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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have published 425 issues, including 2 extras, of this digital weekly in past 10 years. We always have maintained a very objective view of the philatelic activities in India. It is only when matters reach their extreme that we have been critical about actions of organizations and persons. We would also like to record here that we have never ever published any critical report without having suitable documentary evidence in our possession. As a policy we have published all responses to any such criticism that we have received and we welcome responses specially if they are critical. If you don't see any responses to serious issues we raised and serious charges we leveled against an individual or organization, it simply means that we have not received any response from their side.

The website [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com) is in its 14th year of publication. Needless to say that we are not a fly by night operation and are absolutely unlike some other websites, blogs and online groups who write against someone, that too wrongly, and then refuse to publish the response or a correction.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our readers who have written complimentary things about us and our activities since we began publishing till date. We apologize to all those who wanted to see their compliments published and regret for never publishing 99% of these as a policy we want to include responses that join an issue rather than those that simply praise our work.

We however reiterate that we do value your appreciation, your encouragement, your feedback and all this is the major contributory factor that keeps us going but we also do believe that this digital weekly is to serve the greater cause of philately in India and Indian philately worldwide and not for self promotion. We have devoted three and a half decades 24x7 in philately and have had a fair share of rewards and honors for our work that we accept in all humility. We are committed to continue to do much more before kicking the proverbial bucket.

We therefore consider it fortunate to have been found worthy by the Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata, to shoulder the responsibility to organize a national philatelic exhibition in Delhi. Our mission in this task is to present a state-of-the-art exhibition for the philatelic community in India that they richly deserve. It is time that exhibitions organized in India should be at least at par with the best in the world. A national exhibition in India should not be an apology of an exhibition as is usually the case. Consider this fact that since 1997 in Mumbai to 2009 in Vadodara, all nationals that have been organized by philatelic organizations with India Post, have not been successful in mounting the exhibits in display frames till the closure of the show. Only persons privileged to see the exhibits at such shows usually are the Jurors. However even the jurors were not able to see the exhibits in the case of the one in Vadodara in 2009 and they had to judge with the black and white photocopies which made for some erroneous judgments.

It is very easy for everyone to criticize India Post but we also need to point out the shortcomings in shows organized by the philatelists and supported by India Post. In public private partnership it should be clear to both partners what they bring to the table.

The details about the forthcoming national exhibition are being provided later in the issue and the success of this national exhibition in Delhi depends on your support.

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

- M&SJ

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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

STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, Kolkata is organizing a national philatelic exhibition 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' from December 10 to 12, 2010 at NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi.

Founded in 1979 and incorporated in 1990, the Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, has earlier organized a national philatelic exhibition in Kolkata in 1990. 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' is the 2nd national being organized by the Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha who also had organized philatelic exhibitions in 1979, 1980, 1981 at Kolkata besides a stamp show at India International Film Festival 1994 at Kolkata, and 2 stamp shows at Mumbai - including one sponsored by National Film Development Corporation.

This will be the first national being organized in Delhi after a gap of 29 years. The earlier shows were organized by India Post including the first ever national philatelic exhibition in India in 1970, and the 4th national in 1982.

More information will gradually be made available every week. The email address to contact is [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com). The information will also be available online at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

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INDIPEX 2011 WORLD PHILATELIC EXHIBITION

India Post has finally made a formal public announcement on its web site that they indeed are organizing the World Philatelic Exhibition from February 12 to 18 of 2011 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The exhibition involves participation of approximately 70 countries. Look forward to more info on the Event....

Unfortunately the link to this announcement is missing but we hope that will soon be fixed. Meanwhile contact [wpe2011@indiapost.gov.in](mailto:wpe2011@indiapost.gov.in) for more information.

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STAMP POPULARITY POLL 2009

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2009 to select the best stamp of 2009, best miniature sheet of 2009, and best sheetlet of 2009. The results shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled.

You can send as many ballots as you wish. Please select from the issues of 2009 as shown at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm> and vote for the best stamp, miniature sheet, and sheetlet of 2009 in your opinion. Also write your name, City, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and email your ballots to: [stamppoll@stampsofindia.com](mailto:stamppoll@stampsofindia.com)

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is February 28, 2010. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered.

Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots. We welcome the sponsors for prizes, please contact [admin@stampsofindia.com](mailto:admin@stampsofindia.com) in this regard.

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JOBURG 2010 INTERNATIONAL STAMP SHOW

The 26th Asian International Stamp Exhibition, 'JOBURG 2010 International Stamp Show' will be held on October 27 to 31, 2010 at Johannesburg, South

Africa. The exhibition is also open to select countries of Europe and USA that have historic relations with South Africa in additions to countries in Asia. Madhukar Jhingan [mj@stampsfindia.com](mailto:mj@stampsfindia.com) is the National Commissioner for India. The regulations for JOBURG 2010 and the Exhibit Application form are available online at <http://stampsfindia.com/Joburg2010.htm>

JOBURG 2010 will have all exhibit classes - Traditional, Postal History, Postal Stationery, Aerophilately, Astrophilately, Maximaphily, Revenue, and Thematic Philately subdivided as - A) Nature, B) Culture, C) Technology, and Youth Philately class subdivided by age as of January 01, 2010 -

- 1) Collectors aged 13 to 15 years,
- 2) Collectors aged 16 - 18 years,
- 3) Collectors aged 19 - 21 years, and

Literature class subdivided into:

- 1) Philatelic books, pamphlets and studies (issued after January 01, 2005),
  - 2) Philatelic journals, periodicals (issued after January 01, 2008),
  - 3) Stamp catalogues (issued after January 01, 2008), and
- One-Frame Exhibit Class subdivided into - A) Traditional, B) Postal History, C) Postal Stationery, D) Aerophilately, E) Astrophilately, F) Thematic, G) Maximaphily, H) Revenue.

JOBURG 2010 will also have 'Open Class' as an Experimental Class. Exhibits in this Class can include material from any other competition class plus non-philatelic material. The exhibit must contain at least 50% philatelic material. The non-philatelic material should not overwhelm the philatelic material. Awards will be made as per One-Frame Exhibits.

There is no participation fee for Youth Philately Class. The participation fee for other Competitive Classes (except Literature, and One-Frame Exhibit Classes) will be US\$35 per frame. The fee for participation in Literature is US\$35 per exhibit. The fee for participation in One-Frame Exhibit is US\$70 per exhibit.

Those desirous of participating in JOBURG 2010, please go through the Regulations for JOBURG 2010 and send the duly filled Exhibit Application Form along with a copy of the introductory page describing the exhibit to the National Commissioner for India, Madhukar Jhingan, 49-D, BG-5, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063 by March 14, 2010. For any assistance in this regard please email or call 0 9350537037.

The stamp dealers may contact [dealers@joburg2010stampshow.co.za](mailto:dealers@joburg2010stampshow.co.za) for reserving a Trade Stand at JOBURG 2010.

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STAMPS OF INDIA ONLINE OFFERS

We welcome philatelic organizations in India take advantage of the global reach of Stamps of India for marketing their products worldwide.

We will be gradually introducing several new products. We have created an area at the web site for this service at <http://stampsfindia.com/shop/shop.htm>

These philatelic items can be viewed online with relevant details. Several easy options to make the payment and receive the items right in the comfort of your own home are provided. Enjoy these new additions to your collection and keep writing in to let us know what other products you would like to see on Stamps of India Online Offers.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Feb 21: Bible Society of India  
Feb 23: P C Sorcar

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 ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

AWAITED

- 2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet
- 2009 Oct 01: Rare Fauna of the North East, Miniature Sheet
- 2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet
- 2009 Nov 09: Horses, Miniature Sheet

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

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

Feb 04: New Delhi, International Labor Organization 90 Years

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2010, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2009pm.htm>

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

- Nov 02: 2 Battalion The Dogra Regiment Sesquicentennial
- Nov 10: 47 Squadron Indian Air Force Standard Presentation
- Nov 10: Tactics & Air Combat Development Establishment Standard Presentation
- Nov 10: Army Medical Corps 10th Reunion
- Nov 27: Pioneer Corps 250th Raising Day

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

For viewing the images please visit,  
<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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HELP FIGHT CANCER SEALS

selected Post offices in Delhi are selling fund raising seals to help fight Cancer. The sale proceeds will go to Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute & Research Centre. the seals are in two denominations Rs 5 and Rs 50 and are issued in the sheets of 20 self adhesive labels.

For viewing the images please visit,  
<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/2007Cinderella.htm>

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RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STAMP PACK

The Stamps Pack issued by India Post for the Reserve Bank of India Platinum Jubilee issue of January 16, 2010 and reported in Issue #421 of Jan 28, 2010 of this digital weekly had an error in the spellings of the image of commemorative stamps on it. It had 'Inda' instead of 'India' in the Reserve Bank of India. Consequently India Post has withdrawn the same and replaced it with the corrected version.

For viewing the images please visit,  
<http://stampsfindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2010packs-sets.htm>

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FORGERIES & FRAUDS ALERTS

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

STATUS OF THE GERMAN SPECIAL POSTMARK ON GANDHI

Ketan Patel of Fremont, California investigated about the status of special postmark on Gandhi dated Oct 2, 2009 from Winnenden, Germany. Following is the links on eBay for this item:

[http://cgi.ebay.com/Germany-2009-Gandhi-Non-Violence-Year-Sp-Cancel-Cover\\_W0QQitemZ230427592524QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH\\_DefaultDomain\\_0?hash=item35a68e074c](http://cgi.ebay.com/Germany-2009-Gandhi-Non-Violence-Year-Sp-Cancel-Cover_W0QQitemZ230427592524QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH_DefaultDomain_0?hash=item35a68e074c)

[http://cgi.ebay.in/Germany-2009-GANDHI-Special-Cancellation-On-Cover\\_W0QQitemZ110463303214QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH\\_DefaultDomain\\_203](http://cgi.ebay.in/Germany-2009-GANDHI-Special-Cancellation-On-Cover_W0QQitemZ110463303214QQcmdZViewItemQQptZLH_DefaultDomain_203)

Patel contacted German Post and philatelists in Germany regarding this and everyone confirmed that this is not a postmark issued by German Post.

Jutta Frimberger, Premium Service Philatelie, Deutsche Post AG, Niederlassung Philatelie, Weiden replied that Deutsche Post AG did not issue any postmark from Ghandi's birthday.

Anna Girbert, Deutsche Post AG, Niederlassung Philatelie, Stempelvertrieb, Weiden replied that The postmark is not a postmark from the German Post. You can recognize this, because there are no posthorns on it. I am sorry, the person who has created the postmark is unknown.

We contacted Rajesh Verma, a senior philatelist and Gandhi philately specialist in Germany and he replied that As far as I could with my resources find out is that a certain stamps club brought out its own cancellation on 2nd October, 2009 on occasion of international non-violence day as a protest against the massacre which took place on 11th March 2009 in Winnenden High School in which 16 students and teachers were killed. The German post has

permitted to use it only for one day i.e. on 2nd October 2009. Hence according to me these covers are not fake but correctly used with correct postage and postal bar code. False cancellation can be made but postal bar code can no one make or copy. Moreover, here post being private there is no communication between the post offices. So it can be possible that what Winnenden post is doing is not known to the post in Berlin or Frankfurt.

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PAYPAL SUSPENDS SOME OPERATIONS IN INDIA

PayPal has suspended local bank transfers and personal payments to and from India with effect from February 6, 2010 to respond to enquiries from the Indian regulators, specifically questions on whether personal payments constitute remittances into India. The regulators recently let PayPal know about revised licensing rules that PayPal are now actively engaged in securing. Personal payments to and from India will be suspended for at least a few months until the matter is fully resolve the questions from the Indian regulators.

During this time, customers can still make commercial payments to India but merchants cannot withdraw funds in Rupees to local Indian banks.

PayPal assures that the customers should be able to withdraw their funds to a local bank within the next few days. In the meantime, they are going to restore the amount of recent attempted withdrawal back into PayPal balance so that customers can know that their money is safe in their account. The balance is being restored within 24 hours. In addition, customers will see another reimbursement of any withdrawal fees charged. PayPal will also ensure that customers are not adversely affected by currency fluctuations during the last week. This additional reimbursement(s) should cover the difference between the attempted withdrawal-amount and the amount-restored by PayPal into the accounts.

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

KARPHILA NEWS, Vol.1#4, February 2010, Bi-monthly  
Editor: Akshay Borad  
Publisher: Karnataka Philatelic Society, Bangalore  
Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb 19-21: Calicut, COIN FEST 2010  
Organizer: Calicut Numismatic Society [numisclt@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:soorejsks@yahoo.co.in)

Mar: First State level philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: Himachal Pradesh Circle of India Post  
Venue: Gaeity Theatre

Mar: Poona, State level philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: Maharashtra & Goa Circle of India Post

Apr 16-19: Patna, State level philatelic exhibition  
Organizer: Bihar Circle of India Post  
Venue: Patna GPO

May 7-9: Ludhiana, Stamp-Fiesta 2010 Stamp Festival of Punjab  
Organizer: Ludhiana Philatelic Club  
Online: <http://stampfiesta2010.wordpress.com/>  
Contact:  
Chairman Dr S K Sondhi 9815657647, info.sf2010@gmail.com, sksondhil@gmail.com  
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