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If you've found this newsletter useful, recommend it to a friend.  
Better still forward a copy of this issue.

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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Suraj Jaitly opened his editorial in recently published issue of 'ITS  
News' with following remarks:

"What is happening nowadays in the Indian Philately is not favorable to  
anyone from any side. On the other hand apart from the local  
atmosphere, the same has been spoiling the name and fame of the  
country. These things must be stopped at any cost by all concerned; so  
that new budding collectors can breath in a healthy philatelic  
atmosphere. As it is already a hard time to motivate new young blood in  
this hobby, due to fast result oriented hobbies in which they are more  
interested in this electronic age. I personally feel we all [Senior  
Philatelists, Organizations, Dealers including the Postal Department]  
are responsible for creating the present circumstances. We pray the  
Almighty God to give us courage to forget what has happened in the past  
and guide us to work in right path for a better future of philately in  
this country."

We appreciate his concerns and whole-heartedly agree that every one associated with the hobby needs to rally together to create a clean and healthy atmosphere to motivate new young blood in this hobby.

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

M&SJ

Please note: With effect from midnight of December 4 and 5 at 00 hours our telephone number has been prefixed with an additional digit '2'. The new telephone # is 25281578. The area code remains unchanged, as are our mobile numbers, for the time being! By end of the year all telephone numbers in India would have changed.

Our thanks to the Contributors and sources to this issue: Vijay Navlakha from Ahmedabad, Vijay Seth from New Delhi, P G Bhargave from Nashik, Dipok Dey from Kolkata, Sudhir Jain from Satna, Xinhua (official Chinese news agency), Press Information Bureau of Government of India.

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Mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists  
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#### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### DESIGN ERROR IN SANTIDEV GHOSE STAMP

The logo of Visva Bharati University at Santiniketan features 3 swastikas and 3 reverse swastikas. On stamp only the reverse swastikas are visible due to the portrait of Santidev Ghose being superimposed on it. The reverse swastikas face left instead of facing right and that by many is considered inauspicious. This also has the potential of hurting the sentiments of certain communities. The sign of swastika is a symbol for Lord Ganesha who is worshipped first, before any other God, at the beginning of any and all undertakings. It is amazing that the design consisting of not one but three swastikas, all in reverse, was missed and the same was not caught at any stage and released for sale.

The images of the stamp and the logo are available at  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/News/94-images.htm>

This is not the first time that India Post has featured reversed swastikas. About two years ago a similar mistake was carried on a prepaid envelope of a greeting card issued for Deepawali - the festival of lights. Lord Ganesha, and his symbol the swastika have great significance associated with the festival of Deepawali. The card and prepaid envelope issued on September 6, 2000 depicting the erroneous design was withdrawn from sale on November 10, 2000.

Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Pramod Mahajan released the above commemorative postage stamp on noted Rabindra-Sangeet exponent, Santidev Ghose at Santiniketan on December 1, 2002.

Mahajan, paying tributes to the maestro, said Ghose's style of singing enhanced the immortality and universality of Rabindranath Tagore's songs. The singer belonged to that class of musicians who through the ages carried forward music's unique creativity, the Minister said.

The Emerititious Profesor of Visva-Bharati University, K G Subrahmanium, recalled Ghose's commitment to Tagore and Visva-Bharati throughout his life.

Suchitra Mitra, one of the illustrious disciples of Santidev Ghose, rendered the widely known song of Tagore "Ekla Chalo Re" on this occasion that she had learnt from the master when she was a student at Santiniketan.

The vice-chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Professor Sujit Basu, and Member of Parliament, Somnath Chattopadhyay, president and chief guest of the function respectively, voiced the need of setting up a museum with the singer's belongings like books, unpublished manuscripts and notations of Rabindra-Sangeet.

The stamp is in the denomination of Rs. 5, the inland letter rate. Sankha Samanta designed the stamp and Rabindra Chaudhary the First Day Cover, priced at Rs. 2. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Information Sheet containing write-up and technical data and priced at Rs. 1.50 were issued on the occasion. Calcutta Security Printers Limited of Kanpur printed the stamps by photo Offset in four colors on matt chromo paper in the quantity of 400,000. The issued sheets contain 48 stamps.

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NEW ISSUE UPDATE

India Post has scheduled for release following commemorative stamps in the denomination of Rs. 5 on

December 17: August Kranti -Tamralipta Jatiya Sarkar

December 23: Anglo Bengali Inter College Allahabad

December 28: Dhirubhai Ambani

For a complete list of issues this year visit

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Issues/Stamps/a202.htm>

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CUSTOMIZED ENVELOPE

The 8<sup>th</sup> issue of the customized envelope for PLASTINDIA 2003 was released on December 2, 2002. The PLASTINDIA 2003 is an international exhibition of plastic industry being held at New Delhi from February 15-20, 2003.

The imprinted stamp designed by Vijay Seth, depicts 'Purana Qila' (Old Fort), located next to the venue of the exhibition, and the slogan "Save Trees Use Plastics". The 'postage pre-paid for Rs. 5' is inscribed below the imprinted stamp. The envelope is in the size of 220 x 110 mm and is printed in the quantity of 25,000.

This issue, like other customized stationery, is NOT available to public or philatelists through the Post Office.

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SPECIAL POSTMARKS 2002 UPDATE

August 31, Bangalore, Dedicati on of the Renewed Western Wing of St. Joseph's Boy's High School.

September 05, Bangalore, 18th Asian & Oceanic Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

September 16, Bangalore, Save our Ozone Layer, 8th International Day for the preservation of Ozone Layer

For a complete list of issues this year visit

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

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PCI CASE UPDATE

On November 29, 2002, the replication and reply to PCI's application for direction sought was submitted to the Court of Ajay Goel, Civil Judge, Delhi.

PCI submitted its reply on application of direction sought for producing the relevant records regarding elections.

An application for initiating contempt proceedings against PCI and its officers was heard. PCI also filed their reply to the same. The counsel for the PCI, J R Das, advocate, filed a memo of appearance on behalf of all the respondents regarding application for initiating contempt proceedings.

On this day application moved by Rajesh Varma, a concerned life member and a candidate for Governing Council of PCI, for making him a party in this case also came up for hearing.

The next date in the case is now fixed for December 9, 2002.

Another contempt application was moved on publishing a mischievous report regarding the present court case in PCI's official journal Signet, July-September 2002 issue.

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FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

India Post will organize a district level exhibition at Beed in Maharashtra on December 28-29, 2002.

India Post will organize a state level exhibition in Madhya Pradesh, MAPPEX from January 28 to 30, 2003 at Bhopal.

For a list of exhibition held this year, please visit

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

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REGIONAL EXHIBITION AT SATNA

Central India Philatelic society organized a Regional Philatelic and other Collectables exhibition CITPEX-2002 at Satna on November 17, 2002. 47 collectors participated in this exhibition. Senior Indian Administrative Service Officer of Madhya Pradesh Government Suresh Jain of Bhopal inaugurated this exhibition and Minister of Commercial Taxes, Madhya Pradesh Government Sayeed Ahmad distributed the prizes. District & Session Judge Vimla Jain and past Lioness District President Rashmi Jain were the Guests of Honor in the inaugural function in the morning. Collector Satna S N Mishra, former Minister & Rotary Governor Dr. L P Khare and famous Scholar of Jain philosophy & Archaeologist Niraj Jain were the Guests of Honor of the concluding function in the night. Lions Club of Satna was the co-sponsor of this exhibition held at Lions Rotary Bhavan. Society President Ramesh Lajpatrai and Lions

President N K Jain gave welcome speeches and Society Secretary Sudhir Jain conducted the functions and announced the prizes.

There were three Groups in the exhibition, Invitee, Philatelic Collections, and Other Collectables Group such as coins, notes, match boxes, news papers, playing cards, pins etc. In the Invitee Group Sudhir Jain exhibited Old News Papers related to death of famous personalities such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Jaiprakash Narayan, Z A Bhutto, Rajeev Gandhi, and King of Nepal etc. Sudhir Jain also exhibited his collection of fancy number currency notes and Stamps & coins on Jainism.

In the Philately Group Sanjay Kumar Shukla (Big Cat Family) stood first, Thakur Khilwani (Scripts) second, and Namrita Tiwari (Music) third. Umashankar Agarwal (Horror) and Ashish Jain (Archaeology) received consolation prizes.

In the Third Group Rajendra Agarwal 'Shashi' (Errors in Notes & Coins) stood first, Anurag Jain (Match Boxes) second, and Anandita Agarwal (Coins) third. Sachin Tolwani (Currency Notes) and Abhiraj Singh Chauhan (Pencil Erasers) received consolation prizes.

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BOOKLET ON CHILDREN'S DAY STAMPS

The Gujarat Circle of India Post issued a multicolor booklet on November 14, 2002 depicting all stamps issued so far on the Children's Day in a well attended function organized at the Ahmedabad Philatelic Bureau.

The booklet is priced at Rs. 40 for further details please contact [cpmgujarat@sindianpostoffice.net](mailto:cpmgujarat@sindianpostoffice.net)

At first glance it reminds one of 'prestige booklets' issued by British Post Office. A few blocks of Children's Day stamp of 2002 would have added great value to otherwise a very fine product.

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HOWRAH DISTRICT PHILATELISTS' SOCIETY FORMED

A new philatelic society was formed in Howrah District of West Bengal. The society has already registered with the Registrar of Society. Basudeb Ganguli, an eminent philatelist of West Bengal has been elected as President, while Kalyan Mitra is the Secretary.

It will be formally inaugurated in the 3rd week of January 2003. The society also plans to issue a special cover in commemoration of the inauguration. The Society will also publish a Souvenir, and will be glad to receive articles on philately from any philatelist from all over the country before December 25, 2002.

For further communication please contact, Basudeb Ganguli, President, Howrah District Philatelist's Society, 32/1B, Dingshai Para Road, Bally, Howrah- 711 201, Phone: 26541544

For a list of philatelic societies in India, please visit <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Orgs/a400.htm>

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COINS OF INDIA

Volume 1 of Coins of India was released on December 1, 2002 at a function held at New Delhi. Published by Kapoori Devi Charitable Trust, the 125 page hardbound book illustrates in color on art paper over 400

coins, in actual size, since 1835 to date including those issued in Portuguese India. The book provides complete details about the coins, its weight, metal, purity of metal, diameter, minting year, and name of the mint. It is aimed at providing authentic information about coins of India to all who wish to know the basics.

The book, subsidized by the trust, is nominally priced at Rs. 300 and is available by its distributor - Rajneesh Jain, Coin Exchange, 16-A 19, WEA Ajmal Khan Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005, Telephone 25751431, 25106394, and Mobile 9810390324, Email [rajneeshj@indiatimes.com](mailto:rajneeshj@indiatimes.com) & [rajneeshjain\\_numis@yahoo.com](mailto:rajneeshjain_numis@yahoo.com)

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AUCTIONS ACTION

The Calendar Of Worldwide Philatelic Auctions

The information for December 2002 with detailed information and announcements was updated on December 1, 2002 and is now available at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Auctions/a702.htm>

India and Indian Princely States feature in auctions of Status International of Sydney, Australia on December 10, Spink London, UK on December 12 & 13, and Harmers of London, UK on December 18, 2002.

ITS Postal Auction # 19

Indian Thematic Society's 19<sup>th</sup> postal auction is now available online at <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Auctions/a706.htm>

Stampex Bangkok 2003 Public Auction

Sunday February 9, 2003 at 10.30 a.m., Venue: The Silom Galeria Fine Arts Center-The Grand Atrium, Silom 19 Road, Bangkok 10500, opposite Central Department Store - the heart of business center. The biggest stamps auction ever held in Bangkok

About 500 lots featuring selections of rare exhibition pieces of Siam several ex-Prakaipet and Stewart including the only known unique registered cover from Phibulnsongkram, Royal mails, prisoner of wars, Japanese occupations, classic scouts on covers and postcards, postcards, proofs, errors, modern issues in full sheets bundles and dealers lots. China includes the world famous Shanghai used NINPO and DATER ex. Wei-Liang Chow. Singapore Malay, HK, Taiwan, German etc. Gold coins and banknotes of very high qualities.

More detail from the Organizer:

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Visit the website: <http://www.eurseree.com>.

Co-organizer: The Silom Galeria Fine Arts Center Attn: Mr.Watt  
Chirathivat, Tel: +66 2 630-6944-50 fax. +66 2 630 0979

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, Part 35

The numbers of calls we have been getting from all over India have increased considerably during last weeks. We are getting long distance calls from friends enquiring whether they should make arrangements to travel to Bhubaneswar or not? We have replied to all such queries as please go ahead and do make necessary arrangements since it is much

easier to cancel than make arrangements at the last minute. This however does not satisfy the inquirer and they insist on knowing whether the exhibition will take place or not.

We firmly believe that India must have several nationals every year. We have been writing to India Post that they must schedule a national every year that way it will be provided for in the annual budget as well as in annual plan of activities.

We have propagated the same much before B K Sinha or even his mentor S Sahoo appeared on Indian philatelic scene. We were involved with INPEX 02 from its concept stage and were concerned the way the exhibition was being conducted and insisted on transparency in proceedings.

In issue # 70 of June 20, 2002 we published an excerpt from a letter by the Chief of the Philatelic Division of India Post to Shakil Ahmed informing that "We have also decided not to support this (INPEX 2002) exhibition purported to be a National level exhibition organized by any philatelic society"

We also carried Sinha's message in the Readers Forum of the same issue, where he writes, "He (Shakil Ahmed) writes about scrapping the INPEX 2002. You have not dealt with that section of complaint. To be honest - I too feel that the exhibition should be scrapped. It is too much of a hassle."

In the next issue, # 71 of June 27, 2002 we carried 'INPEX-2002 - An important Announcement' from India Post's web site:  
"It has come to the notice of this Department that the organizers of INPEX-2002, an exhibition being held at Bhubaneswar in December 2002 have claimed that the exhibition has the patronage of the Department of Posts. It is hereby clarified that the Department of Posts is not connected in any way with INPEX - 2002".

Within next one month the self-appointed PCI Coordinator of INPEX 02, S Sahoo and Sinha, the Organizing Secretary of INPEX 02, changed sides and blocked our access to all further news from INPEX 02 Secretariat.

In issue # 78 of August 15, 2002 we reported, "We would have liked to report the exact dates on which the committee met at Bhubaneswar and the names of the members who attended the meetings to finalize the allotment. However, this was not available, the allotment may have been done in the last week of July as some out station members of the Allotment Committee were present in Bhubaneswar during that time. We tried our best to get the detailed information but have been denied access."

Here we quote from the Newsletter # 1 of INPEX 02, August 2002 that is a pack of lies finishing with a threat:

There has been some unfortunate bad publicity for INPEX 2002, which has been due to the barrage of foul-mouthed letters written by Mr. Shakil Ahmed to the DoP, and the Chief Minister of Orissa, which were published by Mr. Madhukar Jhingan in his Newsletter - all with the sole aim of creating confusion amongst intending participants. The fallout was that the DoP published a news item on their website that they do not support the exhibition. This was interpreted by Mr. Shakil Ahmed, Mr. Madhukar Jhingan and a few others, that the DoP does not 'recognise' INPEX 2002.

We must be very clear that the DoP does not 'recognise' though we request them to provide 'support' by way of frames, its repair and transportation, a couple of advertisements and manpower to erect the frames. They in turn gain revenue to the extent of a few lakhs through the sale of stamps as well as fulfilling their obligation to promote philately. The 'recognition' is provided by the PCI so that the certificates enable the exhibits to participate in other 'recognised' exhibitions.

Judging by the response, it is clear that a majority would want the Nationals to be an annual event, to promote and qualify new entries into the international exhibitions. India being such a large country, provides only a handful exhibits to any international event. We hope that societies would come forward and host the Nationals every year.

The DoP agreed to provide the required frames provided that we pay for their transportation and cost of repairs. We expected support, which we interpret as free supply of frames in useable condition. We are still requesting DoP to consider our request.

Some unsavoury developments over the last few months have prompted us to revise the Organising Committee list of members which will be notified in the Newsletter No. 2 to be published next month."

In response we wrote in issue # 78 of August 15, 2002:  
"We were surprised to find in the Newsletter # 1 of INPEX 2002 certain allegations against us. We have reported only the facts and have consciously refrained from any interpretation, commentary, or opinion while reporting on INPEX 2002 till date.

The Department of Posts is an independent entity that makes its own decisions. The 'support' and 'recognition' dilemma comes from the insecurities and incapability of INPEX 2002 Secretariat.

We wish the PCI and all societies/clubs that support them to come forward and hold recognized national level exhibitions every year so that more collectors would have an opportunity to participate in exhibitions at the international level. It would also give an opportunity to PCI to fulfill their obligation of promoting philately.

We would also like to request that INPEX 2002 website may be updated and incorrect claims and information corrected. It still lists score of postal officers, some with their earlier designations, on its committees."

This was all a pack a lies. Shakil Ahmed in a meeting at Bhubaneswar asked how his letters were termed foul mouthed and was replied by Sahoo that any letter that complains about him to higher authorities automatically qualifies to become foul mouthed.

We carried a report in Part 25 of 'Philately in Transition in India' in issue # 84 of September 26, 2002 and the same is available at the following link  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Features/trans-019.htm>

We now quote from Newsletter # 2 of INPEX 02, October 1, 2002:



"Due to the bad publicity and rumors floated by people with vested interests, the exhibition costs are going up. Shakil Ahmed petitioned the Governor of Orissa, on the 14th August 2002, to cancel the arrangement of space at the OUAT Convention Centre. The Governor has now issued instructions that the space may be rented out at the highest possible rates. We now have a person who is going all out to stop the exhibition - hence we were prudent enough to file a caveat to pre-empt any unilateral decision to stall the exhibition at the last minute."

It exposes the fact that the Chancellor of Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) was not informed till August 2002 by none other than Sahoo, who happens to be the Vice Chancellor, about the use of University Convention Centre for the exhibition whereas the information was shared with everyone else in the beginning of the year.

The official web site of INPEX 02 as on December 5, 2002, visited 300 times by a handful of persons in 7 months disseminates the following information:

1. Bhubaneswar has been selected to host the National Philatelic Exhibition that will be conducted over five days with the active participation of all the other local philatelic societies/clubs, the patronage of the Philatelic Congress of India, Ministry of Tourism, Government of Orissa and the Department of Posts, Government of India.
2. The Department of Posts will commemorate the event with the release of four special postage stamps and a miniature sheet.

INPEX 02 website has unceremoniously dumped the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Bijoyshree Routray, Minister of Tourism, Government of Orissa, and all, but two, postal officials who were its Patron, Honorary Chairman, Honorary Co-Chairmen, and Vice Chairperson, along with yours truly. Also removed from other committees are Jadunath Kanungo and Shakil Ahmed. However the INPEX 02 Secretariat still uses their publications such as prospectus for all purposes without any corrections whatsoever. When G Madan Mohan Das from Chennai was added to the Organizing Committee and the dates were extended on April 28, 2002 an addenda slip was promptly issued.

The Governing Council of PCI used to appoint the jury for the nationals patronized by it so far. However this formality is also dispensed with and jury were appointed on October 28, 2002 thereby proving that the set of persons who have been controlling PCI from very inception have scant regard for rules, regulations, resolutions or democratic norms.

We conclude with a message from Dipok Dey: How they are using this title (INPEX)? Over the years this title has earned some goodwill nationally and internationally. If India Post is not organizing it, it is really surprising that India Post did not object to it. Can any private organizer use the Government's event Title? Will it not be treated as misappropriation or misuse of Government's Goodwill? In future other organizers can safely use the titles used by the Government citing this as an example.

Anyone planning to be a part of the exhibition or visit the exhibition can make their own decisions based on the above information.

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READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. We strive hard to bring you comprehensive coverage of the latest on Indian philately and improve with every issue. Please do let us have your thoughts and suggestions. We also would like to learn how our newsletter impacts your collecting and the value you feel it provides to you. Do send in your comments, views, reports, articles and other features for publication>

B K SINHA from Bhubaneswar

On Part 34 of 'Philately in Transition in India', in issue # 93 of November 28, 2002

I received your newsletter - and was surprised that you have not reproduced Mr. Mafatlal Seth's letter in full (specially the choicest section on him offering me treatment at his (?) Mental Hospital). Incidentally he had publicly made the same offer to a dealer in Scotland about 18 months ago - it was a big duel of letters and incidentally I made the mistake of backing him because he was a fellow Indian.

We get wiser by the day and I am sure I shall not make such mistakes in the future:}

AKHILESH ARKA

On 'Special Postmarks 2002' in issue # 93 of November 28, 2002

[Thanks to Arka, who has added 3 new special postmarks from Bangalore. He also sent nice scans of the same that are uploaded along with updated listing to the site as well. - Editors]

I must however warn collectors that these covers are no longer available at Bangalore GPO as, apparently, the department doesn't insist on asking for 200 covers when the sanction for the Special cancellation is given. Because of this, these 3 special covers were not supplied to the philatelic bureau. Only after a representation was made to the CPMG, about 5 covers each of St. Joseph College and Ozone Layer were given to the Philatelic Bureau. These were sold out in no time. Not a single cover on "Congress of Obstetrics and Gynecology" was given to the bureau, even though a senior philatelist was involved (and responsible) for releasing it. This has been the practice at Bangalore from a long time. Even though 200 covers are supposed to be given to the Philatelic Bureau according to rule, this rule is not adhered to and the circle office doesn't insist on it. Also there is no prior intimation regarding Special covers and cancellation from the circle office. Philatelists are put to lot of inconvenience because of this. I don't expect any action regarding the supply of quantity of covers as many representations have been made in this regard.

ROHAN KHURANA

On 'Also in the News -Stampswindlers' in issue # 92 of November 21, 2002  
Excuse me Sir!! Why have you put my name in the bad traders list!! Chuck Smead sent me the stamps and I sent him back his if he did not get the stamps it is not my fault is it!!

And after this event I have even stopped trading stamps with anyone.

Please I demand a reply and removal from the bad traders list!!

Just because he reported my name to you just put it over!! At least you should e-mail me. This is very bad and it has spoilt my name badly.

[We sent an email to Khurana and did not get a reply before carrying the news. We still sent the issue to him that carried the news to which he has responded as above. We suggest that he should post his version on the web site <http://www.stampswindlers.narod.ru> and contact its webmaster Alexander Ivanov for removal, as we had only reproduced information from this site.]

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Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

PHILATELY ENTERS CHINA'S PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Jinjiting primary school in Xiamen, one of China's five special economic zones, on November 21, 2002 became the country's first school to list philately, or stamp collecting, as a required course.

The new measure aims to enrich school children's lives in line with the country's policy of improving student education.

Like maths and English, philately is a weekly course with textbooks and examinations. If the subject proves successful at this east China school, it will be extended to other primary schools in the city, said an official of the local education department.

The local post office issued a commemorative pre-stamped envelope with the picture of a 10-year-old girl in Jinjiting School who likes collecting stamps.

A popular hobby, stamp collecting has several millions fans in China.

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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

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

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