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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We still seem to be struggling with keeping up with the schedule of publication and apologize for the delay in mailing this issue. We are working on resolving this issue and hope to be regular by issue # 413 of October 1, 2009, kindly bear with us till then.

Until next week, please enjoy the rest of the newsletter.  
- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAMP WATCH

By P R Krishnan

India Post has issued a postage stamp in July to honor Ramcharan Agrawal a Gandhian. The total print quantity of this issue is 400,000 stamps (10,000 sheets). A strong momentum is being felt for this issue and few philatelic bureaus have already exhausted their stock. It is a good issue for long term.

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STANLEY GIBBONS INDIA CATALOGUE 2010

Stanley Gibbons has released the 3rd edition of its India Catalog on August 20, 2009. It is expected to arrive in India is expected in next 5 to 7 days.

The 240 page catalog is priced at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there is a very special price of Rs 750 for India. Stamps of India offer this on a first come first serve basis with free postage on all prepaid orders. The last date for the order to reach us is now extended till September 30, 2009. Contact orders@stampsofindia.com right away and reserve your copy.

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

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Sep 14: Holy Cross Church

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

UTTAM KUMAR

Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the Governor of West Bengal released a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Uttam Kumar, the "Great Hero" of Bengali cinema on his 84th Birthday at Kolkata on September 3, 2009.

Uttam Kumar (3 September 1926 - 24 July 1980) was born Arun Kumar Chatterjee in Kolkata. He had been an actor, director and producer.

The West Bengal postal circle has also issued a Presentation Folder, a Stamp Booklet and two Maxim cards (picture postcard) on Uttam Kumar. These are available at the three philatelic bureaus at Kolkata, Siliguri and Port Blair.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.8 million stamps by wet offset process in the sheets of 40.

SACRED HEART MATRICULATION SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL, CHENNAI
S K Chakrabarti, Chief Postmaster-General of the Tamil Nadu Circle of India Post released a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Sacred Heart Matriculation Senior Secondary School at Chennai on September 9, 2009.

Nenu Gupta designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and 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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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

ARRIVED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Pack

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet

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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
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Mar 27: Dhanbad, District Philatelic Exhibition  
Mar 28: Daltenganj, District Philatelic Exhibition  
Mar 28: Chaibasa, District Philatelic Exhibition

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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STAMP PACK NEW RELEASES

India Post recently brought out packs for the following issues:

July 27, 2009

Jayadeva & Geetagevinda
Content: Miniature Sheet,
3 FDC (serviced), Brochure
Price: Rs 200

Aug 16, 2009

Heritage Railway Stations
Content: Set of 4 Stamps,
FDC (serviced), Brochure
Price: Rs 100

Sep 3, 2009

Uttam Kumar
Content: Block of 4 Stamps,
FDC (serviced), Brochure
Price: Rs 100

Sep 3, 2009

Uttam Kumar
Content: Block of 4 Stamps,
FDC (serviced), Brochure, 2 Maxim Cards (serviced)
Price: Rs 100
Issued by West Bengal Circle, India Post

For viewing the images please visit,

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2009packs-sets.htm>

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NEW OFFICIAL STAMP BOOKLET

The West Bengal Circle of India Post released a stamp booklet as follows:

2009 Sep 3: Uttam Kumar

Price: Rs 75

For viewing the image please visit,

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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NEW MAXIM CARDS

The West Bengal Circle of India Post released 2 Maxim Cards as follows:

2009 Sep 3: Uttam Kumar

2 different,
Price: Rs 20 each

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MORE PRIVATE FIRST DAY COVERS

Following 5 First Day Covers for the Builders of India Definitive series are reportedly produced in Ahmedabad:

- 1 First Day Cover for the first part issued on December 1, 2008,
- 1 First Day Cover for the second part issued on March 1, 2009, and
- 3 First Day Covers for the third and final part issued on may 11, 2009

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #21, Sep 2009, Monthly

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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

Sep 11-13: Mumbai, All India Coin & Currency Show

Organizer:

Venue: Sunder Bai Hall, Near Income Tax Office, Church gate

Oct 2-4: Coimbatore, All India Super Mega Coinstampex 2009

Organizer:

Venue: Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Coimbatore-9

Sales Booth: Rs 3,000

Contact: C Palaleswamy, Mobile 0 94869 23558

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

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

Venue: Shree Saurashtra Leuva Patel Seva Samaj, Alembic Road

Contact: Prashant H Pandya info@vadophil.org

Website: www.stampmania2009.com

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Jan 8-10: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010

Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society numisclt@gmail.com

Sales Booth: Rs 2,500

Contact: Soorej 09447124066 soorejsks@yahoo.co.in

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2009.htm>

MEETINGS

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http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>
The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

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