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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have been flattered beyond our imagination.

We have been getting over 100 calls a day from all over India since the  
publication of the issue # 232 of August 4, 2005 regarding Guru Granth  
Sahib Stamp and Miniature Sheet. The callers wanted to know the  
availability, prices, and the status of this issue.

We have not been able to get an official word on this despite our best  
efforts till the time of closing this issue. Perhaps we will get a  
clearer picture before the next issue is out.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue:

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

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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

PCI ELECTIONS WERE NOT FREE & FAIR

Madhukar Jhingan had filed a case against Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) on August 21, 2002. Gautam Mannan, Civil Judge, Delhi in his judgment on August 4, 2005 decided that the Philatelic Congress of India failed to hold free and fair elections on August 25, 2002. The Judge decreed for the relief of the perpetual injunction restraining PCI from holding elections without proper accounts being rendered for the previous year and without the independent observer.

Several Contempt of Court proceedings against PCI for disobeying the order of the Court and publishing lies in their journal regarding the Court proceedings are still pending.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Aug 31: State Bank of India, Rs 5

The 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 Philatelic Counters in the country.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2005, please visit
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RAKHI ENVELOPES UPDATE

The Rakhi festival is on August 19 this year. Surprisingly Rakhi envelopes that should have been available by August 1, 2005 have not been reported from anywhere except from Delhi so far. This is not a philatelic item and is not sold through philatelic bureaus. These are sold at general counters at post offices. Please check at your nearest post office and do let us know.

For an illustrated list of rakhi envelopes in 2005, please visit  
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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Jul 30: District Rural Development Agency Tirunelveli, Tamil, 0.1
Aug 10: Consumer Rights Awareness Campaign, Hindi English, 2.2
There are five Meghdoot Postcards on 'Jago Grahak Jago' (Wakeup Customer Wakeup) Consumer Rights Awareness Campaign. The print orders for these issues are dated June 10, 2005 with release date stated as March 14, 2005 that is clearly in error. The March 14, 2005 was the date of the earlier order of the Delhi Circle. The supplies from the press for some issues state the release date as March 14 and for some issues as June 10. Logically the date should have been August 10, 2005. We are now listing these under August 10, 2005

Corrections:

Please replace the entry in issue # 232 of August 8, 2005 with this:
May 31: District Rural Development Agency Salem, Tamil, 0.1

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

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Post Office makes special arrangement to handle large volumes of rakhi mails every year. In Delhi the special counters at select post offices were opened on August 10, 2005 for two weeks. These special counters use a special postmark.

Sep 01: New Delhi, Springdale Public School Golden Jubilee

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005pm.htm>

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GANDHI SERVICE AT CHERRYSTONE AUCTIONS

Cherrystone Auctions' next sale of September 7-8, 2005 is now online at <http://www.cherrystoneauctions.com>. The sale features over 2,000 lots of stamps and postal history, with a pre-sale estimate approaching \$3 million dollars.

Lot 1291 is a set of 4 1948 Officials popularly known as Gandhi Service is estimated at US\$ 9000 and Lot 1230 is Gandhi Service 3½ annas value in strip of three tied to small piece by Governor General cds, also Gandhi Service 1½ annas value used on piece in combination with George VI 1½ annas is estimated at US\$ 900.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Aug: Jabalpur, Army Postal Service

Aug 5-7: Thanjavur, All India Level Coin Exhibition  
Contact: M Durairasu 094431 56502

Aug 11-15: Coimbatore, South Zone  
Contact: The Philatelists Coimbatore, 5 Eleventh Street, Tatabad, Coimbatore 641 012

Aug 13-15: Salem, BARAMAHAL COINSTAMPEX {REVISED DATES & VENUE}  
Venue: Ponnusamy Gounder Thirumana Mandapam, Opposite New Bus Stand, SKS Hospital Road, Alagapuram  
Dealers Fee: Rs.2000 for 3 days  
Contact: N Vaithiyanathan, Treasurer, Baramahal Philatelic and Numismatic Association, 16 Gandhi Road, (Opposite Ganesan Hospital), Salem 636 007 Tel: 0427 2310959

August 25-26: Kotdwara PAURIPLEX District level

Sep 2-4: Tirupur, Stamps & Coins  
Contact: C Palaneswamy 0421 2439131

Sep: Dimapur, Army Postal Service

Oct: New Delhi, Army Postal Service

Nov: Jalandhar, Army Postal Service

Dec: Jammu, Army Postal Service

Dec 18-20: Kolkata, State Level

Jan 2006: Kolkata, Army Postal Service

Feb 2006: Hyderabad, Army Postal Service

Mar 2006: Kamptee, Army Postal Service

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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>

POSTAL FORGERY OF RS 5 LEOPARD CAT DEFINITIVE STAMP

We now have more details on this than reported in Issue # 229 of July 14, 2005.

The Chief Post Master General of Haryana Circle reported in March 2005 that Renuka Properties, Gurgaon (Haryana) had sent about 400 book-post articles, 50 each in different letterboxes at Delhi by affixing fake Rs 5 denomination of the current definitive series depicting Leopard Cat.

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Journal of Indian States History, Philately & Numismatics

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