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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We saw the mercury plummeting to a 70 year low of 0.2 degree Celsius for New Delhi on January 8, 2006. Thankfully the British Broadcasting Cooperation's (BBC) prediction of sub zero temperature did not come true. Still it was cold for Delhiites and the government closed primary schools for three days.

Delhi's lowest minimum ever has been a minus 6 degree Celsius on January 10, 1935.

We have been thinking could this weather have contributed to this issue being late?

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

- M&SJ

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

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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STAMPS OF INDIA INTRODUCES ONLINE OFFERS

The Stamps on India web site shall be completing its 9 years of service and enter in its 10th year in March 2006. This platform is now being made available to registered users for buying and selling philatelic material.

The new service named 'Stamps of India Online Offers' is being rolled out in phases after being in beta testing stage for over one year. The soft launch began on January 1, 2006 while the full launch is scheduled for April 1, 2006.

In addition to the philatelic literature that we offer it will expand to provide the complete range of philatelic material on behalf of registered users.

To Online Offers will also take standing orders for Indian new issues of 2006, stamps, miniature sheets, sheetlets, FDC, special covers, army postal service issues, booklets, stamp picture cards, stamp packs, and other philatelic products by India Post.

Sign up now, visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/oo999.htm>

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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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ARMY POSTAL SERVICE ISSUES

Jan 1: 66 Engineer Regiment Silver Jubilee

Jan 1: 42 Armored Regiment Silver Jubilee

Jan 1: 20th Battalion The Rajputana Rifles Silver Jubilee

Jan 4: Sky Launchers 213 Rocket Regiment Silver Jubilee

For an illustrated list of army postal service issues in 2006, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/lists/pmk//aps/2006aps.htm>

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RECENT SPECIAL POSTMARKS & COVERS

Jan 4: Jamshedpur, 14th All India Forest Sports Meet

Jan 4-6: Sambalpur, District philatelic exhibition

Jan 9: Madhubani, District philatelic exhibition

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

JAMSHEDPUR PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The monthly meeting held at the residence of S S Basan on January 8, 2006 a new governing council was elected as follows:

President: S S Basan

Vice Presidents: K K Rikhi, and Lt. Col (Retd) H C Pant

Secretary: Syed Hafizuddin

Asst. Sec: Rajinder Singh

Treasurer: S R Arun Kumar

Bulletin Editor: S R Arun Kumar

A condolence was proposed by Ashok Tiwary on sad demise of Mary Ann Owens, renowned topical philatelist from USA. The members observed two minutes silence standing.

It was proposed to release a special cover during the One-day cricket match in Jamshedpur between India & England on March 12.

The next meeting would be held at the residence of Manoj Kumar Singh on Feb 12, 2006.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Dec 16-17 (2005): RAJOPHILEX 2005 1st Rajouri District Philatelic Exhibition organized by Army Postal Service

The detailed report along with images available at

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/newssite/newspost/255-plus.htm>

January 9: MATHILAPEX 2006 1st Madhubani District Philatelic Exhibition
Venue: Watson High School, Madhubani

Dr Shakeel Ahmad, the Minister of State, Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, inaugurated and released a Special Cover on Sorath Sabha, the Traditional Maithili Marriage Engagement System, prevalent in Bihar's Mithalanchal region, the land renowned for rich religious & cultural heritages, educationists and distinguished & acclaimed intellectuals. The Jury consisted of North Bihar Postmaster General Brigadier A R A Sah, Dr R S Gandhi, N K Jain & N K Agarwal More than 300 students from 20 - 22 schools and colleges of Madhubani district participated in Philatelic Quiz efficiently conducted by N K Agarwal of Patna. It was visited by astonishingly large number of enthusiastic visitors, especially school & college students.

Jan 4-6: Sambalpur, HIRAPEX district level, 3 covers

The 1st District level Exhibition of Sambalpur District, HIRAPEX-06 was held at Sambalpur from 4th to 6th January in the GPO premises. The exhibits of 23 participants were exhibited in 57 frames. A quiz competition was held on 05.01.2006 at the conference Hall of the PMG Office, Sambalpur conducted by Mr. Ajit Kumar Dash. 15 Schools participated in the competition. Mr. Udit Sekhar Sahoo & Pradosh Kumar Panda of Govt. High School, Jharsuguda stood first, Miss Rashmi Rekha Pradhan & Miss. Roji Dalua of Balibandha Girls High School, Sambalpur stood Second and Mr. Bapuji Sahoo & Biswaranjan Nayak of Police High School, Sambalpur stood third in the Quiz Competition. Three special covers were released on three different dates. The covers were released on Poet of nature Gangadhar Meher, Pancha Badya (famous musical instruments of Western Orissa like Mahuri, Madal, Nisan, Tasa, Ghulgula, Jhanj, Gini, Bainsi, etc) and Mahanadi Coal Field Limited.

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
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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>

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#### PAKISTAN NEW ISSUES

Nov 5: International Year of Sport and Physical Education, Rs 5

Nov 12: Two Decades of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, Rs 5

Nov 18: Khwaja Sarwar Hasan, Rs 5

Nov 20: SOS Children's Villages of Pakistan, Rs 5  
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AN/18-C,shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 India, Phone 011-27472189

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<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

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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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