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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have been asked whether India Post has discontinued annual Collectors Packs?

The collecting community in India do not have any communication from India Post regarding the annual Collectors Pack for the year 2008 and 2009 which are hopefully yet to be released for sale. Also not yet released are the annual packs of the First Day Covers for these years well.

Ideally a postal administration at this time of the year be busy with preparing the annual collectors pack for 2010 for a December 2010 release date.

It is not known what has kept officials at India Post busy for last several years where even routine matters, not only annual packs, but also annual popularity polls, monthly and quarterly publication of newsletters, are not being attended to.

We sincerely hope that someone in post office will soon wakes up and takes action in this regard.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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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, philatelic 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

SINE GHQ decided to offer free banner to all Sales Stall Holders on one of the webpage of Stamps of India National Exhibition with effect from Aug 1, 2010. Please send your banners to [sine@stampsofindia.com](mailto:sine@stampsofindia.com) as soon as possible. Their names will also be listed in the forthcoming Bulletin 1.

The deadline for Advertising in Bulletin 1 is extended to July 23, 2010. The Sales Stall holders are now eligible for 50% discount on published tariff available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/adverttariff.htm>

Few Sales Stalls are still available. The Rules and Application forms for Sales Stalls are available at <http://stampsofindia.com/ChaloDelhi/sine.html>. 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 Regulations For Exhibitors and Exhibit Application Form are 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.

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STAMP WATCH

By P R Krishnan prkrish77@gmail.com

India Post has issued a commemorative postage stamp for World Classical Tamil Conference - Kovai 2010 on June 27, 2010. The printed quantity is 0.3 million (3,00,000) as per the brochure. Confirmed reports say that during the above event held for a week more than 120,000 stamps has been sold at the post office setup at the venue and the persons who have purchased this stamp are non-philatelist. In my opinion the entire stamp sold at the venue are not going to see the light of the day and in due course either this quantity will be used up or lost. In case India Post do not reprint this stamp again - It will be very difficult to get stamp in future since almost 40% of the quantity is sold to non collectors. I strongly feel this will be another modern India rarity for the next decade. Do not ignore this stamp.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- Aug 02: Syed Mohammed Ali Shihab Thangal
- Aug 06: Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games, 2 Stamps, Stadiums
- Aug 21: P Jeevanandam
- Aug 25: O P Ramaswami Reddiyar
- Aug 30: G K Moopanar

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>

NEW STAMPS RELEASED

DESHBANDHU GUPTA

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 110th birthday of Deshbandhu Gupta on June 14, 2010.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

DELHI 2010 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

India Post released a set of 2 postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 and Rs 20 to mark the arrival of Queen's Baton in India on June 25, 2010. A miniature sheet containing both the stamps was also issued on the occasion.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.8 million stamps each by photogravure process. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.4 million.

WORLD CLASSICAL TAMIL CONFERENCE - KOVAI 2010

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the World Classical Tamil Conference on its concluding day at Coimbatore on June 27, 2010.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. 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.

KUMARAGURUPARAR SWAMIGAL

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the Kumaraguruparar Swamigal, the 17th century authority on religion, philosophy and literature on June 27, 2010.

Alka Sharma designed the Stamp, the First Day Cover, and the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.3 million stamps by wet offset process.

#### INDIAN NAVAL AIR SQUADRON 300

India Post released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 50 years of Indian Naval Air Squadron 300 on July 7, 2010.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. Security Printing Press, Hyderabad printed 0.8 million stamps by wet offset process.

#### PIGEON & SPARROW

India Post released a set of 2 postage stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on common birds - Pigeon and Sparrow on July 9, 2010. A miniature sheet containing both the stamps was also issued on the occasion.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.8 million stamps each by photogravure process. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.4 million.

#### RATH YATRA PURI

Gurudas Kamat, the Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the world famous Rath Yatra of Puri on July 12, 2010.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp, and the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed 0.8 million stamps each by photogravure process. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.4 million.

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2010stamps.htm>

#### NEW ISSUES AVAILABILITY STATUS

##### AWAITED

2008 Aug 02: Aldabra Giant Tortoise, Miniature Sheet

2009 Oct 14: Heritage Temples, Miniature Sheet

##### NEW SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

India Post is releasing special covers to mark Queen's Baton Relay in India for the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games. While the design of every cover is different, the special postmark is not only same for all places but also is same as the First Day Postmark of stamps released to commemorate the arrival of Queen's Baton in India on June 25, 2010. Queen's Baton will be travelling through all States and Union territories for next 99 days. These special covers are being issued only at the headquarters of the postal circles in India while the Queen's baton is that city. There are 22 postal circles in India. The special covers are released at the following places so far:

Jun 30: Sri Nagar,  
Jul 03: Chandigarh,  
Jul 05: Shimla,  
Jul 06: Dehradun,  
Jul 09: Lucknow,

Remaining Special covers will be issued at Patna, Kolkata, Guwahati, Shillong, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Hyderabad, Chennai, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Jaipur, ( - Haryana) and Delhi.

For an illustrated list of postmarks issued in 2010 please visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2010pm.htm>

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2010, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2010aps.htm>

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NEW STAMP BOOKLETS

Lieutenant General Rajinder Singh Sujlana, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Commandant of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, released a stamp booklet on June 4, 2010 at the Graduation Ceremony of the Army Cadet College wing. The stamp booklet issued in the quantity of 600 commemorates the Golden Jubilee of the Army Cadet College wing.

Lieutenant General Rajinder Singh Sujlana, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Commandant of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, released two stamp booklets on June 9, 2010 at the Award Ceremony of the Passing Out Course. A booklet issued in the quantity of 400 commemorated the passing out of current 126th Regular Course while another issued in the quantity of 100 commemorated the 47th Regular Course of 1971 popularly known as 'Born to Battle Course' as it was straight away launched into the 1971 war with Pakistan.

The stamp booklets priced at Rs 50 each, contains a pair of Field Marshal Manekshaw commemorative stamps. India Post issued the stamp booklets as per the requirements of the Indian Military Academy and handed over entire quantity to the Academy; consequently these were not on sale in GPO.

For an illustrated list of stamp booklets, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

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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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INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR AN INDIAN STAMP

The City of Asiago in Italy awards prizes for philatelic art every year for past 40 years known as Premio Internazionale Asiago d'Arte Filatelica" (Asiago International Award for Philatelic Art). The Juror's special prize for the year 2009 was awarded for the Indian stamp issued on February 5, 2009

on National Girl Child Day that was celebrated for the first time on January 24, 2009.

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RECENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS

RAINBOW STAMP NEWS, Whole #31, Jul 2010, Monthly (Electronic Publication)  
Editor: Jeevan Jyoti [j.jyoti9@gmail.com](mailto:j.jyoti9@gmail.com)  
Publisher: Jeevan Jyoti, Shimla  
Also available online at <http://rainbowstampnews.blogspot.com/>

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jul 09-11: Nagercoil, 3rd KUMARIPEX - 2010 District Level Exhibition  
Organizers: Kanyakumari Philatelic & Numismatic Association  
Venue: Assisi Campus, Nagercoil  
Contacts: Secretary, Consort Dias Jacobs 0 9894484993  
Issues: Special Cover on Kamarajar, & a magazine

Aug 20-22: Ahmedabad, 2nd Annual Coins and Currency Fair  
Organizers: Twins Stamp & Coins (Shatrughan Saravagi)  
Venue: Hotel Comfort Inn President, C.G. Road, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad  
Contacts: 079-22110055, 22165510, [sjain1@rediffmail.com](mailto:sjain1@rediffmail.com), [sjain222@yahoo.com](mailto:sjain222@yahoo.com)

Sep 23-26: Mumbai, 8th Coins Exhibition  
Organizer: Mumbai Coin Society  
Venue: World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai  
Contacts: [coingallery@hotmail.com](mailto:coingallery@hotmail.com) Abdul Razak Shaikh, Secretary MCS

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

Oct 9-12: Jaipur, Rajasthan State Philatelic Exhibition  
More details are awaited.

Dec 10-12: New Delhi, STAMPS OF INDIA NATIONAL EXHIBITION  
Organizer: Bharatiya Daktkit 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

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http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/south_asia_new_issues.htm
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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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STAMPED FOR LIFE

Indian Express, June 13, 2010  
<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/Stamped-for-life/633129>

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal  
matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion  
here>

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