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- M&SJ

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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

May 02: Lord Buddha - 2050<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mahaparinirvana, 6 Stamps +  
1 Miniature Sheet

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 2007, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2007stamps.htm>

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently
released:

Gold Hallmark, Hindi
ISI Mark Helmets, Hindi
Maximum Retail Price, Hindi
Happy Deepawali, Hindi
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Hindi
Gold Hallmark, Kannada
ISI Mark Helmets, Kannada
Maximum Retail Price, Kannada
Happy Deepawali, Kannada
Gold Hallmark, Telugu,
ISI Mark Helmets, Telugu
Maximum Retail Price, Telugu
Happy Deepawali, Telugu
Gold Hallmark, Gujarati
ISI Mark Helmets, Gujarati
Gold Hallmark, Malayalam
ISI Mark Helmets, Malayalam
Maximum Retail Price, Malayalam
Happy Deepawali, Malayalam
Gold Hallmark, Tamil
ISI Mark Helmets, Tamil
Gold Hallmark, Urdu
ISI Mark Helmets, Urdu
Maximum Retail Price, Urdu
Happy Deepawali, Urdu
Gold Hallmark, Punjabi

ISI Mark Helmets, Punjabi
Gold Hallmark, Oriya
ISI Mark Helmets, Oriya
Gold Hallmark, Bengali
ISI Mark Helmets, Bengali

The grand total till date is now 366.

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

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Postcards in 2007, visit
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007PC.htm>

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For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2007, visit
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Mar 20: Kolkata, Cricket Stamps & Memorabilia Exhibition  
Mar 24: Kolkata, Cricket Stamps Show  
Apr 20: Chennai, Church of South India Diamond Jubilee

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2007pm.htm>

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NEW COLLECTOR PACKS

The long wait is over. India Post has finally ordered the sale of the annual collector Packs of stamps for the year 2005 and 2006 as well as annual pack of the first Day covers with Brochures for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

The Price of pack of stamps is Rs 350 and Rs 450 for 2005 and 2006 respectively. The price of pack of FDC is Rs 540, Rs 450, and Rs 590 for 2004, 2005, and 2006 respectively.

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AUCTION ACTION

59 imperforates, progressives, and plate proofs, including 3 photographic proofs, in issued and unissued colors of India 1948 Mahatma Gandhi issue were sold on April 20, 2007 for Euro 75,000 plus 19.5 buyers premium (over Rs 5 million) in David Feldman auction at Geneva, Switzerland.

This was one of the over 300 lots comprising The Courvoisier Archive that was donated by the stamp printing firm Courvoisier to International Life Giving Project Foundation in September 2001 after it ceased its printing activities. It printed stamps for over 60 countries worldwide in past 75 years. The archive was created by drawing from the company's files of unfinished stamps, imperforate (as issued) and usually with progressive proofs showing each component color of the final product, as well as (when available) unadopted essays or color trials. From the sheets in their possession, only one of each item was retained, and it was neatly mounted on specially printed archive pages

and housed into a series of uniform blue albums that numbered nearly 100 when they ceased stamp production a few years ago.

#### INDIAN THEMATIC SOCIETY

Indian Thematic Society [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com) is holding postal auction # 36. The 122 lots auction closes on April 22, 2006.

For a list of auctions in India, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/auction.htm>

#### PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF RAJASTHAN ELECTIONS

Following is the new Governing Body unanimously elected on April 21, 2007 of Philatelic Society of Rajasthan for the year 2007-2008:  
President - Ramesh Khanna, Vice President - P M Bhargava, General Secretary - Rajesh Paharia, Joint Secretary - Yogesh Bhatnagar, Treasurer - N C Bhandari, Librarian - Rajesh Chowdhary, and Executive Members - Jayant Pandya, Ashok Sharma, Bhagwanchand, S N Goyal, N K Tatiwala, Dr Rakesh Thapar, & V K Jain.

#### RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 4-6: Kolkata, STAMP FAIR

At Amar Chambers, 2 Church Lane, Opp NICCO House, Near Bankshal Court  
Contact P C Jaiswal, President, Indian Philatelic Traders Association,  
Mobile - 0 98315 98560

Mar 28-30: Ranchi, District Philatelic Exhibition

Three special covers were released, one on each day, as follows:

Mar 28 - Flame of forest (Palash, the State Flower of Jharkhand) on postmark and 'Save Tree, Plant Tree' on cover

Mar 29 - Sword and Shield on postmark and 150 Years of First War of Independence on cover. Mangal Pandey had started revolt against the British on this day 150 yeaes ago. The descendents of 2 martyrs of 1857 revolt from Jharkhand - Vishwanath Shahdev and Tikait Umrao Singh were special guest during the cover release function.

Mar 30 - Local pot for measure on postmark and Hat Bazar on cover.

On Match 30 a postal runner carried special covers from Ranchi GPO to the Town Hall, the venue of the exhibition. One of the cover carried a cheque for contribution to the Chief Minister Relief Fund.

Participation was as follows-

Invitee class-10 entries in 50 frames

Post Office exhibits- 11 Frames

Competitive class- Senior 15 participants in 39 frames

Competitive class- Youth- 19 participants in 28 Frames

Members of the Jury A S Prasad, Chief Post Master General of Jharkhand Circle, Dr R S Gandhi and S S Basan awarded 1 Gold, 6 Silver and 14 Bronze medals were awarded. Ashok Kumar Tiwary was Apprentice jury.

Prizes were distributed by the Chief Minister of Kharkhand, Madhu Korha. In the Senior Category: Best exhibit + Gold Medal were won by Lalit K Bajla for "India pre Independence". In the Youth class the Best Exhibit + Silver Medal were won by Ridhi Choudhary for "Indian miniature sheets"

Beside philatelic exhibition, varieties of cultural programs and competition were held during the exhibition. Those were a) Art camp by senior artists of the state, b) Painting by school students c) Fun games for children and ladies d) Music and dance competition e) Magic show and f) Quiz.

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2007.htm>

#### MEETINGS

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

#### POSTMEN TO COLLECT FINE FOR TRAFFIC POLICE

Traffic Police in Delhi is in the process of developing a tie-up with India Post. It will facilitate paying the fine for traffic violations to the postmen at one's doorstep instead of going to the local traffic court. Delhi Traffic Police mails 15000 notices to violators of traffic offences everyday.

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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.>

JAYDEV NANSEY, Jamnagar

It's nice to have Stamps Of India Collectors Companion back online. A great unique turn point in the history of philately in India it sure has been, a fact realized only when it was taken offline for a while.

Recently I was browsing through the webpage of my Hon'ble Member of Parliament and to my surprise I saw the answer to his question on commemorative stamps. Please check the link for more information.  
<http://164.100.24.208/lsql4/quest.asp?qref=8018>

What I am unable to understand is does the principal of not having more than one stamp on a personality apply to all Indians or there are exceptions? Also does this rule not apply to monuments and events? We have recently seen repetition of stamps of Madras University, ICAR and Vellore forts. If we were a young country like Australia without many a issues or personalities to commemorate. But alas we keep forgetting our own cultural diversity and heritage. Would love to know the view of other philatelists.

ZULAIHA MOHAMED

Congratulations for the wonderful work you are doing, despite all the hassles it has. Besides maintaining an up to date web site on Indian stamps, you people are doin great service to the philatelic community too. If in case, in future you think it is necessary to do away with the "free" out of the subscription, I don't think any of us will object. Wish you all the best in your endeavor.

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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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