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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This space in the previous issue was the first independent piece by the next generation of Jhingans. Although YJ has been regular for some time now in assisting us in the editing and publishing, that was her first signed contribution. As parents we are pleased that she shares our enthusiasm for philately.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAMP ISSUE PROGRAM 2009

Jan 04: Louis Braille Birth Bicentenary  
Jan 20: Vaikom Muhammad Basheer  
Jan 25: Saint Paul's Church Chennai  
Jan 28: Heritage Monuments Preservation INTACH, 4 Stamps + MS  
Jan 30: Spices of India, 5 Stamps + MS RESCHEDULED  
Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha  
Feb 2: Flowering Tree Pterospermum Acerifolium RESCHEDULED  
Feb 3: Steel Authority of India  
Feb 5: National Girl Child Day  
Feb 9: Santaji Jagnade  
Feb 9: Magh  
Feb 11: Postal Life Insurance 125th Anniversary  
Feb 15: Heritage Temples - Dilwara, Ranakpur RESCHEDULED  
Feb 19: Lal Pratap Singh RESCHEDULED  
Feb 21: Vallabh Suri  
Feb 28: Harakh Chand Nahata  
Mar 8: Legendary Heroines of Cinema - Kanan Devi, Devika Rani, Savitri, Meena Kumari,  
Mar 13: K K Birla  
Mar 27: Polar Regions & Glaciers  
Mar 30: UN Convention on the Rights for Persons with Disabilities  
Mar 31: Dr Mahendra Lal Sircar  
Apr 6: Zodiac Signs 12 Stamps  
Apr 18: Henri Louis Vivian Derozio  
May 2: Prafulla Chandra Chaki  
May 4: Colonial Heritage - Gulmarg, Darjeeling, Ooty, & Shimla  
May 11: Children's Fables I - Vikaram & Betal, Mogli  
May 25: Maharaja Surajmal  
May 00: Buddha Jayanti  
May 00: Lailt Kala Academy  
Jun 1: Maharishi Patanjali & Yoga  
Jun 5: Endangered Species 4 Stamps  
Jun 12: Rev J J M Nicholas Roy  
Jul 7: Architectural Splendors - Ujjayanta Palace Tripura & Patwon ki Haveli Jaisalmer  
Jul 12: Lifeline Express  
Jul 00: Rath Yatra Festival Puri  
Jul 00: National Gallery of Modern Art  
Aug 2: Pingali Venkaiah  
Aug 3: Children's Fables II - Tenali Ramalinga, Akbar & Birbal  
Aug 18: Unique Villages - Toda, Kutch  
Aug 21: P Jeevanadam  
Aug 25: Virchand Raghavji Gandhi  
Sep 7: House Boats - Kerala, Kashmir  
Sep 9: Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Chennai  
Sep 27: Dushyant Kumar  
Sep 00: Danmai Mathur  
Oct 1: Tracing Civilizations - Caves: Bhimbetka, Barabar, Udaigiri, & Nagarjuna  
Oct 10: R K Narayanan  
Nov 2: World Heritage Architectural Splendors - Mattancherry Palace Ernakulum, Rani ki Vav Patan  
Nov 12: Gauri Shankar Dalmia  
Nov 14: Children's Day, 2 Stamps  
Dec 8: Amazing Textiles - Banarasi Silk, Kachivaram Silk, Tat, Chanderi

Dec 18: Seasons Greetings, 2 Stamps  
Dec 00: Indian Mathematical Society

DATES TO BE DECIDED:

R Shankar  
K A P Vishwanathan  
Apollo Hospital  
Bhai Jeevan Singh  
St Joseph's College Bangalore  
G K Moopanar  
Geet Govind, 11 Stamps  
Rampur Raza Library, 4 Stamps  
Rare Fauna of North East, 3 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
Indigenous Horses, 2 Stamps

LEFTOVERS FROM THE STAMP ISSUE PROGRAM 2008 & 2009 RELEASED ON JULY 30,  
2008 THAT DO NOT FIND A MENTION IN THE NEW PLAN AS ABOVE

Maharaja Gulab Singh  
Y B Chavan  
Jammu & Kashmir Light Regiment  
Uttam Kumar  
Indian Railway Stations, 4 stamps + Miniature Sheet  
Battagh Ali Ansari  
Maulana Atikur Rehman Arvi  
Maulana Mehmood Hassan  
Mahanamrata Brahmchari  
Bishop Robert Caldwell  
2008 Oct 24: Pramatesh Barua Rescheduled  
2008 Oct 27: Year of Infantry Rescheduled  
2008 Nov 00: Dr Raj Kumar Rescheduled  
2009 Jan: Seasons - Basant, Shishir  
2009 Mar: Shakti Temples - Kalighat, Meenakshi, Vaishno Devi, Kamakhya

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Feb 21: Vallabh Suri
Feb 28: Harakh Chand Nahta
Mar 13: K K Birla

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 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 ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

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 - God Only Knows  
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

The Brochures for these issues are still awaited:

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Post Card

Jan 10, 2009: AIDS, Gujarati, SPP

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

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<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit

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RAINFALL INSURANCE SCHEME FOR COFFEE

Karnataka Circle of India Post tied up with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India on February 17, 2009 to market Rainfall Insurance Scheme for Coffee. This policy will be sold through 327 post offices in the 23 coffee growing zones of the three districts - Kodagu, Chikmagalore and Hassan.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

PHILA POST, Vol 1 No 1, Jan Mar 2009, Quarterly
Executive Editor: Manju Kumar, Director, Philately Division, India Post
Publisher: L B Associates Pvt Ltd for India Post
Annual Subscription: Rs 40 for 4 issues

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14-15: Mangalore, Philately Numismatic Exhibition  
Organizer: Dakshina Kannada Philatelic and Numismatic Association  
Venue: Aloysius High School Auditorium, Kodialbail

Feb 16-19: Kolkata, Souvik Roy's Philatelic Exhibit on Cinema of Bengal  
Organizer: Forum For Philately + Russian Centre for Science & Culture  
Venue: Gorky Sadan, 3 Gorky Terrace

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

Feb 28 & Mar 1: Dehradun, Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizer: India Post Uttarakhand Circle  
Venue: GPO Dehradun  
Contact: Rajesh Varma 09897272804

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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OOPS!

Anand Shanker Mittal, NOT Anand Swarup Mittal as erroneously reported in the previous issues, is the correct full name of the person better known by the philatelists as A S Mittal. He is the founder of Mittal Stamp Company, Jaipur.

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

What is recession?
By P R Krishnan

This Story is about a man who once upon a time was selling Hotdogs by the roadside.

He was illiterate, so he never read newspapers. He was hard of hearing, so he never listened to the radio.
His eyes were weak, so he never watched television. But enthusiastically, he sold lots of hotdogs.

He was smart enough to offer some attractive schemes to increase his sales. His sales and profit went up.

He ordered more and more raw material and buns and used to sell more. He recruited few more supporting staff to serve more customers. He started offering home deliveries. Eventually he got himself a bigger and better stove.

As his business was growing, the son, who had recently graduated from College, joined his father.

Then something strange happened.

The son asked, "Dad, aren't you aware of the great recession that is coming our way?" The father replied, "No, but tell me about it." The son said, "The international situation is terrible. The domestic situation is even worse. We should be prepared for the coming bad times."

The man thought that since his son had been to college, read the papers, listened to the radio and watched TV. He ought to know and his advice should not be taken lightly. So the next day onwards, the father cut down on his raw material order and buns, took down the colorful signboard, removed all the special schemes he was offering to the customers and was no longer as enthusiastic.

He reduced his staff strength by giving layoffs. Very soon, fewer and fewer people bothered to stop at his hotdog stand. And his sales started coming down rapidly, same is the profit.

The father said to his son, "Son, you were right". "We are in the middle of a recession and crisis. I am glad you warned me ahead of time."

Moral of the Story

It's all in your MIND! And we actually FUEL this recession much more than we think

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READERS FORUM

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

CHETAN SARAF

You can say I have just begun to find my footsteps in this vast subject called Philately. I am no expert on anything - be it the subject, design or print quality - of postage. However, in my endeavour to know more about various cultures and countries through their postage stamps, I have procured some samples of philatelic items from almost all parts of the world. And with due respect to all our designers and printers back in India, I must say that the design and print quality of most of the stamps issued, is truly appalling. Not to mention the choice of subject - who are very often people none of us have heard about. As I think about these lapses in design and quality, I cannot bring myself to cite an example as almost all stamps suffer from this.

I think it is very important that India Post makes its stamps attractive and takes an active interest in promoting philately not only in India, but throughout the world. I don't think any country can offer as many subjects as India. However, unless we make our stamps beautiful and attractive, how will we arouse the interest of young philatelists, who are going to be the experts and connoisseurs of tomorrow.

Apart from the aesthetics, India Post must also take some initiatives to manufacture and promote philatelic items other than just brochures, FDCs and miniature sheets. They should take some cues from Royal Mail, Denmark Post, Gibraltar Post, etc. etc.

GOPAL TANDON

You write "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. " To this I can only observe although most of the country has entered the electronic age, our Phil. Bureaux are still in the bullock cart age. It takes time for Kumbakaran to wake up!!

M SHRIVASTAVA, Bangalore

Of late, India Post has issued presentation packs which are overpriced. Take, for example the presentation pack concerning FM SHFJ Manekshaw.

While it is priced at Rs 75, the contents of an FDC, Folder and Block of stamps cost no more than Rs 30. That means India Post is charging Rs 45 for just the outer cover which by no stretch of imagination should cost more than Rs 10.

Incidentally, India Post is now selling the Children's Day 2006 pack of 3 cards @ Rs 20 which was originally priced and sold at Rs 50.

Perhaps India Post does not believe in the age old dictum "Bones for the latecomers" and gives the early birds "a raw deal"

When will this "Loot Maar" stop?

KAPRE

It is three months since I last received FDCs for the month of Oct 2008 from the Sansad Marg Philatelic Bureau. Since then I have rung up the Bureau in New Delhi many times. Each time the answer is that the Children's Day stamps of Nov 2008 are still not available. I do not know whether this situation is tragic or comic. I can only say, in decent terms, that this state of affairs does no credit to the Minister concerned, or to the staff who so irreverently call themselves the Philatelic Bureau.

The above attitude has percolated to the regional Bureaus' as well. The Ernakulam Philatelic Bureau (<http://www.philakochi.com/>) is a case in point. It takes orders, demands a bank draft for the order, and that's all. When or whether they ever complete the order remains a mystery.

A friend suggested that the Bureau in every city be shut down and the place auctioned to stamp dealers, who I am sure will do a better job.

JEEVAN JYOTI, Kullu

It refers to 'The Pride of India Collection' recently brought out by Hallmark Group which has been authorised by India Post to make out 24 - carat gold plated, Swiss silver replicas of 25 selected stamps issued by India Post. It costs Rs 6000 each and complete set costs Rs 150,000. The complete set is only on sale on monthly installment of Rs 6000 and individual replicas cannot be purchased. This collection is only for a specific group of collectors. There are many who want select replicas like of Mahatma Gandhi, Taj Mahal or Madhubala as these themes are always favourite with collectors. It would have been very nice if select replicas are also put on sale to make popular among all groups of collectors. Because to spend Rs 150,000 on complete set is beyond limit of a common collector. I hope if the concerned authorities of India Post take up this matter and persuade Hallmark Group for individual sale of replicas it will be appreciated by whole philatelic community.

JIGAR DESAI, Mumbai

I request DDG philately, RR P Singh to start the competition for children's day stamp for 2009 just now at schools all over India to ensure the stamps of 2009 to come in time on the date of issue itself otherwise again it will be the same old story as of 2008.

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