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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAREST STAMP OF INDIA SINCE 1947

A set of 4 1948 Officials popularly known as Gandhi Service were sold for US\$ 15,950, about Rs 700,000 including 10% buyer's premium at Cherrystone Auctions, USA on September 7-8, 2005. The pre sale estimate for this was US\$ 9000, about Rs 400,000.

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released: Processed Foods, 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

May 26: Berhampur, Rotary Club Berhampur 50 years  
Sep 11: Chennai, Mahatma Gandhi

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

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INDIA FESTIVAL AT JEDDAH

M K Safdar, president of the Saudi Arabian Philatelic Society (SAPS), formally opened an exhibition of Indian stamps with Indian Ambassador M O H Farook at Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on September 9, 2005 as a part of 23 day long India Festival. The show also has photographs, postcards and posters on India's Islamic heritage as well as on Indian coins.

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PCI COURT CASES UPDATE

The Court Case filed by Madhukar Jhingan against PCI has now gone in to appeal. Additional Senior Civil Judge at District Courts, Delhi will be hearing it on October 15, 2005.

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TRIBUTES TO P GUPTA

Delhi Philatelists paid tributes to recently departed P Gupta on September 5, 2005 in their monthly meeting.

The philatelists, philatelic organizations, and postal officers met at Patna on September 5, 2005 to condole the death of P Gupta.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sep 17-18: Gangtok, 'Pang Lhabsol' Festival philatelic exhibition  
This is the festival to worship Khangchendzonga the guardian deity of the people of Sikkim. This is a special year as it marks the 50th anniversary of the first successful expedition to Mount Khangchendzonga, the third highest peak in the world.

Sep 21-22: Siliguri, Post Office Festival & Philatelic Exhibition

Sep 22-23: Patiala, district level

Sep 22-23: Udaipur, district level

Sep 25-26: Jodhpur, district level

Sep 27-29: Jaipur, SCHOOLPEX

Sep 29-Oct 1: Delhi, East District

Venue: Arwachin Bharti Bhavan Senior Secondary School, Vivek Vihar

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  
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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>

#### INDIA POST WEB SITE NEW ADDRESS

India Post's official web site is no longer available at [www.indiapost.org](http://www.indiapost.org). The new address is <http://www.indiapost.gov.in>

#### MORE COLLECTIBLES ON 150 YEARS OF INDIA POST

Uttaranchal Circle of India Post has brought out mini Collectors Pack in the denomination of Rs 20, 30, and 40. The packs contain different commemorative stamps. The packs carry the logo of the 150 Years of India Post.

Karnataka Circle has recently brought out cartons in two sizes. These boxes are made of medium weight corrugated board and sold flat for easy storage and assembly. These carry the logo of the 150 Years of India Post.

#### ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:

Pradeep Agrawal from Patna contributes two very interesting errors of color in Taj Mahal and Rotary International issues.

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

GRETA GARBO US SWEDEN JOINT ISSUE

Sweden Post and United States Postal Service are commemorating the birth centenary of Greta Garbo with a joint issue on September 23, 2005.

Greta Garbo (1905-1990) began her career at the Swedish Royal Dramatic Theatre's acting school in 1922. After working in several advertising films, she was discovered at the tender age of 19 by the famed director Mauritz Stiller, who gave her a part in the silent film The Saga of Gösta Berling. While filming in Berlin, Garbo was discovered by one of the most powerful men in Hollywood, Louis B. Mayer, who immediately signed the beautiful girl from Sweden. Garbo starred in several films made during the following years, including Queen Christina (1933), Anna Karenina (1935) and Ninotchka (1939). Her final film was 1941's "Two-Faced Woman," and at age 36, she chose to step away from the cameras and never again work as an actress.

Swedish Greta Garbo issue consists of two stamps in the denomination of SEK 10 each. The first stamp, to be issued jointly with the USA, is based on a photograph of Garbo at age 27, taken in 1932 by MGM's Clarence Bull during the filming of "As You Desire Me" and engraver Piotr Naszarkowski adapted that image for the stamp. The other stamp, only to be issued by Sweden, is engraved by Lars Sjööblom and shows Garbo's profile as drawn by the Swedish artist Einar Nerman.

Swedish stamps will be available in a booklet of 4 stamps. Sweden will also issue a collector's sheet priced SEK 64 depicting a poster for the film The Saga of Gösta Berling, drawn by Nils Hårde.

US stamp is in the denomination of 37 cents and will be issued in sheets of 20 stamps.

The stamps will be available at online shops of Swedish Post and USPS:

<http://www.posten.se/index.jsp?PageName=shop&val=b&parentId=281&sprak=en>

http://shop.usps.com/cgi-bin/vsbv/postal_store_non_ssl/home.jsp

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