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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Next two issues of this digital news weekly will be mailed from Thailand. We will be covering BANGKOK 2007 the 20<sup>th</sup> Asian International Stamp Exhibition from August 3 to 12, 2007.

Unfortunately this means we will not be able to attend State Level Exhibition at Bangalore where we were very keen to go. If only the dates were in third week of August . . .

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

- M&SJ

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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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Aug 9: 150 years of the First War of Independence, 4 stamps

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 inland letter card with advertisement was recently released:

Apr 27: Literacy, Hindi, SPP

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

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:  
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For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007EN.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

May 26: Lucknow, 150 Years of Struggle for Freedom

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

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Feb 15: 48 Squadron Air Force, Presentation of Standards

Mar 07: Indian Air Force Fleet Review by the President of India

Mar 13: General K S Thimayya Birth Centenary

Mar 25" 2nd Battalion, 9th Gorkha Rifles 100 Years

Apr 05: The Maratha Light Infantry, 13th Reunion

May 01: 242 Medium Regiment Silver Jubilee

May 01: 156 Light Air Defence Missile Regiment Silver Jubilee

May 01: 15th Battalion, Sikh Light Infantry Silver Jubilee

May 14: Project Dantak, Border Roads Organization, 47th Raising Day

May 20: 28 Air Defence Regiment Golden Jubilee

Jun 01: Army Educational Corps Diamond Jubilee 1947-1967

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STAMPS PICTURE POSTCARDS

Uttar Pradesh circle of India Post has issued 6 stamp picture postcards in May 2007. 4 cards issued on May 2, depict stamps on Buddhist theme while the remaining 2 feature stamps on Dandi march and National Flag to mark 150m years of struggle for freedom. The multicolor cards priced at Rs 5 each are, one of the best produced picture post cards brought out by India Post.

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COMMEMORATIVE COINS ON TILAK

The Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh released a set of commemorative coins on 151st Birth Anniversary of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak in New Delhi on July 23, 2007. The coins consist of a 100 Rupees coin and another coin of lower denomination (possibly Rs 5). The function was also attended by Union Ministers Sharad Pawar, Sushil Kumar Shinde, Shivraj Patil, P Chidambaram and Pawan Kumar Bansal, among others.

The booking details of this issue are not yet available.

At present collectors can book following Proof and Uncirculated commemorative coin sets from

(1) India Government Mint at Mumbai <http://www.mumbaimint.org/>

Mahatma Basaveshwara,

Mahatma Gandhi's March to Dandi

Sree Narayana Guru

(2) India Government Mint at Kolkata <http://www.igmint.org/>

State Bank of India Bicentennial

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

May 15-Jul 31: New Delhi, Exhibition of Stamps on Nature at the National Philatelic Museum

Aug 10-12: Bangalore, Karnataka State Philatelic Exhibition

Oct 31-Nov 2: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State Philatelic Exhibition

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit  
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MEETINGS

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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.>

AJAY AGRAWAL, Akola

I would like to APEAL all the Philatelists, Dealers & their Family & Friends to use commemorative stamps while posting their letters, parcels. As we all are well aware that commercially used stamps have more weightage in exhibitions while grading. And naturally the one who gets your post opens it first as he is attracted by the stamp. He gets automatically interested in the subject of the stamp & may take the cover to his home for his little children. This may not give us any fruits but the coming generation will definitely ripe its fruits. Now a day the custom is to go to Post office get the payment sticker pasted on the speed post / registered post envelope / parcel & post it to save the time. Or to paste Rs. 5 definitive stamp on regular mails, though we have ample Rs.5 commemorative stamps in our drawer as well as at post offices. Due to ample stocks of commemorative stamps in post offices, India Post is lessening the quantity of New Issues. R.K.Shukla is a recent example.

This practice should be discouraged by ATLEAST philatelists. If major advanced philatelist could recall, they have developed the hobby by viewing commemorative stamps on incoming mails in their home in their childhood & must be still preserving them like Diamonds.(at least I have). The major BIG successful Stamp Dealers are earning highest profit by selling commercially used covers. And it is pity that they themselves are not using commemorative stamps while sending their post even to each other.

MANI MUTHUKRISHNAN, Bangalore

Regarding LANDMARK BRIDGES OF INDIA in Issue # 298 of July 19, 2007

The address link you have mentioned as <http://www.stampsofindia.com/> instead of [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com/)

As I see it, appears that this is adding the marketable value of the stamp which is yet to be released and also indirectly indicating people that such a stamp has been released. Why is it that you are indirectly encouraging the person who is selling this absolutely stolen material? I say that because you have not specified, which post office released it and date it was sold.

Of late, this has become more frequent in Indian Philately. This appears to be the third issue

- 1st - Pondicherry - officially released later
- 2nd - Gurugranth Sahib - never issued officially again
- 3rd - now Bridges - Will it be released?

You will have to clearly state from which post office you got the material or from which person you got the material. It appears that by being vague, and not specifying which post office has issued the stamps, you are encouraging the postal staff to start pilferage the stamps and sell them even when the stamps have not been officially issued. It is surprising to see this on a news letter and it appears you are encouraging this activity, even when it is absolutely and ethically wrong?

You being journalist, instead of pointing out the fact that philatelists have to beware of such material, are in turn promoting the marketable value of the stamp which is yet to be released.

Under the rights to information act, you can definitely question the postal authorities and get the facts as to which post office has released this.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

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<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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