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Hi

With this the 400<sup>th</sup> issue of this digital weekly, we set another world record as the first Indians to have edited 400 issues of a philatelic periodical for the first time in last 126 years!

We take this opportunity to thank you for your support and renew our appeal for your continued cooperation.

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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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

Jul 04: Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Mussoorie  
Jul 25: Ram Charan Agarwal  
Jul 27: Jayadeva, 12<sup>th</sup> Century author of epic Gita Govind, Set of 11 Stamps

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

INDIAN OIL

Pratibha Patil, the President of India released a special postage stamp to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Indian Oil Corporation on June 30, 2009 at New Delhi.

Kamleshwar Singh 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.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2009, please visit
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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

Rampur Raza Library miniature sheet

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

MEGHDOOT POST CARD with Advertisement
AIDS, Hindi, 3 designs

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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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Mar 07: Namchi, Philatelic Festival  
May 23: Bannerghatta, Introduction of Permanent Pictorial Postmark  
Jun 26-28: Kakinada, East Godavari Numismatic & Philatelic Exhibition, 4 covers

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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EXPRESS PARCEL POST RETAIL

India Post introduced a new service 'Express Parcel Post Retail' on May 1, 2009. The main difference between already existing 'Express Parcel Post' (EPP) and new 'Express Parcel Post Retail' (EPPR) is that while EPP is for consumers who sign a contract, the EPPR is for any individual walk in customer who does not need to sign any contract to mail his/her parcel. The charges are a little higher than EPP considering that this is a retail service. Also no discount or special rates offered to the customer as in EPP. All other features are same as EPP. The main benefit to the customers is that EPPR offers the fast and time bound delivery of parcel up to 35 kilograms linking Speed Post Centers in India through surface transport.

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INDIA POST INDUCTS MORE AIRCRAFTS

India Post is inducting 2 more freighter aircrafts, Boeing 737-200, leased from Air India, from July 1, 2009. The first freighter was inducted in August 2007 and now all the three freighters would be used in hub and spoke manner for overnight transmission of mails. Nagpur will serve as the hub of India Post's freighter operations. The aircrafts will fly on the following routes:  
Mumbai - Nagpur - Mumbai  
Bangalore - Chennai - Nagpur - Chennai - Bangalore  
Kolkata - Delhi - Nagpur - Delhi - Kolkata, this aircraft will continue on to Kolkata - Guwahati - Imphal/Aizawl - Agra - Kolkata

Every night the freighters will leave Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata at around 11:30 pm, after collecting all mail from nearby cities to converge at Nagpur and exchange palettes mails sorted according to destination cities. The aircraft will then fly back with their respective palettes early next morning, local distribution services like trucks, trains and other airlines will take over.

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NEW EDITOR FOR INDIA POST

India Study Circle for Philately needs no introduction to readers of this digital weekly. Its periodical publication 'India Post' has got a new editor, Sandeep Jaiswal of Rhode Island, USA. He will be taking over with issue dated October 2009.

Jaiswal says " While I am very excited about my new position, I am also a bit nervous, having decided to increase the number of issues to 4 per year. As a result I will need lots and lots of articles from our members along with suggestions and advice. A few members have already committed to writing

articles on a regular basis for India Post, and I would like to encourage others to start writing for our magazine.

I need articles on the following areas: Pre-stamp Postal History, Cancellations, Stamps, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Used Abroad, Used in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Nepal, Pakistan etc., Expedition, Military & Campaign mail, Fiscals, Revenues & Cinderellas, of British India, Post Independence India, and Indian Princely States.

I believe that most of our members are well-versed with at least some of the areas listed above, and I am quite certain that some are even experts and considered to be leading authorities.

I urge everyone to please consider submitting articles, regardless of the size (quarter page to 10+ pages). I gladly welcome all articles, even if they have appeared in another society's publication, as long as they have not been printed previously in India Post. Please note that "India Post" will now be produced in full color.

I will also need the following:

Every issue will contain a single frame award winning exhibit, printed in full color. I urge members to send me scans of their single frame exhibit in full color (CYMK) scanned at 300dpi along with a list of when & where they have been exhibited and the award(s) the exhibit has won.

There will be a list of India and Indian related exhibits in every issue. For those members who have confirmed exhibits, please drop me an e-mail to let me know. I am sure our members would appreciate knowing when and where they can view exhibits on areas that are of interest to them.

There will be a column titled "Hundred Years Ago" which is intended to:
Discuss an important philatelic event that transpired 100 years ago;
Dispute or confirm an important discovery or theory that took place 100 years ago;
Feature an important auction that took place 100 years ago; and
Highlight an important change in the Postal regulation.
I want to include anything significant that transpired 100 years ago which had a great impact then, or has had a tremendous influence now, on India & Indian related philately.

The "Q&A" section is an important part of India Post. Please forward your questions to me, via e-mail. Our panel of experts is well versed with all aspects of Indian Philately and should be able to get you the information you are seeking. On the rare occasion that they are unable to answer your query, we will print the same and seek responses from our members which will be printed in the following issue of India Post.

I would like to encourage our members to write me with ideas and suggestions on how we can improve "India Post". Several members have already written / called me with some excellent ideas and suggestions which I intend to implement. Please direct all queries, including the submission of articles, to my e-mail address: ISCeditor@stampsinc.com

I look forward to working with our members in maintaining the high standard of "India Post" to which we have all become so accustomed.

Thank you for your consideration."

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #19, Jul 2009, Monthly  
Editor: Jeevan Jyoti [j.jyoti9@gmail.com](mailto: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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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 15-16: Ahmdabad, Twins
Organizer:
Sales Booth:
Contact: Shatrughan Jain sjain1@rediffmail.com

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 mobile 09300311007

Oct 30-31 & Nov 1: Pune, Stampex - National Stamps Fair
Organizer: International Collectors Society of Rare Items
Venue: Sonal Hall, Karve Road,
Sales Booth: Rs 6,000
Contact: Pratisad Neurgaonkar pratisad@hotmail.com mobile 09766310553

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

Updates: 1. The last date for submission of Entry Forms extended to Aug 15;
2. List of titles of entries now listed at website
3. StampMania-2009 will be inaugurated on December 17, 2009
4. 'Heritage Walk through Stamps' in Vadodara on December 17, 2009
5. Printed Prospectus and Entry form are now available
6. One Participant can submit maximum three entries but all of them should be in different class. This is also applicable to Youth Class
7. Make use of exhibits available online for guidance at "Link to One Frame Exhibits"

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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BANGLADESH JOINS WNS

Bangladesh has now joined the WADP Numbering System and it is the 192nd WNS member.

Developed by the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and the World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP), the WADP Numbering System (WNS) was introduced on 1 January 2002 with the aim of creating a database of all authentic postage stamps issued by UPU member countries and territories on or after that date.

The goal is for the WNS to become the central point of reference against which stamp issues can be verified, supporting the legal philatelic market by endorsing those stamps that are genuine.

Only those postage stamps that, once received by the International Bureau (IB) of the UPU have undergone the process of verification of authenticity and registration will be attributed a WNS number and added to the WNS website.

The WNS website is therefore a reference tool and a control, by omission, of stamps that have been issued illegally and labels that are claimed to be stamps. The WNS is one of the tools the UPU has introduced, helping the Posts and the philatelic market as a whole to combat this problem.

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SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

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.>

JEEVAN JYOTI, Kullu

I had sent a Speed Post Letter No.EE714289048IN to Bangalore on 10th June from Shanshi Post Office Kullu (HP). When it was not received by Mr M. Jagannath Mani at Bangalore he informed me and I sent him Speed Post number. On tracking we came to know that it was not delivered to addressee for three

days and was sent back to New Delhi and was again returned to Bangalore on 25th June. Still it was not delivered and keep on moving to Rajaji Nagar and Vijay Nagar Post office in Bangalore. Before 25th Mr. Jagannath Mani had already complained about non receipt of the letter then the authorities informed that his office was closed so the letter could not be delivered to the addressee. Whereas Mr Jagannth claims his office was opened on all working days and he received his regular mails including Regd. Letter. Both of us lodged online complaint. My complaint No. was 10000 - 44962. Finally on 30th June I got back the letter with special rubber stamp Not Claimed. I also received e-Post in reply to my complaint that the address was insufficient so the letter could not be delivered and the complaint closed. It should be noticed that the returned envelope shows the stamp of NOT CLAIMED and not of INSUFFICIENT ADDRESS. This is the state of most reliable service provided by India Post.

It would have caused a serious problem if it had very urgent document to be reached on a particular date like admit card / appointment letter or Draft for a certain College or any other important business letter... This mistake cannot be excused the way India Post is justifying itself...closing the complaint instead of regretting their mistake....It appears that the Postal Department did not enquire the matter properly and immediately closed the matter.

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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>

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MORE THAN A HOBBY by Madhumitha Gopalakrishnan
The Hindu (Young World) Coimbatore, Jun 23, 2009
<http://www.hindu.com/yw/2009/06/23/stories/2009062350230400.htm>

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The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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