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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We will be at Bilaspur on August 21, 22, and 23 for covering the Stamp Fair and promoting philatelic publications, both our own as well as those that we distribute. We are already looking forward to meeting fellow philatelists from all over India after a gap of almost seven months after the previous national event at Ahmedabad.

Stamp Fair at Bilaspur heralds the new season that will have as highlights the event in Pune in October end and Vadodara in mid December. Here is hoping for a great philatelic experience for everyone participating in these events and a grand success to the organizers.

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

- M&SJ

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We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)  
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Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued, publications, courier and other agreed charges.

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 has released the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of its India catalog ahead of schedule on August 20, 2009 at London. The delivery in India is expected in next 7 to 10 days.

The 240 page catalog is priced at £22.50 equivalent approximately to Indian Rupees 1800. However there is a very special price of Rs 750 for India which has further sweetened by adding free postage on all prepaid orders received till August 31, 2009. Contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) right away and reserve your copy.

We have now also worked out a very attractive price for bulk buyers of at least 100 copies. Please contact us if you wish to buy this catalogue in bulk for resale.

We accept payment by transfer and cheque (not cash) deposit in to our bank account (ask for details), bank draft payable at New Delhi, and 'payable at par' cheque drawn in favor of 'Stamps of India'.

We also can accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal; In this case please add Rs 50 to cover charges and remit Rs 800.

For details of Stanley Gibbons India Catalogue 2010 please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/SG-IN-CAT-2010.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Aug 28: Raj Kumar POSTPONED

Sep 03: Uttam 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](http://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

HERITAGE RAILWAY STATIONS OF INDIA

Sachin Pilot, the Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology released a set of 4 commemorative postage stamps, all in the denomination of Rs 5 each, on Heritage Railway Stations of India on August

16, 2009 at Howrah Railway Station, Kolkata. The stamps feature Howrah, Chennai, Mumbai, and Old Delhi railway stations.

A miniature sheet accompanied the issue.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamps and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed 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 in the sheets of 24.

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

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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>

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, 2 stamps - Howrah & Mumbai, Miniature Sheet, FDC, & Brochure, and Pack.

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Aug 8: Coimbatore, Super Congress 2009, 3 covers with 3 postmarks  
Aug 15: Vadodara, 63rd Independence Day of India

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

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Mar 25: 108 Squadron Air Force, Presentation of President's Standard  
Mar 25: 105 Helicopter Unit Air Force, Presentation of President's Standard  
Apr 13: 102 Infantry Brigade, Silver Jubilee  
Apr 24: 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion, mechanized Infantry Regiment, Silver Jubilee  
Jun 29: 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Rajputana Rifles, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Victory (Battle of Tololing) of Operation Vijay

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

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NEW STAMP BOOKLET

Aug 15: 63rd Independence Day of India, Rs 50  
Content: 8 x Re 1 definitive stamps of Mahatma Gandhi, and 8 x 25 paise definitive stamps of Jawaharlal Nehru

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

VADOPHIL, Whole #119, Jul 2009, Quarterly  
Editors: Prashant H Pandya [vadophil@indianphilately.net](mailto:vadophil@indianphilately.net) and  
Timir R Shah [trs\\_shah@rediffmail.net](mailto:trs_shah@rediffmail.net)  
Publisher: Baroda Philatelic Society, Vadodara  
Annual Subscription (including membership): Rs 100

PHILA POST, Whole #3, Vol 1 # 2, Apr Jun 2009, Quarterly  
Executive Editor: Manju Kumar  
Publisher: India Post  
Annual Subscription: Rs 40

For a list currently published Indian philatelic periodicals, please  
visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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INDIA POST JOINS GLOBAL MONITORING SYSTEM

India Post has subscribed to the Global Monitoring System (GSM) of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). This is a quality monitoring system for International mails. India Post delivers about 2100 tonnes of International Letter Mail received from different countries. This translates into 31 million articles per year, which are deliverable in every corner of the country. India Post aims to achieve better service quality in delivery of International letter mail to its customers and has therefore made a substantial investment in this project. At present the Global Monitoring System (GMS) is being tested in ten countries including India. The testing will continue up to December, 2009.

The Global Monitoring System (GMS) uses RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology for a precise diagnosis of the quality of service provided by the Postal operator. This involves testing of adherence to delivery standards by an independent Auditor selected by the Secretariat of the UPU. The independent Auditor has selected a panel consisting of a number of senders and recipients of letter mail in various countries. These panelists will send and receive letters which have RFID chips inside the envelope. The panelist and their location are not disclosed to the participating Postal organization. RFID readers (gates) have been installed at the postal facilities where mail is received from foreign countries at the Airports in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Kochi. These readers will detect letters, which have the RFID chip inside and record the time of arrival in the postal facility. At the time of delivery of the article, the recipients will record the exact date and time of delivery.

The data recorded will be automatically transmitted to the independent auditor, who will analyse this data and forward it to the UPU. The UPU will be compiling this data and providing India Post with details of time taken for delivery of an article from time of receipt in India. Since the exact time of receipt and exit from the postal facilities at the Airport and the time of delivery in different cities will be known, it will be possible for India Post to take corrective action to improve quality.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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 2-4: Coimbatore, Coinstampex 2009  
Organizer: Coimbatore Coin Society  
Venue: Kongunadu Arts & Science College, GN Mills Post, Coimbatore 641 029  
Sales Booth: Rs 3,000  
Contact: T M Ravichandran 09443325960

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 17-20: 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)

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>

#### SOUTH ASIA NEW ISSUES

[http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south\\_asia\\_new\\_issues.htm](http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm)

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ABAD RIZVI, New York

Many thanks for your Independence Day greetings, a day earlier for us presently living in U.S.A. We propose to celebrate it in a big way here in New York City.

I am a member of Philatelic Bureau of Lucknow for about 20 years, BUT, there mail to me in mid September 2007, with about 9 new issue stamps, got lost in mail.

They have shown me proof of dispatch, and, they cannot replace them. They told me to go to Delhi Philatelic Bureau and explain, and, maybe they can give me the missing new stamps.

I am also a member of India Study Circle for Philately (I.S.C.), and in fact I am in the process of opening a I.S.C. affiliate in New York, in the prestigious Collectors Club of New York. All permissions have been obtained, from I.S.C. England and their agents in U.S., plus the Collectors Club Board of members. I hope we can commence our deliberations, as soon as the Collectors Club is actively open after their present Summer Vacation.

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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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