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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

India Post participated with a Sales stall at the recently concluded Asian International Exhibition at Bangkok which was opened only for first two days only and even on those two days it was poorly stocked and presented.

The visitors including that from India to the exhibition were of the opinion that the time has now come for India Post to send its officers for training to Bhutan and Bangladesh to learn the keeping stalls at philatelic exhibitions.

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

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 August 31, 2010.

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WORLD CLASSICAL TAMIL CONFERENCE STAMP

by P R Krishnan

The Department of Post has issued a special commemorative stamp for the World Classical Tamil Conference, Coimbatore on 27th June 2010. As per the Brochure the printed quantity of this issue is 300,000 i.e. approximately 8500 sheets.

I wrote in this weekly under "stamp watch" informing the philatelists that this stamp issue may turn out to be a rarity due to the unprecedented sale during the conference held for 7 days as it was well attended by more than 700,000 people from India as well as from 40 odd countries from the world and the purchasers were mostly non philatelists. I have also given the account of sale - that so and so many stamps were sold during the conference as well as the stamps supplied to the Tamil Nadu Government for their official use.

I am really shocked and hurt to learn, through some of my friends, about the gossip that I have cornered the major quantity of this stamp with an intention to speculate and gamble for my financial gains. It further pains me when some of my very close philatelic friends(?) also join hands to spread this kind of gossip.

I vehemently deny this baseless rumor and gossip. Even though I live in Coimbatore where the conference was held, I came to know about the huge sale of this stamp from a local Tamil news paper. After reading this news column I immediately approached the local philatelic bureau to ascertain the fact. On receipt of the exact details from the bureau I wrote the facts in Stamps of India Collectors Companion for the benefits of the collectors. I never thought my writing will put me into unnecessary controversy and defame me personally.

I agree with the fact that 70% of the total printed quantity was transferred to Coimbatore via Anna Road Post Office, Chennai. After the conference the officials from Anna Road Post Office visited the Coimbatore HPO and have taken the excess stock back to Chennai for onward supplies to other philatelic bureau. I don't control the Post Office and where was stock left with them for me to corner 2 to 3000 sheets? I am an investor of Indian stamps but I definitely not am a speculator or gambler of any issue.

I recall many of my previous stamp watches columns in this weekly and many of them came true as predicted because my writing is based on the facts and without any ulterior motive for a personal financial gain. My only interest is that Indian Philately should be more open and transparent and it should reach its rightful place.

It is the duty of every philatelist in India to create more collectors in our Country. As informed many a time, the population of stamp collectors in India is less than 50,000 and my intention is to purely promote this hobby and to invite the new collectors into this fold. I toyed with the idea of "Philsensex" and other related columns as an alternative investment tool.

I fail to understand why I have been made a subject of gossip for market manipulators. I know that I am better off pursuing this hobby privately but I will continue to promote the hobby in and its awareness in India with all the resources available to me.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Aug 21: P Jeevanandam
- Aug 25: O P Ramaswamy Reddiyar
- Aug 30: GK Moopanar
- Sep 2: Y S Rajasekhara Reddy

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 STAMPS RELEASED

VETHTHIRI

A Raja, the Minister of Communications & Information Technology released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate the birth centenary of Veththiri Maharishi, on August 14, 2010 at Chennai in a special function presided over by M Karunanidhi, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

Nenu Gupta designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

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PUNJAB HONORS PHILATELIST

Parkash Singh Badal, the Chief Minister of Punjab conferred "Punjab State Independence Day Award" on Yash Pal Bangia, President of Ludhiana Philatelic Club on at the Independence Day function at Ferozepur on August 15, 2010.

Bangia, a retired public relations officer of India Post has dedicated over 35 years to philately and has emerged as a prolific writer. He took the initiative to begin the Ludhiana Philatelic Club in the city in 1973 with members from all walks of life. He has written six books on philately. Recently he has also published two books for senior citizens, "Dhalti Umar Badhte Kadam" Part-I and Part-II. He was instrumental in establishing The Stamp Gallery at the science city in Kapurthala. He is still pursuing the hobby of stamp collection with great zeal and at the same time is more devoted to the promotion of the philately among children.

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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 & Sparrow, miniature sheet and stamps

Jul 12: Rath Yatra Puri, miniature sheet and stamps

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jul 09: Nagercoil, Kumaripex Stamp Exhibition

Jul 29: Kolkata, Mohun Bagan Athletic Club Centenary

Aug 06: Mumbai, Erwadi Asylum Incident - Manav Foundation

For an illustrated list of postmarks issued in 2010 please visit

<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/2010pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2010, visit

<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2010aps.htm>

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NEW RAKHI ENVELOPES

India Post released 4 new designs of Rakhi envelopes this year. These are also made of Dupont Tyvek material used for Rakhi envelopes since 2006. This year is the 10th year of issue for Rakhi envelopes.

Himachal Pradesh Circle of India Post was the only circle to issue a Rakhi envelope with advertisement this year.

Thus there are a total of 5 collectibles of Rakhi envelopes in 2010. The envelopes are priced at Rs 5 each.

For Illustrated list of Rakhi Envelopes, visit

<http://www.stampsfindia.com/lists/pss/rakhi.htm>

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NEW STAMP BOOKLETS

Following private stamp booklet was released recently

Astrological Signs

Content: 1 each of 12 stamps of the set

Quantity Produced: 150

Available from: Travancore Stamp House [sunilstamp@gmail.com](mailto:sunilstamp@gmail.com)

For Illustrated list of Stamp Booklets , visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb99.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://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

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INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITIONS ABROAD

India participated with 14 exhibits at the 25th Asian International Stamp Exhibition at Bangkok from August 4 to 12, 2010. Ajay Kumar Mittal was the National Commissioner, Vispi Dastur was Jury and Professor Dr V K Gupta was Apprentice Jury from India. The awards are as under:

Gold Medal

Damyanti Pittie, Bombay  
Ajay Mittal, Indore

Vermeil Medal

Dinesh Sharma, Olympics

Large Silver

S S Somani, Ajmer Postal history  
Ravi Bhansali, Modification of stamps

Silver Medal

Rajesh Paharia , Refugee Relief Tax  
Dhananjai Desai , morvi

Silver Bronze Medal

Rajesh Bhura, Gandhi  
Pratisad Neuorgaokar , Postal Stationery of British India (Literature)  
Naresh Goyal, Birds

Bronze Medal

Om Prakash jagati, Indian Tourism  
Dinesh Sharma, Sports (Literature)  
Mrinal Mathur, Automobiles

Certificate of Participation

Moloy Sarkar, Taj

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

KARPHILA NEWS, Vol. 2 #1, Aug 2010, Bi-monthly
Editors: Akshay Borad karphils@yahoo.in
Publisher: Karnataka Philatelic Society Bangalore

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 6-8: Shantiniketan, Exhibition on Tagore - India and Abroad  
A philatelic exhibition from the collection of Souvik Roy of, Kolkata organized by Visva Bharati at Rabindra Bhavana, Shantiniketan as a part of year long celebrations for Tagore's 150 years.

One special cover designed by Souvik Roy, with the postmark depicting of Rabindra Nath Tagore's autograph in Bengali, was provided by India Post and released by Chief Postmaster General of west Bengal & Sikkim in the presence of the Vice Chancellor of Visva Bharati, and Director of Rabindra Bhavana & Tagore Research Chair of Visva Bharati.

Three private stamp booklets with the miniature sheet of "Dakghar" of Rabindra Nath Tagore, with three different photographs of Tagore on cover, with the quotation of Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein and Satyajit Ray; designed by Souvik Roy, with date and place of issue were released on the occasion.

Three picture post cards on Rabindra Nath Tagore were also issued. An exhibition brochure with the writings of Prof Udaya Narayana Singh, Director of Rabindra Bhavana & Tagore Research Chair of Visva Bharati; and Director of Indira Gandhi Centre for National Integration; and by Dipok Dey, eminent Philatelist & Designer, was also published on the occasion.

The display not only covered all philatelic issues on Rabindra Nath Tagore but all special covers, number of picture postcards issued by different agencies on Tagore, paper cuttings, event folders, one phone card and one match box label as well. All this was displayed in 72 pages.

Electronic and print media did made a wide coverage of the event. The show was a major success with active support from India Post, Visva Bharati University and Gorky Sadan, Russian Consulate.

Aug 13: Dehradun, Indian Military Academy philatelic exhibition  
Lieutenant General Sujlana, Commandant Indian Military Academy, inaugurated a philatelic exhibition in presence of Anjali Devashar, the Chief Postmaster General and Sanjay Singh, the Director Postal Service, Uttarakhand Circle on Aug 13, 2010. The General Sujlana himself is a keen philatelist. The exhibition consisted of 30 frames, covering different aspects of philately. Topics covered were Indian Armed Forces, Prisoner of Wars, Sikhism, Antarctica, World rarities etc. The Gentleman Cadets were thrilled to see Penny Black, Scinde Dawk & 1854 Lithographs. The event was witnessed by over thousand Officers, cadets and staff.

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

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_asia_new_issues.htm)

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RISHI CHANDIOK, New Delhi

First of all, I must congratulate and thankful to you and Stamps Of India for providing most valuable philatelic information regularly.

Now I would like to share something interesting with my philatelists friends regarding recent release of two stamps set depicting stadiums. I found there is not mentioned anything related to XIX Commonwealth Games on these stamps just the names of stadiums mentioned on both the stamps but to what are they

commemorating? The commemorating occasion is not at all mentioned on these stamps. While on the miniature sheet it is mentioned on the margin side. Is this a mistake? Or a beginning of new style of commemorative issue?

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

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NEWSSCAN

INDIA'S THRIVING RICH ARE SET TO INVADE THE COLLECTIBLES MARKETS  
<http://www.paulfrasercollectibles.com/section.asp?catid=26&docid=3993>

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