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Hi

This digital newsweekly has completed 9 years with this issue. Looking back we realize that we have been extremely fortunate in having unstinted support of hundreds of contributors and thousands of the readers. We offer a big thank you to all of them.

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

- M&SJ

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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.
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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. It is being shipped to India at present. We expect to begin the deliveries in India in next 10 days or so.

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 been 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.

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We also can accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal; In this case please add Rs 75 to cover charges and remit Rs 825.

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

Sep 03: Uttam Kumar

Sep 09: Sacred Heart Matriculation Senior Secondary School, Chennai

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 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  
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For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit  
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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

ARRIVED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, FDC, & Brochure

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, 2 stamps - Howrah & Mumbai, and
Pack

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Aug 15: Kolkata, 155 Years of Railways in Eastern India  
Aug 21-22: Bilaspur, Dak Tikat Milaan, 3 covers

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  
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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

Aug 21: Mahatma Gandhi, Rs 80
Content: 6 x Rs 5

Aug 21: Mother Teresa, Rs 100
Content: 6 x Rs 5

Aug 21: Rudra Shiva, Rs 80
Content: 6 x Rs 5

Aug 21: Digambar Jain Temple, Rs 80
Content: 6 x Rs 5

For an illustrated list of stamp booklets, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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NEW MAXIM CARDS

Sets of 11 max cards each have been released by Orissa Philatelic Association  
[oriphil@gmail.com](mailto:oriphil@gmail.com) and Hemant Kumar Jain [hemantkumar.jn@gmail.com](mailto:hemantkumar.jn@gmail.com).

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

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MORE FIRST DAY COVERS

Hemant K Jain hemantkumar.jn@gmail.com has brought out 4 first day covers for the 3rd and final installment of the current Definitive series as well as for the Jayadeva & GeetagoVinda issue of stamps and miniature sheet.

A Mallik has brought out 7 first day covers for the 2nd installment of the current Definitive series.

For an illustrated list of First Day Covers, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/fdc/fday2009.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 15: Vadodara

The release function of Special Cover and a Stamp Booklet on 63rd Independence Day was the first event of Stampmania 2009. These philatelic items were released as a part of Stampmania 2009 on 15th August 2009.

The release function was organised at Vadodara Head Post Office, with the support and help of India Post. N D Prajapati, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Vadodara (East) Division delivered welcome speech. Timir Shah, Secretary, Baroda Philatelic Society presented flower bouquet to the Guests. Prashant Pandya, President, Baroda Philatelic Society, gave information about the event, Special Cover, Stamp Booklet, Flag Sticker and 'Treasure of Knowledge' Booklet.

As a part of Stampmania 2009 events and to promote the hobby amongst the school children, we have decided to have one competition for school children. We have prepared a booklet named 'Treasure of Knowledge'. This booklet has small write up about stamp collecting, thematic collection and pictorial guidance how to handle the stamps and using stamp hinges. 20 interesting themes have been selected by us and short educational description about these 20 themes has been given in booklet. Students have to find stamps on these 20 different subjects. 5 pages with boxes have been provided in the booklet to affix these 20 stamps and also space for writing few lines about the subject and stamp has been provided below each box. We have planned to circulate 1000 such booklets in Schools and school children have to send completed booklet to us before 30th October 2009. Best 5 Entries will be awarded at STAMPMANIA 2009 and all other school children will also be given token prizes.

The Special Cover, a Stamp Booklet and a strip of Flag Stickers were released by A K A Joshi, Postmaster General of Vadodara Region. This 'Treasure of Knowledge' booklet was released by Dr Alok Pande, Director Postal Services, Vadodara Region. A K A Joshi, Postmaster General, Vadodara Region and Dr Alok Pande Director Postal Services, Vadodara Region appreciated the efforts of Baroda Philatelic Society for the promotion of philately and organizing the First National One Frame Philatelic Exhibition - Stampmania 2009 at Vadodara. K R Raval, Senior Postmaster, Vadodara Head Post Office conveyed vote of thanks and Pratimaben Desai, O A, Vadodara (East Division) was the master of ceremony. The function was well attended by Philatelists of Baroda, Ahmedabad, Surat, Staff of India Post, local guests and members of media. The Function was concluded after recitation of National Anthem and Light Refreshment.

Sep 11-13: Mumbai, All India Coin & Currency Show

Organizer:

Venue: Sunder Bai Hall, Near Income Tax Office, Church gate

Oct 2-4: Coimbatore, All India Super Mega Coinstampex 2009

Organizer:

Venue: Kamalam Duraisamy Hall, Coimbatore-9

Sales Booth: Rs 3,000

Contact: C Palaleswamy, Mobile 0 94869 23558

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>

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The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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