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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

How can we make this digital weekly more useful to all of you? This question has always remained in foreground. We have been wanting to add more original research, more features, and more interesting views in here.

Now we see that one of our dreams is going to be realized soon as Philsensex debuts as a monthly column on the price movements of Indian stamps.

This propels us to vigorously pursue established and budding writers to take care of original research and features.

And you are responsible for supplying that spark by sending your views on everything and anything connected with stamps of India to keep it going.

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)

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

PHILSENSEX

P R Krishnan from Coimbatore has devised a system to monitor the price movement of Indian Post Independence stamps similar to the workings of Stanley Gibbons for the British Stamps. To start with only mint stamps are being included in his 'Philsensex' where the base is January 2007.

We now request you to kindly send your suggestions, ideas, and feedback now, please mail to writeback@stampsofindia.com

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INDIA COIN & FLAG ON UN STAMPS

The United National Postal Administration (UNPA) issued a set with the National flags and typical coins of 24 member countries, including Indian flag and Rs 5 coin on May 3, 2007.

The stamps are in the denominations of US\$ 0.39, CHF 0.85 and € 0.55 based on the standard postal stamp prices in the locations of UN offices in US, Switzerland, and Austria. The stamps are issued in three sheets, consisting of two panes of four stamps each of eight different coins and flags. 8 stamps for 8 nations each is issued in one currency. The India is part of the sheet issued in US currency and other nations included are Brazil, Thailand, South Africa, Vietnam, Ecuador, Barbados, and Republic of Korea.

The stamps are designed by Rorie Katz and printed Cartor Security Printing (France) by Offset process in the quantity of 1 million stamps (125,000 sheets).

This is the second consecutive year of the stamp series representing the coins and flags of Member States of the United Nations. The series is expected to run for approximately eight years until all 192 Member States are represented.

The stamps, First Day Covers, and collection folders are available for sale online at the United Nations Postal Administration's site <http://unstamps.un.org/>

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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, English  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Telugu  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Gujarati  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Malayalam  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Tamil  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Urdu  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Oriya  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Bengali  
Pay only for Sweets, Not the box, Assamese

The grand total till date is now 401, with 125 added in 2007 alone.

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

Following post card with advertisement was recently released:

Mar 15: AIDS, Tamil, SPP,

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

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<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007EN.htm>

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

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

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NEW GANDHI CINDERELLA

A label to commemorate the 100 years of Satyagraha Movement by Mahatma Gandhi was recently seen tied used on a Gandhi postcard.

For image, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/cinderella.htm>

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PRAGA 2008 WORLD STAMP EXHIBITION

A world stamp exhibition under the patronage of FIP and AIJP will be held from September 12 to 14, 2008 at Prague, Czech Republic. This is a specialized exhibition where the participation is limited to the classes of Traditional Philately, Postal History, Philatelic Literature, and One Frame. The organizers have clarified that the One

frame class is open to all FIP philatelic disciplines and not limited to only the Traditional Philately and Postal History classes.

The entry form and other information are available from the National Commissioner for India Dr R S Gandhi gandhipatna@hotmail.com. The entry fee is Euro 30 per frame. The duly filled entry form should reach the national commissioner by the deadline that is July 15, 2007.

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DAKSHINA KANNADA PHILATELIC AND NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The elections of Dakshina Kannada Philatelic and Numismatic Association were held on May 13, 2007. The new team re-elected for the second consecutive term is as follows: President - M K Krishnayya, Vice-Presidents - Jane D'Souza and S Gopal, Secretary - M Prabhakar Kamath, Joint Secretaries - Shashidar Pai and Mansoor Hassan, Treasurer - K V Shanbag,

The association also decided to hike its membership fee. The new annual fees are Rs 200 for the ordinary membership, Rs 1,000 for the life membership, and Rs 50 for students.

The association congratulated Hariath Lasrado and B M Prakash Shetty for the prizes they won in the philatelic exhibition, which was a part of the flower and fruit show organized by the Horticulture Department in Kadri Park in the month of March.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 15-Jun 14: New Delhi, Exhibition of Stamps on Nature

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, 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>

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WOMEN MOVERS & SHAKERS IN THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT

Honorable Chris Van Holler of the US House of Representatives, Asian Division of the Library of Congress, Asian Division Friends Society, The Paul H Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, and The John Hopkins University organized a symposium on "Patronage and Power: Women Movers & Shakers In The Indian Subcontinent" on April 20, 2007 at the Library of Congress, Washington DC, USA. The symposium had 4 panels, Women & Religion, Begums & Maharanis, Women Leaders in India's Independence Struggles, Women & Art

Mrs Joyce and Dr Kenneth Robbins who are well known in the collectibles world as research scholars on stamps, coins, and memorabilia of Indian Princely States were one of the cosponsors for a Special Book Exhibit that accompanied the symposium.

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SUKAMAL BANIK

I am very glad to go-through your e-magazine as well as it is very useful to me as I am the new in this hobby. I get the information about the stamps from it. But I cannot understand how to preserve the stamps & Miniature sheets. Please guide me in this matter. Or publish some article on it. Moreover one thing is I think it would be better if you prepare the magazine in PDF format, as it would be easier to keep print for our future references.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

WORLD'S FIRST CD-ROM STAMPS

2008 will be an auspicious year for the tiny Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan. Bhutan will celebrate 100 years of its hereditary monarchy and crown its 5th King, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, who will guide the country as it becomes a constitutional democracy and enters an exciting new era in its history.

To honor these events, Bhutan Postal Corporation, in conjunction with Creative Products International, of USA is pleased to announce the advance release of its 2008 Commemorative Stamp Issues. For this occasion, Bhutan has chosen to produce a unique first of a kind CD-ROM stamp that will deliver in sight and sound the message of this country's most historic year.

The president of Creative Products International, Frances Todd Stewart, is the daughter of the late Burt Kerr Todd, whose legacy includes his creative efforts on behalf of Bhutan to produce a series of extraordinarily unique stamps, including the popular record stamp in 1973, still treasured by collectors today.

Bhutan's 100th Anniversary of the Monarchy collection includes:

- 2 - CD-ROMs covering the 100-year anniversary of Bhutan's monarchy and Bhutan's preservation of its landscape and wildlife.
- 5 - Limited edition, self-adhesive paper stamps featuring Bhutan's five hereditary Kings.

BEST JOINT ISSUE OF 2006

Austria Post and Hong Kong Post are the recipients of the 2006 Best Joint Issue award for the Fireworks issue released on August 22, 2006. It was designed by Adolf Tuma (Austria) and Arde Lam (Hong Kong) and was printed by Österreichische Staatsdruckerei (Austria).

Second place was awarded to Finland and Sweden for the Suomenlinna issue released on May 4, 2006 and the Third place was awarded to Canada and the United States for the Champlain issue released on May 28, 2006. The selection was made among 32 joint issues released in 2006 by 57 postal administrations representing 49 countries for a total 148 stamps and 34 souvenir sheets. Omnibus and territorial issues were excluded from the contest.

The contest is organized by the International Philatelic Society of Joint Stamp Issues Collectors (IPS-JSIC) and its members vote for the awards.

YAHOO CLOSES AUCTION SITES

Yahoo has decided to close down its US and Canada auction sites with effect from June 16, 2007. These sites will continue to accept listings up to June 3, 2007. The last day to bid or buy is June 16, 2007 and the customer service will be available up to October 29, 2007. The decision does not impact its auction sites in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan. The company says that it will better serve their customers through other Yahoo! Properties such as Yahoo Shopping, Yahoo Classifieds, and Yahoo Small Business.

Yahoo Auctions was launched on September 14, 1998 and did not charge a listing fee or a percentage of the sale price. It seems that all wasn't well with Yahoo Auctions which is believed to have 0.2 percent online auction market in US while eBay sites have virtual monopoly with about 94 percent.

EBAY BANNED 10 SELLERS OF FAKE AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

By Glen Stephens, Sydney, Australia

The big news to buyers of stamps on eBay in recent months is that you may well have been buying FORGED stamps/overprints/perfins.

A group of collectors and dealers have combined to smash a ring of TEN inter-connected eBay handles who had been selling \$10,000's of forged stamps on eBay.

More detailed discussion of that can be found in my next "Stamp News" magazine article <http://www.glenstephens.com/snjune07.html>

There are however crooks and con men still openly operating like joanne620 selling material on eBay for prices like \$775 that are forged stamps in my view, and more info on that can be found here; <http://www.stampboards.com/viewtopic.php?t=132>

Please take time to read over these pieces if you buy off eBay, and if you have bought ANYTHING from these TEN CROOKS in recent months you have done your money is my guess - they are gone - along with your dough. Let it be a lesson - buy pricey stamps from REAL dealers who are here next month, and next year - not rip-off cons like these :

The ten faker eBay IDs were - aw1940, aussiestampsales, nswstamps, modlink2002, stampbuyers, indepbrokers, george0mighty, wynstoninvest, gregbear_61 and bexapunk101

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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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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