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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Our father, though still in hospital since March 2<sup>nd</sup>, is making progress. Many thanks for your prayers and your emails, text messages, calling over phone and hospital visits, for wishing him good health.

Well, you all are our family in a 'cyber' sort of way. It always has been a pleasure to share happy tidings although we are not quite comfortable with blowing our own trumpet. At times, we also hesitate to share not so happy news on personal front. However your support has always been a source of great strength in every crisis. Thank you once again.

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

- M&SJ

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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

PHILSENSEX MARCH 2009

By P R Krishnan [prkrish77@gmail.com](mailto:prkrish77@gmail.com)

Here is yet another update of data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the month of March 2009 for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/200903.htm> for viewing the data.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Mar 26: Spices of India,

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 2009, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

VALLABH SURI

India Post issued a commemorative postage stamp on Jain monk Vallabh Suri in the Denomination of Rs 5 on February 21, 2009.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Alka Sahrma 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 0.8 million stamps in the sheets of 40 by wet offset.

HARAKH CHAND NAHATA

India Post issued a commemorative postage stamp on Harakh Chand Nahata, a prominent businessman and social leader, in the Denomination of Rs 5 on February 28, 2009.

Alka Sahrma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover and 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 0.5 million stamps in the sheets of 40 by wet offset.

#### MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA

India Post issued a commemorative postage stamp on Medical Council of India on its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Denomination of Rs 5 on March 1, 2009.

Brahm Prakash 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 in the sheets of 40 by photogravure process.

#### PLEROSPERMUM ACERIFOLIUM

India Post issued a commemorative postage stamp on Plerospermum Acerifolium in the Denomination of Rs 5 on March 6, 2009.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Alka Sahrma 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 3 million stamps in the sheets of 24 by wet offset.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2009, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

#### NEW DEFINITIVE SERIES PART II

India Post released 6 more stamps in the 10th Definitive Series - Builders of Modern India on March 1, 2009 as follows:

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

3 stamps were released on December 1, 2009 in this series and 3 more, in the denomination of Re 0.50, Rs 10 & 50, remain to be issued.

Shankha Samanta designed the Stamps. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. India Post has not issued the First Day Cover and the Brochure for this series. India Security Press, Nasik printed stamps in the sheets of 100 for Re 1, Rs 2 & 3 denomination and in the sheets of 70 for Rs 4, Rs 15 & 20 denomination by photogravure process.

For an illustrated list of stamps of 10<sup>th</sup> Definitive series, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/defin/bomi.htm>

#### NEW PRESENTATION PACKS

India Post released on sale the packs for the following issue:

Oct 7, 2008  
Festivals of India

Content: Miniature Sheet, FDC, Brochure  
Rs 100

Nov 18, 2008  
Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games  
Content: Miniature Sheet, FDC, Brochure  
Rs 100

For an illustrated list of Stamps Packs issued in 2008, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2008packs-sets.htm>

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

Arrived:

2008 Nov 14: Children's Day, Miniature Sheet
2009 Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha, First Day Cover

Awaited:

2008 Aug 2: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet
2009 Jan 28: Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH, Set of 4 Stamps
2009 Jan 31: Bishnu Prasad Rabha, Brochure
2009 Feb 5: National Girl Child Day, Brochure
2009 Feb 9: Maha Kavi Magh, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Feb 21: Vallabh Suri, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Feb 28: Harakh Chand Nahata, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Mar 12: Baburao Puleshwar Shedmake, First Day Cover & Brochure
2009 Mar 13: K K Birla, Brochure

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Mar 1: Aerogram, Mother Teresa, Rs 15,

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

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

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

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Army Postal Service issued following Special Covers in Dec 2008:

Dec 01: 145 Light Air Defence Regiment Silver Jubilee  
Dec 07: National Defence Academy Diamond Jubilee  
Dec 11: 15<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Dogra Regiment Diamond Jubilee  
Dec 13: 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 11 Gorkha Rifles Diamond Jubilee  
Dec 19: 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry Diamond Jubilee  
Dec 20: 5 Air Force Hospital Golden Jubilee

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2008, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2008aps.htm>

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UTTARAKHAND A PHILATELIC JOURNEY

"Uttarakhand - A philatelic journey" is an ideal example of constructive collaboration between philatelists and Postal officials. The book authored jointly by philatelists duo, Rajesh Varma & Abhai Mishra, is published by Uttarakhand Circle of India Post. It covers anything and everything about Uttarakhand philately. The book starts from hand struck postage stamps and proceeds in a thematic manner covering topics like personalities, places of worship, Himalayan ecology, national parks, adventure sports, philatelic exhibitions etc. At the end an index with cross listing for commemorative stamps, special covers & cancellations, Army Postal Service covers, Maxim cards, stamp cards is provided. The book is written in a manner that it will not only interest philatelists but also to the public in general. The authors have done an excellent job in documenting the philatelic history of Uttarakhand and have contributed significantly to Indian Philately.

The book has 70 profusely illustrated multicolor pages and is priced at Rs 250 and as a special offer is available postpaid anywhere in India at this price from mj@stampsofindia.com

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HEAD OF PHILATELY DIVISION TRANSFERRED

Rajiv Ranjan Prasad Singh, Deputy Director General (Philately) at India Post Directorate at New Delhi has been transferred as the Chief Postmaster General of Jharkhand Circle at Ranchi.

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INTRODUCTION OF VOLUMETRIC WEIGHT

1) Rule 1A has been inserted in the Indian Post Office Rules, 1933 vide India Post Office (Amendment) Rules, 2009. The said amendment has been published in The Gazette of India, Extraordinary, GSR 86 (E) dated February 9, 2009.

2) The new provision, Rule 1A of Indian Post Office Rules, is as under:-

"1A. (a) Wherever the postage, tariff or charges are fixed for a postal article based on weight, the weight shall mean the gross weight or the volumetric weight, whichever is more.

(b) The manner of working out the volumetric weight and conditions of its applicability shall be laid down, by order, by the Director General."

3) In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 1A (b) of Indian Post Office Rules, 1933, the Director General of Posts is pleased to order as under -

4) Whereas, Gross Weight is the weight of the article as shown by a standard weighing scale when the said article is appropriately placed on to or suspended from the said scale, the Volumetric Weight of the article shall be arrived at from the volume of that article using the appropriate formulae and procedure given hereunder -

5) Procedure for calculation of volume: Volume of a postal article shall be calculated in cubic centimeters as under -

a) Whenever a postal article is presented for booking, its dimensions shall be measured in centimeters using a standard measuring scale or tape. For a cuboids (e.g. rectangular, square, etc.) dimensions means length, breadth and height of the article. For cylindrical rolls, dimensions are diameter of its circular base and length. Each dimension shall be measured in centimeters and rounded off to the next higher whole centimeter.

b) Articles of shapes other than cuboids and cylindrical roll should not be accepted and the customers should be advised to place the said article in a package that is either cuboid or cylindrical. Sketches of the standard shape and their dimensions are given in the annexure.

c) Volume shall be calculated using the appropriate formula from amongst those given below.

(1) For cuboids: (e.g. rectangular, square, etc.)

Volume = Length x Breadth x Height

(2) For Circular rolls:

Volume = $0.785 \times (\text{Diameter of Circular Base})^2 \times \text{Length}$

When the dimensions have been measured in centimeters, the volume arrived is in cubic centimeters. The volume so arrived at should be rounded off to the next higher whole number.

6) Formula to calculate Volumetric Weight: When the volume is calculated in cubic centimeters, the formula to determine the volumetric weight in kilogram shall be -

Volumetric Weight (in kg) = (Volume in cm³) ÷ 6000

Volumetric Weight so arrived shall be rounded off to the next higher kilogram.

7) Postage or tariff or charges for the postal article shall be determined with reference to weight; i.e. gross weight or volumetric weight, whichever is more.

8) Exceptions: Volumetric weight need not be determined for the cases given below and the gross weight shall be taken as weight.

a) In case of a rectangular article, if the sum of the length, breadth and the height is not more than 90 cm, and any one of the dimensions is not more than 60 cm.

b) In case of an article in roll form if the length and diameter each are less than 90 cm.

9) These orders shall be applicable for all postal articles.

10) These orders shall come into immediate effect.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #15, March 2009, Monthly

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

Oct: Pune, Stamp Exhibition

Dec 18-20: Vadodara, StampMania 2009 One Frame National 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
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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.>

HEMANT V KULKARNI, Milwaukee, WI, USA

In campaign # 383, Mr. Swapan Kumar Chakravorty has suggested that a brief introduction be given in smaller (font) wording on a newly issued stamp so that a collector would be able to recognize the objective behind such an issue. He has a valid point but realizing the limited size of a typical stamp, the only front area available to achieve this objective would be along the entire rectangular edge by its perforations. Obviously this would spoil the beauty of a stamp. Our US

postal service often prints this valuable information on the gummed 'back side' of a stamp -typically if the single sheet is made out of several different ones. This makes more sense as I hope Indian postal service would take a note of this suggestion for the delight of one and all. Of course, it would involve a 'double print' process that can pose an extra cost but aren't a nation's stamps worthy of it?

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

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

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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