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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have updated and revised the listing of Meghdoot Postcards on  
[www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com). The care has been taken not to alter the  
numbering system that is now widely used. This causes about 8 numbers  
already allotted where cards have not been issued and may not be  
issued. The total number of the Meghdoot Cards as on date is 225. The  
listing now needs the date of issue and catalog number for 81 cards  
which we hope to add soon.

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

We also have updated, revised, and added illustrations to the listing  
of the Stamp Booklets. <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/sb.htm>

Please review the listings and let us know your opinion.

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

- M&SJ

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

NEW PRINTERS FOR INDIAN STAMPS

The Security Printing Press (SPP), Hyderabad has begun printing postage stamps for India Post. The first stamp printed by SPP was released on June 15, 2006. SPP has been printing postcards, inland letter cards, and pre-stamped envelopes for India Post since 1982.

SPP will not replace but work in addition to India Security Press, Nashik Road, the other establishment printing postage stamps for India Post.

SPP is one of the four Government of India security presses that produce currency notes and all kinds of other security products. Interestingly it operates from the same premises that were known as Hyderabad Mint that produced postal and fiscal stamps of the Princely State of Hyderabad before 1947.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

No dates are announced as yet; however the next issue is expected to be only in July 2006.

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2006, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

SRI PRATAP COLLEGE SRINAGAR

India Post released a postage stamp to mark the centenary of Sri Pratap College Srinagar on June 15, 2006 in the denomination of Rs 5.

Sri Pratap College, Srinagar is one of the most prestigious and oldest educational institutions of higher learning in the Jammu & Kashmir state.

The college came in to being in 1905 by upgrading the famous Hindu High School. In 1911 the college was taken over by the State Government and was renamed as Sri Pratap College after the name of then ruler of the State Maharaja Pratap Singh of Jammu & Kashmir. It was upgraded to degree level and was affiliated to Punjab University, Lahore in 1912. Since 1975 it has de-linked the Arts Faculty and is now an exclusive Science college.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. 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. Security Printing Press Hyderabad printed the stamps by Wet Offset in the quantity of 0.8 million.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2006, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Education for All, Tamil
Education for All, Hindi
Education for All - District Primary Education Program, Hindi

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

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NEW STAMP BOOKLET

Northern Region of Kerala Circle of India Post released a booklet on June 15, 2006. The booklet priced at Rs 50 contains 6 commemorative stamps of Rs 5 and 6 different multicolor self adhesive labels for greeting, Rs.30.

The complete illustrated list of Stamp Booklets is available at:  
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

The philatelists have been preparing their own covers for various events and getting them postmarked with regular date stamp of the post office. The choice of the date and or the place adds to the significance of the cover.

Following are the such special covers issued this year:

Jan 30: Ahmedabad, Mahatma Gandhi Death Anniversary & Leprosy Day
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Feb 08: Shraavanbelagola, Mahamastakabhisheka
Feb 27: Ahmedabad, Art of Living Silver Jubilee
Feb 27: Ahmedabad, Birds Flu Hits India Relax! Be Vegetarian
May 8: Panaji, St. Francis Xavier 5th Birth Centenary

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

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jun 29- Jul 2: NUPHILEX State Level by South India Philatelic and Numismatic Dealers Association (SIPNDA)  
Venue: The Good Shepherd Hall (between Valluvar Kottam and Hotel Palmgrove) 82 Kodambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai 34  
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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  
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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>

STAMP PAPER VENDING MACHINES

Non-judicial stamp papers, so very vital for legal documents, will soon be made available round the clock in Jaipur. The Rajasthan state government's registration and printing department will install stamp vending machines, resembling ATMs, at key places in the city. Initially the vending machines will be put up at the Jaipur Development Authority, high court, Municipal Corporation, lower court and the Collectorate. In the beginning, the most widely used stamp papers, of Rs.10 denomination, will be made available. It is estimated that 3,000 such stamp papers are used every day in Jaipur. In the stamp vending machines, after inserting two coins of Rs.5 each, the buyer will have to punch in his name, address and other details.

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

12TH OLYMPIC COLLECTORS WORLD FAIR

From June 2 to 4, 2006 the weekend of Pentecost, with magnificent weather, the 12th Olympic Collectors World Fair took place. The Fair was held in Lausanne for the eighth time since its creation. As usual, it took up a spot on the Museum terrace, under a large tent specially pitched for the occasion.

Almost 60 tables were reserved by collectors from across the world who came to exchange, purchase, sell, compare and complete their collections of pins, mascots, torches, medals, official documents, stamps, photographs, films, autographs, posters, postcards or any other item bearing the Olympic rings.

On the evening of their arrival, the collectors were invited to a presentation of diplomas attesting to their presence at the Fair. These were presented by Juan Antonio Samaranch, Chairman of the Olympic Philately, Numismatics and Memorabilia Commission. The IOC Honorary President was accompanied by Ching-kuo Wu, a member of this Commission. The following day, the participants enjoyed a boat trip on Lake Geneva.

After Norway in 2005, China, the organiser of the next Olympic Games in 2008 in Beijing, was this year's honorary host.

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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 worldwide. Credit cards accepted <http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>

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