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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

"I think tolerance is needed, now and badly. I personally seek nothing from philately but the pleasure and relaxation it provides, the knowledge and learning it supplies, and the good friendship it leads to. I plead with those among my writer, dealer, and collector friends who have the best interests of our avocation at heart, to do their utmost to see that the present unfortunate trend is promptly changed. Let's get back to where it is fun and pleasant to collect, or deal in, or to read and write about stamps!"

- From an article by Van Dyk MacBride in the 'American Philatelist' January 1945 and quoted by American Philatelic Society President, Janet Klug in her column in 'American Philatelist' April 2006; also available online at the Virtual Stamp Club.

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

- M&SJ

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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.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NARESH KUMAR JAIN PASSED AWAY

Senior Philatelist Naresh Kumar Jain of Patna died on April 9, 2006. Jain had been an active philatelist, exhibitor, and promoter of philately all his life. He was well-known for his knowledge and helpful nature.

He worked with great enthusiasm to popularize collecting of foreign stamps on India theme as well as Stamps on Jainism.

He was the member of the Philatelic Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Communication & Information Technology, Government of India. He was the President of Bihar Philatelic Society and a member of several philatelic and numismatic organizations. He also took active part in the activities of various social and religious institutions.

He was instrumental in getting issued a number of special covers on various events and themes and designed several special covers and special postmarks.

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/268-pix.htm>

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Apr 21: Calcutta Girls High School, 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

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

NEW STAMPS RELEASED

The Prime Minister of India Dr Manmohan Singh released a set of two commemorative postage stamps on India Cyprus Joint Issue on April 12, 2006 at New Delhi.

The stamps are in the denomination of Rs 15 each and depict folk dances - Nati dance of Himachal Pradesh, India and Cypriot 'The Pitcher' (Kouza or Stamna) dance about a chance meeting between a young woman and man at village well. A miniature sheet containing was also issued on the occasion.

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 each in sheetlets of 18. The miniature sheet is printed in the quantity of 100,000.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2006, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

The Cyprus has issued the two stamps designed by Glafkos Theoflactous in the denomination of Cyprus Pound 0.40 (about Rs 38) each in the miniature sheet format only in the quantity of 75,000.

To view the stamps issued by Cyprus, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/268-plus.htm>

NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Small Savings, Tamil

Health & Family Welfare

AIDS (Himachal Pradesh), Hindi

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

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

RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Apr 07: Mumbai, World Health Day

Apr 12: Jamshedpaur, India England One Day International Cricket Match

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2006, please

visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2006pm.htm>

INDIA KGV RE 1 HEAD MISSING

Cherrystone Auctions, New York, USA is holding an auction sale on May 10-11, 2006. This sale features over 2,000 lots of United States and Worldwide material, with a presale estimate of over \$2 million. The catalog is now online at <http://www.cherrystoneauctions.com>

The lot 1334 in this sale is India 1926 1r George V, right margin vertical strip of three, head (brown) omitted, top stamp with partial offset, original gum, bottom stamp creased, otherwise very fine. A striking piece, with 1998 Holcombe certificate. SG catalog value for singles is #SG 214a - GBP 11250. The lot is estimated at US\$ 12,500 (Rs 562,000 approximately).

SRJ POSTAL AUCTION

SRJ Postal Bid auction Sale # 5 of 73 lots will be closing on April 29, 2006. Contact S R Janakiraman, 34/60 Sourashtra Street, Rasipuram 637408
Tel: 04287 226024 for your copy of the catalog.

GANDHI STAMP EXHIBITION

A collection of stamps celebrating Mahatma Gandhi will be on display at Chatham College, Pittsburgh, USA this month. "Mahatma Gandhi: A Philatelic Presentation of His Life and Legacy" will be exhibited from April 13 to 30 at the James Laughlin Music Center on the college's Shadyside campus. Revati Natesan, the creator of the exhibition which features stamps from more than 90 countries, will be a guest from 6-8 pm on April 30, 2006 at the music center. Admission to the reception and the exhibition is free and open to the public.

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A philately exhibition showcasing the historical and cultural legacy of Orissa state was recently organized by Haripada Panda, an employee of the local SBI branch in the district headquarters Kendrapara.

Oct 14-16: ORPEX-06, 8th State level Philatelic Exhibition of Orissa

Venue: Bhanja Bhawan, Rourkela

Contact:

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For a list of exhibitions in 2006, please visit

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

MEETINGS

The schedule of meetings of the philatelic organizations in India is available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/clubmeet.htm>

EIPA NEWS BULLETIN

The readers and philatelists are requested send their philatelic activities, articles, views, etc. to Ajit Kumar Dash, Secretary, Eastern India Philatelists Association, C/o HWB, CID, CB, Orissa, Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar

for publication in the proposed bimonthly EIPA News Bulletin which will be released in near future for the benefit of the philatelists.

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ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES: Black Missing in Builders Navy Rajesh Kumar Agrawala of New Delhi has contributed missing black color in the recent Builders Navy issue. The stamp is printed in the sheet of 21 stamps, 3 vertical rows of 7 stamps each. In this case the black color is missing in 2 vertical rows.

For the images please visit:
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/efos/1770.htm>

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READERS FORUM

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

RAKESH WALIA, Chandigarh

The stamp on 62 cavalry has been released on 1-4-06 by the Chief Minister of Punjab. The design of the stamp released differs with the design of the stamp printed on the brochure

This has happened first time that the designs do not match. India Post has either send the wrong design to the printer of the brochure or the printer New Model Impex Pvt LTD, New Delhi, has printed a design that was not checked before releasing it to the various philatelic bureaus of the country.

There is some mistake or the other in every stamp which has been released in the past few months.

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>

NEWSSCAN

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

Frontline, Vol.23 Issue 7, April 8-21, 2006 ART IN MINIATURE
<http://www.hinduonnet.com/fline/stories/20060421000906600.htm>

The Telegraph, April 10, 2006, Kolkata
ANNALS OF A POSTAL JOURNEY by Sudeshna Banerjee
http://www.telegraphindia.com/1060410/asp/calcutta/story_6077966.asp

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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,
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