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Hi

Delhi 2010 - 19th Commonwealth Games will conclude today and citizens of Delhi hope to resume normal life from tomorrow. Hmm let us see...

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

- M&SJ

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New World Record Price for An Indian Stamp

GBP 105,390, approximately Rs 7.6 million, is the new world record price for an Indian stamp. This was realised for one of the classic world rarity Head Inverted at Spink on Oct 13, 2010 at their auction of British Empire Stamps & Covers from the Vestey Collection. The stamp sold was a cut to shape.

In the same auction some other notable Indian stamps were, a pin-perf cut-square 4 Annas of 1854 sold for GBP 37,530 about Rs 2.7 million, Scinde Dawk White mint pair of 1852 sold for GBP 31,680 about Rs 2.3 million, Complete sheet of 80 of the 2 Annas of 1854 with watermark no. 3 sold for GBP 53,910 about Rs 3.88 million.

Tay is the New FIP President

Tay Peng Hian from Singapore was elected as the FIP President during the 71st FIP Congress held in Lisbon, Portugal on October 10, 2010. All three FIAP nominated candidates were elected to FIP

Board of Directors, other two are Surajit Gongvatana Thailand elected as a FIP Vice President and Bernard Beston from Australia elected as a FIP Director.

Our hearty congratulations to all of them and we wish them the very best in their new assignment.

Stamps of India National Exhibition: Accommodation

The official hotel of the **Stamps of India National Exhibition** is **Dolphinn Grand**, A-10 Friends Colony (East) , Near Ashram Intersection, Mathura Road, New Delhi 110065. It is couple of kilometers from the venue. [Dolphinn Grand](#) may have some rooms available and may also find you rooms in another hotel nearby. The special rate for guests arriving for Stamps of India National Exhibition is Rs 3,500 including taxes and breakfast per day for two adults on twin sharing basis in the same room.

We however suggest that visitors should book accommodation in Paharganj near New Delhi Railway Station and in Karol Bagh areas as there are much wider choice of hotels to suite all tastes and budgets. The visitors may stay any place convenient that is connected to Metro and today most of Delhi is. Ride Metro to reach the venue quickly and in comfort. There is a Metro station at the Venue.

Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Oct 22: Doon School, Dehradun

Oct 25: Sant Shadaram Sahib

Oct 27: Cathedral & John Connon School, Mumbai

Oct 29: Kranti Trivedi

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 as soon as it becomes available.

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10-10-10

The Mumbai GPO especially opened on Sunday the October 10, 2010 to provide date stamps on covers and earned the gratitude of the entire philatelic community. The covers with this date stamp were created all over India from the select post offices that work either on holidays as well or round the clock.

Although some collectors are calling the 10-10-10 a palindrome it is neither a palindrome number nor a palindrome date. A palindrome is a word, phrase, number or other sequence of units that can be read the same way in either direction. In the mm/dd/yyyy style, the most recently occurring palindromic date was January 2, 2010 (01/02/2010), and the next one will be on November 2, 2011 (11/02/2011). While in the dd/mm/yyyy style, the 1st of February, 2010 (01/02/2010) would be one example.

[Professor V S Yalvigi](#) from Bangalore has created a cover for the occasion. It is available from him for Rs 25 each.

Jigar Desai from Mumbai created a cover with images of currency note, railway ticket and several more connections with this date.

Dharminder Kapoor of Amritsar created philatelic numismatic covers that are on display at his [blog](#).

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New Issues Availability Status

ARRIVED

Astrological Signs, 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

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

Oct 01: Chennai, Jai Shankar

Oct 06: Mumbai, 101st New Technology EMU Train Rake

Oct 08: Chandigarh, Indian Grey Hornbill State Bird of Chandigarh

Oct 08: Bikaner, Jagannath Bajaj

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QUEEN'S BATON RELAY IN INDIA: FINAL UPDATE Corrections

There are 41 covers in all.

The 2 commemorative stamps issued on June 25, 2010 on Queen's Baton Relay marked its entry in to India from Pakistan at Wagah Border and India Post provided the First Day Postmark at Wagah.

A total of 39 special covers were released at the following places: 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: Silvassa | 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.

Dehradun also released Carried version of its special cover with additional markings and signature of Senior Postmaster Dehradun GPO.

Army Postal Service Issues

Aug 25: 5th Battalion The Brigade of the Guards Golden Jubilee

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New Max Card

Kasinath R has created a true max card for Brihadeeswarar Temple stamp issued on September 26, 2010 in the limited quantity of 100 cards. The beauty of this card is that the stamp is postmarked not with the First Day of Issue postmark but with the Permanent Pictorial Postmark of Thanjavur Head Post Office featuring Brihadeeswarar Temple!!

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Indian Participation in Exhibitions Abroad

Portugal 2010 world philatelic exhibition was held at Lisbon from October 1 to 10, 2010. Dhananjay Desai was the National Commissioner and Sunder Bhairwani was the Apprentice Jury from India. The following is the result for the participating exhibits from India:

Large Vermeil Medal

Madhukar Deogawanka - Indian Booklets

Dhanajay S Desai - Soruth

Silver Medal

Umesh Kakkeri - Postal History of Portuguese India - Literature

Silver Bronze Medal

Praful Thakkar - Collector's Guide to First Day Covers & Folders of India 1947-1964 - Literature

Vijay Seth - Indian armed forces through philately - Literature

Bronze Medal

Vikas Singh - Philatelic Handbook on Indian Railways

Jeevan Jyoti - Rainbow Stamp News

No Show

Kishore Jhunjhunwalla - Mahatma Gandhi

Disqualified

Umesh Kakkeri - Portuguese India till 1914

Auction Action

Oct 23: New York, Spink Shreves Galleries

The **Sapphire** Holding of British India Stamps and Postal History features over 250 lots, and will be sold at unreserved auction by Spink Shreves Galleries in New York on October 23, 2010. This huge holding, delivered in over 20 large cartons, was amassed by a tenacious accumulator over many years from sources in North America, England and Europe. It is comprised of a wide range of material from pre-stamp covers to individual rarities, full mint sheets, proofs and essays, errors and varieties.

Professionals will be especially intrigued by the numerous large lots, including an intact collection offered with a pre-sale estimate of \$40-50K, a Queen Victoria hoard of over 1,500 covers with an estimate of \$10-15K and a large stock of mint and used stamps estimated at \$7,500 to 10,000 to name just a few. For more information please contact [Spink Shreves Galleries](#)

Cannanore Philatelic Club

New office bearers elected

President: K V Mukundan Master

Vice President (philately): A K Sreedeeep
Vice President (numismatic): Tom Vadakkum Moola
Secretary: M P M Chalat
Joint Secretary (philately): Rathi Cherumanal
Joint Secretary (numismatic): Roop Balram
Treasurer: M Jayadev
Auditor: Karunakaran

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Oct 2: Jaysingpur (District Kolhapur), International Coin & Stamp Exhibition

Oct 13-17: Vadodara, Archeology through Philately
Venue: Baroda Museum
Contacts: Timir Shah 9426724794

Oct 19-21: Bhubaneswar, 94th Annual Conference of Numismatic Society of India
Host: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneswar
Contacts: Telephone: +91-542-2368024, Email: nsi_bhu1910@yahoo.co.in

Oct 22-24: New Delhi, Annual Exhibition
Organizers: Delhi Coin Society
Venue: Bhai Veer Singh Sangh, Bhai Veer Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi
Contacts: www.delhicoinsociety.com

Nov 19-12: Stamp & Coin Exhibition
Organizers: Cannanore Philatelic Club
Venue: Town Hall, Kannur
Contacts:

Dec 3-5: Pune, All India Competitive Coin & paper Currency Exhibition
Organizers: International Collectors Society of Rare Items, Pune
Venue: Sonal Hall, next to Garware College, Karve Road, Pune
Contacts: Bastimal Solanki 982300088865 or Pratisad Neurgaonkar 09766310553

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, [Stamps of India National Exhibition](#)
Organizer: Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata
Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, Okhla, New Delhi

Contacts: Ashish Talwar 09810186108, Madhukar Jhingan 09350537037
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Dec 16-19: Museum, 2nd All India Numismatic Conference and Museum Coin Fair 2010
Organizers:
Venue: Museum Complex, Mumbai
Contacts: Dilip Rajgor 090040 82585

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