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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

February is the month with the least number of days. This shortage perhaps may have caused the delay in mailing 3 out of 4 issued due this month. We will take extra care next February.

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

- M&SJ

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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.
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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

APOORVA DAGA PASSES AWAY

An unfortunate accident on a local train in Mumbai ended a very promising life of Apoorva Daga, an active collector and dealer of 20 years of age on February 19, 2009. He was doing his apprenticeship in diamond trade in Antwerp and was to leave Mumbai for Belgium on that fateful day February 19, 2009. He was cremated at his home town Jaipur on February 20, 2009. His untimely passing away is not only a serious blow to his family - parents and an elder brother, and friends and fellow philatelist all over India but is also a loss to Indian philately.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Feb 28: Harakh Chand Nahta

Mar 13: K K Birla

Mar 01: 10th Definitive Series - Builders of Modern India, 9 stamps,

Re 1 - Mahatma Gandhi,

Rs 2 - B R Ambedkar,

Rs 3 - Satyajit Ray,

Rs 4 - Homi Bhabha,

Rs 15 - J R D Tata

Rs 20 - Mother Teresa

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

20008 Nov 14: Children's Day - Expected late February

The First Day Covers for these issues are still awaited:

2009 Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha

2009 Feb 9: Maha Kavi Magh

The Brochures for these issues are still awaited:

2009 Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha

2009 Feb 5: National Girl Child Day

2009 Feb 9: Maha Kavi Magh  
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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Industrial Safety & Health, Tamil
Industrial Safety & Health, Tamil
Industrial Safety & Health, Oriya
Industrial Safety & Health, Oriya
Industrial Safety & Health, Telugu
Industrial Safety & Health, Telugu

The grand total till date is now 749, with 214 added in 2008.

The complete illustrated listing of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:
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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

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<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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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jan 24: Lucknow, Diploma Engineers Association, Public Works Dep, U P  
Jan 28: NOIDA, A P J School, 25th Anniv

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

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KOTTAYAM PHILATELIC AND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Frequency: Monthly - 1st Sunday (2.30 - 5pm)
Venue: YMCA Hall, Kottayam, Kerala - 686001
Contact: Mathew P V (09847 99 2591)
mathewpv@yahoo.com

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

The Annual subscription of the PHILA POST is Rs 80 and not Rs 40 as reported in the previous issue. The remittance in favor of the publishers "L B Associates Pvt Ltd" should be mailed to "H-108, Sector-63, Noida-201301".

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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

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

Feb 28 & Mar 1: Ajmer, District Philatelic Exhibition
Organizer: India Post
Venue: Suchna Kendra,
Contact: B L Sahu 09829329133

Mar 20-22: Chennai, COINEX
Organizer: Madras Coin Society
Venue: Maharashtra Building Trust, New #64 E V K Sampath Road, Vepery
Contact: madrascoins@gmail.com

Dec 18-20: Vadodara, StampMania 2009 One Frame Philatelic Exhibition
Organizer: Baroda Philatelic Society www.vadophil.org
Venue: Shree Saurashtra Leuva Patel Seva Samaj, Alembic Road
Contact: Prashant H Pandya info@vadophil.org
Website: www.stampmania2009.com

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>

SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

Bhutan

2009 Feb 25: Lunar Ox Year, stamp + MS, NU 20 + Nu 30

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.>

KRISHNAN VEERARAGHAVAN

Regarding stamps to be issued and date to be decided, the name of K A P Viswanatham is wrongly shown as K A P Viswanathan. This may be corrected. He is a great Tamil scholar and fought for usage of Tamil all along. In Tamil Nadu there is a school and medical college in his name.

SANTANU PANIGRAHI, Sambalpur, Orissa

As far as recession is concerned it has not affected any of the hobbies, like philately or numismatic sector. In last auction of Toddywala at Nagpur, it was seen that all material were sold beyond expectation. Likewise many materials placed in eBay are being sold immediately. Price tags in all materials have jumped beyond limitation. Miniature sheet issues are now very difficult to complete. Mask and UPU issue M/S are not available and price tags has jumped the limit.

Dealers have reached the position of all covet, all lost. So, the fate of the hobby of the kings is not known. Very soon time will come when no money, no collection. Only pay and buy.

So, before any such thing happens let us try to save our hobby. Otherwise it will die prematurely. New generation will forget these hobbies. Lastly it can be said "Necessity knows no law.

TEJ SINGH

Here are my thoughts on philately:

On tv strip news can be given officially that this material reached to bureau for issue, like shares rate.

- 1).why rate of cover f.d.c. is not written?
- 2).why they use f.d.c. as a stationary cover putting one cancellation or for official letters?
- 3). why brochures are given without cost after some time in bureau or in exhibition?
- 4).f.d.c. n brochures once printed not to be destroyed like this).
5. the institution which is main sponsored , all such can be given for use on cost.
- 6) paper used for covers n brochures needs change.
- 7).size of the cover must be such that six covers can be displayed. short n sweet.
- 8). brochures size such that six or four brochures can d in one sheet.
- 9).weight of paper used must be light.
- 10).little information about stamp must be given in small letters onf.d.c.in front n little more information can be given on back of cover. most of us might have seen usa covers like this printed.
- 11).sometimes cancellation designs are very poor.
- 12).pictorial cancellations postcards which i have with me i will send image through e mail ok at present i am at usa n then singapore then to India in second week of April 2009 so can be in contact ok .

NARESH AGRAWAL, Bilaspur

It's nice to read Readers' Forum, Views and Opinions in the previous issues and this bulletin as it covered lots of fields related to philately in India. Further, it is a matter of great pleasure to see

that now lots of new people are coming up boldly to speak about and share their feeling and experiences. May be some effect of my appeal to the readers through RAINBOW to come out from their shells.

Talking about Right to Information Act, Bad condition and poor services of philatelic bureau, worst designing of Indian stamps, over pricing of philatelic materials other than stamps, pre-issue and postponed issues of Indian stamps, non-delivery of Indian stamps at many places, etc. etc. are some of the common but burning issues of the day.

Regarding Right to information Act, I have my personal suggestion (I know lot of you will be surprised and totally disagree with me), please don't ask too much about money spent in exhibitions from the deptt because asking too much will discourage higher authorities to organize exhibitions in future as their vested interests will not be served properly as they will have to give too many replies to too many people. Let them earn what they earn. Think, if there was no RIA. Yes, we can profess for frequent and better organizing of the exhibitions. Certainly this will help because more exhibitions more earning for the higher ups. So, do ask but not too much.

Kis kis se kya kya poochoge,har daaman dagdar hai
Hasil na hoga issay kuch,yeh mera vichaar haiI

Philatelists who collect Indian stamps mainly have to cry and cry only because India Post is deaf, dumb, blind and dry. Neither it sees what they print, how they print nor they hear what philatelists say nor they come out with acceptance of the grievances of the philatelists.

India post should be happy that there are so many people to bother for their betterment in a way to issue good, beautiful philatelic material and to knock them to come up with better service to cater the philatelist in a better way Deptt. Must not forget, all the material issued is for the philatelists and so it should not ignore thier demands. This will add to their reputation and earn them more revenue. Deptt. Must not forget they are their customers and consumers.

One of story regarding RECESSION is very inspiring. Of course, we fuel recession in our mind rather than actually happening outside. Yes. Mr. P.R.Krishanan,I do agree with you.

Har jagah dekho,har cheese ka boom hai
Jidhar dekho Udhar bas dhoom hi dhoom hai
Nikal fenko apne dimag se ke Recession hai
Yeh kuchh nahin bus ek janoon hai.....janoon hai.....

Always think positive and you can achieve what you desire. The only thing you need is to give fire to your desire.

After so much of discussions over pre issue, badly designed stamps, too much of errors, bad functioning of bureaus, over pricing and wrong pricing of materials, over and wrong expenditures during exhibitions, etc. etc. Now is the time when we people should come up with SUGGETIONS as to how to check and rectify these problems.

Hope in the coming issues I would hear some comments.

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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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