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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Government of India unveiled the design for the new symbol for the Indian Rupee on July 15, 2010. Haven't seen it mentioned anywhere yet but this wasn't the first time a symbol was used for Indian Rupee. It was in fact that the reintroduction was taking place after 95 years.

A symbol for Rupee was introduced in 1880s. It was a simple symbol, R with a horizontal bar in the middle. Use of this symbol was discontinued and 'Rs' was reintroduced in the 1916 while the world was busy with the first world war. The introduction and discontinuation of the Rupee symbol for about 3 decades at the end of 19th and advent of 20th century should be an interesting subject for research.

The current symbol is very similar to the old one as it seems that now the vertical bar of the R is removed, and added to as the horizontal bar. see it for yourself at [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com)

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

##### STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The deadline for Advertising in Bulletin 1 is extended to July 23, 2010. The Sales Stall holders are now eligible for 50% discount on published tariff available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/adverttariff.htm>

Few Sales Stalls are still available. The Rules and Application forms for Sales Stalls are available at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>. The floor plan is also available online to help the applicants book the Sales Stalls of their choice at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sinevenue.htm>.

The Regulations For Exhibitors and Exhibit Application Form are available at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html> Please download and study the Regulations carefully and print the application forms. The duly filled forms should be mailed to SINE GHQ, BG-5/49-D, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063. The last date to submit the application form is July 31, 2010.

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MANOHAR LAL PASSES AWAY

Manohar Lal, senior philatelist from New Delhi passed away on June 18, 2010 after being ill for several months. He was 75. He superannuated as Deputy Chief Engineer from Northern Railways in 1993. Lal was well known in philatelic circles all over India as a Postal Historian, Author, Philatelic Judge & Administrator.

He was an avid exhibitor always developing new ones. Two of his exhibits on Army Postal History and Postal Stationery won Gold Medals at world philatelic exhibitions.

He spent several in research at the National Archives . He authored a book on postal censorship and another on Airgraphs, besides several articles.

He cleared his apprenticeship as judge at the last national held in 2008. He was appointed as a judge at one frame national in Vadodara in 2009 but was unable to attend due to his poor health.

He has served as President of Delhi International Stamp Club, Philatelists Association of Delhi, and Delhi Philatelists.

He has survived by with his wife, three sons, three daughters and grandchildren.

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##### FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Aug 02: Syed Mohammed Ali Shihab Thangal
- Aug 06: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2 Stamps, Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Talkatora Stadium Stadiums
- Aug 12: Legendary Heroines of Indian Cinema, 6, Stamps,

Kanan Devi, Devika Rani, Savitri, Meena Kumari, Leela Naidu, & Nutan  
Aug 18: P Jeevanandam  
Aug 25: O P Ramaswami Reddiyar  
Aug 30: G K Moopanar

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](http://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 ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

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

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RATH YATRA MINIATURE SHEET

The mystery is now solved. Collectors were baffled with the extra white space at the left of the miniature sheet issued to commemorate the Rath Yatra of Puri on Jul 12, 2010. This miniature sheet has now been seen with color control marks, popularly called Traffic Lights, and logo of INDIPEX 2011; and all this utilizes the space available rather well. The collectors now require both the types of miniature sheets, and thus it will add to the revenue of India Post.

All miniature sheets do not have this extra printing on left margin, and both the sheets are not produced in equal quantities. Thus it will also provide money making opportunity to those dealers who have friendly relations with postal officials.

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INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

Awards at London 2010 International Stamp Exhibition

Gold + Best in Class Award in One Frame Class
Pradip Jain: The Development of the Airmail Route Cairo-India 1918-1929

Large Vermeil Medal
Dhananjay Desai: Soruth (Indian Feudatory State)

Vermeil Medal
Abdul Hai: India Pre Independence up to King Edward VII

Large Silver Medal

Pragya Kothari: Grey Goose Wings

Silver in One Frame Class

Lallan P Singh: Twin Cobra Overprint of Gwalior (On George V British India Stationery)

Bronze Medal in Literature Class

Vikas Singh: Philatelic Handbook on Indian Railways

Dinesh Chandra Sharma: Sports

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jun 21: Bangalore, B P Indian Public School Golden Jubilee

July 04: Mumbai, Kapol Young Couples Silver Jubilee

QUEEN'S BATON RELAY IN INDIA UPDATE

India Post is releasing special covers to mark Queen's Baton Relay in India for the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games. While the design of every cover is different, the special postmark is not only same for all places but also is same as the First Day Postmark of stamps released to commemorate the arrival of Queen's Baton in India on June 25, 2010.

Interestingly the spellings in Hindi are different on postmarks and covers issued so far. The special covers carry the correct Hindi spellings while the postmarks carry the incorrect Hindi spellings. This is perhaps legacy from the Miniature Sheet, First Day Cover and First Day Postmark issued on June 25, 2010, all of which carry the incorrect Hindi spellings.

Queen's Baton will be travelling through all States and Union territories till reaches the venue on Oct 3, 2010. These special covers are being issued only at the headquarters of the 22 postal circles in India while the Queen's baton is that city.

The special covers are released at the following places so far:

Jun 30: Sri Nagar,

Jul 03: Chandigarh,

Jul 05: Shimla,

Jul 06: Dehradun,

Jul 09: Lucknow,

Jul 14: Patna

Jul 20: Guwahati

Remaining Special covers will be issued at Shillong, Kolkata, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Hyderabad, Chennai, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Jaipur, ( - Haryana) and Delhi.

200 special covers were carried along with the Baton in Dehradun. To see the video of Baton Relay special cover release in Dehradun, please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfm3yjH7 8>

For an illustrated list of postmarks issued in 2010 please visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2010pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2010, visit <http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2010aps.htm>

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OSWAL'S 14TH AUCTION

Oswal Antiques of Mumbai will be holding 14th auction sale on August 21, 2010 in conjunction with 2nd Ahmedabad Coins & Currency Fair. The detailed catalog will soon be uploaded on www.oswalauctions.com.

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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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SOLAR POWERED VEHICLE FOR POSTMEN

Sachin Pilot, Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology launched an environment-friendly postal delivery vehicle 'Soleckshaw' at New Delhi on July 9, 2010.

Soleckshaw is a solar-power assisted, pedal-operated cycle rickshaw developed by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR). It reduces the rickshaw puller's effort by providing battery assistance. It is still a zero carbon emission vehicle.

Soleckshaw will be introduced soon in the Project Arrow post offices in a city of Rajasthan as a Pilot Project. The Ministry would evaluate the performance of the vehicle within few months and will explore the possibility of its expansion on larger scale.

Kinetic Motors in association with Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, CSIR has re-designed and developed a modified version of Soleckshaw specifically suitable as a light delivery vehicle, particularly useful for delivery of post, parcels and other postal services both in urban and rural areas.

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

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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 & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 20-22: Ahmedabad, 2nd Annual Coins and Currency Fair  
Organizers: Twins Stamp & Coins (Shatrughan Saravagi)  
Venue: Hotel Comfort Inn President, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad  
Contacts: 079-22110055, 22165510, sjain1@rediffmail.com, sjain222@yahoo.com

Sep 23-26: Mumbai, 8th Coins Exhibition  
Organizer: Mumbai Coin Society  
Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai  
Contacts: coingallery@hotmail.com Abdul Razak Shaikh, Secretary MCS

Oct 1-3: Bangalore, Coins Fair  
Organizer: Karnataka Numismatic Society  
Venue: 'Shikshak Sadan', K G Road, Opp Cauvery Bhavan  
Contacts: Mahesh Jambulingam- President 09448080502, Suresh Secretary 09611944883

Oct 9-12: Jaipur, Rajasthan State Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizer: Rajasthan Circle of India Post  
Venue:  
Contacts:

October 19-21: Bhubaneswar, 94 Annual Conference, Numismatic Society of India  
Organizer: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar  
Contacts: +91-542-2368024, [nsi\\_bhul910@yahoo.co.in](mailto:nsi_bhul910@yahoo.co.in)

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
Organizer: Bharatiya Daktkit 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>

Dec 24-26: Kolkata, 14th Annual Exhibition and Conference  
Organizer: Numismatic Society of Calcutta celebrating Silver Jubilee  
Venue: Haldiram Banquet Hall, 24, Ballygunge Park, Kolkata -700 019.  
Contacts: President - Sandip Jain (098300 09533, 098300 10343)  
Secretary - Ravi Shankar Sharma (093316 13224)  
web site: [www.nsckolkata.com](http://www.nsckolkata.com)

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>

#### 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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COMMANDER (RETIRED) U N ACHARYA,

Secretary, Naval Philatelic Society, Bangalore

Less said the better. Mrs. Devika Kumar and their staff owe our thanks for their in-efficiency. I do not blame them as their official working hours are spent in pleasing the ministers and their non working hours are not meant for any work.

I was in Panjim, on 7th July, to collect Panjim cancelled covers of the INAS 300 stamp release. To my horror I found out from the Director Postal Services, there, that the function for the release of the stamp was scheduled for 2000 Hrs on the same day and no stamps or other philatelic elements would be sold on that day. Little did it matter that in GPO of Bangalore and Chennai stamps and FDCs were sold on 7th July, 2010.

The officials of Indian Postal Department, claim that India Post is the largest in the world but forgets it is the least efficient one. In these days of connectivity, she did not have the time to inform postal circles to stop sales of the stamp on 7th July. What does it matter to her. She has only to please ministers.

Moreover, what is the sanctity of a cancellation, if the same is issued, by the official release of the stamp, at 8 pm, when Post Offices, all over India, except night post Offices, are closed. Shame on India Post but who cares, they have hearts of stone and could not care of philatelists any way.

I make a clarion call to all philatelists to boycott World Philatelic Exhibition 2011, but there will always be the few philatelists who write adversely about the INDIA POST but would run after them for favours anyway.

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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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NEWSSCAN

STAMPED FOR LIFE  
Indian Express, June 13, 2010  
<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/Stamped-for-life/633129>

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

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