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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

A few hours later we will be in Pune to cover the STAMPEX PUNE 2009 -  
National Stamps Fair starting tomorrow and look forward to seeing lots of  
friends.

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

INDIA'S FIRST FDC WITH HOLOGRAM: UPDATE

We are now up to date with the fulfillment of the orders. All prepaid orders are being fulfilled in one working day.

Stamps of India and Eeshan Prakashan have created two First Day Covers for the Mahatma Gandhi special definitive stamp issued on October 2, 2009 in the denomination of Rs 25. One of these covers is with a hologram while the other is a regular cover. These covers are individually numbered and are printed in the quantity of 1,000. For more details and images of the covers First Day covers please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Gandhi-Hologram.htm>.

The duly serviced covers are available at Rs 95 (US\$2) for the hologram cover and Rs 59 (US\$1.25) for the other cover on First Come First Served basis. Both covers together are available for a very special price of Rs 140 (US\$2.95). The postage and packing charges of Rs 50 (US\$1) per order are extra. Kindly contact [orders@stampsofindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsofindia.com) for your requirements.

All orders will be shipped by Express Mail Service - Speed Post in India. Overseas orders will be shipped by registered airmail; however the buyers overseas also have the option to choose Express Mail Service - Speed Post at additional charge of US\$10 to Africa, North America, & Asia including Australia & Middle East, US\$12 to South America, and US\$15 to Europe.

We accept payment by transfer and cheque (not cash) deposit into our bank account (ask for details). In case you wish to deposit cash in our bank account please add Rs 113 to the total amount on account of bank charges. Kindly advise us after the payment, along with the Cheque number or the Credit Reference number of the transfer. Please provide complete postal address to affect prompt delivery. Alternatively you may mail to us the bank draft or 'payable at par' cheque drawn in favor of 'Stamps of India' and payable at New Delhi.

We can also accept all major credit cards directly as well as through PayPal; In this case please add Rs 50 (US\$1) per set to cover charges.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Oct 29 Little Sisters of Poor, Jeanne Jugan (St. Mary of the Cross), 2 Stamps  
Nov 01 Dr Raj Kumar  
Nov 02 Dr Mahendra Lal Sircar  
Nov 02 Apollo Hospital  
Nov 08 Virchand Raghavji Gandhi  
Nov 09 Indigenous Horses of India, 4 Stamps + Miniature Sheet  
- Kati, Kathiawari, Zanskari, & Manipuri

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 STAMP RELEASED

MAJOR GENERAL DEWAN MISRI CHAND

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on October 22, 2009 on Major General Dewan Misri Chand, the pioneer ace pilot, on his 102<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary.

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 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

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HERITAGE JAIN TEMPLES SHEETLET

India Post also released a sheetlet of 16, 8 se-tenenat pairs, for the Heritage Jain Temples issue of October 14, 2009. This is in addition to the regular sheets of 24 stamps for each stamp individually and a miniature sheet.

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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet

Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet

Oct 06: Bishop Cotton School, Stamp

Oct 14 Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet, Sheetlet

Oct 21 Maharaja Gulab Singh, Stamp

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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2009, visit

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For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit

<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009ILC.htm>

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

International Collectors' Society of Rare Items will release a special cover on Mahatma Gandhi with slogan cancellation on October 30, 2009 during STAMPEX PUNE 2009. This will be a limited quantity cover carried by a mail runner.

For details contact Pratisad Neurgaonkar, 09766310553 / [pratisad@hotmail.com](mailto:pratisad@hotmail.com)

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>

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ORISSA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Body Meeting of Orissa Philatelic Association was held on October 24, 2009 at Cuttack. Many Philatelists from all over Orissa gathered and expressed their views regarding promotion of philately in the state as well as in the country. Pradip Mohanty, Secretary OPA read out the report and the income expenditure statement was tabled by him in absence of the treasurer. Amendment of constitution was made and executive body members were elected in the meeting. S C Dhall was elected as President of OPA. Other office bearers elected are Pradip Mohanty as Secretary, Anup Rout as Vice-President, Shakil Ahmed as Joint Secretary and Himanshu Sekhar Das as Treasurer. Sahadeva Sahoo, Advisor of OPA was also present in the meeting.

FOREIGN MONEY ORDER SERVICE LAUNCHED

Minister of Communications and Information Technology, A Raja launched India Post's Money Order Videsh on October 24, 2009 at R S Puram Head Post Office, Coimbatore.

Money Order Videsh service facilitates remittances to and from foreign countries through Post Office. Initially the service will be offered through head post offices.

FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

If you detect forgeries and frauds of Indian philatelic items, please inform to [suspect@stampsofindia.com](mailto:suspect@stampsofindia.com). The names of volunteers and contributors will not be published, if so desired.

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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)

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Jan 8-10: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010  
Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society [numisclt@gmail.com](mailto:numisclt@gmail.com)  
Sales Booth: Rs 2,500  
Contact: Soorej 09447124066 [soorejsks@yahoo.co.in](mailto:soorejsks@yahoo.co.in)

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2009.htm>

MEETINGS

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