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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

The philatelists are individuals interested in collecting and studying stamps and as such are susceptible to all highs and lows that humans are capable. As a group or community they collectively reflect the society they come from. The strengths and shortcomings of the nation are clearly visible in its philately. In case of India the lack of infrastructure, as is with nation and so with philately, is the basic roadblock.

The lack of infrastructure in philately in India is evident by the lack of catalogs of First Day Covers, Postal Stationery, special postmarks, First Flight Covers, a handbook of postal rates, a bibliography, and much else.

India lacks a reference collection of the philatelic products against which fakes can be tested, and an expert committee to certify the results of such tests. India lacks handbooks on its postal history and philatelic history.

Indian philatelic scene lacks active organizations and regular exhibitions at district, state and national levels as well as the judges not only in quantity but also in quality.

Citizens elect a government to take care of their needs but who will take care of the needs of philatelists in India?

We believe many capable individuals are out there and it is in everyone's interests that these should be identified, supported, and provided with all facilities to develop the philatelic infrastructure in India. Let us get on with the job and as a first step, inform us about the individuals you know who are working on developing philatelic infrastructure in India.

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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

May 28: Madras Regiment

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 DEFINITIVE SERIES PART III

India Post released 3 definitive postage stamps in the denomination of Re 0.50, Rs 10, and Rs 50 depicting E V Ramasami, C V Raman, and Rukmini Devi Arundale respectively, on May 11, 2009. With this the new definitive series featuring Builders of Modern India is now complete.

The first 3 stamps were released on December 1, 2008 in this series and 6 stamps were released on March 1, 2009.

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 sheet of 100 for Re 0.50 denomination and in the sheets of 70 for Rs 10, & Rs 50 denominations by photogravure process.

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

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

MEGHDOOT POST CARD WITH ADVERTISEMENT  
UNICEF Women Empowerment, Hindi

The grand total till date is now 827, with 292 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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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Mar 25: 108 Squadron Air Force, Presentation of Presidents Standard
Mar 25: 105 Helicopter Unit, Presentation of Presidents Standard

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2009aps.htm>

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

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HONG KONG 2009 AWARDS

Vermeil Medal

Dave Dipak - British India & Post India French Settlements  
Jayakar Rajan - Dead Letter Offices in India (1854-1947)

Large Silver Medal

Desai Dhananjay - Morvi Indian Feudatory State  
Saboo Narendar Kumar - Portuguese India

Silver Medal

Dave Markand - India Used Abroad (Aden)  
Santoh S - The Lord of The Jungle

Silver Bronze Medal

Agrawal Naresh Kumar - Automobiles  
Kakkeri Umesh - Postal History of Portuguese India  
Neurgaonkar Pratisad - Postal Stationery of British India  
Jeevan Jyoti - Rainbow Stamp News (Monthly e-stamp Bulletin)

Bronze Medal

Bayanwala Ashok Kumar - Decimalisation Redefined  
Gujarat Philatelist's Association - GPA News

#### Silver Certificate

Kakkeri Umesh - Censors of Portuguese India  
Sukhatankar Ajit - Early Indian Cancellations

#### Bronze Certificate

Kathiara Mainak - Study of the Stamp Issue of President's Fleet Review  
Roy Souvik - Indian Meteorological Telegrams Its Forms & Cancellations  
Jambudi Prakash - Our National Flag

#### Certificate of Participation

Mohanty Jyoti Rupa - Journey of Transportation Across the Ages  
Mohanty Jyoti Rupa - Incredible India  
Mohanty Jyoti Rupa - God's Own Country  
Madhini B - The Winged Wonders  
Rajan R Soundara - The Triumphs of Labour

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#### A N HARJAI PASSED AWAY

Amar Nath Harjai a senior philatelist from Saharanpur passed away on Apr 7, 2009. He has been active collector and dealer of stamps all his life and was a regular participant in philatelic activities in the region.

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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

Jun 26-28: Kakinada, Coins & Stamps Show

Jul 10-12: Bilaspur, Dak Ticket Milan 2009 (Stamp Fair)  
Organizer: Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association  
Sales Booth: Rs 4,000 for a Table and two chairs, Includes 3 day's accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Plus set of the covers, maxim cards & booklets expected to be issued during the show  
Contact: Naresh Agrawal [nareshkumar1992@yahoo.co.in](mailto:nareshkumar1992@yahoo.co.in) Tel 09425530514

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>

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#### 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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KAPRE

I think we all have had enough of Dr Jagtap and his views on forgeries. Those who are claiming to be 'holier than thou' should look at their own lives and life in general in 'Mera Bharat Mahan' (my great India) to see forgeries/adulteration/double talk in almost everything. "Do as I say, Don't do as I do" appears to be the motto of all you pseudo philatelists. Just stop it. Go ahead collect forgeries if you don't care, if it gives you pleasure in stamp-collecting as opposed to Philately (sic).

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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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