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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi,

The much awaited down pour of rain finally arrived in Delhi yesterday August 11, 2010 bringing with it overflowing drains, knee deep waters to wade thru and of course major traffic jams. Don't know what was worst the hot weather or the rains with their inherent problems. In the hope for better weather.

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 first Newsletter of the show was mailed out along with the previous issue #440 of August 5, 2010 as an attachment. We realized that most of our readers have not noticed the attachment and mailed it independently on Aug 7, 2010. This is also available online at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/digitalnewsletter.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 from the available stall at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sinevenue.htm>.

The Regulations For Exhibitors and Exhibit Application Forms 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 August 31, 2010.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Aug 14: Veththiri
- Aug 21: P Jeevanandam
- 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
- 2010:-
- Apr 14: Astrological Signs, miniature sheet and stamps
- May 13: Postal Heritage Buildings, miniature sheet and sheetlets
- Jul 09: Pigeon & Sparow, miniature sheet and stamps
- Jul 12: Rath Yatra Puri, miniature sheet and stamps

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

- Jul 29: Bangalore, Zoology Department of Bangalore University Centenary
- Jul 30: Batala, Shiv Kumar Batalvi 73rd Birth anniversary
- Aug 06: Mangalore, National Institute of Technology Karnataka Golden 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 also carry the incorrect Hindi spellings.

Queen's Baton will be travelling through all States and Union territories till it 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 in that city.

The special covers have been 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 16: Gangtok
Jul 20: Guwahati
Jul 21: Shillong (Not yet confirmed)
Jul 22: Itanagar
Jul 24: Kohima
Jul 27: Imphal
Jul 29/30: Aizawal (Not yet confirmed)
Jul 30/31: Agartala (Not yet confirmed)
Aug 01: Kolkata,
Aug 06: Ranchi,
Aug 10: Bhubaneswar

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

200 special covers were carried along with the Baton in Dehradun.

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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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://stampsfindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

INDIA POST AT EBAY INDIA

India Post is now selling the commemorative postage stamps online at eBay.in. Its eBay id is indianpostagestamps. The total cost to the online purchaser includes the face value of the stamps, cost of packaging and transportation charges and charges payable to eBay. A Rs 5 stamp is priced Rs 5.25 with Rs 104.50 as shipping charges for India. The buyer in India of a Rs 5 stamp has to pay a whopping Rs 149.75. However India Post offers free shipping for each additional eligible items. Currently approximately 100 stamps are available along with some philatelic ancillaries for on-line sale.

AUCTION ACTION

Spink [www.spink.com](http://www.spink.com)

Sale Sep 25, 2010, Singapore

795 Lots of rare stamps & covers of Peter Stolz

The star item is a Penang cover using 1854 4a Indian stamps - the earliest to do so in the Straits Settlements. Taken from the famous 'Heard' correspondence, with (New England businessman Mr Heard's correspondence which began in 1812 and used stamps as soon as they were available), the cover, addressed to Canton via Hong Kong bears a magnificent 4a second printing pair, both centrally cancelled by diamond of dots. On the reverse, inkstamps indicate Penang/paid and a Hong Kong datestamp. The exhibition-grade piece - which would make a fantastic investment given the rising prices of Indian collectibles - is expected to bring S\$100,000-150,000 (US\$73,400-110,100).

Todaywalla Auctions [www.todyauction.com](http://www.todyauction.com)

Sale #45, Aug 14, 2010, Mumbai

167 Lots of Coins, Tokens, Medals, & Paper Money

Todaywalla Auctions [www.todyauction.com](http://www.todyauction.com)

Sale #46, Aug 21, 2010, Ahmedabad

424 Lots of Coins, Tokens, Medals, & Paper Money

NEW PHILATELIC PUBLICATIONS

YEAR BOOK OF INDIAN PHILATELY 2009

Madan Middha [madanmiddha@yahoo.mail.co.in](mailto:madanmiddha@yahoo.mail.co.in)

Vishesh Prakashan, Gwalior

Rs 150 US\$ 10

211 A5 size pages, Soft bound

FAMOUS STAMPS: THE ROMANCE OF RARITIES

Anil Dhir [anildhir123@gmail.com](mailto:anildhir123@gmail.com)

Amadeus Press, Bhubaneswar

Rs 200

200 A5 size pages, Soft bound

ISBN 81-90381-9-3

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

AUTOMATIC MAIL PROCESSING CENTERS

Government of India proposes to set up automatic mail processing centers for sorting of mail in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

The orders have already been placed for installation of Automated Mail Processing Systems with one Letter Sorting Machine (LSM) and one Mixed Mail Sorter (MMS) each at Delhi and Kolkata during 2009-2010. The replacement of existing Automated Mail Processing Systems with Letter Sorting Machine (LSM) and Mixed Mail Sorter (MMS) at Mumbai and Chennai is proposed. It is proposed to have medium configuration machines at Hyderabad and Bangalore.

Installation of Machines is being done only in the Metros and bigger cities where there is heavy volume of mail.

This information was given by Gurudas Kamat, the Minister of State for the ministry of Communication and Information and Technology, in Rajya Sabha on August 5, 2010.

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POSTAL REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF INDIA

The government of India has comprehensively re-drafted an earlier Bill on postal regulation with a view to bringing the entire communication industry under a regulatory regime similar to the one for the telecom sector. As per the re-drafted Bill the Post Office and Courier Services Bill 2010 the courier firms would need to register themselves with the regulator and adhere to a set of guidelines for quality of services framed by it. The firms will also have to contribute to a Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to enable delivery of postal services to financially unviable areas at affordable rates.

However, the government has dropped the controversial provision in the original (2006) draft of the Bill which sought to bar private courier firms from carrying packets weighing below 500 grams. Also, in a departure from the original draft, which specified the fee structure for the players, the new Bill has left such matters for the regulator to decide.

As per the latest proposal, PRAI will have functions similar to that of telecom regulator TRAI. It can suo motu recommend to the government policy measures on the entire gamut of the postal sector. On its part, the government can seek its recommendations on issues of importance.

Once PRAI is constituted, all existing courier firms would have to register themselves with it for a 10-year period on payment of a fee. The regulator would set eligibility criteria for those wanting to enter the sector in the new regulated regime. It would have powers to recommend to the government revocation of licenses of any firm which fails to meet the criteria set out by it. The government would retain the powers to make policies and provide licenses. A Postal Dispute Settlement and Appellate Tribunal would be set up to arbitrate on disputes between the industry and the regulator, the regulator and the government, industry and the government; and between industry players.

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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.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 6-8: Kolkata, Philatelic Exhibition on Rabindranath Tagore

1 special cover, 3 private stamp booklets, and 1 brochure is brought out on this occasion.

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 09611944883

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

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
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>

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

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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.>

ATISH KUMAR JAIN, Kottayam

India Post is making a mockery by organising International Exhibition in 2011 in New Delhi. As per the letter of Mrs. Jeevan Jyoti regarding her entry in Literature class, it is really shocking to know that India Post have appointed rather illiterates to conduct such an International event.

If she is denied participation on this ground, then the matter should be brought to the knowledge of Press and to our "Learned Leaders" of our country who are at present busy in "CREATING THEIR WEALTH FROM COMMON PEOPLES' MONEY and this is known as COMMON WEALTH GAMES"

AJIT KUMAR DASH, Bhubaneswar

The stamps and miniature sheets on Rathyatra, Puri was released at a State level function at Bhubaneswar on July 12, 2010. Few miniature sheets and stamps especially brought by the Central Postal Officer were released at the Jayadev Bhawan, Bhubaneswar. Which were sold at the philatelic counter at the venue. Only 200 FDC were received at Bhubaneswar Philatelic Bureau which were also soldout at the venue. Out of curiosity the person who attended the function also purchased these philatelic items. Philatelists hardly got few stamps, Miniature sheets and FDC. Since then no stamps, miniature sheets and the normal quota of FDC have been received at either Bhubaneswar or Cuttack Philatelic Bureau. I do not know whether the same position is prevailing in other States.

Although Mr. Jhingan has nicely compiled the varieties of Miniature sheets of Rathyatra stamp, Puri but did not mention the scarcity of stamps in other states. Hope stamps and miniature sheets might be available in other Philatelic Bureaux. May I request the Postal authorities to supply the normal quota of stamps, Miniature sheets and FDC of Rathyatra issue to both the Philatelic Bureaux of Orissa so that the Philatelist of our State can get them for their collection.

EDITORS RESPONSE: We did compile a better and more factually correct list than others and also stated in our news report that "The printers are yet to supply the entire quantity to all the philatelic bureaus."

For some strange reasons, the India Security Press Nasik supplied the complete quantity, up to 14 or more packets, to some random philatelic bureaus with smaller requirements and only 1 packet to almost all other bureaus. The philatelic bureau at New Delhi got 1 packet of 200 miniature sheets out of which 150 sheets were carried by postal official to Puri. Imagine now the plight of philatelists at New Delhi. The philatelic bureau at New Delhi sold out its stock of 50 miniature sheets by lunch time by giving only 1 sheet each to a buyer.

The Kolkata, Mumbai, and Ahmedabad bureaus are also supplied with 1 packet only, primarily for the first day sales, while their usual quantity should be 150 to 200 packets. All these bureaus are also awaiting their supply along with most other bureaus in the country.

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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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