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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi,

We are very excited as on the coming Saturday we shall become the proud  
parents of a teenager who is a tremendous source of joy for us.

She never fails to amaze us and has been contributing in her own way to  
this digital weekly. She is the first critic, at times works on this  
column, and independently handles mailing operations including  
troubleshooting.

We hope that the love of stamps that she had imbibed will grow and she  
would be a good philatelist. And one day will be known in the world of  
philately in her own right.

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

- M&SJ

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Anup Kumar Raut, A R C Shah, Jaydev Nansey, and H P Singh.

We invite your inputs, please email to [writeback@stampsfindia.com](mailto:writeback@stampsfindia.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.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARY ANN OWENS IS NO MORE

Noted topical philatelist Mary Ann Owens passed away early November 21, 2005. She was about 77 years old.

She assembled several exhibits that have won large gold medals in international competition. Her thematic specialties were 'Elephants', 'Umbrellas', and 'Ladybeetle, Ladybird, Ladybug'.

She was a past Director of the American Philatelic Society, and in 1991, received its Luff Award for Exceptional Contributions to Philately. She was also a past officer of the American Topical Association.

She also was a member for several years of the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee, which screens and recommends stamp subjects and designs for the United States Postal Service.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Nov 24: Newborn Health in India, Rs 5

Dec 2: Jawaharlal Darda, Rs 5 NEW DATE postponed from Nov 22

Dec 4: Builder's Navy, Rs5

Other Issues expected in December 2005:

N M R Subbaraman, postponed from Nov

M S Subbalakshmi

Jadavpur University

16 Squadron Air Force, postponed from Nov

Integral Coach Factory, postponed from Oct

De Facto Transfer of Pondicherry, postponed from Jan

Guru Granth Saheb, postponed from Sep

These issues 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 2005, please visit
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005stamps.htm>

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

WORLD SUMMIT ON THE INFORMATION SOCIETY

Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Communications & Information Technology, released a commemorative stamp in the denomination of rupees five on the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society on November 17, 2005 at Tunis, Tunisia. Edouard Dayan, Director General of Universal Postal Union, Dr U C Raghavan Director General India Post, and O P Gupta Ambassador of India were present on the occasion.

The purpose of the World Summit on the Information Society held from November 16 to 18, 2005 was to ensure that the benefits are accessible to all while promoting specific advantages in the areas like e-

strategies, e-commerce, e-governance, e-health, education, literacy, cultural diversity, gender equality etc.

Kamleshwar Singh 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 0.6 million.

#### KOLKATA POLICE COMMISSIONERATE

The beginning of policing in Kolkata can be traced to 1704 when a Watch & Ward unit was set up for the city. In 1720 the East India Company appointed the Zamindar of Calcutta in charge of Civil and Criminal administration. The strength of police was raised and it was managed by Thanadars (Station House Officer) and Naibs (Deputies) under a Superintendent. In 1845 a committee appointed by the Government recommended the appointment of a Commissioner of Police with powers of a Justice of Peace. This resulted in the Act 13 of 1856 and under this Calcutta Police was treated as a separate organization and S Wauchope, then Chief Magistrate, was appointed the first Commissioner of Police.

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#### ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Oct 27: Kumaon Regiment Diamond Jubilee of Designation  
Nov 8: Army Medical Corps 9th Reunion  
Nov 17: Military School Ajmer Platinum Jubilee  
Nov 21: Institute of Aerospace Medicine  
Nov 21: Aircraft & systems Testing Establishment

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service Issues in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005aps.htm>

#### RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Oct 9: Bangalore, 150 Years of India Post, World Post Day  
Oct 14: Bangalore, India Post 150 Years  
Nov 5: Bangalore, Saraswati Sangeet Vidyalaya Platinum Jubilee  
Nov 27: New Delhi, 4th International Congress on Women Work & Health

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

#### WINDOW TO PHILATELY

This is a new book by B Padmini who had earlier co-authored 'Quiz on Philately' with Mini Rajan in 2003. The earlier book had also won a Bronze medal at the World Stamp Championships at Singapore in 2004. Padmini works for India Post which she had represented at World Philatelic Exhibition at Bangkok in 2003. Her longstanding contribution to the promotion of philately is well known.

This is an ideal book to introduce youngsters to the wonderful hobby of collecting stamps. It is a single source of all information and guidance required to initiate any one to stamp collecting. The Book is a primer

for all those who wanted to join the hobby but did not know how to get started.

The book has 114 pages including 8 in color and is priced at Rs 65 plus postage; it is available from Stamps of India [orders@stampsfindia.com](mailto:orders@stampsfindia.com)

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov 26-27: Muzaffarpur, district level
Contact: Shyam Surekha 0 98354 69903
Leprosy Lichi

Nov 28-29: Indore, district level

Dec: Jamnagar, CricketPex thematic exhibition to be held as a part of the legendary cricketer K S Duleepsinhji Birth Centenary Year Celebrations
Contact: nawaphilatelic@yahoo.co.in

Dec 6-8: Jamshedpur, district level REVISED DATES
Venue: Tulsi Bhawan, Bistupur
Contact: Ashok Tiwary 0 93346 17581

Dec 9-11: Bidar, district level

Dec 10-11: Puri, SRIPEX district level
Venue: Zilla School

Dec 10-11, Ludhiana, district level

Dec 15-16: Kolkata, Dealers Bourse
Venue: Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza
Contact: Kalyan Negal knegal@vsnl.net, Arun Bhattacharya 0 98304 12286

Dec 17-19: Kolkata, State Level, NEW DATES
Venue: Rangmunch, Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza
Contact: Madhukar Deogawanka, 0 98311 51219

Dec 18-19: Amritsar district level

Dec: Jammu, Army Postal Service

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Jan 14-15: Chandigarh,

Jan: Sambalpur, district level

Jan: Kolkata, Army Postal Service

Feb: Hyderabad, Army Postal Service

Mar: Kamptee, Army Postal Service

For a list of exhibitions in 2005, please visit
<http://www.stampsfindia.com/infobase/events.htm>

MEETINGS

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

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

SIPA Bulletin, Vol. 25 # 3, May Jun 2005, Bi-monthly  
Editor: G Madan Mohan Das  
Publisher: South India Philatelists Association  
Address: 21 (Old), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, E V K Sampath Road, Vepery, Chennai 600007  
Annual Subscription: Not Indicated

For a list of Indian periodicals, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/a602.htm>

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ITZ CASH CARDS AT POST OFFICES

Intrex India Limited is now distributing its Itz Cash Card, a multi-utility prepaid card at post offices across Andhra Pradesh. The company's tie-up with India Post would enhance additional revenues for the post office while increase the reach of Itz Cash Cards.

The multi-utility card will enable the consumers to renew mobile prepaid accounts, shop online, book railway tickets, buy internet connection packages and play online games more easily. The cards are made available initially in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, while other cities will be facilitated with it in due course of time.

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VIRENDRA SHARMA

We are highly impressed to see your web site; it is really very nice & containing much information. We hope that lot of people will enjoy from this.

FR THOMAS CHAKRAMAKAL

I am happy to receive the Stamps of India regularly. Thank U very much. There used to be information regarding some special stamps issued by other countries. Can you make arrangements to get those stamps in India? It will be very convenient for us.

SURESH R

I have been a regular visitor to your website and I have found it to be very knowledgeable and beautiful. Keep up the good work.

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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

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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
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