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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We invite you to go through S A Bhaskar's letter in the Readers Forum,  
join this important issue and let us have your views in impleting his  
suggestion.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Manohar Lal

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

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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

Jul 8: Indraprastha Girls School, Rs 5  
Jul 10: Voorhees College, Vellore, Rs 5  
Jul 10: The Vellore Mutiny 1806, Rs 5

New issues along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs 2 each, are put on sale on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Philatelic Counters in India.

For an illustrated list of stamps in 2006, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/2006stamps.htm>

NEW MEGHDOOT POSTCARDS

Following Meghdoot post cards with advertisement were recently released:

Education for All Uttaranchal, Hindi  
Education for All Uttaranchal, Hindi  
Education for All Uttaranchal, Hindi  
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Education for All Uttaranchal, Hindi  
BSNL Mobile Phone Rajasthan, Hindi  
AIDS, Telugu  
IGO Television, Hindi

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

ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

May 01: 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Maratha Light Infantry Silver Jubilee  
May 13: 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion 8 Gorkha Rifles Diamond Jubilee  
May 14: 5 Field Regiment Golden Jubilee  
May 15: 33 Medium Regiment Golden Jubilee  
May 26: 3 Field Regiment Golden Jubilee  
May 27: 20 Squadron Indian Air Force Golden Jubilee

For an illustrated list of Army Postal Service issues in 2006, please  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk/aps/2006aps.htm>

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Jul 7-9: Coimbatore, Coin-Stampex  
Venue: Gujarathi Bavan, Coimbatore  
Contact: C Palaneswamy Tel: 0421 2429131

Oct 14-16: ORPEX-06, 8th State level Philatelic Exhibition of Orissa  
Venue: Bhanja Bhawan, Rourkela  
Contact:

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For a list of exhibitions in 2006, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/events.htm>

MEETINGS

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

RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

STAMPS & STAMPS, Vol 25 # 1-4, First to Fourth Quarter 2005

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Publisher: Orissa Philately & Education Trust

Address: D-3, B J B Nagar, Bhubaneswar 751014

Annual Subscription: Rs 40 or US\$ 12

FAKES FORGERIES EXPERTS

9<sup>th</sup> issue of the Fakes Forgeries Experts was released at World Philatelic Exhibition 2006 in Washington, on May 27<sup>t</sup>, 2006. Edited by Knud Mohr and published by Postiljonen the 190 page FFE Journal is priced at Euro 50 including postage. Orders may be placed for this highly recommended reading to [salesdep@ffejournal.com](mailto:salesdep@ffejournal.com)

The complete list of scholarly articles in the issue # 9 with brief notes is available at the following link

<http://ffejournal.com/articles.php?book=FFE+%239>

Most of the articles deal with fakes and forgeries as well as shedding light on the methodology and equipment used for their detection. This is a volume full of useful knowledge. Some articles such as "Conservation, preservation and restoration C P R In philately how far?" by John C West are not only thought provoking but launches a debate on a very important issue.

ANOTHER LARGE GOLD FOR PAKISTAN

Muhammad Arif Balgamwala of Karachi, Pakistan won Large Gold Medal on his exhibit "British Indian Airmails 1911-1936" at Washington 2006 world philatelic exhibition held from May 27 to June 3, 2006 at Washington DC, USA. This was reported in Issue # 273 of Jun 8, 2006 of this digital weekly.

This is Balgamwala's 3<sup>rd</sup> Large Gold Medal for this exhibit and he had earlier won the Large Golds at Singapore in 2004, and Australia in 2005. With this he now qualifies for the participation in the FIP Championship Class.

Balgamwala is the only exhibitor from Pakistan to have won Gold and Large Gold Medals for his country.

ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:

Rajesh K Agarwala of New Delhi has contributed an interesting Inverted Vertical Perforations error in the recent issue of the Kurinji Miniature Sheet.

For the image, please visit:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/efos/kurinji-MS.htm>

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THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

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

This information is provided by special arrangement with Charles E Cwiakala and updates to this information are available at their comprehensive Website www.cwiakala.com.
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READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please send us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

S A BHASKAR, Thane

I am a regular reader of your newsletter, and I find that your newsletter is certainly filling in the void in periodic news of interest to Indian stamp collectors besides providing a dependable source of nourishment (information) to the starved philatelists of our great country. It is my sincere belief that interest in the collection of post independence stamps of India is languishing mainly due to the general collector or the novice being unaware of the current market values of these stamps. One has to wait for years for the next catalog to be published, and when published gives prices prevailing about six months prior to publication.

Through this letter, I would like to request you to arrange through your wide range of contacts with dealers, catalog publishers, auctioneers, to publish an update on a periodic (quarterly) basis preferably in your newsletter, on the trend in market prices of Indian Stamps especially Post Independence stamps which I believe offers the maximum potential for enthusing and transfusing fresh blood (next generation) in this ailing and ageing body of existing Indian Philatelists.

SANJAY KANSAL

With the markets flooded with stamps having 'Errors, Freaks & Oddities', we thought that errors in printing were exclusive domain of India-Post. It seems that India Government Mint Mumbai is fast catching

up. Mumbai Mint has issued commemorative coins on Veer Durgadass in 2003 in the denominations of Rs 100, Rs 10 & Re. I received my coins only yesterday. The proof coin sets are housed in a cardboard booklet and a sleeve. One can notice that there are at least three errors in the booklet for proof sets. The errors are as follows:

Error 1 (On the front cover of booklet as well as sleeve) - Although the booklet contains proof sets, it has picture of un-circulated sets. The alphabet 'M' is missing from the pictures, indicating that these are UNC coins. (see pic A)

Error 2 (On the back cover of booklet as well as sleeve) - The following sentence is printed in English "The mark M on the coins indicated that these are proof coins struck at coins at I.G. Mint Mumbai". Clearly, the words 'coins at' are extra and make no sense.

Error 3 (On the back cover of booklet as well as sleeve) - In Hindi, instead of word 'proof', the word 'group' has been printed.

Mumbai Mint needs lots of explaining on creeping of not one or two but three errors, and that too on proof sets.

See the images

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/277-plus.htm>

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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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<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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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. Credit cards accepted <http://www.stampsofindia.com/99999.htm>

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