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Hi

Thanks to the new generation and to the new developments in communications, the Stamps of India is now has a presence at Facebook and Twitter.

You can join us as a fan at our page on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/pages/Stamps-of-India/104130736291027>.

You can follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/stampsofindia>.

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

- M&SJ

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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, philatelic 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

POSTAL FORGERIES ARE BACK

After a gap of few years we now have another postal forgery to report. It is a new postal forgery of Rs 20 definitive depicting Golden Shower (Amaltaas) flower. It was first issued on Nov 20, 2000 in the previous definitive series featuring Natural Heritage.

A pair has been used on registered letter from Patna High Court Post Office on March 5, 2010. The letter addressed to Ahmedabad was mailed by the Joint Registrar of Patna High Court.

The forgery is crude and the perforations are also poor.

To view the images, please visit

[http://www.stampsofindia.com/postal\\_forgery\\_2010.html](http://www.stampsofindia.com/postal_forgery_2010.html)

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Apr 14: Astrological Signs, 12 stamps & miniature sheet

Apr 17: Chandra Shekhar

Apr 26: Sant Kanwar Ram Sahib (Rescheduled from Apr 13)

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/2010stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

MUTHURAMALINGA SETHUPATHI

M Karunanidhi, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 commemorating Muthuramalinga Sethupathi, the King of Ramanathapuram who defied the British, on March 30, 2010 at Chennai.

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.

India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.3 million stamps by photogravure process.

#### SPECIAL PROTECTION GROUP

Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 commemorating Special Protection Group that protects the Prime Minister of India on its 25th Raising Day, on March 30, 2010 at New Delhi.

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 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

#### VALLAL PACHAIYAPPA

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 commemorating Vallal Pachaiyappa, on March 31, 2010.

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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.3 million stamps by photogravure process.

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#### NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

##### ARRIVED

2009 Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet  
2009 Nov 09: Horses, Miniature Sheet

##### AWAITED

2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet  
2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet

#### STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The logo of the 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' is launched on April 1, 2010. The GHQ Team is in the process of finalizing the budget and the Floor plan at present. Next on the agenda is the finalization of the Bulletin 1 containing the regulations of the exhibition, among other things.

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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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://stampsfindia.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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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: <http://www.stampsfindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit <http://stampsfindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Mar 27: Sagar, Shri Gaurabai Digamber Jain Mandir 135th Anniversary Bhupendra Sinngh Thakur M.P., Shailendra Jain M.L.A., Vitthal Bhai Patel Ex-Minister & Writer and Dalchandra Jain Ex- M.P. released the special cover depicting colorful images of Shri Gaurabai Digamber Jain Mandir, chief idol of Bhagwan Parshwanath situated in this Temple and Param Pujya Acharya Shantisagar Ji Maharaj. India Post provided the Special Postmark depicting image of famous Jain Saint Pujya Ganesh Prasadji Varni. Sudhir Jain, Secretary, Central India Philatelic Society, mrsudhirjain@hotmail.com designed this special cover and postmark.

Apr 4: Port of Pondicherry, Sri Aurobindo's Arrival in Pondicherry Centenary

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

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

- Jan 07: 153 Medium Regiment (self Propelled) Silver Jubilee
- Jan 07: 313 Field Regiment Silver Jubilee
- Jan 07: 314 Field Regiment Silver Jubilee
- Jan 08: Corps of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers 9th Reunion
- Jan 15: 1 Medium Regiment (self Propelled) Platinum Jubilee
- Jan 31: 17 Engineer Regiment Silver Jubilee

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

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NEW MAX CARDS

Hemant Kumar Jain hemantkumar.jn@gmail.com has created following new cards:
Builders of Modern India - 12 cards
Heritage Jain Temples - 2 cards
Silent Valley - 1 card
Indo Philippines joint issue - 2 card
Rare Fauna of the North East - 3 cards

For an illustrated list of Max Cards of the Issues in 2010, visit
<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/2010mc.htm>

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

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

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AUCTIONS ACTION

INDIAN THEMATIC SOCIETY

Indian Thematic Society indianthematicsociety@gmail.com is holding its Postal Auction #48 closing on April 15, 2010. The 125 lot auction listing of 125 lots of this auction sale is available online at <http://indianthematicstamps.webs.com/itspostalauctions.htm>

RELIGIOUS STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB

Religious Stamp Exchange Club is holding its Postal Auction #43. More details may be had from N Sadasivan nsadasivannair@yahoo.in.

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THE PHILATELIC CLUB, THRISSUR

The Philatelic Club, Thrissur is now meeting at the new venue at The Thrissur Fruits & Vegetables Marketing Co-Op Society Limited Hall, Opposite New Dolours Church, High Road, Thrissur. The meeting is held on the 1st Sunday At 2 Pm every month. Please contact C J Vincent, Vice President 098470 21886  
[philatelicclubthrissur@rediffmail.com](mailto:philatelicclubthrissur@rediffmail.com)

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

GPA NEWS, Whole #140-148, Mar Dec 2009, Monthly
Editor: Ilyas A Patel
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association, Ahmedabad
Annual Subscription: Rs 200

PHILANEWS, Whole #50, Jan Feb 2010, Bimonthly
Editor: Rajesh Paharia
Publisher: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, Jaipur
Annual Subscription: Rs 200

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #28, Apr 2010, Monthly
Editor: Jeevan Jyoti 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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INDIPEX 2011

The Bulletin 1 of the INDIPEX 2011 world philatelic exhibition in print is finally out. The contents were already available at its website for some time.

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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:

Germany special Gandhi Postmark Cancel or Gandhi Rubber Stamp?

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mar 26-28: Dharamshala, District philatelic exhibition KANGRAPEX 2010 is being held in from 26 to 28 March 2010. During the exhibition a special cover was brought out on Chaudhary Sarwan Kumar Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, (C S K H P Agriculture University), Palampur.

Apr 23-25: Mumbai, Coins & Stamps Show

Organizer: Todywalla auctions

Venue: Tejpal Hall, Gowalia Hall, Mumbai

Dealers Booth: Rs 5,500

Contacts: Farokh Todywalla 09820054404 Malcom Todywalla 09820213620

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

Contacts: Ashish Talwar 09810186108, Madhukar Jhingan 09350537037

Email: [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com)

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

For a list of exhibitions in 2010, 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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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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VIEWS & OPINIONS

READERS FORUM

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

MICHAEL FONSECA

I visited the Philatelic Office of the Mumbai GPO in July 2009 and deposited Rs 1000 to receive new issue stamps. Despite reminders I have not received or heard from there since. I have a receipt from the clerk at the counter. Can anyone suggest how I could get my money back?

PROF DR V K GUPTA

You have deleted the following, "Neither there is violation of any ASDA or FIP rules" from my feedback. I had requested you on phone not to edit my views. If you were not agreeable to my views, you could have commented on that, but I strongly feel that editing is unfair to my views. I request you to reprint my feedback in your next issue as it is.

EDITORS RESPONSE:

We had also corrected spellings and grammar as well as created paragraph to convey your opinion in your words in a better manner besides removing the line and all this is part of our job as editors.

We believed the removed line forms a separate stream of view requiring a separate paragraph if retained. It also needed more details to maintain the uniformity of clarity of the entire piece. Furthermore it is also a sweeping general statement which wise people will avoid to use especially in writing.

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that our report in the issue #427 on which you commented, is not about conservation at all but is about fraud. This makes the entire first paragraph of your comment redundant as only the second paragraph is relevant.

If you carefully compare both the images at the link provided in our report, before and after bleaching, you will find that in the process of "professional" chemical treatment the brittle sheet has split and lost small pieces along the vertical crease. Instead of conserving this is a clear case of damaging philatelic material.

Bleaching as is the case with the sheet in question, should clearly be covered under Modifications and Alterations which is not automatically related to conservation. The Repairs, Restorations, Modifications, and Alterations are required to be disclosed while exhibiting or selling not only under FIP regulations but also under the Code of Ethics or Conduct of almost all philatelic associations including that of dealers as well as that of philatelic auctioneers.

The conservation of paper products through lamination whether polyfilm or archival quality Japanese tissue is routinely used all over the world but is absolutely not acceptable in philately or other collectibles.

May we suggest that you contact FIP and IFSDA and obtain their opinion in writing regarding 'conservation' such as bleaching, deacidification and chemical treatment and its disclosure by the exhibitor and dealer. This, we sincerely hope, will conclusively end the debate on this subject.

We also wish to point out that we are editing a news magazine not running a blog or moderating an online forum. In over 400 issues in 10 years we have

not commented on feedback even 10 times, as publication of this digital weekly is not about promoting or imposing our individual opinions and views. It is a platform for all stake holders in philately in India and Indian philately worldwide. We will reiterate that we always have had the guts to print views against ourselves in Readers Forum unfortunately not many joined to write back on some vital issues that we aired.

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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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