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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION

FOR THE EXHIBITORS

Stamps of India National Exhibition introduces a few innovations not only in exhibiting but also in judging the competitive stamp exhibitions in India.

The exhibitors now have a choice to exhibit 1, 3, or 5 frames in each class. However for 8 frames the regulation remain as before that is previously obtaining a minimum of 85% marks at a national level show. This move is to facilitate and empower the exhibitors.

The 5 and 8 frames exhibits have traditionally been evaluated together. Hitherto the 1 frame class was being judged by same regulations in same classification although separately than 5 and 8 frames. Several Asian International Shows have been providing for a 2 or 3 frames. In India exhibitions de facto have also been providing 3 and 4 frames. Stamps of India National Exhibition took this opportunity to rationalize and expand the choice for the exhibitor. The introduction of 3 frames class will serve as the midway stop from 1 to 5 frames.

Stamps of India National Exhibition also introduces two new classes - Picture Postcards Class and Freedom Class. The Picture Postcards Class is further subdivided in to India and Rest of the World. Picture Postcards are a popular sideline and many a philatelists do dabble in it. This class will provide an opportunity to these philatelists as well as hardcore Picture Postcards collectors to showcase their collection to a larger audience.

The participant in Freedom Class has total freedom to display philatelic items in any which way. The only restriction being that exhibit must fit in to a standard philatelic display frame of 1 x 1.25 meter. The emphasis in this class is on innovative presentation that will appeal to a wider range of audience and not only to the philatelists. The exhibitor has to impress the visiting public who also will be playing a significant role in the evaluation of the exhibit under this class.

The Regulations For Exhibitors and Exhibit Application Form are now available at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html> Please download and study the Regulations carefully and print the application forms. The duly filled forms should be mailed to SINE GHQ, BG-5/49-D, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi 110063. The last date to submit the application form is July 31, 2010.

#### FOR THE STAMP DEALERS

The good news is that SINE GHQ decided to offer an early bird rate of Rs 12,500 for bookings made before June 30, 2010 after which the regular rate of Rs 15,000 will be applicable. The bookings of Sales Stall has already commenced on June 27, 2010 from 8am as was announced in the previous issue. The floor plan is also available online to help the applicants book the Sales Stalls of their choice at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sinevenue.htm>.

The Rules and Application forms for Sales Stalls are also available at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

#### PHILSENSEX JUNE 2010

By P R Krishnan [prkrish77@gmail.com](mailto:prkrish77@gmail.com)

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/valueindex/201003.htm> for viewing the data collected on the price movement of Mint India post independence stamps for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

#### FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jun 05: Biodiversity Day  
Jun 14: Deshbandhu Gupta

Jun 23: World Classical Tamil Conference-Kovai 2010  
Jun 25: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2 Stamps, - Baton & Mascot

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 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/2010stamps.htm>

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AWAITED

2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet

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

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2009, visit  
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The complete illustrated listing of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:  
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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2009, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2009PC.htm>

COMMEMORATIVE EPOST STATIONERY

Gujarat Circle of India Post issued 4 colorful envelopes and matching writing paper for ePost service to mark the 50 years of Gujarat. Earlier also Gujarat Circle has 4 designs of envelopes and matching writing paper for Diwali and New Year greetings in 2009.

For Images, please visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/ePostGreetings.htm>

ST ALPHONSA PHIL-NUMISMATIC PACK

Kerala Circle of India Post issued a pack containing a stamp, a miniature sheet, and Rs 5 coin all commemorating St Alphonsa. The pack priced at Rs 100 was very popular and sold out in no time.

For Images, please visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/2009packs-sets.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 1-3: Bangalore, Coins Fair  
Organizer: Karnataka Numismatic Society  
Venue: 'Shikshak Sadan', K G Road, Opp Cauvery Bhavan  
Contacts: Mahesh Jambulingam- President 09448080502, Suresh Secretary 096119 44883

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
Organizer: Bharatiya Daktikit Sangstha, Kolkata  
Venue: NSIC Exhibition Ground, New Delhi  
Contacts: Ashish Talwar 09810186108, Madhukar Jhingan 09350537037  
Email: [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com)  
Website: <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>

For a list of exhibitions in 2010, 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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