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JHINGANS JOTTINGS

Hi

It is finally raining in Delhi. In less than couple of months the  
weather will be pleasant and cooler. That will also herald the season  
when majority of philatelic events will be held. This year it is also  
very special due to 150 years of India Postage Stamps. We are already  
looking forward to it.

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

- M&SJ

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Please send your queries in detail (images welcome) on all matters related to Philately and Postal History of India and Indian States. We will attempt to find an answer for you.

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PCI COURT CASES UPDATE

An application for staying the holding of the AGM by Philatelic Congress of India at Ahmedabad on August 8, 2004 was filed in the suit of Madhukar Jhingan versus Philatelic Congress of India. It came up for hearing on August 7, 2004 and Jitendra Mishra, Civil Judge decided this in favor of the applicant - Madhukar Jhingan.

Excerpts from this historic order:

"Pertinent facts are that as per application defendant are holding an AGM on 8.8.04 to confirm minutes of the meeting held in Mumbai on 25.8.02 apart from other issues as detailed in Agenda of AGM notice dated 01.07.04, against the order dated 23.8.02 and while matter is subjudice on the issues and without obtaining leave of the court".

"It is not disputed that and on date there is no elected body to oversee and conduct business of society except the society existing prior to elections dated 25.8.02".

"In the circumstances it is clear that applicant has prima-facie case in their favour and balance of convenience also lies with them and in case this application is not allowed they are likely to suffer irreparable loss which couldn't be compensated in terms of money".

"Accordingly I hereby restrain defendants from discussing agenda no. 2 at the AGM and confirmation, appointments, and ratification in AGM be not given effect to and will be subject to outcome of this case".

The next date of hearing in the Suit, earlier fixed for August 28, 2004, was also postponed to August 21, 2004.

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NEW GREETINGS CARD

India Post's Business Development Directorate authorized Chief of Postal Circles on September 23, 2003 to issue regional festival and occasions greeting cards and place direct orders on the printers - Madras Security Printers, Chennai.

The first issues of the regional cards have made its appearance in August 2004 from Jammu & Kashmir Postal Circle, as follows:

- # 256 - Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Ji,
- # 257 - Sri Amarnath Ji,

The cards are in small size, priced Rs 14, and printed in the quantity of 50,000 each.

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FORTHCOMING STAMP ISSUES

- August 13 - Olympic Games 2004, Set of 4, Rs5, 5, 15, & 15
- August 16 - India Iran Joint Issue, Set of 2, Rs15 each, Sheetlet of 8
- August 17 - Murasoli Maran, Rs5
- August 18 - Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Day, Rs5

August 26 - S S Vasan, Rs5  
August 30 - Panini, Rs5

These issues 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.

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POSTAL STATIONERY UPDATE

Following Meghdoot post cards were recently released:

Ad in Hindi - Indian Railway

Ad in Hindi - Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. Rajasthan Circle

With these, there are now 77 different Meghdoot post cards!

Two more Meghdoot post cards on State Bank of India (August 16, 2004) and Sony TV's Jassi Jaisi Koi Nahin (August 25, 2004) have been sold by before the date of issue by some post offices.

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SATISH MISRA AUCTION

Satish Misra [satishmisra@indiatimes.com](mailto:satishmisra@indiatimes.com) is holding a postal auction of India, Indian States, Foreign, Fiscals & Cinderellas, and Literature. The 1230 lots auction is closing on September 8, 2004.

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50 YEARS IN STAMP TRADE FOR MANIK JAIN

Manik Jain, 1 Motisil Street Street, Kolkata 700013, telephone 033-22288549 is celebrating 50 years in stamp trade this year while his firm 'Philatelia' has turned 41. On this occasion he is offering 25% discount on publications, including photocopies, between August 15 to September 15, 2004.

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RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

August 11-13, Know Your Army through Army Postal Service  
Kasturchand Park, Nagpur

August 14-15, Kolkata, Stamp Fair, NEW DATES  
Art Gallery, Charnock City, Salt Lake City

September 3-5, Mumbai, Coin exhibition by Mumbai Coin Society  
Tajpal Gallery, Gwalia hall, Mumbai

October 1-3, Ahmedabad, Dak Bharti

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PHILATELIC WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOLS

Delhi Circle of India Post organized philatelic workshops on July 30, August 6, 7, and 9, 2004 at Dhanpat Mal Virmani Public School, Guru Harkrishan Public School, Mata Jai Kaur Public School, and Jaspal Kaur Public School respectively.

Senior Superintendent of Post Offices of North Division, Dr. Mittal, Assistant Superintendent of Post Offices (Philately) Ravi Pahwa, and Senior philatelist Pulak Gupta were instrumental in conducting the workshops that were attended by the students of classes VI to IX in a group of about 40 students at each occasion.

A special stall selling the commemorative stamps and the Greeting Cards was setup by India Post on all the occasions.

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RECENT PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS

VADOPHIL, Whole # 99, July 2004  
Editors: Prashant H Pandya & Timir R Shah  
Publisher: Baroda Philatelic Society  
Address: 'Jaya', Dala Patel's Pole, Narsinhji's Pole, Vadodara 390001  
Annual Subscription: Rs. 100

G P A NEWS, Whole # 83 - June 2004, Monthly  
Editor: H C Mehta  
Publisher: Gujarat Philatelists Association  
Address: 1/M National Chamber, Ashram Road, Ahmedabad -380009  
Annual Subscription including membership: Rs.200, Entrance Fee Rs.100

PHILANEWS, Whole # 14 - May June 2004, Bi-monthly  
Editor: Rajesh Paharia [philanews@hotmail.com](mailto:philanews@hotmail.com)  
Publisher: Philatelic Society of Rajasthan  
Address: C/o A S Mittal, Dhamani Market, Chaura Rasta, Jaipur  
Annual Subscription: Rs.50

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, Jan, Feb, Mar 2004  
Editor:  
Publisher: Jaipur Philatelic Society  
Address: 999, Dhor building, Gopalji Ka Rasta, Jaipur 302003  
Annual Subscription:

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FAKE STAMP SCAM UPDATES

Abdul Karim Telgi, prime accused in the multi-billion fake stamp scam, was arrested by the CBI on August 10, 2004 in a fresh case of stamp seizure and produced before the court of the judicial magistrate first class, in Thane. On August 9, 2004 the special Judge S M Shembole, presiding over the MCOCA court in Pune, had directed jailor of Yerawada prison to produce Telgi in Thane court in the case pertaining to seizure of fake stamps in Meera road in Thane in 1999.

The CBI has filed a charge sheet on August 9, 2004 in the court of Metropolitan Magistrate V K Khanna in Patiala House Courts at Delhi against Telgi, the main accused in the Rs 2.12 billion fake stamp case that had been recovered from Delhi. The CBI has claimed that the role of Telgi in printing, sale and circulation of fake stamps of various kinds came to light during its investigation and that in a laptop recovered from him by SIT, Pune, entries about counterfeit stamps supplied by Telgi had been found. "The daily sale reports of M/s Sharp Enterprises, M/s Capital Services, M/s Citi Enterprises and M/s Unique Services established that Telgi was running and controlling the business of sale of counterfeit stamps through the other accused persons".

The death threats issued to public prosecutor Raja Thackre, who is representing the CBI in the fake stamp paper case, have been traced back to gangster Dawood aide Fahim Machmach. Although Thackre refused to comment on the threats, the city police said that the calls were made by the gangster from London. "Machmach threatened the lawyer and asked him to withdraw from the case. We have also learnt that the threats were issued in order to favor a politician who has links with fake stamp paper kingpin Abdul Karim Telgi," a police source told TNN. Thackre has been provided with police protection at his office and residence. He seems to be unperturbed by the threats and is preparing to oppose the bail application of former MLA Anil Gote and former DCP (crime) Pradeep Sawant. He has successfully opposed the bail applications of former Mumbai police commissioner R S Sharma and former TDP MLA C Krishna Yadav, both of which were rejected by the Bombay HC.

Five months after the probe into the fake stamp scam was handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Supreme Court on August 9, 2004 asked the agency to complete the investigations in three months. The order came from a Bench comprising Justice S B Sinha and Justice S H Kapadia when the CBI filed a status report before them. The voluminous status report details the agency's probe into the 48 stamp scam cases, of which 23 were registered in Maharashtra. The report also talks about the prima facie evidence collected by the agency relating to the role of high officials and politicians, whose patronage was allegedly enjoyed by the main accused, Abdul Karim Telgi. The CBI report also mentions details of interrogation of several persons, including former Karnataka minister Roshan Beigh; former Maharashtra deputy chief minister Chhagan Bhujbal's personal secretary; and former director general (establishments) of the Maharashtra police.

Following an application by the CBI, Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) court judge S M Shembale on August 5, 2004 permitted the country's premier probe agency to interrogate former Mumbai police commissioner R S Sharma and ex-DCP Pradeep Sawant currently lodged at the Yerwada Central Prison for their alleged role in the fake stamp case.

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READERS FORUM

<Dear Reader, Your feedback is important to us as it helps evolve the newsletter. Please do let us have your thoughts and suggestions.>

MANISH MAHESHWARI

As always this time also the news letter was very informative, since your news letter is most circulated one, would request you to adv all Philatelist in advance regarding any forthcoming seminars etc (as was held in N K Bagrodia School) so that all friends who want to attend can plan the same in advance.

KSHITIJ A NADKARNI

I read your issues with lot of interest. Keep awaiting for the next issue always. With reference to your last issue, I would like to mention in here that in Mumbai, there were torrential rains in Mumbai since last 2 weeks... so much so that railway system in Mumbai collapsed.

The climate was so much humid that I was very much worried about my stamps. The gum had become so very sticky.... that it seemed that they would stick anytime. I really don't know how to preserve them. Especially the issues before 1952

Do u have any guidance for me about the same???
Any knowledge is appreciated.

EDITORS' RESPONSE

Silica Gel packed in small pouches must be kept around the stamps to soak the humidity. Silica Gel is used in most packaging.

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FEATURES & RESOURCES

Indian Laws Relevant to Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/laws.htm>

Report Cyber Crime & Internet Fraud related to Indian Philately

<http://www.stampsofindia.com/infobase/cybercrime.htm>

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RESEARCH NOTES

By Madhukar Jhingan

REGISTERED MAIL

Universal Postal Union was formed in 1874 and India joined in 1876. Since then uniform postal rates to countries that were members of the UPU were applicable while separate rates to other countries continued.

Postcards in India were introduced in 1879 at rates that were lower than letter rates. However these could only be transmitted to countries that were members of the UPU.

Up to 1890 the registration, in case of countries that were not member of the UPU, was only available on letters and packets paid at letter rate. However since that date it was extended to newspapers, books, and patterns.

Post cards could only be registered when addressed to countries that were members of the UPU.

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ALSO IN THE NEWS

THE WORLD'S FIRST ACTION REPLAY STAMPS

New Zealand Post has issued on August 2, 2004 a set of 4 stamps bringing a new dimension in to the world of stamps. For the first time on a stamp is captured a selection of short moments of dramatic action from the actual footage of the event and brought to life as stamp sized action replay, so one can relive those golden moments again and again with the twist of a wrist.

To bring to life this new dimension in the medium of stamps a 'lenticular' process was used where images are 'interlaced' and then printed onto a special lens material. These lenticular images were then applied to a silk-screen printed backing to finish the stamp.

The 45 cent stamp features John Walker winning Gold at the Montreal Olympics on 31 July 1976.

The 90 cent stamp features Yvette Williams winning Gold at the Helsinki Olympics on 23 July 1952. This was the first gold medal won by a New Zealand woman at the Olympics.

The \$1.50 stamp features Ian Ferguson and Paul MacDonald winning Gold at the Seoul Olympics on 30 September 1988.

The \$2.00 stamp features Peter Snell winning Gold at the Rome Olympics on 2 September 1960.

All stamps can be viewed with motion on the website

[https://secure.nzpost.co.nz/cgi-bin/nzstamps/web\\_store/web\\_store.cgi?cart\\_id=&page=recent/2004\\_olympics.htm](https://secure.nzpost.co.nz/cgi-bin/nzstamps/web_store/web_store.cgi?cart_id=&page=recent/2004_olympics.htm)

The stamps are also available in a presentation pack and first day cover. The presentation pack contains exciting stories leading up to the moment captured by the stamp.

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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>

The Hindustan Times, August 8, 2004
COPS TAKE NOTES ON NET CRIMES by Archis Mohan
http://www.hindustantimes.com/2004/Aug/08/5922_935175,0015002200000002.htm

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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.

STAMPS ON INDIA <http://www.stampsonindia.com>  
The site devoted to the stamps from all over the world on Indian topics

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