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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

Completed THREE and going on FOUR! Confused? Well your favorite
newsletter is entering its fourth year of publication. It is indeed a
proud moment for us to have brought information, news and views to our
readers week after week.

We want to thank all our growing rank of readers for their continued
support, without which we would not have been encouraged to go on.

We hope that all of you would continue to support the newsletter and
provide us with the impetus to publish for years to come.

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

- M&SJ

Our thanks to the Contributors and Sources to this issue: Pankaj Tyagi of Lucknow, R K Sultania of New Delhi, Indian Express

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Please mention this newsletter when contacting other philatelists.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDIA POST'S NEXT STAMP ISSUE

India Post will issue a commemorative stamp in the denomination of Rs.5 on 'Our World of Special Children' on September 3, 2003.

This issue along with the First Day Cover and the information sheet, at Rs.2 each, shall be available on sale at nearly 1000 selected Post Offices including all Philatelic Bureaus and Counters in the country.

GREETINGS FROM SIKKIM

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North Bengal & Sikkim Region of India Post launched a letter writing campaign under the theme 'The joy of communication' with a view to develop the habit of letter writing and to create awareness on letter mail. The campaign was launched by the Governor of Sikkim on August 19, 2003 at the Rajbhavan premises, Gangtok, Sikkim. During the launch function, the Governor released two special covers titled 'Greetings from Sikkim'. Each special cover duly serviced with the postmark is priced at Rs.10 each. Bulk orders (a minimum of 10 covers) may be placed with Philately Marketing Division, Post Master General's office, North Bengal and Sikkim Region, Siliguri.  
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POSTAL STATIONERY WITH ADVERTISEMENTS - NEW ISSUES

The postal stationery with following advertisements is scheduled for release in September 2003. All issues in this month also are in multicolor!

The information in the listing is presented in following format:

Date, Printer, Language, Message, Quantity, Remarks.

'M' denotes multicolor printing.

MEGHDOOT POSTCARD - MAHABALIPURAM, 25 Paise, Red, Multicolor

01, SPP, English, Daman Tourism, 100000, M

01, SPP, English, Diu Tourism, 100000, M

01, SPP, Gujarati, Malaria, 100000, M

10, SPP, Tamil, AIDS, 100000, M
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##### RECENT & FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Following is an incomplete list of events scheduled till the end of the year. Additions and alternations are very much expected:

August

Postponed, Siliguri, Postal Fair  
29-30, Mahabubnagar, District Level

September

9-11, Cuddalore, District Level  
12-14, Bilaspur, District Level  
19-21, Chandrapur (Maharashtra), Stamps & Coins  
25-27, Mumbai, District Level  
? , Darjeeling, District Level  
? , Coochbehar, District Level

October

2-3, Lucknow  
2-4, Ahmedabad, GUJPEX, State Level  
10-13, Jaipur, RAJPEX, State Level  
16-19, Hyderabad, APPEX, State Level

November

27-30, Thrissur, KERAPEX, State Level

December

? , Mumbai, MAHAPEX, State Level  
26-29, Dharwad, KARNAPEX, State Level

For a list of exhibition held this year, please visit

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

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PCI COURT CASES UPDATE

The suit filed by Madhukar Jhingan against Philatelic Congress of India (PCI) came up for hearing on August 26, 2003 in the court of the Civil Judge Jitendra Mishra who has been posted in place of Ajay Goel who has moved on transfer.

The Defendant society prayed that as the affidavit by way of evidence on behalf of the defendant by PCI Vice President Y Kumar signed on August 22, 2003 at Bareilly has not been printed out properly, hence should be allowed another date to file the same. The next date for hearing is now fixed for September 9, 2003 when Kumar will be cross examined.

The suit filed by Rajesh Varma against PCI and others came up for hearing on July 9, 2003 and August 16, 2003. The next date for hearing is now fixed for September 5, 2003 for arguments.

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CHINA 2003 UPDATE

Thanks to Gary Brown of Australia for informing that the dates for this exhibition are now November 20-24, 2003. These were changed due to the SARS problem.

And Bulletin 1 was sent to ALL commissioners, many months ago.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

G P A NEWS, Whole # 73 - August 2003, Monthly
Editor: H C Mehta

Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association
Address: 1/M National Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad -380009
Annual Subscription including membership: Rs.100, Entrance Fee Rs.100

PAPER SUPPLIES FOR INLAND LETTER CARDS

Security Printing Press, Hyderabad invites sealed bids (in Two Bid System) from the indigenous paper mills for the supply of 400 MT of Blue Wove paper, 70 GSM, in reels for Inland Letter Cards. The last date for submitting the bids is September 22, 2003

FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

Dattatreya Yashvant Dal, a senior police inspector attached to the crime branch of Mumbai police, was arrested on August 20, 2003 by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) investigating the counterfeit stamp and stamp paper case for alleged involvement in abetting to the racket. This is the 50th arrest in the case.

Dal was remanded to the SIT custody till September 1, 2003 when a team led by Superintendent of Police C H Wakade produced him in the court of Judicial Magistrate (First Class) M N Bondre at Pune. A report seeking Dal's custody for 30 days was also submitted.

Posted at the Mumbai police crime branch unit at Dharavi, Dal was the superior officer of Assistant Inspector Dilip Kamat who has already been remanded to judicial custody.

According to SIT officials, Dal is alleged to have made deliberate efforts to shield the alleged ringleader Abdul Karim Telgi while he was in police custody. Telgi was found allegedly entertaining some officers and constables of Mumbai Police crime branch at his Cuff Parade flat while in the custody of crime branch in January this year.

SIT sleuths alleged that despite recovery of counterfeit stamps and stamp papers estimated to be worth Rs 850 crore by the Mumbai police crime branch, the officials did not arrest Telgi in the case. (Telgi was then in police custody in a murder case). Telgi had been allegedly taken to Goa illegally while he was in the custody of the crime branch.

Arguing for the custody of Dal, Special Public Prosecutor Raja Thakare conceded SIT officials had recorded his statement before the arrest. He alleged that Dal had tried to mislead the investigators. Thakare also accused Dal of fabricating records of Mumbai police crime branch and alleged he (Dal) had received money from Telgi.

Pointing out that Dal's statement has already been recorded, defence lawyer Viraj Kakade argued that the SIT did not have adequate reasons to seek his prolonged custody. He prayed that Dal be remanded to police custody for a short time.

The SIT also produced Bangalore-based lawyer Abdul Rashid Sikandarsahab Kulkarni in the same court along with a report seeking extension of his custody. The magistrate remanded Kulkarni to judicial custody.

Meanwhile, Special Judge S M Shembale adjourned hearing on an application by the SIT seeking custody for four of the accused who had been arrested during the initial stage of investigations. The application had been moved on August 21, 2003 and the judge has asked the defence lawyers to file their say. The application is scheduled to come up for hearing on August 25, 2003.

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NEW COMMEMORATIVE COINS

The Deputy Prime Minister of India, Lal Krishna Advani, released a set of commemorative coins on Durgadass Rathore, on August 25, 2003 at a function held at New Delhi. The Vice President of India, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, presided over the function.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ILLEGAL ISSUES

World Association for the Development of Philately (WADP) is organizing, together with WADP partners and the Portugese Post Office in Lisbon, Portugal an International Conference on Illegal Issues, on 25 September 2003. This will be followed on 26 September 2003 by the fifth General Assembly of the WADP.

WADP's goal is to reach a strong consensus in the battle against illegal issues at the outcome of these two world philatelic meetings. In preparation for these meetings, WADP is putting together an exhibition which can show the extent of the proliferation of illegal stamps.

WADP appeals for receiving a copy of a maximum number of advertisement sheets and publications that publicize illegal stamps or others that may be considered of a doubtful nature for inclusion in the exhibition. Please send this material directly to: maria.libera@upu.int
Maria S Libera, Programme Manager, Markets Development, Responsible for Philately, Directorate of Markets, International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, Case postale, 3000 BERNE 15, Switzerland

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OLD MAPS OF BRITISH INDIA & AGENCIES

I have a large accumulation of Maps of British India, Princely States, Cities, etc. from Official Publications, Gazetteers (+off prints), books, atlases, etc. They vary in age from 80 to 150 years & are in good condition. If you are interested in a particular area or areas, please contact me with you wants & I will send you scans if I have what you want. Sam Mangiameli at [swmch@earthlink.net](mailto:swmch@earthlink.net) or [swmch@yahoo.net](mailto:swmch@yahoo.net).

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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>

WERNER HILDEBRAND, Germany

Can you tell me, where I can get information about new Special and First Flights from India (Balloon-Helicopter-rocket-Pigeon flight etc) in future, to be able to give up own covers for these flights?

Editors' response: We will endeavor to provide this information in future. Thank you.

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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>

STAMPS OF INDIA COLLECTORS COMPANION, Back issues in Print

Vol.1 2000, Issue #1-19, Rs.500

Vol.2 2001, Issue #20-52, Rs.950

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Vol.4 2003, Part 1, Issue #98-122, (January-June) Rs.650

Complete Set, as above, postpaid: Rs.3500 (inland) or US\$95 (overseas)

For further details, please email to mjhingan@yahoo.com.

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

CUSTOMIZED STAMPS FROM FINLAND

Finland Post recently launched customized stamps that can feature corporate logo, product, and slogan.

The corporate must register and pay in advance for the customized stamps. Finland Post will print the design received via internet on a self adhesive 1<sup>st</sup> class non denominated stamp with a pre printed frame. The name of the country and the postage indicator is given in the frame. The stamps in the sheets of 20 are delivered with in two weeks.

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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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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.

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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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