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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have more responses in Readers Forum regarding the issues raised in Issue # 389 of this digital weekly. We will continue the discussion with our views in the next issue.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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

## FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

May 12: Lifeline Express

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 STAMPS RELEASED

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on R Sankar, a freedom fighter, educationist, lawyer, journalist, administrator, and a political leader, on his birth centenary, April 30, 2009.

Suresh Kumar 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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

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**NEW POSTAL STATIONERY**

**MEGHDOOT POST CARDS WITH ADVERTISEMENT**

Ground Water, Hindi  
Ground Water, Marathi  
Ground Water, Punjabi  
Ground Water, Bengali  
Ground Water, Tamil  
Vasanth TV, Tamil  
Wild Life, Gujarati

The grand total till date is now 826, with 291 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 <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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PRIVATE FDC

Jigar Desai of Mumbai has created a First Day Cover for Spices of India issue of April 29, 2009.

To view the images please visit the following link,
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/fdc/fday2009.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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For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2009aps.htm>

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HONG KONG 2009

The 23rd Asian International Stamp Exhibition HONG KONG 2009 will be held from May 14 to 17, 2009. Dhanjanay Desai of Ahmedabad is the National Commissioner from India and Sunder Bahirwani of Hyderabad is the member of Jury from India. Following exhibits are participating.

Desai Dhananjay - Morvi Indian Feudatory State  
Saboo Narendar Kumar - Portuguese India  
Dave Dipak - British India & Post India French Settlements  
Dave Markand - India Used Abroad (Aden)  
Jayakar Rajan - Dead Letter Offices in India (1854-1947)  
Agrawal Naresh Kumar - Automobiles  
Mohanty Jyoti Rupa - Journey of Transportation Across the Ages  
Santoh S - The Lord of The Jungle  
Bayanwala Ashok Kumar - Decimalisation Redefined  
Kakkeri Umesh - Postal History of Portuguese India  
Neurgaonkar Pratisad - Postal Stationery of British India  
Gujarat Philatelist's Association - GPA News  
Jeevan Jyoti - Rainbow Stamp News (Monthly e-stamp Bulletin)  
Kathiara Mainak - Study of the Stamp Issue of President's Fleet Review  
Kakkeri Umesh - Censors of Portuguese India  
Roy Souvik - Indian Meteorological Telegrams Its Forms & Cancellations  
Sukhatankar Ajit - Early Indian Cancellations  
Jambudi Prakash - Our National Flag  
Madhini B - The Winged Wonders  
Mohanty Jyoti Rupa - Incredible India  
Mohanty Jyoti Rupa - God's Own Country  
Rajan R Soundara - The Triumphs of Labour

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POSTAL SERVICES BOARD EXPANDED

On September 4, 2008 the Postal Service Board, the apex management body of India Post was expanded from three Members to six Members. In addition there is a Chairperson of the Board who also is Secretary to Government of India as well as Director General of India Post. These members of the Board hold portfolios of Personnel, Operations, Technology, Postal Life Insurance, Human Resources Development, and the Planning respectively. The Joint Secretary and Financial Advisor to India Post is a permanent invitee to the Board. The Board is assisted by a senior staff officer of the Postal Directorate as Secretary to the Board.

RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #17, May 2009, Monthly
Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla
Annual Subscription: Free
Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

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

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NEW PUBLICATIONS

Indian Armed Forces Through Philately  
Compiler: Vijay H seth  
Publisher: Stamps Today  
Price: Rs 350

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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
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>

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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for May 2009 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website [www.cwiakala.com](http://www.cwiakala.com).

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SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm

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Contact at [surajjaitly@hotmail.com](mailto:surajjaitly@hotmail.com) or [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com)

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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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.>

SANJAY GOENKA, Kolkata

I had come across a paragraph in this digital weekly # 390 issue & it is produced below:

"DR AVINASH B JAGTAP, Binningen, Switzerland

As now many people, not necessarily philatelists, who have entered into this field of stamp collecting, have spoiled this hobby. There is no control over the dealers who make money by exercising all types of forgeries and those who have no knowledge of philately are prepared to buy any type of material offered to them."

I collect stamp as a hobby & the above view of Mr Avinash B Jagtap from Switzerland had given a bad taste. All the philatelists start collecting stamp as hobby & then they become philatelists. Mr. Jagtap is no exception. He himself had admitted that he had purchased forged stamp some couple of decades ago. Being a philatelist when he can get dupe, how can he blame the people who are collecting stamp had spoiled this hobby. Stamp collector like us had kept this hobby alive. We don't sell stamps, we are the buyer & not sellers \ dealers. I had come across lot of philatelist who are also dealers \ sellers.

As a philatelist Mr Jagtap himself had supported forgeries & is a victim of forgery. Expert like him could not immune himself from forgery, so he should not blame the stamp collectors. Stamp collectors had indeed made it a live hobby. Hope, such personal opinion of few individuals do not stand true.

SHABBIR KHAMBATY

I was reading the mail that was written by Dr Jagtap of Switzerland in Stampsofindia website. And I also read your side of the argument.

But, if one deeply thinks about it, Dr Jagtap is absolutely right about the commercialization of philately. Buying and selling of philatelic material is acceptable, as philately is produced by Postal Authorities. But, if any philatelic organisation or person is allowed to issue

booklets or maxcards, that doesn't have the official backing, and that would lead to chaos.

You mentioned that Mr Dipok De, a renowned person in the world of philately, has made a positive contribution to the world of philately. There's no denying that. But what is the way to stop any other person who tries issuing booklets just for making money. I mean, let's say if I want to make some money, I can also issue a booklet. There needs to be a way to curb this kind of activity.

Again, I am not against capitalism. But then, how is the Indian collector, who is not fully aware due to lack of proper communication from the postal department, whether the booklet is genuine or not.

Again, I just hope whatever happens, happens for the best of philately.

DR AVINASH B JAGTAP, Binningen, Switzerland

Thank you very much for publishing both of my view-points in "Stamps of India Collectors Companion" No.390.

1. You are correct that you reported about two stamp booklets and not one.

2. Unfortunately there was a grave mistake on my side, that instead of "for sale", I wrote "for sell" I did not write that personally you or your news bulletin offers such privately created stamp booklets for sale; but the private persons or organizations offer these to enthusiastic collectors (not necessarily philatelists) at philatelic exhibitions.

3. Stamp Booklets form a special philatelic element in a thematic display at national or international philatelic exhibitions. So the advertisements on the covers of these stamp booklets, ranging from costumes, automobiles & motorcycles, Cigars & Cigaretts, drugs and drinks, all these can be shown in a thematic display. These are most welcome addition to a thematic display, provided the stamp booklets are issued by the official postal authorities of the countries which are UPU members.

I know that at certain philatelic exhibitions in Germany and Switzerland the candidates were disappointed that the Jury had deducted their points on the account that they showed some booklets which were not officially issued postal stationery items. I agree fully with your remark that the privately prepared postal items, such as FDCs, Maximum Cards, or Stamp Booklets are far more superior to and attractive than those produced by our India Post. I have high esteem for Mr. Deepak De for his art.

But here is the question of what is official and what is not official.

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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>

NEWSSCAN

<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 first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

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