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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We are sorry for blank space in this column as well as the presence of couple of place holders for stories that were not supposed to be there. In fact we had written up this column as well as removed the place holders but while mailing, we erroneously used penultimate version.

The reason was that we were very excited. That was the first issue prepared on the notebook computer. That was the first issue created in Microsoft Word 2007. That was the first time the site was updated with Microsoft Expression Web. That was the first issue being mailed thru a mobile internet connection. That was the first issue being mailed from a train.

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

- M&SJ

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

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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend. Better still, forward a copy of this issue. Also, please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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

STAMP ISSUE PROGRAM 2007

May 00: National Parks, Set of 5 Stamps  
Mudumalai/Bandipur - Tamil Nadu/Karnataka, Periyar - Kerala, Kaziranga  
- Assam, Bandhavgarh - Madhya Pradesh

May 00: Landmark Bridges, Set of 4 Stamps  
Howrah Bridge - West Bengal, Vidyasagar Setu - West Bengal, Mahatma  
Gandhi Setu - Bihar, Pumbum Bridge -

Jun 00: Jasmine (scented stamps), Set of 2 Stamps

Jun 00: Indian Air Force, Platinum Jubilee

Jul 00: S B Chavan

Jul 00: Maharashtra Police Academy

Aug 09: First War of Independence, Set of 4 Stamps

Aug 00: 4<sup>th</sup> Gurkha Rifles - 150 Years of Raising

Aug 00: Maharaja Gulab Singh

Aug 00: Battaqh Ali Ansari

Sep 00: 53rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference

Sep 00: Satyagraha Movement, Set of 4 Stamps

Sep 00: Tortoise

Sep 00: Architectural Heritage of Indian Railways, Set of 4 Stamps  
Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST)- Mumbai, Howrah Railway Station -  
Kolkata, Old Delhi Railway Station - Delhi, Central Station- Chennai

Oct 00: India China Joint Issue, Set of 2 Stamps

Oct 00: 14 Punjab - 250 Years of Raising

Oct 00: 4th Military World Games - 2007

Nov 00: S D Burman

Nov 00: Ritvik Ghatak

Nov 14: Children's Day, Set of 2 Stamps

Nov 00: Rare Animals of North East, Set of 3 Stamps

Nov 00: Damadar Sanjivaiah

Nov 00: Wilson College, Mumbai

Dec 00: Pramathesh Barua

Dec 00: Mahanamrata Brahmachari

Dec 00: Butterflies of Andaman & Nicobar, Set of 4 Stamps

Dec 00: Maulana Atikur Rehman Alvi

Dec 00: Daly College, Indore

Dates (Months) to be decided:

Maramalai Adigalar

Soorinarayana Sastry

Ramalinga Adigalar (Vallalar)

Maharishi Bulusu Samba Murthy

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

ADDEDENDUM to the report in the Issue #287 of May 3, 2007:

A miniature sheet priced at Rs 30, a set of 6 maxim cards priced at Rs 60 (including the stamps), and a presentation pack of the miniature sheet priced at Rs 50 was also issued.

For maxcards, please visit

<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/2007mc.htm>

For presentation packs, please visit

<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/packs/misc-packs2007.htm>

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Small Savings, Tamil

Education for All (Girl Child), Hindi (Chhattisgarh)

Water Conservation, English

Gold Hallmark, English

ISI Mark Helmets, English

Maximum Retail Price, English

Happy Deepawali, English

Maximum Retail Price, Marathi

Maximum Retail Price, Tamil

Maximum Retail Price, Oriya

Maximum Retail Price, Bengali

Maximum Retail Price, Assamese

Happy Deepawali, Marathi

Happy Deepawali, Gujarati

Happy Deepawali, Oriya

Happy Deepawali, Bengali

The grand total till date is now 386.

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>

For an illustrated list of all kinds of Envelopes in 2007, visit  
<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

Jan 06: Asansol, Revised cover with correct illustration  
Jan 09-10: Kayangulam, District Philatelic Exhibition  
Jan 12-13: Tumkur, District Philatelic Exhibition  
May 04: New Delhi, Dashrathmal Singhvi Birth Centenary

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

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VALENTINE DAY GREETING CARDS

Jharkhand Circle of India Post issued two Greeting Cards for  
Valentine's Day in early February 2007. The cards were priced Rs 10.

For images, please visit  
<http://stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/valentine.htm>

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S D BHATIA PASSES AWAY

Veteran stamp dealer, S D Bhatia of New Delhi passed away on May 7,  
2007. He was not keeping good health for some months.

He lovingly served philately for over 60 years and was well known for  
his reasonable prices. Even in his advanced age he used to travel long  
distances to exhibitions. Till few months ago, he was a regular visitor  
to the Philatelic Bureau New Delhi on the days when new stamps were  
issued. His life was an inspiration to others.

He commanded respect of not only of his juniors but of his peers as  
well simply being a very nice human being. May his soul rest in peace.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For a list of exhibitions in 2007, please visit  
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INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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