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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

For those of us involved in Stamps of India National Exhibition, it is not a business opportunity or even a philatelic enterprise, we are working for the fulfillment of a lifelong dream.

A lifelong dream on proving how an exhibition should be held. And hence, proving how exhibitions should not be held.

A lifelong dream that philatelic exhibitions should best be left to genuine philatelists and not to those self-serving philatelists for whom judging of exhibits and awarding medals is an exercise in extortion, blackmail and self aggrandizement.

A lifelong dream that philately like everything else has to change, evolve and develop and hence cannot be modeled on archaic set ways.

And finally, it is our dream, because more than anything else in the world, we love philately. Therefore, if you share our love and our dream, JOIN us.

Join us and take that definitive step, take THE definitive step that shall move philately in India to world class standards of excellence.

Join us in any way you can, JOIN us, support Stamps of India National Exhibition and you won't regret it.

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

- M&SJ

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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, 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

STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

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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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Aug 01: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2 Stamps, Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium, Talkatora Stadium Stadiums
- Aug 02: Syed Mohammed Ali Shihab Thangal
- 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 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 SAGA CONTINUES

It appears that Rath Yatra miniature sheet has been printed 18 up, 3 horizontal x 6 vertical before being guillotined.

There are miniature sheets with left margin, and right margin and with no margin. The miniature sheet with left and right margin are again subdivided in 4 types each, - with top aligned traffic light, bottom aligned traffic light, with centre aligned large cross, and with nothing in the margin.

The printers are yet to supply the entire quantity to all the philatelic bureaus. The miniature sheets are packed in the quantity 200 in each packet as is usual for India Security Press, Nasik and there are reports of finding up to 3 different varieties in the same packet.

Thanks to ignorant postal officials in the philatelic division of India Post who have made it a habit not to issue clear instructions, the philatelists will suffer at the hands of unscrupulous persons out there to make a killing.

See the images at

http://www.stampsofindia.com/rath_yatra_puri_miniature_sheet.htm

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PAYPAL WITHDRAWALS IN INDIA

PayPal has notified that the facility of electronic withdrawal of funds in to the sellers bank account in India will not be available from July 29, 2010 in accordance with regulatory instructions. Sellers will only be able to request for a cheque withdrawal of funds from the PayPal account after this date.

PayPal assures that they are working hard to restore the electronic withdrawal service. And in order to help the Sellers with this change and until further notice, they will refund the \$5 USD cheque withdrawal fee for cheque withdrawals made on July 29, 2010 onwards.

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SPECIAL POSTMARK CHARGES REVISED

India Post has revised the charges for providing special postmarks with effect from August 1, 2010 as follows:

from Rs 1,500 to Rs 5,000 per day at the post office on working days;

from Rs 3,000 to Rs 10,000 per day at the sponsors' place on working days.

The charges for Sundays and holidays are twice that of on the working days.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

India Post released following postal stationery commemorating INDIPEX 2011 on July 14, 2010 as follows:

Postcard

Inland Letter Card

Prepaid Envelope

Aerogram

Registered Mail Envelope

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

Jun 23-27: Coimbatore, World Classical Tamil Conference, 5 postmarks

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 29: Srinagar,
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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#### NEW STAMP PACKS

India Post has released packs with recent stamps on different themes. The design of pack is same and promotes INDPIPEX 2011. The prices are different depending on the stamps included.

For an illustrated list of stamp packs, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2010packs-sets.htm>

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INDIA POST REVISES ISSUE PROGRAM

India Post recently revised the program for Issue for the remaining months of 2010. Apart from changes of dates for a few issues it has 3 additions taking the total stamps scheduled for release in 2010 to 86.

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#### NEW PUBLICATION

##### COINS OF INDIA

Author: Professor M H Shankara Narayana  
168 pages, profusely illustrated including 16 color plates, softbound  
Publisher: R S Gupta, Bangalore Hobby Centre  
Price: Rs 225  
Contact: [tt\\_gupta@yahoo.com](mailto:tt_gupta@yahoo.com)

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OBITUARIES

Jivan Chopra, one of the founder members of the Chandigarh Philatelic Club expired on June 18, 2010. He had been a support to the philatelists in resourcing philatelic material.

Jayant Pandya, founder member and former President of the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan demised on July 15, 2010. He has worked for development of Society and philately in India for 50 years. He was a renowned philatelist and won many awards at state and national level.

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#### RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

VADOPHIL, Whole #121-123, Jan- Apr-Jul, 2010, Quarterly  
Editors: Prashant H Pandya, Timir R Shah, [info@vadophil.org](mailto:info@vadophil.org)  
Publisher: Baroda Philatelic Society, Vadodara

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

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, please inform to suspect@stampsofindia.com. The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

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#### RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 15-16: Yavatmal, Coin Exhibition  
Organizer: Vidharba Coin Society  
Venue: Timber Bhavan SBI Square  
Contacts: Suresh 09403147200 Or Piyush Agrawal 09822220826

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 096119 44883

Oct 9-12: Jaipur, Rajasthan State Philatelic Exhibition  
Organizer: Rajasthan Circle of India Post  
Venue: Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jawaharlal Marg, Jaipur  
Contacts: Rajesh Paharia 9351716969

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 Jhingam 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

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#### SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

[http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south\\_asia\\_new\\_issues.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm)

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

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

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JAPAN CALLING

The Hindu, July 18, 2010

<http://www.thehindu.com/life-and-style/leisure/article522044.ece>

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

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