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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

India Post deserves praise for taking the initiative to organize INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition. Stamps of India Team wishes INDIPEX 2011 all success and extends its whole hearted support.

We always have supported and shall continue to support the holding of more district, regional, state, and national philatelic exhibitions by philatelic organizations and by India Post as these exhibitions help to develop philately from the grass root level. We always will support all endeavors that cater to the philatelic interests of common man in India from local to national level. The few elite Indian collectors / exhibitors who can afford philatelic items worth multimillions as well as participation expenses in thousands can take care of themselves in international philatelic exhibitions abroad.

Why India Post didn't organize stamp shows at various levels in 2008 and 2009 after regularly holding hundreds of shows every year since 2002 is a matter for serious investigation. The philatelic community in India has the right to know the utilization of funds the Government of India is making available for the development of philately in India.

Gujarat Philatelists Association, Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association, International Collectors Society of Rare Items, and Baroda Philatelic Society has earned the gratitude of philatelists in India for filling the void in 2009 by organizing major events at Ahmedabad, Bilaspur, Poona, and Baroda. Several other philatelic organizations also have held shows on the smaller scale in different parts of India to keep the philatelic activities going from strength to strength. This trend is now fast catching up and we believe that it is a good thing that philatelic development in India should not remain dependent on public servants of India Post alone.

India Post is planning to spend a whopping 160 million rupees (about 3.5 million USD) on INDIPEX 2011 out of which hospitality alone is expected to cost over 100 million rupees or about two-thirds of the budget! Is this really promotion of philately?

India Post is planning to hold this exhibition with the Philatelic Congress of India which is an illegally functioning body with no registered office and no constitution. A body that has not held its biannual elections since 2000 and has not published a periodical for past 8 years. Legal proceedings against its functioning and against the persons controlling it are going on since 2001 and they go on falsely reporting to India Post the status of various court cases going on against them which for some inexplicable reason the postal officials accept at face value without verification.

Philatelic Congress of India has organized only one general body meeting since 2001 instead of holding at least 1 annual general meeting and 3/4 general body meetings every year. During this period at least 40 governing council meetings should have been held but not even 10 were held, and half of even this were in 2006 alone.

Philatelic Congress of India is controlled by the persons that are repeatedly violated several laws of the land including but not limited to smuggling philatelic antiquities. These persons have even financially defrauded and misled India Post on several occasions on the past.

These same persons actively connive with corrupt postal officials and encourage the thievery of art works, essays, proofs, color trials, progressives, imprimaturs and other material generated during the course of designing and production of Indian postage stamps & postal stationery, stamps received from UPU and items not officially issued and/or prematurely released by India Post. These persons have also patronized and helped those who are part of multibillion US\$ fake stamp scam of Telgi fame.

India Post will do well to learn from other postal administrations such as the United States Postal Service who have successfully organized two world philatelic exhibitions in 1989 in 2000 without the patronage of International Philatelic Federation (FIP). Incidentally FIP based in Switzerland is a non-incorporated organization. The constitution of the Federation of Inter-Asian Philately (FIAP) based in Singapore is also an inaccessible document.

We believe that you neither need a 'post' nor a 'permit' to do good work. You can start promoting philately from wherever you are with the best of your ability. There are enough good and honest philatelists in this world doing selfless service for the cause of philately. There are scores of good and democratically run philatelic organizations worldwide who will support a good cause.

Thus our advice to India Post is, please don't sign that tripartite agreement with PCI and FIP but hold the world philatelic exhibition in a clean, transparent, and corruption-free manner. India Post can always count on the support of fellow postal administrations, Universal Postal Union, and World Association for the Development of Philately, International Federation of Stamps Dealers Associations, International Association of Philatelic Journalists, Philatelic Webmasters Organization and many more such bodies.

We encourage Citizen Philatelist to exercise their Right To Information and find out all the details from organizing to jury appointments to manner of

deciding on awards to stock and sale of stamps and other items by demanding copies of official files from each and every postal division, region, circle and directorate. It is time to destroy the myth of bureaucratic immunity enjoyed by postal officials. Remember always you're the public and postal officials are the public servants.

We would like to close by wanting an answer to the following - India Post was organizing a world philatelic exhibition in 2004 that it decided to 'postpone' in 2003. Do the reasons that forced India Post not to hold the world philatelic exhibition in 2004 no longer exist today?

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

INDIPEX 2011 WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

India Post is organizing a world philatelic exhibition from February 12 to 18, 2011 at Halls # 8-11, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This is the 6th such show being mounted by India Post and earlier ones were held in 1954, 1973, 1980, 1989, and 1997.

The Bulletin 1 of INDIPEX 2011 WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION in India containing the regulations and the entry forms is yet to be published and circulated by India Post. Yet its contents were being circulated by some persons abroad. When this fact was brought to our notice by a vigilant philatelist in India, these are being made available to exhibitors in India thru <http://stampsofindia.com/indipex2011.htm>.

The dealers booth at the world philatelic exhibition in India are proposed to be priced tentatively at Rs 75,000 for resident Indians and USD 2,000 for participants from abroad. Contact [wpe2011@indiapost.gov.in](mailto:wpe2011@indiapost.gov.in) for more information.

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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

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 in this regard.

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

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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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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.stampsfindia.com](http://www.stampsfindia.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.stampsfindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009 Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet

2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet

2009 Nov 09: Horses, Miniature Sheet

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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit

<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/2009EN.htm>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit

<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

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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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Dec 16: Mumbai, The Dadar Parsee Youths Assembly High School Golden Jubilee
Dec 21: Mumbai, Chandaramji High School Centenary
Dec 21: Mumbai, 25th IAF World Apparel Convention
Jan 05: Chennai, G N Balasubramaniam Birth Centenary
Jan 15: Kolkata, India Post Cricket Cup

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit
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For viewing the images please visit,
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #26, feb 2010, Monthly

Editor: Jeevan Jyoti j.jyoti9@gmail.com

Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla

Annual Subscription: Free

Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

FILA CAPSULE, Vol.4 #6, Nov-Dec 2009

Editor: Ajit Kumar Dash

Publisher: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar

Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

GLOBAL EXPRESS, #2

Editor: Mitul Kansal kansalmitul@gmail.com

Publisher:

also available online <http://emmkayglobalexpress.wordpress.com/>

NORTH POST 2009

Publisher: Ludhiana Philatelic Club, Ludhiana

Annual Subscription including membership: Rs 100 or US\$ 20

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jan 12-15: Kolkata, Dipok Dey's Philatelic Exhibition on Cinema

Calcutta University organized a Philatelic Exhibition on Cinema where the famed collection of Dipok Dey was on display. This is for the first time ever that a philatelic exhibition was organized by Calcutta University. It was part of the Calcutta University Cine Carnival Organized by Media Studies Film and Television in association with Cine Central, Calcutta and American Centre from January 12 to 15, 2010.

Feb 19-21: Calicut, COIN FEST 2010

Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society [numisclt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:soorejsks@yahoo.co.in)

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

Mar: State level philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: Maharashtra & Goa circle of India Post

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

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