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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

"Aparigraha" is the fifth yama described in the Yoga Sutras. It is also one of the five principles of Jainism. "Aparigraha" is translated variously as non-hoarding, non-possessiveness, not desiring more than the need or to limit possessions to what is necessary or important. Mahatma Gandhi whose 140<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary will be celebrated worldwide tomorrow not only advocated but practiced the "aparigraha" all his life. Isn't it ironical that 'Gandhi' as a theme today has become one of the most coveted and prized possession amongst collectors?

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Ashok Mehta, Abad Rizvi,

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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

PHILSENSEX OCTOBER 2009

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

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/200910.htm> for viewing the data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the month of August 2009 for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

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STANLEY GIBBONS INDIA STAMP CATALOGUE

Stanley Gibbons has released the 3rd edition of its India Catalog on August 20, 2009. 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. All orders will be sent by Speed Post. The last date for the order to reach us is now extended till October 15, 2009. Contact orders@stampsofindia.com right away and reserve your copy.

The orders received till September 9, 2009 have already been fulfilled and those received after that date are being processed and filled in the coming week.

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'. In case you wish to deposit cash in our bank account please add Rs 100 on account of bank charges and deposit Rs 850. We also can accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal; In this case please add Rs 75 to cover charges and remit Rs 825.

Kindly advise us after the payment, along with the Cheque number or the Credit Reference number of the transfer and provide complete postal address for delivery.

For more 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

Oct 1: Rare Fauna of the North East, 3 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
Red Panda, Marbled Cat, Phayre's Leaf Monkey

Oct 2: Special Definitive, Rs 25, International Day of Non Violence & 140<sup>th</sup> Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

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 STAMP RELEASED

Sep 27: Dushyant Kumar
Rameshwar Thakur, the Governor of Madhya Pradesh released a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 at Bhopal on September 27, 2009 on Dushyant Kumar, writer of fiction, drama, poetry, particularly of gazals in Hindi.

Brahm Prakash 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 wet offset process in the sheets of 40.

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Inland Letter with Message

Sep 00: Philately King of Hobbies, SPP

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

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

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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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Oct 2: Vadodara, Int'l Day of Non Violence - Mahatma Gandhi 140<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniv  
Oct 2: Chennai, Int'l Day of Non Violence - Mahatma Gandhi 140<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniv

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Jul 19: Southern Air Command, Indian Air Force, Silver Jubilee
Jul 26: 8 Mountain Division, Operation Vijay's 10th Anniversary

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2009aps.htm>

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

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

1. Further to reports of a bogus postmark of Bombay Philatelic Bureau applied on a maxim card of Marconi issue of India of 1974 in issue # 411 and 412 we have been informed the identity of seller by several readers. The seller is Puneesh Ahuja puneesh_ahuja@rediffmail.com.

2. SG O-16, and O-17, being eBay Items # 120475332550, and 120475333418 were sold for a song, US\$ 200 each. Another eBay item 120474840040, ending on October 3, from the same seller is listed with the starting price of US 150. This purportedly is SG O-18. All these items are identified with incorrect SG catalog numbers but described as genuine by the seller who also adds that item 'Might be reprint, Probably less than 10 exist without ends being cut off, Quite rare, Mint Original Gum with Hinge remnant'. Consider the facts that SG does not even list complete stamps in Mint for 2 Annas and 8 Annas, SG O-16 and O-18, and for 4 Annas SG O-17 complete stamp is not listed even in the Used! The SG catalog price for O-16 and O-18 for used is GBP 15,000 and 18,000 respectively. SG however does not price Official Reprints or Government Imitations which are priced in Phila India 2008 catalog at Rs 1,000 (about GBP 12) each. However the experts we consulted were of the opinion that these items are not even that but forgeries.

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, please inform to suspect@stampsofindia.com. The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

ITS STAMP NEWS, Whole #47, Vol.12 #3, Jul Sep 2009, Quarterly  
Editor: Suraj Jaitly [surajjaitly@yahoo.com](mailto:surajjaitly@yahoo.com)  
Publisher: Indian Thematic Society, Ludhiana  
Annual Subscription: Rs 150, US8, Euro 6

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

2010

Jan 8-10: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010
Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society numiscslt@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

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for October 2009 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>.

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website www.cwiakala.com.

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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.>

AJIT KUMAR DASH, Cuttack

The Miniature Sheet on Heritage Railway Stations of India is a very big and probably the biggest one with about 12" x 6" size. The Postal Department is not taking any care while preparing the design. They should at least think of a philatelist as to how he will display these big Miniature sheets and how it can be used on a cover? Can the Department of Posts will provide any such big cover for affixing this Miniature Sheet for postal use? May I request the Philatelists to give their views on how to sort out this problem?

AN APPEAL TO THE PHILATELIC COMMUNITY
- Anil Dhir, Bhubaneswar

Please read this short piece and help serve a philatelic cause.

I have lost track of a cover which was in the collection of the Late Jadunath Kanungo of Cuttack. It was a damaged cover posted from Jammu around the turn of the century (circa 1898-1905) and addressed to "The Rich Merchant of Cuttack". It was an ordinary cover with a common stamp. I had seen the cover in Jadunath babu's collection a few years back and he had promised to give it to me. However, in philatelic eccentricity, he took his own sweet time to do so. My repeated requests would yield the reply that he had lost track of it in his huge collection.

I had got a color scan of the cover, and it had intrigued me. The address was just mentioned as "The Rich Old Merchant of Cuttack", the letter had been delivered. I had done a lot of follow up and found out who the rich merchant to whom it was addressed to was. I had also followed up the story till Jammu and traced the descendents of the person who had sent the cover. The letter had been sent by a coconut wholesaler, who used to import coconuts all the way from Orissa. The coconuts for the Vaishno Devi temple used to be sent all the way from Orissa, in a journey that entailed transportation by bullock carts, train, boats and finally ponies. My efforts also yielded a lot other aspects, which made a very good study in Postal history. My desire was to write a short monograph on the cover.

I had last met Mr. Jadunath Kanungo during EIPEX held at Bhubaneswar in October 2008 where he was felicitated with the lifetime achievement award for philately by Eastern India Philatelic Association and was given honor by the Governor of Orissa. After the ceremony, I had once again asked him about the cover, and to help him search for it I gave him the color scan (the only one I had). He promised to go thru his collection and give me the cover. I insisted on paying him a price there and then, and he very reluctantly accepted Rs 250 for it. I kept on reminding him of it for the next two months until one day on the 7th December he rang me up and said that he had got the cover and I could come over and collect it. As I was away from Bhubaneswar, I told him that I would collect it the next week.

Unfortunately on the 9th December Jadu babu passed away. His death was swift and sudden and we lost a great philatelist. I attended the funeral at Cuttack, the thought of the cover was still in my mind.

I did not broach the subject of the cover to Mrs. Kanungo for some time, but did enquire about what she would do with the collection. She did not have any immediate plans to dispose off the collection. However, when I approached her after a couple of months, she told me that she has already sold the entire collection to dealers in Kolkata. The collection was taken by her brother who sold it to different dealers in Kolkata. I have been desperately trying to locate the cover since, but to no avail.

I will pay a very good price for the cover as it has a lot of value for me as I have put up a lot of efforts for my research. To any other collector it is just a non-descript cover, of not much value. My appeal to anyone who has the cover is to at least let me have a color scan of it. Please email me at anildhir2k5@hotmail.com or ring me up at 09861020747. It will serve a good philatelic cause.

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#### FEATURES & RESOURCES

FIRST DAY COVERS OF STAMPS ISSUED ON THE SAME DAY IN A SET

By Praful Thakkar IAS (Retired) [pkthakkar@yahoo.com](mailto:pkthakkar@yahoo.com)

Former Secretary to the Government of Gujarat

To read this illustrated article please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/readroom/setfdc.htm>

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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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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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