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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Greetings on the Independence Day

The original plan of the British was to give independence to India in June 1948. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, the Viceroy of India advanced the date of independence and chose August 15 as on this day in 1945 the Second World War ended with the unconditional surrender announced by Emperor Hirohito of Japan. Thus Lord Mountbatten, who also was the Supreme Commander of the South East Asia Command (SACSEA) of Allied Powers, considered August 15 as an auspicious day.

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See the FDC of Jayadeva and Geetagovinda issue created by Ashok Mehta of Mumbai at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/fdc/fday2009.htm>

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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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

STANLEY GIBBONS INDIA CATALOGUE 2010

Stanley Gibbons will release the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of its India catalog in September 2009. The 240 page catalog is priced at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800.

We are now accepting orders for this at Very Special Price of Indian Rupees 750 postpaid in India. Contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) right away and reserve your copy.

We accept payment by transfer and cheque (not cash) deposit in to our bank account (ask for details), bank draft payable at New Delhi, and 'payable at par' cheque drawn in favor of 'Stamps of India'.

We also can accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal; In this case please add Rs 50 to cover charges and remit Rs 800.

For details of Stanley Gibbons India Catalogue 2010 please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Aug 16: Indian Railway Stations, 4 Stamps

Aug 28: Raj Kumar

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 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

PINGALI VENKAIAH

Y S Rajasekhara Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh released a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Pingali Venkaiah, the designer of Indian tricolor, on his 132nd birth anniversary at Hyderabad on August 12, 2009.

Sankha Samanta 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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.4 million stamps by photogravure process in the sheets of 35.

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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit
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The complete illustrated listing of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:
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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
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For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit  
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For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit  
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63RD INDEPENDENCE DAY SPECIAL COVER & STAMP BOOKLET

As a part of 'STAMPANIA 2009' the First National One Frame Philatelic Exhibition being organized by Baroda Philatelic Society, Vadodara from 17th to 20th December 2009 and to celebrate 63rd Independence Day of India, Baroda Philatelic Society with the help and support of Department of Post, is going to release a Special Commemorative Cover and a Stamp Booklet on August 15, 2009.

Special Cover:

Special Commemorative Cover depicts the Red Fort of Delhi and 9 different flags used during the freedom movement of India.

Special Cancellation:

Special Cancellation depicts Ashoka Chakra and two wings on two sides with text 63rd Independence Day in Hindi and English.

Stamp Booklet:

Cover Page of Stamp Booklet depicts Red Fort of Delhi and the inner cover page has been left blank. First page has a photograph of Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with Tri Colour Flag and Jai Hind in Hindi and English. Next four pages of the booklet has been contributed to 8 different flags used during the freedom movement of India with information about those flags. Next page again depicts present Tricolour Flag and Red Fort - the Landmark of India's Freedom with description and next pages shows design of Special Cancellation used for Special Cover. One more blank page has been provided in the booklet and the last inner cover page pays tribute to Shri Venkayya who designed the Indian National Flag. During 1916 to 1921 he researched flags of 30 countries and finally came up with the present tricolour flag.

The Special Cover and the Stamp Booklet will be released by A K A Joshi, Postmaster General of Vadodara Region of India Post at Vadodara Head Post Office at 10.30 AM on August 15, 2009.

Cost of Special Cover: Rs 10 with Postage Stamp and Cancellation.
Cost of Stamp Booklet: Rs 50 (Booklet will also contain 8 x Re 1 definitive stamps of Mahatma Gandhi, and 8 x 25 paise definitive stamps of Jawaharlal Nehru inserted on blank pages.)

A strip of 9 different flags used during freedom movement of India, in self-adhesive form will also be made available separately.

All the above items will be available in set only and cost of the set is Rs 75 plus Postage.

Those who are interested in buying above philatelic material may contact:
Prashant H Pandya info@vadophil.org Mobile +91 98795 71179

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NEW STAMP PACKS

India Post has brought out packs for the following issues recently:

Feb 28, 2009  
Harakh Chand Nahata  
Content: Block of 4 Stamps, FDC,  
Price: Rs 100

Apr 29, 2009  
Spices of India  
Content: Miniature Sheet, FDC,  
Price: Rs 150

Jun 30, 2009  
Indian Oil  
Content: Block of 4 Stamps, FDC,  
Price: Rs 100

For viewing the images please visit,  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2009packs-sets.htm>

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INDIA STUDY CIRCLE

The membership application form of the India Study Circle for Philately is available for download now at www.stampsofindia.com.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 14-16: Ahmedabad, Coin & Currency Fair  
Organizer: Twin Stamps & Coins  
Venue: Hotel comfort Inn President  
Sales Booth: Rs 8,000  
Contact: Shatrughan Jain [sjain1@rediffmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pratisad@hotmail.com) mobile 09766310553

Nov 20-22: Palakkad, Annual Stamp & Coin Exhibition  
Venue: Town Hall Annex  
Contact: 9847660217, 9446791629 for Dealers Stall

Dec 17-20: 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

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<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

Arun Tendulkar

I find that I'm unable to open the stamp images from 1971 to 2003 in the stamps of India commemoratives since 1947. I hope u will take corrective action as this is a very useful link providing images in actual size and colors all your young / new philatelic members will surely appreciate this.

I would also request you and your expert members to give some details on single frame exhibits. They can consider one particular subject and explain how to go about assembling it and present it. It would help if the write up is accompanied with photos. It could give details like material required like paper for mounting, mounts/ how to fix the stamps on the paper, detailed index for write up, and any other requirements. Such an article will be very well received/ appreciated by new/ young philatelist.

Do you have any idea as to why stamp exhibition is not held in mumbai since last 7/8 years?

Lastly but not least I'm happy that your news letter and newly started (2 years ago) Rainbow Stamps is doing great service to promote philately in India.

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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