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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

In this era where information plays a very important role and is so easily disseminated we find it quite strange that almost no information is coming forth about philatelic forgeries. While rapid technological developments have been misused by unscrupulous persons to create dangerous forgeries with much more ease. It is a cottage industry manufacturing products on demand. Thus items that were earlier hard to be seen are now available in quantity such as pigeon post covers or Azad Hind high values.

In the realm of modern and as such undocumented area, the fake overprint 'Specimen' on postal stationery is a common problem. In the days gone by, high value first day covers such as Gandhi 1948 issue used to be number one suspect where postmarks were extensively forged. The forgeries of special covers and special postmarks are abounding.

Misleading and deceptive advertising is another region that requires buyers' attention. Some stamp booklets are neither booklet nor there is any data available about their origin. Several maxim cards on offer do not qualify as maxim cards at all. Also being sold are homemade presentation packs without being described as such.

No questions are being asked about foreign stamps particularly on Indian topics that are being sold in Indian philatelic markets that whether these have actually been issued by the country whose name is inscribed on stamps or whether these are bogus issues.

We hope that all of us will take note of the realities of today's market and share and circulate the information available on frauds, fakes, and forgeries. We are committed to host the information base online and assist with documentation.

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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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

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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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>

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

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit

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

INDIAN SE-TENANT STAMPS

Shrikant Parikh of Ahmedabad has launched a blog on Indian Se-Tenant Stamps at [www.setenantsofindia.blogspot.com](http://www.setenantsofindia.blogspot.com)

NEW STAMP BOOKLETS

Bharatiya DakTikit Sangstha of Kolkata reports following 2 stamp booklets in their ongoing series of Stamp booklets on Cinema theme:

2008 Nov 14: Cinema Makeup - Mae West

2008: Costume in Cinema - Marilyn Monroe

The booklets are designed by the renowned artist, philatelist, and cinema lover, Dipok Dey and are released in the limited quantity of 200 only.

For images please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb99.htm>

28<sup>TH</sup> INDIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

The covers from the 28<sup>th</sup> Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica has been delivered recently. The 28<sup>th</sup> expedition was launched on December 31, 2008 from Goa and travelled to Antarctica on MV Emerald Sea.

For images of covers from Indian Bases at Antarctica, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/antractic/pole.htm>

INDIA ETHIOPIA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Ethiopia issued a set of 3 stamps on December 30, 2008 to commemorate 60 years of the diplomatic relations with India.

For images, please visit

<http://stampsonindia.com/nir002.htm>

INDIAN COPYRIGHT ACT 1957

Following information regarding application of the Indian Copyright Act has been added to "Indian Laws Relevant to Philately" section of [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com):

The stamps are not mentioned by name however Section 28 is applicable in this case. The provisions therein state that any Government work goes out of copyright 60 years after publication into public domain. Images of Indian stamps older than 60 years, the years 1947, 1948 & early 1949 thus are out of copyright and already in public domain. The stamps still under copyright can only be shown as per permissions/conditions laid down by India Post on their website.

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

#### RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Apr 24-26: Mumbai, Numismatic Exhibition

Organizer:

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 30-31 & Nov 1: Pune, Stamp Exhibition

Contact: Pratisad Neurgaonkar, mobile 0 97663 10553

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

##### BANGLADESH

Apr 10: China 2009 World Stamp Exhibition Miniature Sheet, Tk 40

Apr 7: World Health Day, Tk 3

Mar 25: Independence & National Day, Tk 3

Mar 16: Sheikh Mujibur Rahman 89th Birth Anniv & National Children's Day, Tk 10

Feb 20: International Mother Language Day Miniature Sheet, Tk 50

##### Bhutan

Mar 20: Punakha Dzong Cantilever Bridge, Stamp & Miniature Sheet, Nu 20 & 40

Feb 25: Lunar Female Earth Ox Year, Stamp & Miniature Sheet, Nu 20 & 30

Feb 21: Coronation 2008 & Democracy, 2 CD-ROM Stamps, Nu 225 each

##### Pakistan

Mar 29: Habib Public School Golden Jubilee, Rs 5

Mar 23: National Year Of Environment, 4 Triangular Stamps, Rs 5 each

Mar 11: 10th Economic Cooperation Organization Summit Tehran, Rs 5

##### Sri Lanka

Feb 18: University of Jaywerdenpura, Rs 5

Feb 13: Year of English and Information Technology, Rs 5

Feb 2: World Wetlands Day, 2 stamps, Rs 5 & 25

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WANTED India Stamp Booklets of King Edward VII, King George V & VI, Unexploded, exploded, and in all conditions, Contact MADHUKAR DEOGAWANKA [deogawanka@satyam.net.in](mailto:deogawanka@satyam.net.in)

STAMP QUIZZES by Anil Dhir, 224 pages, 2007 edition, contains over 1500 questions and answers. Comprehensive & detailed with quizzes on General Philately, India, Indian States, USA, Britain, Australia & New Zealand Must for all Philatelists & stamp clubs, Rs 300 post free in India. US\$20+ actual postage elsewhere, ANIL DHIR [anildhir2k5@hotmail.com](mailto:anildhir2k5@hotmail.com)

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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