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Another precaution we recommend for emails is to delete all attachments that you have not asked for or those that are not explained in the message. Sometimes a virus on sender's machine will send another mail with an attachment that will infect your machine.

In our opinion the onus of sending a virus free email lies with the sender and keeping virus free web site is the job of the Webmaster.

Suraj Jaitly of Ludhiana, our correspondent for Punjab, was suspended on December 2, 2000 from philatelic.net's philatelic email network for posting multiple copies, 8, and distributing a new virus. The posting contained India's Stamp Program for 2001, lifted straight from our issue # 7 of October 9, 2000 without any acknowledgement of source, and without corrections in light of news published in our newsletters since. We hope that he would abstain from such action in the future or else we would also be forced to suspend him.

Besides keeping philatelists updated we have also visualized the additional role for this newsletter as an online news service provider to editors and publishers of philatelic periodicals. We will gladly provide permission to reprint material from the newsletter with proper credit for source. We are not in competition with other monthly and quarterly magazines and we know philatelic publishing is not a moneymaking venture for any publisher, yours truly included.

India is a large country and newsgathering is a resource intensive activity. Although this is our first electronic magazine, this is the 9<sup>th</sup> philatelic periodical we are editing, so we speak from experience. We consider ourselves fortunate that we are news-prone (we really believe it), have learned to work in shorter deadlines, have developed, over years, a mountain of patience required for the job and are being helped by several persons. We have in past edited two major newsmagazines – India Philatelics Journal in 1978-1981 and Capital Stamp News in 1985. Both were issued bi-weekly (14 days) and the latter, print run 5000, was awarded a Silver-Bronze at APS Stamp show USA in 1986.

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

- M&SJ

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KINDLY MENTION THIS NEWSLETTER WHEN CONTACTING  
other philatelists dealers, auctioneers and organizations.  
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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### D N JATIA COMMEMORATIVE

India Post has included the portrait of D N Jatia in memoriam on the Miniature Sheet of the Gems & Jewelry issue, the third and final issue for INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, to be released on December 11, 2000. Yours truly originally proposed this in the issue # 14 of November 23, 2000.

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BACK ISSUES OF THIS NEWSLETTER ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD  
AT <http://www.stampsofindia.com/content/download/SICC.htm>  
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##### WADP SEMINAR

The World Association for Development of Philately (WADP) is organizing a Seminar 'Post & Its Partners' on December 8, 2000 at 3.30 pm at Park Hotel, Calcutta. Representatives from all wings of the partnership i.e. philatelic associations, philatelic press, and philatelic trade have been invited to discuss the role of WADP, their view

points of what they can do for WADP and what WADP can do for them, future tasks of WADP in respect of cooperation between the partners. B N Som - Chairman of WADP & Director General of India Post, Knud Mohr – President of International Philatelic Federation (FIP) and Ed Druce (Director FIP) from Australia will also speak on the occasion. Vishnu S Saksena, former member of Postal Services Board, shall be the moderator for this seminar. M S Raman will represent UPU, Sahadeva Sahoo, President of the Philatelic Congress of India, shall represent philatelists, and Pradip Jain of Patna will represent philatelic trade. One half of 'yours truly' Madhukar Jhingan has been invited to represent the philatelic press.

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**ARMY POSTAL SERVICE**

APS will release a special cover on December 8, the Army Postal Service & Environment Day of INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000. A special souvenir is also being released the same day containing information regarding all APS special covers till date and chronological list of stamps on defense theme. The souvenir will be available on sale during INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000 at APS booth.

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**MORE GREETING CARDS**

India Post issued a set of 28 greeting cards for Christmas and New Year on December 1, 2000. We will cover this in detail in our next issue.

We published in our issue # 11 of November 2, 2000, Ashok Bayanwala's appeal to withdraw a greeting card depicting Swastika in reverse from the first set. We can now confirm that that card has been withdrawn from sale. India Post issued the instructions on November 10, 2000 in this regard.

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Mainly Postal History Material

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**COLLECTORS PACK 1999**

This year India Post is preparing three different types of Collectors Pack for the first time. Firstly there will be a Collectors Pack, as in past years, of all the 62 stamps issued in 1999. It is inscribed "Collector's Pack" and priced at Rs. 300. The face value of the stamps is Rs. 274. The second type of pack includes stamps on popular themes, titled "The Wonder World of India Postage Stamps" and is priced at Rs. 170. It Includes 27 stamps with a total face value of Rs. 148. And finally the third type of pack is titled "Great Personalities", includes 28 stamps with a total face value of Rs. 84, and is priced at Rs.100. The Miniature sheets are not included in the collectors pack. The packs are under preparation and shall shortly be available at all philatelic bureaus.

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**POPULARITY POLL UPDATE**

The response to India Post's Stamp Popularity Poll 2000 to select the best stamp of 1999 received overwhelming response this year. The votes are being counted at present and the results are expected by end of December 2000.

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**IMPERF BLOCKS OF FOUR**

1981 20p Mother & Child Definitive, Rs. 6,000

1981 35p St. Stephen College Centenary, Rs. 9000

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New Delhi 110005  
Telephone: (91-11) 5816045, After Hours: 567 1349, Mobile: 98102-26692

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#### INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000

##### - STAMPS & MINIATURE SHEETS

Three sets and three miniature sheets are issued/to be issued in all.

###### 1. Flora & Fauna of Manipur

Set of 4 - March 31, 2000, in normal sheets of 40.

Miniature Sheet – April 7, 2000

###### 2. Migratory Birds

Set of 4 - May 24, 2000, in normal and 'mixed' sheets of 40.

Miniature Sheet - August 24, 2000

###### 3. Gems & Jewelry

Set of 6 - December 7, 2000, in normal and 'mixed' sheets of 40.

Miniature Sheet - December 11, 2000

##### - POSTAL STATIONERY

Postcard, Inland Letter Card, Envelope, Aerogramme and Registered Envelope with the exhibition logo in single color, have been issued to mark this exhibition. India Security Press Nashik Road printed all items in the quantity of 300,000 each except for the Inland Letter Card that is printed 1 million.

The first set of stationery was scheduled for release on October 2, 2000 and was available on October 9, 2000. It included a 25p postcard, 850p Aerogramme and 1750p Registered Envelope.

The second set of stationery items was issued on November 15, 2000 and comprised of a 200p Inland Letter Card and a 300p Envelope.

4000 each of these special stationery items, except Inland Letter Card, were distributed to all philatelic bureaus; Calcutta, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai received an additional quantity of 25,000 each. The Inland Letter Card was supplied in the quantity of 8,000 each to all bureaus while Calcutta, Mumbai, Delhi and Chennai received an additional 150,000 each. The normal distribution for a postal stationery new issue is 2000 each to seven philatelic bureaus.

##### - MARGINAL SHEET INSCRIPTIONS

To publicize the show messages have been printed on the margins of commemorative stamps in English and Hindi on either side of the sheets.

The first issue to have the inscription was the set of four stamps on the Flora & Fauna of Manipur that was also the first of the three sets for the 2000. Next the set of four stamps on Migratory Birds was issued on May 24, 2000 with 'Visit INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, at Calcutta from December 7-12 2000' inscription in English and Hindi on the margins of either side of the sheets including the 'mixed sheet'. The sheets of all commemorative stamps issued afterwards bear these inscription, some are in smaller size and some in larger size.

- with contribution from Vijay Seth, New Delhi

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##### ALSO IN THE NEWS

WAY TO GOA – A Philatelic Overview of Portuguese India

A profusely illustrated, in color, 14 page long article by Bronno van der Holt in November 2000 issue of the American Philatelist, published monthly by the American Philatelic Society, P O Box 8000, State College, PA16803, USA, [www.stamps.org](http://www.stamps.org)

#### 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 Hindustan Times, December 4, 2000  
SIX LAKH POSTAL EMPLOYEES TO STRIKE WORK FROM TUESDAY  
<http://64.225.143.242/nonfram/041200/dtLNAT49.asp>

The Times of India, December 5, 2000  
STRIKE MAY HIT POSTAL SERVICES  
<http://www.timesofindia.com/today/05mpun1.htm>

The Hindu, December 5, 2000  
POSTAL STRIKE AS PLANNED  
<http://www.the-hindu.com/stories/01050009.htm>

The Indian Express, December 5, 2000  
POSTAL SERVICES TO BE DISRUPTED FROM 6 AM TOMORROW  
<http://www.expressindia.com/news/daily/20001205/00500600.htm>

Deccan Herald, December 5, 2000  
6 LAKH POSTAL STAFF GO ON STRIKE FROM TODAY  
<http://www.deccanherald.com/deccanherald/dec05/post.htm>

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#### RESEARCH NOTES

R Howard Courtney of USA  
I have been working on Express Delivery covers. I have several articles published in India that a friend sent me. I would like to correspond with others who are interested in this subject. The same goes for the Refugee Relief stamps. They are very confusing to anyone outside of India. There are so many fakes on the market (The overprints) and I have a very difficult time sorting out what I have - and I have a lot of used rubber stamped overprints as well. I have recently updated my website:  
<http://friends.peoria.lib.il.us/community/howardcourtney/index.html>

Yours truly  
are interested in all aspects of philately and postal history of India, Indian Princely States, Portuguese India, and French Settlements in India. We are also interested in revenues, cinderellas, philatelic history, postal orders, post office cash certificates, travel and accommodation services, money transfer, banking, and insurance services, and all other services provided by the post office till date. Undoubtedly this is a tall order and we do not claim to even entertain the thought of collecting a percent of the material on subjects mentioned. However we have devoted past 11 years in pursuit of collecting knowledge on these and have a commitment to continue doing so for another 9 years at least, God willing, irrespective of any rewards.

We now have a platform to share our accumulation of information through this newsletter and our websites. We do plan to publish the results of our labor in shape of books, however a lot of information shall be best suited in the format of an article or short note. We also hope to learn a great deal from the interaction with all other philatelists who we hope will contribute by supplementing, expanding, commenting, questioning, and correcting on matters presented here.

Our own primary focus is on developing 'tools for research scholars' in book form such as bibliography and postal rates, however for articles and short notes we have an 'anything goes' policy.

We begin the ball rolling with a question. Do you know or know some one who knows where we can find information on Portuguese India used abroad in Macau and Timor.

#### ASK US

Please send your queries in detail (illustrations welcome) on all matters related to Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to provide an answer to you online. Submit here [askus@stampsfindia.com](mailto:askus@stampsfindia.com)

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<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/Stamps/a201-2000.htm>

##### Next Issue:

December 7, 2000

Gems & Jewelry, INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, Set of 6

December 11, 2000

Gems & Jewelry, INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000, Miniature Sheet

##### POSTAL STATIONERY

<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/Stationery/a202.htm>

November 15, 2000 - Release Delayed

Post Card with Advertisement

- Cummins Generator Sets, in English, ISP

Inland Letter Card with Advertisement

- Reynolds Pen, in Bengali, CSP

December 1, 2000 - Release Delayed

Inland Letter Card with Advertisement

- Avi Oil, in English, MSP

##### POSTMARKS

<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/Postmarks/a203.htm>

##### ARMY POSTAL SERVICE – SPECIAL COVER & POSTMARK

<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/APS/a204.htm>

Price Rs. 8. Orders from civilians may be placed thru the nearest philatelic bureau.

##### Next Issue:

December 8, 2000

INDEPEX-ASIANA 2000

##### OTHER ITEMS

<http://www.stampsfindia.com/Content/Issues/Others/a205.htm>

Collectors Pack 1999 Rs. 300 Complete

Collectors Pack 1999 Rs. 170 The Wonder World of India Postage Stamps

Collectors Pack 1999 Rs. 100 Great Personalities

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<http://www.stampsfindia.com/content/Links/post/d403.htm>

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EVENTS

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Events/a300.htm>

BELGICA 2001

Following exhibits have been accepted for BELGICA 2001, the first FIP World Philatelic Exhibition of the new Millennium, being held from June 9 to 15, 2001 at Brussels to mark the 500 years of European Post.

Postal History Class: Jag Mohan Kapur, Handstruck Postage Stamps of India  
Postal Stationery Class: Dhananjay Desai, Indian Postal Stationery 1856-1947  
Maximaphily Class: Pulak Gupta, Discover India, and Ajay Kumar Mittal, Indian Maximum Cards  
Revenues Class: Anil Suri, Fiscals of Cochin  
Literature Class: Madhukar Jhingan, Postal Stationery of India 1947-2000, and R K Sarawagi & M Deogawanka, Brahmni Dak  
Open Class: Prof. V K Gupta, A Journey Through India

Madhukar Jhingan is the National Commissioner for India while Yogesh Kumar will be the lone member of the Jury from India.

THEMATIC SHOW AT BANGALORE

A weeklong thematic philatelic exhibition is to be held in Malleshwaram Education Society (MES) College, Bangalore from December 11 to 15. This exhibition is a joint effort by the M E S College and Ms. Keerthi Sangoram Memorial Foundation.

Dr. R G Sangoram is exhibiting a different thematic exhibit on each of the five days. He is the immediate past president of the Karnataka Philatelic Society and a well-known lecturer at M.E.S. College, which is a premier institution in the city. He setup "Ms. Keerthi Sangoram Memorial Foundation" in memory of his daughter late Keerthi Sangoram who was an active philatelist and had participated in a number of exhibitions in India and abroad.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. everyday. The program for the exhibition is as follows:

December 11: Our solar system and the Halley comet

December 12: Space program

December 13: Communication

December 14: Noble Laureates

December 15: Minerals and Birds

There will be no special covers or cancellations issued on the occasion.

- Shilpa Kannan, correspondent - Karnataka

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AUCTIONS

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/content/auctions/a700.htm>

Worldwide Public Philatelic Auction Calendar and Details for the month of December has been updated.

Sukhani Europhil shall be holding a major auction on December 9 & 10 during INDEPEX- ASIANA 2000 at Calcutta. The catalog may be viewed online at <http://www.sukhanieurophil.com>

MACHINE TOOL PHILATELICS, Kalamassery

MTP is holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> postal auction of 76 lots. The closing date is February 15, 2000. There are 28 lots of Cochin and Travancore and 10 lots of literature. The highlights of this auction are 2/3 frames thematic collections on Maps, Sports & Games, and Avis Fauna estimated at Rupees 10,000 to 12,000. The mailing address of MTP is 'Premasadnam', Karippayil Road, Rajagiri P O, Kalamassery 683104. Phone: (484) 542834



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PUBLICATIONS

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Publications/a600.htm>

PERIODICALS RECEIVED

IND DAK, Vol.24 #12, December 2000, Monthly

Editor: K P Achar

Publisher: Philatelic Research Library & Publications of India Private Limited, # 84  
P & T Colony, R T Nagar, Bangalore 560032

Annual Subscription: 12 issues, Rs. 125 or US \$ 20 by air

Payment by Bank Draft or Money Order in favor of the publisher.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ENTERING THE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR.

NORTH POST, Vol.15 #4 & Vol.16 # 1-3, November 2000, Quarterly

Editorial Board: Dr. S K Sondhi & Dr. R L Bansal

Publisher: Ludhiana Philatelic Club, 20A Sarabha Nagar, Ludhiana 141001

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ORGANIZATIONS

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PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF INDIA

PCI has published and distributed free to its members the updated Directory of Members. No sale price is mentioned for non-members. The last edition of 1997 was priced Rs. 50.

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DEALERS

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We would like to appeal to all stamp dealers in India to take the opportunity of INDEPEX- ASIANA 2000 to collectively join India Post and others for the promotion of philately in India in a big way. An active national body is the need of the hour.

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RARE INDIAN STAMP OR IS IT?

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Shiv Garg from Bathinda

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## FEEDBACK

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## ART OF INDIA (INDIAN PAINTINGS)

Tanzania, 1999

2 different sheetlets containing 4 stamps each in the denomination of 500 TZS each and 2 different Miniature Sheets containing one 1500 TZS stamp each.

The set is available at face value plus registered postage and packing charges from Mihir Dhandha [mihir\\_dhandha@usa.net](mailto:mihir_dhandha@usa.net). For ordering 5 sets at a time the registered postage and packing charges will be waived.

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THANK YOU.

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