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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We propose to do a Stamps Market column, may be once in three months, for Indian philatelic market and global market for Indian philatelic material. We know from experience that it is easier said than done. But we also believe it can be done and there is a need to do this. We therefore request all of you to contribute data on prices and turnover we will maintain a database of the same. We need dealers' price lists, special offers, auction catalogs, prices realized and more. In addition we are also looking for relevant stories and anecdotes.

Some of you keep a close watch on auctions and some are expert eBay sellers. Some are focused on mint stamps and their catalog values in Scott, Michel, and SG. Some are following FDC, some fancy booklets, and some are devoted to postal history. All of you can contribute the information that you gather in course of pursuing your interest. We look forward to your contributions.

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

- M&SJ

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

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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

SERVICE TAX ON FINANCIAL SERVICES ABOLISHED

Government of India's Ministry of Finance in its Circular of July 4, 2006

clarifies that the financial services provided by India Post such as money orders, operation of postal bank accounts, issue of postal orders are not liable to service tax.

The Service Tax was imposed on these services along with others services provided by India Post on June 1, 2006 and was covered in the Issue # 274 of June 15, 2006.

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jul 29: High Court of Jammu & Kashmir, Rs 5
Aug 04: Pankaj Mullick, Rs 5

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>

NEW STAMPS RELEASED

INDRAPRASTHA GIRLS SCHOOL

The Chief Postmaster General of Delhi Circle, S Samant, released a postage stamp to commemorate Indraprastha Girls School New Delhi on July 8, 2006 in the denomination of Rs 5. Kapila Vatsyayan, who graduated from the school, presided over the function while Minister for Science and Technology Kapil Sibal was the chief guest.

In the late 19th and early 20th century, modern education was yet to reach the women of India, when a small band of enthusiasts decided to establish a school in Old Delhi on May 21, 1904.

A brainchild of freedom fighter-educationist Annie Besant, the school owes its origin to an idea for an exclusive girls school in Delhi, mooted by Dr Besant in a meeting of the Delhi branch of the Theosophical Society of India in 1903.

The first school for girls in Delhi, Indraprastha Girls' School, had begun with just seven students on its rolls. Lala Jugal Kishore, an executive in a British firm and a theosophist, was the foremost of the founders who went from house to house to collect funds and convince hesitant parents to send their daughters to school. Advocate Raj Pearey Lal, Lala Sultan Singh Rais, Seth Banwari Lal Lohiya, Lala Pearey Lal (Motorwale), and Rai Bishamber Nath were the other founder members.

It is nestled in an 1857 Haveli close to the Jama Masjid in old Delhi that was provided by Lala Balkrishan Das, a man of wealth, a theosophist, and a founder member of the school. This building is now declared a heritage building by the government.

The 102-year-old school was also the first to teach girls from an Indian perspective. School had been visited by Dr Besant and Ravindra Nath Tagore and its alumni includes Kamla Nehru, wife of Jawaharlal Nehru.

Indraprastha College, the city's first college for women, also began in the third floor of the school in 1924, before it was shifted to the Civil Lines in 1936.

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.

VOORHEES COLLEGE, VELLORE

The Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Dayanidhi Maran released a postage stamp to commemorate Voorhees College, Vellore on July 10, 2006 in the denomination of Rs 5.

Arcot Mission College affiliated to the University of Madras/Voorhees College is one of the oldest institutions of our nation. Former President of India, Dr S Radhakrishnan was its alumni.

The origin of the institution can be traced back to 1895 when the old Arcot Academy at Ranipet and Church of Scotland Mission High School were amalgamated and renamed the Arcot Mission High School which was later upgraded of the status of an Intermediate College. In 1898 it became Arcot Mission College affiliated to the University of Madras. In 1905 the foundation stone of the present building was laid and Ralph Voorhees of USA donated 25000 dollars. The name of the college was changed after the donor's wife, Elizabeth R Voorhees College.

Brahm Prakash 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.

THE VELLORE MUTINY 1806

The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, M Karunanidhi released a postage stamp to commemorate the bicentenary of the Vellore Mutiny on July 10, 2006 in the denomination of Rs 5 at Vellore. The Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Dayanidhi Maran was present at the function.

A mutiny is collective disobedience and violation of military discipline by enlisted men. It results from loss of faith and trust between the leaders and the led. Disregard for the soldier's well-being, arising from the expanding commercial and profit needs of the East India Company, prepared the ground for many a Mutiny.

In November 1805, it was decreed that soldiers would no longer wear caste marks, and would change to wearing headdress akin to that of the British. There were other reasons for resentment: changes in pay and permission to keep families, the use of soldiers for menial duties, and doing away with the appointments of senior Indians known as 'Black Commandants.'

Realizing the anger this had caused, the Commander-in-Chief of Madras Army, Sir John Craddock, advised Bentinck, Governor of Madras, to cancel the orders. The 32-year-old Bentinck refused.

The troops, seething under the orders perceived as unjust and affecting their religious practices, and angry at inconsiderate officers, decided to march to Vellore and free Tipu Sultan's sons. In the process they killed British officers, and shot sick British soldiers in their hospital beds. On reaching the Fort, they nearly took control of it from the outnumbered British. One British survivor escaped to bring the news to Arcot. An enterprising officer rushed to Vellore with a small number of British troops, blasted his way into the Fort with gunfire, and rounded up the rebels. About 800 Madras Army soldiers were killed and shot. Nearly a hundred soldiers were blown up by tying them to guns.

On the other hand, Governor Bentinck was recalled. Even more important, new rules prohibiting tampering with soldiers' religious and social customs were issued. The flogging of soldiers, which was common, was abolished.

Sankha Samanta 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. Security Printing Press Hyderabad printed the stamps by Wet Offset in the quantity of 0.8 million.

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:
Chiranjeev Yojana - Health & Family Welfare, Gujarati
AIDS, Gujarati
AIDS, Gujarati

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

ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Jun 02: 14 Medium regiment (Dogra)

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service issues in 2006, please
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GETTING CREATIVE ON EBAY

Miniature sheet turns into a FDC in a matter of two months. That's exactly what an Indian stamp dealer did, he bought a Nicaragua 1980 Miniature Sheet that depicts Mahatma Gandhi and Taj Mahal in mint condition from a German seller on eBay in May 2006 and the same buyer in July 2006 was spotted selling the same sheet on eBay now sitting pretty on a First Day Cover. Unfortunately he seemed to have forgotten that these sheets are individually numbered and the number is clearly visible in both the cases. When questioned about the item the listing was ended early.

Those who would like to see the evidence of this creative workmanship may check eBay item # 9514937248 - mint and item # 230005866386 - FDC. So next time you are eying that lovely FDC / cover make sure it is not the recent creation of an unethical seller.

NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDIA POST

Jyotsna Diesh, has taken over as Secretary, Department of Posts and Director General (Posts) on the afternoon of Jun 30, 2006, subsequent to the retirement of Dr U Srinivasa Raghavan. She belongs to 1969 batch of Indian Postal Service. Prior to this appointment, she was working as Member Postal Services Board. She had worked in key assignments including Chief Post Master General, Delhi Circle from 2002 to 2005. Earlier she worked in National Project Construction Corporation.

COMMEMORATIVE COMPUTER GENERATED LABELS

Since 1991 India Post is utilizing computers to book registered and speed post mails, money orders, and several other transactions. These are known as Multi Purpose Counter Machines (MPCM). Prior to their introduction post office used to have dedicated windows for a particular type of service only. With MPCM the consumer can go to any window for any transaction.

The computer generates a receipt for the consumer and a label for the article of mail. This label replaces postage stamps or franking as well as the registration label. It keeps track of the amount of postage paid in cash or in stamps or in franking and processes the details of article.

The receipts are also innovatively used for special and commemorative messages in the last line that can be customized by the operator. Several operators do not take the trouble to insert anything but some obviously do. We see messages such as "Have a Nice Day" commonly. However we know that there are several interesting messages waiting to be discovered by the philatelists. We request readers in India to find out what is messages is being used on the postal computers in your town.

To get the ball rolling we show here a receipt commemorating "400 Years of Akal Takht":

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/278-plus.htm>

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jul 22-23, 2nd Annual Stamp Exhibition
Venue: CSOI, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, New Delhi
Contact: Madhukar Jhingan 9350537037

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

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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>

CHANDIGARH PHILATELIC CLUB

Chandigarh Philatelic Club meets every month on 2nd Saturday at 10.30 am at the Philatelic Bureau, GPO Sector 17, Chandigarh 160017. More information may be had from the General Secretary, O P Gupta, Mobile: 093160-19620, E-mail: jmfahr@rediffmail.com

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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.>

PRADEEP KUMAR AGRAWAL, Patna

I was just going through the picture gallery of Section special covers. I was surprised to see some picture of special covers under the heading that it is having no special cancellation.

I am not aware of lot of things of the Indian Philatelists as well as the Indian dealers who make any thing on any subject without having any association with the Department of Posts or without the patronage of any philatelic society, just to make profits for their pockets and they are getting successful on that too.

But do you not agree that they are spoiling the hobby of philately. I therefore request you not encourage such type of things at least by giving space in your newsletter.

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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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>

Daijiworld.com Jul 6, 2006

KUDVA'S RARE COLLECTION OF STAMPS, CAR MODELS AND COINS

http://www.daijiworld.com/chan/exclusive_arch.asp?ex_id=345

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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, limited edition, Special price – Rs 2750 post paid worldwide. Credit cards accepted
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>
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