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#### The sorrow of Philatelists

In recent days the Department of Posts, Govt. of India become the sorrow of Philatelists. Why I say like this? It is undoubted that the Department of Posts has done significant advancement in all around with the passage of time. But it has lowered down its service towards philatelic promotion. Now it has become a common phenomenon to release a stamp frequently allowing the philatelist to wait for several months to get the stamp, brochure, FDC or Miniature sheets. The Department is not taking any care for their timely supply to the Philatelic Bureaux for the benefit of the Philatelists. It is a fact that the Department of Posts is earning a major part out of its total income by selling the Philatelic items through these philatelic bureaux. It appears that the duty of the department is confined till the release of stamps in a function. Such stamps or miniature sheets are available in those area only after the release. For a long time even after several months some of those stamps and miniature sheets are not made available to most of the Philatelic Bureaux of our country. The burning example is the stamps of *Jeanne Jugan Sisters of Poor* released on 29.10.2009 was not available at the Bureaux till end of December. Similarly the miniature sheets of *Heritage Railway stations of India*(16.8.09), *Rare fauna of North East* (1.10.09), *Heritage temples*(14.10.09), *Indigenous Horses of India*(9.11.09), *Silent Valley* (15.11.09), *Preserve the Polar Regions & Glaciers* (19.12.09) are not available in most of the philatelic bureaux till end of December,09. What is the problem with the Department? Several electronic media and different Philatelic organisations have highlighted several times to brought to the notice of the department, but it is strange that this message is not drawing the attention of the Department of Posts. It has created a bad image internationally in philatelic scenario. Similarly the philatelic activities organised by the Department has also come down significantly during 2009. Probably sufficient funds were not made available during the financial year 2009-10. We hope that the department will take care of the things and will take steps to overcome the sorrow of the philatelists. There are

philatelists who are collecting the FDC of all issues posting on their date of issue itself by putting the stamps or miniature sheet of that issue. Some of them collect those FDC affixing the miniature sheets only. What will happen to their collection who are waiting for several months to get them? How and in which way the department is promoting philately? Rather it has become the sorrow of the philatelist who is running every day to the Philatelic Bureaux to get the copy and returning back with a sorry figure or alternatively he is compelled to purchase them from the dealers at much higher rate. By releasing a stamp the department feels that their duties are over and takes the credit of releasing a record number of stamps in a year.

We, the philatelists, earnestly request the Department of Posts to look into the matter seriously. It is requested that the number of issues in a year may be reduced and it may be made mandatory for timely issue of philatelic materials to the Philatelic Bureaux. Similarly the release of stamps may be adhered to the list of *stamp issue programme* published by the Department of Posts from time to time.

-Ajit Kumar Dash,  
Editor

The monthly meeting of EIPA is held on every third Sunday at plot No. A/117, Press Colony, Kharavela Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751001 from 5.00 PM to 7.00 PM.

*The Members of*  
*Eastern India Philatelists' Association*  
*Wish You*  
*a*  
*Very Very*  
*Happy and Prosperous New*  
*Year, 2010.*

Stamp News  
India

**DR. RAJ KUMAR**



Dr. Raj Kumar was born in a remote village Gajanur now in Tamil Nadu, on 24 April 1929 to Shri Singanallur Puttaswamaiah and Smt. In a career spanning five decades, he acted in 206 films and became a cultural icon of the state. The Karnataka Government honoured him with "Karnataka Ratna" and the Government of India conferred the Padma Bhushan and he also received the "Dada Saheb Phalke Award" for his significant contribution to Indian cinema. Dr. Raj Kumar was an exceptional actor, and a versatile singer. He passed away on 12 April 2006.

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**Dr. Mahendralal Sircar**



Dr. Mahendralal Sircar was born on 2nd November, 1833 at Paikpara village in Howrah district, near Calcutta. Although educated in the traditional European system of medicine, Mahendralal Sircar turned to homeopathy. Mahendralal supported women's education in nineteenth century India, when higher education among women was rare. He also arranged for Sarala Devi Chaudhurani's attendance in the evening lectures in IACS, so that she could pursue higher studies in Physics. He was a fellow of Calcutta University, an honorary magistrate and Sheriff of Calcutta (1887), He was made a C.I.E. in 1883 and honoured with a doctor of law degree by Calcutta University in 1898. Recurrent malarial fever and bronchial asthma clouded the evening of his life and he died on Feb. 23, 1904.

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**Apollo Hospitals**



The Apollo Hospitals Group was established by Dr. Prathap C. Reddy a physician and philanthropist by which he is the founder Chairman. Growing from a 150 bed hospital in Chennai in 1983, to Asia's biggest hospital chain, the Apollo Hospitals Group has evolved into a globally respected brand, known for clinical excellence and quality patient care. The Apollo Hospitals Group comprises 43 hospitals with over 9000 beds, six of which in India are accredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI), a US-based accreditation body dedicated to improving healthcare quality and safety around the world.

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**Danmal Mathur**



Shri Danmal Mathur was born on 14th March 1904 in Ajmer and made a mark for himself as an educationist. With a Bachelor's degree from Government College, Ajmer, he went on to work as Demonstrator in Physics. The Principal of Mayo College in 1932, Mr. V.A.S. Shaw appointed him to teach Geography in Mayo College. Later, he went on to become Housemaster, then Vice Principal and also acting Principal before retirement in 1969. He was a pioneer of the Scouting Movement in Rajasthan having been initiated by Madan Mohan Malviya. "Maa't Saab", as he was affectionately called, endeared himself to his students and inspired confidence in them.

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### Virchand Raghavji Gandhi



Shri Virchand Raghavji Gandhi was born on 25 August 1864 at Mahua in Gujarat. Besides mastering

as many as fourteen languages, his religious knowledge was not restricted to Jainism alone. Virchand Raghavji Gandhi was a true patriot. When India was facing a devastating famine in 1897 he was responsible for sending Rs. 40,000/- towards famine relief and a shipload of grains to India from U.S.A. for famine relief. His lifetime ambition was to serve the country, mankind and the Jain Community and spread Lord mahavir's message of universal love and non violence across the world. This promising young man died at the young age of 37 on 7 August 1901. His short life was dedicated to the cause of Jainism and service to mankind.

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### Horses of India

The Government of India identifies five breeds of Indian horses: Marwari, Kathiawari, Manipuri, Spiti and Zanskari.

**Marwari:** This breed derives its name from its habitat: Marwar in Rajasthan. Reared today mainly for riding, sports and light draft and agricultural work, it was initially bred by the rulers of Marwar as a warhorse,



reputed for its loyalty and bravery in battle.

**Kathiawari:** Reputed to have sprung from the wild horses of Kathiawar in Gujarat, this breed is often considered the oldest of the indigenous horse breeds. The Kathi tribesmen and Rajput rulers used it as a warhorse as it could speed across miles of open, dry land with little food or water.



**Zanskari:** This native Himalayan horse is genetically related to the Spiti breed. Considered the most hardy of the Indian breeds, it can work in extremes of altitude and temperature. Found in the Leh and Ladakh area of Jammu and Kashmir, this horse is predominantly grey in colour.



**Manipur:** This breed, developed in India, is reportedly derived from ancient stock drawn from the Mongolian Wild Horse and the Arabian and were probably brought to India by Tartar tribes who also brought the game of polo. Bred in Manipur, in North East India, this breed is tough, intelligent and has tremendous endurance, qualities that make it perfect for racing and for playing polo.



### Credits:

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### Rajabhau Khobragade

Baburao Khobragade was born on 25.09.1925 in Chandrapur, Maharashtra to Shri Devaji and Smt. Indira Bai. He had his early education in Jubilee High School, Chandrapur. On the advice of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, he went to London to study Law at the



Lincoln College in 1950. Rajabhau had great organisational and team building capabilities. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, spotting the talent, had entrusted the election campaign and the campaign for conversion to Buddhism to Rajabhau which he completed successfully. Rajabhau Khobragade was a revolutionary leader who worked tirelessly for the upliftment of the poor and downtrodden till he died on 19.04.1984.

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**60 years of the Commonwealth**



In April 1949, Heads of State from Australia, Britain, Ceylon, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and

the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs met and deliberated in London which resulted in the London Declaration of 26 April 1949 heralding the beginning of the modern Commonwealth. In this Declaration the Commonwealth member countries committed themselves to work together in partnership and as equals towards a shared future. In the 60 years, the Commonwealth has grown from 8 members in 1949 to become a unique association of 53 independent states, consulting and co-operating in the common interests of their peoples, and in the promotion of international understanding.

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**Gaurishanker Dalmia**



Gaurishanker Dalmia was born on 12.11.1910 at Lakhisaray village in Munger District, Bihar. He was educated in Kolkata. Responding to the call of Mahatma Gandhi, he abandoned his family business and started living in Jasidih, a village in Santhal Pargana. He took active part in the freedom struggle. He was imprisoned in 1931 for participating in the Namak Satyagrah (Salt Movement). Gaurishanker Dalmia was elected as Member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly (MLA) from 1937 till 1952 and Member of Bihar Legislative Council (MLC) from 1952 till 1972. He made efforts for Nagri script to be accepted for Santhali language, which was given recognition by the Government. He passed away on 16.06.1988.

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**Children's Day**



The Children's Day Special Postage Stamp has become a regular feature of the annual Stamp Issue Programme of India Post. It marks the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, on 14th November, honouring the special place he had in his heart for the young.

The set of two stamps carry the tiger and the deer in their natural habitat - sending out an urgent message for prioritising the protection of endangered species.

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### The Silent Valley



The Silent Valley, situated in South Western Ghats, is one among the world's ten "Hottest Biodiversity Hot Spots" and is believed to be the sole surviving bit of virgin tropical rain forests in this country. Located about 80 km north east of Palakkad, Kerala, the 8952 sq km forest was declared a National Park on 14th November 1984 and now it forms part of the core of Nilgiris Biosphere Reserve. The flora of the Valley includes about 1000 species of flowering plants, 107 species of Orchids that include rare, endemic and endangered forms, 100 species of ferns and fern allies, 200 liverworts, 75 lichens and about 200 algae. This valley is home to 23 mammalian species including three endangered ones: the tiger, the lion tailed macaque and the Nilgiri langur.

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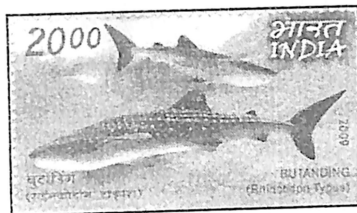
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### India-Philippines: Joint Issue

India and Philippines established formal diplomatic relations on November 16, 1949 following the independence of the Philippines in 1946 and of India in 1947 and have since maintained good and cordial relations. With bilateral trade, cooperation in several areas such as oil gas, non convention sources of energy, agricultural research etc., the two countries are also attuned to concerns for ecological issues. Marine mammals, because of their intelligence, visibility and frequent interactions with humans, hold a special place in people's mind. The biggest threat to them is their accidental capture or entanglement in fishing gear which kills hundreds of thousands of them each year. The other major factor of their decline is

due to destruction or degradation of their natural habitat.

**Butanding :** The whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*),



known locally as the Butanding, is among the best loved marine animals that populate or visit Philippine waters. The

Butanding is the largest variety of shark and can measure up to 20 meters in length and weigh more than 30 tons, i.e. the largest living fish species, but in spite of its size, this animal is known to be remarkably gentle.

**Gangetic Dolphin:** The Gangetic river dolphin occurs



only in the fresh water rivers of India and Bangladesh. It is known as the fresh water tiger. The Ganges River dolphin weighs up to 90 kg and measures 1.5 -2.5 meters (4.9 -8.2 ft) in length. It eats a variety of fish and invertebrates. The stomach contents of dolphin have included prawns, clams, catfish, freshwater shark etc.

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### Ganpatrao Govindrao Jadhav

Dr. Ganpatrao Govindrao Jadhav was born on 04.05.1908 in Gaganbavada in Kolhapur

district of Maharashtra. He had his primary education in Kolhapur and Gaganbavada but could not continue his education due to poverty. Dr. Jadhav was a great freedom fighter. In 1930 when the Civil Disobedience movement was launched, he was entrusted with the task of sending secret messages to volunteers by the President of Congress Bar Council. When the Salt

Satyagraha movement of Karade Matwad near Navsari in Gujarat was launched by Gandhiji, Dr. Jadhav successfully took up the work of ensuring that the movement reaches the masses of western Maharashtra. Dr. G.G. Jadhav passed away on 20th May, 1987. However the torch he kindled continues to spread its light.

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**TAMIL NADU POLICE**



The Tamil Nadu Police, established in 1859, has completed 150 years of dedicated service. It has jurisdiction over an area of 1,30,058 sq. kms with a coastline of 1076 kms and a population of approximately 62 million. The Force is headed by a Director General, assisted by ADGPs and IGPs and other officers at various levels. The Police organizational set up in the State comprises 7 Commissionerates (Chennai, Chennai Sub-Urban, Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Salem and Tirunelveli) each headed by a Commissioner of Police, four Zones (North, Central, West and South) each under an Inspector General of Police, with Superintendents of Police heading 12 Police Ranges including Railway Police Range and 32 Police Districts. Each City and District also has an Armed Reserve of Police personnel besides the local police force. There are 1452 Police Stations including 196 Women's Police Stations.

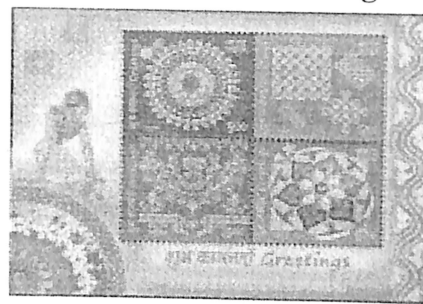
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**Greetings**



The term Rangoli is derived from Rang (colour) +avalli (coloured creepers) or R a n g + aavalli (row of colours). Rangoli originated in

Maharastra although today it is practised everywhere. Rangoli of Western India (Maharastra, Gujarat & Rajasthan) has a special characteristic colour-fills in contrast to the floor. In Eastern India (Bengal, Orissa) they decorate floors with Alpana, a line drawing with rice powder or paste.

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**Convent of Jesus and Mary, Ambala Cantt**



The Congregation of Jesus & Mary was founded in the year 1818 by Mille Claudine Thevenet in Lyons, France. In

the aftermath of the French Revolution many young children became orphans. The school was originally a girl's school; however, boys were admitted and could study up to Class V, while the girls studied up to Matriculation. The situation changed during the 1971 Indo-Pak conflict, when soldiers moved to the war front leaving behind their wards. A decision was taken by the school authorities, to allow boys also to continue up to Matriculation, on compassionate grounds. Since April 2007, however, the Convent has once again become a girl's school.

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### 2ND LANCERS (GARDENER'S HORSE)



2nd Lancers (Gardener's Horse) was raised as Gardener Corps of Irregular Horse by Lt. Col William Linnaeus Gardener on 12 May 1809 for police and revenue duties in the ceded and conquered provinces between Ganga and Jamuna. The regiment performed with distinction in the Nepal War in 1815, Burma campaign in 1824, Sindh in 1844, where it was presented the Musketoons and bestowed an Honorary Standard Squadron. It was also presented an Honorary Standard bearing the Insignia of the Scinde Lion for distinguished services in Sindh. Earning the nickname the "Sindh Lions" all ranks of the Regiment were authorized to wear on its accoutrements a badge representing a unique Lion "Passant Ragardant". Second Lancers (Gardener's Horse) is the only unit in the Indian Army which is authorised to bear its unique insignia of the Lion on all its vehicles during peace time.

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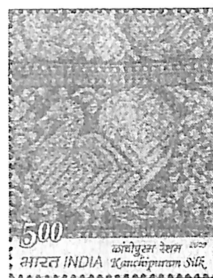
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### Traditional Indian Textiles

**Apa Tani Weaves:** The Apa Tani inhabit the lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh, in North East India. The women weave primarily for their own households - a tradition that is passed down from mother to daughter. The weaving is done in plain weave or tabby and the patterning is done using the extra weft technique. The traditional Apa Tani colours are red, green and yellow, all obtained from leaves, roots, creepers and the bark of trees.



**Kanchipuram Silks:** The figured and brocaded silk-woven saris of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu are as famous as the temples of this centre for Hindu pilgrimage. Ancient southern texts date the rich silks to the 2nd century, though many attribute the origin of the craft to the migration of weavers at different periods.



The silk industry grew with royal and temple patronage and trade facilitated by the river Palar and produced temple cloths, wall hangings and chariot decorations, furnishings and the nine-yard sari.

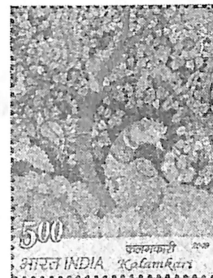
**Varanasi Brocades:** Varanasi, also called Banaras and Kashi, in Uttar Pradesh has been a cultural and religious centre for centuries, its lifeline being the sacred river Ganga. Its fame, apart from its temples, musicians etc. rests on the brocades and the versatile



Varanasi draw loom.

**Kalamkari:** The term means pen work and denotes the painted and printed textiles of Andhra Pradesh. They belong to two distinct schools: the Masulipatnam ones patronized by Muslim rulers and the Sri Kalahasti ones by Hindu temples. The former are influenced by Persian paintings and the tenets of Islam; the latter reproduce scenes from

Hindu mythology. The pen was often replaced by blocks for the repetitive patterns at Masulipatnam while Kalahasti continues to use the 'kalam' as the main tool.



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### Henry Louis Vivian Derozio

Henry Louis Vivian Derozio, was born on 10th April 1809. His use of the English language idiom and his poetry was inextricably linked with the tussle between

traditional orthodoxy and the rise of the modern free-enquiry spirit. Derozio breathed his last in December 1831.

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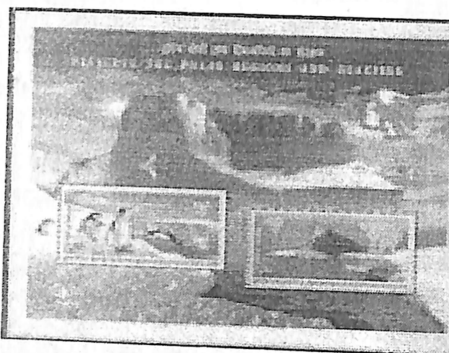
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**Preserve the Polar Regions and Glaciers**



Earth's Polar Regions, also known as Frigid Zones, at the North Pole and South Pole, are dominated

by the Polar ice caps, resting respectively on the Arctic Ocean and the continent of Antarctica. Polar weather influences climates in areas as far away as the tropics and changes will have effects across the world. Polar sea ice is currently diminishing, possibly as a result of anthropogenic Global warming. Some scientists have estimated that the Arctic basin will experience ice-free-summers by 2040 or even sooner, as the ice serves as a moderator of the planets climate, in part by deflecting heat radiation back into space. The breaking down of ice in the polar regions has resulted in an increase in temperature by 2.5 degrees Celsius over the past 50 years. Several species of living things call the Polar regions their home from tiny lichens encrusting the rocky landscapes of the Arctic tundra to huge blue whales swimming through the frigid water of the southern Ocean. Polar bears, penguins, seals, whales and walrus are just a few of the species living in these very cold regions.

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**LAL PRATAP SINGH**



The rulers of Kalakankar always fought for independence and against inequity. Among the bravest of such warriors was Lal Pratap Singh, the eldest son of Raja Hanumant Singh. During the turbulent period of 1857, when Wajid Ali Shah, ruler of Awadh, was ousted by the East

India Company and exiled to Calcutta, and Begum Hazrat Mahal took over the regency of the state for her twelve year old son, Raja Hanumant Singh was the Talukdar of Kalakankar. The East India Company had enforced a system of taxation called "Mahalwari", which involved constantly increasing revenue demands with consequences disastrous to the landlords and farmers. At the behest of the Begum, Hanumant Singh raised a battalion of 1000 soldiers under the command of his eldest son, Lal Pratap Singh. This battalion, called 'Pratap Jang', rose to action in February 1858 when the English under Colin Campbell attempted to recapture Lucknow. Lal Pratap Singh was advised to withdraw so that he could fight another day. But the brave young warrior led his troop into the final battle, of which the result was inevitable. Many brave soldiers and warriors died that day. Among them was Lal Pratap Singh for whom a glorious death was preferable to the shame of cowardice.

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**INDIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY**



The Indian Mathematical Society (IMS) is the oldest scientific society in India founded on 4th April 1907 by Shri V. Ramaswamy Aiyar, the Deputy Collector in the



services of the then Madras Province with twenty members with its Headquarters at Pune. The society was then known as 'Analytic Club' and later changed to 'Indian Mathematical Club'. Professor B.Hanumantha Rao was the first President of the Society from 1907-1912. The Society publishes two periodicals, The Journal of the Indian Mathematical Society (JIMS) and The Mathematics Student (MS). In order to encourage and inspire the young and budding research workers, the society holds, during its Annual Conferences, a special session of paper presentation competition for various prizes to be awarded to the best research paper presented in each of the specified areas as stipulated.

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**Venkataramana Bhagvathar**



Venkataramana Bhagvathar was born on 18 February 1781 as the fifth son of Kuppiah Nannusamy Bhagvathar at Ayyampet in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu. Venkataramana Bhagvathar had himself written hundreds of kritis

on palm leaves. He wrote Dhyana Sioka, Adiguru Stotra Panchakam, and Thiagaraja Mangalashtakam all in praise of Saint Thiagaraja. He also wrote "Sri Thiagarajashtakam" which is being rendered at the end of all concerts during the Thiagaraja Music Festivals. "Nowka Charitam", an opera written in Telugu by Saint Thiagaraja was later rendered in Sanskrit by Venkataramana Bhagvathar. Venkataramana Bhagvathar was not only a musician and composer of great eminence, but also a great preceptor. He had a chain of disciples, which was later popularly known as 'Walajapet Chain Disciples'. Venkataramana Bhagvathar passed away on Tuesday, the 15th December, 1874 at the age of 93.

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**Maharaja Surajmal**



Maharaja Surajmal was born on 13th February 1707 (Magh Mahina, Shukla Paksha Dashmi, Samvat 1763). He was the son of Maharaja Badan Singh and his wife Rani Devaki. He established an independent Bharatpur state and built historical temples and buildings in Bharatpur, Deeg, Kumher, Vair and near Delhi. Maharaja Surajmal earned a name for bravery in his youth by winning the Chandros (Aligarh) "Kaul" battle killing Asad Khan in 1747. On 12th June 1761, he won Agra and Farruk Nagar in 1763 by defeating Baluchs. He respected all sects of religion. He loved art and traditions. He was a great builder -Deeg fort, Nawal Singh's Haveli & Jawahar Singh's Chhatri in Agra Fort are examples. Maharaja Surajmal ruled over Bharatpur, the state of which then included Dholpur, Agra, Etah, Etawah, Farruk Nagar, Mainpuri, Aligarh, Bulandshahar, Khurja, Meerut, Kanpur, Gurgawa, Rohtak, Jhajjar, Bahadurgarh, Rewari, Neemrana, Mewat, Alwar, Faridabad, Ballabhagarh and Mathura. It was one of the biggest state of the time.

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**Exhibition News  
 INDEPEX-2011**

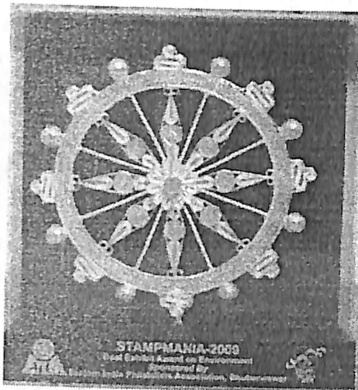
A good news for the philatelists of India. The India International Philatelic Exhibition, INDEPEX-2011 will be held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 18 to 28, February, 2011. The detailed rules for participation and other matters will be notified later.

**STAMPMANIA-2009**

The 1st National one frame philatelic exhibition was held at Vadodra from 18-20, December, 2009. The

exhibition was organised by the Baroda Philatelic Society with active support of the Department of Posts. The exhibits of philatelists from all over India were displayed in 448 frames. Three special covers were released during the exhibition. Besides a number of philatelic activities were also conducted successfully. Orissa has represented with a quite good number of philatelists both in Senior and Youth Class. Out of 34 philatelists participated 27 awards have been received in different classes i.e. One Diamond, Six Ruby, Nine Emerald, Nine Sapphire and Two Topaz. The list of awards received by Orissa Philatelists are shown separately.

### EIPA Award for STAMPMANIA-2009



EIPA Award

As per the decision of the Annual General Body meeting of EIPA held on 8-11-09 a special Award for the best exhibit on Environment had been instituted and kept under the disposal of the Jury members of STAMPMANIA-2009. This exhibit was



The son of Mr. Srivastav receiving the EIPA Award

awarded to Mr. Ajay Kumar Srivastav for his exhibit titled "Climate Change"

### Special discount for Life membership of EIPA

During Stamp mania-2009 there was a 50% discount for the Life membership of EIPA as per the decision of the Governing Body of EIPA. Hence the fees has reduced from Rs.1000/- to Rs.500/- at the venue during the exhibition.

### New Governing Body of EIPA

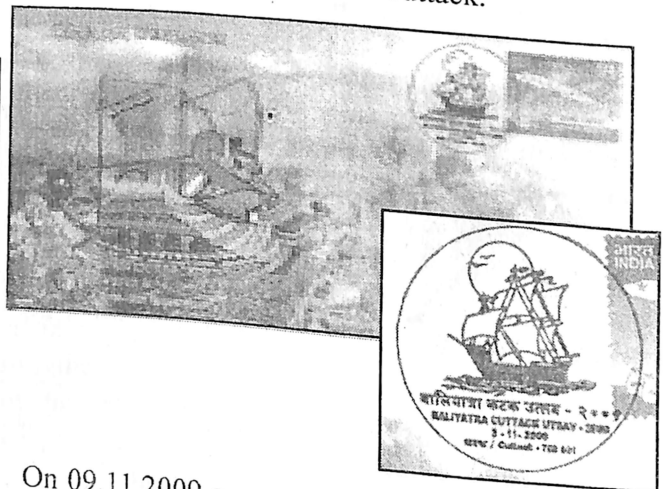
The Annual General Body Meeting of the Eastern India Philatelists' Association was held on 08.11.09.

During the meeting the new Governing Body of the Association was formed comprising of 20 members. The members elected to the new Governing Body are: Bijoyshree Routray, Debashis Mitra, Ajit Kumar Dash, Anup Kumar Raut, Anil Kumar Dhir, Bijoy Kumar Biswal & Shanti Swarup Rath, Dr. Bihudatta Mishra, Manoranjan Mohanty all from Bhubaneswar, Ajay Kumar Barik, Manoj Kumar Mohapatra and Dr. Pradeep Kumar Padhi all from Cuttack, Santanu Panigrahi (Sambalpur), Kamal Chakraborty (Bolangir), Dr.Prana Chand Panda & Pramod Kumar Saraf both from Berhampur(Gm), Bibhuti Bhusan Patnaik (Rengali), Akhaya Kumar Nayak (Keonjhar), Chitta Ranjan Das (Rourkela), H.B.Ojha(Dhenkanal) and Biswanath Mishra (Boudh). The office bearers to the New GB will be elected later.

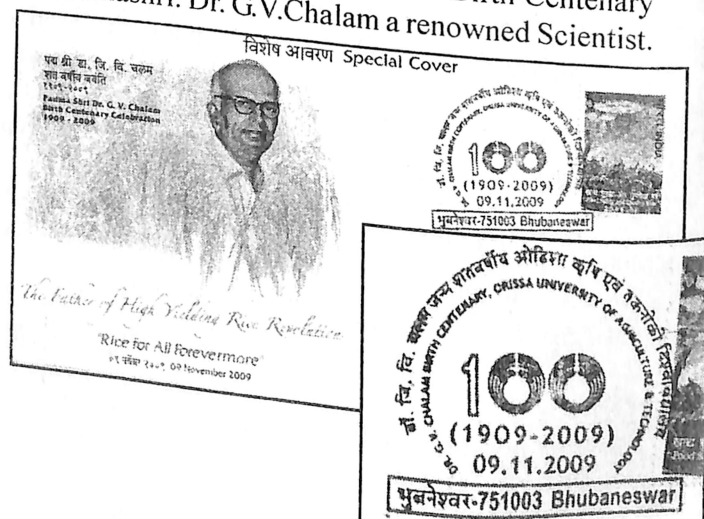
### Special Cover Released in Orissa

During November two special covers were released in Orissa.

On 02.11.2009 one special cover was released on the occasion of *Baliyatra* at Cuttack.



On 09.11.2009 a special cover was released by the Chief Minister, Orissa to mark the Birth Centenary of Padmashri. Dr. G.V.Chalam a renowned Scientist.



### Achievement of Orissa Philatelists in Stampmania-2009

Sl No.	Name of Participant	Exhibit Title	AWARD
1.	Subhankar Tripathy	Red Cross - Anywhere for Every One	DIAMOND
2.	Gangadhar Tripathy	Portuguese India - Through Philately	RUBY
3.	A nil Kumar Dhir	Edged in Black	RUBY
4.	Anup Kumar Raut	Gwalior State Cancellations	RUBY
5.	Gangadhar Tripathy	Buddhist Sites in UNESCO World Heritage	RUBY
6.	Santanu Panigrahi	Bonai State	RUBY
7.	Mrs Biraj Laxmi Mohanty	Indian languages in fiscal stamps of India	RUBY
8.	Bijoy Kumar Biswal	Portuguese India	EMERALD
9.	Bijoyshree Routray	Global Warming	EMERALD
10.	Moloy Sarkar	Wah Taj	EMERALD
11.	Miss. Ojaswita	Children's Day	EMERALD
12.	Mrs. Sasmita Raut	Eagles	EMERALD
13.	Ashutosh Panda	Cricket - The Game I Like Much	EMERALD
14.	Miss. Pallavi Saraf	Jewels of India - Bharat Ratna	EMERALD
15.	Pradip Mohanty	A Communication - to be extinct	EMERALD
16.	Akshyaya Kumar Nayak	Tiny Flower that speaks	EMERALD
17.	Mrs. Jeevan Jyoti	Taj Mahal - The Pride of India	SAPPHIRE
18.	Pradeep Kumar Padhi	Ramayana - The Great Indian Ballet	SAPPHIRE
19.	H. B. Ojha	Birds and Climate Change	SAPPHIRE
20.	Pramod Kumar Saraf	Feathered Wonders	SAPPHIRE
21.	Kiran Kumar Patra	Feel it But don't touch it.	SAPPHIRE
22.	Shanti Swarup Rath	Countdown to Extinction	SAPPHIRE
23.	Mrs. Jeevan Jyoti	Conveying Greetings in different forms	SAPPHIRE
24.	Shital Pradhan	Sikkim through Philately	SAPPHIRE
25.	Dilip Kumar Panda	Football - My Favorite Game	SAPPHIRE
26.	Vikas Singh	Darjeeling Himalayan Railway- A world heritage site	TOPAZ
27.	Bibhudatta Mishra	The Underwater Paradise	TOPAZ

Besides the following special Awards were received by the Orissa Philatelists

1. Subhankar Tripathy DIAMOND + Samyakta Award for Best Innovative Exhibit (Class: 3.2)
2. Anil Kumar Dhir RUBY + Samyakta Award for Best Innovative Exhibit
3. Miss. Ojaswita EMERALD + American Topical Association Award - Second Prize (Class: 3.1)
4. Miss. Pallavi Saraf EMERALD + American Topical Association - Second Prize (Class: 3.2)
5. Bijoy Kumar Biswal EMERALD + American Topical Association Award - Third Prize
6. Kiran Kumar Patra SAPPHIRE + American Topical Association Award - Second (Class: 3.3)

#### Thanks Mr. Pandya.

Congratulation to all our award winners of Stampmania-2009 who have elevated the name of Orissa on National Philatelic scenario. It is hoped that they will maintain same tempo for future exhibitions. The philatelists who couldn't receive any award in the above exhibition should try to improve their exhibits as they had an opportunity to show their exhibits in a national platform and interact with senior philatelists and jury members at the venue. This year ORPEX is likely to be held before the INDEPEX-2011. Hence our members are requested to prepare themselves for the exhibitions. It is hoped that Orissa will represent maximum exhibits for the International Philatelic Exhibition to be held at New Delhi from 18-28, February, 2011. This is the first occasion that the results of a National exhibition has published very promptly in the website. The efforts made by Mr. Prasant Pandya and his team

members are praise worthy. Mr Pandya has taken all care to maintain the Stampmania-2009 web site perfectly even after completion of the exhibition which has facilitated the philatelists to know the results of the exhibitions. Generally it is very difficult to know the results after completion of an exhibition. But Mr. Pandya has taken much pain and care to publish the results with photographs nicely which has helped to track the awards of the exhibition quickly. More over this was the first one frame National Philatelic Exhibition with the approval of Department of Post which will be a beacon light for others. The exhibition ended with full of Philatelic activities with release of several special covers and other stationery. It is hoped that this exhibition has left a foot print on the international philatelic community as evident from the special awards sponsored by American Topical Association and others. Thanks to Mr. Pandya again and to hope for similar activities in future.

November-December

### New Members of EIPA

The following new life members joined to our EIPA family during November-December, 2009



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Philatelic interest: *India, Orissa, Nature*



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Philatelic interest: *Environment, Science*

The following youth member has renewed his membership to a Life Member of EIPA.

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Membership No: **LR-10**

Philatelic interest: *Wild cats, Burrowing creatures, Trees*

### Other International Philatelic Exhibitions

**London 2010** International Philatelic Exhibition

May 8 - 15, London, United Kingdom

Web Site: <http://www.london2010.org.uk/>

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**ANTVERPIA 2010** Venue:-Antwerp / Belgium,

Date: 09.-12.04.10, website: [www.antverpia2010.com](http://www.antverpia2010.com)

**PLANETE TIMBRE 2010** Paris / France, Date:  
12.-20 June.10

**PHILALUX 2010** Venue:-Luxembourg /

Luxembourg, Date: 01.-04.07.10 [www.philalux.lu](http://www.philalux.lu)

**PORTUGAL 2010** Venue:-Lisbon / Portugal, Date:  
01-10.10.10 [www.portugal2010.pt](http://www.portugal2010.pt)

**JOBURG 2010** Venue:-Johannesburg / South  
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