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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

India Post issued 107 commemorative stamps in 2009. Also issued were 9 definitive stamps and 1 special definitive stamp, taking the total to a record 117 postage stamps, a 150% increase on the number stamps in the 2008! In addition 13 miniature sheets and 4 sheetlets were issued.

Believe it or not, 2 miniature sheets have yet make their debut at the philatelic bureaus nearly 4 months after their official date of release. The delay of several months in the availability of stamps has now become a norm with India Post.

Interestingly this year saw at least 8 stamps released prematurely that is before their of official issue. The irony is the stamps that are officially released are not available for sale but those that are not yet released officially are freely available.

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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Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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

#### STAMP POPULARITY POLL 2009

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2009 to select the best stamp of 2009, best miniature sheet of 2009, and best sheetlet of 2009. The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled.

You can send as many ballots as you wish. Please select from the issues of 2009 as shown at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm> and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2009 in your opinion. Also write your name, City, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: [stamppoll@stampsofindia.com](mailto:stamppoll@stampsofindia.com)

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 28, 2010. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered.

Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots. We welcome the sponsors for prizes, please contact [admin@stampsofindia.com](mailto:admin@stampsofindia.com) in this regard.

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PHILSENSEX JANUARY 2010

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Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/201001.htm> for viewing the data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

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#### JOBURG 2010 INTERNATIONAL STAMP SHOW

The 26th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, 'JOBURG 2010 International Stamp Show' will be held on October 27 to 31, 2009 at Johannesburg, South Africa. The exhibition is also open to select countries of Europe and USA that have historic relations with South Africa in additions to countries in Asia. Madhukar Jhingan [mj@stampsofindia.com](mailto:mj@stampsofindia.com) is the National Commissioner for India. The regulations for JOBURG 2010 and the Exhibit Application form are available online at <http://stampsofindia.com/Joburg2010.htm>

JOBURG 2010 will have all exhibit classes - Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Maximaphily, Revenue, and Thematic Philately subdivided as - A) Nature, B) Culture, C) Technology, and Youth Philately class subdivided by age as of January 01, 2010 -

- 1) Collectors aged 13 to 15 years,
- 2) Collectors aged 16 - 18 years,
- 3) Collectors aged 19 - 21 years, and

Literature class subdivided into:

- 1) Philatelic books, pamphlets and studies (issued after January 01, 2005),
- 2) Philatelic journals, periodicals (issued after January 01, 2008),

3) Stamp catalogues (issued after January 01, 2008), and One-Frame Exhibit Class subdivided into - A) Traditional, B) Postal History, C) Postal Stationery, D) Aerophilately, E) Astrophilately, F) Thematic, G) Maximaphily, H) Revenue.

JOBURG 2010 will also have 'Open Class' as an Experimental Class. Exhibits in this Class can include material from any other competition class plus non-philatelic material. The exhibit must contain at least 50% philatelic material. The non-philatelic material should not overwhelm the philatelic material. Awards will be made as per One-Frame Exhibits.

There is no participation fee for Youth Philately Class. The participation fee for other Competitive Classes (except Literature, and One-Frame Exhibit Classes) will be US\$35 per frame. The fee for participation in Literature is US\$35 per exhibit. The fee for participation in One-Frame Exhibit is US\$70 per exhibit.

Those desirous of participating in JOBURG 2010, please go through the Regulations for JOBURG 2010 and send the duly filled Exhibit Application Form along with a copy of the introductory page describing the exhibit to the National Commissioner for India, Madhukar Jhingan, 49-D, BG-5, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063 by March 14, 2009. For any assistance in this regard please email or call 0 9350537037.

The stamp dealers may contact [dealers@joburg2010stampshow.co.za](mailto:dealers@joburg2010stampshow.co.za) for reserving a Trade Stand at JOBURG 2010.

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STAMPS OF INDIA ONLINE OFFERS

We have entered in to an agreement with the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan to market their products at their official prices for three months from the date of issue. Older products if still available shall be marked up a little to cover the costs of this operation. We welcome other philatelic organizations to get in touch for marketing their products worldwide.

We will be gradually introducing several new products. We have created an area at the web site for this service at

<http://stampsfindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

These philatelic items can be viewed online with relevant details. 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.

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#### WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION IN INDIA IN 2011?

We do not use in our publications the confidential and internal communications of India Post not released for public circulation as a matter of policy. There are some members of philatelic advisory committee and some fly by night operators who do not have any qualms and regularly make public confidential postal information. While the philatelic criminals in India along with some officials of India Post seems to be right now busy aiming at some new records in wrongdoings, the fact remains that India Post has yet to make official announcement regarding holding of world philatelic exhibition in 2011.

Sandeep Jaiswal is a stamp dealer based in USA, and also the editor of the journal of India Study Circle for Philately UK. However he definitely is not the National Commissioner for USA or for any other country of yet to be

officially announced world philatelic exhibition in 2011 in India. But this does not deter him from distributing entry forms for this exhibition all over the world since January 25, 2010. So, if like some you cannot wait till official announcement and availability of Bulletin 1 and the entry forms, contact Sandeep Jaiswal for the forms now!

Some dealers in India and of Indian origin abroad are using the 2011 exhibition as an opportunity to make a killing. While selling their goods they are telling Indian buyers that those goods will help them in winning Gold and Large Gold awards. Not only that, they are promising buyers that they (the dealers) are in the position to influence the awards to be distributed.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Feb 21: Bible Society of India

Feb 23: P C Sorcar

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 STAMP RELEASED

20TH CONFERENCE OF SPEAKERS & PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 20th Conference Of Speakers & Presiding Officers Of The Commonwealth at New Delhi on January 5, 2010.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, and 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 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

#### RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

The President of India, Pratibha Patil released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the platinum jubilee the Reserve Bank of India at New Delhi on January 16, 2010.

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 0.8 million stamps by wet offset process.

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

The President of India, Pratibha Patil released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 60 years of the Election Commission of India at New Delhi on January 25, 2010.

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 0.5 million stamps by wet offset process.

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

ARRIVED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet
Dec 15 Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, FDC
Dec 19: Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers Sheetlet

AWAITED

Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet
Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet
Nov 09: Horses, Miniature Sheet

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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

Dec 04: Hyderabad, 37th India, South Asia, Africa, & Middle East Forum
Dec 30: Central University Campus Hyderabad, The C R Rao Advanced Institute for Mathematics, Statistics, and Computer Science
Jan 09: Agra, Rotary International's Polio Campaign
Jan 09: Ahmedabad, Digambar Jain Mahasamiti National Summit
Jan 11: Tiruchirappalli, 14th India Railways Jamborette
Jan 12: Jiranga, Padma Sambhava Mahavira Buddhist Monastery
Jan 16: Satna, Shri 1008 Shrimajjinendra Jinbimb Panchkalyanak Pratishtha & Tray Gajrath Mahotsava

The special cover depicts colorful Gajrath along with the images of 11 feet high idol of Bhagwan Shantinath situated in the Satna Digamber Jain Mandir and Pujya Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj. Special postmark depicts image of Bhagwan Parshwanath.

This special cover was released in the grand function of Dhvajarohan and Inauguration Ceremony of Panchkalyanak by famous Industrialist of Rajasthan Ashok Patni in the auspicious presence of Pujya Acharya Vidhyasagar Ji Maharaj. A K Jain, Assistant Superintendent of Post offices, Rewa Division and office bearers of Central India Philatelic Society were also present on this occasion.

Cost of this Special Cover is Rs. 15 plus postage. Interested Philatelists can send their orders to Sudhir Jain, Secretary, Central India Philatelic Society, Sushma Press Compound, SATNA 485005 centralindphil@yahoo.com mrsudhirjain@yahoo.com

Jan 21: Karkala, Bhuvanendra College

Jan 27: Tiruchirappalli, All India Postal Kabbadi Tournament

SPECIAL COVER WITH REGULAR DATE POSTMARK

Jan 8-9: Pali, Indian Scout and Guide Fellowship 50 years

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

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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 PACKS

India Post issued following stamp pack:

Dec 10, 2009
Traditional Textiles
Content: Miniature Sheet, FDC, Brochure
Price: Rs 150

Jan 16, 2010
Reserve Bank of India
Content: Block of 4, FDC, Brochure
Price: Rs 100

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

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NEW STAMP BOOKLET

Baroda Philatelic Society issued following stamp booklet on December 17:

Vadodara (Railway Station)  
Content: 8 stamps of Re 1 each Mahatma Gandhi definitive + 10 adhesive labels  
Price Rs 100

Uttarakhand Postal Circle issued following stamp booklets on December 19:  
Arctic Preservation  
Antarctic Preservation

Content: 6 stamps of Rs 5 each of Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers issue  
Price Rs 50 each

For viewing the images please visit,  
<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, please inform to suspect@stampsfindia.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 #25, Jan 2010, 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.stampsfindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Guntur Numismatic & Philatelic Society celebrated its 15th Anniversary with a coin & Stamps Festival from 4th to 6th December, 2009. The event targeting school children was really successful with more than 100 children participating with their exhibits. We have released 3 special covers and one souvenir and also organised quiz, letter writing, elocution and drawing competitions on the hobbies. Please find attached the images of the three special covers and a report on the event.

Jan 23-24: Tirupati, South India Numismatic Society, 20th Annual Congress

Jan 23-26: Nagpur Coin Fair

Feb 19-21: Calicut, COIN FEST 2010
Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society numisclt@gmail.com
Venue: Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Kandankulam, Calicut
Sales Booth: Rs 2,500 including Tea, Sancks, & Lunch for 2
Contact: Soorej 09447124066 soorejsks@yahoo.co.in

Mar: First State level philatelic exhibition
Organizer: Himachal circle of India Post
Venue: Gaeity Theatre

May 6-8: Ludhiana, Stamp-Fiesta 2010 Stamp Festival of Punjab
Organizer: Ludhiana Philatelic Club
Contact:

Chairman Dr S K Sondhi 9815657647, info.sf2010@gmail.com, sksondhil@gmail.com
Secretary Mukesh Malhotra 9023084608, 9417349808, secretary.sf2010@gmail.com
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For a list of exhibitions in 2009, please visit
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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

[http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south asia new issues.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south%20asia%20new%20issues.htm)

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