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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Finally India Post has been able to clear the backlog of supplies of stamps, first day covers, and brochures. India Post must do serious introspection and make sure such a situation as was prevalent till recently does not occur again.

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

DIFFERENT DESIGNS

Since last few years, the design of the stamp as depicted on the Brochure and on the actual stamp issued most often or not varies. The Pterospermum Acerifolium stamp issued on March 6, 2009 is another stamp added in this group. The year of issue as shown on the stamp shown on the Brochure is, believe it or not, 2006 instead of 2009. Stamp of India's regular correspondent from Mumbai, Jigar Desai created a special first day cover for this. The image of the cover is available at the following link: <http://www.stampsofindia.com/diferentdesigns.htm>

This is not the only example this year. Go through your collection of stamps and brochures and compare the design. Alternatively watch this space in the net issue of this digital weekly.

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INDIA POST NEGLECTS KARNATAKA

A two page article on the ill-treatment meted out to Karnataka by India Post with regards to issue of stamps has been published in November 2008 issue of Kannada language monthly 'Kannada Nudi'. 'Kannada Nudi' is the mouth piece of Kannada Sahitya Parishad [www.kasapa.kar.nic.in](http://www.kasapa.kar.nic.in), the association working for Kannada language, land as a frontal organization of poets, literary persons and commoners.

It is really astonishing as out of nearly 2600 stamps issued from August 15, 1947 only 29 relates to Karnataka that too taking in to account Karnataka based national institutions such as Konkan railway, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, and ITI. Karnataka's B D Jatti is the only Vice-president of India who is yet to be honored with a commemorative stamp, and except Nijalingappa, no politician of Karnataka origin have been honored by India Post.

Lalbagh Mysore Palace has not found its place in the Stamp gallery. While distant Venezuela found state Legislature building 'Vidhana Soudha' as a worthy subject for a stamp of its own, India Post has turned a blind eye towards the seat of power in Karnataka where incidentally First SAARC summit was held.

The article has dealt in detail about the matter and hopefully the message will spread out to whole philately community to take note of and support this just cause by raising voice to be heard by India Post.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

?: Spices of India, Set of 5 stamps and miniature sheet

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 2009, please visit

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

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

Arrived:

2009 Jan 28: Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH, Set of 4 Stamps

Awaited:

2008 Aug 2: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Consumer Awareness, Konkani, 7 designs

The grand total till date is now 782, with 247 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

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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

Mar 29: Gorakhpur, Regional Philatelic Exhibition, 2 Covers

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit

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

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NEW STAMP PACK

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

Feb 5, 2009: National Girl Child Day

Content: Block of 4 Stamps, FDC,

India Post, Rs 100

For an illustrated list of Stamps Packs issued in 2009, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2009packs-sets.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

India Post organized 6 district philatelic exhibitions were held in Jharkhand recently as follows:

Mar 22: Giridih

Mar 28: Gumla

Mar 28: Daltengunj

Mar 28: Chaibasa

Mar 29: Dhanbad

Mar 29: Ramgarh

Apr 24-26: Mumbai, Numismatic Exhibition  
Venue: Tejpal Gallery, Opposite August Kranti Maidan, Gowalia Tank,  
Grant Road, Mumbai 400 007

May 29-31: Ooty, Super Mega All India Coin Stampex  
Organizer: Coimbatore District Numismatic & Philatelic Association  
Venue: Devangar Mandapam, Ooty  
Sales Booths: Rs 2750  
Contact: C Palaneswamy Secretary CDNPA Mobile - 0 94869 23558

Oct: Pune, Stamp Exhibition

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

[http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south\\_asia\\_new\\_issues.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm)

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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

This is to draw the attention of all philatelists through this column about poor updating of India Post website, especially to the officers

concerned of India Post. It is highly disappointing that proper status of Speed Post articles is not given on its website whereas India Post boasts of having very good tracking facility on its website for speed Post articles.

It is very disheartening to inform all that I recently tracked my article booked from Kullu to Hong Kong on 17th March 2009 through Hong Kong Post website because India Post is not giving any status of the delivery since 19th March. It is the time to update the services provided to customers for their convenience and not to puzzle them with insufficient information and inappropriate information on its website. It should be noted that many times the article is delivered but the status remains unchanged. So just to say that the functioning of India Post is not too bad.....but its staff is very not well trained..... It causes lot of inconvenience to the customers. What to write about matter related with philately....Everyone is aware 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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