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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We wish our readers a very happy and prosperous Deepavali - the Festival  
of Lights that will be celebrated all over India and by Indians all over  
the world on November 1, 2005.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 14: Children's Day

Nov 14: Children's Film Society

These 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.

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

The President of Dravida Munnettra Kazhagam and the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M Karunanidhi released the commemorative stamps on three eminent Tamils, freedom fighter and trade union leader Vi Kalyanasundaranar, eminent poet Kavimani Desiga Vinayagam Pillai, and social reformer cum educationist Ayothidasa Pandithar, on September 21, 2005 at Chennai. The function was presided over by the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, Dayanidhi Maran and attended by Tamil Nadu Congress Committee's President G K Vasam and Communist Party of India's National Secretary D Raja.

VI KALAYANASUNDARANAR

Vi Kalyanasundaranar, popularly known as Vi Ka was one of the prominent figures in Indian political life. He was an eminent scholar in Tamil, prolific writer, fiery speaker, trade union leader and a freedom fighter.

He was born on August 26, 1883 to Virudhachala Mudaliar and Chinnammal. After completing his education in Wesley High School, Royapettah, he joined as a teacher in the same school. He worked in several companies run by the English, but inspired by the ideals of Bal Gangadhar Tilak and the prevailing nationalist sentiments; he gave up his job and joined the freedom struggle. He was placed in house arrest.

In 1933, Kalyanasundaranar was closely associated with Mahatma Gandhi. Whenever Gandhi came to Chennai and addressed public meetings, Kalyanasundaranar translated his speeches into Tamil. It was he who started addressing Mahatma Gandhi as 'Gandhi Adigal'.

He did not hesitate to address the gatherings in Tamil. This encouraged others to feel proud of expressing themselves freely in their mother tongue i.e. Tamil while addressing public meetings at that time.

He started a labor union in 1918 in Chennai and organized a confederation of labor unions in 1920.

He started a newspaper 'Desa Bakthan' but it was banned by the British. Then he started another newspaper 'Nava Sakthi' and worked for the growth of Tamil language and to propagate nationalist ideals.

A great scholar, Kalyanasundaranar authored more than 50 books, the most popular being 'The Greatness of Women' in which he spread the ideals of

national freedom, the growth of Tamil language and literature, and social reforms, particularly emancipation of women in all walks of life.

His career was marked by nationalism, spiritual discipline, courage and compassion. He passed away on 17th September 1953, but his legacy lives on.

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 printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.6 million in the sheets of 35 stamps.

#### KAVIMANI DESIGA VINAYAGAM PILLAI

In the annals of 20th century Tamil literature, the name of S Desigavinayagam Pillai occupies a special place.

Born to Sivathanupillai and Adilakshmi at Theroor in the Princely state of Travancore now known as Kanyakumari District in Tamilnadu on July 27, 1876, Desigavinayagam Pillai had his early school education in Theroor and attended college at Nagarcoil. He started his career as a school teacher and after serving in one or two schools in Kottar and in Trivandrum, he joined Maharaja's college at Trivandrum as a lecturer in Tamil.

He composed his first Tamil poem at the age of 19. He wrote many songs for children which were published in 'Malarum Malayum' (Flower & Garland) in 1938. Asiya Jothi (Light of Asia), Nanjil Nattu Marumakkal Vazhi Manmiyam (a satire on society) and the translation of the work of Omarkhayyam are his master pieces.

Even now, his poems are taught in schools and colleges. His poems are marked by nobility of intent and simplicity of language. He had a good command over Malayalam and English and translated the work of some selected authors from English to Tamil. In 1940 the Tamil Sangam at its 7<sup>th</sup> annual conference held at Madras honored Desigavinayagam Pillai with the title 'Kavimani'.

He was also an epigraphist and studied many stone inscriptions in and around Kanyakumari and Nagarcoil. His research work 'KandalurSalai' was famous and was reprinted in the year 1953.

He adopted simple living and high thinking as his guiding principle. In 1948 Kavimani was offered the post of the Laureate which he refused and recommended the name of a contemporary Tamil poet for this post. He also showed unwillingness for the post of Honorary Professor of Tamil at Annamalai University.

A devout follower of Gandhi, he always wore khadi and use to spin the Charkha. He was deeply concerned with the uplift of the downtrodden.

The South Travancore Hindu College was his brain child. He retired from service in 1931 but even after retirement worked as a member of the Text Book Committee of Travancore state and also as a consultant for Tamil lexicon prepared by Madras University.

He breathed his last on September 26, 1954 at the age of 78 but till today Kavimani Desigavinayagam Pillai lives in the hearts and minds of people because of his noble deeds and legendary qualities.

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#### AYOTHIDHASA PANDITHAR

A social reformer, educationist and visionary, Ayothidhasa Pandithar was far ahead of his time.

Ayothidhasa was born on May 20, 1845 in Coimbatore District of Tamil Nadu. He was named 'Kathavarayan' by his parents. After acquiring proficiency in Sidha medicine, he changed his name as Ayothidhasa Kaviraj Pandithar.

Ayothidhasa Pandithar established 'The Advaithantha Sabha' in Nilgiris in 1870 and 'Dravida Mahayana Sabha' in 1891.

A sincere social worker and philanthropist, he was a pioneer and forerunner to Dr B R Ambedkar and Periyar and campaigned against the caste system and untouchability besides advocating social equality. He took up the causes of the poor and the downtrodden and fought against orthodoxy. A man of action, Pandithar heralded a social revolution in Tamilnadu.

Pandithar published a weekly called 'Oru Paisa Thamizhan' in 1907. He wrote more than 20 books on various fields. A good orator, he was fluent in Tamil, Sanskrit, Pali and English. His views on the writings of Tiruvalluvar and Auvaiyar gave a new insight and different exposition in terms of Buddhism. He founded Chakkia Buddhist Association which evoked great response among social and political circles. He gave a new direction to Tamil Literature.

Pandithar passed away in 1914 but his views on social issues have left a lasting impact.

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 printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.6 million in the sheets of 35 stamps.

#### PRABODH CHANDRA

The Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of rupees five to mark the birth anniversary of Prabodh Chandra, a great freedom fighter and a renowned writer, on October 24, 2005 at New Delhi in the presence of Dr Shakeel Ahmad, Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology and several other Ministers.

Born in Rawalpindi (now in Pakistan) on 24th October, 1911 (now in Pakistan) Prabodh Chandra did his graduation from Lahore. He started his political career at his age of 16 and formed the Multan Students Union in 1927. In his early days he was closely associated with the Lahore Revolutionary Party. Later he joined the Indian National Congress and was elected to the Punjab Legislative Assembly in 1946. After Independence also he continued as member of Punjab Assembly in 1952,

1960 and 1962. He was the first speaker of the Punjab legislative assembly. He had also been the Member of Parliament from 1971 to 1977. Chandra was also an accomplished writer and editor of English Monthly "The Students' Tribune" at Lahore in 1936. He had to his credit a number of contributions made in the form of articles to various journals and had brought out publications also.

Brij Raj Goel designed the Stamp. Alka Sharma designed the First Day Cover and 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 0.6 million in the sheets of 35 stamps.

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POSTAL STATIONARY NEW ISSUES

The following postal stationery with advertisement is scheduled for release in November 2005.

The information in the listing is presented in following format:  
Date, Printer, Language, Message, Quantity in million, Remarks  
'M' denotes multicolor printing.

Post Card

Nov 1: Telugu, SPP, PNDT Act, 1, in Pink  
Nov 2: Hindi, SPP, Free Legal Aid, 2

For an illustrated list of Post Card in 2005, please visit  
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

May 29: Lucknow, Lions Club Multiple District 321 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention  
Sep 24: Banda, district philatelic exhibition  
Oct 26: Saharanpur, district philatelic exhibition

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005pm.htm>

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PHILATELY COURSE AT POSTAL STAFF COLLEGE

India Post's Postal Staff College Ghaziabad conducted a two day workshop on philately on October 13 and 14, 2005 to study the best practices in promotion of philately and to arrive at an action plan for promotion of philately at field level. There were 22 participating postal officers from all over India.

Madhukar Jhingan interacted with the participants on Customer Perspective and participated in Group discussion on Formulation of Action Plan along with Post Master General of Delhi Circle Meera Handa.

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STAMP CLUB AT ARMY SCHOOL RANCHI

The General Officer Commanding of the Cockerel Division, Major General Dalip Bharadwaj, inaugurated Nehru Philately Club at the Army School, Ranchi on October 25, 2005.

The Commanding Officer of the Postal Unit of 23 Infantry Division, Major K Y Dorle conducted a philatelic workshop. About 40 students of the school participated in design-a-stamp and philatelic quiz competitions.

Similar workshops will be conducted at Central School, Dipatoli, on November 26 and at Namkum on November 27, 2005.

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sep 2-3: Karur, district level, 2 covers  
Sep 30: Rewaree, district level, no cover  
Oct 27-28: Tambaram, district level

Oct 27: New Delhi, South Delhi's Philatelic Festival  
Venue: Godrej Auditorium, World Wide Fund for Nature, Lodhi Estate  
Contact: Pulak Gupta 098680 92984

Nov 7-8: Jalandhar, Vajra Philex 2005 by Army Postal Service  
Venue: Mall Road, Jalandhar Cantt

Nov 12-23: Jeypore, KORPEX Koraput District level

Nov 13-14: Ludhiana, LUPEX  
Venue: Lions Bhawan, Udham Singh Nagar  
Contact: Dr S K Sondhi [sksondhil@sify.com](mailto:sksondhil@sify.com) 0 9815657647

Nov: New Delhi, East District,

Nov: Muzaffarpur, district level

Nov 25-27: Jamshedpur, TATAPEX district level REVISED DATES  
Venue: Tulsi Bhawan, Bistupur  
Contact: Ashok Tiwary 0 93346 17581

Dec: Jammu, Army Postal Service

Dec: Puri, district level

Dec 15-16: Kolkata, Dealers Bourse  
Venue: Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza  
Contact: Kalyan Negal [knegal@vsnl.net](mailto:knegal@vsnl.net), Arun Bhattacharya 0 98304 12286

Dec 17-19: Kolkata, State Level, NEW DATES  
Venue: Rangmunch, Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza  
Contact: Madhukar Deogawanka, 0 98311 51219

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Jan 14-15: Chandigarh, district level

Jan: Sambalpur, district level

Jan: Kolkata, Army Postal Service

Feb: Hyderabad, Army Postal Service

Mar: Kamptee, Army Postal Service

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MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

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'Recent Philatelic Periodical' in the Issue # 243 of October 20, 2005 was incorrect.

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PAKISTAN NEW ISSUES

Sep 10: Lahore Marathon, Rs 5

Oct 1: Mushrooms, Set of 10 stamps, Rs 5 each

Agraricus arvensis, Amanita caesarea, Amanita vaginata, Boletus luridus, Cantharellus cibarius, Clitocybe geotropa, Coprinus comatus, Lepiota procera, Morchella cibarius, and Tricholoma gambosum

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COMING SOON E-PAYPOST

India Post is gearing up to launch software which would enable online payments and purchases even in the remotest corner of the country by using its network of over 150,000 post offices.

The Mysore-based software development centre of the department is developing an online payment gateway, e-Paypost, which will be integrated with various service providers to facilitate payments on the web. Customers can book a ticket on the net or make a purchase on the virtual gallery and make payments at the nearest post office within 24 hours. The goods would reach them, as in a normal online purchase. This will avoid the need to provide the credit card number online.

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TATA INTERACTIVE SYSTEMS AT POST-EXPO IN PARIS

This year's Post-Expo 2005 congress and exhibition held in Paris October 3-5, 2005 and recognized as the world's leading event for the postal, parcel and logistics industry, saw a new exhibitor in e-learning producer, Tata Interactive Systems (TIS), the global e-learning pioneer. The TIS is a part of the £7bn Tata Group - one of the largest and most trusted business conglomerates in India.

"Efficient and effective logistics can make all the difference between success and failure in business," commented Alan Samuel, head of European operations at TIS. "And the difference between success and failure lies in competence and quality of the logistics operation's staff. "That is where a company such as TIS can help. "With over 15 years experience and expertise in helping companies in the field of logistics - including Royal Mail, Exel and UPS - as well as in the field of passenger logistics, including British Airways and Qantas, TIS is providing practical solutions to help improve employee productivity and profitability," he added. "This is helping TIS clients to expand their markets through developing increasingly competent staff."

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UPS EXPANDS IN INDIA

United Parcel Service (UPS) is launching its first package store franchises in India. UPS Stores in India will be operated by Jetair Business Solutions, a licensee with exclusive franchise rights.

Jetair CEO Mahiyar M Sadri said on October 5, 2005 at Mumbai "The first phase of operations, which has an investment of US \$10 million by JetAir Business Solutions and franchisees, would be spread over three to five years," The retail outlets, mainly spread across metro cities, would be a one-stop shop and offer facilities including packaging, international shipping options, document, parcel and delivery related services, he added. UPS Asia Pacific Region President Ken Torok said "Mumbai would have a total of 25 stores and the first one would open in November 2005.

Founded in 1907 as a messenger company in the United States, UPS has grown into a \$36 billion corporation. Today UPS is a global company with one of the most recognized brands in the world. UPS has become the

world's largest package delivery company and a leading global provider of specialized transportation and logistics services. Every day, UPS manage the flow of goods, funds, and information in more than 200 countries and territories worldwide.

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FEDEX ANNOUNCES SERVICE EXPANSIONS

FedEx Express, a subsidiary of FedEx Corp., announced on October 20, 2005 the new service expansions in India providing customers with enhanced transit and cut-off times, increased cargo capacity and faster and more flexible access to the global marketplace.

FedEx also will be expanding service availability of FedEx International Priority Freight, FedEx International Express Freight and FedEx International Priority options for valuables and dangerous goods to more markets through the corporation's new trucking network. This new network will allow later pickup times from all key markets providing additional manufacturing or production time for its customers.

FedEx said it now leads the express industry in India with almost 3,500 people working for FedEx Express and its contractors, 250 FedEx branded retail outlets, and a transportation system connecting 4,348 cities and towns across India. Expanded operations and services will be effective November 1, 2005.

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

The Telgi scam involving the sale of fake stamps is probably one of the biggest scams unearthed in the country. From 1995 to 2003 when the fake stamp paper scam broke, an estimated Rs 300,000 million (US \$ 7 billion) worth of fake stamp papers had been sold across several states including Andhra Pradesh. The fake stamp papers seized have since become evidence in the CBI case. While the CBI is still probing the scam, officials in Andhra Pradesh allegedly have already destroyed several thousands of stamp papers. The Panthers Party of Jammu and Kashmir and the Janata Dal (S) claim the Andhra Pradesh government is destroying fake stamp papers and with it valuable evidence. State government documents produced by the two political parties reveal that on January 4, 2005, the Registration and Stamps Department of Andhra Pradesh destroyed close to Rs 6.1 million worth of stamp papers with a face value of Rs 500 and above. The Andhra Pradesh government, however, says that the stamp papers being destroyed are not the same as the Telgi stamp papers and they are only being destroyed to ensure that fakes are not in circulation. But both political parties have now written to the President asking for a probe. They have alleged that the latest move is aimed at completely destroying all further links to the Telgi scam in which several senior police officers, politicians and government officials are implicated.

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Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

INVERTED JENNY FETCHES \$3 MILLION

An anonymous buyer paid US\$ 2.97 million (Rs 13.37 Crore) including buyers premium for a unique block of 4 stamps of 24 cent US Airmail stamp of 1918 with inverted center popularly known as 'Inverted Jenny'. This, the only plate number block of this famous error was sold in Sale 901 at Siegel Auction Galleries, New York for the World-Record Price for a US Philatelic Item on October 19, 2005.

The stamps bear a picture of a Curtiss JN-4 plane, known as a Jenny, which was used for training pilots in World War I and later became an airmail plane.

Only one sheet of 100 stamps all with inverted center error was bought by a young stamp collector William Robey in 1918 at a post office in Washington DC. It was later broken up into smaller blocks and individual stamps to be resold.

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