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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

On December 30, 2005 with the inauguration of the third line the Metro  
Stamps of India is almost on the Metro network. Tagore Garden station on  
the newly opened blue line is at a 10 minute 10 rupees cycle-rickshaw  
distance from us.

Metro can also take you to lots of other philatelists in North, North  
West, West, South West, and East. The Philatelic Bureau in Central Delhi  
was already connected by the Metro in June 2005.

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

- M&SJ

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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

STAMP POLL 2005 - VOTE & WIN

India Post issued 49 stamps in 2005 for a total face value of Rs 275. In addition 3 miniature sheets for a total face value of Rs 60 were also issued. Two issues were released in the sheetlets format. It was a lean year looking at the number of stamps issued as well as the total face value.

Stamps of India now present the Stamp Poll 2005 to select the best stamp of 2005. The best stamp of 2005 shall be announced based on the most number of votes polled. You can send as many ballots as you wish. Several attractive philatelic prizes will be given away. The winners will be decided by draw of lots

Please select from the commemorative and definitive stamps issued in 2005 displayed at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/stamppoll.htm>

Vote for the best stamp of 2005 in your opinion. Vote by the number preceding the issue name only. (My Favorite 2005 Stamp is: # .....)

Also write your name, complete postal address, telephone number, email id, and philatelic interests on the ballot and Mail your ballots to:

Stamp Poll 2005  
Stamps of India  
49-D, BG-5, Paschim Vihar  
New Delhi 110063

Or email your ballots to: [stamppoll@stampsofindia.com](mailto:stamppoll@stampsofindia.com)

The last date to receive the ballots at Stamps of India is March 16, 2005. Incomplete ballots shall not be considered.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Jan 12: Pongal Festival, Rs 5

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

DE FACTO TRANSFER OF PONDICHERRY

India Post released a commemorative postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on December 30, 2005 to mark the Golden Jubilee of the De Facto Transfer of Pondicherry by the French to Government of India.

Before the independence the French Settlements in India consisted of five enclaves, Pondicherry, and Karaikal in Tamilnadu, Chandranagur in West Bengal, Mahe in Kerala, and Yanam in Andhra Pradesh.

In the referendum held on June 19, 1949 the people of Chandranagore overwhelmingly voted for merger with India. On August 14, 1949 on the

eve of the second anniversary of India's independence, France agreed to transfer Chandranagore to the Indian Union. The de facto transfer of Chandranagore to the Indian Union took place on May 2, 1950. On February 2, 1951, the Indo-French Treaty for the cession of Chandranagore to India was signed in Paris. The Government of India took control of Chandernagore on June 9, 1952. Later, it became a part of the Hoogly district of West Bengal.

An agreement on the de facto transfer of the French territories to India was signed in New Delhi between the two countries in March 1954. A treaty of cession was signed by India and France in May 1956. It was ratified by the French Parliament in May 1962. On August 16, 1962 India and France exchanged the instruments of ratification under which France ceded to India full sovereignty over the territories it held. These four enclaves are administered as a Union Territory named Pondicherry from July 1, 1963.

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. India Security Press printed the stamps by Photo Gravure in the quantity of 0.8 million in the sheets of 35.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/2005stamps.htm>

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:
Education for all
Karur Vysya Bank
Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Hindi
Indian Council of Agricultural Research, English

For a complete list of Meghdoot Postcards, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pss/MPC/MPC2005.htm>

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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Dec 16: Headquarters 16 (Independent) Armored Brigade  
Dec 30:

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2005, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2005aps.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Nov 3: Bhopal, 50 Years of Statehood Madhya Pradesh

Two different special covers with two different special postmarks were released on December 26, 2005 at Ahmadabad to mark the first anniversary of the Tsunami. The covers are priced at Rs 50 each and Rs 10 for each cover sold shall be donated to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. The covers are produced in the limited quantity of 500 each and are individually numbered.

Dec 30: Jamnagar, CRICKETPEX

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

CARRIED COVERS

Dec 30: Jamnagar, Postmaster General Rajkot Region to Sadodar - Birth place of Duleepsinhji, 50 covers

Visit the following link for the images

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/carried/2005.htm>

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR GREETING MAIL

India Post made special arrangements to handle the Christmas and New Year Greeting mails from December 12, 2005 to January 6, 2006.

In Delhi, 36 post offices were designated as collection centers for these mails. A special counter to receive these mails was set up at these post offices. Trays or Bins for all postal circles and state capitals were placed at these counters.

Mails received at the special counter at the Sansad Marg Head Post Office were postmarked with a special postmark carrying the word 'Greetings' in it.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jan 4-6: Sambalpur, HIRAPEX district level, 2 covers

Jan 6-7: Tuticorin

Jan 10-11: Valsad, district level

Jan 10-11: Yavatmal, district level

Jan 14-15: Palakkad PHILACOINEX

Venue: BEM High School (near ksrtc bus stand).

Contact: Prof C A Hydrose, President, Palakkad Philatelic & Numismatic Club, Phone: 0491 2578444 - Dealers participation fee Rs 1000

Jan 18-24: New Delhi, Vikas Singh's philatelic exhibit on Railways

Venue: Art Gallery, India International Centre Annex, Inauguration 6pm

Contact: Vikas Singh 98994 02297

Jan 20-22: Coimbatore, regional

Venue: Techno Park, TNAU

Contact: SSP, Coimbatore HPO, Coimbatore 641 001

Dealers' booth available for Rs1500. 3 Different Stamp Booklets (Wild life theme), Cards (Gandhi theme) and Special Covers (Musical theme) will be issued in the quantity of 500 each

Jan 24-22: Chandigarh,

Venue: Sandesh Bhawan, Sector 17, next to Hotel Shivalik View

Program: Day 1- 11am Inauguration followed by Design A Stamp Competition

Day 2- 11am Philatelic Workshop followed by Prize distribution

Contact: Rakesh Walia

Jan 25-28: Bangalore

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.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events.htm>

MEETINGS

The day and the venue of the monthly meeting of Delhi Philatelists are changed to every second Saturday at the Philatelic Bureau, Sansad Marg Head Post Office, New Delhi. The next meet is on January 14 at 2.30 pm.

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

FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

S S Rathi, Special Metropolitan Magistrate, Special Court, New Delhi framed charges against key accused Abdul Karim Telgi and his aide on January 2, 2006.

Judge R Dakshinamurthy of the designated CBI court, Chennai issued summons on December 22, 2005 to suspended Tamil Nadu DIG of police A P Mohammad Ali and three others for their appearance in the court on January 12, 2006 in connection with the multi-billion rupee fake stamp case.

Special Judge B M Sardeshpande at Pune on December 13, 2005 extended the judicial custody of 61 accused, including prime accused Abdul Karim Telgi, in the multi-billion rupee fake stamp case till January 11, 2006 and fixed day-to-day hearing from that day.

ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:

P Krishnan from Coimbatore has contributed a Color Missing error in the 16 Squadron Air force issue

For the images in color, please visit:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/efos/2005-1774.htm>

THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for January 2006 has been updated and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

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Philatelic Exhibition Jamshedpur Dec 2005, Set of 3 Special covers with pictorial postmarks -Rs 45, Set of 4 picture postcards featuring stamps depicting Tatas -Rs 30, Booklet of Stamps 'Save Tigers' -Rs 60,

Pigeongramm 100 flown -Rs 200, Harkara cover 100 carried -Rs 100.
Postage & packing extra SUNITA TIWARY tiwarysunita@sify.com

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Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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