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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We were discussing recently issued ePost greetings stationery with fellow stationery lovers at Pune. We had listed it under 'unstamped stationery'. The basic question was that whether it qualifies to be treated at par with Airgraphs. The Airgraph service introduced during World War 2 used to photograph a letter, film was transported and the addressee was delivered a photo-print. The ePost is hybrid mail service where text and image is electronically transported and a computer printout is delivered to the addressee. And both the services were prepaid. What do you think? Please do let us know.

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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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

PREMATURE SALE OF RAJABHAU KHOBRAGADE STAMP

The commemorative stamp of Rajabhau Khobragade scheduled for release on November 11, 2009 has on sale prematurely at some philatelic bureaus in the country for at least a month now.

So far we have been able to confirm the unrestricted and still ongoing sale of this issue at the philatelic bureau at Ranchi.

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STAMPS OF INDIA ONLINE OFFERS

Stamps of India now bring you useful and unique philatelic items fulfilling a long standing demand of subscribers and friends. These philatelic items can be viewed online and several easy options to make the payment and receive the items right in the comfort of your own home are provided. Enjoy these new additions to your collection and keep writing in to let us know what other products you would like to see on Stamps of India Online Offers.

Offer #1

POSTAL STATIONERY OF BRITISH INDIA 1856 - 1947 by Pratisad Neurgaonkar 2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition of an easy to use priced catalog, now also covers India Postal Notes, and Indian Postal Orders, in addition to the complete range of postal stationery plus Airgraph and Telegraph Forms. The knife types of envelopes and registered envelopes are now illustrated and the illustrated listings of the dies, imprints, Coat of Arms, and watermarks as well as varieties and the specimens are much expanded. The listings are fully revised with original research with reference to official documentation and score of authentic dates of issue have been recorded for the first time. The listings also serve as a concordance with Higgins & Gage, Manik Jain, and Derek Lang numbers. The hardbound book of 108 full color on art paper A4 Size pages and weighing over 750 grams is available at Rs 650 postpaid in India.

Offer #2

JAYDEAVA & GEETAGOVINDA - 10 INCARNATIONS OF THE GOD, MAXIM CARDS  
Vasundhara Publications of Kolkata has created 6 sets of 11 maxim cards each on this 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 beautifully produced on imported art cards 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. The Price for the entire set of 66 maxim cards is Rs 6699 post paid in India and US\$ 167 postpaid overseas. Send your orders to [onlineoffers@stampsfindia.com](mailto:onlineoffers@stampsfindia.com). For viewing visit <http://www.stampsfindia.com/lists/maxcards09.htm>.

Offer #3

MAHATMA GANDHI RS 25 SPECIAL DEFINITIVE STAMP HOLOGRAM FDC  
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. Both the covers feature exactly the same design that is of Hriday Kunj, the residence and Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi at Sabarmati, Ahmedabad. Covers printed in the quantity of 1,000 are individually numbered. 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. Both covers together are available for a very special price of Rs 140 (US\$2.95). Please add Rs 50 (US\$1) per order for postage packing charges. Kindly contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) for your requirements. For more details and images of the First Day covers visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Gandhi-Hologram.htm>.

#### ORDERING DETAILS

All prepaid orders are fulfilled on First Come First Served basis within 2 working days.

#### MAILING DETAILS

All orders are shipped by Express Mail Service - Speed Post in India. Overseas orders will be shipped by registered airmail; however the buyers overseas also have the option to choose Express Mail Service - Speed Post at additional charge of US\$10 to Africa, North America, & Asia including Australia & Middle East, US\$12 to South America, and US\$15 to Europe.

#### PAYMENT DETAILS

We accept payment by transfer and cheque (not cash) deposit into our bank account (ask for details). In case you wish to deposit cash in our bank account please add Rs 113 to the total amount on account of bank charges. Kindly advise us after the payment, along with the Cheque number or the Credit Reference number of the transfer. Please provide complete postal address to affect prompt delivery. Alternatively you may mail to us the bank draft or 'payable at par' cheque drawn in favor of 'Stamps of India' and payable at New Delhi.

We can also accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal. The charges incurred will be added to your total to pay amount. Please let us know how you would like to pay and ask for the online invoice.

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#### FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 07 Danmal Mathur  
Nov 08 Virchand Raghavji Gandhi  
Nov 09 Indigenous Horses of India, 4 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
- Kati, Kathiawari, Zanskari, & Manipuri  
Nov 11 Rajabhau Khobragade  
Nov 12 Gaurishankar Dalmia  
Nov 14 Children's Day, 2 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
Nov 16 India-Philippines: Joint issue, 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

ORDER OF THE LITTLE SISTERS OF POOR, JEANNE JUGAN (ST. MARY OF THE CROSS)  
India Post released a set of 2 commemorative postage stamps in the denominations of Rs 5 and Rs 20, on the Order of the Little Sisters of Poor, Jeanne Jugan (St. Mary of the Cross) on October 29, 2009.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.5 million stamps each by wet offset process.

DR RAJKUMAR

B S Yediyurappa, the Chief Minister of Karnataka released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on most versatile artist of Kannada Cinema, Dr Rajkumar on November 1, 2009 at Bangalore.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

DR MAHENDRA LAL SIRCAR

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the greatest homeopath of his time, Dr Mahendra Lal Sircar on November 2, 2009.

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. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

APOLLO HOSPITALS

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Asia's biggest hospital chain, the Apollo Hospitals Group on November 2, 2009.

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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.8 million stamps by wet offset process.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2009, please visit

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

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet  
Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet  
Oct 14 Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet, Sheetlet  
Oct 29 Little Sisters of Poor, Jeanne Jugan (St. Mary of the Cross), 2 Stamps

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Envelope with Advertisement

May 30: Consumer Awareness, Oriya, ISP, M

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 29: Pune, Stampex Pune 2009, Carried by Mail Runner from the show venue to Deccan Gymkhana Post Office, Cover with Silver medallion affixed, Quantity 500 covers, Price Rs 500

Nov 2: Cuttack,

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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3D FIRST DAY COVER

Jigar Desai of Mumbai [jigarjdesai1977@gmail.com](mailto:jigarjdesai1977@gmail.com) has brought out a first day cover for the Rs 25 Mahatma Gandhi special definitive stamp issued on October 2, 2009. The cover features a 3D image of a composite sand sculpture of Lord Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi made by Ballabha Mohapatra on Juhu beach on Mumbai. Viewing the image with 3D glasses makes it come alive. The covers supplied with 3D glasses are priced at Rs 150 plus postage.

The image of the this unusual FDC may be seen at the following link

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/fdc/fday2009.htm>

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MAHATMA GANDHI NEW ISSUES

To commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's 140th Birth Anniversary and the U N International Day of Non-Violence:

United Nations Postal Administration issued a definitive postage stamp in the denomination of \$1 on October 2, 2009. The stamps are printed in the sheets of 20 stamps. Besides a first day cover, a Souvenir Card in the limited quantity of 15,000 was also issued on the occasion. The card carries a statement by BAN Ki-moon, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and by S M Krishna, Minister External Affairs of India. All the items are available at [https://shop.un.org/UNPACommerce/en/display\\_category.jsp?id=cat1580003](https://shop.un.org/UNPACommerce/en/display_category.jsp?id=cat1580003)

Germany issued a special postmark on October 2, 2009. More details are awaited.

Nikhil from Chennai, India and Arentius from Brummen, Netherland organized a personalized stamp issue from Netherlands on October 2, 2009. It's simple design and moderate pricing is very much in tune with the message of Mahatma Gandhi. Wish more philatelists will take such initiatives and share their labor of love with fellow philatelists. For details such as price and availability, please visit <http://www.gandhin109.blogspot.com/>

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GUNTUR NUMISMATIC & PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Congratulations to the Guntur Numismatic & Philatelic Society (GNPS) on their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Established in 1994, the Society has over 70 life members and over 200 ordinary members including students. GNPS has organized over 30 exhibitions and workshops in and around Guntur during the last fifteen years.

The society members meet every second Sunday of the month at 6 PM at the Kanna Concept School, 3/2, Arundelpet, Guntur where the Society already has started a Juniors Club. We are proposing some more such clubs in a few other schools and educational institutions of the city.

As part of its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations the GNPS is organizing Guntur Stamps & Coins Festival 2009 from December 4 to 6, 2009. Aimed to primarily target students and youth of the state, the festival offers an opportunity for beginners and student community interested in these hobbies to take up these hobbies and also participate in competitive exhibitions as well. The event also includes inter-school competitive exhibition of stamps, coins and currency notes, competitive exhibition for beginners in seniors and juniors' category, inter-school competitions in Letter Writing, Elocution, Drawing And Quiz on the hobbies.

GNPS will be releasing special philatelic covers, bringing out a souvenir to mark, and holding seminars and workshops for students and beginners. Prize winners in the state and national level exhibitions are being invited to display their award winning exhibits in the exhibition.

The stamp dealers from all parts of the country are expected to set up stalls at this 3-day event for the benefit of visitors and other hobbyists

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

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #23, Nov 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

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

Dec 4-6: Guntur, Guntur Stamps & Coins Festival 2009  
Organizer: Guntur Numismatic & Philatelic Society  
Venue: Balaji Mandapam, Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Brundavan Gardens  
Contact: MVS Prasad [prasad\\_mandali@yahoo.com](mailto:prasad_mandali@yahoo.com) [gnpsguntur@gmail.com](mailto:gnpsguntur@gmail.com) 09866710379

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)

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Feb 19-21: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010 {REVISED DATES}  
Venue: Jubilee Hall, Near Tali temple, Kandamkulam, Calicut-673001  
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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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for November 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](http://www.cwiakala.com).

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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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websites, from India & overseas. Plus lots of relevant information. Price  
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Contact at [surajjaitly@hotmail.com](mailto:surajjaitly@hotmail.com) or [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com)

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

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newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

MVS PRASAD, Guntur

On behalf of the members of Guntur Numismatic & Philatelic Society, I express  
my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to you and all the people who matter at  
Stamps of India for the wonderful services you have been rendering for the  
philatelic community through this popular website.

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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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NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from  
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