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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

This year's our obsession with postmarks has grown many folds. We are now working not only on Special Postmarks and Army Postal Service Special Postmarks but also on Permanent Pictorial Postmarks, Stamp's First Day of Issue Special Place Postmarks, and First Flight Postmarks.

Our definition of special postmarks include all kinds other than the regular circular date stamp be it for a philatelic exhibition, to commemorate an event or slogan postmarks used in mail rooms. However the advertisement postmarks will be listed separately.

Beginning with the Tilak Commemorative of 1956, India Post has provided First Day of Issue Postmarks at special places, in addition to the philatelic bureaus, that are relevant to the subject of the issue, such as birth place. The Stamp's First Day of Issue Postmarks, the regular ones not the special places, shall be included in the illustrated listing of First Day Covers. This listing will also focus on private FDCs besides those issued by India Post.

Our period in the first phase is restricted to the post independence era, since 1947 to date.

These illustrated listings will start appearing on [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com) one by one.

We once again seek your help in realizing this dream by contributing information, scans, checking listings, and reporting new issues.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Shyam Nhuchhe Pradhan, and Vijay Seth.

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

INDIA'S STAMP ISSUE PROGRAM 2005-2006

After a long wait India Post had released its New Issue Program on September 6, 2005. The program is tentative and subject to change from time to time.

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

2005

Sep 21: UN International Day of Peace  
Sep 00: Vi Kalayanasundaranar  
Sep 00: Kavimani Desiga Vinayagam Pillai  
Sep 00: Guru Granth Saheb  
Sep 00: PHD Chamber of Commerce  
Oct 01: M Chettiar  
Oct 01: Pratap Singh Kairon  
Oct 03: Integral Coach Factory  
Oct 24: Prabodh Chnadra  
Oct 00: India Post Sesquicentennial Series, 2 Stamps  
Nov 00: J Darda  
Nov 00: 150 Years of Kolkata Police Commissionerate  
Nov 00: 16 Squadron Air Force  
Nov 00: 2<sup>nd</sup> World Summit on the Information Society in Africa  
Nov 00: India Cyprus Joint Issue, 2 Stamps  
Nov 00: N M R Subbaraman  
Nov 14: Children's Day  
Dec 00: Builders Navy - From Leander to Shivalik  
Dec 00: Jadavpur University  
Dec 00: India Oman Joint Issue, 2 Stamps  
Dec 00: M S Subbalakshmi  
Dec 08: SAARC Charter Day

Dec 00: De Facto Transfer of Pondicherry  
Dec 00: India Mongolia Joint Issue, 2 Stamps

2006

Jan 00: Pongal

Jan 00: Fairs of India, 4 Stamps  
Goa Carnival, Pushkar, Sonpur, & Baul Festival

Feb 00: Women's Education, 3 stamps  
Indraprastha Girls School Delhi, Calcutta Girls High School Kolkata, &  
St Bedes College Simla

Feb 00: The Tribune

Feb 00: Legendary Filmmakers, 6 Stamps  
AVM (Tamil), L V Prasad (Telugu), Pramathesh Barua (Assamese), Ritvik  
Ghatak (Bengali), Mehboob Khan (Hindi), and Bimal Roy (Hindi)

Mar 00: Sri Pratap College

Mar 00: Voorhees College

Mar 00: Gemini Ganesan

Mar 00: Indian Agriculture Research Institute

Apr 00: Panna Lal Barupal

Apr 00: India Germany Joint Issue

Apr 00: Rainwater Harvesting

May 00: Endangered Birds of India

May 00: Himalayan Lakes, 6 Stamps  
Loktak (Manipur), Sela (Arunachal), Suraj Tal (Himachal), Roopkund  
(Uttaranchal), Changu (Sikkim), & Nainital (Uttaranchal)

May 00: National Parks, 5 Stamps  
Mudumalai/Bandipur (Tamilnadu/Karnataka), Periyar (Kerala), Kaziranga  
(Assam), & Bandhavgarh (Madhya Pradesh)

Jun 00: Landmark Bridges, 6 Stamps  
Howrah Bridge, Mahatma Gandhi Setu (Bihar), Coronation Bridge (Sikkim),  
Kandruar Bridge (Himachal), Laxman Jhula (Uttaranchal), & Godavari  
Bridge (Rajamundari)

Jun 00: Indian Railways Architectural Heritage, 4 Stamps  
Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai), Howrah (Kolkata), Old Delhi, &  
Central Station (Chennai).

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

May 06, Primary Education Rajasthan, Hindi, 0.1

Small Savings Rajasthan, Hindi

AIDS Madhya Pradesh, Hindi

Education for All, Oriya

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/meghdoot.htm>

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MORE STAMP PACKS

Further to our reports in Issues # 230 & 234 of July 21, & August 18, 2005 regarding the sale by the postmen of special stamp packets, costing Rs 100 and Rs 200, containing postal stamps in the denomination of Rs 5,

We now have reports this scheme is gradually being introduced in other postal circles.

Secretary to the Government of India, and Chairman of the Postal Services Board, R Ganesan launched the collection of mails and stamps sale through postmen at Mumbai on August 29, 2005. He also launched the Stamp Pack in the denomination of Rs 100 as well.

It has been introduced in Andhra from September 1, 2005. The postmen would carry post cards, inland letters, envelopes and stamps and sell them on demand. Similarly, the postmen will book registered post and Speed post articles and issue a receipt at one's doorstep. There will be no additional charges levied for the new services.

The Stamp Packs of Delhi Circle are ready and shall be available soon.

The images are available at:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/packs/misc-packs.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Correction!

For the covers carried to Kailash Mansarovar please send your orders to the President of the Uttaranchal Philatelists Association, Dehradun, Rajesh Varma rajestamps@yahoo.com, and not to Abhai Mishra as erroneously reported in the previous issue

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

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BUNDI & BAMRA COLLECTIONS LOST

Two specialist collections of Bundi and Bamra stamps with a combined value of £9,500 have been misappropriated following their delivery by Fedex in Palo Alto, near San Francisco, California on July 20, 2005.

The collections were both neatly mounted on quadrille pages and written-up in German. They are as described as follows:

BUNDI

A very fine research Collection of the "Dagger" types of 1894 to 1898, with great in depth treatment of printings and shades. Included are numerous rare multiples of almost every stamp, two complete sheets, etc. An outstanding Collection of mainly unused stamps in superb condition. Value: £7,000 / \$11,900

BAMRA

A very fine research collection, comprising an impressive number of the scarce printing errors (such as the small "r" in "Rupee"). A large section of the Collection deals with the 10 settings, with complete and reconstructed sheets respectively, and many part reconstructed sheets and blocks. Included is a block of fifteen subsequently reconstructed to a full sheet of sixteen (4 x 4) of the 1 Rupee setting 4, showing 10 "Postage" and 6 "postage" types, etc. Value: £2,500 / \$4,250

If you have any information about the collections, please contact:  
Richard Purkis, Stanley Gibbons Limited, Tel: +44 (0)20 7836 8444 Email:  
[rpurkis@stanleygibbons.co.uk](mailto:rpurkis@stanleygibbons.co.uk) Or City of Palo Alto Police Department,  
Quoting case number # 05-229-0137, Tel: (001) 650-329-2413, Fax: (001)  
650-326-8819

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The Arya Vysya Yuvajana Sangham, Visakhapatnam, in association with the Numismatic and Philatelic Society of Visakhapatnam, conducted a philatelic and numismatic exhibition-cum-competition in Visakhapatnam at Vasavi Bhavan, on September 4, 2005. About 70 students and 50 senior members exhibited their collection of stamps, coins, currency notes and postal stationery. P Mahesh Kranthi secured first place in stamps collection competition and N K M Priyanka and S V M Krishna stood second and third. C Kunjana bagged first prize in coins collection and R Sudhakar and MV Aditya second and third prizes. M Satyasravan received first prize in currency collection and P Mahesh Kranthi and D Supraja bagged second and third prizes.

Forthcoming:

Sep 22-23: Patiala, district level

Sep: Jaipur, SCHOOLPEX

Sep: Jodhpur, district level

Sep: Dimapur, Army Postal Service

Oct: New Delhi, Army Postal Service

Nov 13-14: Ludhiana

Nov: Jalandhar, Army Postal Service

Dec: Jammu, Army Postal Service

Dec 17-19: Kolkata, State Level, NEW DATES

Jan 2006: Kolkata, Army Postal Service

Feb 2006: Hyderabad, Army Postal Service

Mar 2006: Kamptee, Army Postal Service

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

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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POSTMEN TO SURVEY OF RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

India Post will utilize its vast network of post offices and postmen to collect data for a nation-wide study commissioned by the Registrar General of India.

The survey of the infrastructural facilities and amenities available in rural India would be conducted in 19,193 villages in 15 select districts of the country during the second week of September 2005. In the first phase, 7,000 villages including 1,163 villages from Andhra Pradesh,

would be surveyed. As many as 583 villages in the Agency area of East Godavari have been identified for the survey.

Census Directorate would give 583 postal employees in the district special training to Branch post-masters, sub-post masters and designated postal personnel who will submit the pooled-up data to the Registrar General of India.

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NEPAL NEW ISSUES

Aug 20: Fruit series 2005, 4 stamps Rs.10 each, sheet of 16
Aug 20: H M Queen Mother, Rs.20, sheet of 50
Aug 31: Mammals issue 2005, 4 stamps, Rs.10 each, sheet of 16

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PAKISTAN NEW ISSUES

Apr 02: Command & Staff College Quetta Centenary, Rs 5  
Apr 23: Turkish Grand National Assembly 85<sup>th</sup> Anniv, 2 stamps, Rs 10 each  
Apr 30: Institute of Business Administration 50 yrs, 2 stamps Rs 5 each  
May 25: Islamia High School Quetta, Rs 5  
Jun 30: Poets of Pakistan - Akhtar Sharani, Rs 5  
Jul 15: 2nd Phase of the World Summit on Information Society, Rs 5  
Aug 04: Poets of Pakistan - Rehman Baba, Rs 5

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

The charge sheet filed against Abdul Telgi in one of the cases - Bund Garden Case, runs in to 25,000 pages and may perhaps set a world record.

The charge sheet is of significance because for the first time, Telgi's wife Shahida's role in the case came to the fore. It also makes references to present PWD minister in Maharashtra Chhagan Bhujbal stating that he used to interfere in the transfers and postings of police officers when he was Home Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. Samajwadi Janata Party MLA from Dhule Anil Gote, Telgi's lawyer Rashid Kulkarni and former Andhra Pradesh Minister and TDP MLA C Krishna Yadav are also named in the chargesheet. Even the role played former police officials R S Sharma, Shridhar Vaghal and Pradip Sawant have been highlighted. It also lists the number of calls made by Telgi while in custody.

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

DR REUBEN A RAMKISSOON, Oak Brook, IL 60523

I am saddened to learn of the passing of Mr Purnendu Gupta who I met for the first time at INDIA '89. We were drawn together by our Gandhian collecting interests, and by astorphilately, as we both served on the FIP Bureau of Astrophilately. We kept in touch intermittently, and he was always willingly answered all my queries. He was an outstanding philatelist but always very modest in his interactions with fellow philatelists. I will cherish many pleasant memories of my association with Mr Gupta.

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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

SPECIAL POSTMARK & ENVELOPE TO MARK DALAI LAMA'S VISIT

Dalai Lama is scheduled to visit Sun Valley from September 11 - 14, 2005. Two large public addresses are planned in connection with this visit. Both of these addresses will be given at the Wood River High School Stadium in Hailey. The first address, scheduled for Sunday, September 11 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, is "The Healing Address" - A Message of Compassion on the Anniversary of 9/11. The second address, scheduled for Monday, September 12 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, is "Laying the Foundation of the Future" - A Special Address to the Children of Idaho at the request of Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

The U S Postal Service will commemorate the visit of Dalai Lama to the Wood River Valley with a special pictorial postmark and souvenir envelope. The postmark and envelope will be available September 11, at the close of the Dalai Lama's address at Wood River High School football field in Hailey, Idaho. The Postal Service booth will be located in the southwest corner of the stadium.

The commemorative envelope, entitled "Compassion," will sell for \$5. After the September 11 event, the envelope will be available at post offices in Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley, Bellevue, Twin Falls and Boise. To receive the envelope by mail, send a check for \$5 for each envelope ordered to: World Healing and Compassion Station, 820 S. Main Street, Hailey, ID, 83333-9998.

The postmark is free with the purchase of a first-class postage stamp.

The postmark will also be available by mail for 30 days after the event. To obtain the postmark, affix a first-class postage stamp to an envelope, address the envelope (to yourself or others) and place it into a larger envelope addressed to: World Healing and Compassion Station, 820 S. Main Street, Hailey, ID, 83333-9998.

After applying the postmark, the Postal Service returns the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark. All orders must be postmarked latest by October 11, 2005.
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