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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Many Many Happy Returns of the day to A S Mittal of Mittal Stamp  
Company, Jaipur who turns 75 on April 7, 2005.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

April 15: 15 Punjab Regiment (Patiala), Rs 5

April 18: 50 Years of Bandung Conference, Rs15

The issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, shall be available on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters in the country.

For a list of stamps in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

International Year of Physics

The President of India Dr A P J Abdul Kalam released a Special Definitive Stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on March 31, 2005 at a seminar on "Attracting Young people to Careers in Science" organized by the Indian Physics Association on the occasion of the International Year of Physics - 2005 at New Delhi. Arjun Singh, Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Kapil Sibal, Minister of State for Science & Technology and Ocean Development, Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology, Dr R Chidambaram, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India and Professor R S Sirohi, Director, IIT also spoke on the occasion.

It was in the year 1905, often referred to as the 'Miracle Year', in which five papers on three major subjects by Albert Einstein on Special Theory of Relativity, Photoelectric Effect and Brownian Motion were published. These papers, published a century ago, changed our fundamental understanding of nature. In celebration of the centenary of these papers, the year 2005 has been declared as the World or International Year of Physics.

The three great pieces of work radically changed our views about the working of nature. Together they established the existence of atoms, of photons as packets of energy and proved that Newton's mechanics is only an approximation on the working of nature. The total effect of these pieces of work subsequently led to the quantum theory that explained how matter is stable. The theory of Brownian Motion is now routinely used to understand natural processes including the manner in which liquid and solid particles mix with each other. Understanding Brownian Motion is vital to everything from cell function to traffic flow, from models of ecologies to stock market.

Now it is known to the entire world that in one single year i.e. 1905, Einstein changed our understanding of the fundamental laws of nature completely and even a hundred years later, we are still striving to grasp all the deep meanings of his work.

Kamleshwar Singh designed the stamps 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 printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the sheets of 50 stamps.

#### 75 Years of Mahatma Gandhi's March to Dandi

Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh released a set of four Special Postage Stamps and a Miniature Sheet, on April 5, 2005 commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Dandi March, in the presence of Sonia Gandhi, Chairperson, National Advisory Council, Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Communications & Information Technology and Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology at New Delhi.

The stamps, in the denomination of five rupees each, depict the glimpses of the marchers led by Mahatma Gandhi on the move; Mahatma Gandhi in the backdrop of News headline appeared in Bombay Chronicle in its 13th March 1930 edition; Mahatma Gandhi's own handwritten lines on 5th April 1930 saying "I want world sympathy in this battle of Right the might"; and the map depicting the route of the historical Dandi March. The Miniature Sheet containing one each of all the four stamps is priced at Rs 20.

Dandi March was one of the most inspiring chapters in the history of the Indian Freedom struggle which was started by Mahatma Gandhi on March 12, 1930. The 25-day long march from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad with 78 volunteers to Dandi on the Gujarat Coast ended on April 6, 1930.

The Dandi March, otherwise known as "Salt Satyagraha", is considered to be the beginning of the civil disobedience movement in which Gandhi along with his followers marched through dusty and muddy tracks and knee-deep waters as well, and picked up a small lump of natural salt thereby giving the signal to hundreds of thousands of people to similarly defy the law. It is a well known fact that the British in those days attempted to exercise a monopoly on the production and sale of salt. "I know that the Salt Tax has to go and many other things with it", Gandhi had once said in his 'Young India'. His opposition to the Salt Tax imposed by the British, was thus elemental and yet effective in rousing the nation. The Salt Satyagraha was a masterstroke in political mobilization which also conclusively established that civil disobedience, as a means to achieve freedom was a viable political medium.

Sankha Samanta designed the stamps 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 printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.8 million each in the sheets of 36 stamps (9 sets). The Miniature Sheet is printed in the quantity of 100,000.

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#### POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

##### New Arrivals

Mar 31: Post Card with advertisement, in Hindi, Family Planning, 2 million, India Security Press, Nashik,

For a list of postal stationery in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005ps.htm>

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#### RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

##### Forthcoming

Apr 09: Jamshedpur, India Pakistan One Day Cricket Match

Apr 12: New Delhi, Bharat Scouts & Guides

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PCI COURT CASES UPDATE

The suit filed by Madhukar Jhingan against Philatelic Congress of India was last reported in the Issue #190 of October 14, 2004. The case since came up for hearing on December 9, 2004, February 4, March 7, March 19, and March 30, 2005. The next date of hearing is on April 20, 2005 for final arguments.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS & FAIRS

April 8-9: Calicut, Stamps & Coins

April 8-10: Kolkata, Stamp Fair

Venue: Art Gallery of the Charnock City, Salt Lake City  
Contact: Arun Bhattacharya, Treasurer, Indian Philatelic Traders Association, Telephone: 0 98304 12286  
Table is available at Rs 2000 for the entire duration

April 14-16, Malda, District Level

April 15-17: Ernakulam, District Level

April 22-24: Mumbai, Coins

April 28-30: Gangtok, Sikkim, NEW DATES

May 7-8: Chennai, Stamps & Coins

August 11-15: Coimbatore, South Zone

Contact: The Philatelists Coimbatore, 5 Eleventh Street, Tatabad, Coimbatore 641 012

August 12-15: Salem, National Level philatelic & Numismatic

Contact: N Vaithiyanathan, Treasurer, Baramahal Philatelic and Numismatic Association, 16 Gandhi Road, (Opposite Ganesan Hospital), Salem 636 007

For a list of exhibitions in 2005, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events.htm>

MEETINGS

May 2: 2 to 4 PM, Delhi Philatelists

2214-15, Hardhiyan Singh Road, 2nd Floor, Chanana Complex, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005

Guests are welcome, please contact: Madhukar Jhingan 93505-37037

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations is available at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

BHILWARA PHILATELIC CLUB BULLETIN, Whole # 5, April 2005, Monthly

Editor: Dilip Bhargava

Publisher: Bhilwara Philatelic Club

Address: Shri Govindam, C-3 Mayur Complex, Bhilwara

Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

For a list of Indian periodicals, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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NEPAL NEW ISSUE PROGRAM 2005

Apr: Animal Series, 4 stamps, Rs 10 each (Asiatic Wild Elephant, Gangetic Dolphin, Chinese Pangolin, Clouded Leopard)

May: Golden Jubilee of the First Ascent of Mount Makalu, Rs 10

May: Golden Jubilee of the First Ascent of Mount Kanchanjunga, Rs 10

May: Buddha Series, Rs 10

Jun: Fruit Series, 4 stamps, Rs 10 each (

Jul: 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the King Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Rs 5

Jul: National Library, Bhrikuti

Aug: Golden Jubilee of Diplomatic Relations between Nepal & China

Sep: World Heritage Series, Rs 10

Oct: 125 Years of Nepal Postage Stamps, Rs 50

Nov: Ornament Series, Rs 5

Dec: Visit Nepal Series, 2 stamps, Rs 5 each

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

A special court at Mumbai on April 4, 2005 framed charges against Abdul Karim Telgi and his two associates in a fake stamp paper case of 1995. Rejecting their discharge plea, the designated judge U D Salvi read out the charges under various sections of Indian Penal Code and Bombay Stamp Act to Telgi through video conferencing. Telgi could not be produced before the court due to security hazards. The other accused, Sanjay Gaekwad and Ramratan Soni, were produced before the court. All of them pleaded not guilty to the charges.

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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for April 2005 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E. Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website [www.cwiakala.com](http://www.cwiakala.com).

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The Advertising Supplement to 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is available on-line <http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/ad/ads.htm>

INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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 anywhere in the world. It is now possible to pay by credit card

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>

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M V S PRASAD

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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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ALSO IN THE NEWS

AUSTRIAN STAMP ON DALAI LAMA

The Austrian postal service had initially planned to issue a postage stamp with His Holiness as the motif to commemorate his 70th birthday on July 6, 2005. However, because of pressure from the Chinese embassy on the Austrian government, this plan was shelved, although all the preliminary work on the design of the postage stamp had been completed.

Fortunately, it is possible in Austria for private citizens to order customized postage stamps obviously at a higher price. Upon hearing about the cancellation of the Dalai Lama postage stamp, an Austrian citizen, Heinz Stoff, contacted the Austrian postal service regarding placement of an order for a stamp on His Holiness the Dalai Lama. This stamp will be brought out to commemorate His Holiness 70th birthday as had been initially planned. The Chinese have protested again but this time to no avail. The Austrian postal service has informed them that "their hands are bound".

The stamps will be officially worth 55 cents. Stoff has received orders for about 9000 stamps. For an order under 10,000 each stamp will cost Euro 1.16. For an order of 10,000 stamps each stamp will cost Euro 1.10. Obviously the stamps are only valid in Austria.

Orders can be placed by writing to [kailash473@gmx.at](mailto:kailash473@gmx.at)

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STAMPS OF INDIA <http://www.stampsofindia.com>

The Hub Site of Indian Philately presents info in following segments - NEWS, ISSUES, EVENTS, AUCTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, DEALERS, and ARTICLES. In addition we provide question answers in ASK US. Also all Indian philatelic web sites as well as several useful philatelic sites are listed under LINKS.

PRINCELY STATES REPORT <http://www.princelystates.com>

Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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