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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

A very long weekend ahead for most people in India due to several  
festivals coming together but We, this time, plan to stay in the city  
and brave all the noise and air pollution.

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

- M&SJ

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Please send your queries in detail (images welcome) on all matters related to Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to find an answer for you.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

November 14: Children's Day, Rs5
November 23: Walchand Hirachand, Rs5
November 25: Dula Bhaya Kag, Rs5
November 28: Aga Khan Award for Architecture: Agra Fort 2004, Rs

TENNETI VISWANATHAM STAMP RELEASED

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on the freedom fighter Tenneti Viswanatham on his 25th death anniversary on November 10, 2004.

Viswanatham, 1895-1979, was influenced by Dr Annie Besant, Sri Aurobindo, and Rabindranath Tagore. He joined the Non-Cooperation Movement of Mahatma Gandhi in 1922 and dedicated his life for the national cause. He also participated in Salt Satyagraha in 1930, Individual Satyagraha in 1940 and quit India Movement in 1942.

He was elected to Madras Legislative Assembly in 1937 in the first ever elections held. Later he was Minister in Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly. He became a member of parliament in 1967. He served in many capacities including as the Chairman of the Company Law Board and All India Coffee Board.

He was the author of the historic 18 volume report on Zamindari Abolition that became the basis of all India land reforms. He was instrumental in setting up Kishna Barrage, Nagarjuna Sagar project, Sri Venkateswara University, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.

He was a Vedic, Sanskrit, and Telugu scholar, spiritualist, litterateur, linguist, author, poet, and dramatist. Moreover he was a simple and honest man who rejected the lure of office, political pension to freedom fighters, and awards. He donated his land to Bhoodan Movement of Vinoba Bhave.

Bharti Mirchandani designed the stamps 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 Rs 2 each. India Security Press printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.6 million each.

POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

New Arrivals:

September 27: Aerogramme with advertisement, in English, Daman Tourism, 1 million, India Security Press, Nashik Road, Multicolor

November 1: Inland Letter Card with advertisement, in Tamil, Protect Human Rights, 1 million, India Security Press, Nashik Road, Multicolor

NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following two Meghdoot post cards with advertisement of the State Bank of India were recently released:

Ad in Hindi - Kisan (farmers) Credit Card
Ad in Hindi - Rural Home Loans Scheme

PCI COURT CASES UPDATE

The suit filed by Rajesh Varma against Philatelic Congress of India in 2004 came up for hearing on November 5, 2004. The next date of hearing was fixed for January 15, 2005.

RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

October 1: Bangalore, 150 years of Indian Postage Stamp

October 1: Hyderabad, 50th Wild Life Week

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

November 17-19, New Delhi, District Level & State Level Youth

Venue: Russian Centre for Science & Culture, Feroze Shah Road

Contact: Ravi Pahwa, Mobile 0 98684 43685

Bulletin 1 is now available. Dealers Booth Fee is Rs 2500.

November 18-19, Thodupuzha, IDUKKIPEX

Venue:

Contact: Superintendent of Post Offices Idukki Division, Thodupuzha,

Phone: 04896 222282/222281

November 19-21, Gwalior, Stamps and Coins

Venue:

Contact:

November 22-23, New Delhi, Mini Exhibition [CORRECTED DATES]

Venue: Army School, Delhi Cantonment [NEW VENUE]

Contact: Major Sundaram, Phone 011 2614 0661

November 25-27, Bhopal, District Level [NEW DATES]

Venue: Kamla Nehru Girls H S School, T T Nagar

Contact: C D Mandsorwale (Secretary) Tel 0755-2772989, 2531206, 2770239.

For Hotel Bookings - Saleem M Khan (Philatelist) Mobile 0 9826426280

Dealer Stalls are available for Rs1500

November 29-30, Patiala, District Level

Venue:

Contact:

December 4-5, Sholapur, District Level

Venue:

Contact:

CHILDREN'S DAY AT AMRITSAR

A Stamp Design Contest along with a Philatelic Show will be organized on Children's Day, November 14, 2004 jointly by Amritsar Philatelic Club and Amritsar Postal Division. About 200 Children from 20 schools will be participating in the event. A Philatelic Exhibition by the members of Amritsar Philatelic Club and a workshop by the Club Secretary Rishi Kochhar will also be organized to educate the students about stamp collection. Prizes to 1st three entries will be given along with Participation Certificate to all the participants. India Post will also set up a counter for selling stamps. This will be the first philatelic event under the new Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Amritsar Division, K L Kalosia, who has recently joined.

The Club is planning to release its First Issue of Newsletter during the function of Children's Day at GPO Amritsar. Please contact

rishikochar@hotmail.com with "Newsletter" in subject line to get more

information. A sample copy shall be available against Rs.5 mint (commemorative) stamps from Rishi Kochhar 145/2, Gali Telian. Chowk Chintpurni. Amritsar 143006.

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INDIA STUDY CIRCLE WEB SITE

Paul Jenkins has taken over from Ron Rice as the new webmaster of India Study Circle's web site. Jenkins has reorganized and updated the site and it available at <http://www.indiastudycircle.org>.

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PAPER FOR INDIA SECURITY PRESS

India Security Press is inviting applications from paper manufacturing mills to register for supply of paper for three years. The paper requirements include paper with rag content that is used to manufacture postal articles, cheques, and other government stationery. The last date to submit applications to the General Manager, India Security Press, Nashik Road 422101, is November 23, 2004.

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NEPAL NEW ISSUES

Nepal issued two sets on November 3, 2004 - a set of 4 stamps in the denomination of Rs 10 each on biodiversity and a set of 2 stamps in the denomination of Rs 5 each on personalities.

Biodiversity Series

1. Rufous Piculrt Woodpecker - Sasia Ochracea Hodgson

A diminutive (10 cm), dumpy, stub tailed bird, very unlikely the conventional woodpecker. Resident, not uncommon, but unobtrusive and easily overlooked, in the Himalayas from Garhwal eastward through Kumaon, Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan - Altitude range: 250-2135 meters.

2. Giant Atlas Moth - Attacus Atlas Linnaeus

wing span male 200 to 279 mm, female 160 to 300 mm. The giant moth is distributed throughout the oriental region. The female of this well known and beautiful moth is the largest moth in the world in terms of wing area. In Nepal it is found in the eastern and central hills at 900 to 2500 meters between May and September, often common, especially in Eastern Nepal.

3. Serma Guru - plant in the family gentianaceae

It is 04 - 20 cm tall perennial herb. The leaves are 01- 01.25 cm in diameter and are blue or deep purple. The fruit is a capsule up to 01 - 01.25 cm long. The seeds are small, redish-brown, and ellipsoid. The plant flowers from April to July. It is distributed throughout alpine region from 4000 to 4900 meters in the Himalayas of Nepal and also in Sikkim. The juice of the plant is used for clotting of blood in fresh wounds to prevent infections. The roots are also used to heal fresh wounds.

4. Jumli Marsi - High Altitude Rice - Oryza Sativa Linn

It is a plant belonging to the family poaceae. It is medium tall - 80 - 110 cm annual plant. The plant is dark green in color and of spreading type. It flowers in 140 -150 days and mature in 180 - 210 days after sowing with average yield of 02.2 tons per hectare. The grain is coarse type, black in color with reddish pericarp. It is a cold tolerant rice landrace grown at the highest recorded elevation of 3,050 meters above sea level in Jumla. It is extensively used as a donor parent to develop cold tolerant rice varieties in rice breeding and improvement program.

The stamps are designed K K Karmacjarya and printed in four colors by offset lithography by Austrian Government Printing Office, Vienna, Austria in sheets of 16 in the quantity of 0.25 million each.

Personality Series

1. Yogi Narahari Nath

Yogi Narahari Nath was born in 1971 b.s. in the Lalu V D C Kalikot as Balbir Sinha Thapa. He was educated in accordance with the tradition of the Nath Sect of Chandan Nath Math. Yogi, who received his preliminary education from Batul Bhairab Nath Sidjda Chandannath Bhasha Pathsala, earned Vedalankar in 1997 from Gurukul Kaangadi University.

2. Naya Raj Pant

Born in Katmandu on August 10, 1913, Professor Naya Raj Pant has contributed greatly in the fields of Nepalese history, astronomy and Sanskrit literature. In addition, in Nepali literature, especially in poetry and essays, his contribution is considered as substantial.

The stamps are designed K K Karmacjarya and printed in two colors by offset lithography by Austrian Government Printing Office, Vienna, Austria in sheets of 50 in the quantity of 0.1 million each.

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

The Special MCOCA court on November 5, 2004 authorised the release on bail of former Mumbai police commissioner R S Sharma who is in judicial custody at Pune. The Supreme Court had on November 4, 2004 granted interim bail to Sharma till the first week of December 2004 when his application for regular bail would come up for hearing. Sharma was arrested in December 2003 immediately after his retirement as Mumbai's police commissioner and charged under the stringent MCOCA for abetting the fake stamp racket and conspiring with some police officials to shield the scam's mastermind, Telgi.

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ILLEGAL ISSUES OF GAMBIA

Maria Libera [maria.libera@upu.int](mailto:maria.libera@upu.int) of WADP/UPU informs that a circular has just been published at the request of Gambia denouncing illegal stamps being offered on the international market, purportedly issued by the postal administration of Gambia, but which have no such authorization. Its stamps always bear the name of "The Gambia", while most, if not all, of the illegal stamps do not bear the prefix "The" in The Gambia. Postal administrations are therefore urged not to accept in their systems postal items with stamps that fit the descriptions as above. Investigations are continuing with the assistance of the administration's philatelic agent.

These issues have not been authorized by The Gambia Post Office:  
"Prehistoric World" miniature sheet with the Rotary logo portraying Dinosaurs - two stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Birds of Prey" miniature sheet with the Rotary logo - six stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Chinese New Year" miniature sheet with a gorilla and Chinese inscriptions in the background - two stamps portraying monkeys, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Oceans" miniature sheet with the Rotary logo depicting marine life in the background and on the stamps. There are nine stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Polar Birds" miniature sheet with the Rotary logo depicting scenes with penguins in the background and on the stamps. There are three stamps,

each of 25 D, with the year 2003. The sheet is also sold in the imperforate and cancelled-to-order versions.

"Orchids" miniature sheet with the Rotary logo depicting different orchids in the background and on the stamps. There are six stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Looney Tunes" miniature sheet depicting cartoon scenes in the background and on the stamps. There are two stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. They also feature the inscription "75th Birthday of Mickey Mouse".

"Games & Sports" miniature sheet depicting sports personalities in the background and on the stamps. There are two stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. The sheet is also sold in the imperforate and cancelled-to-order versions.

"John Paul II" miniature sheet depicting different scenes of Pope John Paul II in the background and on the stamps. There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. There is also the logo of the Red Cross "COMITE INTERNATIONAL GENEVE" and the inscription "25 years of the Pontificate".

"John Paul II" miniature sheet depicting different scenes of Pope John Paul II in the background and on the stamps.

"New Cinema" miniature sheet depicting different actresses in the background and on the stamps. There are six stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. The sheet is also sold in the cancelled-to-order version.

"Nude Art" miniature sheet depicting paintings of different artists (Renoir, Courbet, Boucher and Cézanne) in the background and on the stamps. There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Vincent van Gogh" miniature sheet depicting various paintings of this artist in the background and on the stamps. There are six stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Great Composers" miniature sheet depicting various composers on the stamps (Mozart, Verdi, Beethoven, Bach). There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

"Lighthouses" miniature sheet depicting lighthouses with the Rotary logo in the background and on the stamps. There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. The sheet is also sold in the imperforate version.

"Monuments of Egypt" miniature sheet depicting various pyramids with the Rotary logo in the background and on the stamps. There are six stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

A miniature sheet depicting various aircraft with the Rotary logo in the background and on the stamps. There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

A miniature sheet depicting various fire engines and memorabilia of September 11th in New York in the background and on the stamps. There are six stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. There is also the inscription "Remember September 11th".

A "Classic Actresses" miniature sheet depicting various actresses in the background and on the stamps. There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003.

A "Pin-Up Art" miniature sheet depicting various semi-clad women in the background and on the stamps. There are four stamps, each of 25 D, with the year 2003. There is also the inscription "Earl Moran".

WADP appeals to the philatelic community to continue to be extremely vigilant regarding the presence of illegal stamps, in particular on the Internet, at stamp shows and trade fairs and in various publications. WADP also renew their appeal for assistance to the philatelic community to receive as much material as possible that is on the market that is or may be doubtful in nature and which requires investigation. This helps WADP to provide guidance and assistance to the countries concerned. It is important that the stamp collectors check the listing of the legal issues (through [www.wnstamps.ch](http://www.wnstamps.ch) website) and double-check beforehand the authenticity of the stamps they want to purchase.

The summary of circulars issued to date which denounce illegal stamps is also available at <http://www.upu.int/philately/en/index.shtml>

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Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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RESEARCH NOTES

By Madhukar Jhingan

TO SHIP BY AIR

The correspondence addressed to passengers on board the Peninsular & Oriental mail steamer, posted after the steamer has left Bombay on a Saturday but in time to reach Karachi for conveyance there from by the westbound aircraft on the following Wednesday, will be sent by Air for delivery to the addressee on board the ship at Port Said.

Such correspondence should be addressed, after the Name, - "On board the P & O steamer (name of steamer) at Port Said". These words should be underlined in red ink or chalk to attract the attention of the Post Office.

There should be an Air Mail label affixed to the cover at the left hand top corner of the address side and below it the superscription "Karachi-Cairo" or "India-Cairo" according as the article is intended for conveyance by Air from Karachi or from Delhi and Jodhpur.

The air fee on such correspondence is 4 Annas per half ounce from Karachi and 6 Annas per half ounce from Delhi or Jodhpur, in addition to the ordinary letter postage of 2 Annas for the first ounce and 1½ Annas for every additional ounce or part thereof.

- Postal Notice of February 12, 1931, Office of the Director General of the Post Offices of India

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

NETPOST CARDSTORE

John M Nolan, Deputy Postmaster General, cut a ribbon on November 7, 2004 at the James A Farley Post Office in Manhattan symbolizing the official launch of NetPost CardStore/Gift Card, the first online product in the industry that offers a customized combination gift card/greeting card service. The launch featured live demonstrations of NetPost CardStore/Gift Card, along with another time-saving product, Click-N-Ship. Laptop computers temporarily set up outside the landmark Postal building and in the postal lobby allowed postal customers to learn first-hand how simple it is to send cards, gift cards and packages through the Postal Service without stepping outside their home or office.

NetPost CardStore combines the speed and convenience of the Internet with the value and sentimentality of First-Class Mail, marrying a personalized greeting card with a retail gift card that is delivered by a letter carrier. "With this service, our customers will be able to sit down in front of a computer in the comfort of their own home and design their family's personalized holiday greeting cards complete with a family photo. With the added convenience of being able to add gift cards from national retailers -- holiday cards and shopping are done with a simple click of the mouse! It's really that easy," said Nolan.

Partnering with Touchpoint in 2000 to launch NetPost CardStore, the Postal Service is the first in the industry to offer the gift card/greeting card combination service. The retailers offering gift cards are Bed, Bath & Beyond, based in Union, NJ; Brinker International, based in Dallas, TX, which includes Chili's, Macaroni Grille, Maggianos, The Corner Bakery, Rockfish and other restaurants; Circuit City, based in Richmond, VA; Lowes, based in Lake Norman, NC; and Safeway, based in Pleasanton, CA, which includes Vons, Dominick's, Randalls, Genuardis and other grocery stores. Gift cards for these retailers will be available in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 and \$200.

Designed to make sending high-quality, personalized greeting cards quicker, easier and more convenient, NetPost CardStore has:

A selection of thousands of custom images and suggested greetings,

The ability to use your own personal photographs, artwork and graphics,

The ability to write personalized greetings for individual or volume mailings,

The ability to use existing address files,

Custom-printed cards entered into the mail stream the next business day,

The ability to schedule greeting cards to be sent up to a year in advance

The pricing ranges from \$1.35-\$3.00 per card based on quantity, design and postage, and includes custom personalization, printing and mailing services. NetPost CardStore is accessible via the Postal Service's web site at <http://www.usps.com/netpost>.

Click-N-Ship allows businesses and consumers to print mailing labels -- with or without postage - pay for postage online using PC Postage, print mailing labels, receive free Delivery Confirmation service, insure contents, purchase optional Signature Confirmation service, and, with carrier pick-up, mail packages without a trip to the Post Office.

Postage may be paid with any major credit card. The user may also calculate and compare rates, standardize addresses, and find a ZIP Code. Labels can be printed on ordinary 8-1/2 x 11" paper and glued or taped to the package. Labels are available on-line for domestic and international expedited package services, including Priority Mail, Express Mail, Global Express Mail Guaranteed and Global Express Mail.

Click-N-Ship, combined with the U.S. Postal Service's carrier pickup option enables the user to schedule free next day package pickup from a home or office when the carrier delivers the mail. Once labels are completed, simply click on the carrier pickup link to request next day pickup. Domestic Priority Mail and Express Mail packages with PC Postage can also be deposited in any USPS collection box or, for a fee, can be picked up within a specific time-frame.

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The Hub Site of Indian Philately presents info in following segments - NEWS, ISSUES, EVENTS, AUCTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, DEALERS, and ARTICLES. In addition we provide question answers in ASK US. Also all Indian philatelic web sites as well as several useful philatelic sites are listed under LINKS.

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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