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## Jhingan's Jottings

Hi

We are five weeks too late and regret the inconvenience caused.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Sreejesh Krishnan, Deepak Modi, Ajit Kumar Dash,

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## Anand Shankar Mittal

Mittal Saheb as he was affectionately and respectfully known all over India breathed his last on September 18, 2010. For last couple of years he wasn't keeping good health but he didn't let this affect his philatelic activities.

Born on April 7, 1930 he started a small book and stamp store in Bharatpur, and literally built it into an empire in book printing and distribution based at Jaipur. However he continued to devote time and energies to much-less-paying stamp trade. He carried on as an active stamp dealer for over 60 years and was the living reference for good business practices. He regularly published pricelists and in auction catalogues serving a worldwide clientele. In later years he was also active on eBay as well.

He collected and also successfully exhibited at world level winning laurels. His interests covered postal and fiscal issues of the princely states of Rajasthan. He also had a role and in the coming to light of the issues of Kota, Shahpura, Dungarpur.

He served as a distinguished professional in the Philatelic Advisory committee of the Ministry of Communications, Government of India and the Governing Council of the Philatelic Congress of India in early 1990s.

Gujarat Philatelists Association honoured him with Life Time Achievement Award in 2009. He was Honorary Vice Chairman of the Stamps of India National Exhibition 2010.

His name was synonymous with philatelic activities in Jaipur and Rajasthan. He was founder and former President of the Philatelic Society of Rajasthan. He also held various offices in other philatelic organizations in Rajasthan. He played a key role in almost all district and state philatelic exhibitions in Rajasthan. He was the man behind over 20 philatelic exhibitions organized with Environment Department of Rajasthan government and with St Xavier's School, Jaipur.

He first wrote a beginners guide for stamp collectors in Hindi and later also brought it out in English. It was awarded at national and international stamp exhibitions and has continuously been in print for over 40 years. It has been very popular and he meticulously updated every edition and every printing.

With his passing away an era has ended.

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### **Stamps of India National Exhibition**

The Allotment of competitive exhibits in all classes is finalized and all applicants are now being informed over email. In case the SINE GHQ does not have an email address on an application the letter will be mailed by Speed Post. In case you do not hear from SINE GHQ over email or Speed Post by October 14, 2010, please call Madhukar Jhingan on 9811160965.

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### **Forthcoming Stamp Issues**

Oct 9: Immanuel Sekaranar **Rescheduled, New Date to be Announced**

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](http://www.stampsofindia.com) as soon as it becomes available.

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### [Stamps 2010](#)

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### **New Stamps Released**

Y S RAJASEKHARA REDDY

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Yeduguri Sandinti Rajasekhara Reddy, on September 2, 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 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

#### BRIHADEESWARAR TEMPLE

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to commemorate the 1000 years of Brihadeeswarar Temple, a World Heritage Monument, on September 26, 2010.

Brahm Prakash designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

#### COMMONWEALTH GAMES

India Post released a set of 4 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each to commemorate the inauguration of 19th Commonwealth Games - Delhi 2010, on October 3, 2010. A miniature sheet was also issued on the occasion.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamps, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.4 million stamps each by wet offset process.

#### PRINCELY STATES STAMPS

India Post released a set of 4 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each to mark the stamps of erstwhile Princely States, on October 6, 2010. A miniature sheet was also issued on the occasion.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamps, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nashik printed 0.4 million stamps each by wet offset process. The miniature sheet was issued in the quantity of 0.3 million.

### [Illustrated list of stamps in 2010](#)

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#### **Stamp Booklets of Uttrakhand**

A total of 9 Stamp Booklets so far have been issued in Uttarakhand Circle of India Post headquartered at Dehradun. One stamp booklet has been issued by Uttarakhand Circle of India Post, the Uttaranchal Philatelist Association and Indian Military Academy have proposed five and three stamp booklets respectively that have been duly approved by the Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand Circle. These approvals also stipulated, amongst other things, that the cost of production will be borne by the proponents.

The first stamp booklet commemorated the Silver Jubilee of the Philatelic Bureau Dehradun. The Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand Circle of India Post vide letter of June 16, 2008 approved the proposal of Uttaranchal Philatelist Association in this regard.

The second stamp booklet was issued on World AIDS Day. The Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand Circle of India Post vide letter of December 1, 2008 approved the proposal of Uttaranchal Philatelist Association in this regard.

The third stamp booklet was issued by the Uttarakhand Circle of India Post on the birth bicentennial of Louis Braille. It was produced by the National Institute Of Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.

The fourth and fifth stamp booklets were issued on Arctic and Antarctic Preservation. The Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand vide letter of January 8, 2010 approved the proposal of Uttaranchal Philatelist Association in this regard.

The sixth stamp booklet was issued on Reserve Bank of India. The Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand vide letter of June 11, 2010 approved the proposal of Uttaranchal Philatelist Association in this regard.

The seventh stamp booklet was issued on Indian Military Academy's Army Cadet College Wing Golden Jubilee . The Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand vide letter of May 20, 2010 approved the proposal of Indian Military Academy in this regard.

The eighth and ninth stamp booklets were issued on Indian Military Academy's 126th Passing Out Course and Reunion in 39th Year of 1971 Courses respectively. The Chief Post Master General of Uttarakhand vide letter of June 1, 2010 approved the proposal of Indian Military Academy in this regard.

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### **New Postal Stationery**

A Meghdoot Post card was recently released with 'Banking Ombudsman' advertisement in Gujarati.

[Aerogramme & Inland Letter Card](#)  
[Envelopes](#) | [Postcards](#) | [Meghdoot Post Card](#)

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### **New Issues Availability Status**

ARRIVED

Rath Yatra Puri, Stamps

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. On September 16 India Post issued a letter stating the above facts. Expected date of availability is still not known.**

Astrological Signs, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

Postal Heritage, Miniature Sheet, Sheetlets

Pigeon & Sparrow, Miniature Sheet, Stamps

Rath Yatra Puri, Miniature Sheet

**As supplies gradually arrive, please note these may possibly be on a different paper and gum than the supplies made available on the date of issue!!!**

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### **New Special Postmarks & Covers**

Aug 25: Jabalpur, Red Ribbon Express

Aug 29: Trichy, Smt Indira Gandhi College Silver Jubilee

Sep 12: Lucknow, Girl Guide Centenary, Northern Railway Lucknow

Sep 15: Muddenhalli, M Visvesvaraya 150th Birth Anniversary

Sep 15: Bangalore, Engineers Day

Sep 16: New Delhi, Bank of Maharashtra Platinum Jubilee

Sep 22: Lucknow, Sant Asudaram

Sep 27: Kanpur, Shree Radha Krishna Temple Golden Jubilee

Sep 27: Kanpur, Ancient Brick Temple Bhitargaon

Oct 02: Cuttack,

Oct 2-3: Lucknow, Ahinsapex , 2 Covers

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#### QUEEN'S BATON RELAY IN INDIA: FINAL 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 entered India on June 25, 2010 from Pakistan and travelled through all States and Union territories reaching the venue of the Games on Oct 3, 2010.

A total of 40 special covers were released at the following places: 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 | Aug 27: Kavaratti | Sep 02: Bangalore | Sep 07: Panjim | Sep 10: Mumbai | Sep 12: Silvasa | Sep 14: Gandhinagar | Sep 17: Bhopal | Sep 20: Agra, 3 covers | Sep 22: Jaipur | Sep 23: Jodhpur | Sep 24: Jaisalmer | Sep 25: Bikaner | Sep 28: Rohtak | Sep 30: New Delhi.

The various philatelic Bureaus in India sold blank covers for up to Rs 30 each instead of the prescribed Rs 5 In gross and multiple violations of the rules laid down in the India Post's Handbook of Philately. The sizes of covers were different and so was the specifications of the paper used in the cover manufacture.

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#### **New Stamp Pack**

Kerala Circle of India Post has recently brought out a pack 'The Fragrant Stamps of India' containing the miniature sheets of Sandalwood issue of 2007 and Roses and Jasmines issues of 2008. It's presentation and production quality is better than most packs produced by headquarters and other circle of India Post.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Stamp Packs](#)

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#### **New Picture Post Cards**

India Post issued 2 picture post cards on October 3, 2010 depicting the miniature sheets 19th Commonwealth Games Delhi 2010 issued on and on June 25, 2010. The cards are priced at Rs 10 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Philatelic Picture Post Cards 2010](#)

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#### **New Maxim Cards**

[Rajulu Stamps & Coins Chennai](#) has published max card for G K Moopanar and YSR Reddy issues. The duly serviced cards are available for Rs 25 each.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS [Max Cards 2010](#)

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#### **New Stamp Booklet**

A new private stamp booklet was issued recently on Mother Teresa from Kerala in the limited quantity of 200. The booklet contains 2 definitive stamps in the denomination of Rs 20 featuring Mother Teresa. For availability and price please contact [Travancore Stamp House](#).

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### **Postal Facilities for Commonwealth Games**

India Post has opened two temporary post offices on September 16, 2010, one at the Commonwealth Games Village and another at the main Media Centre of the Commonwealth Games located at Pragati Maidan. These post offices will remain open till October 18, 2010 and offer all usual postal services including sale of philatelic products.

The Village post office is utilizing the Camp Post Office D 378 date stamp while the Media Centre post office is utilizing the Camp Post Office D 340 date stamp.

A speed post cover mailed from the Commonwealth Games Village on September 17, 2010 is shown on the home page of [www.stampsindia.com](http://www.stampsindia.com).

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### **Indian Participation in Exhibitions Abroad**

Portugal 2010 world philatelic exhibition is being held at Lisbon from October 1 to 10, 2010. The following exhibits from India are participating:

Madhukar Deogawanka, Indian booklets  
Kishore Jhunjhunwalla, Mahatma Gandhi  
Umesh Kakkeri, Portuguese India till 1914

#### Literature Class

Umesh Kakkeri, Postal History of Portuguese India  
Vikas Singh, Philatelic Handbook on Indian Railways  
Vijay Seth, Indian armed forces through philately  
Jeevan Jyoti, Rainbow Stamp News  
Praful Thakkar, Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964

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### **AMRITSAR PHILATELIC CLUB**

Amritsar Philatelic Club has elected following officers on September 12, 2010:

President: Navneet Goel 91-964113050  
Vice President: Rajan Arora 91-9216808090  
Secretary : Dhariminder Kapoor 91-9356113811  
Additional Secretary: Varun Aggarwal 91-9417564853  
Financial Secretary: Shanti Swarup 91-9815974350  
The Club meets 2nd and Last Sunday s.

### **AJAIMERU PHILATELIC SOCIETY**

Ajaimeru Philatelic Society, Ajmer has elected following officers

President: Mahendra Vikram Singh  
Vice President: S P Katariya  
General Secretary: Himmat Singh Shekhawat  
Joint Secretary: Rajesh Garg  
Treasurer: Ravi P Panchal  
Organizing Secretary: Gaurav Chavda  
Cultural Secretary: Vikas Jain  
Publicity Secretary: Anil Kumar Jain

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### **Gandhi Stamps Book**

India Post has published a book illustrating all commemorative, definitive, and special definitive postage stamps on Mahatma Gandhi. The book priced at Rs 200 is available at the philatelic bureaus.

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RAINBOW STAMP NEWS  
Monthly, Whole #34, Oct 2010,  
Editor: [Jeevan Jyoti](#)  
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla  
Also available [online](#)

[Indian philatelic periodicals](#)

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### New Philatelic Blogs

Anurag Vajpeyi has launched a new blog [Phila-Mirror](#)

Dharminder Kapoor of Amritsar has recently launched a blog [Se-Tenants With Combinations](#) devoted to the Se-tenants issues of India.

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### Recent & Forthcoming Events

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

Oct 1-2: Solapur  
Dilip ji Mane, Member of the Legislative Assembly of Maharashtra inaugurated an exhibition of Mahatma Gandhi Memorabilia including coins, currencies, stamps, postal stationery, newspaper cuttings & handwritten letters on October 1, 2010. The show was jointly organized by Solapur District Collectorate and Kishor Chandak Maharashtra golden Jubilee year

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 2-3: Lucknow, Ahinsapex  
Organizer: Lucknow GPO & Lucknow Philatelic Club  
Venue: Lucknow GPO

Oct 2: Cuttack, Gandhipex

A philatelic exhibition was held on October 2, 2010 at the Board of Secondary High School, Cuttack commemorating its Golden Jubilee celebration. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr Pramod Kumar Mohapatra, Editor, the daily 'Samaj'. Exhibits of Philatelists namely Dr Tanmoy Mohanty, Suresh Chandra Dhal, Nanda Kishore Lal, Pramod Kumar Saraf and Ranjit Dash were displayed in 20 frames. Quiz and stamp design contests were also done between the students which were conducted by Dr Tanmoy Mohanty. A special covers was also released on Gandhiji during the function presided over by Dr Satyakam Mishra, President, Board of Secondary Education, Orissa. Philatelists of Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Kalinga Philatelic Society and Orissa Philatelic Association assisted to conduct the events smoothly. The whole function was supervised the Headmistress Sakuntala Mohanty.

Oct 4-6: Kolkata, Philatelic Exhibition on Rabindranath Tagore  
Organizer: Souvik Roy  
Venue: Kolkata GPO

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, [Stamps of India National Exhibition](#)  
Organizer: Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, Kolkata  
Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, Okhla, New Delhi  
Contacts: Ashish Talwar 09810186108, Madhukar Jhingan 09350537037  
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## **VIEWS & OPINIONS**

### **Aero India & Chennai Museum Miniature Sheets**

By [P R Krishnan](#)

India Post in 2003 issued few very good issues in the form of sheetlet / se-tenant / miniature sheet etc. Some of these issues were not much noticed by the collectors of India stamps. For the benefit of collectors I make this small note before the item goes up in price.

On 5th February 2003 India Post issued a set of 4 stamps in sheetlet format as well as in a miniature sheet format to mark the Aero India 2003 on the centenary Year of Man's flight. The face value of a set of 4 stamps and the miniature sheet was Rs 30 each. The printed quantity of the sheetlet is around 150,000 sets and the miniature sheet is 100,000 pcs.

Today the price for the Aero India sheetlet set will cost a collector around Rs 12, 000 and a set should probably cost Rs.600. Due to the non availability of the sheetlet, the dealers now break the miniature sheet for making the year sets (in spite of the perforations being different from the stamps in sheetlet) and India post independence collections. Sooner or later this miniature sheet may become difficult to source and will create a scarcity for the miniature sheets collection, if so the price for the miniature sheet may go to dizzy heights in next 5 years. To add fuel to fire, the present craze for the se-tenants collection among the collectors, uses this miniature sheet for se-tenant stamps that may significantly reduce the availability further of this fine miniature sheet.



I also apply the same logic for the other issue of 2003 Chennai Museum. My advice to collectors please do not part these miniature sheets with others at the current prices which to my opinion is low !!!!

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