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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

In the issue #425 of Feb 25, 2010, we wrote that "World's first post office authorized carriage of mail by air took place at Allahabad, India on February 18, 1911. This year's February 18 marked the beginning of the centenary year of this historic event of worldwide significance. ----- It is worth noting that the beginning of this historic event has gone without any noteworthy activity."

We are now happy to report that Mainak Kathiara, President of Gujarat Philatelists Association, created a collectible item of this event by sending pictorial messages by ePost on February 18, 2010.

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@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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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

M G PITTIE IS NO MORE

M G Pittie of Hyderabad, a well known philatelist of India, passed away on March 6, 2010 after a long illness.

He was very active in philately from a young age. He was part of the Philatelic Wing of the Indo American Society Hyderabad and its successor Hyderabad Philatelic & Hobbies Society from its inception along with his other family members. He was a founder member of the philatelic congress of India and served as its Secretary, Vice President and President. He also served as Vice President of the Federation of Inter Asian Philately.

He won high awards including gold for his collections of Indian Convention States and Hyderabad. He also served as national commissioner to various international shows till mid 1980s. Later he served as a Juror at philatelic exhibitions at all levels all over the world. His last jury assignment was at EFIRO world philatelic exhibition, Bucharest in 2008.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Mar 19: 16 Punjab (2nd Patiala) Regiment
- Mar 30: Muthuramalinga Sethupathi
- Mar 30: Special Protection Group
- Mar 31: Vallal Pachaiyappa

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 at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2010, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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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. The regulations for JOBURG 2010 and the Exhibit Application form are available online at <http://stampsofindia.com/Joburg2010.htm>.

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 21, 2010**. For any assistance in this regard please email [mj@stampsofindia.com](mailto:mj@stampsofindia.com) or call 09350537037.

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.

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 have created an area on the website for this service and several products are listed in various categories at <http://stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>. We are also in the process of introducing several new products.

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. Stamps of India National Exhibition is commemorating the Centenary of the Transfer of the Capital of India to Delhi from Kolkata.

Please expedite your ideas and suggestions regarding the activities before and during the 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' and about your willingness to participate, volunteer and contribute in any manner. The email address to contact is [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com).

More information will be made available every week here as well as online at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

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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://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

Feb 13: Jaipur, 12th Vintage & Classic Car Rally
12th Vintage & Classic Car Rally was held on 13th-14th Feb 2010 by Rajputana Automotive Sports Car Club, Jaipur at Hotel Jaimahal Palace , Jaipur . The rally was inaugurated by Honorable Chief Guest , Sh S. Gaurier , Chief Postmaster General , Rajasthan Circle along with Guest of Honors which included Brig. G Bhuyan , PMG (BD) Mr V.P.Singh , Badnor ex MP and Mr Ambesh Upmanyu , DPS (HQ) .

Chief Guest was specially escorted in Vintage Car from his house to venue by Gen Sec PSR Mr Rajesh Paharia where he was received by Mr Dayanidhi Kasliwal President , Rajputana Automotive Sports Car Club and Mr Ramesh Khanna , President , Philatelic Society of Rajasthan. Vice President , RASCC , Mr Sudhir Kasliwal presented chief guest with flowers and he was taken for round in Rally by Mr N B S Karkee , Executive Member RASCC On this occasion , the chief guest said that India Posts , Rajasthan Circle supports all heritage conservation activities. In order to bring awareness about heritage conservation , the Circle has issued many covers on such subjects. Vintage Cars are also part of our valuable heritage and thus a special cover on this subject is appropriate effort to spread knowledge about them . Speaking about Late Rajmataji's & special cover's design , the chief guest said that India Posts has issued Frangrant Stamp on Roses and it was decided that this stamp will be issued by most beautiful lady of the city. For Jaipur , there was no confusion and late Rajmata Gaytri Deviji was requested to release perfumed stamp on roses.

This year's event also included release of India's First Special Cover & Cancellation on this subject by in a special Exhibition Hall which displayed rare stamps and photographs associated with vintage cars from collections of Mr Sudhir Kasliwal , Mr Rajesh Paharia & Master Mrinal Mathur.

The special cover designed by Mr Rajesh Paharia carries a picture of Her Late Highness Rajmata Gayatri Deviji of Jaipur with her Rolls Royce.

A special Philately Counter was opened at the venue and special covers were sold over the counter. The special covers were specially carried in a Vintage Car which was also used in the famous Hollywood film 'Gandhi' by its proud owner Mr Abdul Rashid in his Car Model : Studebaker Ruskin 1927. The covers Travel Route was from Hotel Jaimahal Palace , Jacob Road , Jaipur to GPO , M.I.Road , Jaipur.

Feb 26: Ahmedabad, 600 Years of Ahmedabad

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

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Dec 01: Eastern Air Command Golden Jubilee  
Dec 07: 4th Battalion Garhwal Rifles Golden Jubilee

Dec 10: 7th Battalion Mahar Regiment Golden Jubilee  
Dec 15: 25th Battalion Assam Rifles Silver Jubilee  
Dec 21: 3rd Battalion Gorkha Rifles Golden Jubilee  
Dec 21: 116 Engineer Regiment Silver Jubilee  
Dec 26: 2nd Battalion Naga Regiment Golden Jubilee

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

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STAMPS ON INDIA: GANDHI PHILATELY

The blog on Gandhi Philately <http://gandhiphilately.blogspot.com/> continues with interesting studies of all aspects of Gandhi Philately. It has added the following new information this week:

1. Chile 1974 Gandhi FFC
2. Gandhi FDC with British Force Post Office (BFPO) Postmark Cancellation
3. Gandhi postmark cancel from Germany on 2nd October 2009 - Not Fake!

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

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.

COMPLETE SHEET OF INDIA HALF ANNA BLUE OF 1854

The lot #862 at the Harmer-Schau held on February 20 to 22, 2010 at APS AmeriStamp Expo/TEXPEX 2009, was described as "India, 1854, ½ Anna Blue Die I, Complete Sheet of 96, S.G. #2. Unused, marginal inscriptions all around, heavily toned and tropicalized resulting in the paper becoming stiff and brittle, vert. fold crease affecting 12 copies on column 4 and horiz. fold between rows 6 and 7, Fine to Very Fine appearance. Scott #2 \$7,200+. S.G. £8,160+. Very rare multiple." It realized US\$ 12,075 against an estimate of \$3,000-3,500. This item can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.harmerschau.com/cgi-bin/viewlot.pl?site=1&sale=84&lot=862>

The same item was being sold on eBay two weeks later at USD 25,000. The Sheet was cleaned meanwhile and changed its appearance from heavily toned and tropicalized to very bright making it much more desirable item. The horizontal crease was also left out from the description.

This item can be viewed at the following link:

[http://cgi.ebay.com/India-1854-1-2a-lithograph-complete-sheet-of-96-RARE\\_W0QQitemZ370345609419QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH\\_DefaultDomain\\_0?hash=item563a5188cb](http://cgi.ebay.com/India-1854-1-2a-lithograph-complete-sheet-of-96-RARE_W0QQitemZ370345609419QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH_DefaultDomain_0?hash=item563a5188cb)

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

GLOBAL EXPRESS, #3, Match 2010, Monthly
Editor: Mitul Kansal kansalmitul@gmail.com
Publisher: Emm Kay Stamp Coinage Dom
also available online <http://emmkayglobalexpress.wordpress.com/>

ITS STAMP NEWS, Whole #49, Vol 13 #1, Jan Mar 2010, Quarterly
Editor: Suraj Jaitly
Publisher: Indian Thematic Society
Annual Subscription: Rs 150, US\$ 8

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

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## RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mar 22-23: Kullu, District philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: Kullu Division of India Post  
Venue: Deb Bhavan, Kullu

Mar 27-28: Tirupati, Ancient Coins Exhibition  
Organizer: South India Numismatic Society  
Venue: S V University Campus, Tirupati

Mar: Pune, State level philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: Maharashtra & Goa Circle of India Post  
The philatelists and postal officials in Maharashtra are still uncertain about the dates, venue, and whether it will happen at all!

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/>

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

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## MEETINGS

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SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm

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<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

KAMAL CHAKRABARTY, Balangir, orissa

I wish to bring to your kind notice that 2010 is the 100th Birth Anniv of Mother Teresa. Unfortunately the Dept of Post has completely forgotten this fact while finalising the stamp issue programme for this year. Many other countries have included Mother Teresa in their 2010 Stamp issue programmes. It will be highly unfair if India Post does not bring out a commemorative Postage stamp or Souvenir Sheet to commemorate the 100 Birthday of the Noble Laureate Mother Teresa.

The philatelic community of this country would be very happy if you take kind steps to bring this omission to the notice of the Government so that a great mistake can be rectified.

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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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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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