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Hi

We Wish You A Very Happy New Year 2010.

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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jan 05: 20th Conference of Speakers & Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth

Jan 16: Reserve Bank of India

Jan 25: Election Commission of India

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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STAMPS OF INDIA ONLINE OFFERS

We now have several new products to offer on behalf of individuals and organizations from all over India. These will be introduced regularly every week. We creating an area at the web site for this service at <http://stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

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NEW STAMP RELEASED

LAL PRATAP SINGH

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Lal Pratap Singh, the prince of Kalakankar who led an army against the British in 1858, on December 17, 2009.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamp, 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.

The brochure of this issue mention December 22, 2009 as the date of issue but it was rescheduled and issued on December 17, 2009.

Dec 19

PRESERVE THE POLAR REGIONS AND GLACIERS

India Post released a set of two special postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on the theme 'Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers' on December 19, 2009. A miniature sheet was also issued.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp, 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 3 million stamps by wet offset process. The miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 0.8 million.

INDIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the Indian Mathematical Society, the oldest scientific society in India, on December 27, 2009.

Suresh Kumar designed the Stamp, 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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.4 million stamps by wet offset process.

VENKATARAMANA BHAGAVATHAR

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Venkataramana Bhagavathar, Carnatic music composer of great eminence and one of the most illustrious disciple of Saint Thiagaraja, on December 27, 2009.

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. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

MAHARAJA SURAJMAL

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Maharaja Surajmal, the founder of the Kingdom of Bharatpur, on December 29, 2009.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, and 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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NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

ARRIVED

Oct 29: Jeanne Jugan & Little Sisters of the Poor, 2 stamps
Nov 09: Horses, 4 stamps
Nov 15: Silent Valley, Miniature Sheet
Dec 15 Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, Brochure

AWAITED

Aug 16: Heritage Railway Stations of India, Miniature Sheet
Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet
Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet
Nov 09: Horses, Miniature Sheet
Dec 15 Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, FDC

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

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NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

- Apr 5: Jamnagar, Gandhi Stamp Exhibition
- Nov 2: Cuttack, Baliyatra Cuttack Festival
- Nov 5: Kolkata, Advocates Day
- Nov 14: World Diabetic Day
- Nov 16: Chandigarh, St John's High School Golden Jubilee
- Nov 29: Surat, Inauguration of Science Centre
- Dec 4-6: Guntur, 3 covers
- Dec 6: Belgaum, Nadoja Pratishthan & Arvind Joshi Birth Centenary
- Dec 10: Ujire, Vishwa Tulu Sammelana
- Dec 11: Madikeri, St Joseph's Convent Educational Institutions Centenary
- Dec 17-20: Vadodara, Stamp Mania, 4 covers
- Dec 19: Kumta, Gibbs High School
- Dec 19: Gulbarga, Buddha Vihar

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2009, visit
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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

- Sep 01: 21 Signal Group Silver Jubilee
- Sep 05: Headquarters 191 Infantry Brigade Diamond Jubilee
- Sep 11: Controller of Quality Assurance (Small Arms) Ichapur Centenary
- Sep 11: 10 Battalion Mechanized Infantry Regiment (20 Battalion Maratha Light Infantry Regiment) Diamond Jubilee
- Sep 15: 19 Battalion (Recce & Support) Mechanized Infantry Silver Jubilee
- Sep 21: 62 Infantry (Sela) Brigade Golden Jubilee
- Sep 23: 19 Battalion Maratha Light Infantry Kolhapur Diamond Jubilee
- Sep 28: 10 Battalion Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry Regiment Silver Jubilee
- Sep 30: 107 Air Defense Regiment Diamond Jubilee
- Oct 01: 44 Field Regiment Diamond Jubilee
- Oct 01: 12 Armored Regiment Silver Jubilee
- Oct 03: 144 Air defense Regiment (Self Propelled) Diamond Jubilee
- Oct 09: 16 Battalion Dogra Regiment Diamond Jubilee
- Oct 09: Territorial Army Diamond Jubilee
- Oct 13: 10 Armored Regiment Silver Jubilee
- Oct 15: 15 Battalion Assam Rifles Golden Jubilee
- Oct 29: Parachute Regiment Reunion

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2009, visit  
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NEW STAMP PACKS

India Post issued following two stamp packs:

- Nov 8, 2009
- Virchand Raghavji Gandhi

Content: Block of 4 Stamps, FDC, Brochure
Price: Rs 100

Nov 15, 2009
Silent Valley
Content: Block of 4 Stamps, FDC, Brochure
Price: Rs 100

For viewing the images please visit,
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2009packs-sets.htm>

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Mitul Kansal kansalmitul@gmail.com launched a e-bulletin on stamps and coins named 'Global Express'. It is available to subscribers in pdf and is also available online <http://emmkayglobalexpress.wordpress.com/>

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

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2009

Dec 26-27: New Delhi, Hobby Festival
Venue: Sardar Patel Vidyalaya

Dec 27-29: Dharohar Coin stamps Exhibition
Organizer: Jabalpur Coin & Philatelic society

2010

Feb 19-21: Calicut, COIN FEST-2010
Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society numisclt@gmail.com
Venue: Jubilee Hall, Near Tali Temple, Kandankulam, Calicut
Sales Booth: Rs 2,500 including Tea, Sancks, & Lunch for 2
Contact: Soorej 09447124066 soorejsks@yahoo.co.in

For a list of exhibitions in 2009, 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

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

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