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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

When we were ready to mail issue # 265 of this digital weekly we found to  
our horror that the email system at stampsofindia.com that we employ for  
mailing, has been compromised. We were able to post the issue on the site  
and later managed to belatedly mail it using another email system.

The only data we have lost is some recent emails. We have now been busy  
doing damage control and have succeeded to a large extent and but alas are  
not yet 100 percent comfortable. It will take several tests over a period of  
time to accomplish that.

From last few days even those email addresses that are not part of the email  
system at stampsofindia.com are facing what is known as denial of services  
attack where a large number of mails, in this case loaded with viruses, are  
sent to generally disrupt the work.

We have four years of experience in fighting cyber criminals and shall  
overcome this soon. At this time we need your support by way of good wishes  
and prayers.

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

- M&SJ

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Bhargave, Madhukar Deogawanka, Rajesh Varma, and Vijay Seth

We invite your inputs, please email to 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

##### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Stamps of India group of publications are facing an attack by cyber criminals (See editorial) that has caused delay in the publication schedule.

Kindly visit [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com) to ascertain the latest issue of this digital weekly published.

Please use [mjhingan@yahoo.com](mailto:mjhingan@yahoo.com) meanwhile for correspondence.

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##### FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Mar 30: Indian Agricultural Research Institute Apr 01: 62 Cavalry Apr 12: Joint Issue with Cyprus, Set of 2, Rs 15 each

This issue 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 an illustrated list of stamps in 2006, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

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##### POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATES

The following postal stationery with advertisement is scheduled for release in April 2006:

The information in the listing is presented in following format:  
Date, Printer, Language, Message, Quantity in million, Remarks 'M' denotes multicolor printing and in case of single color, the color of the ad is mentioned in parenthesis if different than the color of regular printing.

Inland Letter Card with advertisement  
Apr 15: Malayalam, SPP, Deepasthambham Project, 1

ADDENDA for March 2006  
Inland Letter Card with advertisement  
Mar 31: English, SPP, Pay Water Bill First, 1, M

For a list of Inland Letter Cards in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005ILC.htm>

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##### ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Mar 18: 12th Battalion Madras Regiment  
Mar 18: 4th Battalion Jammu & Kashmir Rifles

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service issues in 2006, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2006aps.htm>

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##### RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

2005  
Dec 29-31: Ratnagiri, District Philatelic Exhibition, 4 covers

2006

Jan 14: Yavatmal, District Philatelic Exhibition

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2006, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2006pm.htm>

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**NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS**

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

British Broadcasting Corp, Hindi

Andamans Tourism - Live Volcanoes, Hindi & English

Andamans Tourism - Cellular Jail, Hindi & English Andamans Tourism - Cinque

Islands, Hindi & English Andamans Tourism - Neil Island, Hindi & English

Andamans Tourism - 572 Islands, Hindi & English

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

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**NOW BUY TEA AT POST OFFICE**

Indian Post is now selling Tea under their Retail Post program. A packet of 250 grams Korangani Tea specially packed for India Post is being sold at Rs 50.

The visual of the Tea pack is available here

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/266-plus.htm>

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**INDIAN PARTICIPATION IN EXHIBITIONS ABROAD** A record number of 59 entry forms were sent from India to ESPANA 06 World Philatelic Exhibition. And that too in about 20 days of being announced the participation being open. ESAPNA organizers will inform the entries accepted in about one month's time.

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**RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

For a list of exhibitions in 2006, please visit

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

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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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**ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:**

Pradeep Agarwal of Patna has contributed missing yellow color in the recent President's Review of Fleet issue.

For the images please visit:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/efos/1780.htm>

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**MALDIVES NEW ISSUES**

Jan 24: Children's Designs, 3 miniature sheets of 4 stamps RF 10 each, Sheet

1 - Sea Life, fish blowing bubbles by Raquel Bobolia; bubble fish by Sarah

Bowen; lipfish by Elsa Fleisher; flounder by Eria Malchowski; Sheet 2 -

Flowers, orange sunflower by Brett Walker; red flower pot by Jessica Shutt;

flower pot by Nick Abrams; blue flower vase by Trevor Nielsen; Sheet 3 -

Birds, purple bird by Anna Badger; parrots by Nick Abrams; pretty bird by

Jessie Abrams; royal parrot by Ahsley Mondfrans

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**THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS**

The Calendar for April 2006 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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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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INDIAN POSTAL GUIDE 1869

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