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Once, behind the scene technical changes are over, and INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000 is concluded, we plan to improve the site. So now is the time to let us know what you would like on your site.

One of our subscribers Santhosh N Iyer recently wrote: If you can list out the current market value of various stamps, on a regular basis, it will be of great help for collectors. We already have a page on our website titled 'Market Movements', albeit under construction since 1997! We have now initiated the process of putting together a group of our dealer friends who can collect, collate, and analyze the data on a regular basis for say a monthly update to begin with. In fact the whole section on dealers requires a lot of data such as a directory of dealers in India as well as those abroad that stock India. We take this opportunity to request all of you to help us put this together – please request your favorite dealer to send in details for his/her entry for the directory or you may take the initiative to send it on their behalf with their prior permission of course.

Yours truly are not dealing in philatelic material since 1986! We do publishing, and bulk marketing of philatelic literature for other Indian publishers. However please do patronize our sponsors and advertisers for all your philatelic material requirements.

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

- M&SJ

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

The condolence messages for D N Jatia continue to pour in from all over.

Charles J. G. Verge, FRPSC, the President of Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and the President of American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors writes:

On behalf of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and its members and officers as well as on behalf of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors its members and officers, I would like to convey to your readers our heartfelt condolences on the death of D.N. Jatia. I personally knew DN through many associations at stamp exhibitions such as those in Singapore, Canada the United States and India. He took me under his wing when I first apprenticed as an International judge in 1995 and as Secretary to the Jury. I had the pleasure of serving with him on many juries and learnt a great deal from him. My best memories of him and his wife were at their 50th wedding anniversary party as well as their personal and most appreciated welcome to New Delhi in 1997.

Dr. Reuben A. Ramkissoon from USA writes:

I received word from you, and others who had shared the news, of the untimely passing of D.N. Jatia, with a great deal of sadness. I first met DN in 1985 when he visited Chicago in preparation for AMERIPEX '86. Since then, we have met at many of the FIP exhibitions in many countries of the world. One of the highlights of our friendship was meeting him on his own turf at INDIA '89, where he had encouraged me to show my thematic exhibit on Gandhi in the special Gandhi section. He was always friendly and approachable, interested in all aspects of philately, and a great supporter of collectors at any level of their stature and collecting interests. He has been a source of inspiration and help in my book (in preparation) on Gandhi philately, having contributed the Foreword. His life's accomplishments for philately around the world will be well served, if his memory is preserved by our dedication to the promotion of philately. Philatelic organizations and collectors in India can certainly keep his memory alive in this way. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family as they endeavor to bear the great loss they have suffered.

Alok Sharma, from Jaipur writes

Came to know of DN's passing away thru your bulletin. I have not been active in philately for past many years, nor was I unfortunately in touch with DN for nearly 10 years. Still his departure has been a matter of deep sorrow, sheerly on account of

having known him in my school and college days. I will never forget his special encouragement to me dating back from 1975 to mid 80's and his contribution to the success of PINKPHIL 80, which he personally attended. He did our country proud. My heartfelt condolences to his family and fraternity.

Sudhir Jain, the Secretary of Central India Philatelic Society (CIPS) writes that CIPS organized a condolence meeting of the stamp collectors at Satna on 19th November 2000 on the sad demise of world famous Philatelist DN Jatia. At the beginning of the meeting, Secretary CIPS highlighted the work done by Jatia to promote Philately in India and also his achievements in the International level. Ramesh Lajpat Rai, the President of the Society, Ashok Jain, Jinendra Jain, Rajendra Agarwal Shashi, Thakur Khilwani were the other speakers. All the members observed two-minute silence and prayed for the peace of departed soul.

Karnataka Philatelic Society held a special condolence meeting for DN Jatia, on Sunday November 19 in the Postal Museum at the Bangalore GPO. The statement issued to the Stamps of India Collectors Companion, by the President of KPS, Dr. Sita Bhateja reads as follows:

It is with deep regret we heard the sad demise of DN Jatia, RDP, the doyen of Indian Philately on the early hours of November 12, 2000. His contribution and achievements in world philately cannot be described in words. He was born on September 25, 1930. His first attempt in stamp collecting was under Thematic during the school days. Soon he switched over to the classics. India International Centenary Exhibition in 1954 was his first exhibition attempt, but his real success came from first INPEX 1970, at which, he was awarded two gold medals. He was awarded the Grand Prix in National Class in INPEX 1973, New Delhi. He was the first Indian to win gold with special prize at the international exhibition abroad in Switzerland 1974 and thereafter in several other world exhibitions. DN Jatia was the first Indian to be invited to be member of international jury in Paris 1975, following which he was invited by practically every world exhibition. He formed PCI in 1976-77 and was its first president. He was president of FIAP from 1980-87. He was elected a member of FIP in 1980 and was its president for two terms in 1990 and 1994. Among his notable achievements under the FIP banner has been to get recognition for Philately as potential source of revenue of Postal Administrations from UPU. He was elevated to sign the Role of Distinguished Philately (RDP) in 1983 the highest honor bestowed upon a Philatelist in the world. He played a dominant role in organizing all national /international exhibitions in India and the Senior Advisor to INDIPEX-ASIANA 2000. His life long work on the first Indian issue- Four Annas- was published in May this year. We, the President and Members of KPS convey our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Ratni Jatia and other family members and pray to God to give them strength to bear this loss.

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PROPOSALS FOR ISSUE TO HONOR D N

India Post HQ is inundated with proposals from philatelic organization in India and abroad for issue of a commemorative stamp to honor D N Jatia. India Post is also considering a proposal received from Knud Mohr, the president of International Philatelic Federation (FIP) to issue commemorative postal stationery. Everyone agrees that to take advantage of global assembly of philatelists, admirers and colleagues of D N Jatia, the release should be made during INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, in Calcutta that is also his hometown. The real challenge is that very little time is available to deliver a befitting issue. An alternative is to include his portrait, in memoriam, on the Miniature Sheet scheduled for release as the third and final set of INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000 featuring 6 stamps on Gems and Jewelry. He was gem of a person and a shining jewel in the philatelic world.

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NEW STAMPS RELEASED

Ram Vilas Paswan, Minister for Communications released the commemorative stamp on Maharaja Bijli Pasi on November 16 in a special function organized at Lucknow.

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 4 million stamps by photo-offset in panes of 40 stamps each. The FDC is priced at Rs. 2 each.

Two high value additions were made to the current definitive series on November 20, 2000. The bicolor stamps are in the denomination of Rs. 15 and 20 depicting Butterfly and Amaltaas (Golden Shower) respectively. The 8th Definitive Series: The Natural Heritage of India, introduced in April this year, now has 9 denominations covered. India Security Press, Nashik Road, printed this issue in photogravure in a pane of 50. There is one First Day Cover, price Rs. 2, for this series. No informative brochure has been issued on the series so far.

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- other philatelists, dealers, auctioneers and organizations.  
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ISSUE PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 2000

India Post's revised program of issue for the month is as follows:

07: Gems and Jewelry, 3rd issue for INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, set of 6 large stamps
- same as above, Miniature Sheet

18: Maritime Heritage: Kunjali Marakkars, Admirals of the Zamorin of Calicut

28: Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan, Music Maestro

31: Personalities: Historical, Set of 4, Prithvi Raj Chauhan, Bhama Shah, Raj Shree Bhagya Chandra, and Jorawar Singh
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PREMATURE RELEASE

A multicolor stamp to mark Western Railway's Church Gate Station - Mumbai in the denomination Rs. 15 was originally scheduled for release on December 27, 1999. It was postponed to January 2000 and was not released in January either. Since then India Post has notified no new release date. Recently sizeable stocks of mint stamps as well as duly serviced official First day Covers have come in the market! The price being quoted is from Rs. 150 and 500 respectively. We have nothing in favor of or against this, however we do believe this issue will eventually be released and shall be available in due course. All buyers must be aware of this fact when making purchases.

A genuine commercial usage on cover, in our opinion, shall be worth between Rs. 100-200. And a mint or philatelic usage before the issue date at best is a freak or oddity. Some post offices are a regular source for premature issues. A friend of ours says that one practically can make an almost complete collection of prematurely released issues for past 10 years or so. This happens due to the vastness of our country and the post offices in remote areas.

India Post and the sponsors of the issue work together to fix a release date and find out the availability of the dignitaries for the honor. For several factors beyond the control of India Post a scheduled release date may need to be changed. The notice of new date or new date to be announced later does not reach to the sales counter person in all 800+ offices where the new issues are meant to go on sale. This is a logistics problem. Once the network linking these post offices to India Post HQ will become operational the genuine cases of premature releases shall reduce drastically. The philatelically oriented postal employees taking advantage of the situation and obliging philatelists is another story. To conclude on a positive note we must say it does bring some excitement to an otherwise rather dull financial side of the Indian new issue market.
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WANTED STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY OF JAIPUR STATE

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#### SAHOO VISITS AGAIN

Sahadeva Sahoo, the president of the Philatelic Congress of India was in New Delhi from November 20-23, 2000 on official work in his capacity as the Vice-Chancellor of Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology. His philatelic engagements included meeting India Post's Director General – B N Som and Deputy Director General (Philately) Madhu Narayanan to pursue the issue of a commemorative stamp in honor D N Jatia and office space for PCI at India Post HQ.

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##### NEWSPAPER SCAN

Notes: Stories in the newspapers may not always be accurate from postal 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.

The Times of India, Lucknow edition, November 17, 2000  
PASWAN RELEASES POSTAL STAMP ON BIJLI PASI, UDHA DEVI  
<http://www.timesofindia.com/171100/17mlkn16.htm>

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#### RESEARCH NOTES

Maffeo Edoardo, [edmaffeo@tin.it](mailto:edmaffeo@tin.it), is we presume planning a book, he wrote:  
For study I try mail sent and received from the interned Italian prisoners of war in India during the WWII. How many are interested to having news on the prisoners-of-war camp in India during the WWII and in which places they were?  
Any one interested, may write to him.

Dilip Shah, President-Elect & Secretary General of the Philatelic Congress of India has kindly forwarded the email originally sent to him:  
I am writing a book on the crash covers of Imperial Airways & subsidiary airlines. The following are some of the listings, which occurred in India, for which I am missing certain information. The numbering is the same as used by Henri Nierinck. For example, 330425 is 25 April 1933. If you or any of your aerophilatelic colleagues in India, can assist me in finding the missing information, or send copies of newspaper articles about these crashes, it will be most appreciated.  
- Ken Sanford, 12 Chemin des Tuilots, CH-1293 Bellevue (GE), Switzerland

330425 - Delhi Flying Club - De Havilland DH.60G Gypsy Moth - G-???? - Erinpura, Rajputna, India. Captain unknown  
The Delhi Flying Club operated a feeder service from Delhi to Karachi for Imperial Airways. According to Brown 21, the aircraft, flying the feeder service from Delhi to Karachi, the Gypsy Moth struck a vulture and was forced down at Erinpura. From there the mail was taken by train to Jodhpur, where Lord Clydesdale volunteered to fly

it to Karachi in the Westland aircraft in which he had recently overflowed Mount Everest. From there the mail was taken by Air Orient to Baghdad, where it was transferred to Imperial Airways for onward transmission. No special markings were applied and no mail is known in collectors' hands.  
Need pilot's name & aircraft type & registration

330715 - Imperial Airways - "Athena" - Armstrong Whitworth AW XV Atalanta Class - G-ABTK - Asonsol, India - Great Britain-Asia route. Captain unknown  
The Times of 17 July reported, "The Imperial Airways liner Athena had to descend on Saturday at Asonsol, 120 miles short of Calcutta. The air mail was taken on by train and arrived at 7 a.m. yesterday." Wingent 11 reports that the reason was not known for the exceptional landing (perhaps a shortage of fuel). He advises that Higham 20 states that the Athena wrenched her tail on the improperly cleared runway.  
Need pilot's name

340505 - Imperial Airways - "Aurora" - Armstrong Whitworth AW XV Atalanta Class - G-ABTM - Calcutta, India. Captain unknown  
Lloyd's Weekly Casualty Reports of 11 May reported that when Aurora was about to depart from Calcutta on 5 May, an air bottle exploded and blew away practically the whole of the bottom of the aircraft. The Astraea was summoned from Singapore and made a successful midnight landing at Dum Dum to take over the service on the morning of 7 May. No mail is known  
Need pilot's name

340612 - Indian Trans-Continental Airways - Aircraft unknown - Jodhpur, India.  
Captain unknown  
Lloyd's Weekly Casualty Reports of 22 June 1934 reported: "London, June 14. - A Transcontinental Airways liner, westward bound, hit an aerodrome boundary post at Jodhpur while making a landing by night and damaged her fuselage. The Imperial Airways liner Helena, which was waiting at Karachi, fetched the mails and passengers from Jodhpur and is to leave Karachi for Basra today." Indian Trans-Continental Airways was jointly owned by Imperial Airways and the Indian Government, with 51% by Imperial and 49% by the Government. No mail is known.  
Need pilot's name & aircraft type & registration

380615? (Nierinck 380620) - Imperial Airways - "Ceres" - Short S.23 'C' Class- G-AETX - Lake Dingari, India - Great Britain-Asia route. Pilots unknown  
After leaving Karachi, the pilot got caught in heavy monsoon rain and made a forced landing in Lake Dingari, Central India, which was very shallow. This was an emergency landing place between Raj Samand and Gwalior, about fifty miles south of Jaipur. The aircraft was unable to continue, as it was stuck in soft mud. The mail was carried by bullock cart for 20 miles and by car for a further 10 miles to join the railway connecting to Lake Gwalior, where the relief plane "Capella" was waiting. The mail was carried onward and because there was no damage, no special markings were applied. Hopkins 17 reported that Lake Dingari was normally deep enough for a safe landing, but because of drought, the water level was 8 feet below normal. The aircraft finally left on the 20th of June.  
Need pilot's name. Also, the exact date.

380000 - Imperial Airways - "Atalanta" - Armstrong Whitworth AW XV Atalanta Class - G-ABTI - Jhansi, India. Captain unknown  
According to The Aeroplane Monthly 41, November 1980, the aircraft was involved in a forced landing and was damaged. No other details are available, and no mail is known.  
Need more details, exact date, & pilots' names

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November 16, 2000

Maharaja Bijli Pasi, Rs. 3

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December 7, 2000

Gems & Jewelry, Set of 6 Stamps

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November 17, 2000

Inland Letter Card, publicizing INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, in Hindi, ISP

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HONG KONG 2001, February 1-5, 2001

15 exhibits from India have been accepted at the 15<sup>th</sup> Asian Regional show, HONG KONG 2001. The exhibits are:

Vijay Meher, Travancore-Cochin Postal History

E P James, Cochin Postal History

RENU, Exotic Popular Flowers

Ahmed Shakil, Archaeology

Rajan Jayakar, Fiscal of British India (1901-1947)

Rajan Jayakar, Fiscal of British India (1800-1900)

Anil Suri, Fiscals of Cochin

Youth Philately Class:

TOFAN, Gwalior State of India

Sinha Moomin, World Refugee Year

SIMPLE, Exploration of Pacific Islands

RAJA, Scouts and Guides

B Madhini, Modern Olympics

Literature Class:

Vijay Meher, Soruth

Dinesh Mistry, Promotion of Philately through Publication Activities

Open Class – Mophila Salon:

Savita Jhingan, Speed Post – the story of Indian Express Mail Service

(The names in CAPITAL letters are pseudonyms.)

The Indian members of the Jury are M G Pittie, and Dilip Shah. The National Commissioner is Rajan Jayakar.

- With contributions from Dilip Shah, Jabalpur.

#### NAGAPEX 2000

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Nagaland mini philatelic exhibition was held from October 23 to 25, 2000 at Indoor Table Tennis Stadium, Kohima. 107 exhibitors from 19 schools in Kohima, Dimapur, and Mokochung participated in the show that was inaugurated by T Talinungsnag, Nagaland's Minister for transport & Communications. Brigadier S Gautham, Deputy Inspector General, Assam Rifles gave the three prizes in three categories: Best Indian Exhibit, Best Thematic Exhibit, and Best Display. There was a cash award of Rs. 1000, 500, and 200 for first, second, and third prize in all the three categories. The show was widely covered by local press, radio and television networks. The first Nagapex was held in October 1999.

Yours truly congratulate F P Solo, Director, Nagaland Postal Division for this excellent show. However we can't resist forwarding a few suggestions – 1. Drop the 'mini' from the title of the show; it is really a regional show for the three districts of Nagaland. 2. Next time please issue press releases at least a month before the show. 3. Please continue holding it on an annual basis by including it in your annual plan. 4. Give whole world a chance to participate by including info on how to order special covers, postmarks and souvenirs.

(Report has been included, because of its relevance in promoting philately at grass root level of far-flung areas, even though we normally cover the happenings of the previous week.)

#### DISTRICT LEVEL EXHIBITIONS

##### AMPHIL – 2000

A philatelic exhibition was organized after a gap of 13 years in Amritsar by Amritsar Postal Division in co-operation with Amritsar Philatelic Club. Narinderjit Singh, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar inaugurated the 33 frames show, on November 18, 2000 at 11.30 am. 11 exhibits in all, including three from Schools, participated in the show. There were also two exhibits of Coins & Currency Notes that were displayed in 12 frames. G S Chawla from Jalandhar and Suraj Jaitly from Ludhiana were the members of the Jury chaired by the Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Amritsar Division. A S I S Paul, Chief Postmaster General of Punjab Circle gave away the prizes to the winning exhibitors, as well as winners of painting & quiz competitions that had about 100 and 60 participants from different schools respectively. Gurbachan Singh Bachan, Secretary of SGPC released a special cover on Golden Temple with a special postmark of "Baaz" (eagle) on the first day. S.S.Soch, Vice Chancellor of the University, released a special cover on Guru Nanak Dev University with a special postmark on Hockey on November 19, 2000. The duly serviced special covers are priced at Rs. 8 each. A Souvenir, priced at Rs. 20 was also issued on the occasion.

- With contributions from our correspondent for Punjab, Suraj Jaitly.

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ITS STAMPS NEWS, Vol.3 #4, Oct-Dec 2000, Quarterly

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Publisher: Indian Thematic Society

MIG # 3464, Phase Two, Dugri Road, Ludhiana 141002 India

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Released by A S I S Paul, Chief PMG, Punjab Circle on November 14, 2000.

Contents: Cover Story - Festival issue of Singapore, including Diwali, Winston Churchill by J Jyoti, Investment in Omnibus issues by Suraj Jaitly, Indian Stamps on Paintings, ITS Phil-Quiz (newly started regular feature), New Issues from India & Overseas, ITS Postal Auction No.11 and more.

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KPS is celebrating its Silver Jubilee Year and has a number of programs lined up for its members. KPS joined hands with the Karnataka Circle of India Post in organizing the KARNAPEX 2000 from January 7 –9, 2000. The second day of the show, was selected as Silver Jubilee day of the KPS. Y R Shah, one of the founder members and past president, released a special cover with a special postmark depicting KPS logo.

During the past year, KPS had many display talks including Dr R G Sangoram's "Vagabonds of Space", Cdr. U N Acharya's "Thematic Philately", Dr. Sita Bhateja's "Stephan Smith's Rocket Mail", Traditional Philately 1854 issues - Lithographs etc. Other lectures and talks included "KPS- Early stages" by G B Siddappa, General Guide Lines on Philately by Cdr. U N Acharya, Visit to Beijing by Dr. Sita Batheja, Visit

to Turkey by Vaman Rao, Olympic 2000 by T N Prahalad Rao, Water marks – Its Origin and Specifications by A Mahalingeshwar. C S Kumar updated members on the latest technologies in computers and Internet. Overall KPS has been very active in the promotion of philately and many articles have been published in leading newspapers about its members.

- With contributions from our correspondent for Karnataka, Shilpa Kannan.

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I am an Italian dealer. I would like to know if you can supply me with uncirculated Indian banknotes and coins and used phone cards.

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Has any one seen or heard this? My stamps are India stamps with it spelled as "Gandhui" instead of "Gandhi" on the stamp. Any assistance would definitely be appreciated! (editors: It may be the special definitive issues where Gandhi is inscribed as Gandhiji. 'Ji' is a honorofic suffix somewhat similar to 'Esq'.')

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Singapore, October 11, 2000, Festivals

2 Stamps from the set of 8 stamps

(1) Non-denominated inscribed 'For local addresses only' - person with flame, person dancing for Deepavali

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In sheets of 20 stamps. Printed by Cartor, France.

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