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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

We pride ourselves in being fairly tech-friendly and continue to update our readers on technological advancements. Computer Viruses, Worms, Trojans is just one of the topics we have been writing on. These can now spread very easily via email and can cause damage in several ways including frauds over Internet.

We have learned that 'Bugbear' virus logs keystrokes and reports them to a remote computer (among other things), and can easily compromise PayPal or any credit card account, including passwords.

We keep on getting emails nowadays that advise and acknowledge that So and So had received payment remitted by us where we haven't sent any payments. We simply delete all such mails without opening them as well as those mails that have attachments not requested by us. We also

delete mails that are found to have the virus. As sender's name can be faked one needs to be very careful. We do have virus protection enabled that is regularly updated.

There are also a lot of fake Web sites that look like eBay or PayPal pages. You may get an email directing you to one of these fake pages, telling you to log in and do something (usually something urgent, where your account will supposedly be disabled if you don't do it). People go to the fake page, log in, and fill out the alleged 'update form'. The hacker who made the page logs all of the information. You think you updated your account, but in fact gave away all the information needed to steal it. If you are sent to an eBay or PayPal page, make sure it's really one of theirs. All PayPal pages are on paypal.com and are secure pages (they have an https: prefix on the URL). eBay pages are on ebay.com. If a page is not on the correct server, it is not a real eBay or PayPal page, and you should not type any information into it.

Beware also of freely downloadable programs that spy on you, records everything you do on computer, and reports to a remote computer.

The good news is that software solutions to these problems are available. Please do invest time, energy and money and get yourself adequate protection and get it updated regularly. Take care.

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

- M&SJ

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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PHILATELIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Sanjay Paswan, Minister of State for Communications & Information Technology chaired the meeting of the Philatelic Advisory Committee held on October 8, 2002 at New Delhi.

Out of the 5 philatelists on the committee only 3 namely Sahadeva Sahoo, Dr. R S Gandhi, the President and Vice President of PCI respectively along with G Balakrishna Das attended the meeting. Dilip Shah, the Secretary General of the PCI, and Manik Jain, the lone representative of the philatelic trade on the PAC, were conspicuous by their absence. They must have had some very good reason to stay away or this just exposes their casual attitude and lackadaisical approach to philately that is deplorable.

##### ~~~~~ PHILATELIC WORKSHOP AT POSTAL STAFF COLLEGE

India Post's Postal Staff College at Ghaziabad organized a two day workshop on philately for the senior postal officers on October 3 and 4 2002. The Guest Faculty included Vishnu Saksena, former member of the Postal Services Board, Devika Kumar, Deputy Director General (Philately), Meera Handa, Director (Philately), P N Ranjit Kumar, Assistant Director General (Philately), and Madhukar Jhingan.

The workshop covered topics such as Promotion of Philately, An overview of philatelic activities by India Post, Holding Philatelic Exhibitions, Evaluating Exhibits, inter-group discussions as well as a panel discussions on Holding District Level Philatelic Exhibitions and on Promotion of Philately.

The participants included Amitabh Kharkwal, Director Postal Services Delhi Circle, P K Bisoi, Director Postal Services (HQ) Orissa Circle, S K Gupta, Director Postal Services (HQ) Madhya Pradesh Circle, Tilak De, Director Kolkata General Post Office, Shibu M Job, Director Postal Services Central Region Kerala Circle, Shailendra Dashora, Director Postal Services Western Region Rajasthan Circle, Bahadur Singh Director Postal Services Gorakhpur Region Uttar Pradesh Circle, B Chandrasekhar, Director Postal Services Vijaywada Region Andhra Pradesh Circle, Veena Srinivas, Director Mumbai General Post Office, Manju Kumar, Director Postal Services Vadodara Region Gujarat Circle, and I Pangerungsang, Director Postal Services Mizoram Division North East Circle.

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133RD BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

S P Singh, the Chief Postmaster General, Bihar Postal Circle inaugurated a Stamp Exhibition dedicated to Gandhi - life and time through stamps at the Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna on October 2, 2002. The exhibition remains open till October 11, 2002.

India Post issued a Special cover and provided a Special Postmark on the occasion of 133rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2002. The design of the special cover features two pictures - the first depicting Gandhi with renowned Jain Saint Shrimad Rajchandraji whom he had met before going to U.K. for higher studies who taught him about truth & non-violence and the other showing him with world famous poet and first Indian Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore. The Special Postmark provided bears the lines from Gandhi's beloved devotional song "Ishwar Allah Tero Naam, Sabko Sanmati De Bhagwan".

Pradip Jain may be contacted for availability and other details at P O Box 128, Mithapur, Patna 800001 or philapradip@hotmail.com

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SHANMUKHANANDA FINE ARTS & SANGEETHA SABHA

India Post provided a Special Postmark on the 50 years of the Shanmukhananda Fine Arts & Sangeetha Sabha, Mumbai on August 31, 2002. The cover depicts the building of the Shanmukhananda Hall and the postmark features the emblem of the society that depicts Lord Shanmukha with peacock. Availability and the price may be had from the Director Mumbai General Post Office, Mumbai 400001.

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PCI CASE UPDATE

The defendant Philatelic Congress of India filed an additional application on September 25, 2002. The plaintiff also filed an additional application on October 3, 2002, the date fixed for the hearing. The Civil Judge Ajay Goel fixed November 1, 2002 as the next date of hearing.

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GPA 2002 EXHIBITION

Vijay Chitale, the Principal Chief Postmaster General of Gujarat Circle inaugurated the 'GPA 2002' philatelic exhibition on October 2, 2002 at Ahmedabad. The two-day show was organized by Gujarat Philatelists

Association (GPA) to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and is the first in the country to have been composed entirely of one-frame exhibits. A Press Conference was organized on September 30, 2002 that was attended by Anurag Priyadarshee, Director Postal Services, Ahmedabad Region of Gujarat Circle and Ashok Kumar Bayanwala, the President of GPA.

Dr. P S Dixit won the Shiromani Paritosh (top award) for his 'India in Space' exhibit from the Chief Postmaster of the Ahmedabad General Post Office who distributed the awards on October 3, 2002. There were 28 exhibits in Competition class that won 4 Swaran Patra (gold), 12 Rajat Patra (silver) and 10 Kansya Patra (bronze) awards. The Jury panel was chaired by Chitale and included H C Mehta and Dhananjay Desai as jury and Prashant Shah, Ilyas Patel, and V Dhaky as Jury Apprentices.

Other activities organized by the GPA were On the Spot Painting Competition and Essay Writing Competition with Mahatma Gandhi as the theme for both the competitions. GPA Governing Council Member Vijay Navlakha conducted a Philatelic Workshop at the venue.

India Post provided Special Postmarks on each day of the show and GPA issued a Special Cover and a multicolor commemorative label on this occasion. The set of duly serviced special covers is available at Rs. 20 per set and the label at Re.1 each. GPA also published a Souvenir that has many color plates, 10 philatelic articles, a brief history of GPA and is priced at Rs. 50. Please contact GPA, 1/M National Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad -380009 for placing the order and more details.

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DESIGN A STAMP CONTEST

As a build up to the National Postal Week, this year's design a stamp contest in the West Bengal Postal Circle was held on September 27, 2002 at Kolkata.

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FRAUD ALERT UPDATE

We carried a report 'Fraud Alert: Nelson W Collamer' in issue # 83 of September 19, 2002. We have since learned that U S Postal Inspectors recently interviewed Collamer who agreed to cooperate with them and return all the money he owed to victims.

Collamer appears to be a habitual offender and has been under investigation for more than 15 years. The U S Postal Inspection Service investigated Collamer for a failure-to-pay mail fraud scheme in which he ordered philatelic items and never paid for them. As a result of this investigation, in November 1987, Collamer pled guilty in federal court to obstruction of mail and was sentenced to five years probation.

In 1994, due to additional complaints received by the Postal Inspection Service against Collamer, a second investigation was initiated and the case was presented to the U S Attorney's office in Phoenix, Arizona, for prosecutorial consideration. In early 1995 prosecution was declined.

Since 1995, USPS received 26 complaints against Collamer with an estimated loss of US \$36,000.

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DEVOTIONAL SPEED POST SERVICE

Andhra Pradesh Circle of India Post has decided to take up the distribution of 'haleem', a specially made food for breaking the fast, during the holy month of Ramzan. This decision is based on the success

of the "Devotional Speed Post" service, that the temple managements are currently using to send prasadam to devotees through the postal network.

Last year India Post earned Rs. 2.4 million delivering 80,000 prasadam packages from Kanaka Durga temple of Vijayawada. This year India Post has already earned Rs. 7.7 million from the delivery of 200,000 prasadam packages from Bhadrachalam and Vemulavada temples.

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TRANSFERS & POSTINGS OF SENIOR POSTAL OFFICERS

T R Sharma, Principal Chief Postmaster General of Rajasthan Circle was promoted and posted as a Member of the Postal Services Board, New Delhi with effect from October 7, 2002. He will be looking after infrastructure and Financial Services.

G John Samuel was posted as the Postmaster General, North Bengal Region of West Bengal Circle with effect from October 8, 2002

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FAKE STAMPS SEIZED AT NEW DELHI

The Economic Offences Wing of the Delhi Police's Crime Branch seized the biggest ever haul, worth Rs. 21.6 million, of counterfeit postage stamps, revenue stamps and stamped papers on October 4, 2002 following the arrest of 4 persons, Mohammed Asif, Mohsin, Mohammed Mansoor, and Deepak.

The Police, acting on information received, sent decoy customers to offices of City Enterprises at Green Park, Sharp Enterprises at Bhikaji Cama Place, and another firm at Kotla Mubarakpur. Some of the persons arrested are MBA degree holders and have been marketing the fakes to the government owned mega corporations such as the Life Insurance Corporation of India, New India Insurance, National Insurance, and to some multinationals in the city. The daily sales were around Rs. 50,000 and the police seized Rs. 0.7 million from two banks in Vasant Vihar and Safdarjung Enclave.

Karim Telagi, the kingpin of this all India scam, is apparently still running his operations from the Bangalore Jail where he is imprisoned since August 2001.

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EXPRESS PARCELS AT KOCHI PORT STARTS MOVING

The Emirates Post have paid port charges and other dues at Kochi and paved the way out of the impasse over containers with parcels from UAE under India Express Parcel Service lying at the Kochi port since June. India Post received the consignment of 10 containers on October 4, 2002 and shall be able to deliver the parcels to addressees soon after completion of the customs examination and other formalities

The Shipping Agents for Emirates Post informed that about a dozen containers lying in Dubai port would soon be shipped to Kochi for delivery.

The parcels, mostly gifts, had been sent by Indian residents in UAE to their homes and relatives in Kerala with the intention that they should reach by the 'Onam' festival at the end of August.

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, Part 27

Bowring's Fine Art Auctioneers <http://www.bowringauction.com> started their operations in India in late 2001 and have since held couple of auctions in Mumbai and New Delhi.

We were impressed with their clear-cut approach towards export of antiquities and art treasures. The lots were marked as 'non exportable item' wherever applicable.

We reproduce these below and sincerely hope that all Indian philatelists, amateurs and professionals, shall be inspired to implement similar standards not only for auctions but also for all their transactions.

"7. Export

7.1 Any Property bearing the words, "non exportable item" is in Bowring's opinion either an antiquity or an art treasure as defined under the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 and therefore cannot be exported out of India.

7.2 All Properties not bearing the words, "non exportable item" can in Bowring's opinion be exported out of India in accordance with Indian law.

7.3 The Aggregate Price for such Properties will be held in an escrow account by Bowring's U.K. bankers and will only be transferred to Bowring's bank account in India upon the Properties being exported from India.

7.4 All buyers who are seeking to export Properties on their own must do so in accordance with all relevant provisions of Indian law and policy and must notify Bowring's by no later than 8 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) on the third day following the conclusion of the Sale. All buyers who wish to engage the services of an alternative exporter/cargo agent must provide Bowring's with the details by no later than 8 p.m. (Indian Standard Time) on the third day following the conclusion of the Sale. All buyers undertaking the export of their Properties shall be charged sales tax in respect of Properties purchased by them.

7.5 In the event an export license is refused through no fault of the buyer then the Sale shall be cancelled and the Aggregate Price will be returned to the buyer."

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Contents/Guide/Misc/laws>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Contents/Guide/Misc/cybercrime>

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ALSO IN THE NEWS - DISNEYLAND IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong Post will issue a set of 4 stamps on January 12, 2003 depicting the future Hong Kong Disneyland, one of the major attractions in the territory to be opened in 2005/2006.

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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.

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NEWSSCAN

The biweekly 'Business India' carried an article on philately in issue dated September 15 - 29, 2002. It quotes and pictures Vispi Dastur, the former president of the Philatelic Congress of India.

The Hindustan Times, Allahabad edition, carried "'Father of the Nation' fascinates this Philatelist" as the main feature in the magazine section on October 2, 2002 that was the 133<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of the Mahatma Gandhi. The article featured the collection of Anil Rastogi, a local philatelist, on worldwide Gandhi stamps.

The popular newsweekly Outlook an article on philately in issue dated October 7, 2002 and quoted from yours truly - Savita Jhingan, officials from the Philately division of India Post HQ and others. The article is available online at the following link:

JOHNNY COME PHILATELY By Pramila N. Phatarphekar

[http://www.outlookindia.com/full.asp?fname=Stamps%20\(F\)&fodname=20021007&sid=1](http://www.outlookindia.com/full.asp?fname=Stamps%20(F)&fodname=20021007&sid=1)

<We invite you to contribute clippings on philatelic and postal matters, from other print and electronic publications, for inclusion here>

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We require regular correspondents everywhere in India to cover the philatelic activities in their area. We shall reimburse the costs of photos, covers, publications, courier and other charges. All contributions shall be acknowledged.

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