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Hi

We sincerely apologize for unusual delay in mailing issues and very much regret the inconvenience caused to the readers of this digital weekly.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Apr 28: Pannalal Barupal, Rs 5

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  
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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

CALCUTTA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Chief Postmaster General of the West Bengal Circle, P K Chatterjee released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on 150th anniversary of Calcutta Girls High School on April 21, 2006 at Kolkata. On this occasion a stamp exhibition was also organized in the School.

Calcutta Girls High School was established in 1856 by the Governor General of India Lord Canning, as a boarding school for English speaking girls. American missionary ladies headed the School in its formative years. It sent its first batch of 15 girls for the Senior Cambridge Examination in 1911.

Now recognized as a leading school for the girls it also has been promoting education for underprivileged. A night school, Indira Pathshala, functions in the same premises for the poor and needy children since 1973.

Bharati Mirchandani 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 0.8 million.

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POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATES

New Arrivals:

Apr 15, 2006: Inland Letter Card with advertisement, in Malayalam, LIS Deepasthambham Project, 1 million, Security Printing Press Hyderabad

For a list of Inland Letter Cards in 2005, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2006ILC.htm>

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Ground Water, English & Gujarati  
Ground Water, English & Marathi  
Ground Water, English & Punjabi  
Ground Water, English & Tamil  
Ground Water, English & Telugu  
Ground Water, English & Bangla

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Apr 01: 17th Battalion, Brigade of the Guards, Silver Jubilee Apr 15: 10th Battalion, The Assam Regiment, Silver Jubilee

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service issues in 2006, please  
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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Ace Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni released a special cover with special postmark for the India England 6th One Day International Cricket match on April 12, 2006 at a function organized at Beldih golf course ground, Jamshedpur to felicitate him. The cover depicted Dhoni and the Keenan Stadium - the venue of the match. Dr J J Irani, Director of Tata Sons presented a "Silver Bat" to Dhoni. Dr Irani is also a keen philatelist and past president of Jamshedpur Philatelic Society. S S Basan, President of Jamshedpur Philatelic Society, Syed Hafizuddin, Secretary JPS along with other members of JPS were also present on that occasion.

Apr 22: New Delhi, Earth Day

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2006, please visit  
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A BOUQUET OF PHILATELIC ARTICLES

By Ashok Kumar Bayanwala

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124 pp, Hardbound

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Distributed by Philatelia, One Moti Sil Steet, Kolkata 700013

Price: Rs 250

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25TH INDIAN ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Apart from the regular Maitri date canceller following new cachets were recorded during the silver jubilee Indian Antarctic Expedition:

M/V Paardeberb (Two different cachets) First one is rectangular cachet showing ships GT/NT/kW. The second one was made by the ship engineer during the expedition showing ships silhouette and inscribed "2005/2006 INDIAN IAE XXV MV PAARDEBERG

HELITEC Chopper Service (Three different) First one is inscribed with Aviation Support, Aviation Support GmbH, Flughafen, 34379 Calden, the Second one shows HELITEC and address. The third cachet was prepared specifically for the expedition showing chopper within Antarctica Map and inscribed with Indian Antarctic Expedition, 2005/2006

One oval expedition cachet with penguin and written 25 in big letters, inscribed Indian Antarctic Expedition 2005-07 Maitri

Maitri Radio Room (Two different cachets) Both have penguins but one is smaller oval while other is larger slant oval.

Expedition leader cachet

Other than these some covers are also marked with cachets of Akademik Fedorov which met Paardeberg during the Antarctic voyage. Three different cachets were recorded including that of Ice Pilot.

Regarding baggage labels NCAOR gave its expedition members the same label which were provided for 24th expedition.

At least five types of private labels were used during the expedition. This includes 25th Expedition, Republic Day celebration and HAMSAT experimentation.

VU3BPZ (Bhagwati Prasad Semwal) was active during the 24/25 expedition and made over 1000 HAM contacts. Two different types of his QSL cards are also recorded. One is printed one while the other is computer printout. VU3BPZ was also awarded by WAP.

The covers scans can be viewed at  
[www.geocities.com/indian\\_antarctica/](http://www.geocities.com/indian_antarctica/)

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Oct 14-16: ORPEX-06, 8th State level Philatelic Exhibition of Orissa  
Venue: Bhanja Bhawan, Rourkela  
Contact:

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