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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

In order to promote regular philatelic activity in national capital we are calling all philatelists, stamp collectors, stamp lovers, from Delhi and national capital region, such as Gurgaon, Faridabad, and NOIDA, to join hands. To begin with we need a team of volunteers to work the program of activities. Please contact us with your contact details over email and the area or the way in which you would like to contribute. This is the opportunity to pay back to the hobby which has given us so much.

Delhi Philatelists meet every month on Second Saturday at the Philatelic Bureau, Parliament Street, New Delhi from 2.30 to 5 pm. In exceptional circumstances such as postal holidays etc the meetings are rescheduled usually to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday for which advance notice is given. We hope to provide a telephone number soon to which prospective visitors to the meeting can call and confirm.

There is a get together and dinner planned for local and visiting philatelists in New Delhi on February 8, 2008. There is a state philatelic exhibition on February 7 to 9, and a large group of us are going to dinner on Friday February 8. It will be an inexpensive affair - so please do join us! Block that date in your diary now. More details to follow, please watch this space.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Nikhil,  
And Vinod Sabharwal

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 POLL 2007

Thank you for the overwhelming and unprecedented response to Stamp Poll  
2007. Kindly continue to do so and let us make a new record for the  
numbers of votes polled this year. Please do spread the word about  
Stamp Poll 2007.

The best stamp of 2007 shall be announced based on the most number of  
votes polled. You can send as many ballots as you wish. Several  
attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be  
decided by draw of lots.

Please select one from the commemorative stamps issued in 2007  
displayed at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/2007stampoll.htm>

Vote for the best stamp of 2007 in your opinion. Vote by the number  
only. (My Favorite 2007 Stamp is: # .....)

Also write your name, City, email id, and philatelic interests on the  
ballot and email your ballots to: [stampoll@stampsofindia.com](mailto:stampoll@stampsofindia.com)

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is January 31,  
2008. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

No issue is scheduled for release in next couple of weeks. As soon as  
India post announces one the same will immediately be listed on the  
home page of [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com).

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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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

2007

Mar 30: Chennai, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 125 Years  
Apr 19: Chennai, Church of South India Diamond Jubilee

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Jan 8: Chennai, International Institute of Welding 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Oct 04: Directorate General of Quality Assurance Golden Jubilee  
Oct 24: Air HQ Communication Squadron Golden Jubilee  
Oct 27: Tri Services Integration Reunion  
Nov 03: 18th Battalion, Mechanized Infantry Regiment Silver Jubilee &  
Nov 15: 33 Armored Division Silver Jubilee  
Nov 15: 17 Mechanized Infantry (Recce & Support) Silver Jubilee  
Nov 15: 510 Light Air Defence Missile Regiment (SP) Silver Jubilee  
Nov 16: 16 Engineer Brigade Regiment Silver Jubilee  
Nov 23: Corps of Army Air Defence 3rd Reunion  
Nov 24: 17th Battalion, The Garhwal Rifles Silver Jubilee  
Nov 30: 4 Horse (Hodson's Horse) Regiment Sesquicentenary

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

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NEW PICTURE POST CARDS

Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association released a set of 4 picture postcards on October 2, 2007 with images of Mahatma Gandhi and Mahatma Gandhi stamps.

For an illustrated list of Stamp Picture Postcards in 2007, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/icards-2007.htm>

For an illustrated list of Max Cards in 2008, visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2008mc.htm>

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PRIVATE FIRST DAY COVERS

Chhattisgarh Philatelic Association released a set of 4 picture postcards on October 2, 2007 with set of 4 Mahatma Gandhi stamps issued that day.

For images please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/fdc/fday2007.htm>

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ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL

S Jagannath joined as Assistant Director General on January 14, 2008. The post was vacant since Hena Usman moved away on promotion being appointed as Director Postal Life Insurance in October 2007.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

PHILA Capsule, Vol 2 #6, Nov Dec 2007, Bimonthly

Editor: Ajit Kumar Dash [akdash2000@yahoo.com](mailto:akdash2000@yahoo.com)

Publisher: Eastern India Philatelists' Association, Bhubaneswar

Annual Subscription: Not indicated

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INDIA UAE LAUNCH ELECTRONIC MONEY ORDER

India Post and Emirates Post recently signed an agreement in Dubai to jointly launch electronic money order service effective from February 2008.

India Post will also provide home delivery as an option in addition to the facility to collect the amount from the Post Office. In UAE the recipients will collect the payment from the Post Office.

The 'International Express Money Order' is powered by UN-affiliated Universal Postal Union's secure International Financial System (IFS). Postal Administrations using IFS can exchange electronic money orders among themselves according to bilaterally agreed service standards.

Electronic transfers are quickly replacing the traditional paper money order, which has been around since 1878. IFS enables Postal Administrations to make the transition toward an electronic system providing secure and rapid money transfers.

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NOW BUY GOLD AT POST OFFICE

The World Gold Council is in talks with the India Post to sell Gold through post offices. The council intends to tap the vast network of over 150,000 post offices to encourage gold buying and investments in smaller towns.

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INDIA POST TIES UP WITH STATE BANK OF INDIA

India Post has entered into an alliance with State Bank of India (SBI) in Kerala for making available some of its services to the public in financial inclusion. An agreement to this effect was signed on January 2, 2008 at Trivandrum. As per the agreement, India Post will act as a business facilitator/business correspondent of SBI to extend the reach of banking services, especially in un-banked or under-banked areas. Select post offices in the State will make available to the public SBI's deposit and loan products.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7-9: New Delhi, Delhi State Philatelic Exhibition

Venue: National Science Centre, Near Pragati Maidan Gate 1, Bhairo Marg

Dealers Booth: Rs 3000

Info & Entry Form: [www.delhipost.gov.in](http://www.delhipost.gov.in) Closing Date for forms Jan 23

Postponed: Lucknow, Stamp Exhibition on Gandhi's 60<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

Contact: Pankaj Tyagi 0 93352 41900

Postponed Indefinitely: Chandigarh, Punjab State Philatelic Exhibition

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

#### 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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#### VIEWS & OPINIONS

##### READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

UMESH KAKKERI, Belgaum

I have read letter of Jeevan Jyoti in #323 issue of 'Stamps Of India Collectors Companion', about the facts in Inpex 2008 at Chennai, I have also faced similar problem at so called Nasik Inpex Show in 2001 due to Indian Jury 'P'ucknor.

Since then I have strongly decided not to participate in any Indian stamp exhibition but always participate in world stamp exhibitions.

If you adopt such method, I am sure you won't be disappointed.

PRAKASH MODY, Canada

I am writing a book on "Autographs" and I need some information. I will appreciate your help and welcome suggestions.

Does anyone has a list of stamps (Indian and/or foreign) with autographs included on it?

In case of several stamps of India, the autograph is included but I want to confirm that the autographs are copy-print of the actual signatures. Stamps of Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Rabindranath Tagore, Subhash Chandra Bose have their autographs printed.

#### 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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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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

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, Credit cards & PayPal  
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