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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

e-mails also go astray as is common of postal mails. Of late we have
been receiving complaints for non-receipt of mailings of this
newsletter. For the previous issue our own copy came in three days late
when we had given up on it as lost mail. We really do not know what
causes this. Any ideas?

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and sources to this issue: Rajesh K
Agarwala of New Delhi, and Suraj Jaitly of Ludhiana.

Mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists

The Advertising Supplement to 'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is now available on-line <http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Ads/ads.htm>

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIRLOSAKAR'S STAMP RELEASED

The Prime Minister of India, Atal Behari Vajpayee released a commemorative stamp at New Delhi on February 26, 2003 on the noted industrialist, S L Kirloskar on his birth centenary.

Shantanu L Kirloskar set benchmarks for excellence in the industrial sector in post-independence India. He learnt the essentials of the economics of mass production in the US and put his exposure to western work culture to good use in his industrial unit. His grasp of the dynamics of market forces became an asset to the Indian Industry when he took over as President of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in 1966.

The designs for stamp in the denomination of Rs. 5 and the First Day Cover, priced at Rs. 2, are based on the material supplied by the sponsors. Alka Sharma designed the pictorial first day postmark. Information Sheet containing write-up and technical data and priced at Rs. 2 was 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 0.4 million in sheets of 40 stamps.

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NEW POSTAL STATIONERY

India Post introduced in 2002 the use of a single motif for a calendar year for all types of postal stationery with World Heritage site 'Panch Mahal of Fatehpur Sikri'.

The 'Rock-cut Chariots of Mahabalipuram' is chosen as the design of the postal stationery for 2003. UNESCO named the group of monuments at Mahabalipuram as World Heritage Site in 1985.

India Post will issue on March 1, 2003 a set of postal stationery consisting of single Postcard, Reply Postcard, Competition Postcard, Inland Letter Card, Pre-stamped Envelope, Registered Envelope, and Aerogramme in the denomination of 50 paise, 50+50 paise, Rs. 10, Rs. 2.50, Rs. 5, Rs. 22.50, and Rs. 8.50 respectively.

India Security Press, Nashik Road printed all postal stationery items in single color in the quantity of 200,000 each except Competition Postcard that is in the quantity of 100,000.

Both the government owned security presses, India Security Press at Nashik Road and Security Printing Press at Hyderabad will use the same motif for the postal stationery with advertisements throughout the year. The private security printers, Calcutta Security Printers and Madras Security Printers may use other motifs as per the instructions of India Post from time to time.

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POSTAL STATIONERY WITH ADVERTISEMENTS - NEW ISSUES

The postal stationery with following advertisements is scheduled for release in February and March 2003.

The information in the listing is presented in following format:  
Date, Printer, Language, Message, Quantity, Remarks. 'M' denotes  
Multicolor printing.

#### ISSUES IN FEBRUARY 2003

Additions to those listed in issue # of 100 of January 30, 2003

INLAND LETTER CARD - Panch Mahal, Rupees 2.50, Blue, Vertical Format  
20, SPP, Kannada, State Bank of India, 1 million

AEROGRAMME - Panch Mahal, Rupees 8.50, Brown,  
28, ISP, English, Tamilnadu Doorway to Divinity, 0.5 million, M  
28, ISP, English, Tamilnadu Land of Enduring Heritage, 0.5 million, M

#### ISSUES IN MARCH 2003

MEGHDOOT POSTCARD - Panch Mahal?, 25 Paise, Red  
22, SPP, English & Tamil, DHFL Housing Loan, 0.2 million, M

INLAND LETTER CARD - Panch Mahal?, Rupees 2.50, Blue, Vertical Format  
03, SPP, Tamil, xxxxxx, 1 million  
15, SPP, Telugu, XXX Soap, 1 million  
20, ISP, English & Hindi, Handicrafts Resurgence in India, 1 million, M  
20, ISP, Hindi, Cataract, 1 million, M  
20, ISP, Hindi, TVS Max mobike, 1 million, M  
20, ISP, Tamil, xxxxxx, 2 million, M  
20, ISP, Tamil, xxxxxx, 2 million, M  
20, ISP, Tamil, xxxxxx, 2 million, M  
20, ISP, Tamil, xxxxxx, 2 million, M  
20, ISP, Hindi, Education for all, 0.5 million, M  
20, ISP, Hindi, NSV, 4 million, M  
21, ISP, Tamil, NSV, 1 million, M  
21, ISP, Malayalam, NSV, 1 million, M  
22, ISP, Kannada, NSV, 1 million, M  
22, ISP, Punjabi, NSV, 1 million, M  
22, ISP, Telugu, NSV, 1 million, M

For a complete list of issues, visit

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

#### RECENT & FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

##### JPPEX 2003

The Jaipur City Division of India Post in Rajasthan Circle organized the district level philatelic exhibition at the B M Birla Auditorium, Jaipur on February 19-21, 2003.

Even though this was a district level show but it turned out be a very successful and well-attended show, held at a prestigious, conveniently located and well-equipped venue that has been hosting international events. This was possible due to the groundwork of promoting philately amongst youth in Jaipur by the philatelic organizations with the wholehearted support of India Post that has been going on for about a decade. G Mohan Kumar, the Chief Post Master General of the Rajasthan Circle, inaugurated the exhibition.

The pictures of this function are available at the following link

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/News/105-pix.htm>

He also released a special cover that appropriately featured the 'Ganesh Pole' of Amer Fort at Jaipur as the façade of the venue is a replica of the same. The special postmark depicts the sun as used in the postmarks of erstwhile princely state of Jaipur that celebrates the centenary of its first postage stamp this year.

There were 61 exhibits displayed in about 150 frames in the competitive class. In addition 'British India Postal Stationery' of Manohar Lal that won Gold in 1997 FIP world show, and 'Speed Post - The story of Indian Express Service' of yours truly that was declared the best Mophila exhibit in 1998 FIP world show were displayed in the Invitee Class. The Philatelic Society of Rajasthan provided model exhibits for Postal History and Fiscal Philately Class with notes introducing these classes and guidance for preparing the same.

The jury comprised of Sarita Singh, Director Postal Services (Headquarters) of the Rajasthan Circle as the Chairperson of the Jury, S R Meena, Director Postal Services of Ajmer Region of the Rajasthan Circle, and well-known philatelist and postal historian, Manohar Lal of New Delhi.

The jury awarded 5 Large Silver, 7 Silver, 8 Silver Bronze, and 17 bronze medals besides 10 special prizes. The 'Chief Post Master General Trophy' for the best exhibit was awarded to D N Ramesh for 'Mushrooms' and the 'Director Postal Services Trophy' for the best youth exhibit awarded to Udit Kasera for 'Traffic Lights'. Both these exhibits also won Large Silver medals.

The other special award winning youth exhibits were: 'Cinematography' by Aditya Dalmia - Large Silver medal + 'Jaipur Philatelic Society Trophy', 'Horses' by Pawanjeet S Chadha - Large Silver medal + 'Philatelic Society of Rajasthan Trophy', 'Mahatma Gandhi' by Ashish Daga - Silver medal + 'B L Bajaj Trophy' and 'Birds' by Ankit Gupta - Silver medal + 'Krishna Goyal Trophy'.

The remaining special award winning exhibits were: 'India Pre-independence' by Rakesh K Jain - Large Silver medal + 'R S Paharia Trophy', 'Ceylon' by Ritila Bhalla - Silver medal + 'Jatan Mal Dhor Trophy', 'Roses' by Krishan Goyal - Silver medal + 'Umesh Agarwal Trophy', and 'India Pre-independence Postal stationery' by Santosh Bajaj - Silver medal + 'A S Mittal Trophy'.

A Visitors Poll was also conducted where the visitors chose the best exhibit on display. The lucky winner of Rs. 1000 in the draw of the ballots polled was Bhavika Saini. The exhibit to get the best prize from the visitors and the jury was same, Mushrooms by Ramesh.

Stamp Design contest with the theme "Kalpana Chawla in Space" was organized on the second day of the show. The participants were divided in three age groups, A - 9 to 12 years, B - 12 to 15 years, and C - 15 to 18 years. 144 students from 8 schools, Maheshwari Girls Public School, Tagore Public School, Ryan International School, Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Vidyalaya, India International School and Tagore Vidhya Bhavan(3 branches), participated. Dr. Rajni Pandey, Lecturer - Drawing & Painting, Vedic Kanya Post Graduate College, Ambesh Upmanyu, Secretary

JPPEX 2003 and Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Jaipur City Division, and yours truly judged the entries and awarded First and Second Prizes, respectively, in the Group A - Deepa Gyanani and Sanchi Ahuja, Group B - Aditi Kanwatia and Prashant Mishra, Group C - Narendra Dey and Shubhi Gupta.

A philatelic workshop was organized on the last day of the show that was successfully conducted by the workshop veterans, J D Kumar and Yogesh Bhatnagar. The multimedia presentation was well received by the students of the 6 schools that attended the workshop.

A unique feature of the show was 'Free Letter Writing Corner' for students where the organizers provided free writing paper, envelopes, and postage stamps to hundreds of visitors.

Over 10 dealers from all over India participated through taking a sales booth at the show while several more visited

On the concluding day G Mohan Kumar distributed the awards to exhibitors as well as to winners of Stamp Design Contest, and Visitors Poll. He also released a special cover on the world famous blue pottery of Jaipur. The special postmark depicts an auspicious pot with a coconut.

There was no special cover or postmark on the second day of the show. The set of 2 special covers, duly serviced, is available with the Philatelic Bureau, Jaipur GPO, M I Road, Jaipur 302001, for Rs. 20 per set.

The exhibition was widely covered by the electronic and print media.  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/News/105-pix-01.htm>

STAMPEX 24

March 1-2, 2003, Jalandhar, district level

UPHILEX 2003

March 1-3, 2003 at Lucknow, district level

JPS 2003

Jamshedpur Philatelic Society (JPS) is organizing the 9<sup>th</sup> stamp exhibition, "Katre's Memorial - JPS 2003" on April 3-5, 2003 at Jamshedpur. Katre was the founder president of JPS and this show is dedicated to his memory.

A set of 3 special covers with special postmarks provided by India Post will be released on the occasion. The duly serviced covers are priced at Rs. 15 each and feature, Katre, Legends of Indian Film Music, and Polar Environment respectively. A Souvenir with several interesting articles will also be published on the occasion and is priced at Rs. 50.

More details can be had from S S Basan, the Secretary JPS and Editor JPS Bulletin, 105 Straight Mile Road, Sakchi, Jamshedpur 831001.

KOLKATA STAMP FAIR

Indian Philatelic Traders Association (IPTA) has announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stamp Fair at Kolkata on April 18-20, 2003. The event will be held at the Art Gallery of the Charnock City at Salt Lake City, Kolkata. A spot Auction

is also planned. Table Space is available for Rs. 2000 for the duration of the fair.

IPTA will also have their Monthly Stamp Fair on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at Rotary Sadan (rescheduled from the regular first Saturday of every month) one day before the 65<sup>th</sup> Auction of Sukhani Europhil. Table Spaces are available here also. A spot Auction is planned as well.

For a list of exhibition held this year, please visit  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Events/a300.htm>

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PCI CASES UPDATE

The suit filed by Rajesh Varma against PCI and others came up for hearing on February 25, 2003. The next date for hearing is now fixed for March 7, 2003.

The suit filed by Madhukar Jhingan against PCI came up for hearing on February 26, 2003. It is now fixed for March 31, 2003.

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JAIPUR PHILATELIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

We have received a Special Issue for JPPEX 2003 of the four-pager newsletter edited by Harish Durlabhji for the recently formed Jaipur Philatelic Society.

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TRANSFERS & POSTINGS OF SENIOR POSTAL OFFICERS

The following postal officers were transferred and posted with effect from February 18, 2002:

I M G Khan from the Chief Post Master General of Uttar Pradesh Circle to the Chief General Manager of the Business Development Directorate at New Delhi.

A K Bhatnagar from the Senior Deputy Director General (Postal Operations) of Postal Directorate at New Delhi to the Chief Post Master General of Uttar Pradesh Circle.

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FRAUD ALERT - NAGARAJU

"I am a Serious and Senior Philatelist. I have special interest about British-India and Indian States. So please send me all your price lists/Auction catalogues for the same. Looking forward to hearing from you."

The above message was received this week from Nagalakshmi Tadakaluri, [nagatlakshmi@rediffmail.com](mailto:nagatlakshmi@rediffmail.com) also known as "T Nagaraju or Tadakaluri Nagaraju", 27-3-34/1-2, Sree Rampuram, Bhimavaram-534202, Andhra Pradesh, India. Phone:08816-228947. Mobile:09849154589.

Forewarned is forearmed. Please do take care. Nagaraju is still very active and we also have on record new complaints from abroad in this regard as well. For more on Nagaraju click on the following link  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Guide/Misc/cybercrime.htm>

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SUNIL SURI OF STAMPCHASE

We are the only Indian stamp dealer based in Brazil. We specialize in India and Indian States, also other British Commonwealth countries prior to 1960. A good range of Imperial Flights also in stock together with Postal history worldwide. Our New line is Bank notes and coins, we

will be adding in the future Phone cards, and postcards. Collectors and Dealers can place FREE classified advertisements on our website
<http://www.stampchase.com>

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FREE ADVERTISEMENTS

'Stamps of India Collectors Companion' is the most effective way to reach the highest targeted readerships for Indian Philately worldwide. The advertising is FREE for the subscribers. The ads are published online in an Advertising Supplement. Send in your ad, today. Click here to view the ads and for the Terms for submitting your ad  
<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/Ads/ads.htm>

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VIEWS & OPINIONS

PHILATELY IN TRANSITION IN INDIA, Part 46

We continue with our appeal to all institutional and individual members of Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) to find out the facts.

We have discovered during our investigations that PCI is not functioning as per its Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations.

The PCI has never published the version of Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations that was filed with the Registrar of the Societies in 1976 at the time of the registration.

The PCI however has published at least thrice the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations that were different from the one filed with the Registrar of the Societies.

The last para, 13.V, of the Rules and regulations of PCI that fortunately remains unchanged in all the versions seen, is as follows: "Subject to the provisions of Section 12 of the Societies Registrations Act XXI of 1860, the Congress in a meeting specially convened for the purpose may alter, extend or abridge its purposes and may also alter or amend these rules."

The text of the Section 12 of the Societies Registrations Act XXI of 1860 is as follows:

"Societies enabled to alter, extend or abridge their purposes: Whenever it shall appear to the governing body of any society registered under this Act, which has been established for any particular purpose or purposes, that it is advisable to alter, extend, or abridge such purpose to or for other purposes within the meaning of this Act, or to amalgamate such society either wholly or partially with any other society, such governing body may submit the proposition to the members of the society in a written or printed report, and may convene a special meeting for the consideration thereof according to the regulations of the society;

but no such proposition shall be carried into effect unless such report shall have been delivered or sent by post to every member of the society ten days previous to the special meeting convened by the governing body for the consideration thereof, nor unless such proposition shall have been agreed to by the votes of three-fifths of the members delivered in person or by proxy, and confirmed by the votes of three-fifths of the members present at a second special meeting convened by the governing body at an interval of one month after the former meeting."

The PCI has never gone through the procedure as stipulated in Section 12 of the Act for scores of amendments of its rules and regulations and as such all the amendments are invalid and not binding to the members. These also include the illegal revisions of subscription rates from time to time.

We are uploading the original and the valid version of Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations and the same will be available at the following link:

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/Content/orgs/PCI-MOA-RR.htm>

We reiterate that the PCI is functioning in an invalid and illegal manner since day one and this is just another example.

We exhort all PCI members to take action for correcting the situation.

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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>

PRADEEP WAHI

As usual your Newsletter was eagerly awaited and made fine informative reading.

I am a bit alarmed on this matter of forgeries, as any serious collector would, especially as it led to the resignation of a respected and eminent individual.

S C SUKHNAI

I am always delighted to go through your newsletter.

Some time it is so fast that it is hard to believe how you manage to get so quick information. My best wishes

SHYAM P NHUCHHE PRADAHAN, Nepal

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This is only my curiosity so please do not take it otherwise.

As per your issue # 103-Stamps of India Collectors Companion, it is learnt that the PCI is without any office bearers because the term of them stands expired at the PCI Meeting at Mumbai held on 25 August 2002. But recently I went through FLASH Nr.82-2003 and found that India is holding INDEPEX 2004 World Philatelic Exhibition in New Delhi from 07 to 13 December 2004.

I would like to know which Philatelic Society or Federation or any other institution is going to organise this INDEPEX 2004 World Philatelic Exhibition. As far as my knowledge permits, the exhibition should be organised by PCI which is dysfunctional and without Governing Council since 25 August 2002.



After going through your various News Letters, it seems that there are lot of problems emerging in Philately in India specially after the death of Mr. D. N Jatia.

Also I do not understand why you are carrying the following in your New Letter - Awards received Silver Medal with the Felicitation of the Jury at BELGICA 2000 World Philatelic Exhibition, Brussels, June 9-17, 2001. (does it bear any significance now ? )

[Editors' Response:

India Post has not announced the dates, venue, or even the title of the exhibition and as such the report in FIP Flash surprises us.

The award "Silver Medal with the Felicitation of the Jury" is the highest ever received for a periodical from India and the "Awards Received" is a part of the masthead of this periodical as are the ISSN number, Title and Subtitle, Issue number and Date, Frequency of publication, Names of editors, Instructions to Subscribe and unsubscribe, Availability of the back issues, and several other details that are either required by the law or considered good publishing practice.]

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

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

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

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

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RESEARCH NOTES

ALSO IN THE NEWS

REGISTERED E-MAIL

Ceska Posta, inspired by similar services offered by France's La Poste and the Canadian Post Group, has developed its own electronic registered post service for e-mail, according to a report in the Prague Business Journal (PBJ).

Registered Electronic Mail (REP) will channel e-mails or data packages through the official post office network, enabling Ceska Posta to confirm that data has been delivered to the recipient address. Both sender and receiver will have to be signed up to the service, with a basic REP package that has a limit of around 1,800 e-mail a month costing around E19 (CZK600) per year.

Currently, Ceska Posta is the only authorised provider of such a service in the country. The service is anticipated to be of particular use for government and official transactions that require proof of receipt. REP is designed to be a user-friendly application, requiring only the installation of a special software program before it can be used. Plans to notify customers of the receipt of their e-mails by SMS were suspended after the possible increase in cost of the service was realized.

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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.

NEWSSCAN

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

CONTRIBUTORS INVITED

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.

WEB SITE UPDATES

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The Hub Site of Indian Philately presents info in following segments - NEWS, ISSUES, EVENTS, AUCTIONS, PUBLICATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, DEALERS, and ARTICLES. In addition we provide question answers in ASK US. Also all Indian philatelic web sites as well as several useful philatelic sites are listed under LINKS.

Updated Segments This Week: News, Articles,

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://stampsonindia.netfirms.com>

The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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