

# Stamps of India Collectors Companion

The News, Views, & Features on Philately & Postal Services of India

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## Jhingans Jottings

Hi,

We have always enjoyed reading Naresh Agrawal of Bilaspur. He writes on different topics, usually on unusual, and at times his writings get poetic. His 'Mail and Male Dominance in Stamp Collecting' published in this issue is in response to what we wrote in this space in the issue # 534 of August 2, 2012.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

We invite your inputs [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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## Forthcoming Stamp Issues

Aug 29: Husain Ahmad Madani

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.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2012stamps.htm>

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## New Issues Availability Status

AWAITED

2008: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009: Heritage Jain Temples, Miniature Sheet

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### **Recent Special Postmarks**

Feb 3: Kozhikode, Heritage Landmarks -Festival of coins, Currencies, & Stamps

Feb 8: Jamalpur, Locomotive Workshop 150 Years

Aug 4: New Delhi, Bone & Joint Day

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### **Rakhi Envelopes with Advertisements**

Uttarakhand Circle of India Post has released two advertisements, Baluni Classes and Himadri Emporium, on the Rakhi Envelopes. The advertisements were not printed directly on the envelopes but were pasted on.

ILLUSTRATED LISTS <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/rakhi.htm>

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### **Delhi Philatelists Meetings**

The Schedule of the Display Talk is as follows:

Aug 18: Preservation of Philatelic Items by Sanjay Rathi

Aug 25: Philatelic Literature by Madhukar Jhingan

Sep 01: Mahatma Gandhi by V P Sharma

Sep 08: Monthly Meeting with Spot Auction

Sep 15: Darjeeling Himalayan Railway by Vikas Singh

Sep 22: No weekly Meeting on account of 3rd Stamp Festival/Bazaar

Sep 29: First International Flight of Air India by Ashish Talwar

The venues of weekly and monthly meetings are now one. The monthly meetings starting with the next meeting on September 8, 2012 will be held at the same venue as the regular venue of the weekly meetings.

The venue is the Office of Rohit Prasad, I1/a, Dhawan Deep Building, Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi 110001. It is opposite Kerala House and next door to Patel Chowk Metro Station Exit #2. Most philatelists are already familiar with this Metro Station as it is used for visiting Philatelic Bureau and National Philatelic Museum which are closer to Exit # 3.

All are allowed to buy, sell and exchange at the weekly meetings, however there are no auctions.

The schedule of the meetings is also available at the <http://www.stampsofindia.com/DPMS.htm>

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### **Recent Philatelic Periodicals**

GPA NEWS LETTER

Aug 2012

Editor: Iliyas Patel

Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association, Ahmedabad

Contact: [gpanews@gujaratphilately.com](mailto:gpanews@gujaratphilately.com)

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### **Stamps of India Online Offers**

Stamps of India now bring you useful and unique philatelic items fulfilling a long standing demand of subscribers and friends. These philatelic items can be viewed online and several easy options to make the payment are provided. Visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

### **Stanley Gibbons India Catalog**

Stanley Gibbons published the third edition of its India and Indian States Catalog on Aug 20, 2009 at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there was a very special price of Rs 750 for India for this all color 240 page catalog. We distributed it all over India.

### **THIS CATALOG IS NOW ON SALE AT INCREDIBLE OFFER: BUY 1 GET 1 FREE!!!!**

Please add Rs 50 for packing and postal charges for delivery by registered book post or Rs 200 for packing and postal charges for delivery by Speed post anywhere in India. Rush your orders to [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) now. The orders will be fulfilled on first come first served basis.

For more information please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

We also welcome enquiries from bulk buyers.

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### **Forgeries & Frauds Alerts**

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, report 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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### **Text ADS Stamps of India Collectors Companion**

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/TextAdsTariff.htm>

### **Display Ads www.stampsofindia.com**

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/siteguide/DisplayAdTariff.htm>

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### **Recent & Forthcoming Events**

Sep 8: New Delhi, 93rd Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: I1/A, Dhawan Deep Building, 6 Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi, Opposite Kerala House,

Metro Station: Patel Chowk Exit #2

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

Sep 22-23: 3rd Stamp Festival/Bazaar

Organizers: West Delhi Philatelic Club

Venue: Bhai Vir Singh Sahitya Sadan, Bhai Vir Singh Marg, Gole Market, New Delhi

Timings: 10 AM to 6 PM

Stamp Counters: Rs 4,500, High Tea & Lunch for stallholders on Complimentary Coupons basis

Contacts: Parvesh Gupta 09810628387, V Sabharwal 9312601414, Rajesh Mittal 9818306326, Balraj

Bassi 09818677156, Rishi Chandiook 09818677156

Sep 14: Marudhar Arts 5th Auction

Organizers: Marudhar Arts with Mumbai Coin Society Exhibition

Venue: Mumbai

Oct 2-3: Lucknow, AHIMSAPLEX

Organizers: Lucknow Philatelic Society

Venue: Lucknow GPO

Dealers Stall: Rs 1,500 including Tea & Lunch for two

Contact: S A M Zaidi 9335241891, 9452270133, 9839266243

Oct 5-7: Nagpur, 3rd National Numismatic Exhibition

Organizers: Marudhar Arts, Bangalore in association Indian Coin Society, Nagpur

Venue: Mor Hindi Bhavan, Jhansi Rani Chowk, Nagpur

Auction: Marudhar Arts 6th Auction on Oct 5

Contact:

Oct 5-7: 2nd National Mega Phila & Numis Fair & Exhibition Kolkata 2012

Timings: 10AM-8PM

Organizers: Events Biz (P C Jaiswal)

Venue: Olpadvala Memorial Hall (Fully AC), Opp Rotary Sadan, beside New Embassy Restaurant, 52 Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700071

Auctions: Philcent Auction on Oct 5 & 6, 2012

Contact: P C Jaiswal 9831598560, Arun Bhattacharya 9830412286, Vijay Malhotra 9936729254

Oct 12-14: Maha Mudra Mahotsava Coins Exhibition

Organizers: UP Numismatic society

Venue: Anaicha's Food Joint, Shastri Nagar, Kanpur

Auctions: Marudhar Arts 7th Auction & Todywalla's Auction on Oct 12, Oswal's auction on Oct 13

Oct 13: New Delhi, 94th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: I1/A, Dhawan Deep Building, 6 Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi, Opposite Kerala House,

Metro Station: Patel Chowk Exit #2

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Nov 10: New Delhi, 95th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

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Metro Station: Patel Chowk Exit #2

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Nov 23-26: Kochi, COINEXPO

Organizers: Kerala Numismatic Society

Timings: 10AM-7PM

Venue : Town Hall, Ernakulam

Auction: Oswal Antiques on Nov 24

Excursion: On Nov 26 full Day on boat in Cochin Backwaters & deep Sea, Also an auction

Stalls: Rs 7,000

Contacts: Tom Vadakkmmoola 98477 38969 Rajesh G Chhabani 93886 25226

Dec 8: New Delhi, 96th Monthly Meet of Delhi Philatelists

Time: 2.30 pm

Venue: I1/A, Dhawan Deep Building, 6 Jantar Mantar Road, New Delhi, Opposite Kerala House,

Metro Station: Patel Chowk Exit #2

Contact: Rohit Prasad rohit1962@yahoo.com 0 9810304233

Dec 8-10: Dak Ticket Milaan 2012 (National Stamp Fair and Exhibition)

Organizers: Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association

Venue: Bilaspur

Timings:-9.30 AM to 6 PM

Contact: C R Andhare 09826644060, Atul Jain 09300311007, Naresh Agrawal 09425530514

Dec 15-17: New Delhi, Stamps of India National Exhibition 2012  
Organizers: Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, Kolkata  
Venue: Conference Halls, NDMC Convention Centre, Parliament Street, New Delhi 110001  
Timings: 11am -6pm  
Sale Stalls: Rs 6,000  
Contact: Rohit Prasad 98103 04233, Ashish Talwar 98101 86108, Savita Jhingan 09718873273,  
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Website: <http://www.stampsofindia.com/sine2012.html>

Meetings of the Philatelic Organizations in India [www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/info base/clubmeet.htm)

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## **VIEWS & OPINIONS**

### **MAIL AND MALE DOMINANCE IN STAMP COLLECTING**

by Naresh Agrawal

“Although it was started by a lady in 1840, the stamp collecting over the years has become a male dominated hobby. It also has grown in to a mail dominated hobby as well. The trend in almost all disciplines of the hobby veers towards the history of mail also known as postal history. Is there a connection between the male and the mail? You tell us”.

The findings of Mr. Jhingan are true as we see mail has its more inclination towards male. Certainly, if we go through and peep in to the origin of the words, the word mail comes from the Medieval English word male (spelled that way until the 17th century, distinct from male)

The word mail has possibly originated from the French word "malle" (trunk). The mail was delivered by a stage coach which was called "la malle-poste" because of the big trunk fixed at the back of the stage coach and which contained the mail.

The first known attraction by any human being towards this collection of stamps was a lady, long back in 1840 but this collecting interest were more developed in man and by man / male in the time to come. There may be various reasons for this mainly socio economic and cultural set ups and conditions varying from society to society.

Had there been no mail, there would not have been any stamp. Hence, for existence of stamps, mail exchange, transmission is essential; and in mail transmission and carriage, the historic way involved male who carried it. Hence, their connectivity with mail was more and so connectivity with stamps. So, it can be said that had there been no male, no mail could have been transported / carried and so no stamp production could have been there and so no development of the stamp collection.

Further, looking in to the meanings of the words , it is felt that the letters have following meaning :

MALE : Message And Letters Exchange

MAIL : Message And Information Linking

Analyzing the meanings of both the words as mentioned above, both have the same meaning and function that messages and information in form of letter or unwritten (physical mail) are carried, linked and exchanged too, if the instant reply is received. So, one thing is clear male and mail has strong connectivity.

Today, though physical mail is still being carried in good quantity but electronic messaging or mail transmission has tremendously increased. And this mail has no physical stamps attached and is also not carried by assistance of males. Hence, mail has dominated male in one way and also stamps in other words.

Looking in a different perspective of dominance, again the two words have their dominance on stamp collecting as Mr. Jhingan states “ The stamp collecting over the years has become a male dominated hobby. It also has grown in to a mail dominated hobby as well.”

Certainly with development of technology, message linking has developed tremendously and carriage of letters and paper mail has reduced. Hence, e-mails and other mail transmission modes have been developed. This means less usage of stamps. Certainly mail has its dominance over stamps today.

Otherwise also the in the past and even today the mail had been and has been administered, collected, carried and delivered mainly by males. Being in so close and regular contact with the stamps, the possibility of males getting in to this hobby is much more. Hence, dominance of male over stamps was and is there.

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