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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We will be in Mumbai on April 21, 22, and 23, 2006 and look forward to  
meeting our friends there.

The mobile phone 0 93505 37037 that we use has national roaming and is  
the best way to contact us.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Abhai Mishra,

We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsfindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsfindia.com)

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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.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Apr 21: Calcutta Girls High School, Rs 5

Apr 28: Pannalal Barupal, Rs 5

This 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 2006, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATES

New Arrivals:

Feb 9, 2006: Inland Letter Card with advertisement, in Tamil, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, 1 million, Security Printing Press Hyderabad, in Green color

For a list of Inland Letter Cards in 2005, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2006ILC.htm>

NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Education for All, Gujarati

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at

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

RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Apr 05: Dehradun, Raphael Ryder Cheshire International Center for the Relief of Suffering

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2006, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2006pm.htm>

REMEMBRANCE PACK

The Philatelic Bureau, Calicut issued the India Post Sesquicentennial Year Remembrance Pack on March 20, 2006. The pack contains a set of 4 stamps issued on Oct 4, 2004 to inaugurate the sesquicentennial celebrations and a miniature sheet depicting letter boxes issued on Oct 18, 2005 at the concluding function. The pack priced at Rs 85 was issued in the quantity of 150 individually numbered packs.

View the images at

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

INDIA ONLINE EXHIBITS

Japhila <http://www.japhila.cz> is an e-zine concerning philately and other collecting interests. Japhila is also hosting EXPONET Virtual International Philatelic Exhibition <http://www.japhila.cz/hof/>.

Following three one-frame exhibits have been newly added at the EXPONET:

Exhibit: INDIA ONE-QUARTER ANNA ENVELOPES OF 1902-1907

EXHIBITOR: Steven Zwillinger, United States of America

<http://www.japhila.cz/hof/0097/index0097a.htm>

Exhibit: INDIA ONE-QUARTER ANNA POST CARD OF 1902

Exhibitor: Steven Zwillinger, United States of America

<http://www.japhila.cz/hof/0095/index0095a.htm>

Exhibit: VICTORIAN POSTAL STATIONERY OF INDIA USED AT ADEN  
Exhibitor: Jerone R Hart, Great Britain  
<http://www.japhila.cz/hof/0092/index0092a.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14-16: ORPEX-06, 8th State level Philatelic Exhibition of Orissa
Venue: Bhanja Bhawan, Rourkela
Contact:

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For a list of exhibitions in 2006, 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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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

GPA NEWS, Apr 2006  
Editor: Ilyas Patel  
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association  
Address: C/o M/s D Desai & Co., 1/M National Chambers, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad 380009  
Annual Subscription including Membership: Rs 200

BHILWARA PHILATEY CLUB BULLETIN # 17, Apr 2006, Monthly  
Editor: M K Jain  
Publisher: Bhilwara Philatey Club  
Address: S S Rajni, A-9, Shastri Nagar, Bhilwara 311001  
Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

For a list of Indian periodicals, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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MALDIVES NEW ISSUES

Feb 27: Marine Life (definitive series), L 1, L 20, Rf 2, Rf 20
Manta birostris, Himantura uamak, Taenjura lymma, Aetobatus nannan

March 9: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation 20th Anniv, Miniature sheet, Rf 25

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ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:

A philatelist who wishes to remain anonymous has contributed missing black color in the miniature sheet of 150 Years of India Post issue.

For the images please visit:

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>
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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>  
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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

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 worldwide.

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