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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We send all our readers best wishes for a very Happy Diwali - the Festival of Lights, on Saturday October 17, 2009.

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

- M&SJ

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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

INDIA'S FIRST FDC WITH HOLOGRAM

Stamps of India and Eeshan Prakashan have created two First Day Covers for the Mahatma Gandhi special definitive stamp issued on October 2, 2009 in the denomination of Rs 25. One of these covers is with a hologram while the other is a regular cover. These covers are individually numbered and are printed in the quantity of 1,000. Image of the covers is on display at [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com).

The duly serviced covers are available at Rs 95 (US\$2) for the hologram cover and Rs 59 (US\$1.25) for the other cover with on First Come First Served basis. Both covers together are available for a very special price of Rs 140 (US\$2.95). Kindly contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) for your requirements. Postage and packing charges of Rs 50 (US\$1) per order extra.

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REVISED PROGRAM OF STAMP ISSUES 2009

India Post recently revised the program of issue for the remaining period of 2009 as follows:

- Nov 01 Dr Raj Kumar
- Nov 02 Dr. Mahendra Lal Sircar
- Nov 07 Danmal Mathur
- Nov 08 Virchand Raghavji Gandhi
- Nov 09 Indigenous Horses of India, 5 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
1.Kati, 2.Kathiawari, 3.Spiti, 4.Zanskari, 5.Manipuri
- Nov 09 Tamil Nadu Police (?)
- Nov 11 Rajabhau Khobragade
- Nov 12 Gaurishankar Dalmia
- Nov 14 Children's Day, 2 Stamps + Miniature Sheet
- Nov 15 Silent Valley, Kerala
- Nov 16 India-Philippines: Joint issue, 2 Stamps
- Nov 17 Indian Naval Ship Virat
- Nov 18 G G Jadhav
- Nov 19 Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers
- Nov 00 60th Anniversary of Commonwealth (Prior to Nov 22)
- Nov 25 2nd Lancers
  
- Dec 01 Seasons Greetings, 2 Stamps
- Dec 02 Convent of Jesus & Mary School, Ambala
- Dec 08 Amazing Textiles of India, 4 Stamps + Miniature Sheet

1.Banarasi Silk (Uttar Pradesh), 2.Kanchivaram Silk (Tamil Nadu),  
3.Kalamkari (Andhra Pradesh), 4.Appatani Weaves (Arunachal Pradesh)  
Dec 15 Henry Louis Vivian Derozio  
Dec 17 Lal Pratap Singh  
Dec 27 Indian Mathematical Society  
Dec 27 Venkataramana Bhagavathar

Dec 00 Maharaja Surajmal\*  
Dec 00 National Gallery of Modern Art\*  
\* No response from the proponents.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Oct 21 Maharaja Gulab Singh  
Oct 22 Major General Dewan Misri Chand  
Oct 28 Apollo Hospital  
Oct 29 Little Sisters of Poor, Jeanne Jugan (St. Mary of the Cross), 2 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 STAMP RELEASED

R K NARAYAN

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on October 10, 2009 on one of the most famous Indian writers in English, R K Narayan on his 103<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary.

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 wet offset process in the sheets of 56.

DINESHNANDINI DALMIA

Meira Kumar, speaker of Lok Sabha house of Parliament released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on October 11, 2009 on Dineshnandini Dalmia, a firebrand author and poet 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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process in the sheets of 40.

#### INDIA POST FREIGHTER

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on October 12, 2009 on India Post Freighter aircraft.

Alka Sharma 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 0.5 million stamps by wet offset process in the sheets of 35.

#### HERITAGE TEMPLES

India Post released a set of 2 special postage stamps and a miniature sheet on October 14, 2009 on the Heritage Temples. The stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each depict Dilwara Temple, near Mount Abu and Ranakpur Temple, near Sadri in the Pali district. Other details will be published in the next issue.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2009, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

#### NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

##### AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet  
Oct 1: Rare Fauna of the North East, 3 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
Oct 06: Bishop Cotton School, Stamp  
Oct 12: India Post Freighter Carrier, FDC  
Oct 14 Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet, FDC, Brochure

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>

#### NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Oct 8: Mumbai, World Sight Day

Oct 9: Mumbai, World Post Day

Oct 9: Puri, Satyabadi Bana Bidyalaya Centenary

This Bidyalaya (school) was founded in 1909 at Satyabadi near Sakhigopal, 15 Kilometers from Puri, by five well known social reformers of Orissa, Pandit Gopabandhu Das, Pandit Acharya Harihar, Pandit Nilakantha Das, Pandit Godabarish Mishra and Pandit Krupasindhu Mishra, which were known as Panchasakha (Five Friends). The School was visited by Mahatma Gandhi in 1921 who appreciated the pious environment and the dedicated teachers of this

Gurukul of Orissa which was later termed as 'Man making factory'. The cover depicts the open air classroom of the Bidyalaya and the Panchasakha. The postmark depicts the flame. The cover designed by Pradip Mohanty, philatelist was released by veteran freedom fighter Chandrasekhar Nayak in a function held at the Bidyalaya. Former Member of the Parliament Braja Kishore Tripathy, Member of Legislative Assembly of Orissa State Prasad Harichandan, Gopal Nanda, Former Director General of Police, Orissa were among other dignitaries who attended the function. A small philatelic exhibition was also held on the occasion. The exhibit of Haripada Panda on Orissa theme was on display at the exhibition. Philatelists from Bhubaneswar and Cuttack were also present at the function.

Oct 12: Lucknow, 2<sup>nd</sup> AHIMSAPEX Stamp 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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NEW STAMP PACK

Oct 06, 2009  
Bishop Cotton School Shimla  
Content: Block of 4 Stamps, FDC, Brochure  
Price: Rs 100

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

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NEW MAXIM CARDS

Vasundhara Publications of Kolkata has brought out 6 sets of 11 maxim cards each on Jayadeva Geetagevinda issue of July 27, 2009. The illustrations of the sets are based on Engravings of 1726, Lithographs by S M Tagore 1860, Sculptures, Paintings, Folk Art (Traditional Playing Cards), and Calendar Art respectively.

The cards are issued in limited quantity of 50 complete sets of 11 for each of the 6 series. Each card is individually signed as well as carries a hologram for authenticity.

For images of Maxim Cards please issued in 2009 visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2009mc.htm>

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STANLEY GIBBONS INDIA STAMP CATALOGUE

Stanley Gibbons released the 3rd edition of its India Catalog. The 240 page catalog is priced at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1,800. 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, by Express Mail Service - Speed Post, on all prepaid orders. Reserve your copy now contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com).

Stamps of India has fulfilled all orders received till date and as of October 12, 2009 are offering instant dispatch after receiving proceeds of the remittance at our bank.

For more details of Stanley Gibbons India Stamp Catalogue please visit  
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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)

2010

Jan 8-10: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010  
Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society [numisclt@gmail.com](mailto:numisclt@gmail.com)  
Sales Booth: Rs 2,500  
Contact: Soorej 09447124066 [soorejsks@yahoo.co.in](mailto: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>

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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.>

RANJIT SINGH, New Delhi

Your column, Availability Status, is a shame for India post. Will anybody or India post answer following questions?

1. What is the use and purpose of issuing stamps when these are not made available not even at the philatelic Bureau of the national capital - Delhi?
2. Why are FDCs not available on the day of issue?
3. In some cases even special postmarks are not available on the day of issue of stamps. Is it not shameful?
4. When and how a collector can mail FDCs made available after several days after the day of issue?
5. Does 'India Post' think stamp collectors are 'stupid' and force them to visit Philatelic Bureaus again and again to complete all the parts of same issue over several days?
6. India post issues stamps almost every other day but cannot be bothered with ensuring their availability. Why can't inefficient officers be shunted out and knowledgeable officers brought in who may be able to manage philately efficiently?

It seems that ministers keep 'sleeping' and know nothing about the philatelic mess.

Can readers suggest any solution to this malady?

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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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