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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Half the year is over and in our opinion it was lack luster as far as the philatelic activities go. We think that this is the time when one should go all out after that philatelic activity that one has been postponing for long.

Here is hoping the second half will be much better.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Shyaam Pradhan

We invite your inputs, please email to writeback@stampsofindia.com

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.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

No dates are announced as yet

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

POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATES

The following postal stationery with advertisement is scheduled for release in July 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.

Post Cad with advertisement

Jul 31: Hindi, SPP, AIDS, 1

Inland Letter Card with advertisement

Jul 31: Hindi, SPP, AIDS, 1

For a list of postal stationeries in 2006, please visit

Post Cards <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2006PC.htm>

Inland Letter Cards <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005ILC.htm>

RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Mar 06: Port Blair, Cellular Jail Centenary

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

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

NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

British Broadcasting Corp, Hindi

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

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

INDIA AT SPINK AUCTION

Spink Stamp Auction Sale # 6016 will be held on July 11 - 13, 2006 at London. There are 90 lots of India, 91 of Indian Princely States, and 30 lots of Burma in this sale. The entire catalog is available at www.spink.com

POST OFFICE TO SELL RAILWAY TICKETS

Indian Railways is tying up with India Post to sell railway tickets. The pilot run of this project may be at Mumbai where Local as well as Long Distance travel tickets will be made available through 10 major post offices.

INDIA POST AND THE BANKS

The Punjab Circle of India Post is gearing up to work for four banks – Bank of India, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, and HDFC Bank. It will distribute applications for various loans and collect filled out application forms, deliver debit and credit cards, collect cheques from the customers for depositing in their bank accounts, and deliver documents between branches of the bank.

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jun 29- Jul 2: NUPHILEX State Level by South India Philatelic and Numismatic Dealers Association (SIPNDA)

Venue: The Good Shepherd Hall (between Valluvar Kottam and Hotel Palmgrove)

82 Kodambakkam High Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai 34

Contact: A V Jeyachandran, Gen Sec SIPNDA, collexons@yahoo.co.in

16 Chetty Street, Pondicherry - 695001, Mobile 0 93454 11747

Jul 7-9: Coimbatore, Coin-Stampex

Venue: Gujarathi Bavan, Coimbatore

Contact: C Palaneswamy Tel: 0421 2429131

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>

NEPAL NEW ISSUES

Last reported in Issue # 273 - Jun 8, 2006

Jun 12: Bio Diversity Series 2006, 5 stamps, Rs 10 each Primula Sharmae, (Nepalese Primrose);
Russula Kathmanduensis, (White Pine Mushroom);
Dicranocephalus Wallichii (Chaffer Beetle);
Amolops Formosus Beautiful Stream Frog (Hariyo Paha);
Teinopalpus Imperialis (Imperial Butterfly).

PAKISTAN NEW ISSUES

Last reported in Issue # 274 - Jun 15, 2006

Jun 16: 400th Anniversary of Sri Guru Arjun Dev Jee, Rs 5

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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.>

O P GUPTA Chandigarh

India Post has again created history in printing different designs of stamps released on Kurinji on May 29, 2006 than the one appearing on the Brochure. It would be seen that in the stamp, the denomination of 1500 printed is in large numerical letters, whereas in the Brochure, the denomination is in small numerical letters.

Same feat is repeated again in the stamp released on Jun 5, 2006 on Rainwater Harvesting. In the stamp Hindi and English inscription (Rain Water Harvesting) are in one line whereas in the Brochure, it would be seen from the stamp design that this inscription is in two lines.

It is not clear how two different designs have appeared both on the stamp and in the Brochure. It appears, due care is not being taken by India Post and, thus, Indian Philately has become a laughing stock in the eyes of public at large. Would India Post take care?

ASHOK KUMAR TIWARY, Jamshedpur

I have a query regarding Aero-philately. There was a flight by Indian Air Force over Mount Everest after its first ascent in June 1953. Was this flight marked by any philatelic item?

I know the person who had taken photograph of Mount Everest during that flight but he is unable to answer my question. Any information in this regard is welcome.

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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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 post paid worldwide. Credit cards accepted <http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>

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