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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have lately been busy working on [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com). The site  
development is on track and it is shaping up to be a site we envisioned.  
New images are being loaded at the rate of 10 per day. And all images  
are now optimized to load much faster. The Flight covers of Air India  
and Indian Airlines, Indian Antarctic Covers, and Customized Postal  
Stationery are worth a look.

A reference work like this by nature will always be a work in progress  
simply because there will always be a room for improvement. The web  
publishing gives us the freedom to correct, revise, and improve at will.

So browse [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com) and report errors, additions, and  
suggestions on a regular basis. Together we can and we will make it a  
better site.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Ajit Kumar  
Dash, and H P Singh

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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.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Oct 01: M Chettiar, Rs 5

Oct 01: Pratap Singh Kairon, Rs 5

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PEACE DAY STAMP RELEASED

India Post released a stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 to mark the 23rd
International Day of Peace on September 21, 2005.

The International Day of Peace was first established in 1981 by a
resolution 36/67 of the United Nations General Assembly to coincide with
its opening session every September. In 2001 the resolution 55/282 was
strengthened to fix the date annually on September 21 and for it to be a
day of nonviolence and cease-fire. The resolution was adopted
unanimously by the Member States of the General Assembly.

This year, the Day will be observed at UN Headquarters with the
traditional ceremony in which the Secretary-General rings the Peace
Bell. Keeping with past tradition, numerous events and observances are
planned around the world by United Nations offices, governmental and
non-governmental agencies and civil society and religious groups to
promote the ideals of peace and nonviolence.

In response to this important resolution, the United Nations Postal
Administration (UNPA) decided to commemorate the International Day of
Peace by adopting a three-year annual global peace stamp issuance
commencing on September 21, 2004. The stamp designs were obtained
through an agreement between the Lions Clubs International and the
United Nations. Every year, the Lions Clubs International sponsors a
youth global peace poster contest. The Lions Clubs International created
the International Peace Poster Contest to give young people a chance to
think about world peace and creatively express what it means to them.
Children from around the world, ages 11 to 13, submit artwork, which is
judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the annual
theme. One grand prize winner is chosen among 24 finalists each year.
The UNPA has allowed postal administrations around the world to use
these designs from which a selection has been made.

Stamp design was provided by the United Nations Postal Administration.
Alka Sharma designed the First Day Cover and 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 in the sheets of 35 stamps.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2005, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/stamps/2005stamps.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Two special covers to commemorate World Tourism Day depicting Hawamahal and Amer Fort duly serviced with Permanent Pictorial Cancellation on Hawamahal and Amer Fort introduced in Jaipur will be issued during SCHOOLPEX 10<sup>th</sup> Inter-School Stamp Exhibition being held at Jaipur from September 27 to 29, 2005. The limited number of 500 covers each only is printed. These shall be available at Rs 25 per set with Rajesh Paharia [shreeshell@hotmail.com](mailto:shreeshell@hotmail.com), General Secretary, Philatelic Society of Rajasthan, 46 Geejgarh House, Hawa Sarak, Jaipur 302019 Telephone: 0141-2215012

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AUCTION ACTION

Indian Thematic Society indianthematicsociety@gmail.com is holding postal auction # 30. The 60+ lots auction closes on October 20, 2005.

The Postal Auction Sale Buy # 6 of Rohini Andhare crandhare@yahoo.com that was scheduled for September 28, is now extended to October 5, 2005.

For a list of auctions in India, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/auction.htm>

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PHILATELIC WORKSHOP AT PURI

India Post organized a Philatelic Workshop on September 18, 2005 at Pranabananda Vidya Mandir at Puri. Senior Philatelists Ajit Kumar Dash, Anil Kumar Dhir, Kasinath Sahoo and Manorama Dash conducted the workshop and explained with practical demonstrations about the procedure of collection of stamps, how to take care of them and how to display in an exhibition. In spite of heavy rain students from four different of the locality attended the same and took keen interest.

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EASTERN INDIA PHILATELISTS' ASSOCIATION

The 85th meeting of the Eastern India Philatelists' Association was held at Bhubaneswar on September 18, 2005. At the beginning of the meeting two minutes silence was observed to pay respect to the departed great philatelist Late Major S C Mohanty who had contributed a lot towards the promotion of Philately in Orissa especially amongst the school children. He was not only a renowned philatelist but also a Plant lover and coin collector.

The recent stamp issue program of India Post was discussed. The members have taken a serious view that there is not even a single stamp relating to Orissa and although a lot of proposals have already been submitted to for consideration but do not find place in the said program. It has been decided to highlight this in appropriate forum.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sep 22-23: Patiala, district level

Sep 23-24: Jalpaiguri, Post Office Festival

Sep 23-25: Udaipur, district level

Venue: Bagore Ki Haveli, Gangaur Ghat, Udaipur

Sep 24: Imphal, District philatelic and Saving Bank Exhibition

Sep 27-29: Jaipur, SCHOOLPEX 10th Inter School Stamp Exhibition

Venue: St. Xavier's School, Jaipur

Sep 28: Gangtok, Post Office Festival  
Sep ??-??: Jodhpur, district level  
Sep 29-Oct 1: Delhi, East District, POSTPONED  
Sep: Dimapur, Army Postal Service  
Oct: New Delhi, Army Postal Service  
Oct 15-26: Jalandhar, district level  
Venue: KL Sehgal Hall, Jalandhar  
Oct 22-23: Dhenkanal, district level  
Nov 13-14: Ludhiana  
Nov: Jalandhar, Army Postal Service  
Dec: Jammu, Army Postal Service  
Dec 17-19: Kolkata, State Level, NEW DATES  
Jan 2006: Kolkata, Army Postal Service  
Feb 2006: Hyderabad, Army Postal Service  
Mar 2006: Kamptee, Army Postal Service

For a list of exhibitions in 2005, please visit  
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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>

#### BANGLADESH NEW ISSUES

Jun 1: National Tree Plantation Campaign-2005, Set of 2, Tk 6 each  
Jun 5: Talented Artists, Set of 4, Tk 6 each,  
G A Mannan(choreographer), Ustad Phuljhuri Khan(Musician), Ustad Abed Hossain Khan (Musician, Composer), Ustad Munsiri Raisuddin (Musician)  
Aug 7: Fish Fortnight, Tk 10

#### FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

Prime accused Abdul Karim Telgi was produced before the Special Court at Bangalore on September 21, 2005 through the videoconferencing facility from Pune's Yerawada Jail as the trial in the second fake stamp paper case commenced. This is the first case involving Telgi that has reached the trial stage before the Special Court at Bangalore. The videoconferencing facility was being used in the criminal trial stage for the first time in Karnataka state.

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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.>

Jeff Siddiqui, USA

While it would provide a good opportunity for collectors to buy and sell here, may I suggest you wait until the trading is more reliable and controllable? By this I mean, some mechanism that may have consequences for the seller who commits or allows fraudulent sales.

Dr Pradeep Jain, Balod

Congratulations for taking step for a good proposal. We should provide a platform for exchange, buy & sell of philatelic material by-

\*You can form a group on yahoo or any website of different interests like depending on philatelists' interest in Pre-independence or post-independence or themes

\*We can also form groups country-wise as if I want contact in USA. So u should provide a list of emails of philatelist in USA.

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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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operates today. Many other features from leading philatelic figures and people closely linked to the company are also included and each edition is uniquely numbered.

The Gibbons Stamp Special is priced at £4.95 and hits the shelves on October 3, 2005. To preorder your copy visit  
<http://www.stanleygibbons.com/shop/index.asp?page=item&stockID=RSG150A>

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