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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Jayadeva and Geetagevinda; Continuing from the previous issue, we missed out on reporting the strange case of improper sequencing of the 10 incarnations of the God in the sheet of the stamps. These were correctly sequenced in the so-called Miniature Sheet. Who authorized the printers to change the sequence of incarnations in the sheet of 6 strips?

See the FDC of this issue created by Prashant Pandya of Vadodara at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/404plus.htm>

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

STANLEY GIBBONS INDIA CATALOGUE 2010

Stanley Gibbons will release the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of its India catalog in September 2009. The 240 page catalog is priced at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800.

We are now accepting orders for this at Very Special Price of Indian Rupees 750 postpaid in India. First Come First served, BOOK YOUR COPY NOW, Contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) right away and reserve your copy. Payment by deposit in our account, ask for the details.

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PHILSENSEX AUGUST 2009

By P R Krishnan prkrish77@gmail.com

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/200908.htm> for viewing the data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the month of August 2009 for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

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INDIA NEW ISSUE PROGRAM 2009

India Post has revised and updated its program of issue of stamps for the remaining 5 months of 2009 as follows:

Sep 03 Uttam Kumar

Sep 09 Sacred Heart Matriculation Senior Secondary School, Chennai

Sep 14 Holy Cross Church

Sep 25 Rajabhau Khobragade

Sep 27 Dushyant Kumar

Oct 01 Rare Fauna of the North East, 3 Stamps + Miniature Sheet

1. Red Panda, 2. Marbled Cat, 3. Phayre's Leaf Monkey

Oct 06 Bishop Cotton School, Shimla

Oct 07 Dineshnandini Dalmia

Oct 10 R K Narayan

Oct 11 Major General Dewan Misri Chand

Oct 13 India Post Freighter Carrier

Oct 14 Heritage Temples, 2 Stamps 1.Dilwara Temple, 2.Ranakpur Temple

Nov 01 Little Sisters of Poor Jeanne Jugan (St. Mary of the Cross), 2 Stamps

Nov 02 Dr. Mahendra Lal Sircar

Nov 07 Danmal Mathur

Nov 08 Virchand Raghavji Gandhi

Nov 09 Indigenous Horses of India, 5 Stamps + Miniature Sheet

1.Kati, 2.Kathiawari, 3.Spiti, 4.Zanskari, 5.Manipuri

Nov 14 Children's Day, 2 Stamps + Miniature Sheet

Nov 15 Silent Valley, Kerala

Nov 16 India-Philippines: Joint issue, 2 Stamps

Nov 17 Indian Naval Ship Virat

Nov 18 G G Jadhav

Nov 25 2nd Lancers

Dec 01 Seasons Greetings, 2 Stamps

Dec 02 Convent of Jesus & Mary School, Ambala  
Dec 08 Amazing Textiles of India, 4 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
1. Banarasi Silk (Uttar Pradesh), 2. Kanchivaram Silk (Tamil Nadu), 3.  
Kalamkari (Andhra Pradesh), 4. Appatani Weaves (Arunachal Pradesh)  
Dec 15 Henry Louis Vivian Derozio  
Dec 19 Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers  
Dec 26 Indian Mathematical Society  
Dec 27 Venkataramana Bhagavathar

Dec 00 Maharaja Surajmal\*  
Dec 00 Lal Pratap Singh\*  
Dec 00 Appollo Hospitals\*  
Dec 00 National Gallery of Modern Art\*  
Dec 00 Gaurishankar Dalmia\*

\* No response from the proponents.

Special Definitive Postage Stamp:

Oct 02 International Day of Non-Violence and Mahatma Gandhi

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Aug 12: Pingali Venkaiah
Aug 16: Indian Railway Stations, 4 Stamps
Aug 28: Raj Kumar

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 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 on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2009, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

ST JOSEPH COLLEGE BANGALORE

Hans Raj Bhardwaj, the Governor of Karnataka released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on St Joseph College on August 1, 2009 at Bangalore. Sachin Pilot, the Minister of State for Communication and Information Technology, N A Haris, MLA of Shantinagar Assembly Constituency, Fr Francis Serrao, the provincial of Karnataka Jesuit Province, Fr Terence, the Rector, Fr Ambrose Pinto, the principal and Laxminarayana, the president of alumni also attended the function.

Nenu Gupta designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover and the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. 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.

MAHARISHI PATANJALI

Gurudas Kamath, the Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Maharishi Patanjali on August 4, 3009 at Hardwar.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover and the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 1.8 million stamps by wet offset process.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2009, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

ENVELOPES with Advertisement

May 30: Consumer Awareness, English, ISP, M

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009EN.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>

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jul 31: Mumbai, Mother Anna Huberta Roggendorf - Founder of Society of the Helpers of Mary, Birth Centenary

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2009aps.htm>

RAKHI ENVELOPES

India Post continued for 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year issuing special envelopes for the Festival of Rakhi. Rakhi is the ceremonial band that sisters traditionally ties on their brothers' wrist.

The all India issue of 2009 utilizes the 3 designs introduced in 2008. The 5 different advertisements of Consumer Awareness campaign have been recorder so far as illustrated at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/rakhi.htm>. There may be more advertisements as well as same advertisement on different designed envelope.

AWARDS AT PHILAKOREA 2009

The 24th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, PHILAKOREA 2009, was held from July 30 to August 4, 2009 at Seoul, Korea. Damyanti Pittie was the national commissioner as well as a sole jury from India.

Following medals were won by exhibits from India:

Large Vermeil Medal

Kishor Chandak's Handstruck Postage Stamps of India upto 1852

Vermeil Medal

Sathi V Menon's Postmarks of Travancore State

Large Silver Medal

O K Prakash's Cochin State Postal History

Silver Bronze Medal

B M Modi's Gems & Jewelry

Rajesh Kumar Sinha's Fascinating World of Maps

Colonel Jayanta Dutta's Rare Stamps of the World (Literature Class)

Bronze Medal

Mrinal Mathur's Cars on Stamps (Youth Class)

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FIAP CONGRESS 2009

The 17th Congress of the Inter-Asian Philatelic Federation (FIAP) was held on August 02, 2009 at Seoul, Korea. Damayanti Pittie and Yogesh Kumar were delegates and Madhukar Jhingan was the Observer to the FIAP Congress from India.

Yogesh Kumar from India was elected to the Executive Committee (EXCO) of FIAP for next 4 years. There was no member from India in the FIAP Executive Committee for 4 years term.

A meeting of the Governing Council of the Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) was called after a gap of 18 months in June 2009 while their constitutional requirement is holding Governing Council meeting every 4 months, to send Kumar to FIAP EXCO. Kumar's candidature was not even on the agenda of this meeting and he was only nominated as a delegate to the Congress not a candidate. The last date for filing nominations for Candidates was already over for all FIAP members, except India, in May 2009!

It is pertinent to note that PCI did not even bother to nominate delegates to 16th FIAP Congress at Bangkok in 2007. And in 2005 at the 15th FIAP Congress at Taipei the PCI in the 3rd week of August unsuccessfully attempted to nominate delegate and candidate when the last dates were over in May. Earlier to 2005 the PCI Governing Council was never involved in this process and all Indian delegates, candidates, and observers were decided by the group of persons who illegally controls PCI against all norms of democratic procedures.

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MEWAR PHILATELY AND NUMISMATICS SOCIETY UDAIPUR

The members of the Society are meeting every 2nd Sunday at 11 AM to 1 PM for last three years at the Residence of M R Bhandari (+91 294 2426090 +91 94142 39116) Secretary MPNS, 35 Bhopal Pura, Opposite Bang Bhawan, Udaipur.  
Contact: N L Depura +91 294 2483239 +91 94142 53875 [nldepura@yahoo.com](mailto:nldepura@yahoo.com) or [nldepura@gmail.com](mailto:nldepura@gmail.com)

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

KARPHILA NEWS Vol 1, Issue 1, Aug 2009, Bi monthly, E-news Letter

Editor: Akshay Borad akshaykarphil@gmail.com

Publisher: Karnataka Philatelic Society, Bangalore karphils@yahoo.in

Annual Subscription: Not Indicated, Contact karphil@live.in

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 14-16: Ahmedabad, Coin & Currency Fair  
Organizer: Twin Stamps & Coins  
Venue: Hotel comfort Inn President  
Sales Booth: Rs 8,000  
Contact: Shatrughan Jain [sjain1@rediffmail.com](mailto:sjain1@rediffmail.com)

Aug 21-23: Bilaspur, Dak Ticket Milan 2009 (Stamp Fair)  
Organizer: Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association  
Venue: Hotel Centre Point  
Sales Booth: Rs 4,000 for a Table and 3 chairs, Includes 3 day's accommodation in Hotel Anand on the same premises with twin sharing basis, with Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Plus a set of the special covers, maxim cards & stamp booklets expected to be issued during the show  
Contact: Atul Jain [jainaatul.65@gmail.com](mailto:jainaatul.65@gmail.com) mobile 09300311007

Oct 30-31 & Nov 1: Pune, Stampex - National Stamps Fair  
Organizer: International Collectors Society of Rare Items  
Venue: Sonal Hall, Karve Road,  
Sales Booth: Rs 6,000  
Contact: Pratisad Neurgaonkar [pratisad@hotmail.com](mailto:pratisad@hotmail.com) mobile 09766310553

Nov 20-22: Palakkad, Annual Stamp & Coin Exhibition  
Venue: Town Hall Annex  
Contact: 9847660217, 9446791629 for Dealers Stall

Dec 18-20: Vadodara, StampMania-2009 One Frame National Exhibition  
Organizer: Baroda Philatelic Society [www.vadophil.org](http://www.vadophil.org)  
Venue: Shree Saurashtra Leuva Patel Seva Samaj, Alembic Road  
Contact: Prashant H Pandya [info@vadophil.org](mailto:info@vadophil.org)  
Website: [www.stampmania2009.com](http://www.stampmania2009.com)

Updates: 1. The last date for submission of Entry Forms extended to Aug 15;  
2. List of titles of participating exhibits now listed at website  
3. StampMania-2009 will be inaugurated on December 17, 2009  
4. 'Heritage Walk through Stamps' in Vadodara on December 17, 2009  
5. Printed Prospectus and Entry form are now available  
6. One Participant can submit maximum three entries but all of them should be in different classes. This is also applicable to Youth Class  
7. Make use of exhibits available online for guidance at "Link to One Frame Exhibits"

For a list of exhibitions in 2008, 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>

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SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm
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Contact at [surajjaitly@hotmail.com](mailto:surajjaitly@hotmail.com) or [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com)

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VIEWS & 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.>

DEBASHIS MITRA, Bhubaneswar

India Post should stop at once playing with the sentiments of philatelists of this great country.

It gives a sickening feeling to see the sizes of miniature sheets which India post keeps churning out year after year without analyzing whether these miniature sheets are suitable for use on a official first day cover.

The case in point - Spices of India MS, Rampur Raza Library MS and Jayadev and Geetgovinda MS. None of these Miniature sheets could be affixed in the official FDC. What is the fun in issuing miniature sheets in horrendous sizes, only the officials and the designer of those miniature sheets can only explain to the philatelists of this country?

My sincere request to the higher ups in the India Post - they must either give compulsory retirement to the stamp and FDC designers or arrange for them to undergo orientation training about how to design a stamp, FDC and Miniature sheets. They must be shown the stamp sets and Miniature sheets issued by Royal Mail, Australia post etc so that they can understand how designers in those countries do their job. Few people in the India Post should not be allowed to take the entire philatelists community in this country for a ride.

ASHOK K BOSE, Canada

The best philatelic bureau is Mumbai. I asked them the other day on phone that what have I not received any items of 2009 so far. Their reply is the process is getting computerised and so the items of January 2009 shall be sent within a few days followed by the items February to July 2009 in the next lot. They send my items regularly every three months although the Oct-Dec 2008 issues were sent only in May this year obviously because of the late receipt of some items.

The service at other Bureaus depends mainly on the Officer in Charge. Kolkata has some of the philatelic bigwigs of the country stationed there and they corner lot of stuff before they are available for the public. The Officer in Charge has a vested interest because they usually end up as Consultants to them after they retire. No hard feeling for anybody in particular but the truth is sometimes bitter to swallow.

RANJIT SINGH, New Delhi

You are giving wrong information in the "forthcoming New issues". You write stamps and FDCs will be available at all Philatelic bureaus and 1000 post offices. This is totally wrong. Even at the New Delhi Parliament Street Philatelic Bureau which is in the same building that houses national postal directorate and the offices of the Ministers, something is always missing. Either FDCs are not available or miniature sheet or brochures etc are rarely available on the first day of issue. This causes lot of inconvenience, disappointment and wastage of money and time for the collectors. If this is the state of affairs at Indian Capital's philatelic bureau then affairs in other post offices can be imagined.

In case the so called philatelic officers or so called directors cannot manage supply of all the items then where is the necessity of having such inefficient officers. In any other country they would have been dismissed. Indian philately has become a laughing stock. Please omit this small paragraph in your newsletter or give correct information.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

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

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750, Credit cards & PayPal accepted, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

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