



15th August 2009 – 63rd Independence Day

Special Cover, Stamp Booklet, Flags Sticker & ‘Treasure of Knowledge’ Release Function - Report

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Release function of Special Cover and a Stamp Booklet on 63rd Independence Day was the first event of Stampmania 2009. As informed earlier these philatelic items were released as a part of Stampmania 2009 on 15th August 2009.

Release function was organised at Vadodara Head Post Office, with the support and help of India Post.

Shri N. D. Prajapati, Sr. Superintendent of Post Offices, Vadodara (East) Division delivered welcome speech. Mr. Timir Shah, Secretary, Baroda Philatelic Society presented flower bouquet to the Guests.

Mr. Prashant Pandya, President, Baroda Philatelic Society, gave information about the event, Special Cover, Stamp Booklet, Flag Sticker and ‘Treasure of Knowledge’ Booklet.

As a part of Stampmania 2009 events and to promote the hobby amongst the school children, we have decided to have one competition for school children. We have prepared a booklet named ‘Treasure of Knowledge’. This booklet has small write up about stamp collecting, thematic collection and pictorial guidance how to handle the stamps and using stamp hinges. 20 interesting themes have been selected by us and short educational description about these 20 themes has been given in booklet. Students have to find stamps on these 20 different subjects. 5 pages with boxes have been provided in the booklet to affix these 20 stamps and also space for writing few lines about the subject and stamp has been provided below each box. We have planned to circulate 1000 such booklets in Schools and school children have to send completed booklet to us before 30th October 2009. Best 5 Entries will be awarded at STAMPMANIA 2009 and all other school children will also be given token prizes.

The Special Cover, a Stamp Booklet and a strip of Flag Stickers were released by Shri A. K. A. Joshi, Postmaster General of Vadodara Region.

This ‘Treasure of Knowledge’ booklet was released by Dr. Alok Pande, Director Postal Services, Vadodara Region.

Shri A. K. A. Joshi, Postmaster General, Vadodara Region and Dr. Alok Pande Director Postal Services, Vadodara Region appreciated the efforts of Baroda Philatelic Society for the promotion of philately and organizing the First National One Frame Philatelic Exhibition – Stampmania 2009 at Vadodara.

Shri K. R. Raval, Sr. Postmaster, Vadodara Head Post Office conveyed vote of thanks and Smt. Pratimaben Desai, O.A., Vadodara (East Division) was the master of ceremony. The function was well attended by Philatelists of Baroda, Ahmedabad, Surat, Staff of India Post, local guests and members of media.

The Function was concluded after recitation of National Anthem and Light Refreshment.

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