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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

For the first time ever a commemorative, Indian Air Force, of October 8, 2007 wasn't available at philatelic bureaus in India even one week after the date of issue. In the past a day or two delays at a few bureaus were the limit of such occurrences. The next issue of 4<sup>th</sup> World Military Games on October 14, 2007 followed the predecessor.

A numismatist gave another perspective to this situation. He reminded us that the commemorative coins in India are made available to the collectors one and a half or two YEARS after being ceremoniously released. Thank God for small mercies.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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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

### ANOTHER PREMATURE ISSUE

India Post originally scheduled for release a commemorative stamp on S B Chavan on July 14, 2007 which got postponed. As is usual for such issues, this one too was reported as sold from post offices in some cities and was openly being traded on internet.

For the image, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/311-plus.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 03: Maharashtra Police Academy Centenary, Rescheduled from Oct 15

Date To Be Announced: Punjab Regiment, Rescheduled from Oct 24

Date To Be Announced: S B Chavan, Rescheduled from July 14

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

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### 4<sup>TH</sup> MILITARY WORLD GAMES, HYDERABAD - MUMBAI,

The President of India, Pratibha Patil, who is also the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces, declared the Games open at the G M C Balayogi stadium, Gachibowli in the outskirts of Hyderabad on October 14, 2007. The President released three commemorative postage stamps and a Miniature Sheet on this occasion. The stamps are in the denomination of Rs 5 each.

The Governor of Andhra Pradesh N D Tiwari, the Defence Minister of India A K Antony, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Y S R Reddy, the Minister of State for Defence M M Pallam Raju, the three Service Chiefs of the Indian Armed Forces, the President of CISM Brigadier General Gianni Gola were present on the occasion along with senior members of the armed forces from across the world.

About 5000 military athletes from 101 countries are participating in the Fourth Military World Games, which is the biggest sports event after the Olympics. This is the first time in the history of the Military World Games that more than 100 countries are participating to spread the message of the Game 'Friendship through Sport'. The uniqueness of the Games can be measured from the fact that some nations that are otherwise in conflict with each other have got together and will be competing in the true spirit of sportsmanship.

In 1995, International Military Sports Council (CISM) decided to break its tradition of organising every year fifteen to twenty world championship per year by gathering all its member nations during its first Military World Games in Rome from September 4 to 16, 1995. These first Games took place to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and of the ratification of the United Nations Organisation Charter.

After the tremendous success of the 1st edition, the CISM decided to to organise this major event every four years, one year before the Olympic

Games. Four years later from the August 8 to 17, 1999, in Zagreb, 6734 participants coming from 82 countries have contributed to the great success of the 2nd Military World Games. The 3rd edition was held in December 2003 at Catania, Sicily (Italy).

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, Nasik printed the stamps by Wet Offset in the quantity of 0.8 million each. The Miniature Sheet is printed in the quantity of 0.1 million.

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Sep 29-Oct 3: Surat, Gandhi Stamps and Memorabilia Exhibition, 5 covers

For an illustrated list of Special Postmarks & Covers in 2007, visit  
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NEW BOOKLET

Gujarat Circle of India Post released a Stamp Booklet on October 6, 2007 during 11th Gujarat State Philatelic Exhibition at Ahmedabad. The booklet priced at Rs 80 included stamps worth Rs 20 - a set of 4 recently issued commemoratives of Satyagraha Centenary issue. The booklet compiled by senior philatelist Vijay Navlakha lists stamps of India related to Gujarat on 10 pages.

For an illustrated list of Stamp Booklets, visit
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JPS MEMBERS DIRECTORY

Jaipur Philatelic Society has published the Directory of its Members. The 112 page Directory has other useful philatelic information besides details of their members. The Directory priced at Rs 50 is available from the Society's office at 999 Dhor Building, Gopal Ji Ka Rasta, Jaipur 302 003

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 26-29: Jaipur, 12th Inter School Philatelic Exhibition Schoolpex
Venue: St Xavier's School
Issues: 2 special covers including 1 scented cover,
Sales Stalls: Rs 600, Also accommodation assistance
Contact: Rajesh Paharia, Mobile 9351716969

Oct 31-Nov 2: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State Philatelic Exhibition

Nov 2-4: Raipur, Chhattisgarh State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Town Hall

Nov 30-Dec 2: New Delhi, Coins & Banknotes
Contact: Goga Jain, Mobile 93123 18401

Dec 5-8: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala State Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Kanakakunnu Palace

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ZULAIHA MOHAMED

I just wondered whether the Indian Air Force platinum jubilee stamps were released on time! If so, it was not available in both Trivandrum GPO and the Ernakulum GPO. This is not the first time stamps are not

available in these post offices on the first day itself. What do you think this is due to? Is there any politics behind it? Is Kerala being targeted for some unknown reason by the Post Office? This sounds silly even to me but I just wondered.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

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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