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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We used to skip publishing one or two issues while attending philatelic exhibitions abroad in cases where both of us had been away. When one of us stayed behind in India we were able to maintain the regular mailing of issues.

This is the first issue of this digital weekly that is not being mailed from India.

Thanks to new technologies and gadgets, this issue comes to you directly from St Petersburg, Russia where the World Stamp Exhibition "Saint Petersburg 2007" is being held from June 19 to 25, 2007. The 8<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the World Association for the Development of Philately is also being held on June 21, 2007 at St Petersburg. In the next issue we will be reporting on these events.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOCAL SPEED POST RATES SLASHED

India Post slashed rates for its Express Mail Service (EMS) 'Speed Post' from Rs 20 plus Service Tax to Rs 12 inclusive of Service Tax for up to 50 grams weight for local delivery. Even the definition of the local is quite generous and in case of Delhi it includes all of Delhi and the area in the National Capital Region such as Gurgaon, and NOIDA. This move will help India Post to compete better with private courier companies.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Next Issue sometime in July 2007

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  
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- Jan 25: Hyderabad, Platinum Jubilee of Telugu Film Industry
- Feb 12: Secunderabad, District Philatelic Exhibition
- Mar 14: Nalgonda, District Philatelic Exhibition
- Apr 15: Matheran, Neral Matheran Railway Centenary

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STAMPS ON INDIA: TINTIN

Belgian Post released a special series of 25 stamps to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Hergé, Belgium's most famous comic strip author and creator of Tintin on May 22, 2007.

24 stamps will bear the cover of a Tintin comic album, one will show Hergé himself. The 24 comic covers are shown in 24 different languages in which these are available. The 7th stamp shows a Tintin comic cover in Bengali.

To view the stamps please visit

<http://www.post.be/site/fr/postgroup/aboutus/structure/subsidiaries/philately/stamps/2007/items/herge.html>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 10-12: Bangalore, KARNAPEX,  
Exhibitors Apply before July 20, 2007

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit

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