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Hi

We take this opportunity to acknowledge with thanks the messages of  
condolence from our friends, colleagues and subscribers. We individually and  
on behalf of our family thank you for visiting, calling, sms and emails, and  
postings on Facebook and on India Study Circle Yahoo Group.

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

RAJENDRA BHATNAGAR IS NO MORE  
Rajendra Bhatnagar of Bareilly passed away untimely on March 21, 2010. He  
fell sick in the train while returning from Deolali after meeting his son who

is serving in Indian Army. At Bhusawal railway station he was taken to a hospital but didn't survive. Bhatnagar was a philatelist, exhibitor and judge but above all he was a very fine human being always ready to help others. Aged around 60 years he was an advocate by profession and helped friends and entire neighborhood in legal matters without charging any fees. He was very jovial in nature and will be sorely missed by friends and family.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Mar 30: Muthuramalinga Sethupathi
Mar 30: Special Protection Group
Mar 31: Vallal Pachaiyappa

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 at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2010, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2009stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMP RELEASED

Ranju Prasad, Post Master General of Punjab Circle of India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 commemorating 300 years of 16 Punjab (2nd Patiala) Regiment on March 19, 2010 in a function held at the Tibri Military Station near Gurdaspur.

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 0.3 million stamps by photogravure process.

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We have created an area on the website for this service and several products are listed in various categories at <http://stampsofindia.com/shop/shop.htm>. We are also in the process of introducing several new products.

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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STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Bharatiya Daktikit 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. 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' is commemorating the Centenary of the Transfer of the Capital of India to Delhi from Kolkata.

Please expedite your ideas and suggestions regarding the activities before and during the 'Stamps of India National Exhibition' and about your willingness to participate, volunteer and contribute in any manner. The email address to contact is [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com).

More information will be made available every week here as well as online at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

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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>

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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

- Jan 25: Kolkata, 9th International Photographic Conference
- Mar 13: New Delhi, 12th FIH Hero Honda Men's Hockey World Cup 2010
- Mar 21-22: Junagadh, District philatelic exhibition, 2 covers
- Mar 22: Kullu, District philatelic exhibition

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2010, 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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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.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 27-28: Tirupati, Ancient Coins Exhibition
Organizer: South India Numismatic Society

Venue: S V University Campus, Tirupati

C A N C E L L E D 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/>
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Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION
Organizer: Bharatiya Daktkit Sangstha, Kolkata
Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi
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For a list of exhibitions in 2010, please visit
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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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PROF (DR) V K GUPTA, New Delhi

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A seller/exhibitor is obliged to mention if there is any alteration (as it is known in philately) or if the material is fake or forged.

EDITORS NOTE: Prof Gupta's book is available for sale at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/shop/bookshop.htm>

FEATURES & RESOURCES

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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