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Jhingans Jottings



Hi,
With this issue the **Stamps of India Collectors Companion** completes 10 momentous years, reporting, and commenting on the activities and events of Philately in India.

What started with a less than 100 subscribers in the year 2000 today exceeds the readership of 11,000! Meanwhile it has emerged, along with the www.stampsofindia.com where its image files and back issues are located, a storehouse of useful information on every aspect of Indian philately. This is evident in the numbers of visitors to the site, over 1.25 million hits per month and growing day by day, keeping it top of Google search.

It is matter of immense pride to state that during this decade, two things not only remain constant, but rather gained in strength; the support of the readers and the commitment of the contributors.

We do realize that there is still a long way to go and sincerely hope that with your support we shall continue to selflessly serve the interests of Indian Philately and philatelists for many more years.

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

- M&SJ

US Mother Teresa Stamp



United States Postal Service (USPS) is scheduled to release a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of 44 Cents on Mother Teresa to mark the centennial of her birth today. Mother Teresa was named an

honorary US citizen in 1996.

The stamp was designed by acclaimed artist Thomas Blackshear II who has designed about 30 stamps for USPS during his long and varied career

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Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Rajesh Paharia, Sreejesh Krishnan

Stamps of India National Exhibition



The Bulletin 1 is finally out along with self adhesives publicity labels for your mail and your car. The posters are scheduled to be out next week. If you haven't received it by now please contact [SINE GHQ](#)

The Bulletin 1 and Exhibit Application Forms are also available with the [State Representatives](#)

Few Sales Stalls are still available. You can choose your own Sales Stall from the [floor plan](#).

Download the [Regulations For Exhibitors](#) and [Exhibit Application Form](#). Please study the Regulations carefully and print the application forms.

The last date to submit the application form is August 31, 2010.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Aug 30: G K Moopnar

Sep 2: Y S Rajasekhara Reddy

Sep 26: Brihadisvara Temple

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.

Now days, issues are scheduled and rescheduled for release at very short notice say couple of 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.

[Illustrated list of stamps in 2010](#)

New Stamps Released

P JEEVANANDAM

Shanthi Nair, the Chief Postmaster General of Tamil Nadu Circle of India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate freedom fighter and communist leader P Jeevanandam, on August 21, 2010 at Chennai.



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.



O P RAMASWAMY REDDIYAR India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate freedom-fighter and Chief Minister of Madras Presidency, Omanthur P Ramaswamy Reddiar, on August 25, 2010.

Alka Sharma 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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PhilSensex August 2010

By [P R Krishnan](#)

The data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors is now available for viewing [Philsensex Aug2010](#)

STAMPS WATCH

Please keep your eyes open for the 0.3 million recent issues in July & August 2010.

New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

2010: **Small Quantities for the following issues were made available on the day of issue but sold out soon. India Security Press Nasik reportedly is facing a shortage of the paper. The remaining quantities are expected to be supplied by mid September.**

Astrological Signs, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

Postal Heritage, Miniature Sheet, Sheetlets

Pigeon & Sparrow, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

Rath Yatra Puri, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

New Postal Stationery

Meghdoot Post card



Vigyan Prasara, is an autonomous organization under Department of Science and Technology, Government of India to take up large-scale science popularization tasks/activities, to promote and propagate scientific and rational outlook, to act as a resource-cum-facility centre for S&T communication

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New Special Postmarks & Covers

Aug 16: Mangalore, International Lighthouse and Lightship Week & Amateur Radio Special Event Station (Special cover with permanent pictorial date postmark of Mangalore philatelic bureau)

Aug 19: Chennai, Madras Day

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.

The special covers have been released at the following places so far: Jun 25: Wagah | 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 | Jul 22: Itanagar | Jul 24: Kohima | Jul 27: Imphal | Jul 29: Aizawal | Jul 31: Agartala | Aug 01: Kolkata | Aug 06: Ranchi | Aug 10: Bhubaneswar | Aug 12: Raipur | Aug 14: Hyderabad | Aug 19: Port Blair | Aug 20: Chennai | Aug 21: Puducherry | Aug 26: Trivandrum

Further Special covers will be issued at Kavaratti, Bangalore, Panjim, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Jaipur, Rohtak and Delhi.

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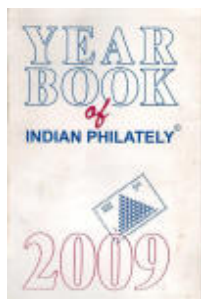
Indian Participation In Exhibitions Abroad

Dhirubhai Mehta has resigned as national commissioner for [PORTUGAL 2010](#) world philatelic exhibition being held at Lisbon from October 1 to 10, 2010. Dhananjay Desai is his replacement. Dilip Shah is the member of the Jury from India.

CORRECTION

Moloy Sarkar won a Bronze for his exhibit on Tajmahal, and not only a Certificate of Participation as incorrectly reported in the previous issue, at the 25th Asian International Stamp Exhibition at Bangkok.

Publications



YEAR BOOK OF INDIAN PHILATELY 2009

Now available for Rs 125 postpaid in India. Send Money Order to Madan Middha, Saket Vihar, Phalka Bazar, Gwalior 474001

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Forgeries & Frauds Alerts

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

Pakistan Honors Indian Postal Officer

Pakistan awarded its third most highest civilian award "Sitara-i-Imtiaz" (Star of Excellence) to Eminent Urdu critic and writer Shamsur Rahman Faruqi on August 14, 2010, the Independence Day of Pakistan. The President of Pakistan will present the award on Pakistan Day, March 23, 2011.

Faruqi served as a postal officer with India Post and superannuated as Member of the Postal Services Board in 1994.

In January 2009 he was awarded the "Padma Shri" (Lotus Adornment), the fourth highest civilian honor that the Indian Government

bestows. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. Most recently he was awarded the prestigious "Saraswathi Samman" for his pioneering work She'r-e Shor-Angez. In this four-volume study of the great eighteenth-century poet Mir Taqi Mir. The Haryana Urdu Academy honors him with "Hali Award" for his recent work – 'Kai Chaand the Sar-e Aasman'. The Aligarh Alumni Association of New York has announced that Faruqi will be honored with this year's "Sir Syed Day Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Literature, Poetry, Arts or the Sciences" which will be presented on October 2, 2010 .

He has been adjunct professor at the South Asia Regional Studies Centre, University of Pennsylvania, USA and also held the Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan Chair in the Faculty of Humanities at Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

Recent & Forthcoming Events

Sep 23-26: Mumbai, 8th Coins Exhibition
Organizer: Mumbai Coin Society
Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade,
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, Opposite Cauvery Bhavan
Contacts: Mahesh Jambulingam- President 09448080502, Suresh Secretary 096119 44883

~~Oct 9-12: Jaipur, Rajasthan State Philatelic Exhibition~~ **TO BE RESCHEDULED**
Organizer: Rajasthan Circle of India Post
Venue: Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jawaharlal Marg,
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
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IEWS & 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.

ABAHI MISHRA, Dehradun

This is in response to Mr. P. R. Krishnan comments in issue 442. I also have had similar experience. Some persons freely comment on the issues which they are totally unaware of. Either they are misinformed or misguided. Basically their comments are orchestrated by others for meeting their own vested interests. I firmly believe that those who are doing good job with a clear conscience should be ready to bear the brunt simply as an occupational hazard.

I am a philatelist by hobby and a scientist by profession working with Defence Research & Development. My other hobbies include photography and creative designs. I had designed scores of special covers for Uttarakhand Postal Circle on their request, without any remuneration, managing time from my very busy schedule. I had even written a book for India Post and never expected or received any financial gain out of it.

Recently a someone from Chandigarh, whom I have neither met nor heard of, wrote in a blog published from Delhi that a DEALER from Dehradun designs covers and he is promoted by India Post, he sells covers at exorbitant prices etc. etc. I found it very strange that these comments are being proffered without even knowing me. I do not know what to say to such people as I do not know them and am unaware what prompted him to shoot baseless malice towards me. However the bottom line is that all this negative and self serving activity should not dislodge us from what we enjoy to do and keep on promoting & enjoying the hobby in our own way.

DINESH SABHARWAL, New Delhi

In the latest issue a number of miniature sheets are listed under awaited.

Last week I was at Simla Philatelic Bureau and I could easily get most of these miniature sheets just for asking. Having been to several places, I found the Bureau at Simla as the best maintained. A well experienced and matured postal official single-handedly looks after very efficiently the needs to the philatelists. Two inter-connected rooms with wide display of philatelic material have been earmarked for this purpose inside the heritage Simla GPO building.

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NEWSSCAN

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

[The Stamp Of Genius](#) by Shubha Mudgal

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