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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Most of the Indian and US philatelists do know about the Ice House  
Cover that is recently up for sale and is expected to fetch about US\$ 1  
million. The famous cover from 1873 also reminds us the lifestyle of  
British in Indian capital at that time, Calcutta used to import ice  
from US and other American nations.

Times of India did an anchor story about this cover on its front page  
in all editions on May 23, 2009. Several persons contacted us over  
phone and email and we are carrying the online link to the story in  
NewsScan section in this issue.

We have been wondering if a US cover being sold in US on being  
prominently written about in India can cause such excitement, then what  
will happen if an Indian item being sold in India for over Rs 10  
million is prominently written about in mainstream media?

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

- M&SJ

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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 28: Madras Regiment  
Jun 12: Nicholas Roy  
Jun 15: St Joseph College Bangalore  
Jun 16: Sacred Heart Church Pudducherry

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 POSTAL STATIONERY

MEGHDOOT POST CARDS
Consumer Awareness, 7 designs, Marathi
Consumer Awareness, 7 designs, Telugu

The grand total till date is now 841, with 306 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>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

May 16: Chennai, 'Veerapandiya Kattabomman' golden jubilee of the movie

Jun 6: Rajpipla, Platinum Jubilee of Epsom Derby Triumph of Maharaja Vijaysinhji of Rajpipla,  
For this cover please Contact Prashant Pandya [edesk.prashant@gmail.com](mailto:edesk.prashant@gmail.com)  
Epsom Derby is considered one of the most prestigious flat thoroughbred horse races in the world. The race takes place each year on the first weekend in June at Epsom Downs Racecourse, Epsom, Surrey, England. The two day festival of horse racing dates back to 1780. To win the Epsom Derby is a tremendous achievement. It is like winning Wimbledon. Maharaja Vijaysinhji of Rajpipla is the only Indian owner ever to win coveted Epsom Derby race since it began in 1780, his horse Windsor Lad finishing first on 6th June 1934. There was huge media coverage of Maharaja Vijaysinhji's great triumph, and literally hundreds of articles were written about him. The event was captured on film for posterity and written about in several books. This year the Epsom Derby festival will be held on 5th and 6th June 2009 at Epsom Downs Racecourse, Epsom, England.

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>

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FIRST DAY COVERS FOR DEFINITIVE ISSUES

Jigar Desai jigarjdesail977@gmail.com of Mumbai has prepared a FDC with all 12 stamps of the Tenth Definitive Series

Hemant Kumar Jain hemantkumar.jn@gmail.com of Mandla has prepared 7 different FDC for the 2nd part of 6 stamps of the Tenth Definitive Series issued on March 1, 2009.

For illustrations please visit the following link <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/fdc/fday2009.htm>

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NEW MAXCARDS

Vikas Singh [vikas.singh@reckittbenckiser.com](mailto:vikas.singh@reckittbenckiser.com) has created 2 different designs of Maxim Cards for the Lifeline Express stamp issued on May 12, 2009.

For illustrations please visit the following link <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2009mc.htm>

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ONE FRAME EXHIBITS

According to Tay Peng Hian, Director of International Philatelic Federation (FIP), majority of the exhibitors and commissioners do not really understand what is One Frame exhibit. The contents of One Frame exhibit must be of a narrow subject which it will not be possible to extend to more than One Frame. For example the 1855 Indian bisect used in the Straits Settlements, the 1854 4 Annas 5th printing etc. The Indian exhibitors at Hong Kong 2009 did not fare well for their One Frame exhibits because the subject they try to show could easily be a 5 frames material. FIP/FIAP would not accept this type of exhibits.

It is in the interests of all exhibitors and jurors to keep themselves updated and informed of the latest trend of One Frame exhibits.

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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

Aug 21-23: Bilaspur, Dak Ticket Milan 2009 (Stamp Fair)  
Organizer: Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association  
Venue: Hotel Centre Point  
Sales Booth: Rs 4,000 for a Table and 3 chairs, Includes 3 day's accommodation in Hotel Anand on the same premises with twin sharing basis, with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Plus a set of the special covers, maxim cards & stamp booklets expected to be issued during the show  
Contact: Atul Jain [jainaatul.65@gmail.com](mailto:jainaatul.65@gmail.com) mobile 09300311007

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

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

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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.>

JAYDEV NANSEY

In response to your article on what philatelists should do to get the government to recognise their needs and wants. Well in my view there are three reasons for the deterioration of philately in India as far as I can see it -

Where are the veteran philatelists who would guide the new comers? Either the new comers are ridiculed or left to the mercy of the philatelic dealers who know nothing about philately except that they know how to inflate the value of product in their stock. My earnest appeal to senior philatelists is to strengthen the new comers and promote the interest in others.

Secondly reason is that there is no grass root level information for new philatelists in small towns and cities. Again they are left at the mercy of the sharks - the dealers who tend to misguide them and they end up losing their interest altogether. Strong philatelic organisations at district level can help in this issue. With a strong network and information sharing philately could be reinstated to its former glory.

Third reason with lesser priority is the department itself. The approach that philatelic bureaus have towards philatelists and philatelic product is pathetic - recently the maximum card that I had forwarded to Chennai philatelic bureau for cancellation was stapled on the covering letter and returned. Philatelic bureaus have stopped putting the stiffeners in the envelopes in which they send the material and an unhealthy nexus has been established between the bureaus and dealers, therefore genuine collectors do not get access to the product. Department of Posts should become proactive and interact with philatelists not just at national level but also at state / regional levels to understand and cater to their needs.

The above are some of the reasons and solutions that I put forward for our stalwart philatelists to consider and act upon.

DR ZULAIHA MOHAMED, Aluva, Kerala

The second point warned by Dr. Avinash Jagtap is regarding possible deduction of points due to inclusion of such Bogus Booklets in exhibit judged by eminent juries having good philatelic knowledge during any standard Philatelic Exhibition .It is also absolutely right. Though, there are no written provisions for such deductions of points for forgeries or bogus items, but such inclusions always put bad impression on jury regarding poor philatelic knowledge of the exhibitor and deduction of points is reflected under "Philatelic Knowledge" heading.

Though I saw the images of stamps in stamps of India, I read in other websites like stampghar that the stamps were not available in Delhi and other places. By the way, what happened to the stamp on Kamraj which was one of the first ones announced? Any idea why it was dropped?

I wonder whether anyone can help me with information about Indian Mint coins. I tried Bombay mint for the new coins on Indian Independence and was surprised to find that the last day for placing order was the 30th of April. I don't think even the availability of the coins were announced in any of the popular papers.

Can someone help with information on both these subjects?

SANDEEP CHAURASIA, Gorakhpur (President, Gorakhpur Philately Club)  
Recently 2nd GOPEX-2009 was organised by Department of Post. My exhibit on Railway was awarded best exhibit (Senior Group) in the exhibition but no medal or trophy was given to me by the department, same in Junior group where 'Medical Science' was awarded the best exhibit but no medal or trophy has been given by the department. Is this justice?

DR SATYENDRA KUMAR AGRAWAL, Varanasi

There are four components of Booklets which are of importance, namely

1. the tabs
2. the sheet-margins
3. the fly-leaves
4. the cover

In privately produced Indian Booklets, No 1-3 is absent and the only remaining importance left is that of "the Cover" which is printed privately and have no philatelic value. Hence inclusion of such booklets in any collection is not advisable. These are in real sense only Postage Stamps housed in a folded cover, rightly titled by Dr. Jagtap "Bogus Booklets".

If a dealer makes forgeries or involved in the production of such booklets, he may be excused as he has nothing to do with philately but to earn money by any means. But if Philatelic Association or Philatelist of Repute gets involved in this business, who is supposed to teach the younger generation, I have no hesitation in saying that it is a Philatelic Crime.

This is the first point regarding Private Booklets issued recently by a renowned philatelist and gracefully described in your prestigious bulletin for which Dr. Avinash rightly pointed out in his letter in STAMPS OF INDIA COLLECTORS COMPANION Issue # 390. Which I read on my hospital bed in AIIMS, Delhi where admitted for medical checkup following a chest pain and now on bed rest for a month on doctor's advice.

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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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HISTORIC CALCUTTA COVER WITH LINCOLN STAMP MAY FETCH \$1M  
Times of India, May 23, 2009, by Chidanand Rajghatta  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Historic-Calcutta-cover-with-Lincoln-stamp-may-get-1M/articleshow/4567388.cms>

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