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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

In the past three months of November, December, and January there should have been 13 issues of this digital weekly but only 4 got published. Consequently we have a backlog of your letters for readers Forum, updation of New Issues of Postal Stationery, and a detailed report on Stampmania 2009 recently concluded at Vadodara. Kindly bear with us while we will bring this up to date.

Don't forget to vote in Stamp Popularity Poll 2009.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsfindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsfindia.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

INDIA PROGRAM OF STAMP ISSUES 2010

India Post has finally announced its program of stamp issues for 2010. There are a total of 78 stamps in 44 issues with the issue dates given for all but one issue. After the most chaotic couple of years in the history of stamp issues in India, this indeed is a welcome change. Let us now hope for more miracles from India Post such as the availability of stamps on the day of issue as well as issue of stamps on the announced dates.

- Jan 05: 20th Conference of Speakers & Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth
- Jan 16: Reserve Bank of India
- Jan 25: Election Commission of India
- Feb 21: Bible Society of India
- Feb 23: P C Sorcar
- Mar 19: 16 Punjab (2nd Patiala) Regiment
- Mar 30: Muthuramalinga Sethupathi
- Mar 30: Special Protection Group
- Mar 31: Vallal Pachaiyappa
- Apr 13: Sant Kanwar Ram Sahib
- Apr 14: Astrological Signs, 12 stamps
- Apr 17: Chandra Shekhar
- May 07: Bishop Robert Caldwell
- May 08: Prof G V Chalam
- May 13: INDIPEX 2011 World Phil Expo, 4 stamps, Postal Heritage Buildings
- May 19: C V Raman Pillai
- Jun 14: Deshbandhu Gupta
- Jun 23: World Classical Tamil Conference-Kovai 2010
- Jun 25: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2 Stamps, - Baton & Mascot
- Jul 09: Common Birds, 2 Stamps, - Ordinary Sparrow, Pigeon
- Jul 12: Rath Yatra Puri
- Jul 31: Kumargurupar Swamigal
- Aug 01: Syed Mohammed Ali Shihab Thangal
- Aug 06: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2 Stamps, Stadiums
- Aug 21: P Jeevanandam
- Aug 25: O P Ramaswami Reddiyar
- Aug 30: G K Moopanar
- Sep 15: India - Mexico Joint issue, 2 Stamps
- Sep 24: Lalit Kala Akademi
- Oct 03: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 4 Stamps, Inauguration
- Oct 06: INDIPEX 2011 World Philatelic Exhibition, 4 stamps, Princely States
- Oct 10: Immanuel Sekaranar
- Nov 07: C Subramaniam
- Nov 10: K A P Viswanatham
- Nov 14: Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai
- Nov 14: Children's Day, 2 Stamps
- Nov 16: Comptroller of Auditor General
- Dec 01: Season's Greetings, 2 Stamps - Wall paintings Worli, Shekhawati
- Dec 03: Brahma Gana Sabha, 3 Stamps - Thiruvaduthurai T N Rajarathinam Pillai Veenai Dhanammal, & Thanjavur Balasaraswati
- Dec 11: Prafulla Chandra Chaki
- Dec 21: Crafts Museum, 2 Stamps
- Dec 24: Dr Trigunachandra Sen
- Dec 00: Legendary Heroines of Indian Cinema, 6 Stamps, Kanan Devi, Devika Rani, Savitri, Meena Kumari, Leela Naidu, & Nutan

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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, 2010 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, 2010. For any assistance in this regard please email or call 09350537037.

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 welcome philatelic organizations in India to take advantage of the global reach of Stamps of India 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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STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata is organizing a national philatelic exhibition 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' from December 10 to 12, 2010 at NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi.

The regulations and entry forms scheduled to be available after the first week of March 2010. The bookings of the Sales Stalls will also open online, giving sufficient time to stamp dealers to plan their booking.

More information will gradually be made available every week. The email address to contact is [sine@stampsfindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsfindia.com). The information will also be available online at <http://www.stampsfindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

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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 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 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
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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

Jan 25: Mumbai, 'Phir Mile Sur' - The Song of India  
Feb 04: Mumbai, Seth Nuseerwanji Hirji Karani Agiary, Colaba, 75 Years  
Feb 07: Mumbai, Rotary District Conference 'Disability Friendly Access'

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2010, visit  
<http://www.stampsfindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

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

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For viewing the images please visit,
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GANDHI PHILATELY

Maulik Thakkar has scavenged the internet for information on Gandhi related philatelic material and came across sporadic information other than Dr Rajan's website that offered good starting points. Outside of this, there was nothing which in retrospect is not surprising. Most philatelic organizations across the globe are behind in using technology. They are sitting on so much information that it will take them years to digitize it, make it searchable and put it online. The other is either lack of knowledge, interest, will and or resources to take on that task.

A few years ago, Maulik took time to call dealers in UK & India and reached out to fellow collectors to get stories from them. Along the way he met Nikhil, (a young and enthusiastic collector who has achieved what few can dream of) and at the same time it helped him assimilate a lot of information on the subject. He tried a traditional website a few times and it did not meet his own expectations. It did not come close to the level of organization Dr Rajan has done on Gandhi with an additional focus on his exhibits. He thought it would be futile to duplicate the effort Dr Rajan has already put in and subsequently abandoned it.

In 2008, Maulik prepared a single frame Gandhi Exhibit on 1948 and displayed it at the APS show in the USA <http://www.japhila.cz/hof/0465/index0465a.htm>. So has Nikhil on various occasions on the Gandhi theme.

However, it still did not help answer which, what and how should the information be presented. One thing was very clear, Maulik did not want to hoard and sit on it himself. He had initial discussions with Sandeep Jaiswal in early 2009 who encouraged this idea of a blog. In the interest of Gandhi Philately and to promote it, Maulik attempted a blog in hopes that it will go somewhere. It started on a very good note. A few months later Ketan Patel from California was on board with him. They subsequently roped in Nikhil from Chennai. Both, Nikhil & Ketan, have taken this blog to the next level.

The blog <http://gandhiphilately.blogspot.com/> completes 1 year this month with a total of 29 blogs on this subject. Researching is not an easy task, it takes time, effort and above all dedication. Every collector is welcome to share their experiences and opinions.

If anyone is interested in contributing, please get in touch with Maulik via, email maulik25@gmail.com or leaving a comment on one of the blogs which will be promptly responded.

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PHILATELY - A CAREER OPTION

Satish Misra has written an interesting piece on the subject that is available online at the following link

<http://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2010/02/philately-a-career-option/>  
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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 Pradesh Circle of India Post

Venue: Gaeity Theatre, Shimla

Mar: Pune, State level philatelic exhibition

Organizer: Maharashtra & Goa Circle of India Post

Apr 16-19: Patna, State level philatelic exhibition

Organizer: Bihar Circle of India Post

Venue: Patna GPO

May 7-9: Ludhiana, Stamp-Fiesta 2010 Stamp Festival of Punjab

Organizer: Ludhiana Philatelic Club

Online: <http://stampfiesta2010.wordpress.com/>

Contacts:

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Secretary Mukesh Malhotra 9023084608, 9417349808, secretary.sf2010@gmail.com

mukeshlibra@yahoo.co.in

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Organizer: Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata

Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi

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Email: sine@stampsofindia.com
Website: <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

For a list of exhibitions in 2010, please visit
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