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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We have lost our friend philosopher and guide who can be termed  
as the bigger-than-life mentor - D N Jatia, whom we had the  
good fortune of knowing intimately for 23 years. And we are  
sure many all over the world feel the same way. We will cherish  
his memory forever as someone who was always accessible to  
explain on any aspect of philately and gave his time freely to  
even junior most stamp collectors. The show must go on, that is  
what he would have liked, and we do believe that the true  
tribute to his memory shall be to work harder for promotion of  
philately.

We have now got the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN)  
for this newsletter. The Indian national center for assigning  
ISSN has told us that if not the first ours may be the second

electronic publication in the whole country to get an ISSN!

Our site [www.stampsofindia.com](http://www.stampsofindia.com) was unavailable for several hours on November 13, 2000. We regret the inconvenience caused to our visitors. This is first our first outage since we began in March 1997. Guess we are now in the big league!

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW STAMP RELEASED

Tapan Sikdar, Minister of State for Communications released Children's Day Stamp on November 14, 2000 in a function organized at the Committee Room of India Post HQ at 11.30 am.

An informative brochure containing write-up and technical data, priced at Rs. 2, was also released on the occasion Alka Sharma has designed the pictorial first day of issue postmark. Calcutta Security Printers Limited printed 3 million stamps by photo-offset in panes of 40 stamps each. The FDC is priced at Rs. 2 each.

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CONDOLENCE MEETINGS

Philatelists of Delhi and India Post jointly organized a condolence meeting at the Committee Room, at the latter's HQ on November 13, 2000 at 4 p.m. at New Delhi

Eulogizing D N, Madhukar Jhingan as convener of the meeting started by talking about the personal loss to so many collectors and friends of DN.

G B Pai, one of the senior most philatelists in India paid rich tributes to D N. He recounted his association with DN from the first day when he met him, the philatelic experiences that they shared and the career graph of D N.

B N Som, during the course of his tribute he said that we do not yet know what we have lost. It is only in the times to come, we will realize true value of DN's contribution. The unprecedented amount of respect, admiration that DN commanded from fellow philatelists everywhere needed to be seen to be believed. As most of us had the opportunity to work with him closely we did not recognize his true genius. It is most unkind that he has been snatched away from our midst when the 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Philatelic Exhibition was only days away. It was planned for Calcutta, as it was his city of residence, in his honor. There was a program planned to felicitate him publicly there.

A 2 minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul. It was decided to forward the heartfelt condolences of the philatelists and officials of India Post to Mrs. Jatia to let her know that we share her grief.

A condolence meeting was also organized at the Conference Room of Yogayog Bhavan, Calcutta on November 15, 2000, at 3 pm. Philatelists and postal officials attended the meeting. B N Som, Director General of India Post, & Chairman of the World Association for Development of Philately (WADP) talked about the

loss to philately and to philatelic world. M G Pittie, Secretary General of Inter-Asia Philatelic Federation (FIAP) read out the condolence messages pouring in from all over the world. P Gupta, Dipok Dey, and R D Binani also spoke on the occasion.

- with contribution from Madhukar Deogawanka our Bureau Chief for Eastern India

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NEW DIRECTOR PHILATELY JOINS

We welcome Mrs. Meera Handa as the new Director (Philately) at India Post HQ with effect from November 13, 2000 in place of S C Jarodia who has proceeded on deputation to the Central Vigilance Commission of the Government of India.

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NORTH ZONE PHILATELIC QUIZ

14 teams from 7 postal circles participated. Delhi participated with 3 teams, Punjab with 1 and other postal circles with 2 each. Pranab Mukherjee was the quizmaster. The event was organized at the Auditorium of National Science Center at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

After the first, elimination, round, 6 teams competed in the final. The finalists were Delhi Public School Patna, Saint Peters College Agra, Senior Secondary Model Public School & Jindal Model Public School Hissar, Dayanand Public School Shimla, Mother Teresa Public School New Delhi, and Saint Mark's Senior Secondary School, New Delhi.

The competition was won by Saint Peters College Agra and Delhi Public School Patna was the runners-up.

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EXHIBITION IN NEPAL

Dr. Ranjit Singh Gandhi, has been appointed National Commissioner for a national philatelic exhibition to be held in Nepal in February 2000. This exhibition has been opened for participation to all member countries of South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The member countries are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Those wanting to participate or wanting further details may contact Dr. Gandhi directly at [gandhi@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in](mailto:gandhi@giasdl01.vsnl.net.in). Yours truly had the pleasure of being present, accredited as a photojournalist, at the first SAARC Summit at the time of the signing of the charter at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

- contributed by Dilip Shah, Jabalpur

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DATAPOST 20001

India Post announced their new initiative DataPost 2001 on November 14, 2001. DataPost 2001, a compilation of database, is the first national level in-depth single reliable source of household and business data for extensive customer outreach. DataPost 2001 piloted in Bangalore and Hyderabad will cover

over 1 million household and business in each city, through user-friendly questionnaires delivered by postmen. The duly filled forms will also be collected by postmen or can alternatively be mailed free to India Post.

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Virtually all-current computer fonts lack the symbol for the "Euro", the international European currency soon to becoming the national currency for the EEC. Adobe is providing gratis the "Euro" symbol in several versions, including the standard format, and many others (seriffed, non-seriffed, bold versions, italic versions, etc.). The Adobe download package will allow the user to continue using current fonts with current operating systems. Download the Adobe "Euro" package from:

<http://www.adobe.com/type/eurofont.html>

- Contributed by Charles E. Cwiakala

New Indian State

The 28<sup>th</sup> State of India, Jharkhand, came in to being on the midnight of November 14-15, 2000. India now has 28 states, 6 centrally administered union territories, and 1 National Capital Territory of Delhi.

NEWSPAPER SCAN

Notes: Stories in the newspapers may not always be accurate from postal history or philatelic point of view. The lakh or lac is 100,000 and a crore is 10 million. Click on the link for complete story. Use your browser's "back" button to get back.

Times of India, New Delhi edition, November 14, 2000

POST AND PROFIT (editorial)

<http://www.timesofindia.com/141100/14edit3.htm>

The Hindu, New Delhi edition, November 14, 2000

STAMP TO MARK CHILDREN'S DAY? By Anita Joshua

<http://www.indiaserver.com/thehindu/2000/11/14/stories/14142189.htm>

The Times of India, Delhi Times, November 15, 2000

YOU'VE GOT MAIL. AND A QUESTIONNAIRE TOO!

<http://www.timesofindia.com/151100/15mdell17.htm>  
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AUCTIONS

SUKHANI EUROPHIL

The catalog of the 63rd sale billed as the Millennium auction, complete with images, is now available online at their website <http://www.sukhanieurophil.com>. Their booth numbers are 29 & 30 at INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000 opening on December 7, 2000.

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EVENTS

APPHILEX-2000

Our Correspondent for Gujarat Prashant Pandya reports that the Southern Command Army Postal Service organized Army Postal Philatelic Exhibition at Army School, Ahmedabad Cantonment, Ahmedabad on 10th and 11th November, 2000. Major General B S Dhillon, VSM, inaugurated the show, that was noncompetitive. The philatelists from Ahmedabad and Baroda displayed their collections in 60 frames. Army Postal Service and Philatelic Bureau, Ahmedabad had also displayed their collections. Debate, Quiz and Drawing competitions were held during the show. Mrs. B S Dhillon presented Prizes to the winners of the competition. Mementos were also presented to all the Exhibitors

CITPEX-2000

Our correspondent for Madhya Pradesh reports that 26-year-old Central India Philatelic Society organized its 22nd Philatelic Exhibition on 11th & 12th November 2000 at Satna. There were 3 invitee exhibits and 22 competitive participants in this show.

The invitees were Sudhir Jain, 'Rotary On Stamps', Shripal Jain 'Great Personalities of India', the first in last year's Silver Jubilee Exhibition CITPEX-99, and Arvind Singh Parihar 'Architecture'.

The first prize was won by Rajendra Agrawal "Shashi" for

'Medical on Stamps', the Second prize by Thakur Khilwani and the third by Pratibha Gupta. Consolation prizes were given to Praveen Khatri 'Horses', Ashok Jain 'Dream of Nehru', Nikunj Rathi 'Transport' and Alekh Jain.

The District Collector of Satna, T Dharma Rao, and City Magistrate Naveen Tiwari were the guests of Inaugural Day and the Mayor of Satna city Dr B L Yadav distributed the prizes on concluding day. President of the Society Ramesh Lajpatrai, Secretary Sudhir Jain, and President of Lions Club Satna Lion Dr. Shivesh Singh were the speakers at both the functions.

Apart from the thematic philatelic exhibits, for the first time some other exhibits of collectable items, co-sponsored by the Lions Club of Satna, were also exhibited on experimental basis. Major attractions were Currency Notes, Coins, News Papers, Match Boxes, Mini Cars, Toys, Paintings, Playing Cards Jokers, Bulbs, Special Onions etc. Large number of citizens, and school groups visited the show on both days. The local newspapers had given wide publicity to the show

#### LUPEX 2000

Ludhiana Philatelic Club organized their annual Stamp Exhibition and a day long Children's Fair on November 14, 2000 at Saagar House, Maharani Jhansi Road, Civil Lines, Ludhiana. A painting competition for children on the themes of Pollution, Environment, and Wild Life was also organized on the occasion

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### PERIODICALS RECEIVED

VADOPHIL, Whole # 84, October 2000

Editor: Prashant H Pandya

Publisher: Baroda Philatelic Society

Timir R Shah, Secretary, "Jaya" Dala Patel's Pole, Narsinhji's Pole, Vadodara 390001

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INDIA POST, Vol.34 No. 4, November 2000

Editor: Peter Leever

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READERS FORUM

Robert de Violini wrote from USA:

Thank you very much for the sad news about D N Jatia. I have forwarded your announcement to a number of people in the US, including the philatelic press, in case they had not yet heard from their usual contacts in India or from the FIP. I met him briefly only once at PACIFIC 97 in San Francisco. He was truly a friend to philately and to philatelists everywhere.

Bretislav Janik from Czech Republic wrote:

Many thanks for your mail. I am sorry, I personally know Mr. Jatia from PRAGA 1988. I am very sorry. I add this Article to Japhila Philatlic e-zine

Prashant Pandya from Vadodara wrote:

Just read your special issue of STAMPS OF INDIA COLLECTORS COMPANION and knew about sad demise of Mr. D N Jatia. Indian philately has lost a great personality. You have rightly said that "Our continuous endeavor to promote philately shall be the best tribute to his memory."

On behalf of members of Baroda Philatelic Society, I pray the almighty to give his family members all the strength to bear the blow and may his noble soul rest in peace.

Y V Jeppu of Mangalore reports on the basis of a letter from Lieutenant Colonel J Dutta, Reader, Department of PSM, Air Force Medical College, Pune:

A premature issue of the definitive leopard cat issued on 30 April is noted on an envelope that has 3 stamps cancelled from the Jaipur GPO on April 28, 2000.

Moloy Sarkar from Calcutta wrote:

Over the past few weeks Mondays now Thursdays are very eagerly awaited by me for going thru your newsletters, in total 14 have been very informative. In Calcutta previously we hardly had any information about India Post, now we feel very much sad, as items are not released in Calcutta GPO. We hardly get any item, till date we are yet to receive items like:

- a-Collectors pack 1999
- b-50 years of inland letter card-- Gandhi stamp imprinted
- c-Diwali greeting cards with pre-printed postage
- d-Book on freedom fighters
- e-Items of postal stationary

Please let us know if e-commerce can be introduced so collectors have a chance of getting items instead of buying them from premium markets. India Post have got the taste of money that's good but why only in Delhi let items be sold from all windows of the postal counter. To make Calcutta GPO, prior to ASIANA-INDEPEX more popular why not sell the advertisement postal stationery on that subject (inland & post cards) only item available is registered envelope

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