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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Times have changed. In good old days the international philatelic exhibitions were held for a month long duration! Then 15 days became the norm. Thereafter the shows were scaled down to 10 days duration and now it has shrunk to an average of 5 days, some shows are of 7 days and some are of only 3 days.

The recently concluded BANGKOK 2007 remained open for 10 days. In this age of instant everything, it will indeed appear too long. However there was good reason for this long duration; Thai Post who funded the show, selected the dates and the duration to include 2 weekends and the national holidays on the occasion of Queen's birthday. All Thai Post counters were busy with queues all day long on all the days. The show timings were extended by 2 hours, from 10 AM to 10 PM, from August 9 to accommodate the buying public.

May we ask all stakeholders in India to work towards a similar success at the next international show.

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

- M&SJ

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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

NEW STAMPS RELEASED

India Post released a set of two stamps and a miniature sheet on August 9, 2007 to commemorate the First War of Independence of 1857. Two

The stamps artistically depict the two pitched battles at Lucknow and Kanpur focusing on unknown soldiers on Rs 5 and Rs 15 respectively.

The First Day Cover depicts the dawn of the new nationalism symbolized by the rising sun; the guns whose greased cartridges provided the immediate catalyst. The First Day Cover also depicts a part of the constitution drafted by the sepoys.

India Post also issued two maxim cards on this occasion depicting war scenes, adopted from murals and tribal paintings from Madhya Pradesh.

Shankha Samanta designed the Stamps and Bharti Mirchandani the First Day Cover. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Brochure containing write-up and technical data was issued on the occasion. The First Day Cover and the Brochure are priced at Rs 2 each. India Security Press, Nasik printed the stamps by photogravure in the quantity of 0.8 million each. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.4 million.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2007, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2007stamps.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Aug 17: Personalities, 3 stamps, Rs 5 each

Aug 17: Landmark Brides of India, 4 stamps and a 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.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

AIDS, Hindi & English  
Child Marriage is a Crime, Hindi  
Milk Producers Cooperative, Hindi  
Disaster Management, Marathi

Education for All Uttarakhand, Hindi  
Education for All Uttarakhand, Hindi  
Education for All Uttarakhand, Hindi  
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Education for All Uttarakhand, Hindi  
Education for All Uttaranchal, Hindi  
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The grand total till date is now 441, with 165 added in 2007 alone.

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

Following Inland Letter card with advertisement was recently released:

Apr 27: Literacy, Telugu, SPP  
Jul 01: AIDS, Hindi, ISP

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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

Mar 27-28: Alwar, District Philatelic Exhibition, 2 covers

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit
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For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2007, visit
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2006 COLLECTORS PACK

The Collector's Pack for 2006 is now available for sale at the  
Philatelic Bureau New Delhi for Rs 450.

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AUCTION ACTION

MITTAL POSTAL AUCTION

Mittal Stamp Company, Jaipur is holding their postal auction sale # 20
on September 11, 2007. The 100+ page catalog of this sale of over 2000
lots has 40 plates including several in color. Please contact the
auctioneers at mittalstamps@yahoo.com for more information.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug 24-26: Cochin, Coins & Stamps Exhibition

Sep 29 - Oct 3: Surat, Mahatma Gandhi Stamps and Memorabilia Exhibition  
Contact: Ramavtar Jain 0 93777 66365

Sep 30 - Oct 2: Gwalior, Coins & Stamps Exhibition

Oct 6-8: Ahmedabad, Gujarat 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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VIEWS & OPINIONS

IS MODERN INDIAN ISSUES WORTHY OF INVESTMENT?

P R Krishnan has analyzed India Mint stamps issued during 1991-2000 and their investment worthiness. This data and analysis is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/invest.htm>. Let us have your views and opinions on this.

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