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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

It is nice to have India Post introducing new products such as Maxim Cards and Packs. We would like to suggest that stating the contents of the pack on the back of the pack is a good idea and will make life simpler for postal employees as well as for stamp collectors.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Mani,

We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsofindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsofindia.com)

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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

PHILSENSEX DECEMBER 2007  
By P R Krishnan

I am pleased to release the data for December 2007 on Post Independence mint stamps of India for the benefit of collectors, dealers and investors.

I invite your comments, opinions, and suggestions.

Please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/philsensex1207.htm> for viewing the data.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Dec 08: The Daly College Indore  
Dec 11: Wilson College

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 STAMPS RELEASED

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS

India Post released a postage stamp to commemorate the International Day of Disabled Persons on December 3, 2007. For the first time the denomination of the stamp, Rs 5, is also mentioned in Braille script. The First Day Cover also bears inscriptions in Braille.

The Day was established by the World Program of Action concerning Disabled Persons, and was adopted by United Nations' General Assembly in 1982. The annual observance of the International Day of Disabled Persons, 3 December, aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp and 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 stamp by photogravure in the quantity of 0.8 million.

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

FIRST BATTALION 4<sup>TH</sup> GORKHA RIFLES

The following data inadvertently was left out in the report on new issue in the Issue #327 of November 29, 2007.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the Stamp and 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. Security Printing

Press, Hyderabad printed the stamp by wet offset in the quantity of 0.8 million.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

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>

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<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

Nov 23-26: Patna, Bihar State Philatelic Exhibition, 4 covers

Nov 27: New Delhi Asia Pacific Postal Union Executive Committee Meeting  
Sold at the philatelic bureau for Rs 20 - twice the normal price

Nov 30: New Delhi, 10th Annual Exhibition of Delhi Coin Society  
Contact: Goga Jain, Mobile 93123 18401

Nov 30-Dec 2: Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh State Philatelic Exhibition 1  
cover and 3 postmarks - Cricket, Hockey, and Chess  
Contact: Pankaj Tyagi, Mobile 0 93352 41900

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

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2007, visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2007aps.htm>

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INDIA POST'S NEW PACKS

India Post issued the following packs which are now available at all  
philatelic bureaus.

Nov 22: Renewable Energy  
Content: Miniature Sheet, FDC, & Brochure, Rs 100

Nov 27: Asia Pacific Postal Union Executive Committee Meeting  
Content: Special Cover, Rs 50

Dec 03: Int'l Day of Disabled Persons  
Content: FDC, & Brochure, Rs 50

For all the packs issued in 2007, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/misc-packs2007.htm>

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NEW PICTURE POST CARDS

Uttar Pradesh Circle of India Post issued a set of 6 picture postcards with images of stamps of India during recently concluded State Philatelic Exhibition at Lucknow.

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V SRINIVASAN IS NO MORE

V Srinivasan, veteran philatelist from Bangalore expired on Dec 1, 2007. He was aged 88 years.

He was known for promoting the hobby rather than a mere collector of stamps. He always encouraged young people to get into the hobby. He is remembered by the philatelists as a person who used to encourage by providing stamps on any topic at a nominal cost or no cost.

Although he had built quite substantial collections he was never interested in exhibitions for the sake of awards and actually never participated in exhibition beyond the district and state levels.

He was instrumental in bringing Philately to Bangalore in 1961 when he as the president of Philately wing of Indo-American Association. He was a organizing member in the first stamp exhibition held in Bangalore in 1963. He was also active in Indo-German Association and was part of the team that brought out the First balloon mail flight cover from MACHOHALLI, SOS Children's village, near Bangalore, and this was continued for some years. He was the president of the Karnataka Philatelic Society from 1999 onwards.

Whenever any exhibition was organized in Bangalore, he was there to help, as long as his health permitted. For the last 2 years he was very weak and could not take active part in any of the activities.

After 1970, up to 1995 he was inactive in philatelic circle for some years due to his commitments in his business, although he continued to collect stamps.

He was also a well known numismatic collector.

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AUCTION ACTION

Indian Thematic Society [indianthematicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:indianthematicsociety@gmail.com) is holding postal auction # 39. The 148 lots auction closes on January 20, 2008.

For a list of auctions in India, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/auction.htm>

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5-8: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition  
Venue: Kanakakunnu Palace  
Sales Stalls: Rs 3000  
Contact: The Secretary [kerapex2007@gmail.com](mailto:kerapex2007@gmail.com) Mobile 0 94955 49431

Dec 7-9: Pune, STAMPEX  
Venue: Sonal Hall, 19 Karve Road, Next to Rasa Shala,  
Contact: Rajendra Shah, Secretary ICSRI, (020) 24477660, 09890117252

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events2007.htm>

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KUMAR BISWAS

Hope it has not gone un-noticed that India has released its 50th Miniature Sheet with the release of 'renewable energy MS.'

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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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