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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

There are stamp programs which have been made for the year 2008, yet some times the best laid plans go awry. Well something like that has happened to our plans of the work at our place. We have had to change contractors and the work is still not finished although the deadline has come and gone. We are still hopeful that we would have got the work finished within this year and soon be settling in the new work place system to send out the newsletter on time.

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

FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

Dec 2: Jawaharlal Darda, Rs 5

Dec 4: Builder's Navy, Rs5

Other Issues expected in December 2005:

M S Subbalakshmi, Probably on Dec 16 or 17

N M R Subbaraman, postponed from Nov

Jadavpur University

16 Squadron Air Force, postponed from Nov, Dec 27

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

NEWBORN HEALTH IN INDIA

Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Communications & Information Technology released a postage stamp in the denomination of Rs 5 on Newborn Health in India to mark the Silver Jubilee Year of the National Neonatology Forum (NNF) on November 24, 2005 at New Delhi.

NNF started in 1980 as an organization of pediatricians of tertiary care institutions to promote neonatology, soon became a catalyst for advancing newborn health throughout the country and helping to expand newborn care beyond the nurseries in hospitals. NNF currently has over 2500 members as well as chapters in 18 states and is operating in 140 districts of the country. The Government had supplied the equipment and the NNF trains healthcare workers at district hospitals.

In India, 529,000 women die during childbirth each year and 10.6 million children do not reach their 5th birthday. The neonatal mortality accounts for two-third of infant mortality. India accounts for a maternal mortality rate of 400 per 100,000 live births, an infant mortality rate of 60 per thousand live births and a neonatal mortality rate of 40 per thousand live births. India is committed to the Millennium Development goals to bring down the neonatal mortality rate to 20 per thousand.

NNF is a member of the National Technical Committee on Child Health apart from many other advisory formulations and is routinely consulted on policy and program issues. Likewise, many state leaders of NNF are involved in different ways in assisting the respective state governments in newborn care initiatives.

NNF is assisting the government, WHO and UNICEF in adapting the Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI). The draft Indian version of IMCI is christened Integrated Management of Newborn and Childhood Illness (IMNCI) underlining the added emphasis on the neonatal component.

Sankha Samanta designed the Stamp and the First Day Cover. Nenu Gupta 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.

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Sep 30: Bhilwara, Mewar Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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

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LETTER BOX MAXIM CARDS

The Philatelic Bureau at Ernakulum issued a set of picture cards for the Letter Box issue on October 18, 2005. The duly serviced set with stamps affixed and postmarked on the first day is available at Rs 50 per set from the Bureau.

This is the fifth and the last set of cards issued by the Philatelic Bureau at Ernakulum.

For an illustrated list of maxcards in 2005, please visit

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ANCIENT COINS OF INDIA

Amol N Bankar [ancientcoinsofindia@yahoo.co.in](mailto:ancientcoinsofindia@yahoo.co.in) has formed a new group "Ancient coins of India". This group is devoted to study Ancient Indian coins and provide an platform for discussions on ancient Indian coins. Experts as well as beginners, from around the world, are invited to join the group. The members are requested to enrich the information and share the knowledge through this group.

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ancient\\_coins\\_of\\_india/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ancient_coins_of_india/)

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Nov 28-30: Bhuj, KUTCHPEX district level

Nov 30: Salem, Philately Festival

15 schools participated in the Quiz program and 6 students won prizes. 7 philatelists displayed stamp collections and received Silver mementoes. Nearly 3000 students and public were visited the exhibition. A special counter opened by Salem HPO sold latest stamps.

Dec: Jamnagar, CricketPex thematic exhibition to be held as a part of the legendary cricketer K S Duleepsinhji Birth Centenary Year Celebrations

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Dec 3-4: Darbhanga district level

Dec 6-8: Jamshedpur, district level REVISED DATES

Venue: Tulsi Bhawan, Bistupur

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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

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Dec 17-19: Kolkata, State Level, NEW DATES

Venue: Rangmunch, Swarbhumi The Hermitage Plaza

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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

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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>

ERRORS FREAKS & ODDITIES:

Akhilesh Arka from Bangalore has contributed some interesting errors in the Indian Army in UN Peacekeeping Forces stamp issue. The first is a the black color missing and another is complete sheet of stamps with additional perforations of 4 miniature sheets and missing horizontal perforation in the additional perforations.

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/stamps/efos/200430s.htm>

THE CALENDAR OF WORLDWIDE PHILATELIC AUCTIONS

The Calendar for December 2005 has been updated and is now available at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/2auctions.htm>

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

OLYMPIC GAMES 2008 STAMP PROGRAM

The Beijing Olympic Games' Stamp Program was officially launched on November 7, 2005 by signing an agreement between Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) with the State Post Bureau of China. According to the program, the Post Bureau is licensed to issue a number of sets of stamps with the theme of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, including their emblems, mascots, competition sports, venues, and the torch relay to meet demand from home and abroad. A portion of royalties collected by the State Post Bureau will be used to fund the preparations for the Beijing Olympiad scheduled for August 8 - 24, 2008.

The Post Bureau issued the first set of 6 stamps of the Beijing Olympics on November 12, 2005. The stamps in the denomination of 80 fen each, depict the logo of the games and the five mascots of the Beijing Olympics unveiled on November 11, 2005, exactly 1,000 days before the Games' opening ceremony. There are 3 sheets of stamps, a sheet of 10 carrying 2 se-tenant strips of five mascots stamps, a sheet of 10 of the logo stamp, and a sheet of 12 self-adhesive stamps - 10 mascots and 2 logo stamps.

The Mascots consists of five figures, officially named the Five Friendlies. They include Beibei the Fish, Jingjing the Panda, Huanhuan the Olympic Flame, Yingying the Tibetan Antelope, and Nini the Swallow.

The first characters of their rhythmic two-syllable names form a line that reads "Beijing Huanying Ni," or in English "Welcome to Beijing." The color of each mascot was chosen in line with the colours of the Olympic Rings.

This stamp issue has provided a much needed boost for the stamp market in China that has not been so hot for almost a year. The first set of Beijing Olympics is already offered at 20 times the face value in the local market and expected to rise further.

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NEWSSCAN

<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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