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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This time only one of us, Madhukar, will be away to Seoul for coverage  
of PHILAKOREA 2002 world stamp exhibition, 67<sup>th</sup> FIP Congress, and other  
events.

He may be contacted by email [madhukar.1@email.com](mailto:madhukar.1@email.com)

Issue # 77 of August 8, 2002 would also be short and sweet and we would  
be back full strength from issue # 78.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A STAMP FOR DHIRUBHAI AMBANI

It's barely a fortnight since Dhirubhai Ambani passed away, but the  
Indian Postal Department and Pramod Mahajan, Union minister for  
communications and information technology, have already decided to  
accord him a unique tribute - issue a stamp in his honor.

Though they will have to waive a few rules in the process as a stamp  
can be issued in a person's honor only 10 years after his death. "But  
he has done so much for Mumbai and Indian industry," said an official  
at the General Post Office (GPO), Mumbai.

W S Janbandhu, chief public relations officer, GPO, said the Philatelic Advisory Committee, based in Delhi, will have to finally rule on whether the stamp should be issued or not. "In the case of Ambani, no proposal has been forwarded from the Mumbai post office. However, we have sent some newspaper clippings to Delhi announcing the decision to issue the stamp."

Mahajan recently declared that the commemorative stamp will be issued. The authorities will have to waive the postal guideline that states, "No postal stamp will be issued sooner than 10 years after the individual's death, and an exception will be made only in the case of deceased heads of state."

There have been other cases in which this rule has been waived, though none were announced quicker than the Ambani decision. Dhirubhai died on July 6.

In the case of Prabodhankar Thackeray, Bal Thackeray's father, a decision to issue the stamp was taken while there were still a few years for a decade to pass after his death. Same was the case with P L Deshpande, the Marathi playwright.

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, Part 19  
This column would resume from issue # 78.

READERS FORUM

R P OSWAL, Ludhiana

As you have mentioned ... that Postal stationery like Post Cards, Inland Letter Cards and Aerogrammes with different advertisement is scheduled to be issued during August 2002 on different dates. I tried with our local G.P.O. at Ludhiana but they do not know about any forthcoming issue of the Postal Stationery.

So I like to know from where I can buy/procure the same. Please give me the details.

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