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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

It is our privilege to have Rajesh Paharia of Jaipur to be our Guest for this issue. We reproduce his thought provoking editorial from the Mar-Apr 2009 issue of Philanews, bimonthly publication of the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan.

"Recently Mr Vijaya Mallaya has bought Mahatma Gandhi's personnel belongings for hefty amount in foreign auction and opened a Pandora box of discussion. This column is too small to discuss whether it is legally right or wrong but I believe that everybody will agree that at least our heritage has come back to India. Government is still not clear on this takeover and there are lots of ambiguities but Kudos to Mr Vijaya Mallaya.

Similar ambiguity regarding Philatelic Material like Proofs, Artists Sketch, Color Trials etc of Post Independence period also exists. Many rare Indian Materials are regularly offered by Foreign auctions. An Australian vendor is currently selling Gandhi Nehru 1973 - 7 copies of color trials at ebay.com. The item no is Z150337929327.

An American Auctioneer thru his mail bid sale no 35 under name of France International has offered Set of 4 Artist Design of Inpex Bhubneshwar Turtle stamps. The Design cards are duly stamped and signed by Manager, Security Press Nasik. Although such materials is banned from display in Indian Stamp exhibitions but every expert Philatelist have a strong desire of holding such material since the relative importance of such material in Philatelic World and satisfaction of possessing something rare in ones collection urge all stamp collectors to collect such material. It's a proven fact that collections which posses such material get appreciation and high awards in International Exhibitions. Post Independence Indian subject collectors are deprived

of such material display and this is why no Post Independence collection of India has ever won highest award in last 60 years in any exhibition outside India.

It is not clear that How, Why & When this rule has been implemented but it is said that this has been done to discourage theft of such material from Postal records. This indirectly means that if government is not able to stop the theft of Statues from Temples than they will stop devotees to pray god or go to temples and lock them to prevent theft. There are legal ways to stop illegal pilferage of such material but simply illegalizing the entire opportunity and field is not only injustice on collectors part but it is also indirectly supporting the people who are involved in this malpractice.

Today, such material is openly offered in various auctions and it can be bought legally with valid payments of taxes and documents by collectors. If such material is of national importance and government feels that it has been stolen than they should come back to government than a criminal case should be registered. Legal action should be taken against people who have done this act and should be punished for it."

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

PHILSENSEX JUNE 2009

By P R Krishnan [prkrish77@gmail.com](mailto:prkrish77@gmail.com)

With this update the PhilSensex has completed 2 years and enters its third year of service to all stake holders of philately in India. I sincerely hope it has been useful to you.

I have found the prices of stamps do not move every month and it is better to provide the update once every two month. The next update will appear in August 2009.

I am always open to suggestions and new ideas for its improvements.

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/200906.htm> for viewing the data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the month of June 2009 for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

#### STAMP WATCH

On April 29, 2009 India post issued a set of 5 stamps on Spices of India. These stamps were printed in 6 se-tenant strips per issue sheet. Only one block of 4 in a sheet is possible and it is learnt from the brochure that the printed quantity is only 0.4 million stamps. This means maximum of 400,000 se-tenant stripes only are available. In my opinion this is a good item for the future.

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#### FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jun 12: Reverend J J M Nichols Roy  
Jun 19: Sacred Heart Church Pudducherry  
Jun 19: Raza Library Rampur, 4 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
Aug 03: St Joseph College Bangalore

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>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009EN.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>

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#### SPEED POST ENVELOPES

India Post has introduced envelopes for speed post. These are of one design printed on white as well as on buff color material. Priced at Rs 5 each these are made of DuPont's Tyvek material that is strong & light

weight, and tear & water resistant. India Post is using Tyvek envelopes for "Rakhi" festival since 2006.

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

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DISCOVER INDIA THROUGH PHILATELY

India Post has published a book 'Discover India Through Philately'. The book has 48 all color pages and is priced at Rs 600. The book also has five pouches for holding the stamps - Roses strip of 4, Sandalwood miniature sheet, Taj Mahal miniature sheet, Landmark Bridges strip of 4, and the Fairs of India miniature sheet. However it is being sold at philatelic bureau without stamps although 'This book contains original stamps' is inscribed on its cover.

For illustrations please visit the following link  
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KARNATAKA PHILATELIC SOCIETY

A new committee of the Karnataka Philatelic Society was elected in its 34th Annual General Meeting held on May 17, 2009.

President - Mahesh Jambulingam  
Vice President - S S Swamy  
Secretary - Jay Prakash Sarda  
Treasurer - M K Mani  
Members of Governing Council:  
Ghouse Ali Zameer, Manish Jain, and Akshay Borad

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INTERESTING COVER CREATIONS

Jigar Desai [jigarjdesai1977@gmail.com](mailto:jigarjdesai1977@gmail.com) of Mumbai has prepared some more interesting and significant covers as follows:

Private FDC with all 12 stamps of the Tenth Definitive Series  
2009 May 21: Rajiv Gandhi Death Anniversary  
2009 May 24: IPL Cricket Final  
2009 Jun 03: Fancy Date 03-06-09

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

PHILANEWS, Whole #43, Jan Feb 2009, Bimonthly  
PHILANEWS, Whole #44, Mar Apr 2009, Bimonthly  
Editor: Rajesh Paharia [shreeshell@hotmail.com](mailto:shreeshell@hotmail.com)  
Publisher: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Jaipur  
Annual Subscription: Rs 200

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.>

ATUL AGRAWAL, Aligarh

First, I would like to congratulate yourself for doing the selfless service for the promotion of Philately. There are only few people who are like you. Really you people are doing a great job to keep the

Indian Philately alive which likely to die if not proper care is given to the Philately, specially the senior philatelists are making the use of others for their benefit only, but you are the exception among them. Congrats for the undue promotion of Philately.

Secondly, I have to add that I am a life member of PCI but it is pity to state that since a long time I am not receiving any information about the PCI meetings etc. It is only your newsletter which tells time to time about the PCI proceedings. I am really surprised to add that the organization like PCI has become the organization of only few people.

Lastly, at Aligarh we are missing most of the philatelic items though the centre is a Philatelic Counter but no philatelic supply is made to Aligarh counter. I hope through your letter I can present the voice of Aligarh to the concerned ministry.

KAPRE

India Post is now famous the world over for issuing very regularly the most unattractive commemorative stamps under the grouping "Personalities Series". Most of these so called personalities are totally unknown to most citizens of India. Nobody wants to know about them or their insignificant achievements. These stamps are a collectors nightmare, for they have to pay a lot of money to keep his or her collection up to date.

But, has anyone really thought about the reasons for selecting these ladies and gentlemen (sic) and forcing their mugs on to unsuspecting letter writing people of this country. The reason is not far to seek. As a matter of fact there are 534 reasons in the round building that rule our lives. Each one of them and some unknown power brokers in their constituencies have to be humored from time to time. And so, obnoxious personalities and their horrible mugs are thrust upon us.

Surely, the philatelic community (if consulted) could suggest many wonderful themes for stamps or a series of them. Armed Forces heroes or their exploits are of course taboo for obvious political reasons, but there are so many other topics in this country. Such stamps could tell the world about the various facets of this land. But who cares! It's always pocket before country here.

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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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