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Hi

Week after week we bring you news, views and opinions gathered from
different sources and present them on the singular platform of this
newsletter.

Yet the most challenging part of the newsletter is this section where we
present new ideas and opinions that are based on news, activities and
trends. We hope that we have been able to innovate and keep you
informed at the same time.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW STAMPS RELEASED

IISWBM, Kolkata

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs5 to commemorate India's oldest Business School, the Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management Kolkata, on April 25, 2004.

From time immemorial, India has a tradition of responsible institutions that have had as their aim the bringing out of sound individuals over and above sound scholars. From the ancient times to the modern institutions of learning, the common thread has been the exacting standards for students as well as the centers being not merely givers of knowledge but also centers to foster excellence.

The Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISWBM) falls in the same genre of institutions. It was established in 1953 and was the first Institute in the country to start Post Graduate Diploma course in Business Management. Today it offers Masters in Business Management, Post Graduate Diploma in Business and Human Resource Management as well as specialization in Health Care, Transport and Logistics, Environment and Energy Management. It holds an impeccable image for quality and exemplary education.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamp and the First Day Cover and Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs2 each.

Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by Photo Offset in the quantity of 0.8 million in the sheets of 40 stamps.

INS Tarangini

India Post released a stamp and a miniature sheet in the denomination of Rs5 to commemorate the Circumnavigation Voyage of Indian Naval Ship Tarangini, on April 25, 2004.

INS Tarangini - the three masted barque with the primary role of training cadets of the Indian Navy - reliving the saga of ancient mariners sailed through the choppy seas and completed the goodwill circumnavigation voyage on April 25, 2004. Designed by the famous naval architect and yacht designer Colin Muddie and built by the Goa Shipyard, it was commissioned in 1997.

The sail training is increasingly used to provide first hand experience of the vagaries of the sea to cadets who are embarking on a naval career. All sailing maneuvers require experience of the basic elements of marine environment viz. wind and weather. The objective of the circumnavigation voyage is not just to teach cadets seamanship, navigation, astro-navigation, semaphore and Morse signaling but also to inculcate in them courage, camaraderie and endurance. The voyage that began on January 23, 2003 called on 36 ports in 18 countries and covered six continents. True to its name INS Tarangini made waves by her consistent and superlative performance where ever it visited and

participated in events and races and proved to be a true ambassador of the nation.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamp and the First Day Cover and Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs2 each.

Madras Security Printers Limited printed the stamps by Photo Offset in the quantity of 0.8 million in the sheetlets of 20 stamps. The Miniature sheet was printed in the quantity of 50,000.

Baji Rao Peshwa

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs5 to commemorate a great General and statesman of 18<sup>th</sup> century Baji Rao Peshwa, on April 25, 2004.

His appointment as Peshwa by Chhatrapati Shahu was recognition of his precocious ability as a soldier and statesman. Born in 1698 he was trained by his able father in the art of battle. He established the supremacy of the Marathas in the Deccan and extended their power substantially in the North. His success lay in his character in his able leadership, his persistent energy, single mindedness, faith and courage as well as the total understanding of the political situation made him an exemplary general. His soldiers were renowned for their swift movement, discipline and austerity. He led by example and rewarded merit while simultaneously following a stringent code of discipline at work.

Alka Sharma designed the stamp, the First Day Cover the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs2 each.

India Security Press of Nashik printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.4 million in the sheets of 35 stamps.

Visit the following link for illustrations:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/News/2004/166a.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

May 15 - Siddhar Swamigal, Rs5

May 27 - Professor Dr Indra Chandra Shastri, Rs5
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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following two Meghdoot post cards were released recently:

Ad in English - Department of Tourism, Pondicherry Government

Ad in Tamil - Pondicherry Power Corporation

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Visit the following link for illustrations:

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POSTAL STATIONERY NEW ISSUES

The following postal stationery with advertisement is recently released in April 2004 or scheduled for release in May 2004.

The information in the listing is presented in following format:

Date, Printer, Language, Message, Quantity in million, Remarks

'M' denotes multicolor printing.

April

Inland Letter Card - MAHABALIPURAM, 250 Paise, Blue  
3, ISP, Tamil, Cleanliness, 1, M  
17, SPP, English, Karvy the Finapolis, 1  
17, SPP, Telugu, Education, 1  
20, SPP, Kannada, 1

Post Card - MAHABALIPURAM, 50 Paise, Brown  
17, SPP, Telugu, Education, 1

Visit the following link for illustrations:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/News/2004/166c.htm>

May

Inland Letter Card - MAHABALIPURAM, 250 Paise, Blue  
3, ISP, Vasanth & Co., 1, M

Post Card - MAHABALIPURAM, 50 Paise, Brown  
17, SPP, BSNL Tamilnadu, 1

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AUCTION ACTION

Rohini Andhare's Postal Auction Sale #5 is due on June 10, 2004. The 106 page catalogue has 3502 lots with more than 120 illustrations and contains all types of philately elements from Pre Covers to Thematic and Cinderella.

The copies of the Catalogue are sent free to all genuine bidders. This time limited copies of the catalogue have been printed due to excessive cost of printing and postage.

Please write to P O Box #21, Behind Luthra Hospital Nehrunagar, Bilaspur 495 001 or email to crandhare@yahoo.com for your copy of the catalog.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 17, 2004, Chennai, Thematic Exhibition of Japanese & Indian Stamps

CALENDAR OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The following list of events scheduled for next few months is subject to change. We update it in every issue with the information received during the week. The organizers may be contacted for further details.

May 1-2, Kolkata, Stamp Fair - 11am to 7pm and 10am to 4pm  
Rotary Sadan, 94/2 Chowringhee Road, Kolkata, Near Nehru Children Museum

May 6-9, Dhanbad, Jharkhand State Level  
Jury - R S Gandhi & R D Binani  
Special Postmarks: Sal Tree, Dancers legs, Coal Washery, & Mobile Phone

June, Nainital

For a list of events held this year, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Events/a300.htm>

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

JPS PHILATELIC BULLETIN, Whole # 152, Quarterly
Editor: Ashok Kumar Tiwary
Publisher: Jamshedpur Philatelic Society
Address: P O Box 86, Jamshedpur 831001

Annual Subscription (India): Rs100

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested four persons, Mantoo Sharma, Vimal Kumar, Pappu Shaw and Deepak Choudhary for allegedly possessing and selling fake non-judicial stamp papers in Kolkata on April 25, 2004. CBI sleuths recovered fake non-judicial stamp papers of Rs 2.5 million from them. CBI is probing their links, if any, with multi-billion fake stamp scam of Telgi.

Two Delhi Police officials, inspector Pooran Singh and sub-inspector Gaurav Aggarwal arrested on February 22, 2004 in connection with the fake stamp scam were granted bail by a city court on April 23, 2004 after the CBI failed to file a charge sheet against them within the statutory 60-day period from their arrest. Special judge H P Sharma granted bail on furnishing a personal bond of Rs 100,000 each and Rs 100,000 surety as well.

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FREE ADVERTISEMENTS

The Advertising Supplement to 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is available on-line <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Ads/ads.htm>

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<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please do let us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

PROFESSOR PREM MOHAN LAKHOTIA, Jaipur  
Author, Writer, Personal Growth Guide, Communication Consultant

Really enjoying your weekly publication.

As a hobbyist, I have often felt that senior philatelists (the category in which I used to be included some years ago), now mostly turned in Philatelic traders and our own great postal department has murdered the hobby.

Isn't too much of specialization and professional etiquette enough to dispel the romance of a pursuit of heart and mind?

It was an English Prime Minister who said, any thing on large scale becomes a matter for nationalization. Any thing on very large scale in Independent India becomes an origin of scandals and corrupt trading. The example in question is Stamp Scandal.

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Guide/Misc/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Guide/Misc/cybercrime.htm>

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

PRICE RISE FOR LETTERS COMES UNSTUCK  
By Julie Middleton, The New Zealand Herald, April 6, 2004

A miscalculation by New Zealand Post means customers will save 5c on every letter until stocks of 5c stamps are replenished.

New postage rates came into effect yesterday, increasing the price of standard mail 5c to 45c.

But people trying to buy a 5c stamp to go with their old stocks of 40c stamps found they had run out.

NZ Post letters manager Peter Fenton said there was a "massive demand", which had taken the company by surprise.

"We are advising customers who are unable to purchase 5c stamps to go with their 40c stamp, that we will deliver their letter as normal."

About 10 per cent of NZ Post's 150 outlets across New Zealand had run out of 5c stamps, he said. It was not possible to know the situation in another 165 Post Shops and 700 Post Centres which were privately owned.

"Customers have been buying 5c stamps in bigger bulk than we anticipated," said NZ Post spokesman Ian Long.

"We printed an extra two million 5c stamps in the past couple of months in preparation for this, and that would be probably about 10 times more than would be sold in a year. We were expecting a rush, but it certainly surprised us."

He said newly printed stamps would be available in the next week.

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STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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