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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We plan to survey the uncharted waters of the pricing of Indian  
stamps, and other philatelic products.

Some sellers believe that price should be whatever the market can bear  
while others sell with a small mark up on their costs. Most people are  
happy with the first approach to selling, however when the quantity  
starts appearing on the market to take advantage of high prices, the  
market crashes.

What do you think, do let us know.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Ashok Kumar  
Tiwary, Ajit Dash, and P R Krishnan,

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

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Report the philatelic activities in your area for publication here. We
shall reimburse the costs incurred on images, philatelic items issued,
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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

Don't forget to vote for your favorite stamp of 2005. Please select from the commemorative and definitive stamps issued in 2005 displayed at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/other/stamppoll.htm>

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Mar 30: Indian Agricultural Research Institute

Apr 01: 62 Cavalry

This 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 Counters in the country.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2006, please visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

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NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Education for all, Tamil

Education for all, Kannada

The complete illustrated list of Meghdoot Post Card is available at:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/meghdoot.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Feb 9: Contai, Stamp Show, 2 covers

For an illustrated list of special postmarks and covers in 2006, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/2006pm.htm>

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MORE PHILATELIC CALENDARS

After reporting a philatelic calendar and diary in the Issue # 262 - March 2, 2006, we have heard a lot more on the subject.

Marg Publications, Army & Navy Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 148 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Mumbai 400 001 informed that the Diary containing 220 pages with 34 color plates featuring Stamps of India is available for sale for Rs 175 inclusive of postage within India. Contact Asha Shiralikar [margpub@tata.com](mailto:margpub@tata.com)

The Postmaster General, Western Region, Tamilnadu Circle of India Post brought out a fabulous calendar depicting 6 miniature sheets. This three sheeter (six sides) is available at the Philatelic Bureau, Coimbatore 641 001 at Rs 100 and is worth the price.

The Director Postal Services, Andaman & Nicobar Islands had been bringing out philatelic calendars every year however this year's single sheeter featured the map of the islands.

This covers this years' all the calendars, maybe.

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GANDHI HANDBOOK

Philatelia, One Moti Sil Street, Kolkata 700013 has announced the publication of 500 pages Handbook with 2000 illustrations covering stamps, covers, coins, currency, all other collectibles on Gandhi theme.

The handbook is scheduled for release on April 15, 2006, the Bengali New Year Day and is priced at Rs 1500 or US\$ 60. The special pre-publication offer is Rs 1250 post free.

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JAMSHEDPUR PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Jamshedpur Philatelic Society (JPS) held its monthly meeting on March 12, 2006 at the residence of S R Arun Kumar.

A cover would be released on 12th April 2006 on the occasion of One day International Cricket match between India & England. Members finalized the designs this special cover and postmark.

Members were informed about recent development on PCI case where a meeting of the Governing Council was held on February 19, 2006 after 4 years. Members agreed that for the development of philately in the country this case must be resolved now. Ashok Tiwary informed about the steps taken or proposed by Madhukar Jhingan which was praised by JPS members. JPS is looking forward on significant development during next meeting of PCI Governing Council on March 26, 2006.

JPS has seriously noticed the poor printing and designing of stamps. Some members told that it is not only mistakes or ignorance, but may be some officials are also involved in this matter. They are helping dealers by supplying errors on stamps from backdoor. This must be taken care by the Department of Post.

Members were informed about forthcoming International philatelic exhibition. Detail information was available with Ashok Tiwary in printed version. He requested members to participate in ESPANA. Members were concern about the high fee (30 Euro/frame). However, some of them may participate.

Ashok Tiwary displayed his open class exhibit "Ascent of The Himalayan Peaks". New members were requested to form at least one frame of exhibit. JPS will provide necessary help to the members in this drive.

Meeting came to end after snacks offered by Mrs Arun Kumar.

Next meeting will be held on April 9, 2006 at the residence of Mrs Suchanda Banerjee, Rajendra Nagar Jamshedpur.

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THE EASTERN INDIA PHILATELISTS' ASSOCIATION

The Eastern India Philatelists' Association (EIPA) was founded in 1997 and has been registered under the Societies Registration Act having State level Registration No.22230/211/2005-06.

The 93rd Meeting of EIPA was held on March 19, 2006 in which it has been decided to form its new Governing Body on April 16, 2006.

It has also been decided to start regional Branches of EIPA at different parts of Orissa where there are more than 10 members and unable to come Bhubaneswar regularly to attend the monthly meetings. However they will send their activities to the head office at Bhubaneswar.

It has also been proposed to start Junior Desk of EIPA to enable the junior members of EIPA to have their own meeting under the guidance of

one or two senior Philatelists every month so that they can build & improve their exhibits in a systematic manner.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For a list of exhibitions in 2006, 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>

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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.>

ASHOK BOSE, Canada

I was really fascinated by the comments of Mr. P. R. Krishnan of Coimbatore. It is true that the quality of Indian stamps have gone down lately. My suggestions to India Post would be let them treat the philatelic dept as an enterprise. Even the stamps issued in eighties are a lot better in colour combination, design and philatelic sense than now. When a set of stamps are issued the denominations should be different. Let us compare the Olympics issue of 1984 with that of 2004. Even a layman will appreciate the 1984 issues. For 2004 having denominations of 500, 1000, 1500 & 2000 with a total set value of 50000 would have made more philatelic sense than the denominations of 500, 500, 1500, 1500 with a total set value of 40000. Small thing but it makes all the difference. If India Post decides to print colourful stamps in bigger quantities and set up an E-shop I see no reasons as to why a run of one million stamps would be a problem. If inventory becomes a problem allow them to be sold until exhausted in Yearly packs. If you visit the site of Singapore Post you can still order some stamps which are more than five years old. When some smaller countries can make a bonanza by philatelic business let India Post at least print some good stamps which are a delight to the philatelic community around the world.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

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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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.  
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