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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We received a wide range of reactions to what we wrote in this space in the previous issue. While some readers sympathized with us for the error, some congratulated on our upward mobility technology-wise, and then there was one who called in to say "you can also add that this is first time we have bragged so much."

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS & IT

Dayanidhi Maran, Minister for Communications and Information Technology resigned on May 13, 2007. The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, accepted his resignation from the Council of Ministers, with immediate effect on May 15, 2007. A Raja, Minister of Environment & Forests was moved to the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology. The Prime Minister will look after the Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Maran was the youngest in the Council of Ministers. He was a nominee of a regional political party, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) that is a partner in the ruling coalition government in India. He is the grandson of DMK President and Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M Karunanidhi's sister.

Dinakaran, a Tamil daily owned by Kalanidhi Maran, the elder brother of Dayanidhi, published a series of opinion polls. One of the polls showed that Karunanidhi's younger son M K Stalin was way ahead as Karunanidhi's successor with 70% votes whereas his elder brother M K Azhagiri was polled only 2%. The Madurai office of Dinakaran was fire bombed resulting in the death of three employees on May 9, 2007 by a mob allegedly supporters of Azhagiri. Maran reportedly told Home Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Government that he would go to the President of India if the "real culprits" responsible for the attack on his newspaper were not arrested. This is believed to have angered Karunanidhi and triggered his expulsion from the DMK and from the Council of Ministers.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

May 31: National Parks, Set of 5 Stamps
Mudumalai/Bandipur - Tamil Nadu/Karnataka, Periyar - Kerala, Kaziranga - Assam, Bandhavgarh - Madhya Pradesh

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:

- Pay only for Sweets, Not the box,
- Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Marathi
- Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Punjabi
- Consumer Rights - Rajasthan, Hindi
- 'Navratna' Fertilizers - Paradeep Phosphates, Oriya
- AIDS - Dehradun Uttarakhand, Hindi

The grand total till date is now 392.

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>

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

For an illustrated list of Aerogramme & Inland Letter in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007ILC.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

May 15: New Delhi, Exhibition of Stamps on Nature

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit
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A PHILATELIC HANDBOOK ON M K GANDHI  
ISBN: 0-9616382-0-5  
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Editor: Dr Rajgopalan V Rajan  
Publisher: R & W Enterprises, Oak Brook, Illinois, USA  
Price: US\$ 75  
Pages: 336, A4 size, many in color; Hardbound  
Published: May 2006

This is a comprehensive encyclopedia that is highly recommended for all collectors of Mahatma Gandhi theme as well as the students of Gandhism. It logs all pertinent information relating postal and private issues worldwide including postmarks and cachets, banknotes and other fiscal items, coins, medals, telegrams and historical correspondence on this theme in logically organized manner. This work is a record of the noteworthy efforts made by philatelists, postal administrations, and followers of Mahatma listing even the post offices named after him. Citing various collections on Gandhi, the book will undoubtedly inspire collectors for posterity. The book also dispenses useful advice on developing philatelic exhibits on this theme. First and foremost, a brilliant example of historical documentation, this is definitely Dr Ramkissoon's tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

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INDIA STAMP ALBUMS

Philatelia recently announced a new printing of their India Post India Album which is now available in 6 volumes priced at Rs 500 each. Postage at Rs 50 per volume is extra. The volumes 1 to 5 cover commemorative issues, 1947-77, 1977-89, 1989-1998, 1998-2003, 2003-06 and the 6th covers the definitive, service, and military issues. The volumes may be purchased separately.

Supplements for 2005 and 2006 are also now available at Rs 250 each inclusive of postage.

Also on anvil is an album to house all miniature sheets.

Their address is Philatelia, One Moti Sil Street, Kolkata 700 013.
Telephone: (33) 2228 8549

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GUNTUR NUMISMATIC & PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Guntur Numismatic & Philatelic Society (GNPS) started in the year 1994 with 5 young enthusiasts has now grown into a society with over 70 life members and 150 ordinary members who constitute mostly students and kids.

GNPS has been organizing exhibitions and workshops on the two wonderful hobbies of philately and numismatics in and around Guntur a city known for good education. In 2004 GNPS organized decennial celebrations at Guntur releasing a special cover, a souvenir and a district level exhibition.

The society meets every second Sunday of the month at 6.00 hrs at GNPS office premises.

The contact person is M V S Prasad, [prasad\\_mandali@yahoo.com](mailto:prasad_mandali@yahoo.com) Secretary, GNPS & Vice President, Federation of Andhra Pradesh Philatelists & Numismatists, #5-54-116, 6/18, Brodipet, Guntur 522002.

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THE PHILATELIC CLUB TRICHUR

The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Philatelic Club, was held on May 6, 2007 at Elite International Hotel, Trichur. 61 members were present. After Secretary's report and Statement of Accounts there was a discussion on the 30th year's programs of the Club.

In the morning session there was a good spot auction. The Club President, O K Prakash conducted a quiz program among members.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 15-Jun 14: New Delhi, Exhibition of Stamps on Nature  
Noted wild life photographer and environmentalist Mike Pandey inaugurated an exhibition of stamps on nature at the National Philatelic Museum on May 15, 2007. Manohar Lal, former President of Delhi Philatelists and Delhi International Stamp Club, exhibited his collection of maxim cards on nature in 10 frames.

India Post brought out 4 A4 size posters priced Rs 5 each, several paperweights priced 15, several key chains priced Rs 10 & 15 and a carry bag priced Rs 30. All these products carry images of Indian stamps on nature. A special postmark was also provided on the occasion.

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit  
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SANDEEP NARAD, Indore

Release a postal stamp commemorating the senior most journalist of Madhya Pradesh and freedom fighter, the late Shree Hukum Chand Narad.

The late Shree Hukum Chand Narad was an eminent journalist famous for his fearless pen. His whole life was devoted toward relentless fight for Indian freedom. He was known to the former prime minister Jawahar Lal Nehru as a fellow congress worker and was counted amongst the top rungs of the then C.P. & Barar leadership after almost a half century of his sudden death in M.P., government installed his life size bronze statue in Jabalpur in 1999 commemorating his service to the nation.

In 2008 falls the 105 birth anniversary of Shree Hukum Chand Narad, the doyen of the working journalist. It would most befitting for the post and telegraph department of the government of India to release a stamp in his memory which would serve as an inspiring tribute to patriotism and fearless journalism.

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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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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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