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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Well it has been a hectic week.

The monsoon seems to be slowly arriving in the country and the  
temperature that was going beyond 40 degrees Celsius plus now seems to  
be hovering around the 30 degrees Celsius mark. Though it's a little  
cooler but very humid and not the best weather to work on your  
collection. Do take care to protect your collection in the humid rainy  
weather.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Cdr U N  
Acharya, Vijay Seth, and Nikhil Rohan.

We invite your inputs, please email to "writeback at stampsofindia.com"

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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.  
Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this  
newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued, publications, courier and other agreed charges.

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.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jul 01: Abdul Qaiyum Ansari, Rs5

The issue along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, shall be available on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters in the country.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005stamps.htm>

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

0131 Apr 30: Legal Metrology & Consumer Affairs, Gujarati,  
0136 Jun 02: AIDS, Bihar, Hindi,

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/meghdoot.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jun 18: Pune, National Defense Academy 30th Course Reunion, Khadakwasla  
Jun 22: Chennai, Swamy Publications  
Jun 25: Chennai, Vidya Mandir School

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and special covers issued in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005pm.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 11-15: Coimbatore, South Zone  
Contact: The Philatelists Coimbatore, 5 Eleventh Street, Tatabad,  
Coimbatore 641 012

Aug 13-15: Salem, BARAMAHAL COINSTAMPEX {REVISED DATES & VENUE}  
Venue: Ponnusamy Gounder Thirumana Mandapam, Opposite New Bus Stand, SKS Hospital Road, Alagapuram  
Dealers Fee: Rs.2000 for 3 days  
Contact: N Vaithiyanathan, Treasurer, Baramahal Philatelic and Numismatic Association, 16 Gandhi Road, (Opposite Ganesan Hospital), Salem 636 007

For a list of exhibitions in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events.htm>

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MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

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NEW WEB SITE ON NEPAL PHILATELY

Colin Hepper have just launched a web site with the aim to upload any information that he can find that would be of benefit to collectors of Nepal. Visit the web site is <http://www.nepalphilately.net>

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BANGLADESH NEW ISSUES

June 01: National Tree Planting Campaign, Set of 2, Takas 6 each

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SRI LANKA NEW ISSUES

May 12: Festival of Vesak, Set of 4,  
Denominations: Rs 4.50, 5, 10, & 15  
Designs: Ambulatory meditation, Buddhism, Standing meditation, and  
Sedentary meditation

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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for July 2005 has been updated and is now available at  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E. Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website [www.cwiakala.com](http://www.cwiakala.com).

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ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:

Pradeep Kumar Agrawal from Patna contributes black color missing in the Bhaskara Sethupathy, the last issue of 2004  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/efos/2004043.htm>

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WANTED FOLLOWING SE-TENT STAMPS IN SHEETS:

SG numbers: 1089-90; 1200-01; 1410-11; 1454-55; 1465-66; 1468-69; 1493-94; 1456-57; 1516-17; 1613-14; 1619-14  
PRADEEP KUMAR AGRAWAL [pradipphila@hotmail.com](mailto:pradipphila@hotmail.com) Mobile: 094310 11595

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INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

The first issue of the official postal guide, reprinted by Stamps of India 2004, 236 pages, hardbound, enlarged from original octavo to A4 size, limited edition, Special price - Rs 2750 post paid anywhere in the world. It is now possible to pay by credit card  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

READERS FORUM

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

PRADEEP KUMAR AGRAWAL, Patna

I would first of all like to thank you for giving proper placement of my items as well as queries. I am also happy that my suggestion for giving a column for errors and variety in the newsletter has been widely appreciated. I also thank you for the overwhelming response which I am getting for the advertisement in the newsletter.

Now I would like to suggest you that please conduct Auctions of Indian material through your newsletter. It will not only popularize your news letter but also help the philatelists in getting a variety of items at reasonable rates. Hope you will consider my suggestion and do the needful. I personally am ready for any type of support for the promotion of philately.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>  
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ALSO IN THE NEWS

SMITHSONIAN ACQUIRES LENNON'S STAMP ALBUM

The National Postal Museum has acquired John Lennon's childhood stamp album. In addition to more than 550 stamps from around the world, the album's flyleaf bears the name, address and signature of a young John Lennon.

Years before his rise to fame as a musician and member of the Beatles, Lennon was a schoolboy in Liverpool, England, when his cousin Stanley Parkes gave him a hardcover Mercury stamp album. The circa-1950 album originally belonged to Parkes, who encouraged Lennon's interest in stamp collecting. The album has 145 pages and features stamps from several countries including India, the United States and New Zealand.

In the years since the Museum's 1993 opening, some fascinating material has been acquired through generous donations and advantageous purchases. The most significant of these are reported to the Secretary of the Institution for inclusion in the yearly Annals.  
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NEWSSCAN

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>  
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WEB SITE UPDATES

STAMPS OF INDIA <http://www.stampsofindia.com>

The Hub Site of Indian Philately

PRINCELY STATES REPORT <http://www.princelystates.com>

Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

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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