Series - Builders of Modern India, 9 stamps,  
Re 0.50 - K Kamraj  
Re 1 - Mahatma Gandhi,  
Rs 2 - B R Ambedkar,  
Rs 3 - Satyajit Ray,  
Rs 4 - Homi Bhabha,  
Rs 10 - Periyar E V Ramaswamy Naicker  
Rs 15 - J R D Tata  
Rs 20 - Mother Teresa  
Rs 50 - Rukmini Devi Arundale

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/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY

Minister of Communications and Information Technology, A Raja released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the occasion of the National Girl Child Day being observed for the first time in India on February 5, 2009 at New Delhi.

On January 19, 2009 the Government of India declared January 24 as the National Girl Child Day. It is the day when Indira Gandhi was sworn in as the first woman prime minister of India in 1966.

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 0.8 million stamps by photogravure process.

SANTAJI JAGNADE

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Santaji Jagnade on February 9, 2009.

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 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

MAHA KAVI MAGH

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on 8th century Sanskrit poet Magh on February 9, 2009.

Maha Kavi (Great Poet) Magh is known for his epic poem Shishupal Vadha (The Slaying of King Shishupal) that is noted for its intricate wordplay, and textual complexity. The 19th canto contains the following stanza which is an example of what has been called "the most complex and exquisite type of palindrome ever invented". It yields the same text if read forwards, backwards, down, or up:

sa-kA-ra-nA-nA-ra-kA-sa-
kA-ya-sA-da-da-sA-ya-kA
ra-sA-ha-vA vA-ha-sA-ra-
nA-da-vA-da-da-vA-da-nA.

The up-and-down reading depends on re-reading the text back up again in each column.

The stanza translates as: [That army], which relished battle (rasAhavA) contained allies who brought low the bodes and gaits of their various striving enemies (sakAranAnArakAsakAyasAdadasAyakA), and in it the cries of the best of mounts contended with musical instruments (vAhasAranAdavAdadavAdanA).

Nenu Gupta 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 0.4 million stamps by photogravure process.

POSTAL LIFE INSURANCE

Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, Jyotiraditya M Scindia released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Postal Life Insurance on February 11, 2009 at New Delhi.

Kamleshwar Singh 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 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

The First Day Covers for these issues arrived:

2009 Jan 21: Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
2009 Jan 25: Saint Paul's Church

The Brochures for these issues arrived:

2009 Jan 21: Vaikom Muhammad Basheer

2009 Jan 25: Saint Paul's Church

The following stamps are still awaited:

2009 Jan 28: Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH, Set of 4 Stamps
- Expected late February

The following Miniature Sheets are still awaited:

2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise
2008 Nov 14: Children's Day - Expected late February

The First Day Covers for these issues are still awaited:

2009 Jan 28: Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH
2009 Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha
2009 Feb 5: National Girl Child Day
2009 Feb 9: Santaji Jagnade
2009 Feb 9: Maha Kavi Magh
2009 Feb 11: Postal Life Insurance

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Industrial Safety & Health, Hindi  
Industrial Safety & Health, Hindi  
Industrial Safety & Health, Gujarati  
Industrial Safety & Health, Gujarati  
Industrial Safety & Health, Marathi  
Industrial Safety & Health, Marathi  
Industrial Safety & Health, Bengali

The grand total till date is now 743, with 208 added in 2008.

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

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009EN.htm>

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NEW MAXCARDS

Jan 04, 2009: Louis Braille Birth Bicentenary, 2 Cards,
Available from H K Jain jainhk60@gmail.com

For an illustrated list of Max Cards in 2009, visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2009mc.htm>

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MOBILE PHILATELY

The Logo and the Posters of 'Mobile Philately' were released and its Website launched at a special function on January 31, 2009 during the Festival of Stamps at Ahmedabad.

Mainak Kathiara, President of Gujarat Philatelists Association introduced the concept of 'Mobile Philately'. Thereafter Anand Swarup Mittal of Jaipur released the logo, while Madhukar Jhingan of New Delhi and P G Bhargave of Nasik released two posters. Soon these posters will be sent to all the philatelic bureaus and philatelic societies in India.

Prakash Jambudi of Ahmedabad formally launched the web site of Mobile Philately - [www.mobilephilately.webs.com](http://www.mobilephilately.webs.com)

Deepak Modi of Jalna, the founder of 'Mobile Philately' explained the about this mobile messaging system and put forth the development plan that will be carried out to take this unique service to each and every stamp collector in India.

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RIGHT TO INFORMATION APPLICATION

From
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Damji Shamji Industrial Complex
9 L. B. S. Marg
Kurla(W) Mumbai 70.
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To,
DDG Philately
Dak Bhavan, Sansad Marg
New Delhi 110001.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT

Dear Sir,

This is Jigar Desai from Mumbai. Firstly I would like to remind u that I have still not received complete reply to my earlier RTI application done in December 2008. I request u to please send full reply as soon as possible as it is already 2months n it is too much time for reply. Now I would like to do a fresh application under Right to Information Act to know following....

- 1) First Day Cover
- 2) Brochure

For Following issues of Jan 2009 n Feb 2009 when was design final to print First Day Cover N Brochure , When was it given to print to press , By when it was printed , When it left press to be delivered to All Philatelic Bureau All Over India , By when it reached at All Philatelic Bureaus including major Philatelic Bureau Delhi , Mumbai , Ahmedabad. I

would like to have information under Right To Information Act with date of delivery of First Day Cover n Brochure at all philatelic bureaus.

Issues are as Follows.....

- 1) Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH
- 2) Steel Authority of India
- 3) National Girl Child Day.

Also Under Right To Information Act I would like to what is position of Postage Stamp of Following issue...

On which date it was given for printing and what is the reason behind delay,

- 1) Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH

The release happened on 28.01.09 and at that time only miniature sheet arrived. By when stamps r expected to reach all Philatelic Bureau All over India.

Also by now why Miniature Sheet of Following has still not arrived.....

- 1) Aldabara Tortoise
- 2) Festival of India
- 3) 2010 Commonwealth Games
- 4) Brahmos

I request you to please give all above information within stipulated time.

Thanking you very much.

Sincerely Your's

Jigar J Desai.

Note: RTI Application Indian Postal Order Attached

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb 27-28, & Mar 1: New Delhi, Coins, Numismatic Exhibition  
Organizer: Delhi Coin Society  
Venue: Bapu Samaj Seva Kendra, Panchkunan Road,  
Contact: Goga Jain 0 93123 18401

Dec: Vadodara, Stamp-Mania 2009 One Frame Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizer: Baroda Philatelic Society  
Contact: Prashant H Pandya [vadophil@indianphilately.net](mailto:vadophil@indianphilately.net)

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2009.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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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, Kullu

Recently some of the noted philatelists have been honoured by the philatelic societies of different states. EIPA, Bhubaneshwar and GPA, Ahmedabad deserve a big appreciation to give recognition to the noted philatelists of our country. Philately is not only a hobby for money investment but it also represents an intellectual taste and aesthetic sense of those who are involved in this hobby and spend their life in research for a particular subject and present their collection in a novel way. It will not be unfair if we call this hobby a kind of art. The persons involved in its promotion are also very important. It's a very good step taken by the societies. It's a great honour for whole philatelic community to recognize the persons who are working for the promotion of this hobby. It would be very nice if India Post come forward too in this regard and honour the philatelists nominated by philatelic societies during state and national philatelic exhibitions. After all the philatelic community plays a key role in popularising the postage stamps, the tiny ambassadors of a country as well as help the postal Administration to earn a good revenue through the sale of its various philatelic items.

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

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