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Commemorative Stamps Issued In 2009

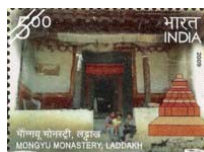
A commemorative stamp is a postage stamp issued to honour or commemorate a place, event or a person. Most of the postal services in the world issue several of these each year, often holding first day of issue ceremonies at locations connected with the subjects. Commemorative stamps are printed in limited quantity. These are usually used alongside ordinary or regular-issue stamps of the time, although in some cases their use has been obligatory.

A list of commemorative stamps issued so far by **India Post** in this year 2009 is given below.

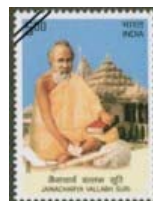
1	Jan 4	Louis Braille, Birth Bicentenary	10	Feb 5	National Girl Child Day
2	Jan 21	Vaikom Muhammad Basheer	11	Feb 9	Santaji Jagnade
3	Jan 25	Saint Paul's Church, Chennai.	12	Feb 9	Magh
4	Jan 28	Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH	13	Feb 11	Postal Life Insurance, 125th Anniversary
5	Jan 28	Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH	14	Feb 21	Vallabh Suri
6	Jan 28	Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH	15	Feb 28	Harakh Chand Nahata
7	Jan 28	Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH	16	Mar 1	Medical Council of India
8	Jan 31	Bishnu Prasad Rabha	17	Mar 6	Plerospermum Acerifolium
9	Feb 3	Steel Authority of India			



1-Louis Braille, Birth Bicentenary, 3-Saint Paul's Church, Chennai, 8-Bishnu Prasad Rabha, 17-Plerospermum Acerifolium



16-Medical Council of India, 15-Harakh Chand Nahata, 4-Mangu Monastery, 5-Saint Annie's Church, 2-Muhammad Basheer



10-National Girl Child Day, 11-Santaji Jagnade, 12-Magh, 13-Postal Life Insurance, 14-Vallabh Suri, 9-Steel Authority of India



6-Jaisalmer Fort

7-Qila Mubarak

The stamps shown here is 70% of their original size except the diamond shaped Steel Authority of India stamp which is 50% of its original size.



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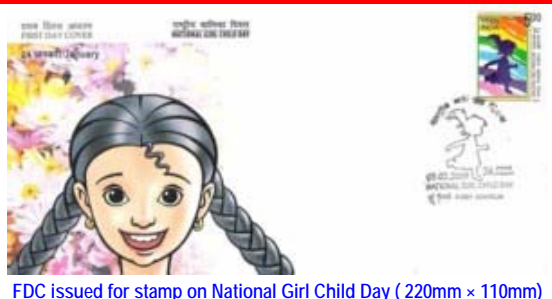
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Each stamp issued is accompanied by an information leaflet which contains the technical details of the stamp and the background on which the stamp was issued. Normally the literature in the leaflet will be based on the proposal given by the recommending organization for the issue of the stamp. The issued stamp will be accompanied by a **First Day Cover(FDC)**, consisting of a design (cachet) and a special cancellation (post mark) which is

Provided on the stamp only on the date of issue. Stamps issued on Heritage Monuments Preservation by INTACH was accompanied by a miniature sheet. All stamps issued so far were of Rs.5/- denomination only.



FDC issued for stamp on National Girl Child Day (220mm x 110mm)



FLASH LIGHT

Commemorative Stamps Issued In 2008

Year 2008 was a memorable one. The year started with a **National Stamp Exhibition** for the first time at Chennai. First Hexagonal shaped stamp was issued. Third series of scented stamps (Jasmine) was issued. Stamp issued on Civil Services was an embossed stamp. 10 stamps were issued on Tamilnadu theme.

In 2008, 79 stamps in 55 issues with a **Cumulative Face Value (CFV)** of Rs.525/-, 16 **Miniature sheets** (CFV-Rs.335/-), 18 **sheetlets** (CFV-Rs.1825/-) and 4 **Maxim cards** for Andaman butterflies were issued.

The rarity wave created by the release of Madhubala and Sai Baba stamps has shown the Indian stamp world the monetary benefit behind philately and as a result, **Philatelic Bureau's** in post offices had unexpected increase in new **Philatelic Deposit Accounts (PDA)**. This also made the India Post to increase the face value of the miniature sheet for 5 rupees stamp as Rs.15/- or Rs.20/-.

In 2008, most of the issues were not in stands in time. Apart from the late issues, the miniature sheet for the hexagonal stamp which was scheduled to be released on 2nd August has not been released so far.

At least this year, let us hope to receive the stamps and related materials in time.



Glossary of new terms

India Post: It is the only organization (central government) entitled to print and issue stamps and its related materials. It is also responsible for collection and distribution of postal letters, parcels etc. It was formally known as India Post and Telegraph Department.

National Stamp Exhibition: It is the display of collected stamp and related materials by stamp collectors. Best collection will be rewarded. It is organized by India Post in an interval of not more than 5 years in various cities of India.

Miniature sheet: It is a small group of postage stamps still attached to the sheet on which they are printed. It can have a single stamp or stamps of different designs. Number of stamps can vary from 1 to 20.

Sheetlet: A complete sheet of stamps printed with design on the sheet margin related to the issue. It can have a single stamp or different stamps of the same issue.

Maxim cards: It is a maxi size postcard printed with the stamp design on the letter writing side. It can be posted, fixed with appropriate stamps.

Philatelic Bureau: A section of the post office (mainly in head post office) which deals with the distribution of issued stamps and related materials to the stamp collectors.

PDA: It is the account created in post office philatelic bureau by a stamp collector by depositing an initial amount of Rs.200/-. New stamps issued by India will be sent to the collectors by free registered post.

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